MU Police Department Family Gets Bigger

The Millersville University Police Department (MUPD) gained four new members on October 16 during a Swearing-in Ceremony held at the Winter Center on campus. The MUPD introduced Howard Bauman, of Bloomsburg, as deputy chief of police, and Jordan Byrnes, of Lancaster; Kyle Garrity, of East Stroudsburg, and Justin Schlottman, of Shillington, as police officers. The new members of MUPD were commissioned in September by the governor and secretary of education, which authorized the officers’ power at Millersville University.

University police chief Peter Anders explained that the hiring of these officers was due to vacated positions over the past several years.

“All of the officers have prior Act 120 certification, meaning they are graduates of a Pennsylvania Police Academy. This is an 820-hour, 20-week course of instruction,” explained Anders.

Deputy Chief Bauman will have primary oversight of the patrol division, in addition to sharing administrative duties toward policy revision and emergency preparedness. Bauman has previous experience working with students and the community, which he gained while working as an officer, detective and sergeant with the Millersville Borough Police Department (MBPD) for 20 years.

“Bauman retired in August from the MBPD and I was thrilled to be able to put him in a leadership position with the University police,” said Anders.

Byrnes will be assigned to the midnight shift as a campus patrol officer. “Byrnes made a quick impression on staff and students in his prior position as a security officer at the Ware Center,” shared Anders. Garrity, who has previous experience working with seniors in a Pocono-area private police firm, will be working the evening shifts as a patrol officer and with a strong police background on foot and bicycle, Schlottman has worked for small municipalities outside of Reading.

The three officers, Byrnes, Garrity and Schlottman, also passed police bicycle training and will be patrolling on bicycle this semester.

Photo caption: At the podium is Chief Anders; seated (L-R): Deputy Chief Howard Bauman and officers Jordan Byrnes, Kyle Garrity and Justin Schlottman.

One in Four Program

One in four college women have survived rape or attempted rape according to One in Four, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of rape by the thoughtful application of theory and research to rape prevention programming. One in Four, Inc., serves as an umbrella organization and support system for sexual assault peer education groups who call themselves ‘One in Four’ Chapters.
The Elsie S. Shenk Wellness and Women’s Center, in partnership with Corporal James Miller, Millersville University Police Department, are looking to initiate a One in Four men’s program at Millersville University. Miller, with the help of Jayme Trogus, women’s center, are currently in the process of recruiting male students to be a part of the program.

The primary goals of the men’s program are to help men understand how to help women recover from rape, increase the likelihood of bystander intervention in potentially high-risk situations and challenge men to change their own behaviors and influence the behaviors of others.

“I will help to link our programs and services at the Women’s Center with the One in Four program to provide a coordinated effort on campus,” said Trogus. “We want those students involved to develop the group in a purposeful way based on their talents, interests and the needs on campus.”

Miller will serve as the advisor to the program, and the goal is to have the group up and running by the end of this semester.

For more information, or to recommend a student to the One in Four Program at Millersville, contact Trogus at Jayme.Trogus@millersville.edu, or Miller at James.Millers@millersville.edu. For more information on the national organization, visit www.oneinfourusa.org.

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Millersville University Debuts “The Pirates of Penzance”

Comprised of flat-footed policemen, blushing maidens and pirates, Millersville University theatre and music department’s production of “The Pirates of Penzance” will debut today – November 1 at 7:30 p.m. The story follows Frederic, a pirate apprentice, who was born on February 29 during a leap year and the complications that follow his birthdays. This show, which has been in development for more than a year, is a collaborative effort between Millersville University theatre and the music department on campus.

“What makes this show unique is that it is an old piece and it’s very fun. It’s similar in humor to Saturday Night Live and Monty Python,” explained Tony Elliot, director of the production and associate professor of communication and theatre. “It was also chosen because it’s pirate-themed and after all, we are the Marauders.”

In total, there are 31 cast members, not including set designers, musical directors, a choreographer, stage managers, stage crew members, musicians in the pit orchestra and additional help that contributed to the production’s success.
“My favorite moments of the show include the fight and dance scenes, which are at the finales of act one and two. There is a lot of chaos with everybody on stage,” shared Elliot.

Additional performances of “Pirates of Penzance” will be held on November 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and November 4 at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in Clair Performance Hall at the Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center. Tickets cost $10 for adults, $7 for students and seniors and $5 with MU ID super saver, advance sales only at the Student Memorial Center. Tickets may be purchased online, at MUTicketsOnline.com, at the Student Memorial Center Ticket Office (Room 103) or by calling the Ticket Office at 717- 872-3811. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Making Millersville “Family Friendly”

Millersville University is encouraging the campus community to start using ‘family friendly’ when advertising an on-campus event, if appropriate.

There are many entertaining activities and events on campus that are appropriate for staff and faculty members, but it is not always made clear if families are welcome. Many have expressed their concerns as to what may constitute a “family friendly” event on campus.

Professional events, such as convocation, staff meetings and professional workshops are appropriate “family friendly” events for everyone to attend; however, Millersville holds numerous events all year long that do not receive family-wide attention.

Millersville University will now encourage the organizers of all campus events to state “Family Friendly Event” on their announcements, flyers and brochures. From now on, faculty and staff who host events are encouraged to let the audience know what the event is about so they are able to find out more information on the performance or activity before buying a ticket.

“When labeling an event for mature audiences I consider content and language, but it is all very subjective,” said Tina Stout, theater production manager at Millersville University.

Not only will this encourage more staff and faculty involvement at events but it would also unify Millersville’s community at all campus events.

It’s Time to Celebrate Dr. McNairy

Please join the Council of Trustees at a program and retirement reception to honor Dr. Francine G. McNairy on Sunday, November 4, from 2-4 p.m. in the Student Memorial Center.

Remarks and presentations will begin at 2 p.m. in the Reighard Multipurpose Room with a reception immediately following in the Slabinski Atrium. All University employees are invited to attend.
Employee Wellness Fair Coming Up

On November 8 the Employee Wellness Committee is sponsoring a wellness fair. The event is open to all employees from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Reighard Multipurpose Room in the Student Memorial Center.

Of the vendors who will be participating, Prevention Health Screening has been invited to provide two screenings that could save your life: Carotid artery and thyroid screenings, which both cost $30 (visit the employee wellness website for screening details: millersville.edu/hr/wellness/events.php).

Pre-registration is required and can be accomplished at preventionhealth.org/mu or call 1-800-257-3516 for an appointment. Flexible spending accounts can be used to pay the fee.

The other vendors participating, making the fair a well-rounded wellness event for employees, are Highmark, PEBTF; PSECU; SEAP; Work Safety, MU’s Health Services and PASSHE Academy. In addition, SMC Fitness Center; LA Fitness; Dr. Paul Pettay, DC, with Siegenthaler Chiropractic at Universal Fitness; and Registered Dietitian Jeff Book with Hempfield Rec will be on-hand to answer your fitness questions. To relieve a bit of stress, experience a chair massage by Sage Massage (no appointment necessary) or participate in a dance, yoga or self-defense fitness demonstration. Complete your wellness experience with a light lunch – registration is appreciation. To register, email human.resources@millersville.edu.

State Representative to Address Student-Veterans

John C. Bear, Republican member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, who has represented Lancaster County for the past six years, will give keynote remarks for currently enrolled student-veterans at Millersville University on November 13.

Since taking office, Bear has held numerous leadership positions including being named to Governor Tom Corbett’s transition team and the vice president of Pennsylvania’s State Public School Building and Higher Education Facilities Authorities’ board of directors. In 2011, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review named him one of the 10 most capable state lawmakers.

A strong proponent of veteran services, Bear has hosted the annual Salute to Veterans weekend at Clipper Magazine Stadium along with local sponsors. His talk to student veterans will include sharing ways his offices can assist veterans in seeking and obtaining services, such as the Post-9/11GI Bill. He will also discuss strategies for graduating college.
A lifelong resident of Lancaster County, Bear holds a bachelor’s degree from Temple University and a master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania with additional educational training from Georgetown University and George Mason University.

Bear’s presentation is sponsored by the William A. Dinges ’65 Endowed Veterans Scholarship at Millersville University. His talk is part of a larger forum taking place on November 13 at 7 p.m., titled “Vietnam in Context: The Healing Continues” in Lehr Room, Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall.

For more information, contact Dr. Jeffrey Wimer, associate professor of wellness and sport sciences, at Jeffrey.Wimer@millersville.edu.

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Millersville’s SERP Co-Sponsored Sustainability Talk

Through the creation of the Sustainability Education and Research Project (SERP), Millersville University will be the first university to work with Jim Niquette, founder of Water in Africa Through Everyday Responsiveness (W.A.T.E.R.). He was on campus the week of August 27 where he presented lectures, met with classes and sat down with Janet Kacskos, director of communications, and Dr. Nadine Garner, psychology, to discuss how he “re-engineered” his life from working with software technology to advocating for clean water in Africa.

Niquette joined the Peace Corps in the 1970s and has a passion for Africa. By working as a consultant across the countries of Sudan, Nigeria and Ghana, the guinea worm, a tropical water disease, has been eliminated and Niquette continues to increase awareness for uncured diseases.

He urged students to become active in their own communities in order to transform sustainability. “There’s no natural progression,” explained Niquette. “You have to actively do something.”

The full interview was broken down into five separate videos, in which the first segment introduced Niquette and his involvement with the Peace Corps. The second segment focused on his journey to Ghana while working with the Carter Center. Niquette goes into detail about tropical water diseases in the third segment, which include the buruli ulcer and guinea worm. Garner converses with Niquette in the fourth segment about how students can become involved in the project. The fifth segment, which reflects on Millersville’s contribution to the W.A.T.E.R. project, concludes the interview.

For more information on SERP, visit millersville.edu/ccerp/serp/index.php.
Students Step Out of the Classroom and into Gettysburg

Millersville University students enrolled in the course “Civil War and Reconstruction” participated in a “staff ride” learning experience at Gettysburg on October 20.

“Students cannot learn about the Battle of Gettysburg from a map, lecture, book or movie. They must experience the terrain and the actual location of events to understand what happened and the human elements involved in this battle,” explained Dr. Jeffery Prushankin, visiting assistant professor of history and facilitator of the staff ride since 2009.

Prushankin formulated the idea of the “staff ride” from a fellowship he had at West Point, the United States Military Academy, more than 10 years ago. Typically, a “staff ride” is used by military schools to further develop officers. Prushankin modified the exercise at West Point to fit in with non-military students in an academic environment.

This academic exercise was voluntary and worth extra credit to students that participated. Student presentations were broken down into two phases, which lasted three hours each, and this semester analyzed Union General Dan Sickles and the Confederate attack on Devil’s Den. Key characters were selected from each phase and attendees were assigned a role beforehand to research and truly understand their assigned character and decisions made. Students were simply to deliver the briefing of their character’s strategy, tactics and orders, relative to objectives, terrain and additional elements that made up that point in Gettysburg history. Classmates were encouraged to offer comments and questions at the conclusion of each briefing.

“If the student demonstrated an understanding of their character’s decisions they received full marks,” said Prushankin.

“The staff ride gave students insight into the fact that these were real people, with real lives, who went through an ordeal that none of us can truly fathom. Standing on the ground where they stood and looking at the field as they saw it, helped to bring the students a little closer to the men who actually lived it,” stated Prushankin, who has researched and written on many aspects of Gettysburg.

“I told my students if they chose not to go, then in a week, a month, a year or two, they will not remember what they did on October 20, 2012. But if they went, they will remember what they did on that date for the rest of their lives,” concluded Prushankin.

For more information, contact Prushankin, at 717-872-3555 or Jeffery.Prushankin@millersville.edu.
Millersville Rugby Sells Success On Campus

There has been a rugby craze on Millersville University’s campus and people are noticing. Due to the sport’s exposure on NBC, its return to the Olympics next summer and the heavy recruitment done by both the men and women’s teams, Millersville University rugby is seeing high numbers in participation. The rugby teams at Millersville fall under the category of club sports can be found on their home turf at Brooks Field.

Bryan Hynes, head coach of men’s rugby since 2002, mentions that visibility has been the most important factor contributing to the sport’s recent growth on campus. “Already this season we have had students stop to watch practice on their way back from class, join the team the next day and play in a game that weekend,” shared Hynes.

That’s exactly how Kelly Capizzi, a senior majoring in speech communication, joined the sport back in 2009. “I walked past the field and an older student called over to me and said I should play rugby,” explained Capizzi, who is currently playing her seventh semester.

Both teams are student-run, which means that the clubs’ success depends on the students’ ability to develop real-world skills by managing the club, registering players and hiring the coaching staff. The women’s rugby team makes it a point to promote the club whenever they get the chance by embellishing the sidewalk with rugby information written in chalk, hosting a table at every recruiting event and wearing team clothing around campus. “We also use social media sites to advertise and approach anyone we see to either attend our games or come out to play,” stated Capizzi.

Additionally, the annual rugby T-shirt sales from 2011-12 have increased by 20 percent, according to Bonnie Schreder, apparel department manager at the University Store.

Not only has the sports’ visibility increased on campus, it has also been making its presence known on television and in local high schools. “We are noticing more players participate in rugby right out of high school with veteran knowledge of the game, which makes the team even stronger,” said Brien Nunn, a senior majoring in secondary social studies education and member of the men’s rugby team at Millersville.

Interested students are encouraged to come to Brooks Field at 4 p.m. for practice. “No experience is needed; you only need a pair of cleats, water and a mouth guard,” shared Nunn.

For more information, visit millersville.edu/campusrec/clubsports/index.php.

Students Place First at Packaging Design Competition

Eight Millersville University students made up two teams, both earning top honors, at the 2012 Annual Association of Independent Corrugated Converters (AICC) Student Packaging Design
Competition. Developed to honor the best student designs entered in three distinct categories, this competition allows AICC members a glimpse of what’s in store for the future of the packaging industry.

The theme of this year’s competition was “Design to an Opportunity – Structural Challenge.” Students had to design a structure that accomplishes a given task while accounting for converting challenges. Millersville students Caitlyn Hanzel, senior, Erin Sensenig, junior, Diane Shoemaker, senior, and Nolan Myers, sophomore, of the team “Pirates Plunder – A Treasure of a Mix,” won first place in both divisions of the competition, structural and graphic. Millersville students Dan Sparkes, senior, Bryan Parrish, senior, and Drew Krammer, senior, of the team “Pirates Plunder – Dual Purpose Display,” placed second in structural and third place in graphics.

All of the winners in each category received a plaque and monetary award. The first place winners received an all-expense paid trip to the AICC 2012 SuperCorrExpo Conference held October 1-4, 2012 in Atlanta, Ga., to receive their awards. All winning entries were on display at the conference.

For more information on the competition, visit www.aiccbox.org/student.

Need to Know: Call for Nominations: Educator of the Year, 2012-2013

The Millersville University Educator of the Year Award Selection Committee is now soliciting nominations for the 2012-2013 Educator of the Year.

The Educator of the Year Award is given annually to one faculty/staff member in recognition of sustained outstanding teaching to include counseling, mentoring and advising of the undergraduate and graduate students at Millersville University.

Criteria for Educator of the Year:
Outstanding teaching and advising comes in many forms and thus it is difficult to list all the characteristics that would be worthy of an award. The criteria listed here are intended to be suggestions:

- Instill intellectual curiosity, a desire to learn and the importance of life-long learning.
- Stimulate learning through teaching, advising and/or counseling, modeling of scholarship, involving students in the learning process, expressing genuine concern for the student as a whole, setting of high standards, enthusiastic and passionate about their field.
Demonstrate success and excellence through reference to the achievements of students.

- Encourage and demonstrate ethical behavior, integrated view of life, personal responsibility and integrity, leadership, clear and critical thinking and civic engagement.
- Influence on the way other colleagues teach, advise and/or counsel.
- Have an effect beyond the Millersville University community.
- Serious about academic excellence and meaningful life experiences of the students.
- Available to students, making them feel welcome and respected.
- Skillful in encouraging problem-solving techniques by helping students to think through issues and make decisions.

**Award details:**

- All full-time tenure-track and regular part-time faculty or staff members are eligible for this award.
- Educators can receive this award no more frequently than once every 10 years.
- There will be no monetary reward associated with this award. The award will consist of a plaque along with the faculty member’s picture displayed in a common area, and a plaque given to the faculty member. The recipient will be entitled to a reserved parking spot on campus following the year of the award.
- The award will be presented to the Educator of the Year at the spring commencement ceremony.
- The recipient will be asked to speak at a University sponsored event the following academic year.

**Submissions:**
Nominations should be submitted using the appropriate nomination form, which can be found on the Faculty Senate website. Additional information on the award is also found on this site: [millersville.edu/~fsenate/Forms/EOYA.html](http://millersville.edu/~fsenate/Forms/EOYA.html). Submit nominations to **EOYA@millersville.edu** by December 10, 2011.

For more information, or for questions, contact Laurie B. Hanich, chair, at **Laurie.Hanich@millersville.edu**.

**Need to Know: A Commitment to the Future**

More than 460 public colleges and universities plan to increase the number of undergraduate baccalaureate degrees by 3.8 million and Millersville University is among the list of universities striving to provide those students with a quality education. The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) are leading this historic initiative with more than 341 other AASCU members signed on.

Susan Chilcott, vice president for communications at AASCU, said this initiative “also commits public institutions to containing per student educational cost while pursuing enhanced quality and calls for a renewed partnership among public colleges and universities, the states and the federal government as we work to achieve these goals.”
Here are the faculty and staff activities for November 1, 2012.

**New Inductee Into Honorary Society**

Dr. Francine G. McNairy, president of Millersville, was inducted into the 7th annual Societas Generalis, which is an honorary society established by Lancaster General Health (LGH), for her contributions of service and commitment to Lancaster community. The ceremony was held October 10. McNairy joins Carol Reichler, director of special events, who was inducted in 2011.

The four areas of distinction recognized by the society include excellence in medicine, board service, philanthropy and community service & volunteerism. Inductees received a brass medallion with words and art unique to each respective area of service, in addition to a handcrafted wooden box engraved with the recipient’s name.

**Faculty and Staff Activities**

**Drs. Ralph Anttonen** and **Michelle White**, academic and student development, presented a concurrent session titled “Reinvigorating Faculty Advising on Your Campus—It’s Time To Do It” at the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA) International Conference on October 7 in Nashville, Tenn.

**Nakia Mack**, academic services and pre-collegiate programs, was presented with Talk Magazine’s 38th Annual Minority Achievers Award Reception on October 19 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Drs. Lynn Marquez**, earth sciences, **Linda McDowell**, educational foundations, and **Daniel O’Neill**, counseling & human development, along with graduate student Javita Thompson, did a session at the National Students in Transition Conference in Philadelphia titled “Service Learning: How Do We Provide Authentic Learning Opportunities for In-Coming Students in the 21st Century?” The session, on October 15, highlighted service-learning opportunities at Millersville and examined the challenges and beneficial learning outcomes of incorporating service in the curriculum. O’Neill also led a conference session on “Talking with Students about Alcohol and Other Drugs: Developing Effective Strategies for Reducing High Risk Behavior.”
Who Makes Millersville Special

This edition of the Exchange features Duane Hagelgans, professor of emergency management within the Center for Disaster Research and Education at Millersville University.

Q: How long have you worked for Millersville University?
A: I have been an adjunct professor since 2007. This semester I began teaching as full-time faculty.

Q: How long have you been involved in the emergency management services?
A: I have been in the emergency services field for 33 years, specifically doing emergency management for more than 15 years.

Q: What drew you to this line of work?
A: I had a friend who was elected fire chief at a local volunteer fire company, and it seemed like something I would like to try to do. Once I began, I was immediately hooked on the concept of the emergency services and neighbor helping neighbor.

Q: What other positions do you hold in Lancaster, such as your role as the new commissioner of Blue Rock Fire Rescue? What organizations do you serve as a volunteer for?
A: President of the Lampeter-Strasburg High School boys soccer booster club; emergency management coordinator for Manor Township and Millersville Borough; volunteer for Lancaster County Emergency Management Agency; leadership team member for the South Central Task Force (SCTF), a regional emergency management task force; public information officer for the SCTF incident management team; life member of the Lancaster County hazardous material team; advisory board member for the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center; vice chairman of the Lancaster County emergency planning committee and volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Q: How do you juggle it all?
A: Prioritize and good time management. My son and his soccer team are always the most important thing on my list. I then make work my priority, with emergency situations taking priority when they occur. I am very fortunate that with the jobs I have held, my emergency service work and help to the community has been as important to my employers as it is to me. A good calendar on my phone helps too.

Q: You’ve taught emergency management courses for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). How does that experience differ from the courses you are teaching now at Millersville?
A: These are all very similar. The only real difference is that the DHS courses were all taught to people already in the field. The courses here at Millersville are a split between people with experience and people with no emergency management experience. The hardest part is making sure that everyone is equally challenged and educated, since the students here have such a wide range in their backgrounds.
Q: How has the field of emergency management changed since 9/11/01?
A: I believe that before September 11, 2001, emergency management and emergency managers were not as much in the public’s focus. The field of emergency management really took the lead for disaster preparedness after 9/11. Even though there have been several changes to the way emergency management is applied, the money, resources and standards have risen to keep up with the changes. The field is much more professional now and focused on addressing all hazards, both natural and manmade. Emergency managers have gone from “other duties as assigned” to the leaders for disaster preparedness and coordination efforts. We are much better prepared today then we were 11 years ago, but more importantly, I believe we continue to be better prepared each day as we continue to learn better ways to prepare for all disasters.

Q: What is your favorite course to teach? Which is the most challenging?
A: Principles and Practices of Emergency Management (EMGT 601) is my favorite course to teach because I am laying the foundation for the program. It is the first course most students take in our program. Terrorism, WMD & Homeland Security (EMGT 616) is the most challenging. It is a very emotional course due to a wide range of views of the students and the fact that even though September 11, 2001, was 11 years ago, this course brings back a lot of emotions and bad memories for me and the students from that day in American history.

Q: What sets Millersville’s Master of Science in Emergency Management program apart from other programs?
A: We have a very diverse faculty that brings many great qualities to the educational process. Also, we have an advisory board that has some of the top global leaders in the field of emergency management, which helps us to constantly improve our program, staying on the leading edge with education and technology. And, last but certainly not least, we have students from all over the world that bring diverse views and experiences to class each and every night to improve the learning process and help make us better faculty members, while improving the program every semester.

Q: Where did you attend college? What degrees did you earn?
A: I have an associate’s degree in fire science technology from Harrisburg Area Community College, a bachelor’s degree in occupational safety and hygiene management from Millersville University and a juris doctorate from Widener University School of Law.

Q: In your opinion, having served as a public information officer (PIO), what’s the biggest misconception the public has towards PIO’s and/or the media during an emergency?
A: I believe the biggest misconception is that the public generally thinks that media and the PIOs are trying to mislead them. I do not believe anyone who is a reputable PIO or member of the media would ever intentionally mislead the public. It is a very challenging and difficult job to report the news, trying to get all the facts, be timely and conveying this information to those who need it, when they need it.

Q: As an emergency responder, what was the most difficult incident you had to respond to?
A: All of the fatal incidents are very difficult. The first fire I ever responded to when I was 16 was a fatal fire involving a mother and her three children, and this helped guide my life’s purpose. However, from an emotional attachment, the Amish Nickel Mines school shooting on
October 2, 2006, is the one that I always have in my mind because it was a heinous, senseless and intentional act against harmless children.

**Q: What toll does being an emergency responder take on you emotionally? How do you cope?**
A: Some days it is very difficult to go to work. You must have areas of interest and family that help you cope with this line of work. If you notice, my first listed activity is my son’s soccer booster club. You need to have priorities and the ability to just ‘turn off’ what it is that you do for a living some days to make it bearable. Also, having friends in the “business” that know what you are going through and that you can talk to helps tremendously. The hardest part, as I mentioned, are the fatal fires; however, there is nothing worse than the loss of a child. What makes it hard on the emergency responders is that most of us have children, so we struggle with the concept of a lost child, and we question what we could have done to prevent it.

**Q: What is one rule you wish the public would follow before, during or after an emergency?**
A: Before: Always take preparedness seriously. During: First Responders are people too, sometimes the public has expectations we just can’t meet. After: Thank the people that give their lives day in and day out to keep you safe.

**Q: What do you do for fun?**
A: Anything with my son and his friends. He plays soccer so we travel around the East Coast to soccer games. I love hanging out with him and his friends. I also love to travel.

**Q: Do you have any secret skills or talents?**
A: I used to be a pretty good photographer, but I don’t seem to have time to practice my skills. I also love to cook, but I very rarely have time to get into the kitchen.

**Q: What’s your favorite food to eat?**
A: I love seafood. The Fireside Inn in Strasburg has a black and blue prime rib with crab sauce that I would eat every day.

**Q: What’s the greatest life lesson you’ve learned?**
A: Nothing in life is more important than family and a good education. I was taught this by an old fire chief when I was hired as a firefighter 30 years ago. He said, “They can take a lot of things away from you, but no one can ever take away your education, and no one sticks by you like family.”

**Q: Do you have a favorite holiday or season? If so, which is it and why?**
A: I love Christmas. I am really big on giving gifts because I love to see the reaction of the receivers. When I was young we did not have much, so giving gifts to others is pretty important to me.