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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY VOLUNTEER

FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE

June 1, 2021

The Officers and members of the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company wish to submit the name of Joseph (Joe) K. Larsen, Sr. for consideration of the AACVFA Hall of Fame Award.

Joe joined Maryland City Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad in March of 1999. During his membership at MD City VFD, he served as Vice President, Lieutenant, EMS Coordinator, Training Officer and Duty Crew Chief. He received the Firefighter of the Year Award from the American Legion during his membership at Maryland City.

Joe was also a member of the Herald Harbor Volunteer Fire Department (HHVFD), where he served as Station Captain, Lieutenant, EMS Coordinator, Training Officer, Duty Crew Chief and Fire Prevention Chair.

Joe has held suppression positions of Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Firefighter III, FADO, Fire/EMS Instructor, and Pump Operator. He has also taken classes on Dive Team and Peer Support. He has received Top Responder recognition at each of the stations he has been affiliated with.

Throughout the years, Joe has served on many committees to include Membership, Training, Duty Crew Chief, Honor Guard, Cadet Program, EMS, Bylaws, Fire Life Safety, LOSAP, Recruitment & Retention and Ways & Means.

Currently, Joe is an active member of the Lake Shore Volunteer Fire Company and Auxiliary (LSVFC/LSVFCA) where he holds the position of Assistant Chief.

As Assistant Chief, Joe continues to recruit new members and encourages existing members to continue training. He serves the community through Public Education events and Career Days for our local elementary schools, and continues to perform community outreach by teaching CPR and AED classes to those in need. He also participates in any required events to include community parades, station cleanup, or fundraising events. Joe can be found at the station on Tuesday and Thursday nights for his scheduled duty nights.

Joe has also been active in the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association for over 20 years, serving as an alternate or delegate with his respective company. In 2008, Joe began to serve the AACVFA as Sgt. at Arms. He continued to hold the positions of 2nd VP, 1st VP, and ultimately President from 2011-2013. In 2020, Joe decided to serve the AACVFA once again by going through the chairs and currently holds the office of 2nd VP.

During his Presidency, the volunteer fire service saw significant changes and advancements, the transitions of a new County Executive and Fire Chief and the purchase of a new life safety trailer with the assistance of a FEMA grant. One of the most significant advancements during his years as President was the passing of the Legislation guaranteeing a minimum of 51% the allocation of Senator Amos fund to go to Anne Arundel County Volunteer Fire Departments.

Joe has served as Chairperson for Recruitment and Retention, Fire Life Safety and Bylaws committees for the AACVFA. He continues to serve as the Chairperson for Recruitment and Retention committee and has re-established the New Membership Orientation Program.

In 2013, Joe created the “Greg Croft Rookie of the Year Award”, for the AACVFA in honor of fellow Maryland City firefighter, Greg Croft.

Joe is currently serving as Fire Chaplain, Peer Support Specialist with the Anne Arundel County Fire Department and is a member of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association Chaplain Corps.

Despite the COVID restrictions put forth on social distancing, Joe strived to create virtual and blended meetings to give member companies some form of normalcy for monthly meetings and or committee meetings.

Joe has also been active in the Maryland State Volunteer Firefighter's Association, serving as delegate or alternate for many years. He has served as Chairperson and or member of the EMS and Recruitment and Retention committees.

As you can see from the criteria list above, Joseph ("Joe") K. Larsen Sr. has been an asset to his local company, the AACVFA, and the MSFA.

Please consider Joseph K "Joe" Larsen, Sr. for recognition in the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighter's Association Hall of Fame.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,



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Vice-President

The Lake Shore Vol. Fire Co, Inc