

Extra Connections

An interview with **Curtis Whitt**

Curtis Whitt joined the Town of Christiansburg in 2014 as Deputy Fire Marshal. As part of his duties, Whitt enforces the Town's Fire Code, inspects buildings for safety compliance and conducts fire-related investigations. He is also involved with hazmat safety and prevention.



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- Curtis Whitt

What is your favorite moment from your career so far?

I served as President of the Southwest Virginia Firefighter's Association from 2001-2002. My father was president for a time, which makes me one of three second-generation presidents. It means a lot to be recognized and elected by my peers.

What do you consider your greatest work-related accomplishment?

Being able to make the community safer through my job.

What is your favorite part of your job?

My favorite part of the job is dealing with the public because I love talking to people.

Who is your biggest influence?

My father is my biggest influence because I followed in his footsteps in the fire service. He was in the fire service for almost 40 years and served as Fire Chief for the City of Radford for more than 20 years.

What are some of your favorite places in Christiansburg?

I have a degree in architecture, so I love to see the older sections of town. These areas really embody the small town feel that Christiansburg is known for.

What do you hope to see happen in the future for Christiansburg?

I would love to see the town grow in general, but I especially hope to see growth in the Fire Department as we continue to improve our services for the Town.

What are hobbies that you enjoy outside of work?

I really enjoy biking, golfing, hiking and photography. I especially enjoy outdoor photography - my wife and I take pictures for a lot of outdoor weddings.

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?

I would travel to Ireland and England, mostly because they're places my wife would like to visit.

