



In the Spotlight

Highlighting Exceptional Employees

Phil Williams

Mechanic Supervisor, Fleet Division, Public Works

Joined Town: March 24, 1997

Phil Williams started working for the Town of Chapel Hill more than 16 years ago, close to the day his daughter Katy was born. During that time, his job has become more challenging due to changes in vehicle technology and increased number of vehicles and miles driven. The pace is picking up, and there is never a slow day. Fire trucks that used to travel 3,000 miles in six months now do 3,000 miles in three months or less, so more maintenance is required.

Phil says he and his team make miracles happen. He oversees fleet maintenance of Town vehicles and equipment, ranging from fire trucks and police vehicles to rear loaders, backhoes, lawn mowers and dump trucks. This includes making repairs when equipment breaks down, preventative maintenance and complying with state inspections.

Phil studied auto repair at Nashville Auto-Diesel College and business administration at Alamance Community College and Greensboro Technical and Community Col-

lege. He enjoys working on a wide variety of equipment and is Master ASE-certified in Medium Heavy Duty Trucks, Automobiles, and EVT (Emergency Vehicle Technicians). These certifications require completing seven to eight tests.

His work ethic was honed during his military service in the Navy, starting as a construction mechanic in the Seabees. He would meet the requirements needed and would always help out, wherever he was sent. When assigned to his duty station at Coronado Island, Calif., in Navy Special Warfare, he volunteered to be a member of a seven-man team that was deployed for a National Security Initiative working in tandem with the Navy SEALs.

Phil has been married to his wife, Kathy, since 1994, and they have a 16-year-old daughter, Katy.

He does a lot of volunteer work with military veteran groups, including the State Veterans House in Salisbury, where he visits with veterans, especially those who are wounded or suffering from PTSD.

Value in the Spotlight

Safety



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His hobbies are quarterhorses (he has two—Apollo and Gail), and jet skis. He loves the ocean, especially Ocean Isle and the Intercoastal Waterway.

—By Melanie Miller, *Communications and Public Affairs*

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- Responsibility**
- Equity**
- Safety**
- Professionalism**
- Ethics**
- Communication**
- Teamwork**

