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# PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

**Kenneth Hoover  
President**

## *Greetings Fellow Firefighters*



What a busy time since our last newsletter. Many things have taken place since then, and I will try to enlighten you on several of them.

Because of the severe weather, we canceled our scheduled February 2 FFAM Board meeting that was to be held in Festus, Missouri at the host hotel of our annual convention. So I re-scheduled the board meeting for March 2 in Sedalia, but again, the weatherman was predicting 6 to 8 inches of snow on top of some ice. I felt the safety of all that would be attending would be at risk and therefore canceled that meeting also. We might look for a better date but could end up just waiting for the board meeting at convention in May.

It seems like I was busy the last two months traveling around the state for difficult issues. I attended the funeral for longtime Vichy Fire Department Firefighter LeRoy Tipton held in St. James, Missouri. I had the honor but difficult task of delivering a death benefit check to John Kelly, the beneficiary of Braymer Fire Department member Gayle Bay, and then I attended the funeral of Columbia Fire Department Lieutenant Bruce Britt. Our sympathy goes out to the chiefs and members of each of these departments. May God bless each and every one of you.

Winter Fire School was a success again this year. I would like to congratulate David Hedrick and his staff for all of their hard work. Several of my firefighters

attended and said it was an excellent training opportunity.

I would also like to express our appreciation and thanks to State Fire Marshal Randy Cole who recently announced his retirement. Randy has been a strong supporter of the fire service here in Missouri. The FFAM is grateful for the relationship we have shared for many years and wish you happiness in your future endeavors.

Many things are in the planning stages for a busy spring. FFAM's annual convention to be held in Festus, the Jefferson County Fire Fighters Association is working very hard and putting together an impressive agenda for us. I would encourage everyone to register early and make plans on attending and competing in the firefighter competitions.

Immediately following the FFAM Convention, the National Fallen Fire Fighters Conference begins in Clayton, Missouri. This will also be a great opportunity to support our fallen brothers and sisters. Please register and volunteer to help. They have many activities that you could assist with.

We then have Mothers Day to celebrate and count our blessings and show our appreciation to the one that even made it possible for us to be in a career which we enjoy today.

We then quickly move into our own annual Fallen Fighters Memorial Services on Saturday, May 17 for the Candlelight Service at 9:00 p.m. and Sunday morning, May 18 at 10:30 a.m. for the Memorial Service. I am sure that Memorial Chairman Keith Smith will write more on this.

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Randy Cole  
Fire Marshal

# FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

## Missouri Division of Fire Safety



**W**anted Dead or Alive – Punxsutawney Phil - described as contributor to “cabin fever”, with small beady eyes, chubby and furry! Seriously... bring on Spring!

The bitter cold temperatures, snow and ice have challenged all of you on a daily basis and I applaud you for your commitment and dedication to protecting those you serve in these adverse conditions.

Since late fall these conditions too have attributed to a notable increase in the number of residential fire-related fatalities and injuries. From November to date, the Division has assisted with the investigation of 28 incidents resulting in 33 civilian fatalities. Many of these incidents were the result of alternative heat source uses and lack of smoke alarms. Once again, I encourage you to take every opportunity to raise the level of awareness and educate the public on the importance of adequate smoke alarm coverage. If we do not commit to this task who will?

The House Budget Committee held their final hearing on the Division’s budget following the Governor’s recommendations. These recommendations included an additional \$100K for firefighter training and an increase in the Division’s operating budget. There is an effort underway to add an additional \$100K for firefighter training, but it is too soon to tell if that will make it through the process. I appreciate the committee’s work, but more so appreciate the support from key fire service representatives, Chief Russ Mason and Fire Safety Education Chairman Tim Dorsey, who traveled to the Capitol testifying in both House and Senate budget committees supporting additional firefighter training dollars and the Division as a whole. I too

must acknowledge Chief Kenny Hoover for his work behind the scenes relating to firefighter training. Our budget now moves to the Senate Budget Committee for consideration and ultimate approval.

A number of fire service proposed legislative bills have surfaced during this session. The following link will allow you to view these proposals. Simply enter key words such as fire, fire department, etc., or the bill number in the “search” space. [www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx](http://www.house.mo.gov/billcentral.aspx)

Below are notable legislative proposals:

HB1077 – makes changes to the burn ban bill which passed last legislative session in that it removes any fireworks from being discharged during a burn ban order, removes the role of the State Fire Marshal in the decision making process to adopt a burn ban and changes the tool used to determine the conditions under which a burn ban order can be adopted by the county commission.

HB1355 – would allow 3rd and 4th class counties to opt of compliance with state regulations related to child-care and adopt local regulations.

HB1588 – removes the authority of fire and food service inspections at the local level related to nursing homes and solely places these inspections under state authority.

HB1660/SB803 – allows 3rd and 4th counties to adopt building codes upon voter approval.

HB1672/SB561 – creates a state licensing process for hobby fireworks manufacturers, prohibiting the sale or

distribution of product manufactured by a hobby manufacturer.

HB1573 – establishes funding avenue for 911 services in conjunction with any device capable of contacting 911.

Let’s talk about training and certification.

Many of you are already aware the Division is statutorily mandated to establish and maintain a voluntary training and certification program per RSMo. 320.202. As you know, at the state level, Missouri does not mandate a minimum level of training for firefighters. However, roughly 75% of Missouri fire departments serving populations of 10,000 or more citizens require fire fighter training and/or certification. This being said, year in and year out the Division has noted annual increases in the number of certifications issued. Since inception of the Division’s training and certification program in 1985, more than 78,000 certifications at various levels have been issued by the Division. One must surmise these numbers related to voluntary certification speaks highly of a much sought after and credible program. I too must acknowledge Division staff for their dedication and commitment in their efforts to meet fire service training and certification demands.

During our current fiscal year 2014, the Division contracted \$428,410 to fifteen training vendors who have and continue to provide no-cost training to Missouri’s fire service. This funding is comprised of three fund sources: general revenue provided by the General Assembly/Governor, Fire Education Fund provided by fees generated from fireworks permits/licenses, and finally Chemical Emergency Preparedness Fund

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# FIREFIGHTER DIES AT SCENE OF WALKWAY COLLAPSE

By Justin Willett, The Columbia Daily Tribune

Lieutenant Bruce Britt, a 23-year veteran of the Columbia Fire Department, died yesterday morning while working at the scene of a walkway collapse at a University of Missouri apartment complex.

Britt, 48, suffered fatal injuries while trying to assist residents at University Village, 601 S. Providence Road, Columbia Fire Chief Charles Witt said. Columbia Fire Department units responded to Building 707 of the MU apartment complex at 4:41 a.m.

Witt said Britt became entrapped after the collapse of a section of second-floor exterior walkway and was taken by ambulance to University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Witt talked about the incident during a brief news conference yesterday afternoon at Fire Station No. 1 on Orr Street.

Britt is the first Columbia firefighter to die in the line of duty since Donald "Hector" Crum was killed December 1, 1986.

Witt was joined by MU Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin, City Manager Mike Matthes and other officials. Witt said he spent the morning supporting Britt's wife, Leigh Britt, who directs the City's Office of Neighborhood Services, and he said the fire department is working with the family to meet their immediate needs.

Loftin also offered his condolences. "Let me offer, on behalf of the entire university community, the heartfelt thanks we feel for the Columbia Fire Department, for the first responders who this morning ensured the safety of a number of students and their families who were in the affected facility," he said. "These are difficult times for all of us. We are especially ... sending our condolences to Lieutenant Britt's family in this very difficult time."

No residents of University Village were injured during the incident. MU

spokesman Christian Basi said there are 12 units in the building, and there were approximately 18 people home at the time of the incident.

Residents were evacuated, and Basi said they are being housed in multiple hotels and being offered assistance to meet their immediate needs.

Loftin said the university started "a thorough inspection" of all buildings in the University Village complex after the incident. He said all MU residential facilities were being inspected, and tomorrow all campus buildings will be inspected.

"It's for peace of mind and to make sure we have no other issues," Basi said.

MU Facilities crews and construction workers braced the remaining sections of walkway on Building 707. Crews also were working on other buildings in the complex.

MU graduate student Ghazwan Alwan, who said he has lived at University Village for a month and a half, said he heard a loud crash about 4 a.m. He said he and his wife, who is pregnant, were asleep. "We were shocked, we didn't know what to do," he said.

Alwan said when he looked out from his second-floor apartment in Building 707 he saw the walkway was falling. It had not yet fully collapsed. He called 911.

Alwan said shortly after the first responders arrived, a firefighter was on the walkway outside his apartment trying to communicate with him through a window. He said he told the firefighter not to come on the walkway because it wasn't safe, and shortly after that the walkway collapsed with the firefighter on it.

"I was just telling him ... and suddenly he fell down," Alwan said.

Alwan said firefighters evacuated residents out of back windows using ladders.

He and his wife are now staying with friends, and he said they were told they should be able to get into their apartment to get their belongings today.

Alwan said he and his wife came here from Iraq for this semester. He said they will be moving out and will not live in a university apartment again. "I will not stay in this kind of apartment anymore. I will not feel safe here," he said.

Alwan said about three weeks ago the building was evacuated because of high levels of carbon monoxide. He expressed concerns about the building not being properly maintained.

Basi said he doesn't know the last time the building was inspected but it has been within the past couple years.

University Village is near the southwest corner of Providence and Stewart roads adjacent to the MKT Trail. It was built in 1955, Basi said. It has one- and two-bedroom units and is for students who have children, single graduate students and undergraduates older than 21, according to the MU Residential Life website.

Saturday evening, about 75 people, many of them residents of University Village, gathered for a candlelight vigil at the apartment complex to honor Britt.

Lina Trigos, who said she has lived in University Village for three years with her husband and son, organized the event.

"It's very sad this happened," she said. "It's something you don't expect ... because it could be any of us, but it was this person who came here to serve the community. He was brave."

Resident Nayereh Ghazanfarpour, who has lived at University Village with her husband since this summer, was among the attendees. "It was respectful for us to come here because he put his life" at risk "to save people. He saved my friends," she said.

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## AN UPDATE FROM THE



# 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Charlie Neubert

**H**ello again everybody! Sure was nice to see so many of you at this year's Winter Fire School. Once again MU FRTI put together an excellent school and program. Thank to all for all of your hard work and endless hours !

This is also a very busy time of year for Jaime, the FFAM Secretary, getting all of the renewals for this year's membership, plus adding the new members and departments, and getting it done in a very timely manner, Jaime you are awesome!

For the rest of us, board members and our general membership check with your neighboring departments and ask if they have signed up for membership this year. It is a group effort that we all take part in to make the FFAM work and membership is no different. Being a member myself for so many years it is as big a part of my life and family. I am so proud to have all of you in my life. That, I think, is how we all feel, if you attend the State Fair Fire Department in August, or the yearly Convention, this year in Festus, or any of our other activities thru out the year you join a family of brother and sister fire fighters like no other. Take part in 'your' organization and see for yourself what I am talking about.

On the State Fair Fire Department side, we still have a few spots open for emergency equipment to work this year's fair, but it is filling very, very fast. If you would like to donate a pumper, ambulance, PR supplies, rescue equipment, EMS supplies, etc., contact me at 636-262-2408

so I have you on the list. I want to take just a second and say thanks to so many Departments and EMS districts for all they have done over the years.

FYI... If you are as sick of winter as I am and want warmer weather and sunshine call President Ken Hoover and place your orders. Ha ha!

Charlie Neubert,  
2nd Vice President





# THE MUSEUM PROJECT

BY RON BAKER

Check Out The New  
Museum Website!  
[MissouriFireFightersMuseum.org](http://MissouriFireFightersMuseum.org)

The brotherhood of firefighters came together once again because of a line of duty death. Lt. Britt's tragic death is a reminder that firefighters face different kinds of risks on every call they make. We join with all of you in expressing sympathy to the family and fellow firefighters of Columbia. Our prayers have been and continue to be with all involved. One significant tribute was the presentation of the U.S. Honor Flag. Several individuals were present at the Firefighters' Memorial as they stopped with the flag. The ceremony was simple and brief, but very meaningful. Other tributes were meaningful as well.

The Winter Fire School was an opportunity to once again share the Museum Project with firefighters from all across Missouri. We were able to talk to hundreds of people about the dream of a museum. Thanks for the opportunity to be there. Only time will determine if the message is getting out to the rank and file. One highlight of the day was the presentation to the Historical Preservation Foundation of a portion of a bumper from a fire truck destroyed in 9/11. The Cainsville Fire Protection District was in possession of the bumper since 2002, it was given to two of their firefighters, Chief Ivan Powers and Greg Frost, for their assistance in the recovery efforts. It was their desire that the bumper be placed where it might be seen by a greater number of people. It is now in the tourism center next to the memorial. Thank you to the



Cainsville FPD for their thoughtfulness in sharing this bumper.

Located on the opposite page in this newsletter is an order form for the "Firefighters' Field of Flags". Note that orders need to be placed by April 15 so we can have the flags and supplies ready for the flags to be posted. It would help if you would take this form and duplicate it and share it with individuals and businesses in your community. I appreciate all the help you can give. Last year we posted 105 flags, it would be great to top that number this year.

Winners of recent raffles, online and at the Winter Fire School are as follows: Joe Brant, Camdenton; Robert Woody; Albert Whalen, Brookline; Jeremy Denton; and Shauna Houston.



Once again, I am asking for your help. I would like to come to your communities to speak to individuals and groups about the museum project. If you know of a service club, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists, Rotary, etc., or individuals who might be interested in either supporting the project or donating to it, please let me know. I will contact them and make an appointment to come to your city and talk to anyone who will listen.

Check out our web page for new raffle items. We have a delicious smoked turkey from Burgers' Smokehouse in California, Missouri. When the drawing is held, Burgers' will ship it fresh to you. Wouldn't that make a great meal at your station? We also have a poster of the three firefighters with the flag at the WTC on 9/11. The third item is a miniature statue of the kneeling firefighter. Just go to [www.missourifirefightersmuseum.org](http://www.missourifirefightersmuseum.org) and click on "fundraisers". This raffle continues through the month of March.



Once again, thank you for the privilege of sharing your work and the dream of a museum on your behalf. It is an honest joy to be a part of this great endeavor.

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## FIRE FIGHTERS' FIELD OF FLAGS

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**Deadline for ordering flags is April 15!**

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# BEREAVEMENT UNIFORM PROGRAM

By Steve Cohen, President, Lighthouse Uniform Company

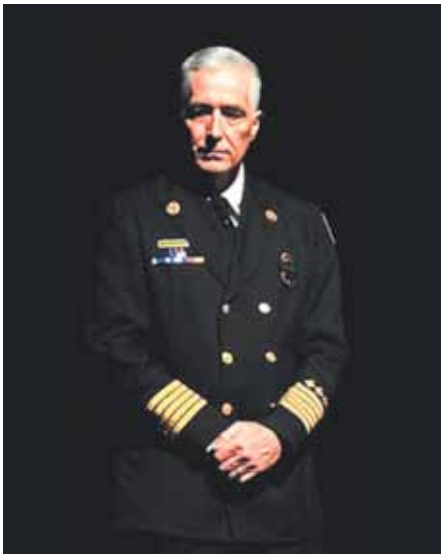
## TAKING CARE OF THOSE WHO TOOK CARE OF US

“I am proud to have participated in the Bereavement Uniform Program and hope that other firefighters who have been blessed as I have with good fortune and good opportunities would help those less fortunate among us to have a proper dress uniform for their funerals”. Chief Bobby Halton, retired, Editor, Fire Engineering Magazine.

Not very often does a ‘for the good of the order’ program come down the Fire Service pike that touches the hearts and captures the imagination like Lighthouse Uniform Company’s Bereavement Uniform Program (BUP).

Within the sphere of the program, every member of the Fire Service Community has an opportunity to benefit and it is all done at relatively ‘no cost’.

The BUP is a coming together of the Lighthouse and America’s Fire Service Community. It works just like Lighthouse’s traditional Fallen Fire Fighter Dress Uniform Program. The only difference is the dropping of the LODD requirement. Its expanded goal is to ensure every firefighter is honored for their service with a dress uniformed funeral, at no cost to the family.



The mechanics are pretty simple; departments and individual firefighters send to the Lighthouse their surplus or no longer fitting dress uniforms. The Lighthouse cleans, refurbishes, reconfigures to requested rank and gets them out in whatever time frame is called for. The only cost is for freight which will be billed to the affiliated dept.

The program has been tested. It works, it is up and running and available to all.

The BUP is a gift from the Lighthouse and it is an extraordinary opportunity for the Fire Service to do something very special for the people that call the Fire Service ‘family’.

It is also an opportunity to turn the old ‘exclusive’ tradition of a dress uniformed funeral for those from departments wealthy enough to provide them into a new ‘inclusive’ tradition where every firefighter is buried in a dress uniform, as a matter of course.

It is an opportunity to ‘put some water’ on the old fire service adage ‘100 years of tradition unimpeded by progress.’

The Bereavement Uniform Program is a collective effort and each faction within the service has a role to play. Individuals, medium and larger departments provide the uniforms. Smaller and volunteer departments provide the ‘recipients’ and all watch out for the ‘retired guys’.

Chaplains, Chiefs, motivated individuals, local associations and the media are responsible for ‘running point’, creating awareness and getting departments ‘linked up’. The Lighthouse role is to make sure there are enough uniforms in the ‘pipeline’ and the uniforms where they need to go ‘in a timely fashion’ and everybody’s ultimate aim is to ‘take care of those who took care of us’.



As was so succinctly stated by Chief Troy Shoemaker, President of the Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association, when asked his thoughts on the value of the BUP; “Truly one of the most important ways to honor our departed member’s courage, sacrifice and devotion to our departments and the fire service”.

Getting the department ‘linked up’ has proven to provide best access and be the most effective way to keep the BUP in a department’s line of sight. Hyperlink and coding information guaranteed to be ‘Fire Chief’ proof was very generously developed for the program by the Washington Fire Chiefs Association.

In addition, as a thank you to those stepping up and getting their department ‘linked’, a beautiful, Be Remembered ‘Wall of Fame’ Challenge Coin is being made available, ‘on the house’, \$20.00 retail value.

Designed by Austin Weishel, a Colorado Firefighter, renown for being among the youngest artists to have a National Monument to their credit (‘Ashes to Answers’, a full size bronze sculpture sitting on the lawn in front of Washington DC Fire Station # 2) the ‘Be Remembered ‘Wall of Fame’ Challenge Coin captures the essence and reflects the beauty of the Bereavement Uniform Program.

What’s left to do, the most important next step in the long term viability of the Bereavement Uniform Program is up to you. All you have to do is have your web person give us a call. We will take it from there. There is neither cost nor obligation. Only the satisfaction of ‘taking care of those who took care of us’.



# Missouri Fire Chaplains Corps Annual Meeting and Training Monday, May 5 & Tuesday, May 6, 2014



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Steve Martin

**Essentials of Fire Chaplaincy**

*The Basic Fire Chaplain training includes 16 hours of course material designed to introduce the fire chaplain to ministry in the fire service. During basic training the chaplain will take classes in Ministry to Firefighters, Ministry to Fire Victims, Critical Incident Stress, Fire Department Funerals, Fire Chaplain Operations, and many others.*

**Instructor: Chaplain Steve Martin of the Nixa, MO. Fire Department**



Ed Hatcher

**Grief Following Trauma**

*In the course of one's career, it is inevitable that professionals will encounter traumatic death and loss issues both personally and professionally. Professionals often feel ill prepared to provide effective care throughout the grief process. This course will cover key grief and loss concepts relating to trauma and traumatic death. Participants will increase their knowledge of how trauma impacts the grief process and will gain skills for evaluating and supporting persons who have experienced traumatic death and loss. This course is designed for anyone who works with people who experience grief and loss following a traumatic event. **Instructor: Chaplain Ed Hatcher.***

**Cost for each course:** \$120 for paid members of the Missouri Fire Chaplains Corps, \$150 for non-members.  
 Registration costs include all course materials, tuition and lunch for both days.

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Contact **Bryan Menke** with questions at [bmenke@rockfire-rescue.org](mailto:bmenke@rockfire-rescue.org) or by phone at **636-299-7796**.

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provided from fees collected by Missouri Emergency Response Commission via Tier II reporting. For transparency purposes the Division has utilized only \$1,188 of these funds for administrative costs which solely was used to support the Division's expenses which are directly associated with two accrediting entities: IFSAC and ProBoard.

As mentioned above, the Division just completed budget hearings with the House, but await final budget hearings on the Senate side in relation to the Division's upcoming fiscal year 2015 budget which begins July 1, 2014. This budget includes an additional \$100,000 of general revenue added by Governor Nixon for no-cost firefighter training. The increase is now in the hands of the General Assembly to ultimately pass the budget following the Governor's recommendation. Whatever the amount provided for in upcoming FY15, the Fire Safety Education and Advisory Commission will meet in late Spring to review and identify the contracted funding levels for the various training vendors. The Commission makes a concerted effort to fully evaluate the proposed training for Missouri's fire service and verify the training offered meets nationally recognized standards as well as ensure the training addresses the needs of the fire service. Over the past several years, this evaluation has been key to ensuring training courses provided not only meet nationally recognized standards, but consist of new and leading edge training curriculums so as to meet the ever-changing fire service needs.

The days of a single training vendor are over. For FY13 the Division contracted with 9 training vendors to deliver no-cost training for Missouri's Fire Service. In FY14, 15 training vendors were awarded training funds via the Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission, resulting in each receiving a Division training contract. These contracts contain specific criteria the vendor is required to meet which include, but not limited to class size minimums, minimum instructor criteria, periodic status reports, course schedules/locations, etc. Division

staff review documentation provided by each vendor to ensure the vendor meets contractual obligations, full transparency, and is being fiscally responsible with contracted training funds awarded.

April 22 is the annual Firefighter's Day at the Capitol. This event not only will give you an opportunity to meet with your legislators to let them know your position on current legislation, but too will feature a number of training vendors who contract with the Division. The vendors will be located on the 3rd floor Rotunda where you can meet with them and discover what training they have to offer, along with their various training props around the Capitol's circle drive.

Once again tragedy struck Missouri's fire service. Early Saturday morning, February 22, Lt. Bruce Britt of Columbia FD was killed in the line of duty at the scene of a reported structural collapse involving an apartment complex. Lt. Britt was assisting with the evacuation of residents when a concrete and steel balcony walkway collapsed resulting in his death. Missouri's fire service stepped up as always to honor one of their fallen brothers. We all know the inherent dangers each of you face on a daily basis and this incident is another example of how fragile life truly is. Columbia Fire Chief Chuck Witt's comments at the memorial service exposed Chief Witt's exceptional leadership qualities and served as an honorable tribute to Lt. Britt. Chief you are to be commended!

For over a year, I along with Retired Chief Larry Boyle, President of Missouri Association of Fire Protection Districts, have been exploring possible solutions to the escalating cost of worker's compensation insurance. State law requires an employer with more than five employees to provide worker's compensation insurance. The question posed to Missouri Department of Labor (DOL) was whether a volunteer firefighter was considered an employee in relation to this law. Based upon state law in Chapters 320 and 321 which relates to volunteer fire associations and fire protection districts, the DOL advises the verbiage dealing with benefits

in these chapters state the entity "may" provide the member benefits whereby this exempts fire associations and fire protection districts from being mandated to provide worker's compensation insurance. This position may be more harmful to our volunteers by DOL taking this position. In no way are we advocating to not provide worker's compensation insurance. We too have heard from insurance company underwriting who cite the lack of state mandated firefighter training, as well as the void of adopted formalized health and wellness programs, are the risks which are to blame for the higher rates. Based on the above situations, it seems the burden is on Missouri's fire service to adopt mandated minimum training requirements for members as well as incorporating formalized health and wellness programs. In addition, you are encouraged to explore forming a consortium with neighboring departments in hopes of attaining reduced worker's compensation premiums.

The annual Firefighter's Memorial Service is scheduled for May 17 and 18 in Kingdom City at the site of the Firefighter's Memorial. On Saturday evening, May 17 is the candlelight service beginning at dusk where not only three line of duty deaths will be honored, but a number of firefighters with a minimum of 10 years of service who passed away during 2013 will also be recognized.

The following firefighters, killed while on duty during 2013, will be honored on Sunday, May 18 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

- Asst. Chief Harold Hollingsworth – Ft. Osage FPD – April 7, 2013
- Lt. Matthew Blankenship – Marshfield FPD – July 20, 2013
- Asst. Chief Joe Darr – Chillicothe FD – September 4, 2013

As many of you know I have elected to take advantage of the State of Missouri retirement system effective May 1. With that said this is my last FFAM article. I can already hear some wondering what they are going to do now without the "bathroom reading material" provided by me!

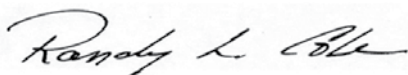
Since my appointment to State Fire Marshal in April 2005, announced by Governor Blunt during the opening of the FFAM Convention in Eureka, I have felt an internal connection to FFAM. I truly have appreciated the many years of support from FFAM and Missouri's fire service. I hope that in some small way I along with the Division's staff have made a positive difference for Missouri's fire service during my tenure. Any successes I may have achieved cannot solely be attributed to me. I have been fortunate to have worked with a truly dedicated and committed staff over the years.

There is no doubt I had and continue to have mixed feelings about retiring. Having devoted 28 years to the Division since hired as a fire investigator in 1986, I feel a real sense of having a vested interest in the Division and Missouri's fire service. I feel the Division has made positive progress over the years and faces a number of future opportunities allowing the Division to continue moving forward.

I encourage FFAM Directors to have an open mind to change and not to be afraid or apprehensive of stepping out of the box. There are many opportunities for the organization to grow. Target the younger generation who possess leadership qualities; recruit them and get them involved. After all, they are the future of Missouri's fire service. Open your arms to developing relationships with all of the state's training partners and contracted training vendors. Take advantage of the outstanding programs available in our state so Missouri's fire service can be the best prepared. Not doing so is a disservice to Missouri's fire service.

I truly desire FFAM to be the best it can be for the sake of Missouri's fire service. In closing I would ask for your continued support to the Division as well as my successor. My final sincere thanks to you!

Be safe!



Randy Cole,  
Fire Marshal

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The summer also looks very busy for many of us with the Missouri State Fair coming up and all of the planning that will require. This is another opportunity for you to serve in your organization. Many lifelong friendships have developed while serving at the state fair.

**“This is another  
opportunity for you to  
serve in your organization.”**

As always, all of the FFAM committees are hard at work, meeting and preparing for the convention. Awards are being decided on, scholarships evaluated, contest rules reviewed, nominations collected and many more items to be considered by the organization. Good work committees, and thank you for your many hours of service.

FFAM continues to grow its membership. I know of several departments and

firefighters that have or will be joining our organization this year and I appreciate their willingness to become a part of the largest group of firefighters in our state. May we always keep in mind that it is the people of this state that we serve and protect and that the board of directors will continue to strive to improve our organization and its mission.

Again, I encourage everyone, if at any time that I can assist you or your department, please contact me by phone or e-mail at 573-581-6235 or [chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net).

Serving with you,



Kenneth Hoover, President  
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

# CLAYTON FD RECOGNIZED

By Mark Thorp, Clayton FD



The Clayton Fire Department was recently recognized as an outstanding employer by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), an office of the Department of Defense. The ESGR's Pro Patria Award, the highest award bestowed by a state ESGR committee, is presented annually by each ESGR State Committee to organizations that have demonstrated the greatest support to National Guard and Reserve employees through leadership and practices, including adopting personnel policies that make it easier for employees to participate in the National Guard and Reserves.

Missouri State Chairman of the ESGR Committee retired Brigadier General E. Tracy Bequette presented the Pro Patria Award to Clayton Mayor Harold J. Sanger. General Bequette stated that Clayton had been selected from approximately 75 award applications.

Firefighter/Paramedic Josh Barnaby nominated Clayton to receive the ESGR recognition. Private Barnaby, who currently serves as a Master Sergeant in the Missouri Air National Guard with the 231st Civil Engineer Flight, cited many examples of outstanding support, both personal and professional, he has received from the Clayton Fire Department.

The ESGR was established in 1972 to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve Component Service members and their civilian employers and to assist in the resolution of conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment.

# OPEN CALL - DISTRICT NOMINATIONS

By Keith Smith, Committee Chair, FFAM

## BY-LAWS STATE THE FOLLOWING:

### Article V - Section 6. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of thirteen district Directors, a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of three years. Board of Directors shall be re-elected on staggered terms to be due for re-election on their third anniversary. The State of Missouri will be divided into thirteen districts with board members residing within the district, which they are elected to represent."

There are five districts which will stand for election at the 2014 Convention in Festus, Missouri. All five of the Directors currently serving in these Districts have filed for re-election. Anyone currently listed from a department of good standing within the listed districts may submit their name for nomination. A district listing can be found on the FFAM website; [www.ffam.org](http://www.ffam.org). Go to Officers – District and a state map is located at the bottom of that page. You must reside within the district you are running for.

At the time this notice being submitted to the FFAM Newsletter, March 1, 2014 there have been no additional notifications received for these districts. Nominations for District Director is open until the "Nomination Report" given during the opening ceremony of the FFAM convention May 2, 2014 in Festus, Missouri. Once the ballot of Director Positions are read and other nominations openly called for by the Nomination Committee Chairperson, all nominations for district level elected positions then close and no further nominations will be accepted. Voting only on those nominations will be completed by Sergeant-at-Arms reviewed and approved delegates during the Sunday morning business meeting May 4, 2014 of the FFAM Convention.

The following District Positions are open for election and open for nominations.

The current directors, incumbent name and their community are listed below:

District 1 – Terry Wynne, Galt  
District 3 – Larry Jones, Madison  
District 7 – Robert (RB) Brown, Union  
District 11 – Monty Thompson, Kearney  
District 14 – Rick Dozer, Oregon

Anyone interested in running for District 1, 3, 7, 11 or 14 -- please contact Keith Smith, Nomination Committee Chairperson at [keith.smith@warrenton-fire.org](mailto:keith.smith@warrenton-fire.org) or 314-709-0760.

You may also contact the FFAM Secretary/Treasurer Jaime Miller at [jmiller@gmail.com](mailto:jmiller@gmail.com) or (660)429-1327.

If you are interested in running for a Director position, please contact Keith Smith or Jaime Miller prior to convention so a background check of your name being listed with a department in good standing can be verified in advance of the convention. Both of these key points require verification before you can be voted on and holding of office.

If you send an e-mail, please follow-up by phone to verify it has been received or call and let us know to be looking for. While FFAM tries to be 100% accurate in all administrative matters, the closing paragraph of this notice is very important and will be strictly followed.

For transparency of a fair election - if a name is placed in nomination during the opening ceremony and later found to be missing from the department roster or the department is not in good standing with FFAM – the name submitted for nomination is voided and will not stand for election. We say this only to provide an opportunity to verify and resolve any issues before the final call and close of nominations at convention as there will be no resolutions allowed to save a nomination after submission and the final call for nominations are closed. Such findings can of course be resolved AFTER convention.



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**APRIL 22, 2014**

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**Join your fellow fire fighters to  
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**9:30 a.m. - Fire Service Alliance Report at Division of Fire Safety,  
205 Jefferson Street, 13th Floor**

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St. Louis Metro Fire District Alliance, Missouri Chapter-International Association of Arson Investigators

## O'FALLON GETS A NEW TANKER

The O'Fallon Fire Protection District (OFPD) Board of Directors: Chairman Bill Laughlin, Vice Chairman Matthew Simmons, and Treasurer Matthew Gober, and Fire Chief Mike Ballmann are proud to announce they have accepted delivery of a new Pierce Saber Tender/Tanker was purchased through the Schuhmacher Fire Equipment Company located in Washington, Missouri for a cost of \$400,000. The apparatus is powered by a 450 horsepower Cummins diesel engine. The Tender/Tanker has a cab large enough to accommodate up to six firefighters. The tender/tanker has a 3,000 gallon capacity water tank, a 1,000 gallon a minute mid-ship fire pump, 500 feet of 5 inch supply hose and three pre-connected hoselines along with the necessary firefighting equipment to make an initial attack on fire.

The new apparatus is designed to support fire fighting operation in areas that have little or no available water supply. The unit will be stationed at the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Station 4 located on Bryan Road just south of Interstate I-70 and will be responsible for the O'Fallon Hills, Hoff Road, and areas in and near the City of St. Paul.

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## PROMOTION OF GARY W. MCCUTCHEN

The O'Fallon Fire Protection District (OFPD) Board of Directors: Chairman Bill Laughlin, Vice Chairman Matthew Simmons, and Treasurer Matthew Gober, and Fire Chief Mike Ballmann are proud to announce the promotion of Engineer Gary W. McCutchen to the rank of Captain.

Captain McCutchen participated in a promotional process with seven of his peers. The promotional process consisted of a written test, practical skills assessments, testing on the proper application of policies and procedures, and an oral interview.

Captain McCutchen began his career as a volunteer Firefighter with the O'Fallon District, October 13, 1998, was promoted to a career firefighter January 1, 2002, and one year later was promoted to a career Engineer's position. Captain McCutchen is a

Missouri State certified Fire Officer II, Fire Service Instructor II, Fire Inspector, and is a member of the St. Charles County Technical Rescue Taskforce.

Captain McCutchen resides in Moscow Mills, Missouri with wife Shelly and their two teenage daughters. All members of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District congratulate Captain McCutchen on his promotion!



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## CERTIFIED FD BOARD TRAINING - POST APPROVED

By University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute

Because fire and EMS personnel are frequently also involved in law enforcement as peace officers or reserve officers, the University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute sought approval for Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) credit for the Certified Fire District Board Training course. Associate Director Kevin D. Zumwalt received the approval notification from the Department of Public Safety's POST Program effective February 8, 2014—the day the course was taught at Winter Fire School.

Participants in the Certified Fire District Board Training course now can use the course for six hours of POST continuing education, which is required for licensed peace and reserve officers.

Missouri law requires fire protection district board directors elected after

January 1, 2008 to attend training and education on their authority; roles, duties, responsibilities; rules and laws; elections; ethics; Sunshine Law; and setting tax rates. The Certified Fire District Board Training course was developed by the Missouri Association of Fire Protection Districts and approved by the Division of Fire Safety and now the Department of Public Safety's POST Program for participants taking the class on or after February 8, 2014.

Fire Protection District Treasurers, Secretaries, and chief officers are also encouraged to attend Certified Fire District Board Training to understand how to support the Board and District in its mission.

If requested during class, University of Missouri's Vice Provost certificates will now be printed with the following

language: The Missouri POST Program has approved this course for Approved Provider training credit, POST Control Number 218140910, for continuing education in the area of 6 hours Legal.

### REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE

The Certified Fire District Board Training course will be offered Friday, May 2 at the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri 2014 convention, course number CP14324.

To register call 1-800-869-3476 or visit [www.mufrti.org/training/schedule.shtml](http://www.mufrti.org/training/schedule.shtml) or [www.mafpd.org](http://www.mafpd.org) to attend any upcoming session of Certified Fire District Board Training.





# History's CORNER

## THE GOOD OLE' 1960'S

by Bill Westhoff

The featured antique newsletter for this article is volume nine, number three, which was published in May of 1966. You may ask why I selected this issue to highlight the 1960's but the answer is clear if you check the lower left hand corner of the copy, my picture is there!

The 1960's were wild times for our country. In 1964 Congress gave President Johnson authorization to use 'conventional' military force in South East Asia and by 1966, we had 500,000 troops in Vietnam. In March of 1966, two months before this newsletter was published, 200,000 people participated in a world-wide demonstration against the war.

This was also the time in our history when race riots continued to increase across our nation. In many major cities, the National Guard was called out to bring back law and order.

On the bright side of things, mini-skirts were in fashion and the first episode of Star Trek was broadcast on television. If

you wanted to give a great Christmas gift, a Parker Pen set cost \$11.95 or you could give your wife a dishwasher for \$119.95. The average income in 1966 was \$6,900 and a home, \$14,200 If you wanted a new ride, just drop 2,650 bucks on any car dealer's desk!

### FIRE SERVICE OF MISSOURI IN 1966

#### THE F.F.A.M.

Chief Joe Jackson from Carrolton was in his first go round as the President of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. The big news in this issue of the newsletter, as you can tell by the bold headlines was the 12th annual convention in Excelsior Springs in April. Assistant Chief Paul Ford coordinated the convention activities and was one of the board members of the FFAM at the time.

I was in my third year of work at the University of Missouri and was having the time of my life traveling the state and teaching fire training classes in

every crossroads. I was also the Chief of the newly formed Boone County Fire Department in Columbia. The Boone County Fire Protection District was not formed until July 11 of 1970 when the good folks of Boone County voted to pay taxes for their fire protection. I was 27 in 1966, which I think was close to my waist size as well as my age. Both have increased substantially over the years. I was likely the youngest (and most unexperienced) fire chief in the state and I am sure the only one with a masters degree.

My best memory of the 12th convention was playing music with the Washington Fire Company 'Happy Hose Loaders' band as we came down the exterior fire escape from the Sheraton-Elms Hotel on the way to the midnight parade. I will not disclose the name of the leader of this pack in this article, but he served for many years as the Chief of the Washington Fire Department and remains very active in the FFAM He is also in the photo of this group on the extreme right. That's me at the right of the microphone.



The Washington Fire Company 'Happy Hose Loaders' band at some point in the 1960's at a ladies night function.

# F. F. A. M. NEWSLETTER



Vol. 9, No. 3

FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI

May, 1966

## FIREMANSHIP TRAINING INSTRUCTOR



Bill Westhoff, Jr.

### Carthage Hotel Destroyed

Carthage, Mo., Sunday, June 5--Fire that destroyed the old two-story frame Carthage Hotel today took the lives of two men and two women.

Eleven other people, including three children, escaped.

The flames quickly burned out the hotel. The fire was confined to the building.

A young woman and her three children fled to safety. The hotel owner and his wife, the Laverne Bishops, escaped from their first floor apartment.

The hotel was built before the 1900s and was converted years ago to an apartment type hotel for low-income families and retirees. It once was a popular lodging for visitors to the Ozarks.

A fire department spokesman said one theory was that the fire may have been started by a cigarette tossed into a wastebasket.

Dead in the fire were Mrs. Margaret Clark, 58, Mrs. May Bray, 58, Charles Carroll, 72, all of Carthage, and Guy L. Palmer, 34, of Marion, Ohio. All were residents of the hotel. Mr. Palmer had been living there

# 12th Convention Is Big Attraction

### Restaurant Fire At Bagnell Dam

Bagnell Dam, May 30--A Memorial Day fire caused extensive damage today to Campbell's Lake House restaurant and motel on Highway No. 54 near here.

The blaze, of undetermined origin, broke out about 9 a.m. in a linen storage room on the top level of the three-story motel building.

Flames gutted the storage room, but a fire wall protected adjoining motel units.

Five pumper trucks from Lake Ozark, Osage Beach, Eldon and Camdenon were at the scene but the Eldon and Camdenon trucks were not used, as the firemen from Lake Ozark and Osage

Another successful convention of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri has come and gone.

The City of Excelsior Springs and the fire departments of the area hosted the convention at the Sheraton-Elms Hotel the weekend of April 22, 23 and 24.

Early arrivers for the 12th annual convention began arriving at Excelsior Springs Thursday, April 21 and a considerable number had checked in by noon the following day, Friday, when convention registration started.

As far as the public was concerned, the highlight of the convention was the annual firemen's parade at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 23. The theme of the parade was "antique" cars, but both old and new equipment was shown.

Mrs. Eleanor White, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, presided at the opening session as the ladies met at 9 a.m., Saturday. Girl Scout Troop 75 of Excelsior Springs posted the colors.

Official convention activities began at 8 p.m., Friday, with the annual board meeting being followed by a mixer at 9 p.m.

Exhibitions were open at 8 a.m., Saturday. During the first hour association officers met with firemen and their families. President Joseph Jackson presided at the opening of the convention at 9 a.m., Saturday.

City Manager John Beckman gave the welcome address and the response was made by First

### THE FIRE MARSHAL

In 1966, there was no fire marshal's office in Missouri. The need for one however, is clear in this copy of the newsletter. A number of fatal fires were reported around the state, including a Carthage Hotel fire where four people lost their lives. At this point in time, the FFAM and other fire organizations are working to expand efforts to form the office.

### FIRE DISTRICTS

In Missouri in 1966, a number of tax supported fire districts exist in St. Louis and Jackson Counties but very few if any in out state. The statute that governed the formation of fire districts at the time made it difficult to form districts any place outside first class counties. The legislative committee of the FFAM was the driving force to get the legislation modified and we can now see the results of their actions across Missouri.

### STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Applications and requests for equipment were included in this 1966 newsletter for the fair operation. Chief Bob Morrison of Lee's Summit was the chair of the State Fair Committee and Jim White from Pattonville and R.G. Clark from Trenton were committee members. The commissioner title had not surfaced at this time.

I was in the early stages of what would be several years serving as the Fire Chief at the Fair, along with Joe Jackson as the race track Chief and my dear friend Phil Sayer, doing any thing and every thing that needed to be done. Chief Bill Steiner from O'Fallon, one of my many mentors in this business, ran the Public Education section of the Fair in a large tent where the present fire station is located. The Fair Board was considering a fire station building in 1966 but the "real" fire station was the little single bay brick building down the street from the present location.

### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING INSTITUTE

In 1966 the Fire and Rescue Training Institute at the University of Missouri was known as Firemanship Training and was a function of the Extension Division of the University. The entire staff consisted of W. Bush Walden, Director - Bill Westhoff, field instructor and Goldie Havens, office secretary. The big deal was the Summer Fire School and doing circuit classes. In my article in the 1966 newsletter I reported on an arson class that had just been completed in Lee's Summit April 4 thru 7 with ninety-two students in attendance.

Bush and I had just returned from the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Memphis, Tennessee and our new Fire Training Building was near completion on Ashland Gravel Road on the campus of the University of Missouri in Columbia. Life was good! And it still is!

# AFFORDABLE CARE ACT UPDATE

By Mark J. Mazur, Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy

The Affordable Care Act requires that an employer with 50 or more full-time employees offer affordable and adequate health care coverage to its employees. For this purpose, full time means 30 hours or more per week on average, with the hours of employees working less than that aggregated into full-time equivalents. Employers that do not fulfill this obligation may be required to make a payment in lieu of meeting their responsibilities, which are described in what are called the employer shared responsibility provisions. An important question arises about how the hours of volunteer firefighters and other volunteer emergency responders should be taken into account in determining whether they are full-time employees and for counting toward the 50 employee threshold. Treasury is acting to ensure that emergency volunteer service is accorded appropriate treatment under the Affordable Care Act.

Treasury and the IRS issued proposed regulations on the employer shared responsibility provisions, Section 4980H of the Tax Code in December 2012 and invited public comments. Numerous comments were received from individuals and local fire and Emergency Medical Service departments that rely on volunteers. The comments generally suggested that the employer responsibility rules should not count volunteer hours of nominally compensated volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel in determining full-time employees or full-time equivalents. In addition, Treasury heard from numerous members of Congress who expressed

these same concerns on behalf of the volunteer emergency responders in their states and districts.

Treasury and the IRS carefully reviewed these comments and spoke with representatives of volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency personnel to gain a better understanding of their specific situations. Treasury and the IRS also reviewed various rules that apply to such volunteer personnel under other laws. These include the statutory provisions that apply to bona fide volunteers under Section 457(e)(11) of the Tax Code (relating to deferred compensation plans of state and local governments and tax-exempt organizations) and rules governing the treatment of volunteers for purposes of the Federal wage and hour laws. As a result of that review and analysis, the forthcoming final regulations relating to employer shared responsibility generally will not require volunteer hours of bona fide volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical personnel at governmental or tax-exempt organizations to be counted when determining full-time employees (or full-time equivalents).

These final regulations, which we expect to issue shortly, are intended to provide timely guidance for the volunteer emergency responder community. We think this guidance strikes the appropriate balance in the treatment provided to traditional full-time emergency responder employees, bona fide volunteers, and to our Nation's first responder units, many of which rely heavily on volunteers.

# AN UPDATE FROM THE



# 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Tim Bean

I say 'Calf Rope' to mother nature! I've had enough, global warming, 'what's that?' Anyway, I guess it will be what it will be.

I don't have much on my mind except a challenge. I was running in a 10k road race a couple Saturday ago, and had a little time to think while running. One thought I had was, how could we change the leading cause of firefighter death within the fire service, which is heart attacks?

There are many ways to begin to address this, and one way is to start by educating ourselves. One tool I have used over the years is diet and exercise. There are many other ways to help in preventing a heart attack, but I challenge you start today. In closing I would like for you to join me on Saturday, June 7, at 6 p.m. for the Phil Sayer 5K Benefit Run.

Race location begins at W. Dunklin and Jefferson Street Jefferson City Missouri. Money raised from this race pays for firefighters to attend Winter and Summer fire school. Get in shape and meet me there.

Stay Safe,  
Tim Bean,  
1st Vice President

# BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

FFAM BOARD MEETINGS • SEDALIA, MO

Meeting Cancelled Due To Weather Conditions

Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Board of Directors Meeting was Cancelled Due to Weather.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Greg Wright  
Director

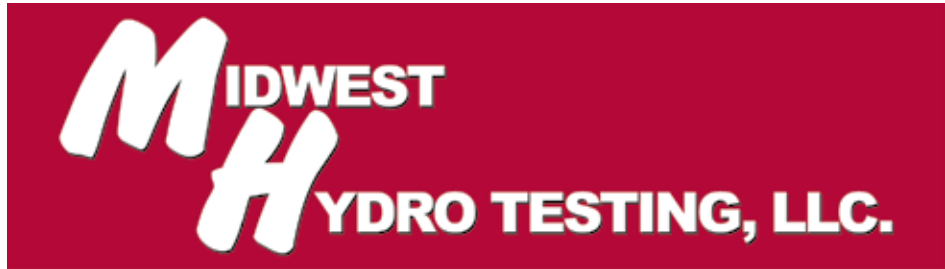
Hello from District 2. Thanks to all that stopped by the FFAM booth at Winter Fire School. Count was up I understand. Enjoyed talking to all of you.

The Region B Fire Chiefs got together at the Shelbina Fire Protection District station in January with 21 members attending. A lot of good things came out of the meeting. The next meeting is March 19 at the Shelbina Fire District station at 7:00 p.m.

### DATES TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The FFAM Conference is coming up May 2-4 in Festus. Make sure you get registered and have your teams ready to go for the competitions on Saturday. Check it out in this issue. The National Fallen Firefighter Survivor conference is coming to Clayton Missouri May 4-9. Check out the Missouri Fire Funeral Assist team's web site for more information.

The Missouri Firefighters Memorial service will be held May 17 and 18 in Kingdom City. Candlelight service



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Saturday night with the memorial service Sunday morning. If you have never been at the service mark your calendar to attend this year. Honoring our fallen brothers and sisters is something I feel very strongly about and I hope you do also. There are 2 motels within 1 mile of the memorial.

For those that wish to work the State Fair August 7-17, 2014 make sure you get

your application in by May 1. They also need EMTs and Medics. This will be my 3rd year and I am really looking forward to being there.

On a separate note the museum fund raising is still continuing. Purchase a brick and also check out some other ways that you can be a part of helping us reach our museum goal.

Some of our fellow firefighters and dear friends in the fire service need our prayers in several ways. Please include them in your prayers.

Remember District 2 - if you have questions or anything going on give me a call at 660-415-7990 which is my new cell number or you can always e-mail me at gwright000@centurytel.net.

Till next time be safe

George "Greg" Wright  
District 2 Director  
Shelbina Fire Department

## KNEELING FIREFIGHTER STATUES

### MAY 17 AND 18 ONLY



This SALE is exclusive to before and after the Candlelight service on May 17 and before and after the Sunday Memorial Service on May 18.

**These statues will only be sold on site only, no mailing is offered at this price. Cash, Check or Credit Cards will be accepted.**

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## DONALD EDWARD WHITE

September 18, 1967 — February 2, 2014

Donald Edward White, 46, of Kingsville, Missouri, passed away at his home on February 2, 2014.

Donald was born September 18, 1967 in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of James E. and Mary E. (Dixon) White. Donald worked for Thompson Cabinet in Lee's Summit, Missouri for 12 years. He also worked for Summit Custom Cabinets 11 years. Donald was a dedicated volunteer to the Lake Lotawana Fire Department and Johnson County Fire District #2. He loved water sports, fishing, hunting and his cats. Donald graduated from Grain Valley High School in 1986, where his father also graduated in 1962.

Donald was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Joe and Geraldine White and his maternal grandparents, Don and Janine Dixon.

Donald is survived by his parents, Jim and Mary White of Grain Valley, Missouri and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.



## JEREMY RICHARD HOCH

January 3, 1983 — November 10, 2013

Jeremy Hoch was born January 3, 1983 in Washington, Missouri. He passed away November 10, 2013 at the age of 30 in Bethalto, Illinois. Jeremy received his education in Beaufort and Union, and graduated from Union High School in 2001. Jeremy was employed as Head of Security at Olin Winchester in Bethalto, Illinois.

He was a volunteer fire fighter at Beaufort-Leslie Fire Department, and Bethalto Fire Department. Jeremy was also a licensed pilot for single engine planes, and was currently in training to earn his pilot license for double engine planes. He is survived by his parents, Fred and Rebecca Hoch of Leslie, Missouri; one sister, Stephanie Royle and her husband Brad of Leslie, Missouri; one brother, Joshua Hoch and his wife Ann of Leslie, Missouri; four nieces, Peyton Royle, Haley, Emma, and Addison Hoch all of Leslie, Missouri; aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.



## BRUCE BRITT

November 23, 1965 — February 22, 2014

Bruce Britt, 48, of Ashland joined his Father on Saturday, February 22, 2014, in the line of duty, having served the Columbia Fire Department for nearly 24 years, rising to the rank of lieutenant.

Born November 23, 1965, to Stormy and Wanda Britt in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, and raised in Williamsville, Bruce started his firefighting career as a member of the Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department at a young age.

Bruce was a cowboy at heart, wearing boots and hat before he could walk. He enjoyed working with horses, working at the Callaway Sale Barn and raising his daughter, Stormy, to be a true cowgirl.

Survivors include his wife, Leigh; daughter Stormy Ann; two sons, Paden and Ethan; mother Wanda (Howard); two sisters, Heidi (Ron) and Kristi (Brian); and nephews Clay, Kenyon, Avery and Chase. Bruce was preceded in death by his dad, Stormy.

Bruce was a good man with a kind heart who would help anyone in need, and he stood for the truth. He had an incredible,

# BENNIE LEROY TIPTON

September 4, 1929 — February 15, 2014

**B**ennie Leroy Tipton was born on September 4, 1929 to Ben and Mamie Spurgeon Tipton. Leroy was the youngest of five children; Cecil, Violet, Pearl, Lawrence and Leroy. He passed away February 15, 2014 in Fenton, Missouri at the age of 84.

Leroy started his education at the Shinkle School House in Vichy and graduated from St. James High School in 1946. During his high school years, he worked at Kroger's grocery store in St. James. After he graduated, he continued his employment with the grocery store until the business closed and then went to work for International Shoe Factory in St. James. Leroy later applied for a janitorial position at Rolla School of the Mines. He worked at night while he went to school during the day. He worked hard and took every opportunity for advancement until he eventually worked his way into the Mechanical Engineering Department as the instructor. Leroy worked for the university from September 3, 1963 until he retired on January 16, 1992.

Leroy was married to Wilma Ann Welch on December 4, 1949 to which three children were born; Dennis Tipton, David Tipton and Cheryl Daniels. Leroy is preceded in death by his parents, brothers and sisters and dear daughter, Cheryl. Cheryl and Leroy are survived by Cheryl's son Nicholas Schott and her husband Dan Daniels.

gentle spirit behind the rough exterior and was a fierce defender of family and friends.

All kids should be lucky enough to grow up with such a man in their life, and any adult would be blessed to have such a brother or friend.

Our hearts may break, but Bruce knew Jesus as his Savior, and we can all rejoice through the tears knowing that we will see him again. Truly, Bruce led a blessed life.

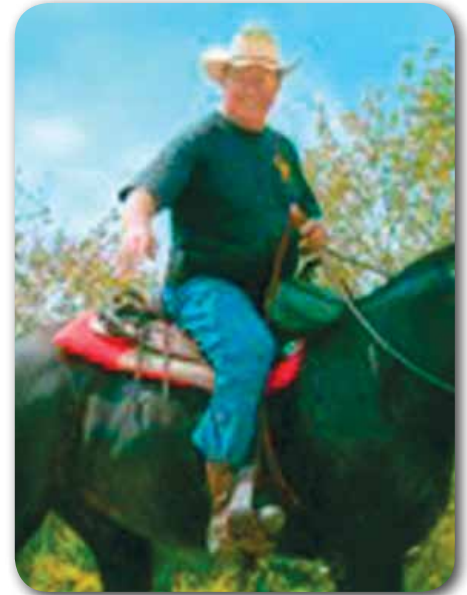
Also surviving Leroy is the love of his life and lifelong mate, Wilma of the home. Dennis, his wife Joyce of Vichy along with their daughter Tonya and her husband Rick Price and their children; Derek, Mason, Dalton and Skyler; and their son Thad Tipton and wife Jessica with their children; Brayden, Camryn, Ella and Cash all of Belle. David, his wife Shevawn of Vichy and their daughter Heather and her husband Andrew Wunderlich and daughter Avery of Olathe, Kansas and son Ben with his wife Cathy and two daughters Abby and Anna of Rolla. Leroy is also survived by several nieces and nephews as well as many, many friends.

Leroy was born and raised in Vichy, Missouri and he and Wilma built their home on the family farm. Leroy loved his farm and enjoyed working it with his sons and grandchildren. He enjoyed raising cattle and always looked forward to hay season.

Leroy lived for his family, community and church. He was very active and at the age of 84 was still working the farm, fighting fires with the Vichy Volunteer Fire Department and rarely missed a social activity (especially if there was a meal involved). Leroy loved his Lord and church. He was a member of the Broadway Baptist Church and was ordained as a deacon on March 18, 2012.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Edward Jones, 3305 E. Clark Lane, Columbia, MO, 65202, with "Stormy Britt Memorial Fund" in the memo line or to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Hal Bruno Camp; P.O. Drawer 498, Emmitsburg, MD, 21727.

Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at [www.memorialfuneralhomeandcemetery.com](http://www.memorialfuneralhomeandcemetery.com).



Leroy loved horses and to trail ride. In his early years, he was a regular at the Eminence Trail Ride and hosted many trail rides from his home and started a Tractor Cruise as fund raisers for the Vichy Volunteer Fire Department who was his second family. Leroy put his heart and soul into the fire department and served the organization during its entire existence. He went on his last fire call February 3, 2014 with Ken Ramsey.

Leroy had two friends other than his many human friends that he truly treasured. One was his horse Ranger that he rode in numerous parades and trail rides, and the second was his loyal and loving dog Jack. Jack accompanied Leroy on many outing and was known by many as the Mayor of Vichy. Jack spent his time entertaining his grateful master.

Leroy had many, many friends in so many places. He never knew a stranger and was always eager to chat with anyone he came into contact with. There are not enough words or paper to express how wonderful of a man and mentor Leroy is. There will be no strangers as he enters Heaven.

Memorials are suggested to the Vichy Fire Department or the Broadway Baptist Church, memorial cards are available at all James and Gahr locations.

# Enter **The Missouri One Call System** "Safe Digging Month" Banner Promotion to Win a **40 Inch TV!**



Missouri One Call is a non-profit public safety organization. Displaying a banner and helping us promote the "Safe Digging" message serves a common purpose for both of our organizations by educating the public on the importance of preventing damages to underground facilities.



1. Go to the MOCS website [www.mo1call.com](http://www.mo1call.com)
2. Click on the "Fire Station Banner Promotion" link on the lower left hand side of the home page.
3. Fill out the order form and submit.
4. Missouri One Call will then mail you a 4' x 8' banner.
5. Mount and display your banner in a local high traffic area.
6. To complete your entry, submit a photograph of the banner by:
  - Snapping a photo of the banner on your phone and sending the photo and a text message identifying your fire station to 573-228-4225 or by
  - Sending a photo as an attachment to an e-mail along with a message identifying your fire station to [davej@mo1call.com](mailto:davej@mo1call.com).

## Only the first 100 fire stations

requesting a banner will be entered into the drawing. The drawing will be conducted by Jaime Miller on April 1st. The winner will be announced in the May/June FFAM newsletter.

MOCS ask that you at least display the banner for the entire month of April which is

## National Safe Digging Month.



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT



# 3

Larry Jones  
Director

The story, if you want different weather just live in Missouri, has been true this winter. It's like the FFAM, we have different events going on all the time.

On May 2-4, will be our 60th FFAM Convention held in Festus by the Jeffco Firemen. The event usually starts with a business meeting on Friday evening and is followed by a mixer. On Saturday morning, there is the FFAM Auxiliary and Junior contest. Saturday evening is the speaker, banquet, and award presentations followed by a dance. Sunday morning is the business meeting that gives information about what the Board has done and will hopefully do in the coming year. Things can always be changed around, but that is the usual order. This convention is held annually and it forms one of the largest fire related conventions in Missouri. For more information on Convention, go to the [ffam.org](http://ffam.org) website, follow across to committees, and then down to conventions. You'll find a lot of information and other links about the 2014 Convention in Festus.

After that is the Memorial Services for our fallen firefighters at Kingdom City. This is a candlelight service held on Saturday night, May 17 and Sunday morning, May 18 to honor all of our men and women who have died in 2013.

If I can be of any help, please call at 660-651-9360. My assistant is Rob Erdel from Mexico at 573-473-0972. We will both try to help you or find someone who can.

Larry Jones  
Director of District #3

## MANTOOTH - CONVENTION SPEAKER

By Jefferson County Firefighters Association

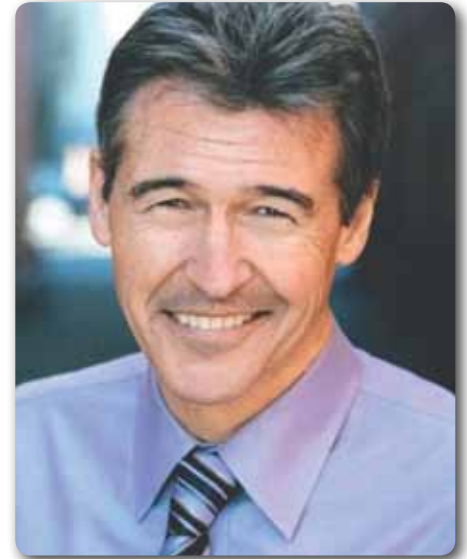
The Jefferson County Firefighters Association is pleased to announce that Randolph Mantooth, Firefighter/Paramedic Johnny Gage on the TV show, *Emergency!*, will be the guest banquet speaker for the 60th Annual Fire Fighters Association of Missouri convention. Mr. Mantooth will also serve as the Parade Grand Marshal on Saturday.

Randolph Mantooth may have been born in Sacramento, California, but, aside from being born there -- he never really hit the west coast again until he was 16 years old.

In the 50's and 60's, Randy's father was a pipeline "big equipment operator." Wherever the pipeline went, that's where Randy's family went. From the time he was 3 months old until he was 16, Randy lived in 24 states. Often asked if that was hard on him as a child, Randy always responded, "When you're a kid growing up, anywhere can be hard. I don't think I had it any harder than anyone else. Moving on short notice was just a way of life for me and my brother and two sisters. I think it made me a better actor. Constantly moving forced me to always make new friends. One day we're living in Mississippi; a few months later we're living and going to school in a Chicago suburb... definitely time to drop my southern accent!"

When the pipeline took his family back to the west coast, Randy's mom took one look at Santa Barbara, California, and said, "Stop! This is it!" It was as if she had thrown an anchor out the car window. Randy's mom had made his father promise that before Randy was a senior in high school, they would stop moving so he could go, for one uninterrupted year, to the same school.

Randy graduated from high school in Santa Barbara; while there, he had been bitten by the acting bug. After a year at Santa Barbara City College, he took off for New York City where he attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. After graduation, he was signed to a contract by Universal Studios



RANDOLPH MANTOOTH TO HIGHLIGHT  
THE 60TH FFAM CONVENTION

and flew back to LA. Less than a year later he was starring as LA County Fire Fighter/Paramedic Johnny Gage on NBC's hit TV show *EMERGENCY!*

Because of that show, Randy became one of those rare individuals who could move back and forth between two dramatically different worlds -- one, a world of "make believe," and the other a world as hard-core reality as it gets -- and be as at home in one as the other.

A working actor in television, documentaries, theater, and film for forty years, Randy is as well known -- if not better known -- to firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs the world over as the man who inspired, and continues to inspire, their careers. His role on *EMERGENCY!* not only changed the lives of countless young viewers, it changed the course of his life as well.

Today, thirty years and many acting roles later, he's still known as the most recognized firefighter in America. Randy is one of very few civilians who has earned the privilege of being embraced as "one of their own" by the brotherhood of fire fighters, from LA County to FDNY, and all points between.

# 2014 FFAM CONVENTION AGENDA

## FRIDAY MAY 2, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	<b>Board Member Training</b>	Best Western
12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Best Western Atrium
	<b>Exhibitors</b>	Best Western
5:00 p.m.	<b>Auxiliary Meeting</b>	Best Western
7:00 p.m.	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b>	Best Western Atrium
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FFAM President Hoover</li> <li>• Posting of Colors – Missouri Army National Guard</li> <li>• Pledge of Allegiance</li> <li>• Welcome                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President Haggard</li> <li>- Festus Mayor Cage</li> <li>- Jefferson County Executive Ken Waller</li> <li>- State Representatives from Jefferson County</li> </ul> </li> <li>• President Hoover</li> <li>• Nomination Committee                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Past President Keith Smith</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Final Announcements</li> </ul>	
8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	<b>Mixer - Live Music by Tumbleweed</b>	Best Western Atrium

## SATURDAY MAY 3, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Best Western Atrium
	<b>Exhibits</b>	Best Western
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Competition Challenge</b>	Home Depot/Schnucks
1:00 p.m.	<b>Parade Lineup</b>	Festus Middle School
2:00 p.m.	<b>Parade</b>	see program book for parade route
5:30 p.m.	<b>Banquet</b>	Best Western Atrium
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emcee</li> <li>• Prayer</li> <li>• Instructions</li> <li>• Head Table Introduction</li> </ul>	
	<b>Program :</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parade</li> <li>• Auxiliary Member of the Year</li> <li>• Contests</li> <li>• Scholarship</li> <li>• Fire Education Poster</li> <li>• Awards</li> </ul>	
	<b>Guest Speaker - Randolph Mantooth (Johnny Gage)</b>	
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.	<b>Dance - DJ Service by Tall Paul Productions</b>	Best Western Atrium



## SUNDAY MAY 4, 2014

9:00 a.m.	<b>FFAM Meeting</b>	Best Western Atrium
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business</li> <li>• Election</li> <li>• Committee Reports</li> <li>• Convention Report</li> </ul>	
	<b>Auxiliary Meeting</b>	Best Western
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business</li> <li>• Election</li> <li>• Committee Report</li> </ul>	
12:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Ceremonies</b>	Best Western Atrium
	<b>Retiring of Colors</b>	

# 60TH FFAM CONVENTION – MAY 2-4, 2014 – FESTUS, MO

By Jefferson County Firefighters Association

**R**andolph Mantooth will highlight the 60th Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Convention this May 2–4.

“Sixty Years of Brotherhood in the Fire Service” is the theme of the 60th Fire Fighters Association of Missouri convention hosted by the Jefferson County. The convention will be held at the Best Western Shalimar Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, 1200 West Gannon Drive, Festus, Missouri, on Friday, May 2 through Sunday, May 4. The Jefferson County firefighters previously hosted the convention in 1964 and 1996.

Most of the convention activities will take place around the host hotel including the competitions on Saturday, the vendor booths and meetings. The Friday night mixer and Saturday banquet will be held in the atrium room of the hotel. There are several food establishments nearby, with many in walking distance of the hotel.

On Friday, May 2 the first event of the convention will be a Board Member training class at the hotel beginning at 8:00 am and ending a 4:00 p.m.. Registration for the convention begins at noon and ends at 7:00 p.m.. Exhibitors booths will also be open from noon to 7:00 p.m.. The convention committee is working hard to bring in vendors with products and collectibles you will like to see and purchase. The Auxiliary meeting will be held at the hotel beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Opening ceremonies for the convention begin at 7:00 p.m. in the hotel atrium beginning with the posting of colors by the National Guard Color Guard. The convention planning committee has arranged for state, county and local government officials to address the convention attendees. Following opening remarks by FFAM officials, a mixer featuring live music by the band, Tumbleweed, will begin at 8:00 p.m. and end at 1:00 a.m.. Convention attendees will have their first opportunity to meet actor Randolph Mantooth when he hosts a fund raising autograph session

during the mixer. Mr. Mantooth starred in the role of “LA County Firefighter/ Paramedic John Gage” on the hit TV series. Emergency! Photographs and posters will be available for purchase and personalization. Attendees may bring other items from their personal collection for autographs. All proceeds from the autograph fund raiser benefit the LA County Fire Museum.

On Saturday, May 3 registration and exhibits continue from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The competition challenge begins on the Home Depot parking lot directly across the street from the hotel. The parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. from the Festus Middle School, 1717 West Main and travel east to Brierton Lane where the parade will end. The Convention Parade Grand will be Randolph Mantooth. All departments, organizations and fire truck owners are encouraged to bring their best, newest or oldest apparatus to participate in the parade. Plaques will be presented in different categories.

The convention banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the hotel atrium. Following the

award presentations, Randolph Mantooth will deliver his keynote address, “Remember Why”. Mr. Mantooth’s presentation will remind us that it’s not so much about the “business” as it is about the people. Everyone is encouraged to hear his inspiring keynote address that will lead us back to the heart of why we do what we do. Mr. Mantooth will hold a second autograph fund raising session following his presentation.

Following the banquet and program, Tall Paul Productions will provide the music for the convention dance from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m..

The convention closes on Sunday morning with the association and auxiliary meetings beginning at 9:00 a.m.. All departments are encouraged to representation at these business meetings.

The Jefferson County Firefighters Association has planned for this convention to be enjoyable for all those who attend. The association hopes you will make plans to attend and meet firefighters from across the state. See you in Festus!



**HONOR GUARDS NEEDED**  
2014 Annual Missouri Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Services  
**Kingdom City, Missouri** **May 18, 2014**  
10:30 a.m.

**Contact:** 2014 Honor Guard Commander, Chuck Beaty, St. Joe Fire Department  
**Phone:** 816-261-0035 **Email:** chuckb@stjoewireless.com



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## SIXTIETH ANNUAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

MAY 2ND - 4TH, 2014

ALL CONVENTION ATTENDEES MUST BE REGISTERED

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE : \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT : \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS : \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ZIP : \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE : \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL : \_\_\_\_\_ BANQUET : YES  NO

ONE SHIRT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH PERSON PRE-REGISTERED  
ENTER THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SHIRT SIZES NEEDED :

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Please provide the following for any guest who will be attending:

GUEST : \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE : \_\_\_\_\_ BANQUET : YES  NO

LODGING LOCATION : \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCOUNTED PRE-REGISTRATION DUE BY APRIL 1, 2014**

Registration \$10.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet \$25.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AFTER APRIL 1ST, PAYABLE AT DOOR, Registration \$15.00; Banquet \$30.00**

Make Checks payable to: JEFFERSON COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS

Send registration by April 1, 2014 to:

2014 FFAM Convention Registration

c/o Rob Schrage

226 North Fifth Street

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## 2014 FFAM EXHIBITOR/DISPLAY BOOTH APPLICATION

EXHIBIT DATES & TIMES • FRIDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 12PM-7PM & SATURDAY MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 8AM-12PM

Company Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Booths : \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 each TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
 Each approximate 9' x 9' space will be provided with one (1) eight-foot table and two folding chairs.

Special Requirements Needed (electric) : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Merchandise Sold/Displayed : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed application with payment to :

**Bob Tucker**  
c/o Cedar Hill Fire Protection District  
6766 Cedar Hill Road  
Cedar Hill, MO 63016

Make checks payable to Jefferson County Firefighters

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# DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

**David Hedrick**  
Director



## *University of Missouri Extension, Fire and Rescue Training Institute*

The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) has a busy training calendar scheduled through the end of the fiscal year (June 2014). So far this year, MU FRTI has 580 classes scheduled with 301 classes completed. Thank you for utilizing MU FRTI to meet your departments/agency's training and resource needs.

The MU FRTI staff and I were saddened to learn of the Line of Duty Death on February 22, 2014, of Columbia Fire Department's Fire Lieutenant Bruce Britt. Lt. Britt was a 23-year veteran with CFD. He was working to evacuate residents at a structural collapse of an apartment building when he sustained critical injuries resulting from an additional collapse. MU FRTI has a long history of working closely with CFD and a number of our personnel and adjunct instructors are current or former members of the Columbia Fire Department. Along with the dedicated personnel and extended families of the Columbia Fire Department, we grieve his death. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Lt. Britt and the Columbia Fire Department in their time of loss.

Despite challenging winter weather conditions the first week of February, everything was ready for the 33rd Annual Winter Fire School (WFS) along with the Fire Equipment Expo that occurred February 7-9, in Columbia. The extremely cold weather and snow storm Missouri had early that week brought back memories of the snow event in 2011 that came right before that year's Winter Fire School. Despite weather adversities, MU FRTI staff and the Winter Fire School Command Team were able to persevere and provide another great training event for Missouri's fire service. This weekend

event offered over 100 course sessions to the over 2,000 attendants. The webcast option for WFS sessions has consistently provided a cost-effective way for fire departments to take advantage of training opportunities without travel expense; each year we've seen an increase in participation and this year was no different. As always, the success of WFS is due not only to the experienced instructors, effective Command Team, dedicated staff, our fire service partners and supporters, but most especially to the fire departments and individual student participants. We must express our deepest appreciation to you, our students and participants, for your continued support for this important training event.

The Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs (MAFC) held their Annual Conference in Ridgedale, Missouri, in February. Michael Metro of Los Angeles County Fire Department provided excellent training sessions on current issues impacting the fire service along with programs on leadership development. MAFC held officer elections this year and we congratulate their past and newly elected officers of the organization. Chief Paul Berardi, of Kansas City (MO) Fire Department, was elected to serve as President, and we wish him well in his term of office. The Institute looks forward to the continuing partnership and program initiatives with the MAFC.

Information is now available through brochures and on our website for the 2014 annual Summer Fire School (SFS). SFS is scheduled for June 4-8 at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. This year will mark the 82nd anniversary of this historic event. The Institute is dedicating SFS 2014 in memoriam to Regional Training Coordinator Lee Ireland who

passed away June 26, 2013. Lee had a multifaceted career that included serving in the fire service. He became an Adjunct Instructor with MU FRTI in 1985 and was appointed as a Regional Training Coordinator in 1992, serving in Region D. Over the years, Lee had a consistent leadership presence at MU FRTI Fire Schools. He served on the Command Team for both Winter and Summer Fire Schools, and his involvement with both schools was a valued asset to the Institute. For his long standing assistance and dedication to the Institute, MU FRTI proudly dedicates the 2014 SFS in memoriam to Lee.

On behalf of the Summer Fire School Command Team and the faculty and staff of MU FRTI, I extend to you a special invitation to attend SFS. This year's event will continue the long-standing tradition of providing quality fire service training. The Institute is committed to offering firefighters and fire officers ample opportunities to enhance their professional knowledge, skill sets, and capabilities during this training event. Again in conjunction with SFS, the Midwest Wildland Academy will be conducted in partnership with the Big Rivers Forest Fire Management Compact. This Academy will provide important training in the specialized area of wildland firefighting. Please mark your calendars and come be a part of the training experience of Missouri's longest running fire school. For more information and to register to attend SFS, please visit our website at [www.mufrti.org](http://www.mufrti.org).

We are looking forward to the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) 60th Annual Convention in Festus, May 2-4, 2014, hosted by the Jefferson County Firefighters. Preliminary information indicates it will again be a great



# MU FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING INSTITUTE

## CLASSES OFFERED

For more information call (800) 869-3476

DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
03/10	Managing in a Changing Environment	High Ridge	Michael Arnhart	314-578-6409
03/14	Leadership I for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Company Success	Jackson	Michael Arnhart	573-450-4174
03/17	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Jefferson City	David B. Nichols	573-365-7017
03/17	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Sikeston	David B. Nichols	573-620-1427
03/21	Decision Making for Initial Company Operations	Fulton	James L. Weaver	573-291-6814
03/21	Electric Vehicle Safety for First Responders	Iberia	Donald A. Braun	573-793-6937
03/22	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Warrensburg	David B. Nichols	660-747-5220
03/22	Electric Vehicle Safety for First Responders	Waynesville	Donald A. Braun	573-337-0445
03/24	Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Target Hazards	Springfield	NFA Adjunct	800-869-3476
03/28	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Battlefield	David B. Nichols	417-881-9018
03/28	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Alton	Mark A. Arnold	417-270-1169
03/29	Highway Safety for Emergency Service Personnel	Greenfield	Kelly C. Davis Sr.	417-636-9750
03/29	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Jadwin	Bruce A. Parton	573-729-7065
04/01	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Joplin	David B. Nichols	417-691-0038
04/04	Shaping the Future	Shell Knob	Jon E. Trent	417-858-3560
04/05	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Aurora	Brian A. Schmidt	417-229-2336
04/05	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Dexter	Paul B. Spain	573-820-0019
04/10	Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Within Communities	Springfield	NFA Adjunct	800-869-3476
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04/12	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	St. James	David B. Nichols	573-263-1911
04/12	Certified Fire District Board Training	Patton	Monte Lee Olsen	573-986-8017
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04/25	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Bolivar	David B. Nichols	417-343-5141
04/25	Managing in a Changing Environment	Branson West	Jon E. Trent	417-272-1510
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05/02	Leadership III for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Supervisory Success	Richland	Michael W. White	573-851-0066
05/02	Leadership III for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Supervisory Success	Jackson	Michael Arnhart	573-450-4174
05/02	Certified Fire District Board Training	Festus	Monte Lee Olsen	800-869-3476
05/03	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Lebanon	David B. Nichols	417-532-2104
05/05	Fire Officer II	Kansas City	Gary L. Wilson	800-869-3476

convention for the FFAM. More information on the FFAM's convention can be found in this edition of the newsletter. The FFAM in partnership with MU FRTI will be conducting a Certified Fire District Board Training class as part of the convention on Friday, May 2.

Thank you for your continued support of MU FRTI. The MU FRTI staff and I look forward to continuing to provide quality fire and emergency service training programs to Missouri's emergency responders. For more information on MU FRTI, please view our website at [www.mufrti.org/](http://www.mufrti.org/).

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# NFFS SURVIVOR CONFERENCE

by Brian Zinanni

As you know, the State of Missouri, Firefighters Memorial Foundation and Funeral Assistance Team, and the City of Clayton Fire Department have been very busy planning for the 2014 National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) annual Survivors Conference that will be held in Clayton, Missouri, May 4-9, 2014.

Each year, the NFFF hosts the Survivor's Conference to give family members of our Nation's Fallen Firefighters a place to gather where they can share with others who have suffered similar loss. During this week, survivors will be presented with life skills and educational classes to assist them. Examples of classes have included; home and auto repair, financial planning, how do I talk to my children about grief, and how do I go on my next first date. Bringing survivors together in a place where they feel safe expressing their emotions is paramount to the success of the conference.

In October 2012, the Funeral Assistance Team approached the NFFF with a request to not only host the conference, but to also work hard in assisting the NFFF in offsetting costs associated with the conference. Much of the expected \$500,000 conference costs are covered by a Federal Grant. Reductions in grant funds have required the NFFF to cut back on amenities provided for the benefit of the survivors. Our commitment to the foundation has proven very successful. To date, the fire service of Missouri has raised nearly \$50,000 through many different fund-raising campaigns and negotiated cost offsets. This marks 50% of our desired \$100,000 fund-raising campaign.



We have several additional fund-raisers planned, and are always looking for groups to host a fund-raiser to support this most important cause. Several departments have held fund-raisers such as a bbq or pancake breakfast and donated proceeds to this cause. Be sure to let me know if you would like to host an event to assist in any way.

## MAY 7, 2014 - FIREFIGHTER NIGHT AT CITY MUSEUM FUND RAISER

Join us from 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. for an exclusive Firefighter and Family night at the City Museum, St. Louis. You will have an opportunity to meet many of the survivor families that are here from all across the U.S. \$5 wrist bands must be purchased in advance. For more info visit: [www.mofirefuneral.org/?mdp=conference](http://www.mofirefuneral.org/?mdp=conference)

## VOLUNTEER LINK

We have many opportunities to volunteer your time during the Survivors Conference. Assistance with many functions is needed May 3-10. You can sign up through our volunteer portal at: [www.yourvolunteers.com/?eid=S38QX75JR96TD42CF68](http://www.yourvolunteers.com/?eid=S38QX75JR96TD42CF68)

You can find information on these fund raising events on the funeral team website at [www.mofirefuneral.org](http://www.mofirefuneral.org) and you can follow the progress of our efforts on our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/2014StlNfffSurvivorsConference](http://www.facebook.com/2014StlNfffSurvivorsConference)

Thank you kindly,  
Brian Zinanni,  
Team Coordinator

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Full-time fire personnel must reside within 25 miles and 30 minutes of the City limits within one year of hire. Interested applicants may complete an application on our web site at, [www.jeffcitymo.org](http://www.jeffcitymo.org).

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