

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM
COMPLIMENTARY COMMENDATIONS – July 1, 2020 to September 2020)
The Chair’s SPOTLIGHT!

Today, I hereby and formally recognize the men and women of our Annapolis Fire Department, who have been recognized, in writing or by phone, for their outstanding service to our City, under the administration and leadership of our Mayor Gavin Buckley.

And also, those men and women and organizations, who we have recognized, for their service to our Annapolis community.

1. Note from a resident thanking the AFD for the beautiful flowers in remembrance of their spouse.
2. Letter dated July 13, 2020, from Retired AFD Captain Robert Daywalt, for the AFD’s very active and very visible participation in the home-going services for Retired Battalion Chief Charles R. “Dickie” Clark.
3. Letter dated July 16, 2020, from Jeanne Coughlin, for the AFD’s very active and very visible participation in the home-going services for AFD Retired Fire Chief Charles H. Steele.
4. Letter dated August 10, 2020, from a resident, regarding the “operations and professionalism” regarding an event in their community which occurred in August 2020.
5. Letter dated August 12, 2020, from a resident, complimenting Chief Remaley and his team for “always keeping our community safe”.
6. Letter dated September 4, 2020, from our Anne Arundel County Fire Department Chief Trisha Wolford and Assistant Fire Chief Larry Schultz, complimenting Chief Morris and the Crew from Truck 36, for their help regarding an incident that occurred on September 3, 2020.
7. Letter, which appeared in The Capital newspaper on September 8, 2020, from an Edgewater resident, complimenting AFD’s Eastport Truck and Crew 36, for their assistance as their community was struck by a tornado on September 3, 2020.
8. Letter dated September 21, 2020, from the State of Maryland, Office of the Comptroller, Field Enforcement Division, overwhelmingly thanking, among others, AFD Chief Remaley and his Department, for their professionalism, as a result of the tragic death, resulting from a horrific automobile crash, of retired AFD Patrick “Pat” Grogan, who had been working as a Compliance Inspector with the Comptroller’s Office. The AFD was among many agencies who greatly assisted with bringing his body from the Medical Examiner’s Office to the funeral home—displaying great respect and honor, as well as participating in a flawless escort for the home-going and internment services.

9. Letter from the Wiley H. Bates Middle School Principal Ms. Katie Hicks, thanking QUOTE: “Susan, the Annapolis Fire Department, and the Annapolis Police Foundation” UNQUOTE, for their very generous donations of backpacks.

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM
COMPLIMENTARY COMMENDATIONS – July 1, 2019 to Present (October 5, 2020)
The Chair’s SPOTLIGHT!

Today, I hereby and formally recognize the men and women of our City’s Public Safety Team, who have been recognized, in writing or by phone, for their outstanding service to our City, under the administration and leadership of our Mayor Gavin Buckley.

And also, those men and women and organizations, who we have recognized, for their service to our Annapolis community.

1. Letter dated March 20, 2020, from Ray Sears and the Knights of Columbus, complimenting Captain Aaron Edwards, and Firefighters Jonathan Krisman and Allison M. Hays, regarding their outstanding assistance concerning CPR training
2. Letter dated March 26, 2020, from the City of Harrisburg’s Fire Department, complimenting Lt. Kelly Ruth, Annapolis Fire Department (AFD), regarding the outstanding assistance given during their Promotional Process
3. Three Letters—one dated March 27, 2020, one dated June 26, 2020, and one dated August 20, 2020—from our own Fire Chief Douglas M. Remaley, thanking the Annapolis Hilton Garden Inn, specifically, Ms. Mary Parks, Director of Sales, for providing warm chocolate chip cookies for our City Firefighters at our 3 Fire Stations. From what I’ve heard around town, Ms. Parks’ cookies are legendary!
4. Letter dated April 17, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to Heart to Heart International, for assisting AFD in coordinating PPE donations for our personnel
5. Letter dated April 17, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to the Mobile Medical Team International, for assisting AFD in coordinating PPE donations for our personnel
6. Letter dated April 17, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to the Partnership for Quality Medical Donations, for assisting AFD in coordinating PPE donations for our personnel
7. Letter dated April 21, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to Assistant City Attorney Kerry Berger, for assisting AFD in coordinating PPE donations, from Integrated Dermatology of Charles County, for our personnel

8. Letter dated April 21, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to Integrated Dermatology of Charles County, for assisting AFD in coordinating PPE donations for our personnel
9. Letter dated May 12, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to Project Cure, for assisting AFD in coordinating PPE donations for our personnel
10. Letter dated June 12, 2020, from an Annapolis resident, Ward 1, via Nextdoor, commending Battalion Chief Aaron M. Boston, who, very professionally, handled a situation with a teen who was littering along West Street
11. Letter dated July 9, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to LEED Green Associate, for the use of their property's parking lot, at 1750 Forest Drive, to perform recent hose testing
12. Letters dated July 30, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to Prince George's County's Fire Department's Battalion Chief Linynsky, and his supervisor, Fire Chief Tiffany D. Green, for the Battalion Chief coming to play bagpipes during the funeral of former AFD Fire Chief Charles Steele—the playing of bagpipes being a long-standing and meaningful tradition within the fire service
13. Letter dated July 30, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to Anne Arundel County Fire Chief Trisha L. Wolford, for their assistance and support during the time of their recent loss of former AFD Chief Steele
14. Letter dated July 30, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to Anne Arundel County Police Chief Timothy Altomare, for their assistance during the time of their recent loss of former AFD Chief Steele
15. Letter dated July 30, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to Annapolis Police Chief Edward Jackson, for their assistance during the time of their recent loss of former AFD Chief Steele
16. Letter dated August 13, 2020, from Anne Arundel County Fire Department's Captain Keith Hamilton, regarding the vital and heroic assistance that off-duty AFD Lt. Randy J. Purkey provided to an injured driver, who was entrapped in a vehicle, that was heavily damaged, and that was starting to burn, and Lt. Purkey pulled out that injured driver, which occurred out on Quarterfield Road in Glen Burnie
17. Letter dated August 28, 2020, from Chief Remaley, to Mr. & Mrs. David Buettell, for making gowns and then donating them to AFD
18. And last, but certainly not least: It's never too late for recognizing a thank you, from Annapolis resident Patrick McCarthy, his letter which appeared in The Capital newspaper on May 23, 2018, which I shall read in its entirety here, entitled: "Help from officer"

CITY OF ANNAPOLIS – FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMPLIMENTARY COMMENDATIONS – December 2017 to Present

And Welcome to the City of Annapolis' Fiscal Year 2020, which starts today, Monday, July 1, 2019.

In recognition and honor of the decades-long leadership, and superb, exceptional, and professional service as provided by our City of Annapolis Fire Chief David L. Stokes, Sr., and as a very special tribute, thank you, and gift to Chief Stokes, again, for his outstanding leadership, I hereby and formally recognize the men and women of our Fire Department who have been recognized, in writing or by phone, for their outstanding service to our City, since I have been named to serve as our City Council's Public Safety Chair in December 2017, under the administration and leadership of our Mayor Gavin Buckley.

19. Letter dated January 9, 2018, from the Easton Police Department, complimenting Battalion Chief Carroll Spriggs and his K9 partner, as well as Firefighter Mark Madison, regarding their outstanding assistance that was much needed for a reported bomb threat
20. Letter dated January 2018, from an Annapolis family, complimenting Lt. M. Tina Pitner, and Firefighters Joshua Feeheley and Taalib Smith, regarding the saving of a life on New Year's Eve
21. E-mail dated February 19, 2018, from a group of Daisy Scouts, complimenting Lieutenants Christopher King and Alfred Parkinson, and Firefighters Richard Hays, Emory Swink, Jr., Thomas Terry, Ian Gonzalez Torres, Wayne Pratt, and Wesley Reibert, regarding providing a very educational and fun visit to our Fire Station
22. As we work together as City Department partners, Letter dated March 9, 2018, from, on that day, Acting Fire Chief Douglas M. Remaley, and on other days, Deputy Fire Chief Douglas M. Remaley, to the Pip Moyer Recreation Center, joining Fire Captain Philip Morris, in thanking the Pip Moyer staff for their outstanding assistance and contribution to the 2-week training program for their new fire recruits
23. And by Letter dated March 9, 2018, Acting Chief Remaley likewise thanked Firefighter Jonathan Krisman for his outstanding assistance and contribution to this 2-week training program
24. Letter dated March 16, 2018, from the Annapolis Police Department's Chief Scott Baker, which was received from Anne Arundel County Police Chief Timothy Altomare, complimenting our Fire Department for their much needed assistance with a barricade situation
25. Telephone call on April 12, 2018, from an Eastport resident, complimenting our EMS team, regarding their exceptional response to an immediate medical emergency

26. E-mail dated April 18, 2018, from Chief Bob Mueck, Director of Public Safety at St. John's College, complimenting Deputy Fire Chief Kevin J. Simmons and his Team , regarding the unwavering assistance that they continue to provide at their college's Annual Annapolis Croquet Match
27. E-mail dated May 9, 2018, from Gary Mathis, President of the Eastport Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., complimenting Firefighter Tony Williams, Jr. and his Team, regarding an impromptu "up close and personal tour" of a fire engine that had passed the home of a very inquisitive 3 year old Eastport resident—a moment that she will never forget
28. Letter dated May 21, 2018, from Debbie Gosselin, President of Watermark, complimenting Firefighter Jonas Brooks and his Team, regarding conducting an excellent training session for their Watermark Team
29. Letter dated June 2018, from a leader of an Annapolis community, complimenting Battalion Chief Gregory Young, regarding conducting a very memorable recent walk-through with this leader through his community
30. Telephone call on or about June 27, 2018, from a resident, complimenting Captain Robert Christian, Lt. H. Dallas Lister, and Firefighters Jack Beckwith, Enrique Burke, Andrew Collins, and Ronald Quentel, regarding their timely response to this resident being rescued from a stuck elevator
31. Letter dated on or about June 28, 2018, from the residents of The Gardens of Annapolis Independent Senior Living Community, complimenting Firefighter Dante Jacobelli and his Team, regarding an outstanding Fire Drill and Informational Session that was conducted in their community
32. Letter dated July 20, 2018, from a resident, complimenting Firefighters Rebecca Higgins and Wesley Reibert, regarding the outstanding assistance that they provided during a medical incident
33. Letter dated August 31, 2018, from an Annapolis business person, complimenting Lt. Gayle-Ann Lehmann and Firefighter Bridget Weiss, regarding their very successful off-duty assistance that they provided in Rockville, MD
34. Two Letters, both dated August 17, 2018, from the Annapolis Recreation and Parks 2018 Enrichment Camps Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor Gilda Fowlkes and Monica Brown, respectively, under the leadership of Director Archie Trader, complimenting Lieutenants Raymond McRae, Jr. and Bud Zapata, regarding them providing expert paramedic information, and complimenting Captain Robert Christian, Lt. Bud Zapata, and Firefighters Scott Adelman, J. Craig Burton, Tony Williams, Jr., Tyler Knapp, Nicholas Papaleonti, Wesley Reibert, Jonathan

Riffe, and Bridget Weiss, regarding them providing expert firefighter information during their class

AND I WILL BE FORWARDING THESE 2 LETTERS TO DIRECTOR TRADER

35. Memorandum dated September 20, 2018, from City Fire Chief David L. Stokes, Sr., congratulating Firefighter Daniel Ward, as a Nominee for the 2016 Chief Charles Steele Award, for his efforts to improve forcible entry skills for the Fire Department
36. Letter dated September 21, 2018, from an Annapolis resident, complimenting Firefighters J. Craig Burton, Joshua Dupre, Dominic Nolin, Craig Oldershaw, and Bryan Wright, regarding the outstanding assistance that they provided during a medical incident
37. E-mail dated October 2, 2018, from an Annapolis resident, complimenting and recognizing “Jeffrey”, and Captains Robert Christian and Aaron Edwards, and the entire Station 36 personnel, for the outstanding assistance that they provided during a medical incident
38. Letter received on or about October 24, 2018, from an Annapolis resident, complimenting Firefighters Christopher Barnett and Enrique Burke, for the outstanding assistance that they provided during a medical incident, which occurred in August 2018
39. In the true spirit of reciprocity, an E-mail dated October 15, 2018, from the Prince Georges County Fire/EMS Department, thanking our Annapolis Fire Department for providing staffing and equipment resources to them, which allowed every member of their Department to pay their final respects to their colleague
40. And again, in the true spirit of reciprocity, a Letter dated November 5, 2018, from the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, thanking our Annapolis Fire Department for providing staffing and equipment resources to them, which allowed them to appropriately grieve for their fallen comrade
41. Yet again, in the true spirit of reciprocity, a Letter dated November 2, 2018, from our Fire Chief, thanking the Grasonville Volunteer Fire Company, for their assistance to Annapolis, while our units were in use for the Annual 911 Heroes Run
42. And again, in the true spirit of reciprocity, a Letter dated November 2, 2018, from our Fire Chief, thanking the U.S. Naval Academy’s Laundry and Dry-cleaning Facility, for their assistance in hand cleaning our display flag
43. And again, in the true spirit of reciprocity and partnership, 3 Letters—2 dated December 14, 2018, and 1 dated December 18, 2018—from our Fire Chief, thanking the Queen Anne’s County Fire Service, and the Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department, and also Firehouse Subs, for their assistance, and their very tasty support, to Annapolis, while our units were in use for, and conducting an Active Shooter Drill, earlier in December

44. Yet, again, in the true spirit of partnership and community support, a Letter dated January 19, 2019, from our Fire Chief, thanking Mission BBQ, Somerville Road, for their very tasty support as we hosted the Maryland Council of Fire Academies
45. And again, in the true spirit of partnership, a Letter dated January 22, 2019, from our Fire Chief, thanking the Baltimore-Washington International Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall Airport Fire and Rescue Department, for their donation of repair kits from their M7 SCBA gear
46. And our local schools outreach: Letter received on or about November 30, 2018, from the Monarch Academy Elementary School, complimenting Lt. Bud Zapata, and Firefighters John Wellman and Jonathan Riffe, for their attendance and overwhelming support of our children, this time, at their Trunk or Treat event on October 29
47. Certificate of Appreciation received on or about November 30, 2018, from the Association of School Business Officials, complimenting Captain John Muhitch, for his valuable contribution as a Guest Speaker at their 67th Annual Fall Conference on November 2
48. E-mail dated December 21, 2018, from the Chief Nursing Officer for the Anne Arundel Medical Center, under the leadership of President and CEO Victoria Bayless, complimenting Lt. Raymond McRae, Jr., for his going “way, way beyond the call of duty” in greatly assisting their ER Department by moving patients, preparing bays, and promoting smiles among ALL of their ER staff
49. E-mail dated January 3, 2019, again from Anne Arundel Medical Center, this time, from their Cath Lab, complimenting Lt. Michael Lonergan, Jr., and Firefighters Dewayne Hunt, Hector Calixto, David Dushkin, and Allison Hays, for their outstanding medical response to an AAMC patient with cardiac symptoms—and as quoted “great consult and teamwork”—which is “a first”, as indicated by Captain Aaron Edwards, where he states that he “has never received a Great Consult comment” before
50. And later, via E-mail dated February 1, 2019, again from AAMC’s Cath Lab, complimenting Firefighters Alexandra Arrington and David Dushkin, regarding their outstanding medical response to a patient, which directly resulted in this patient having a great outcome
51. And still later, via E-mail dated March 18, 2019, again from AAMC’s Cath Lab, complimenting Firefighters Christopher Wertz and Nathan Baker, and yet again, regarding their outstanding medical response to a patient, which directly resulted in this patient having a great outcome
52. And still later, via E-mail dated March 18, 2019, again from AAMC’s Cath Lab, complimenting Firefighters Scott Adelman and Rocky Quetel, and yet again, regarding their outstanding medical response to a patient, which directly resulted in this patient having a great outcome

53. And still later, via E-mail in April 2019, again from AAMC's Cath Lab, complimenting Firefighters Jonathan Krisman and Alexandra Arrington, and yet again, regarding their outstanding medical response to a patient throughout the entire process—a quote from Captain Edwards, “great job on this call; in 53 minutes from medical contact to the balloon insertion; awesome”
54. E-mail dated January 8, 2019, from a local Annapolis business, complimenting Fire Inspector/Life Saving Educator, Dante Jacobelli, in our Fire Marshal's Office, for his outstanding presentation to their Team on fire prevention and safety
55. Again, as we work together as City Department partners, an E-mail dated January 17, 2019, from Marcus Moore, Transit Operations Manager for our City Transportation Department, under the leadership of Director Rick Gordon, complimenting Captain Aaron Edwards, and Firefighters Christopher Dew and Julia Apgar, for their very informative 3-day Stop the Bleed/Narcan/CPR Training for their entire transit staff
AND I WILL BE FORWARDING A COPY OF THIS E-MAIL TO DIRECTOR GORDON
56. Letter dated January 22, 2019, from the Executive Director of the University of Maryland's Fire and Rescue Institute Michael Cox, Jr., complimenting Captain R. Scott Svoboda and Firefighter David McGill, Jr., for their attendance and extremely helpful feedback at the “Voice of the Customer Product” Demonstration at the University
57. Again, as we work together as City Department partners, a Letter dated February 11, 2019, from Annapolis Police Chief Scott Baker, awarding a Citation of Merit Commendation to Battalion Chief Carroll H. Spriggs, II, EMS/Special Operations, for his immeasurable bravery and courage on June 28, 2018
58. E-mail dated March 13, 2019, from Ward 4 Alderwoman Sheila Finlayson, complimenting Captain Aaron Edwards regarding the very informative and greatly appreciated Narcan training that was conducted, as well as the advancement of public safety that was exhibited under his leadership, at the Newtowne Working Together meeting
59. Letter dated May 15, 2019, from D.S. Borrebach, Director of the Department of the Navy's Naval Academy Business Services Division, complimenting Captain Aaron Edwards, Lieutenants Raymond McRae, Jr. and Bud Zapata, and Firefighters Jonas Brooks and Eileen Yauney, regarding their outstanding CPR/AED and Narcan training to the employees of their Division—quoted, “their Team Support being greatly appreciated”
60. Letter dated on or about June 7, 2019, from a resident, complimenting Captain R. Scott Svoboda, regarding his donation of gear to this resident's out-of-our-country mission—quoted, “this was a miracle”, which was followed by a quote from the Bible

61. And again, our local schools outreach: Letter dated May 2019, from Annapolis Elementary School, complimenting Captain John Muhitch, Lt. Darren Wright, and Firefighters Michael Williams and Mark Frongello, complimenting them for their impacting participation at the school's Destination Day, which involves students setting goals for themselves, and connecting their educational skills to success in all of life's destinations—quoted, “so great to have you at AES”
62. AND finally, E-mail dated May 28, 2019, from St. John's College's Director of Public Safety, Chief Robert Mueck, complimenting Lt. William Shaver, and Firefighters Deborah Chaney, Eileen Yauney, Brock Hunt, and Anna Morrow, regarding their immediate intervention on behalf of a resident, on whom Chief Mueck timely interceded on this resident's behalf

As you can readily see, these testimonials run the entire gamut.

And now, you can obviously understand why our City Fire Department has been rated as a “Class 1” Fire Department—such designations are indeed extremely rare throughout our country—and so this designation is a true testimony to our City's leadership, starting with Chief Stokes.

So on behalf of our City personnel, we continue to encourage our residents, and others, to continue writing letters, sending e-mails, and making phone calls, which are memorialized in their City staffs' personnel files, and which truly highlights Annapolis' finest: Our First Responders.

THANK YOU!