

Welcome to PBF-R!

Palm Bay Fire-Rescue is proud to announce the hiring of the following personnel:

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| Alex Barna VI | 2/2009 |
| Craig Darakis | 7/2009 |
| Jonathan Di Rocco | 5/2009 |
| Nick Lamb | 11/2009 |
| Scott Lunden | 7/2009 (photos to follow soon) |
| Nick Swoboda | 11/2009 |
| Brian Weigle | 1/2010 |

Firefighter Alex Barna VI

February 2009

Firefighter Barna is a native Floridian who grew up in Melbourne (in fact, he was born at Holmes Regional Medical Center) where he graduated from Melbourne High School and went on to BCC.

He was studying history and education at BCC when realized he wanted to follow his dream of being a firefighter. He left BCC and began attending FMTI, where he received his state firefighter certification in September 2005.

Firefighter Barna began his career at Titusville Fire Department, then left to work for Palm Bay Fire-Rescue.

Firefighter Barna enjoys fishing and surfing in his spare time, but his main job, other than firefighting, is being Daddy to his 1 ½ year old son.

Firefighter Barna lives locally with his beloved wife and son.

Firefighter Barna and
Tanker 4 ↓



Firefighter Barna
and E4



Firefighter/EMT Craig Darakis

July 18, 2009

Firefighter Craig Darakis comes to us from southern Florida, where he lives with his family and twin brother, Brian, who recently went through Palm Bay Fire-Rescue's agility testing.

Firefighter Darakis attended Wellington High School, where he was on the weight lifting team, then on to Florida State Fire College in Ocala, receiving his state fire certification in November of 2007.

Firefighter Darakis and his brother do pressure cleaning, auto detailing, and water treatment as side jobs. In his free time, he enjoys fishing and being outdoors.

Firefighter Darakis is single.



Firefighter Darakis stretches while waiting for the Agility Testing to begin...



F.F. Darakis in front of E1



and B1



Firefighter Jonathan Di Rocco

May 4, 2009

McGuire AFB, New Jersey is Firefighter Di Rocco's birthplace, and he has lived in Florida for over 19 years now.

Jonathan has a fraternal twin who is an artist, with work on display all over the US. He also builds/designs surfboards and has done artwork for NASA, which is on display there. Firefighter Di Rocco is very proud of him.

After graduating, Jonathan spent some time with his older brother, who is in the military. While observing his brother, he realized he wanted a military-style career, so he went into firefighting. Why firefighting? He liked the work schedule, as it would allow him to spend time with his family and friends, and he always considered firefighters to be role models.

Firefighter Di Rocco spends his spare time with music (he plays guitar and sings), art, and being with his friends and family.



F.F. Di Rocco
prior to agility
testing



F.F. Di Rocco
in front of
brush 2



D.E./P.M.
Parente'
checks his
vitals after
agility testing



F.F./E.M.T. Jonathan Di Rocco

Firefighter/EMT Nick Lamb

November 7, 2009

Firefighter Benjamin “Nick” Lamb was born in Homestead, Florida, graduating from South Dade Senior High School in 2006. Firefighter Lamb’s father is a Lieutenant with Miami Dade Fire Rescue (going on his 26th year of service with them), having a great deal of influence on, and providing inspiration to, his son as he grew up surrounded by the fire service.

Firefighter Lamb attended Miami Dade Fire Academy after graduating high school, later moving to Haines City to accept a position as a Firefighter/EMT. Firefighter Lamb made the decision to relocate to the East Coast due to better opportunities for his family. He is a certified paramedic, currently doing his “interning” to become a Solo Paramedic with PBF-R.

Firefighter Lamb enjoys sporting activities such as golf, hunting, and fishing. He basically enjoys any outdoor activity.

Firefighter Lamb married his childhood sweetheart (they met in fourth grade), and they recently have welcomed their first child, Hailey Alexis, into their family.



Firefighter/EMT Nick Swoboda

November 9, 2009

Firefighter Nick Swoboda comes to us from Boynton Beach, Florida. Nick attended Germantown High School in Memphis, and comes from a family of professionals. Nick's mother was a public safety officer with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, and is now a doctor. He has two brothers attending FSU, one studying education and one medicine.

Firefighter Swoboda received his state fire certification in 2008 after attending Central Florida Fire School.

Nick enjoys fishing and boating – anything outdoors. He also races motorcycles and has won a number of races; however, he prefers riding for fun.

F.F. Swoboda in front of Engine 2



F.F./E.M.T. Nick Swoboda

Firefighter/EMT Brian Weigle

January 18, 2010

Firefighter/EMT Brian Weigle is a native Floridian. He was born in Holmes Regional Medical Center, attended Turner Elementary School, Southwest Junior High School, and graduated from Palm Bay High School in 1994.

Firefighter Weigle formerly worked in the construction business doing aluminum screened rooms, turning to other construction avenues until the construction business took a downturn. It was then Firefighter Weigle decided to go to fire school. He grew up next door to a fireman (retired Batt. Chief Dooley from Melbourne), who always had a big influence in his life. He believed this would be the right move for him and his family.

Firefighter Weigle lives in Palm Bay with his family, which includes a blended group of six children. While he has a number of interests, his children and their activities come first .



Firefighter Weigle's future position – Driver/Engineer...



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