



Check out a Human Book at the Uxbridge Public Library! Borrow a Human Book for a conversation and discover, “You can judge a book by its cover!” The Human Library is a great opportunity to talk to different members of our community and celebrate diverse experiences and viewpoints.

What is a Human Library?

A Human Library gives readers an opportunity to speak one-on-one with a Human Book...a real person on loan!


What are Human Books?

Human Books are people with interesting and/or inspirational stories to tell that are often about the experiences they have faced because of their race, gender, job, lifestyle or cultural background. Learn about the lives of people who are different from you. Listen to their stories. Gain inspiration. Ask questions about their experiences, lifestyle, job, beliefs and background.

We have a fantastic line-up of literature which includes: journalists, authors, fireman, politicians, entrepreneurs, principal, martial arts Master, formagere, criminal lawyer, and the arts community.

How do I reserve a Human Book?

Take a look below at the Living Books available in our Human Library catalogue. Find one you like and contact the Adult Circulation Desk at 905-852-9747. Then come down to the Uxbridge Public Library on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27 to read your book! Please read our **Guidelines for Readers**.

Book	Storyline	Available for Borrowing
<p>Sheila Maloney – Canada’s Foremost Painter of Naïve Art</p> 	<p>Sheila Ruth Maloney is a self-taught, contemporary folk artist. Her primitive designs are worked in many media.</p> <p>Sheila’s work has been shown/hung across Canada, the United States of America, England, Japan, Ireland, Germany and France.</p> <p>Her work has been purchased by The Museum of Civilization, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, and recognized by the Ontario Craft Council, The American Museum of Folk Art, New York, the Galerie Naifs et Primitifs, Paris, France, the Wexford Arts Centre, Ireland and The Famine Museum, Co. Roscommon, Ireland.</p> <p>Sheila was selected Canada winner by the Museum of American Folk Art, New York in a world wide quilt contest 1989 and winner of the 1992 and 1993 Canada Trust Best Folk Art Award for her paintings.</p>	<p>Saturday, October 26 1:00pm-1:55pm 2:00pm-2:25pm 2:30pm-2:55pm 3:00pm-3:25pm 3:30pm-3:55pm 4:00pm-4:25pm 4:30pm-4:55pm</p>
<p>Wynn Walters – protégé of Lord Beaverbrook – journalist – United Nations official – business executive – sculptor ... and who knows what next?</p>	<p>“Wynn Walters - the Book” is rather like a volume of short stories - with numerous chapters that seem unconnected - but have a strong link.</p> <p>Wynn was born in Wales, went to an English public (that is, private) school, and came to Canada at age 17, thanks to Lord Beaverbrook. With two university degrees in</p>	<p>Sunday, October 27 1:00pm-1:25pm 1:30pm-1:55pm 2:00pm-2:25pm 2:30pm-2:55pm 3:00pm-3:25pm 3:30pm-3:55pm 4:00pm-4:25pm 4:30pm-4:55pm</p>



communications, he worked as a journalist for the old *Toronto Telegram*, before going to the Middle East for six years to work as a United Nations official. Returning to Canada, he worked for some 28 years in the telecommunications industry, with Bell and then with Northern Telecom, with assignments in Ottawa, Toronto and Nashville TN, where he lived for 17 years.

The last chapter brought him to Uxbridge in retirement (that's a laugh!), where he works as a sculptor and is very active in environmental and conservation issues and arts organizations. His sculptures have been shown in many exhibitions and galleries, and are in many private collections in Canada and the US. His large sculpture installations can be seen around Uxbridge, with a major installation in downtown Toronto. He is currently working on a life-size bronze sculpture of Lucy Maud Montgomery.

(Note: *Wynn Walters - the Book* is not available on Kobo - the author resists being digitized)

Master Jason A.J. Mouna
Uxbridge Taekwondo Academy

Born in Nairobi, Kenya – April 26, 1969
I studied accounting at Strathmore College School of Accounting the top rated college in Nairobi, Kenya.

I immigrated to Canada in 1991 to marry my high school sweetheart and continue a career in finance and

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accounting.

For ten years from 1991 I worked as an accountant / financial analyst for several of the fortune five hundred companies including Motorola, IBM, Autodesk and Sun Microsystems.

In 2001 I quit my job as senior financial analyst with Sun Microsystems to pursue my passion and teach Taekwondo – a Korean martial art, which is also an Olympic sport. In May 2002 I opened Uxbridge Taekwondo Academy (UTA)

Over the past 11 years several national champions have come from UTA, including myself and all my three children, over 80 students have earned their black belt, some with special needs. I was selected captain for Team Canada at the 2006 World Championships, in Seoul, Korea. I have watched one of my students with cancer achieve her black belt; part of her “bucket list”, only to die three weeks later. So far it has been an incredible journey and I am blessed each day to have the opportunity to do what I love, and make a living doing it.

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David Phillips

David moved to Uxbridge in 1968 to begin his teaching career at Uxbridge Secondary School. David and his wife Anne were married in 1969 and have a daughter Nancy and son in law Brian Alexander and of course four year old

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granddaughter Rachel.

He taught in Uxbridge (four years) and at Anderson in Whitby (30 years). Following his teaching career, he has been working on safety procedures for The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Lately, his position has focused on First Nations and their “education” in residential schools. He has attended three Truth and Reconciliation Hearings (Saskatoon, Montreal and Vancouver) to hear the stories from survivors and/ or their families of those schools. As well he has visited several First Nations Reserves and led many workshops across Canada.

Do you know about residential schools and the effect on Canada and do you know who was involved in them as leaders and students? Find out more from David at the Human Library.

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Paula Todd
 Canadian journalist, investigative reporter, broadcaster, lawyer and author, Professor

Paula Todd is a Canadian journalist, investigative reporter, broadcaster, lawyer and author. She is a professor of broadcast and print journalism at Seneca@York, and is a frequent speaker on reporting, literacy and freedom of the press.

Todd sits on the Board of Directors of Canadian Journalists for Free Expression and chairs its Digital Issues Committee. In 2012, she travelled with Nobel Peace Prize winner Jody Williams to

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Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico as a journalist embedded with the Nobel Women's Initiative's investigation into escalating attacks on women and human rights defenders.

In 2012, she published an eBook about Canadian serial killer Karla Homolka. She was commissioned in 2012 to write two non-fiction books for publishing house McClelland & Stewart.

Michael Banh
Dentist, Giving back to the
Community





Dr. Michael Banh's parents and six siblings fled Viet Nam as Boat Refugees in 1979 with little more than some food and the clothes they were wearing. His family spent a year in a refugee camp on an island near Indonesia, before being sponsored to Canada by a local group of volunteers - his mother 5 months pregnant at the time. Dr. Banh was born at the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital a few months after his family arrived in Uxbridge. It's no coincidence that his Chinese name means "A New Beginning". Despite the challenges he and his family faced in a new country, they were able to start a new life thanks to the warm embrace of altruistic individuals and the Uxbridge community.

Dr. Banh has practised general dentistry in Uxbridge since completing his dental degree at the U of T. His life experiences have shaped his commitment to giving back to the Uxbridge

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	<p>community, supporting a plethora of local organizations and events. He has also been involved in two medical/dental missions to Ghana, Africa providing free dental care for the local population. Dr. Banh is an active member of The Rotary Club of Uxbridge, enabling him to become more involved in the community and abroad, currently serving as Chair of The International Services Committee. In his free time, Dr. Banh enjoys reading about economics and history, watching movies, and spending time with his wife and their newborn son, Kai.</p>	
<p>Colin Clark Uxbridge Firefighter, Public Educator</p> 	<p>I started as a Firefighter for the Uxbridge Fire Department in 2006. After completing the Firefighter Curriculum at the Ontario Fire College it became clear that the educational process is never ending. After years of responding to emergency calls you realize how important training is. In this ever changing world we live in, a continued education is part of being a Firefighter. It is also something I thoroughly enjoy. Seven years after first setting foot on the fire ground I am working as a Public Education Officer.</p> <p>Our Public Education program teaches our community what to do in an emergency situation. Having a home escape plan for your family ensures that in the event of a fire, everyone can safely exit the dwelling and be</p>	<p>Sunday, October 27 1:00pm-1:25pm 1:30pm-1:55pm 2:00pm-2:25pm 2:30pm-2:55pm 3:00pm-3:25pm 3:30pm-3:55pm 4:00pm-4:25pm 4:30pm-4:55pm</p>

	<p>accounted for at a common meeting place. Having working smoke alarms on every floor of your home will give your family the time required to exit your home in the case of a fire.</p> <p>The Uxbridge Fire Department is dedicated to training and delivering quality services to the community. We are constantly adapting our skills and tactics. Through these efforts and a community educated in fire safety, we can all work together to make Uxbridge “fire safe”.</p> <p>For more information on fire safety call: (905) 852-3393</p>	
<p>Cecilia Smith The Passionate Fromager The Passionate Cook’s Essentials</p> 	<p>I emigrated from England to Canada at the age of 23 with my husband of one month. In England I had trained and worked as a Registered Nurse, in Canada I continued this work as an RN in mental health for over 30years.</p> <p>I had always had a passion for food since I was little girl and was making Christmas cakes from my adult cook book from the age of nine. My mother was quite happy to let me lose in the kitchen as cooking was not one of her passions. At fifteen I had made my first three-tier wedding cake for my high school secretary and went on to make many others including my own.</p> <p>Then six years ago a friend of mine who owned goats made some cheese from the goat’s milk and that tweaked my interest, so armed with a</p>	<p>Saturday, October 26 10:00am-10:25am 10:30am-10:55am 11:00am-11:25am 11:30am-11:55am Reserved 12:00pm-12:25pm 12:30pm-12:55pm 1:00pm-1:55pm LUNCH 2:00pm-2:25pm 2:30pm-2:55pm 3:00pm-3:25pm 3:30pm-3:55pm 4:00pm-4:25pm 4:30pm-4:55pm</p>

	<p>cheese-making book she recommended I started to make cheese Cheddar, Leicester, Gouda, Feta. This was fun even though there were many miserable failures. It was cooking and a science lab in the kitchen, pure joy.</p> <p>Because of making cheese I became fascinated in the many types of cheese that were available. Having always loved cheese I decided it was time to expand my taste buds. On a six-month stay in Atlanta and leave of absence from my job I went on a cheese hunt tracking down as many American cheese's that I could find. There are a lot of amazing artisanal cheeses in America unfortunately for us we cannot obtain many of these little gems up here.</p> <p>On return to Canada I registered at George brown and obtained my Professional Fromager certificate. A friend of mine connected me with Lisa Hutchinson the owner of ' The Passionate. Cooks Essential's' and a great cheese relationship developed.</p> <p>Now I am the Fromager for the store, which is a very different career, and I now make Cheese wedding cakes.</p>	
<p>Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor Mayor of Uxbridge Township</p>	<p>Gerri Lynn O'Connor has lived the majority of her life in Uxbridge and has been an active member in the community. For several years she owned and operated a retail store in the downtown core. She has two children, a son and</p>	<p>Saturday, October 26 10:00am-10:25am 10:30am-10:55am 11:00am-11:25am 11:30am-11:55am 12:00pm-12:25pm 12:30pm-12:55pm 1:00pm-1:55pm LUNCH</p>



a daughter, and is the proud grandmother of a little girl, Layla.

Gerri Lynn has been the Mayor of the Township of Uxbridge for 24 years, and although she retired in 2006, she ran and won the 2010 Mayoral race.

She also has played an active role as a Regional Politician, and is a member of the Greater Toronto Mayors and Chairs Committee. She is also currently Chair of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

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Conrad Boyce
 Writer, Actor, Director



Conrad first discovered the magic of the theatre while in high school in Edmonton. Since then, he has acted, sung and even danced (though not his forte...) in dozens of performances all across Canada and the U.S., occasionally in Europe, and on cruise ships sailing both the Pacific and Atlantic! He has performed in concert halls for thousands, in intimate theatres for a handful, and everywhere in between.

Currently, Conrad's focussing his career on a series of one-man performances, developed by him, featuring the work of poet Robert W. Service, the "Bard of the Yukon". The shorter pieces are designed for use in schools, the longer ones for house concerts or theatres large and small.

Conrad Boyce produced his first

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	<p>play while still a student at the University of Alberta and became a first-time director shortly after. In the four decades since, he has been at the helm of more than 200 productions, indoors and outdoors, with cast sizes from one to 700, from Shakespeare to original shows that needed to be put together almost overnight. He has worked in every aspect of theatre production, from lighting design to adapting lyrics. For several years, he was the technical manager of the Uxbridge Music Hall, a 300-seat historic building in a busy Toronto suburb. He is an expert at guiding a crew of volunteers with widely varying experience toward a finished product that, from where the audience sits, seems fully professional.</p> <p>For more than 30 years, Conrad Boyce has specialized in bringing historical characters to the stage. Drawing on his training as a journalist, and his long experience in every aspect of the theatre, he has created plays in a variety of formats, designed for a variety of venues and audiences, and set in a wide diversity of eras and places.</p> <p>Conrad is the founding editor of the Cosmos.</p>	
<p>Shelley Macbeth Blue Heron Books</p>	<p>Ask her about her favourite author experiences...</p> <p>Which author required a bottle of expensive, excellent vintage</p>	<p>Saturday, October 26 1:00pm-1:55pm 2:00pm-2:25pm 2:30pm-2:55pm 3:00pm-3:25pm</p>



red wine be in place at the Music Hall? Which author brought his whole extended family to the reading? Which author (recently in the news...) declaimed his own book as not worthy of the Governor General's Award it had just won? Which author read from Jonathan Franzen's *The Corrections* rather than his own book? Which author received \$25,000 from an unknown benefactor to write her book, and then, when the book was published, paid it forward? Which author was mistaken for the waiter at Books and Brunch and fetched ketchup for a table of ladies who were there for his reading?

These questions and many more will all be answered if you 'check out' this book.

Involved with the store since 1992, has been at the helm since 2005. Knows her books, her authors, and her customers; amazing things happen when they all come together at one of the multitude of events the store hosts throughout the year. Pick a genre and you'll get a solid recommendation. In the publishing world she has been called a book promotion machine.

Shelley owns one of the top 10 favourite Canadian bookstores

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Cathy Christoff
Roxy Theatres

Cathy Christoff has been married for 35 years to Mark, she has 2 daughters, Caitlin (27)

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and Lauren (24),

She is a successful business person, who is the owner of Roxy Theatres and Christoff Development Corporation.

Cathy is also a community volunteer. She is the founder and coordinator of the youth group Roxy Kids in Action for the past 16 years. She has served 12 years on the Uxbridge Cottage Hospital Foundation Board, Voices of Youth coordinator for 4 years and served on the Uxbridge Youth Centre Board for 4 years

Cathy is the Founder of Uxperience, Uxbridge's annual spring variety show. She is heavily involved in Community theatre, both on and off stage, with Onstage Uxbridge, Borelians in Port Perry, Scugog Choral Society, Seventh Star Productions, and The Curtain Club in Richmond Hill

Cathy is a proud Rotarian Member with the Uxbridge Club, serving as Chair of the Youth and Vocational committee.



Last but not least she is home and cottager renovator (she never met a power tool she didn't like)

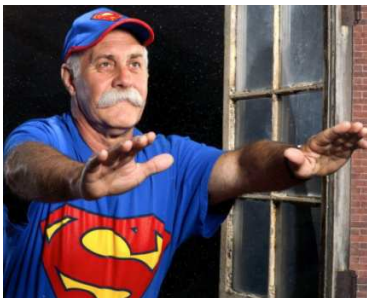
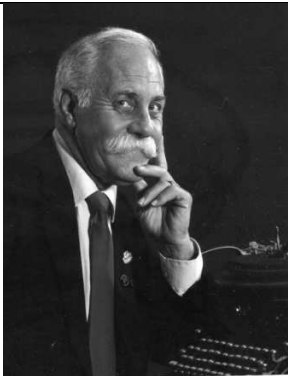
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Scott Rutledge
 Rutledge Jewellers

Scott Rutledge, the owner of Rutledge Jewellers, has been in the jewellery business for more than 30 years. After starting his profession in a small family-run jewellery store, Scott left

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	<p>Canada to train internationally. Upon receiving his credentials, Scott returned to Canada to open Rutledge Jewellers in Uxbridge.</p>	<p>3:30pm-3:55pm 4:00pm-4:25pm 4:30pm-4:55pm</p>
<p>Jim Williamson Williamson Uxbridge</p> 	<p>Jim Williamson continues the Williamson name as part of the 3rd generation in the automobile business. Jim's grandfather Alex Williamson started the business in 1947 as an imperial gas station. Today Williamson's has the full General Motors line up and recently purchased the Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram franchise . With the purchase of the new dealership Jim was appointed Dealer Principal and General Manager at the Chrysler location. Jim continues the Williamson way of business based on the key fundamentals around which his grandfather built the business, a welcoming atmosphere and providing the best customer experience possible. Jim will bring to the human library a story of a family business that has expanded over the last few years as well as his own story of life in the car business in his 16 year career.</p>	<p>Sunday, October 27 1:00pm-1:25pm 1:30pm-1:55pm 2:00pm-2:25pm 2:30pm-2:55pm 3:00pm-3:25pm 3:30pm-3:55pm 4:00pm-4:25pm 4:30pm-4:55pm</p>
<p>John Cavers</p>	<p>I have been involved in the education field for 46 years, both full time and supply teaching. Highly involved in fundraising for charities...Cancer Society, Boys and Girls Clubs, Special Olympics, Optimists,</p>	<p>Saturday, October 26 10:00am-10:25am 10:30am-10:55am 11:00am-11:25am 11:30am-11:55am 12:00pm-12:25pm 12:30pm-12:55pm</p>




Uxbridge Educational Trust Fund, Lions Club, Easter Seals, stopconcussions.com, Minor Hockey, The Phyllis Gretzky Foundation. I also am involved with the Big Brothers Mentoring Program(13 years).


I have had the privilege to work with many celebrities, Walter Gretzky, JohnAllan Cameron, Michael Burgess, Kenneth Welsh, Paul Rosen(Gold Medalist Team Canada Para-Olympics), the Hanson Brothers(Slapshot), John McDermott, David Risk(World Renowned Artist), plus numerous NHLers(current and former).

I have been performing my "Superman Magic show" for about 30 years all around the province. I've been on Breakfast Television, The A Channel in Barrie and even to New York State,Woodstock.

I have been performing "Santa Claus" shows with Mrs. Claus for about 15 years(over 20 per season) all over Ontario.

Recently I have developed a photography business, with several galleries selling my work. My pictures are often featured in the Uxbridge Cosmos. The Toronto Sun has published my pictures, as well as The Haliburton Echo, The Haliburton Highlander, along with calendars, and the magazine, The Hockey News. A book written by Keith Primeau, "Concussed" featured my pictures. Recently a surfer

	<p>from Hawaii used one of my pictures in his book about surfing in the Great Lakes. I am an avid outdoorsman, kayaking, swimming, mountain, biking, camping all over North America, and cross country skiing. I have been a Personal Fitness Trainer, Sports Co-ordinator for several thousand children in Toronto. I have coached Soccer, Baseball, Track and Field and Volleyball. I was involved in writing curriculum guidelines for Physical Education for the Toronto Board of Education.</p> <p>My wife, Nora, and I have four wonderful “grown up” kids and five equally wonderful grand-kids!</p>	
<p>Dennis Lenzin Barrister, Criminal Law</p> 	<p>Dennis Lenzin has been a criminal defence lawyer for 30 years. He has been involved in cases from shoplifting to murder and in courts from traffic court to the Supreme Court of Canada. He is happy to talk about criminal law generally, the higher profile cases of his career, or the more mundane cases. He is also very pleased to speak to aspiring future lawyers about what a career in law entails.</p> <p>He was also a Big Brother for 9 years, is currently a Rotarian, and is pleased to speak about the importance of volunteer work and the satisfaction that accompanies it.</p>	<p>Saturday, October 26 10:00am-10:25am 10:30am-10:55am 11:00am-11:25am 11:30am-11:55am 12:00pm-12:25pm 12:30pm-12:55pm</p>
<p>Steve David</p>	<p>Steve David was late for his</p>	<p>Sunday, October 27</p>

<p>Principal, Uxbridge Secondary School</p> 	<p>very first day of Kindergarten (no fault of his own) and was sent to the Principal's office. Following a lively (his mother would say "bumpy") educational road he is now approaching the end of his career - in the Principal's office, but this time on the other side of the desk in Uxbridge Secondary School.</p> <p>Beginning his teaching career instructing adults and children how to sail and ski, Steve decided that a career in education was for him. This is actually Steve's fourth "start" at Uxbridge S.S., going back to 1983 when he began his career as an English and History teacher at the school.</p> <p>Since then he has worked as a classroom teacher, Coop teacher, Department Head of English and Coop, and school administrator in six Durham high schools. He has been an educational columnist in the Uxbridge Tribune and Toronto Star and has had the chance to be part of a dramatic transformation of our educational system.</p> <p>Steve was a resident of Uxbridge for eighteen years, raised his family here, and is a proud alumnus of "Hot Air" (a local band), and "Uxperience."</p>	<p>1:00pm-1:25pm Reserved 1:30pm-1:55pm 2:00pm-2:25pm 2:30pm-2:55pm 3:00pm-3:25pm 3:30pm-3:55pm 4:00pm-4:25pm 4:30pm-4:55pm Reserved</p>
<p>Rick Hannah Swim Ontario, Musician</p>	<p>Rick was born in Toronto, raised in the Beaches and moved to what used to be Pickering Village after Grade 11. After two</p>	<p>Saturday, October 26 10:00am-10:25am 10:30am-10:55am 11:00am-11:25am</p>



more years of Secondary School and a year at Teacher's College, he began a teaching career in a one room school in Leeds County. In 1969, he and his wife Nancy relocated to Uxbridge.

Rick retired from the Durham Board of Education in 1997 after more than 34 years teaching, the latter 28 as an administrator. Community volunteerism and making music with his partner of close to 50 years remain vibrant and not mutually exclusive passions. Assisting in local schools, working with Community Care, The Township Advisory Committees and of course, competitive swimming are activities near to his heart.

Rick has been involved with Swim Ontario for over 26 years and dedicates himself to helping to ensure that Ontario continues to lead Canadian swimming at every level in his work as a member of the Swim Ontario Board of Directors since 1995 (President since 2008), President of the Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame since 2004, officiating meets from the development level to International competition, as well as volunteering for high school swimming and involvement in the Special Olympics.

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Denise Whitehead
Firefighter

I attended Seneca College in King City for 3 years taking Law Enforcement after graduating from High School. I graduated

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with High Honours with a Law Enforcement degree , and with the advice of my father, who was a District Chief with Scarborough Fire Department at the time, decided to apply in the Fire Services field.

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I was hired by the Scarborough Fire Department 25 years ago as the First Female hired on the Department.

Amalgamation of the 6 former Fire Departments occurred in 1998, and it became Toronto Fire Services, with a complement of 3200 Firefighters and 80 Fire Stations across the city.

I worked as a Fire Inspector and Public Education Officer for 18 years, and was then Promoted to Captain in the Fire Prevention Training Section. I worked in the Training Section for 5 years, and am currently stationed at Fire Station 212 in East Command as a Captain of Fire Prevention Inspections.