

David Greenwood



David Greenwood has served in the Birmingham Fire Department since 1992. Previously, he was a firefighter for the City of Southfield. He now serves as Fire Inspector (Badge #31) for the commercial district of Birmingham along with his ongoing duties as firefighter. He also is instrumental in public education and the department's annual Open House.



David Greenwood and family

But there is more to Greenwood than the BFD. He attended and played basketball for Lake Superior State University, and from 1984 to 2005, he was the curator and historian of St. Martin De Porres (Detroit) High School Athletic Hall of Fame, blending his love of sports and history. As one of the 'unofficial' historians of the BFD, Greenwood helped set up a 2012 exhibit for the Birmingham Museum to celebrate the department's centennial, rounding up antiques and archival materials for our display.

Lisa and David Greenwood have been married 14 years and have an adored and lovely daughter, 12-year old Lauren. David volunteers for the (Dave) Bing Youth Institute, and also with Detroit Public Schools Community District, inspiring and providing guidance to young people in setting and attaining educational goals.



David Greenwood (fourth from left) is the first African American member of the Birmingham Fire Department. He is well-loved by his peers and the public.

Why I was inspired: David is a fine example of a public servant, is dedicated to helping others, and is one of the warmest and friendliest people I have met in Birmingham. Plus, he's a devoted history buff!

--Submitted by Leslie Pielack