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Out of Africa

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Yep, that's me. Hard to recognize me with that little guy climbing on my head! I took a trip to Nairobi Kenya for eight weeks to participate in a summer missions internship. I was part of an eight-person team of people from across the country who volunteered to work on various projects with the Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church. I loved every minute of it.

When I was a kid, I wanted to be a lobster fisherman because I loved lobster. I figured if I was the person catching the lobster – I could eat them whenever I wanted! Then I thought it would be cool to sell Harley Davidson motorcycles. At age 16, I joined the North Coventry Volunteer Fire Department, and I was hooked.

Here in Windsor, I get to do what I think is the motivation of most firefighters: helping people. We do fire safety training, inspections and fire investigations. The best part is showing people how they can improve their chances of surviving a fire by doing something as easy as clearing a hallway or making sure that an outside door can be opened easily.

Would you like to know if your fire extinguisher really works? Give us a call at 860-285-1971. If you can't get to Town Hall, we'll come to you. Would you feel better if you knew that your home or business was free of serious fire hazards? No lectures and no charge. That's what we're here for.

Hey, the uniform makes me easy to spot so if you see me around town, please say hello. I'm still a little new to this job so I want to get to know as many Windsor people as I can.

