

Lawrence Allen Hanger

Experience

- 1974-1979 **Firefighter**
Fire Stations 16, Relief, 17, 22.
- January 1980 **Firefighter II** (Technician) acting capacity
Fire Stations 26, 10
Emergency Medical Care.
EMT-C Cardiac Care Technician (through 1983).
- March 21, 1981 **Firefighter II** (Technician)
Fire Stations 10
Driver / Operator emergency fire equipment.
- June 25, 1983 **Fire Sergeant** (Later reclassified as Lieutenant)
Fire Prevention Division, Life Safety Education, FS28, FS25, Relief, FS01, FS36
Code Enforcement, Life Safety Education (development and presentation), Juvenile Firesetter
Intervener, Public Information officer, Assistant Shift Supervisor & Special Function Officer
Please see the attached narrative summarizing my activities while assigned to Life Safety
Education (Public Affairs). Served as Staffing Officer and Administrative Aide to a Battalion
Fire Chief during a test period while assigned to Relief.

State & National

Certifications

- Fire Inspector II, NFPA #1031, December 9, 1983.
Prevention Education Officer II, NFPA #1031, January 25, 1984.
Fire Instructor I and II, NFPA #1041, June 1, 1984.
NPQB certified September 20, 1985.
Public Education Officer III, NFPA #1031, August 1, 1984
NPQB certified September 20, 1985.
Fire Officer I and II, NFPA #1021, July 5, 1984.

Specialized Training

- Cardiac Care Technician training completed October, 1980.
Hazardous Materials Response Team (80 hours) completed June 17, 1983.
"Management of Public Fire Education", National Fire Academy, October 7, 1983.
Swift Water Rescue Technician, Rescue 3, completed June 2, 1993.
American Heart Assoc. CPR Instructor
NHTSA Child Safety Car Seat Technician.

Education

- 1971-1985 **Northern Virginia Community College** **Annandale, VA**
A.A.S., degrees in each of the three disciplines of Fire Management, Fire Administration and
Fire Investigation. (Graduated all Summa Cum Laude.)
1985-1990 **George Mason University** **Fairfax, VA**
B.S., Fire Administration and Technology. Graduated With Distinction.

Interests

- Family, Church, Community, Boy Scout leader, photography and computers.

Highlights And Accomplishments While Assigned to the Public Affairs Section

During my tenure in the Public Affairs Section of the Fire Department, I was able to accomplish many things that would not be possible while assigned to a fire station.

Among the more important to the Department, statistical analysis of the building fires in Fairfax County during fiscal years '84 and '85, and a similar analysis of vehicle fires during fiscal years '83 and '84 were performed as a needs assessment for public education and other management needs.

A joint smoke detector survey was performed in Fairfax County and in Montgomery County, Maryland. I was the coordinator for the Fairfax County portion of the survey. This survey was part of a doctoral thesis. After a successful defense of the thesis, the candidate, Elizabeth McLoughlin, and Mary Marchone and myself coauthored an article which described the survey and explained some of the findings.

The Home Survey Program was rewritten and reinstated, and appears to be more effective.

Due to the increased public awareness of evacuation procedures, at least partially due to my efforts, a package of information on evacuation procedures was compiled. This package is to be given to those who inquire about evacuation plans for buildings other than single family homes. This package will reduce the time fire department personnel will be involved in strictly administrative work on requests for assistance with evacuation plans.

The fire department program I am most proud of, is the outreach program Community Relations Mailout. It started with just a few names; now the Mailout reaches well over 50,000 of the County's citizens on a monthly basis, with two articles on fire safety and other fire department concerns. These articles, in most cases, are reprinted in civic association newsletters. In other cases, information is taken out of the article and printed as a new article.

I have served as the Department's representative to the Council of Governments' Public Fire Safety Education Task Force. On February 28, 1985 I was appointed as the Chairman of the new Public Fire Safety Education Sub-committee, which was formed as a result of an initiative by the Task Force members under my chairmanship.

I have served as the Department's representative to the County Executive's Government Access Advisory Committee (GAAC). This is a committee which is concerned with the dealing of the County government with Media-General Cable Company, and with proposing policy in regard to County government agencies use of the Government allocated channels and video equipment.

There were many opportunities for training and I took as much of this training as I was able. Among these classes were the following:

I completed introductory and intermediate courses in American Sign Language which will assist me in helping that population.

I completed a course in video portapak equipment (cameras, audio, and lighting), an 18 hour course in studio video production, and an 18 hour course in basic video editing. These courses were taught by Fairfax County Department of Consumer Affairs (portapak) and by Fairfax Cable Access Corporation (FCAC), a public access television station in Fairfax County.

I have reached hundreds of people through speaking engagements, fire safety classes, and facility walk-throughs, most of which I researched, designed, and implemented. I feel, I have been effective in preventing many fires and accidents through these activities. Written and verbal commendations, from those served, I feel backs up this assertion.

During this time, I was one of a few fire department personnel who served as a Public Information Officer. My duties included direct involvement with the public and the news media of all types. This ranged from information release to on-camera interviews about incidents or public safety concerns.

I coordinated the Fire and Rescue Department's involvement in the May Festival, held at the Mount Vernon Hospital. The Department's display was unofficially named best of show by other Festival planners.

I was able to learn the use of the WANG OIS system of word processing. This made much of the paperwork and many of the programs much easier to produce. I was able to pass on many of the systems procedures to members of the clerical staff, as well as providing an introductory course to a few of the staff that had no previous experience in word processing.

This is a brief overview of my activities while assigned to the Public Affairs Section of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.