



Michael C. **GOLDING** | Lieutenant/Financial Secretary


Michael Golding currently serves as the Lieutenant and Financial Secretary of the Verga Volunteer Fire Company.


Michael was born on December 26th, 1995 in Woodbury, NJ and is a native of West Deptford. He joined the Verga Fire Company on September 24th, 2014 at the age of 18 to protect and serve the residents of the Township of West Deptford. As a probationary firefighter, Michael adapted to the role quickly and expertly.

He later enrolled in the Gloucester County Fire Academy I program in the spring of 2015. The specialized training received by Michael at the Gloucester County and Camden County Fire Academy included multiple types of rescue scenarios; namely, Vehicle Extrication I and II. Additionally, Lieutenant Golding attended numerous Fire, Leadership, and Incident Command training courses so as to augment his skills in an effort to better serve his community.

In 2018, Lieutenant Golding advanced his emergency services capabilities by enrolling in the Emergency Medical Technician course at the Camden County Fire Academy, where he received his certification, making him a qualified and certified EMT.

Also, in 2018, Michael was employed as an EMT for National Event Services, where he expertly provided emergency medical services at special events.

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As a Nuclear Security Officer at the Salem Hope Creek Power Generation Plant in Lower Alloways Creek, NJ, Michael constantly contributes while participating in numerous community service events; such as, The West Deptford Township Safety Town program.

Michael served as a teen volunteer by helping to teach the children of West Deptford who were entering kindergarten. The topics included “*Stranger Danger*,” “*Safe Ways to Walk Around Town*,” “*Cross the Street*,” and of course, “*Fire Safety*.”

Since 2014, Lieutenant Golding has demonstrated his volunteerism by contributing his time to the *New Jersey Special Olympics State Games*, as well as the 2015 *Special Olympic World Games* held in Los Angeles, California.

Continuing his proven record of providing service, Michael received the honorable rank of Eagle Scout in the prestigious Boy Scouts of America organization for Troop 9 of West Deptford. This commendation was a direct result of Michael learning numerous leadership and survival skills during his 6 years in the Boy Scout organization.

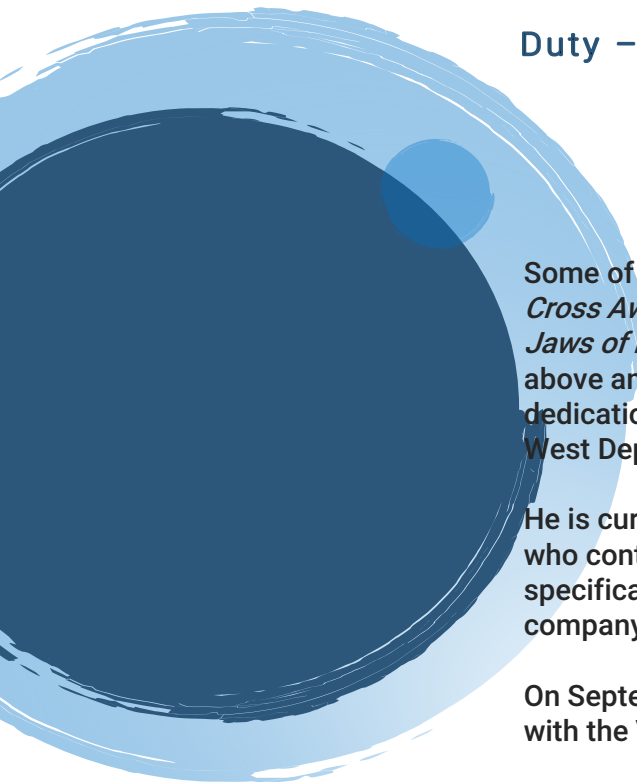
He continues to maintain his Firefighting and EMT certifications. With his dedication and commitment throughout the years, he has worked his way upwards; thus, resulting in several leadership roles. These include Lieutenant and Financial Secretary.

Furthermore, Lieutenant Golding also served on a variety of Fire Company committees, either as a member or chairperson. He is currently the Company’s representative for the *West Deptford Township Training Committee*. In addition, he is the Company’s liaison to the *West Deptford Township Firemen’s Relief Association* and continues to provide day-to-day assistance in the operation of the Company. Michael exhibits a superb working relationship with his fellow officers of the Verga Volunteer Fire Company.

In his current role, Michael conducts and coordinates various Company and Township drills with his fellow officers by sharing his knowledge and skills.



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Some of his Fire Company decorations include the admired *Hurst Green Cross Award* for life-saving during vehicle extrication while using the *Jaws of Life* rescue tools, and the *Firefighter of the Year Award* for going above and beyond the call of duty. This award is a direct reflection of his dedication and service to the firehouse, as well as to the residents of West Deptford.

He is currently an active member of the Verga Volunteer Fire Company who continues to participate in all aspects of the Fire Company; specifically, by responding to fire calls, contributing to BINGO, partake in company events, and taking part in all special activities.

On September 24th, 2019, Michael will reach his 5th year as a firefighter with the Verga Fire Company.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

