



Fuquay-Varina Fire Department

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT FIRE CHIEF TONY MAULDIN JANUARY 2022

How long have you worked for the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department?

I have been a member of the fire department for almost 32 years. I joined as a Volunteer in 1990, was hired full-time by the Fuquay-Varina Rural Department in 1993, and then became an employee of the Town of Fuquay-Varina Fire Department in 1999.

What does your job entail?

As Fire Chief, I am responsible for the overall operation of the Fire Department. This includes but is not limited to response to calls, supervision of staff, planning, budgeting, and developing guidelines for the operations of the department.

What do you like most about your job?

The ability to make a difference each day and working with a group of men and women that provide the best service possible to our community.

What is the best career lesson you've learned so far?

To be successful you must be dedicated and work hard. Don't wait for things to happen, make it happen. It will not be given to you; you must earn it.

What would you do (for a career) if you weren't in the fire service?

I would probably be a mechanic. Before coming to work full-time with the Fire Department I worked with my father at Mauldin's Exxon on Main Street.

What do you like to do when you aren't working?

Spend time with my family, hunting and fishing.

What's a fun fact about you many people may not know?

I love to cook and especially grill. I like to try new things...sometimes it turns out good and sometimes it doesn't, but I keep trying.

If you could choose anywhere in the world to vacation where would you go?

Alaska...I would love to see the views of Alaska and go halibut fishing.

What is your motto or personal mantra?

Be thankful for today because tomorrow is not a promise.

If you could meet anyone in the world, dead or alive, who would it be and why?

Babe Ruth - Being a baseball fan, I would like to meet him because when you say baseball, he is the first person you think about. To me, he is Mr. Baseball.

Three words to best describe you?

Honest, Dedicated, Sensitive

What is the one thing you can't live without?

Family, without family it would be lonely.

What tv show/movie are you ashamed to admit you love?

Flea Market Flip - It's amazing how they take one man's junk and turn it into something that people pay good money to own.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

The ability to read minds because sometimes you look into someone's eyes and wonder what they are thinking.

What is one food that you cannot resist?

Rice and Tomatoes - I was first introduced to this by my granddaddy at a very young age and it has been a favorite of mine ever since.

What is your favorite fire safety message?

E.D.I.T.H - EXIT DRILLS IN THE HOME - Know 2 ways out, get out and stay out!