

Q & A

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Educates the community about and identifies and aides in the elimination of fire hazards on the installation; assists in operations of the fire department in addition to responding to routine calls.



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Why did you choose to become a DA Civilian?

After serving four years in the Marine Corps as a firefighter, I spent 13 years as a civilian at a Marine Corps installation. I also spent six years as a firefighter as a civilian with the Navy. Right before this, **I was working as an assistant chief and wanted to be home more with my family.** This gave me that opportunity, so, I took it.

Why is fire prevention important?

Fire prevention keeps our numbers low as far as financial fire losses, but more importantly, it keeps everyone safe. **You can’t put a monetary**

value on a life. Teaching someone to be safe at home can keep them from losing their life from something preventable.

What is your favorite part about being a firefighter?

I love my job because every day is a teaching opportunity. Anytime I go out and meet with the public, I have the chance to teach fire safety and other fire related stuff. Hopefully, through my inspections, I can teach them to not only be safe at work, but also at home.

Why did you choose to become a firefighter?

I watched the show “Emergency” when I was a kid. When I was five, I

decided this is what I wanted to do. **I never let go of that dream and I’ve accomplished it. I’ve been living my childhood dream my whole life.**

