

VERGA FIRE COMPANY

CHIEF ANTHONY
AJ
FERRIOLA



DISPATCH 6-2





**YOU GET OUT OF IT WHAT
YOU PUT INTO IT**

THE CHALLENGE OF LEADERSHIP

Bridging the gaps and building relationships. As a Leader AJ always look to improve things inside and outside the organization.

Anthony (AJ) currently serves as Chief of the Verga Volunteer Fire Company. Born on March 10, 1976, in Philadelphia PA, and a native of South Philadelphia, he joined the Verga Volunteer Fire Company on March 13, 1992, at the age of 16 based on the recommendation of his good friend and fellow firefighter— Captain Brian Robison.

AJ quickly adapted to the role of a junior firefighter. By the fall of 1994 at age 18, he was enrolled in the Gloucester County Fire Academy's **Firefighter I** program and later received his **Firefighter II** designation in 2012.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- Firefighter I, II
- Vehicle Extrication I, II, III
- Industrial Firefighting
- Advanced Foam Training
- Certified EMT
- CPR Instructor
- Fire Instructor

"I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF LEADING, AND I FULLY INTEND ON TAKING IT TO A HIGHER LEVEL."

AJ is a valued member of the Fire Fighting, Law Enforcement, and EMT community.

Chief Ferriola has received specialized rescue training for mutable types of rescues at the Camden County Fire Academy; including, vehicle **Extrication I, II and III**. In an effort to augment his skill sets, throughout the years AJ also attended a wide variety of fire training seminars, leadership conferences, and incident command training courses. This included **Industrial Firefighting and Advanced Foam Training** at Texas A&M Fire Academy.

In 1994, he furthered his emergency services role by enrolling into the Emergency Medical Technician course at the AMR Mid Atlantic Institute and receiving his certification as a certified EMT.

As he worked and volunteered, AJ rose to the rank of Chief of Operations

for West Deptford EMS. He received the Lieutenants and president's award for dedication and service. In 2000 he accepted a position as an EMT for National Event Services where he rose to the position of EMS Operations Manager, providing a high level of EMS services at special events. He later joined the Philadelphia Police Department in 2006 and has received mutable unit and heroism citations for life-saving events.

Married in 2017, Chief Ferriola has one child, a son named Anthony Jay Ferriola who joined the fire company as a junior firefighter in February of 2019. AJ continues his career in law enforcement and EMS. He continues to maintain his firefighting, law enforcement, and EMT certifications. With his dedication and commitment through the years, he worked his way

RISING THROUGH THE RANKS

AJ joined the Verga Volunteer Fire Company in March 1992.

up through the ranks and served in a variety of leadership roles including Lieutenant, 2nd and 1st Assistant Chief. He has also served on a variety of Fire Company committees as a member and chairperson. He is currently the Company's trustee to the West Deptford Twp. Fireman's Relief Association serves as a representative of the company on the Gloucester County Foam taskforce and is responsible for the Company's day to day operations.



ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THEN A FEW BECOME FIREFIGHTERS. BUT IF YOU THINK IT'S TOUGH BEING A FIREFIGHTER, TRY BEING A FIREFIGHTER'S WIFE.

He has a superb working relationship with West Deptford Township Officials. He coordinates and conducts other various company, township, and county drills with his fellow officers and shares his knowledge and skills with his fellow brothers and sisters. Some of his Fire Company decorations include several Hurst Green Cross Awards for life-saving during vehicle extrication





while using the Jaws of Life rescue tools and mutable CPR Life Saving awards.

Chief Ferriola is currently an active life member of the Verga Volunteer Fire Company and is dedicated to serving the residents of West Deptford Twp. He continues to participate in all aspects of the Fire Company including fire calls, bingo, company events, parades, and special activities. On March 13, 2019, he will have reached his 26th year as a firefighter with the Verga Volunteer Fire Company.

HURST GREEN CROSS & CPR LIFE-SAVING AWARDS

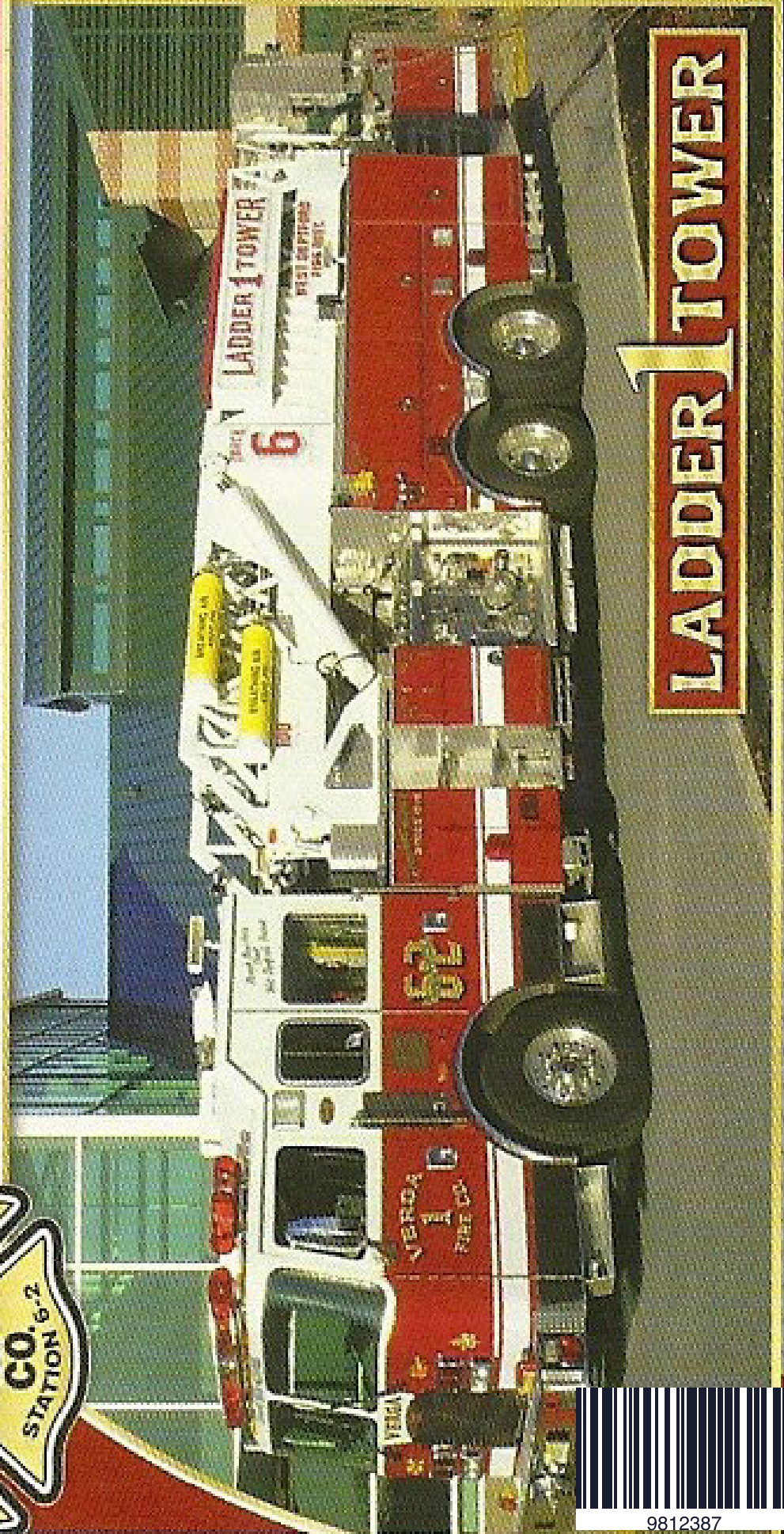
Over 26 years as a Verga Volunteer firefighter

AJ began his career in Emergency Services in 1992. He joined National Event Services as an EMT more than 20 years ago, while simultaneously working for two busy EMS 911 agencies in New Jersey. While managing the NJ operations for NES, he serves as Fire Chief of the Verga Fire Company in addition to his full-time role as a police officer in the City of Philadelphia. AJ holds numerous certifications from multiple Emergency Management agencies.



VERGA

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



LADDER 1 TOWER



9812387