



Fuquay-Varina Fire Department

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

FIRE MARSHAL

BUDDY WALTERS

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

I began my career with the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department in 1985 as a volunteer firefighter and was hired full-time in 1999. I have been in the fire service for 37 years.

What does your job entail?

As the Fire Marshal, I manage the Fire Prevention Division. My duties and responsibilities are to ensure the state-mandated fire inspection schedule is maintained, and commercial, residential, site, and architectural fire protection plan reviews are completed. Additionally, I work with staff to develop and present fire and life safety education programs in the community and perform fire investigations.

What do you like most about your job?

What I like the most are the young men and women that I work with every day. I am certainly part of a great team. I also like that my job allows me to be in situations and places where my actions can make a positive difference in people's lives.

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

To Walk humbly, respectfully and be thankful.

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

I would be somewhere in the aviation industry...maybe a pilot.

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

I love spending time with my family wherever that may be.

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

I was born and raised on a farm here in Fuquay-Varina.

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

My bucket list vacation would be Alaska.

What is your motto or personal mantra?

My rule #1 is Family First.

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

I would want to see my daddy so he could meet his great grand kids.

Three words to best describe you?

Thoughtful, Hardworking, Good-Friend

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

Friday night family dinners at our house.

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

I have been known to watch a Hallmark Christmas movie.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

My superpower would be the ability to fly.

What is one food that you cannot resist?

My wife's potato salad.

What is your favorite fire safety message?

My favorite fire safety message is "EDITH" which is an acronym for: "EXIT DRILLS IN THE HOME".