



# Fuquay-Varina Fire Department

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT BATTALION CHIEF DUSTIN GRIMES SEPTEMBER 2022

How long have you worked for the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department?

I joined as a volunteer in 2003 and was hired full-time in 2005.

What does your job entail?

I am the C-Shift Battalion Chief. I respond to emergency scenes and act as the Incident Commander on various types of calls. I also supervise 18 firefighters at 3 fire stations.

What do you like most about your job?

I like the camaraderie of the fire service and working in the town I grew up in.

What is the best career lesson you've learned so far?

Always take time to listen to new ideas.

What would you do (for a career) if you weren't in the fire service?

I would probably be helping my father-in-law on his farm.

What do you like to do when you aren't working?

I enjoy hunting, fishing, and spending time with my family.

What's a fun fact about you many people may not know?

I have a twin brother that also works for the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department.

If you could choose anywhere in the world to vacation where would you go?

Ireland.

What is your motto or personal mantra?

Listen more and speak less.

If you could meet anyone in the world, dead or alive, who would it be and why?

Wyatt Earp. I would like to talk to him about what it was like in the west.

Three words to best describe you?

Loyal, Trustworthy, and Friendly.

What is the one thing you can't live without?

Sunglasses.

What tv show/movie are you ashamed to admit you love?

I wouldn't say love, but I do enjoy watching house flipping shows on HGTV with my wife.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

I would love to be able to fly.

What is one food that you cannot resist?

It's hard for me to resist a good cheeseburger.

What is your favorite fire safety message?

"Working smoke alarms save lives!"



Dustin and his wife, Melanie, and their son, Luke.