

The Forest View

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News: I am writing this on January 1. It is extremely cold outside. There have already been two structure fires in the County, one with injury. Alice is pulling duty today at station 5. She was not sure what to wear so she would not be hot in the station or cold outside. Don't forget the Installation Banquet Jan. 13. The banquet this year is at the Salisbury Country Club. There are no overnight rooms at this facility. There should be an email coming out about this soon. Bobby sent out an email today with a PowerPoint training on new driving SOPs and clarification of existing ones. I highly encourage all drivers, providers and officers view this PowerPoint. Most of you know we have ordered a new Ambulance. It is currently under construction and will be exactly like unit 45, including the patient Lift device. According to Buildings and Grounds, a contractor will soon be installing new floors in the Upstairs bathrooms. They ask you not use these bathrooms during this work.



Above: The Auxiliary Christmas banquet was held at The Hard Shell restaurant off Huguenot Rd.

Below: The operations Christmas banquet, for senior operations personnel, was held at The Boathouse in Brandermill.



Excellence in Service: For the next few months I will feature one or two members who have been members for a long time. Many are life members and most are very active either on the Board or as part of the Auxiliary. For that reason, some of our newer runners may not know them.

For this month I would like to introduce you to J. C. and Fran.

First of all, Fran. Fran is our Secretary. Fran is a life member of FVRS and the Auxiliary. She is also a life member of VAVRS and it's Auxiliary. She started with FVRS as an active riding Auxiliary member in 1979 becoming a Life Member in 1995. Fran has been Secretary since 2010 and has also been Comptroller, Vice President, and President. Fran has also been very active in the Auxiliary since 1965 And has held numerous offices since 1968. During her time at FVRS, Fran has received many awards including Chesterfield County Outstanding Squad Officer of the Year, FVRS Squad Person of the Year, the J.C. Phillips Leadership Award from FVRS, and Volunteer of the Year award given by Woodmen Of the World.

Second we will introduce you to JC: Both J.C. and Fran are at all meetings of FVRS. J.C.

is currently Parliamentarian and Chaplain for FVRS. J.C. joined Forest View Rescue Squad in Richmond In 1965. He is the only person to be elected to the Executive Board while still a probationary member. He Went on to be elected secretary in the second year. He has also been President, Vice President, Captain, Training Officer, Safety Officer, Junior Squad Advisory, Assistant Squad Leader, Squad Leader, and has Held the position of Chaplain and Parliamentarian longer than any other member. J.C. has served on the Rescue Truck Committee, Banquet Committee, Picnic Committee, 30th and 50th Anniversary Committee, And the Buildings and Grounds Committee. In addition to pulling active duty for 35 years, J.C. has always Been involved in some capacity such as officer, committee chair, or member of a committee. Such duties Included door-to-door solicitation of donations, working the Christmas tree lot, making Brunswick stew selling fruit cakes, raffle tickets, and working yard and bake sales. He also made many fund raising signs.

JC has also been very active in rescue organizations outside of FVRS. He has served the VAVRS as President, Vice President, Secretary, Chaplain, Historian, Convention Co-Chair, Convention Chair and numerous other committees and positions. JC has also been very involved in training, both as an instructor and participant. He has had over 90 articles published in *The Virginia Lifeline*. JC has given many accident and injury prevention talks at work (DuPont) and in the community. JC has been a member for Forest View Volunteer Rescue Squad since 1966. Count them folks, that is 52 years.

Both JC and Fran are parents of Donna, another Life Member of Forest View Rescue Squad.

From our Chief: I can't believe 2017 is over and we are starting 2018. My year as chief has been so rewarding and I have learned so much. It has been a pleasure working side by side with each and everyone of you providing care to the citizens of Chesterfield County. A big thank you to all! See everyone at our annual banquet!