



## CAPE ST CLAIRE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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On behalf of the membership of the Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Company, we would like to nominate member Carol Mekins for the AACVFA FF/EMT of the quarter award.

Carol has been a member of our station since 2008 and is currently a Firefighter II/EMT-B. In addition to dedicating countless hours riding the apparatus, Carol has taken on the lead role in providing fire prevention education to the community. She has coordinated with the Anne Arundel County Fire Department and the Anne Arundel Fire Training Academy to make educational fire prevention videos that have been shared with all Anne Arundel County residents. Carol envisions, plans, and coordinates all aspects of the videos including the script and props.

One video focused on indoor stove top fire prevention after several type fires in our area. This project won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the MSFA Accident and Injury Prevention Award Category for our class in 2020. It was filmed in both English and Spanish to ensure all county residents could benefit from its safety message.

Most recently, a video was made to address outdoor grill/fire pit safety in preparation for the upcoming summer grilling/fire pit season. The videos will certainly have an impact on our Cape St Claire community as well as residents of Anne Arundel County, and hopefully keep our residents safe.

When she is not planning and coordinating fire prevention activities, Firefighter Mekins can often be found with new members. Her extensive knowledge as a FFII/EMT allows her to serve as a mentor for our newer members. She is always looking out for them to ensure that they feel comfortable around the station and the apparatus. Her calm and friendly demeanor helps new members feel welcomed and included.

As you would expect from a leader, Firefighter Mekins is always the first to jump in when any training is happening at the station. Keeping her skills fresh and assisting others where she can, are characteristically Carol. Firefighter Mekins is deserving of this award for her continuous efforts to serve our community not only by responding to their emergencies but also trying to prevent them from occurring.

Sincerely,

Drew Mutch, Chief

Tina Dembowski, President