

Mark Praschak Class of 1973

Retired Paramedic/Firefighter, Author

Since graduating from Franklin, Mark went on to become a State Certified, then Nationally Registered paramedic/firefighter. He worked for Baltimore City FD 1983-85 and Anne Arundel Co. FD 1985-2004, retiring in 2004. He started working as a mate on a Bay fishing boat, part-time in 1991, offshore in Ocean City from 1993 to date. He got his USCG Captain's License in 1999 and started his part-time business (Coastbusters) moving yachts in 2002. He upgraded to Master Captain in 2008. He runs his business full-time now, moving big boats everywhere. He wrote a book about his career as a paramedic/firefighter entitled "Medic 16, Medic 16": Chronicles of a Street Medic. Published in 2009. He's been a member of the Patriot Guard Riders since 2007 and a Ride Captain with them since 2008.

