

2019 Volunteer FF of the Year: Peter Norman III

Volunteer Firefighter Peter Norman is 31 years old & has 2 brothers & 2 sisters.

He has been with the fire department for 8 years & earned his first Firefighter Certificate in 2014. In November of 2017, he was promoted to Southside Division's Training Officer. This past year he obtained his Firefighter 2, Fire Instructor 1, EOC Management, NIMS 300, and 400 certifications.

VFF Norman's duties include scheduling and organizing training, managing the training roster, and inputting training times into the records management system. And, several times every week, he rides on Engine 1 for 12-16 hours at a time increasing the staffing during those times. He is very active responding to calls in all areas of the county, not just the Southside Division. Plus, he has been awarded Southside Divisional Firefighter of the Year twice !

He has 2 calls that will always stay with him:

First, a fire at Riverwalk Apartments in Georgetown. It was his first interior structure fire, fully dressed in his PPE after getting his FF certification &, he put it out with just a cup of water ! It was a very small fire, but it will always be his first interior fully dressed fire.

Second, a wreck on Hwy. 204 just past King George Blvd. A guy wrecked his motorcycle and the FFs went to doing their job and eventually cleared up. During the call, he had missed some calls from his brother and finally had time to call him back. His brother had been trying to call him because he was worried, as he had been driving by on 204. But the worry was replaced with pride because he drove by the same time Peter was working the wreck and his brother saw him doing his job.

VFF Norman takes pride in being a firefighter because: #1. He loves doing it, and . . . #2. when he first said he wanted to be a firefighter, a lot of people told him he couldn't do it because he was "too fat". He is proud to say he has proved them wrong both then, and now as he continues to prove them wrong by working hard and trying to learn as much as he can to be the best that he can possibly be. His dedication to the community is an example of what all volunteers should strive for.