

(News Flash!!) The Findlay Fire department will close Station One's doors forever on August 31st!!

Okay, maybe a drastic reaction but this will be the last day of service for Lisa Phillips, the fire department Administrative Assistant who will complete 25 years of civil service to the city of Findlay. Without her behind the scenes providing vital support to the firefighters, Chief Eberle, and the city, there will be huge shoes to fill. On any average day she is the voice for the department to citizens, handles payroll, annual reports, questions from the crews, schedules tours, and orders "everything from toilet paper to fire trucks" to keep the department running.

Lisa started out serving other and her country as a young lady in the US Navy. For six years she was stationed at Pearl Harbor using her top-secret clearance to screen incoming messages for the Commander in Chief of the Pacific fleet. Due to her excellent skills she was requested to stay her entire time in the Intelligence office.

She left the service as Petty Officer E-5.

Life took her to California and eventually to Findlay, Ohio where she settled in. She took a job as a police dispatcher with the Findlay PD in 1993. She loved the job but with a grandfather, father and uncles serving in fire departments she was drawn away in 1997 to be the administrative assistant for the fire department. She has served under three chiefs and has seen many faces hire

on and also retire among the fire fighting personnel. The "guys have been awesome to work with, they treat me wonderful, like family."

Lisa is married to a firefighter, Rod, a captain with FFD. She has two children, Brandi and Rory, and three grandbabies. In her retirement Lisa and Rod plan to spend Fall and Winter in Arizona where they will each ride their new Harleys. Spring and Summer they will return to Findlay to be closer

to family. They love to "glam camp" in Vanlue.

As for what lies next for Lisa, "I don't know what the next adventures are. I want to exercise and get healthy and enjoy life. I will miss this so much. I have never not worked, nor not had a place to go each day."

Enjoy your retirement Lisa. You will be missed by the fire fighting family and the city of Findlay. Take care and enjoy the wind in your face.

