

THE BLAZE

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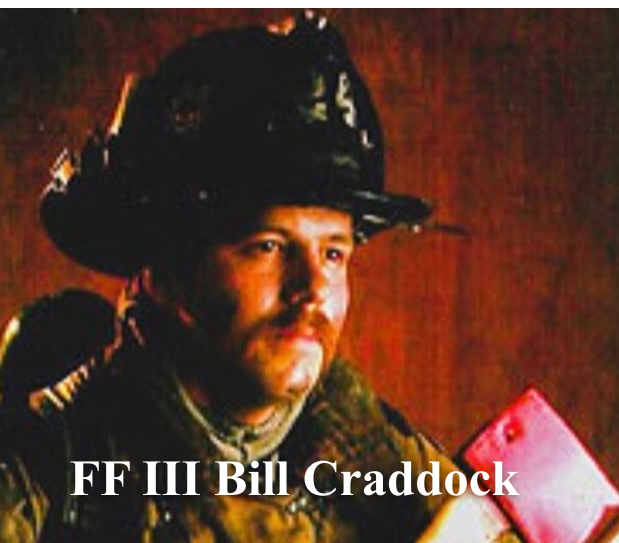
DEKALB COUNTY FIRE RESCUE





Train like you fight

The Craddock Firefighter Survival Training, is a series of classes named for the late DCFR firefighter III Bill Craddock. Firefighter III Craddock was a nationally known fire instructor who served the citizens of DeKalb County until the end of his life, in the spring of 2006. His legacy is a series of firefighter safety classes in which DCFR fire academy instructors drill class participants in life-saving techniques. Skills and tactics learned include personal awareness and protection, rapid intervention, breaching doors and windows, emergency egress evolutions, ventilating roofs, deploying ground ladders, rapid obscured-vision building searches, and live fire extinguishment. The purpose of these classes is clear; each skill learned is meant to protect the life of each firefighter and their crew.



FF III Bill Craddock





26 Strong

On August 22, 2018, DeKalb Fire Rescue swore in 26 firefighters, increasing the department's staffing levels in support of DeKalb CEO Michael Thurmond's priority to improve public safety. These firefighters are now serving in the field, aptly trained and ready to answer emergency calls in DeKalb County.





DeKalb Fire Honor Guard On Post at 9/11 Ceremony

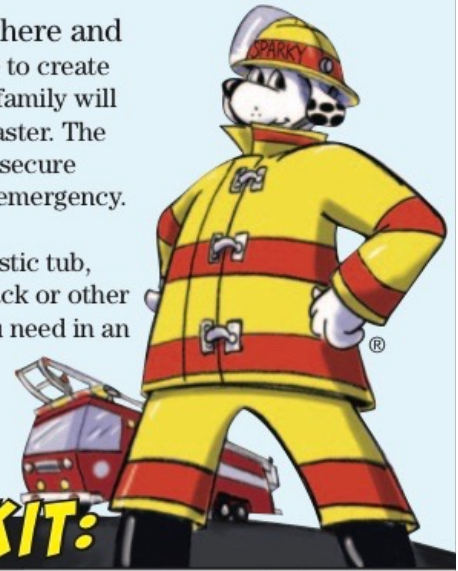
**We Will Never Forget
9/11**



GET READY!

Disasters can happen anywhere and at any time. By taking the time to create an emergency supplies kit, your family will be prepared in the event of a disaster. The kit also helps children feel more secure knowing it is there in case of an emergency.

The supplies can be kept in a plastic tub, small suitcase, trash can, backpack or other container. To learn what else you need in an emergency supplies kit, go to www.ready.gov.



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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT:

- Water – one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation — store 3-day supply
- Ready-to-eat food, canned juices, comfort/stress foods — at least a 3-day supply
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio and a NOAA weather radio, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Non-prescription drugs such as pain reliever, anti-diarrhea medication, antacid, laxative
- Prescription medications, contact lenses and supplies, denture needs
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Water and pet food if you have pets
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt to filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food
- Aluminum foil
- A jacket or coat, hat and gloves
- A complete change of clothing including long pants, long sleeve shirt, and sturdy shoes stored in a waterproof container.
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Rain gear
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils
- Cash or traveler's checks, change
- Paper towels
- Tent
- Compass
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Signal flare
- Paper, pencil
- Personal hygiene items
- Soap
- Disinfectant and household chlorine bleach
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container. Remember to include emergency contact numbers.
- Passport, bank account numbers, credit card account numbers and companies
- Books, games puzzles, portable music device

It's Better To Be Prepared

Severe weather can present challenging situations for everybody. Emergencies are hard to predict and require adequate preparation. September is National Preparedness Month and is a great time to assess your severe weather readiness. Things that you can do to stay ready for severe are: download location-based weather mobile apps with alerts; prepare a three-day kit for your home and vehicles with food, water, daily meds, flashlight, operating cash, emergency contacts, and other essentials; and identify shelter-in-place locations in your home such as a basement or an area away from windows. You can also sign up for safety alerts through Code Red at public.coderedweb.com. Smart 911 is great resource to convey pre-plan details about your residence prior to an emergency. Log onto www.smart911.com to build a profile of your residence for emergency responders. Remember to limb up any trees that are close to your home, and never operate a generator inside of your home.



Hydrant Heroes Initiative



It's Painting Time

The hydrant heroes initiative started in the most incidental of ways. A series of conversations between DeKalb Parks and Recreation, an Eagle Scout, and DeKalb Fire Rescue Captain Tom Burrell, led to an ah-ha moment. As it turned out, DeKalb Fire Rescue Supply had recently received a significant amount of spray paint from DeKalb Watershed. Around the same time, Eagle Scout Finnis Jones from Troop 18, contacted Capt. Burrell about doing an Eagle project for the fire department. A few days prior to that, DeKalb Parks and Rec expressed that they had 40 youth looking for volunteer projects. This led to the start of the hydrant heroes initiative. Captain Burrell handled the logistics of providing the spray paint and the residential hydrant maps for the project. Eagle Scout Finnis Jones

impressively led four teams, in painting every residential hydrant in Avondale Estates. The second day they wanted to do more, and they moved on to Scottdale, and Station 9's territory.

Hearing of the success Finnis Jones had leading his team of volunteers, Scout Steven Peay showed up to Station 22 with 40 volunteers ready to paint hydrants. By the end of that day, the teams that Scout Peay brought had painted 630 residential fire hydrants.

The hydrant heroes initiative has grown to include teams from the Tucker Community Improvement District, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, and other Scout Troops throughout DeKalb. DeKalb Fire Rescue commends all of the partners involved in making the Hydrant Heroes Initiative a successful community service.



