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**ABOUT THE COVER:** Cherokee County Fire Chief, Tim Prather, welcomes everyone to the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Fire Station #9.

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## Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services Promotes Five



Attending the promotion ceremony were: Cherokee County Fire Chief, Tim Prather, Battalion Chief, Marc Liscio, Capt. Jason Lamanac, Lt. Nathaniel Croft, Sgt. Nicholas Spain, Sgt. Alexander Henderson, Assistant Fire Chief, Eddie Robinson, EMS Chief, Danny West and Field Operations Chief, Shane West.

Five Cherokee County firefighters were promoted on May 14th, during ceremonies held at the Cherokee County Fire Training Complex, located just south of Holly Springs.

After a brief welcome from Cherokee County Fire Chief, Tim Prather, five firefighters were asked to come forward to receive their promotion warrant. Alexander Henderson and Nicholas Spain were all promoted to the rank of Sergeant. One firefighter, Nathaniel Croft, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Promoted to the rank of Captain was Jason Lamanac and promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief was Marc Liscio.

Numerous firefighters, chiefs and family members attended the event last night. Refreshments were held afterwards in honor of those receiving promotions. Congratulations to all of the firefighters for their recent promotions.





## Fire Recruits Step in to Help Habitat for Humanity



Cherokee County Fire Recruits spent the day of June 25th to help Habitat for Humanity build a new home. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home.

According to fire recruit, Beau Witcher, "We are given the opportunity to do community service as a part of the recruit program. So, we looked at different areas throughout the county in which we could help and one of those was Habitat for Humanity, so we decided to give them a call."

David Young, Construction Manager for Habitat for Humanity said, "Two weeks ago last Tuesday, my director did not have a day this week for volunteers and I needed some to help with the paint and siding. My mother has this thing of when she prays, miracles happen and I inherited that from her and I told the director that I was going to pray about this. Thirty minutes after I left the office, the director called and said the recruits had called her to volunteer." The recruits worked to finish putting the siding on the home which is 1280 square foot in size and will be a 3 bedroom and 2 baths home.

Young praised the recruits for the work they done that day. "They were awesome. They listened very well and called me "sir" all day and I loved that. They were great and I would have them any time, any day," he added.

The Cherokee Fire Recruits who worked on the home were; Scott Brooks, Desmond Chavarria, Anthony Ciorba, Asheton Collins, Amanda DeWoody, Joseph Gates, Matthew Hickey, Cameron Hubbard, Chance Huffschtmidt, Chris Lafontaine, Ryan Laughridge, Jonathan Laurich, Jacob Murphy, Neven O'Hearn, Austin Owen, David Scalf, Caleb Smalley, Scott Ward, Alex Weaver, Mason Williams, Beau Witcher, Michael Zuchegn and Ryan Crump.

The home, which is located on Lusk Court Road off Highway 20, is being built for a family of four from West Africa. The home will have its official dedication on August 10<sup>th</sup>.



# Habitat for Humanity®

# Fire Investigator Leaves After Thirty Years of Service

Cherokee County Fire Investigator, Shane Daniel, was honored with a luncheon on June 21st after working for Cherokee County for the last 30 years.

Daniel was hired as a deputy for the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department on November 1st, 1989. In 1996 he became a detective with the agency and then in 2001 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

In September of 2008, Daniel transferred to Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services to become a Fire Investigator. After former Fire Investigator Ossie Delay retired, Daniel became head of the Fire Investigation Department in 2011.

After lunch, Cherokee County Fire Chief, Tim Prather, thanked Shane for his service to the county and presented him with his "bugle" award. The bugle or speaking trumpet is a reference to a megaphone like device that was used in the early days of the fire service.

After the presentation, Chief Prather asked several of the chiefs if they had any comments to say about working with Shane. One of the most emotional comments came from Fire Investigator, Cheri Collett, who worked under Shane's guidance over the past few years. "I will miss him. He was always one who encouraged me, plus he always treated me as an equal," stated Collett.



*Congratulations to Shane on his retirement from Cherokee County Fire and Emergency Services.*



*Fire Investigator, Cheri Collett, gives an emotional tribute to her boss, Shane Daniel.*

Daniel stated that he was not retiring, but he has accepted a position as a Fire Investigator for the Cobb County Fire Department.



*A final wave from Shane as he leaves from Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services.*



## Two Firefighters Recognized by Wellstar Kennestone Hospital



*Jennifer Jones (left), EMS Coordinator for Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, and Janie Hatch (right), Stroke Coordinator, present James and Young with the Challenge coin.*

Two Cherokee County Firefighters were recognized on June 10th at the Cherokee County Fire Training Center for a call they responded to on the morning of May 9th.

According to Reece Young, one of the firefighters that responded, "Station 7 had already been called twice to this same address. Once we got to the scene we found out that the patient was a veteran and he was lying in bed. We also found out that he was diabetic and had taken a whole vial of insulin. We checked his sugar and it showed that it was dangerously low." Young finally got the patient to agree to go to the hospital to see what was going on and get some help. The patient was loaded into an ambulance and

firefighters worked to get his sugar levels back to a normal range. "Once we got his sugar levels up, I noticed that he still didn't show any signs of improvement. We did other tests to see if he had a stroke and the results of the tests came back positive," added Young. It was at this time that the firefighters decided to take the patient to Wellstar Kennestone Hospital. Firefighters continued to check his sugar levels as they were traveling to the hospital.

Once firefighters arrived, the hospital staff was still uncertain if the patient actually had a stroke, but, after further testing, it was discovered that the firefighters were correct with their assessment of the patient.

Three days later, the firefighters ran another call to the same address and saw the patient sitting up and said that he did have a stroke. Jennifer Jones, EMS Coordinator for Wellstar Kennestone Hospital, said that she was very impressed with the firefighters. "You did a wonderful job of getting us the information to help us know what was going on with the patient," Jones added.

Jones and Janie Hatch, the Stroke Coordinator for the hospital, presented Young and Cody James, who was also on the call, with a "Challenge" coin from Wellstar Kennestone Hospital for a job well done.



# Groundbreaking Ceremonies Held for New Fire Station #9



Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on the afternoon of June 4th at 1:30 for the new Fire Station 9 that will be constructed across the road from the old Fire Station located on Reinhardt College Parkway in north Canton.

Cherokee County Fire Chief, Tim Prather, welcomed everyone and then called on fire chaplain, Don Williams, for the invocation. After the invocation, Prather asked Cherokee County Board of Commissioners' Chairman, Harry Johnston, and Canton Mayor, Gene Hobgood, to come forward and say a few words.

*Taking part in the groundbreaking ceremonies are (left to right): Canton Council Member, Bill Grant, Canton Mayor, Gene Hobgood, Canton Council Member, Jo Ellen Wilson, District 1 Commissioner, Steve West, District Three Commissioner, Benny Carter, Canton Council Member, Sandy McGrew, District 2 Commissioner, Raymond Gunnin, Cherokee County Board of Commissioners Chairman, Harry Johnston, North Canton Volunteer Fire Chief, James Morris and Cherokee County Fire Chief, Tim Prather.*

Chief Prather stated that he was

glad to see this day come. "We've been working for years to find property to build a new station and it was long overdue," he stated. Prather also thanked the County Commissioners and the City of Canton for working together to make this new facility a reality. Prather also recognized James Morris who was the last Chief of the North Canton Volunteer Fire Department for his dedicated service to the county.

Assistant Fire Chief, Eddie Robinson, said that the new station will have 3 bays. "These bays will also be large enough to house a ladder truck," he added. The building will also have a kitchen, dining room and a day room. The building will be 11,631 square foot in size and will sit on approximately 11 acres. There will be enough space to house as many as twelve firefighters at one time.

Jud Martin, Capital Projects Project Manager for Cherokee County, said

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*Harry Johnston, Chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners speaks to the crowd.*



## Groundbreaking Ceremonies Held for New Fire Station #9 (continued)

the facility is designed for ease of maintenance of operability. It will also provide safer living conditions and will allow firefighters to have a quicker response to emergency incidents.

The new station is scheduled to be open sometime next spring.

*The image to the right is a drawing of how Station 9 should appear once it is completed.*



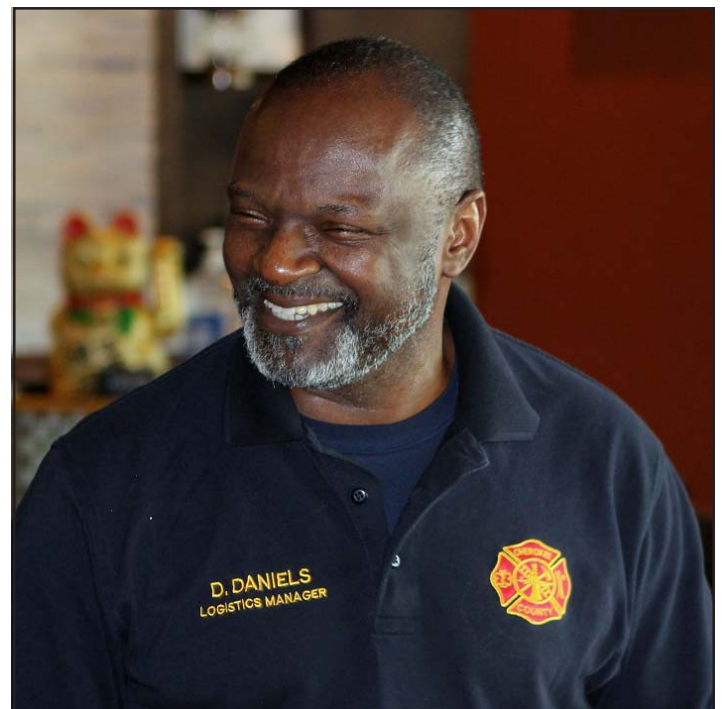
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## Danny Daniels Retires from Fire Department

Danny Daniels, the Logistics Manager for Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services, was recognized on May 24th at a retirement luncheon held in his honor at the Ichiban Restaurant near Holly Springs.

Cherokee County Fire Chief, Tim Prather, thanked Daniels for his 12+ years of service to the citizens and firefighters of Cherokee County and presented him with a "bugle" award. The bugle or speaking trumpet is a reference to a megaphone like device that was used in the early days of the fire service. Cherokee County Assistant Fire Chief, Eddie Robinson, and Battalion Chief of Support Services, Marc Liscio, came forward to say a few words about Danny's career with the fire service.

Daniels began his career with Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services on December 11, 2006. Daniels worked in the logistics department for his entire career in the fire service and retired as the logistics manager. He was also a veteran who served in the United States Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant.



*Danny Daniels worked in Fire Logistics for 12+ years.*

Cherokee County Fire & Emergency Services offers our congratulations to Danny Daniels!

## Summer Safety Tips

### Beat the Heat

Anybody can be at risk for a heat-related illness. Follow these summer safety tips, like taking extra breaks and drinking lots of water.

### Bug Safety

Mosquitoes can cause a number of illnesses, including Zika Virus and West Nile Virus. Learn what you can do to protect yourself at work and play.

### Playgrounds

Emergency departments see more than 20,000 children ages 14 and younger for playground-related traumatic brain injury each year.

### Fireworks

Summer is synonymous with barbecues, parades, fireworks displays – and plenty of visits to emergency rooms, especially during July.

### Water Safety

Drowning caused 3,709 deaths in 2017. The younger the child, the greater the risk.

### Bicycling

Bicyclists must take extra precautions when they ride. They often share the road with vehicles, but injuries can happen even on a bike path.

### Skateboarding

Everyone falls, but there's a right way to do it. In 2017, 98,486 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms after being injured skateboarding.

### Boating

Most boating experiences are positive. But joyful times quickly can turn deadly if boaters are not vigilant about safety – at all times.

### Pedestrian Safety

Cell phone distracted walking is a huge problem, and rarely are we more vulnerable than when walking, crossing streets and negotiating traffic



***Have A Great Summer  
And Be Safe, Too!***