

COMMENDATION

May 18, 2018 Rescue of a Citizen from a Structure Fire

WHEREAS, the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors has established a strategic goal that public safety forces will be trained, equipped and deployed to help citizens, preserving life and property through prompt and skillful all-hazard emergency response, incident prevention, education, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2018, Spotsylvania County Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management crews responded to a report of a residential structure fire with a person trapped; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival, crews found a two story residence, with a significant amount of smoke and fire showing from the second floor on the front of the house, with fire venting through the roof; and

WHEREAS, crews determined the wheelchair bound occupant was trapped on the second floor of the home; and

WHEREAS, the fire had progressed to the extent that prevented crews from accessing the second floor using the interior stairs, requiring the crew from Ladder 10 and Medic 10-2 to deploy ground ladders to the occupant's second floor window; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Ladder 10's crew entered the second floor window, located the occupant, and moved him to the window, where the remainder of the crew from Ladder 10 and the crew from Medic 10-2 assisted in the removal of the occupant from the window, carrying him down to the ground to safety; and

WHEREAS, the patient was transported, awake and oriented, to Mary Washington Hospital, and was then transferred to the VCU Burn Center for definitive specialized care; and

WHEREAS, the training, preparation, quick response and heroic actions of the crews that responded on the morning of May 18 resulted in saving the life of a citizen of Spotsylvania County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors commends and recognizes the crews from Ladder 10 and Medic 10-2, and expresses its pride and appreciation for their excellence in working together seamlessly to help another whose life was in danger.

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