



Fuquay-Varina Fire Department

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT FIREFIGHTER MATTHEW ETHERIDGE DECEMBER 2022

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

I have worked at the Fuquay-Varina Fire Department for 1 year and 2 months.

What is your job title and what does your job entail?

I am a Firefighter 1 and my job entails responding to emergency incidents and maintaining equipment.

What do you like most about your job?

I like my job because it is different every day.

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

I have learned that every situation is different so treat every situation accordingly.

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

If I wasn't in the fire service I would be a lineman.

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

When I'm not working I enjoy fishing and playing video games.

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

A fun fact about me that many people do not know is that I am also a volunteer firefighter with the Kenly Fire Department.

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

If I could vacation anywhere in the world it would be the Bahamas.

What is your motto or personal mantra?

My personal mantra is, "Take it one step at a time."

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

If I could meet anyone in the world it would be Jordan Stall because I like the Carolian Hurricanes.

Three words to best describe you?

Three words that best describe me are Funny, Outgoing, and Honest.

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

One thing I can't live without is Mountain Dew.

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

A tv show I enjoy watching that I am ashamed to admit is "Lucifer".

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

If I could have one superpower it would be to have powers like the Hulk so no weight is an option.

What is one food that you cannot resist?

One food I cannot resist is wings.

What is your favorite fire safety message?

My favorite fire safety message is, "Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries." When the time changes, change your smoke detector batteries.