Captain Jon Bradley wanted to take a moment and share a project that has been on my mind for quite some time. As technology has progressed, We now have great means to preserve history from photos taken around station life. My primary goal with this is have an easy manner to capture and retain Station life photos in the digital world. Let me break it down as to what this is and what it isn’t.

**What it is:**

1. Primarily a place to tag firefighters and retain info about people and the stations they have worked at. This will be accomplished by a lot of input from myself and any others that desire to help tag the photos. By tagging them we can make it searchable, for example to use for retirement slide shows.

2. A place for anyone with a link to upload photos from a smart device. A shortened link has been created for each station and is available for the members of each station to go in and add photos. It would be great to have one person from each station that would help tag people in that station folder.

3. This has the capability to replace the old, printed photo boards, if stations are willing to purchase a fairly cheap smart TV that will play the slide shows.

4. A place for retirees and their family to access all the photos that have been collected into the site. Paul Wilkerson has given me a copy of all the photos he had on a drive. I have uploaded most of the sorted photos and still have many more photos to share. The plan is to continue to share photo in the Facebook Charlotte’s Bravest page and connect with retirees.

5. A place to argue about who owns what photos and such. If you are in it and would like it taken down then we will remove it.

6. Some short videos can be added as well. Keep in mind there are some time restrictions to it and language in the video needs to be checked.

7. It is designed to be mobile friendly for viewing and uploading. Each station will have its own unique shortened upload link, This can be tracked and traced back to the original IP address. Be careful what you upload. Request anything that needs to be taken down promptly.

8. For Larger incidents with multiple pictures we can create albums specifically for that incident.

**What it is not:**

1. A place to post inappropriate photos and videos. This includes but is not limited too dead bodies, nudity, vulgar gestures, blood and gut photos, and photos & videos that violate HIPPA.

2. This site is not the place for rude and inappropriate comments about other firefighters or those in charge. We just need a place to tag and make things searchable.

3. It is not a place for me or anyone else to try and sell prints through the Smugmug site. If someone desire to have the photos printed then they can request a downloadable copy. Currently the site is set up for no downloads or right clicks to save as.

4. Not a place to store .RAW camera files. However, there is unlimited .jpeg and .png storage.

I am paying for this out of my own money. The site can be completely secure to only those with a link and a password if it comes to this. The ultimate goal is to have the ability to retain and tag metadata to photos. Feel free to browse and check out what is currently out there. Also comment if you know the folk in the photos or where the incident was so it can be added to the searchable metadata. Now, with the majority of Paul’s photos uploaded, I plan to start organizing, tagging, editing the galleries. Once again if anyone would find interest in helping on the admin side of this it would be greatly appreciated. We can help record the history of the CFD while we make it. Keep taking pictures and share them. I think looking back on them down the road will be priceless. Also thank you to all that have already donated pictures to the cause!

The official main page <https://stationlife.smugmug.com/> Attached is an individual link of the photo’s galleries by station and the upload links. I will be adding some more galleries for logistics, Prevention and others soon. The training and comm center folders are taking the longest currently.

Search the site here. <https://stationlife.smugmug.com/search>

Info to put in the comments, the names of the people in the picture, the address of the incident, nature of the incident, or companies / Shift assigned to the call.