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The Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company nominates Joseph W. Angyelof for the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association's Individual of the Year award.

Joe Angyelof began his fire service career as a member of the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company in 1959 and has served the company in all of the leadership positions. He rose through the suppression ranks to serve as the Volunteer Chief and is now in his 63rd year of membership, serving as President of the Company. A position he has held for the past five years.

In 1971, he received an award from the AACVFA as the "Outstanding Fireman of the Year" for a lifesaving rescue. This was the first of three such awards received during his career. In 1975 he received a scholarship from the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute to attend the National Fire Service Staff and Command School. This prestigious award was in recognition of the many hours and number of courses taught by him at the newly opened Fire Training Academy in Millersville, MD. This training served as a notice that the facility was indeed open to the members of the Volunteer members of the County Fire Service.

In 1972, Joe completed the Instructor Training Course offered by the Fire Service Extension Department of

In 1981 he served as a Key-Note Speaker at the Annual MSFA Convention in Ocean City Maryland. In 2016 he was inducted into the AACVFA Hall of Fame and in 2018 was recognized as the Administrative Member of the Quarter for his management of the Companies 100th Anniversary Gala Event.

While serving as President the accomplishments of the Fire Company include, overseeing major repair work and tools, and a 2022 Pierce pumper. Plans are underway for the replacement of a second aging pumper in 2025. In 2021 the Fire Company received an award through MEMA from the Federal Relief Act of 2021 in the amount of \$141,891.37, the largest amount awarded to any fire company in the state of Maryland. The fund drive project mailing list was updated and the fund drive informational packet was redesigned to describe the capital projects under way and what our citizens donations are used for. This resulted in a significant increase in donations during the first year implemented.

Joseph Angyelof then branched out, from 1962-1964, to become a paid firefighter for what was known as the Friendship International Airport Fire Department (today known as BWI, Thurgood Marshall). In 1964 he was hired as an "Engineman" for the Cape St Claire Volunteer Fire Company. In the newly created County Fire Department he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1971 then to Captain in July of 1977, to Battalion Chief in the same year then

promoted in 1978 to Division Chief, eventually retiring in 1992.

As a Lieutenant (one of the first three Lieutenants ever assigned to the field), Joe was assigned on several occasions to manage the career recruit training program, was a Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute (MFRI) instructor, adapted the MFRI Pump School as part of the career Pump Operators School and examination process for promotion, developed and coordinated the first two-week Fire Officers School. He sat on the Baltimore County Fire Department Interview Board for Promotion several times and managed the Live Fire portion for the annual MFRI Short Course.

As a Captain he was the Company Commander of a station consisting of an Engine Co., Truck Co., & Medic Unit. Personnel consisted of three 24 hour shifts and 20 active Volunteer firefighters. He was reassigned to manage the Fire Training section of the Training & Research Division.

Promoted to Battalion Chief, he was one of the first Battalion Chief's ever hired by the County, supervising the operations of six station, assisted in the development of an In-service inspection program, developed a weekly station activity schedule which included daily work, training, inspections, etc. and was the liaison officer to the Baltimore City Fire Department during the Harbor Tunnel construction.

During his tenure as Division Chief, Joe was responsible for the management of the Fire/Rescue Training & Research Division. As such he managed the preparation of specifications for pumpers and aerial ladder trucks, was involved with the purchasing process and managed the acceptance and final delivery of units. He was a member of the Ad-hoc committee for MIEMSS under the direction of Dr. R. Adams Cowley during the development of the Shock Trauma and Medi-vac system. He developed the initial aid response agreement with BWI Airport Fire Department and received multiple Mid-Level Management Performance Bonus Awards from Anne Arundel County.

Joe's professional career as Adjunct Professor included Catonsville Community College (Hydraulics, Fire Tactics), Community College of Baltimore (Fire Tactics), University of Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute (Basic Firefighting, Pump Operations, Tactics, Special Fires).

He was a speaker and lecturer at the Fire Department Instructors Conference (Memphis, Tennessee), MSFA Convention (Ocean City, MD. The Mid-Atlantic Association of State Commissions Conference and was a panelist for the Maryland Chief Officers Seminar , University of Maryland.

His professional affiliations and/or memberships include, military service in the Maryland Army National Guard (Staff Sergeant), National Fire Protection Association, Maryland Fire Chief's Association (Life Member), IAFF (Local) 1563, Charter & Life Member), Brooklyn VFC (Life Member), and the Anne Arundel County Retired Firefighters.

Past Memberships Regional Planning Commission (Metro-Fire Chief's Council, Maryland Council of Fire & Rescue Academies (Past Chairman), Anne Arundel County Professional Fire Officers (Past Secretary/Treasurer) and the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education Training Commission (Delegate0

Community Involvement includes Severna Park Elks Lodge #2482 (Past Exalted Ruler), Moose International (Life Member), American Legion Post 40.

Through many changes in the Fire Service, Joe Angyelo of not only influenced past practices with his great knowledge, true leadership and unrelenting dedication, he continues those traditions in today's Fire Service environment. Having spent his entire adult life associated with the fire service he staunchly supports the "Combination System of Fire department Operations" and has without a doubt, made an outstanding contribution to the future of Volunteerism within the Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company, to Anne Arundel County and to the State of Maryland. He has and continues to set the example. As such, it is felt that he is well deserving of this most prestigious award.

Submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors,