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President's Remarks

Greetings Fellow Firefighters



Kenneth Hoover
President

What a busy time for all of us in the emergency services field. The spring weather has been beautiful and we have been receiving rain on a timely manner. As far as the weather goes, everyone at the FFAM Annual Convention in Festus, Missouri, the first weekend in May agreed, it was one of the best that I can remember in many years. I was pleased that we did not receive rain, sleet, and snow again this year.

The opening ceremony on Friday night had one of the largest crowds I have ever seen. The contests were well attended and a crowd of over 500 was in attendance at the Saturday night banquet. Randolph Mantooth was an excellent speaker and motivated us all. All of these things I mentioned did not just happen by chance, but was because of a well planned and executed effort by the Jefferson

County Fire Fighters Association, led by President Haggard and all of his crew. It took many people to pull off a class act such as the one we were privileged to attend. I would also like to thank Rob and Robin Schrage for all of their hard work and attention to detail.

It was a great convention and I thank everyone that had a part in its presentation. There is no way I could even begin to name everyone that helped. Again awesome job. We should have another great convention in 2015 as the delegation voted to approve the Lake of the Ozarks area Fire Association approval to host the event. Fire Chief Dorhauer was present and is excited to bring everyone to the lake area. Make plans now to attend. The exact dates will be forth coming soon. You won't want to miss this one.

As we all departed Festus, another great event was getting under way. The annual National Fallen Fire Fighter Survivors Conference in Clayton, MO overseen by Brian Zinanni and his crew that have invested many hours to assure a successful conference of survivors of LODD's. I wish them well. In fact one of the survivors will be our Sunday morning speaker at our annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial on May 18 at 10:30 a.m. in Kingdom City, MO. I am sure Chairman Keith Smith will write more about that event.

We also had an election of officers at convention and that brings me to congratulate everyone that was elected to office. I appreciate all of the officers, directors, and assistant directors that invest many hours serving FFAM in many different ways, attending meetings, promoting FFAM in their districts, serving on various committees, and having a can do attitude when I ask for a special task to be accepted. As president, I could not ask for a better group of individuals to serve with.

Our next board meeting will be held on June 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in Sedalia at the fire station on the fairgrounds. This will also be the first work weekend at the fire station to prepare for the State Fair. I hope everyone can come and help.

As always, I want to hear from anyone that has a question or a concern. This is everyone's association. You may contact me by phone at 573-581-6235 or by e-mail at chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net

Until we gather again, I wish each of you the best and God speed.

Kenneth Hoover, President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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Fire Marshal's Update

Missouri Division of Fire Safety

Greg Carrell
Assistant Fire Marshal



As most of you know, State Fire Marshal Randy Cole retired on April 30th after nearly 28 years with the Division. In 1986, Randy left his position as a deputy with the Cole County Sheriff's Department to begin his career with the Division. Over the years, he served as an investigator, regional supervisor and assistant fire marshal before taking the position of state fire marshal in 2005. I had the privilege and honor of serving as his assistant state fire marshal over the last 8 ½ years. I personally learned a great deal from him over that time period. I wanted to extend my thanks to all who attended Randy's retirement reception on April 22, and offered words of appreciation for his service to Missouri's first responders. The fact he received resolutions from both Missouri's House and the Senate as well as a Governor's proclamation speaks volumes of the relationships he forged in his efforts to move the Division and fire service forward. His leadership will be missed. We wish him the best in his retirement or whatever future endeavor he chooses. I do fear for the safety of the Lake of the Ozarks crappie population. Perhaps we can persuade him to host a fish fry in the near future.

I would also like to thank all the Division staff who assisted in preparation for Randy's reception. This was no small task and only went as well as it did due to the team effort put forth by all of our staff. Additional thanks go to Chief Greg Brown for coordinating the House and Senate resolutions.

April 22 was also the annual Fire Fighter's Day at the Capitol. While my duties kept me tied down most of the day, I was able to make a pass through the capitol building and grounds. The aerial fire apparatus flying the flag and the training

props stationed around the capitol's driveway made for a memorable sight. The vendors also had informational displays on the third floor rotunda. I hear the hot wings provided for lunch were delicious. I applaud all who were able to participate and spend a little time in Jefferson City providing our elected officials with the local perspective of fire service. Your efforts have paid off many times in the past years.

Speaking of your efforts with our elected officials, the budget for our training funds continues to be positive. The Senate held budget committee hearings and after all was said and done, the additional training monies added by the House were still in place. We appreciate the Senate Committee's recognition of the need to fund fire service training. As I write this, the Senate is scheduled to begin floor debate on the budget and we are hopeful the funding will remain intact. I want to thank all those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to keep those fire training dollars in our budget.

While the legislative season is winding down, activities at the capitol will only increase for the remainder of the session. There are currently several pieces of legislation in the mix including burn bans, line of duty death revisions and an unwelcome revisiting of the sunset clause to the mandatory residential sprinkler option language. We are beginning to see large omnibus bills containing many varied provisions. These can change



FFAM President Kenneth Hoover presents Fire Marshal Randy Cole with a certificate of appreciation

daily and can become somewhat difficult to keep a handle on. I cannot predict how the pending legislation will ultimately shakeout as the session draws to a close, but the Division will remain proactive in identifying any changes which may negatively impact Missouri's fire service. If you have questions about legislation, please feel free to give us a call.

The annual Fire Fighter's Memorial Service is scheduled for May 17 and 18 in Kingdom City at the Fire Fighter's Memorial. On Saturday evening, May 17, there will be a candlelight service beginning at dusk honoring not only the three line of duty deaths, but also a number of fire fighters who passed away during or prior to 2013.

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OPENING SESSION

President Kenneth Hoover opened the 60th Annual FFAM Convention by ringing the bell on Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Best Western Shalimar Hotel and Conference Center, Festus, Missouri.

The Missouri National Guard and Bagpipe posted the colors followed by the singing of the national anthem by Shannon Coaley.

Chaplain Gary Boyer gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Jefferson County Firefighter Association President Bill Haggard welcomed all attendees to Festus and to the convention. Secretary Rob Schrage introduced dignitaries in attendance. Festus Mayor Cage presented the FFAM with a proclamation. Crystal City Mayor Schilly presented the FFAM with a proclamation. Jefferson County Executive Ken Waller presented the FFAM with a proclamation. State Representatives District 111 Michael Frame, District 112 Paul Wieland, District 113 Jeff Roorda, District 114 TJ McKenna, District 115 Elaine Gannon and District 118 Ben Harris presented the FFAM with a proclamation.

Bill Westhoff addressed the audience giving a history of "60 Years of Brotherhood in the Fire Service."

President Hoover welcomed all attendees to the convention and thanked Jefferson County Firefighters Association for their hard work in hosting the convention. He then introduced the FFAM officers and directors to the audience.

Past President Keith Smith presented the Nominating Committee slate for the 2014 FFAM officer elections. Positions for reelection are District 1 Director, District 3 Director, District 7 Director, District 11 Director and District 14 Director.

Terry Wynne is seeking reelection for the District 1 Director; Larry Jones is seeking reelection for the District 3 Director; Robert Brown is seeking reelection for the District 7 Director; Monty Thompson is seeking reelection for the District 11 Director; Rick Dozier is seeking reelection for the District 14 Director. The 1st call for nominations was held. The 2nd call for nominations was held. The 3rd and final call for nominations was held with no further nominations made. Keith Smith presented President Hoover with the slate of officers and positions for election.

Rob Schrage made the final announcements.

President Hoover closed the opening session for the social mixer at 8:00 p.m.

AWARDS BANQUET

Welcome to all in attendance to the 60th Annual FFAM Convention by Emcee Bill Farr. Head table introductions were made.

Bryan Menke gave the invocation followed by the meal.

Chris Baker announced the parade winners.

Fire Prevention Committee Chair RB Brown announced the 2014 poster contest award winners.

1ST AND 2ND GRADE DIVISION

- 1st, Sophie Weber, Washington VFD
- 2nd, Landon Brune, Union FD
- 3rd, Madilynn Baxter, St. Clair FD

3RD AND 4TH GRADE DIVISION

- 1st, Ella Weber, Washington VFD
- 2nd, Rachel Derner, Washington VFD
- 3rd, Morgan Clonts, Beaufort-Leslie FD

5TH AND 6TH GRADE DIVISION

- 1st, Elizabeth Simily, Union FD
- 2nd, Alex Wissmann, Union FD
- 3rd, Lexy Boner, Little Dixie FPD

Scholarship Committee Chair Grant Oetting announced the 2014 scholarship recipients. Continuing Education: Rachel Young, Monett FD; David Zink, Johnson County FPD; High School: Kyler Oliver, Savannah FD; Kara Wehmeyer, Holts Summit FPD; Cassandra Geisendorfer, Shelby Community FD; Tyler Prater, Jefferson R-7 FPD.

Contest Committee Chair Richard Gordon announced the 2014 convention contest winners.

JUNIOR DIVISION CHALLENGE

2 Person Hose Coupling: 1st Galt #1; 2nd Eureka #1; 3rd Eureka #2. Extending a Line: 1st Galt #2; 2nd Southern Stone #1; 3rd Eureka #1. Water Barrel Fight: 1st Southern Stone #1; 2nd Galt #2; 3rd Eureka #2. Overall: 1st Galt #2.

FEMALE DIVISION CHALLENGE

2 Person Hose Coupling: 1st Southern Stone #1; 2nd Little Dixie #2; 3rd Southern Stone #2. Extending a Line: 1st Southern Stone #1; 2nd Little Dixie #1; 3rd Southern Stone #2. Replace a Section of Hose: 1st Little Dixie #1; 2nd Southern Stone #1. Water Barrel Fight: 1st Little Dixie #1; 2nd Southern Stone #1. Bucket Brigade: 1st Southern Stone #1; 2nd Little Dixie #1. Overall: 1st Southern Stone #1.

FIREFIGHTER DIVISION CHALLENGE

2 Person Hose Coupling: 1st Southern Stone #1; 2nd Little Dixie #1; 3rd Southern Stone #2. Replace a Section of Hose: 1st Cole County #1; 2nd Little Dixie #2; 3rd West Plains #1. Extending a Line: 1st Cole County #1; 2nd Little Dixie #2; 3rd West Plains #1. Water Barrel Fight: 1st Little Dixie #1; 2nd Southern Stone #2; 3rd Madison West Monroe #1. Bucket Brigade: 1st Little Dixie #2; 2nd Little Dixie #1; 3rd West Plains #1. Overall: 1st Little Dixie #1.

Award Committee Chair Rob Schrage along with committee members Larry Jennings and Joe Vaughn presented several awards as follows:

Life Saving Awards to: Chris Bell, David Masterson, Wayne Cormier, Bud McMillen, Aaron Burke, Josh Bryant, Paul Bradshaw and Nick House of West Plains FD.

Youth Program of the year presented to Little Dixie Fire Protection District.

Fire Department of the Year presented to Battlefield Fire Protection District.

Firefighter of the Year presented to Wayne Cormier of West Plains Fire Department.

Fire Chief of the Year presented to Brian Newberry with Battlefield FPD.

Bill Farr along with Kevin Mochel of VFIS presented the Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award to Bill Westhoff.

Guest speaker Randolph Mantooth "Johnny Gage" gave a motivational speech to the audience.

President Hoover gave closing remarks. The banquet was followed by the dance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Kenneth Hoover called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to order at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, May 4, 2014 Best Western Shalimar Hotel and Conference Center, Festus, MO.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS: OFFICERS:

President Kenneth Hoover, Little Dixie FPD; First Vice President Tim Bean, West Plains FD; Secretary Treasurer Jaime Miller, Johnson County FPD; Sergeant-at-Arms Rex Reynolds, Southern FPD of Holt Co; Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD; Historian Kay Asher, Wentzville FPD.

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GUESTS:

Greg Carrell, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; David Hedrick, Gail Hagans,

MU FRTI; Larry Eggen, Larry Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Josh Biggers, Korey Smith, Todd DeOrnellis, Josh Loyd, Bobby Tanner, Scott Prater, Matt Hagan, Brandon Reams, Casey CUno, Michael Finch, Steve Gentry, Little Dixie FPD; Chad Wolfe, Madison West Monroe FPD; Tristan Hudson, Dustin Smiley, Hunter Hanes, Erik Jackson, Brian Smiley, Cindy Gott, Matthew Halstead, Galt FD; Brian Schowengerdt, South Metro FPD; Dale Arnold, Lorn M. Dennis, Central Jackson County FPD; Donnie Braun, Gary W. Smith, Cole County FPD; David Masterson, West Plains FD; Danielle Ploch, Sidney Casey, Jim Casey, Boles FPD; CY Fields, Paris Rrual FPD; Jim Beckett, Southern Stone FPD; Jennifer Johnson, Norborne FPD; Bill Haggard, Chris Baker, Herculaneum FD; George Killin Jr., Goldman FD; Robert Tucker, Cedar Hill FPD; Paul Mayer, Desoto Rural FPD; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire and Rescue; Rob Schrage, Jefferson R7 FPD; David Miller, Johnson County

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“PROPOSITION SAFETY” PASSES

By Pacific Fire Protection District

During the recent General Election on Tuesday, April 8th the citizens of the Pacific Fire Protection District had an opportunity to vote on a \$1,580,000 bond issue to help improve the safety of our citizens and firefighters. The bond issue, which was referred to as “Proposition Safety”, was approved with a vote of 1,322 “yes” (75.26%) and 434 “no” (24.74%). The Pacific Fire Protection District would like to thank the taxpayers for their continued support of the Fire District.

The Pacific Fire Protection District is rated ISO “Class 3” within the City Limits of Pacific and “Class 5” outside the city limits, with exceptions made for properties with creditable water supplies which would also be a “Class 3”. The funds from this Bond Issue will enable the District to maintain this rating.

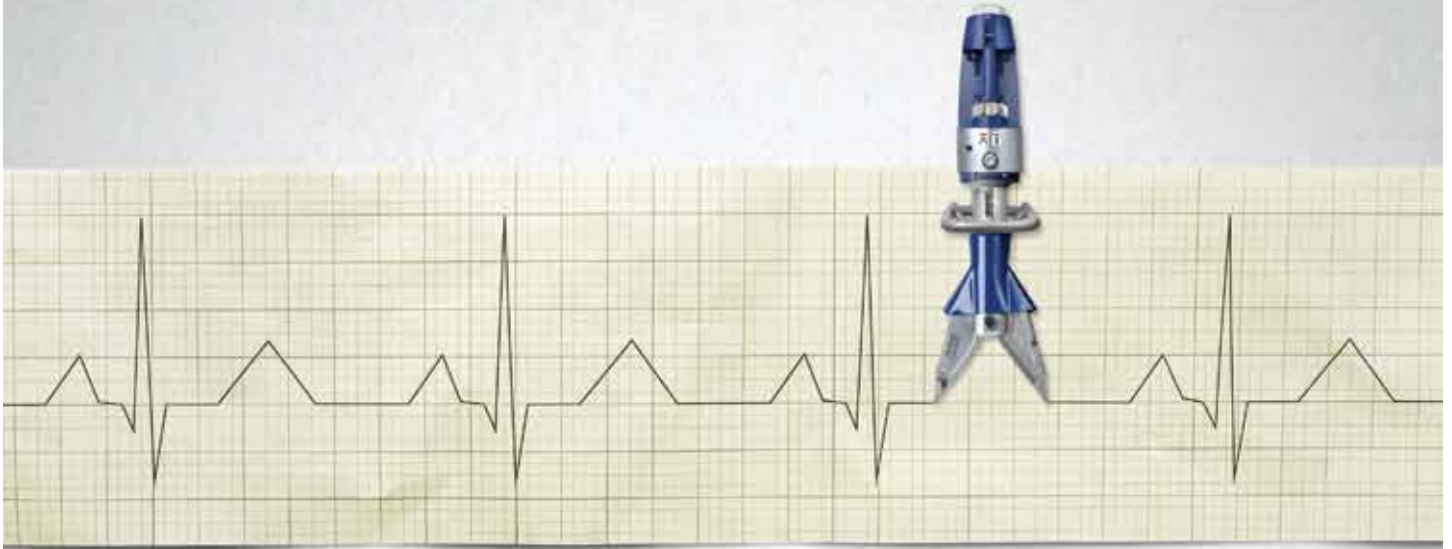
The bond issue will be used for:

- To replace 40 self-contained breathing apparatus with modern equipment. The breathing apparatus currently being used are becoming obsolete. New units will replace outdated equipment and give firefighters 45 minutes of compressed breathing air, an additional 15 minutes over the old units. Two safe-station containment refill stations will also be purchased so tanks can be refilled as needed. Approximate cost: \$410,000
- The District’s 1992 pumper-tanker is at the end of its service life and should be replaced. Replacement parts are almost unobtainable. The old truck will be sold and a new, modern vehicle will be purchased. Approximate cost: \$560,000
- Six thermal-image cameras will be purchased, replacing the old cameras, many of which have been in use for as long as 15 years. Thermal-image cameras are used to show firefighters the location of



anyone inside a burning building.
Approximate cost: \$50,000

- Update/replace current auto rescue equipment. New auto technology core rescue equipment will replace equipment currently 10-33 years of age. Approximate cost: \$150,000
- Build a 4,000 square feet multipurpose facility. Firefighters are highly trained professionals who must constantly train in a wide variety of skills. Modern technology has made training one of the most critical issues in fighting fires or rescue situations. The Pacific Fire Protection District currently relies on our neighboring Districts for use of their training facilities. This restricts the time and frequency our firefighters can utilize the training centers. A home-based training center would allow firefighters extended training time to refine and enhance skills. The building would also include a central location for large equipment such as the district command trailer, the large portable generator, and heavy rescue shoring equipment. Approximate cost: \$250,000



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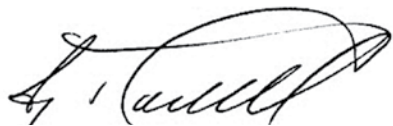
The following firefighter Line of Duty Deaths will be honored on Sunday, May 18, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

- Assistant Chief Harold Hollingsworth – Fort Osage Fire Protection District – April 7, 2013
- Lieutenant Matthew Blankenship – Marshfield Fire Protection District – July 20, 2013
- Assistant Chief Joe Darr – Chillicothe Fire Department – September 4, 2013

For those of you who may have never attended the ceremonies, it is certainly a service worthy of those being honored. It is always well attended, but I look forward to packing the memorial site with members of fire service and our first responder communities to demonstrate to the families, friends and departments of the fallen fire fighters that we support them in spirit and presence.

One final thought. Even with the current wet weather, we are moving into the summer fire season. We hope this will be a slow year for natural cover fires, but as Missouri's weather is ever changing, so are the fire conditions. We field many questions weekly about burn bans or burn advisories. I look at those regulatory options as only part of the equation. We need to continue to educate our communities about the risk of brush fires during extreme weather conditions. That education may not only prevent the property damage caused by natural cover fires, but also provide for the safety of those who respond on those hot summer days to suppress the fires.

If the Division of Fire Safety may be of any assistance to you or your agency, we are just a call or click away. We exist to support our partners in fire service. Stay safe!



Greg Carrell
Assistant State Fire Marshal



AN UPDATE FROM THE **FIRST VICE** **VICE PRESIDENT**

Tim Bean

Well, how do I start, good morning, maybe its good afternoon, or good evening, anyway greetings from your First Vice President. Spring has sprung finally as it always does, and man I'm very happy for that! A lot has happen since we last visited. My good friend and State Fire Marshall Randy Cole has retired, I want to say and I believe I could speak for firefighters all across the state great job sir! I have enjoyed working beside you, and have appreciated your devotion to the fire service, and guarding the spirit of continuing a quality fire service throughout Missouri. Happy retirement, health and trails to you sir! Your presence will be missed. I would also like to congratulate Greg Carrell on being appointed acting Fire Marshal.

Happy 60th Anniversary to Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, and along with that comes Congratulations to Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association for hosting our convention. With prior experience they pull out all the stops and accommodated us with an awesome convention. Thanks for being a great host

to everyone that was involved. A short shout out to all the great firefighters that made the firefighters games entertaining, good job everyone! The icing on the cake was having Randolph Mantooth AKA: "Johnny Gage" as our guest speaker. Again thanks Jefferson County Fire Association and Rob!

In closing I need to congratulate several of my firefighter's for some great accomplishments over the last two months. Thanks men for your desire to become better at your jobs and your sacrifice to further your education. Wayne Cormier completed his state Fire Inspector course, Shawn Bice, Chris Bell, Jeremiah Jones, Chris Brocklebank, completed their Fire Instructor 1 course. We are looking forward to putting their new skills and abilities to work, again congratulations fellows.

Everyone be safe and I hope to see you at the Phil Sayers Memorial Run in June!

J. Tim Bean,
1st Vice President



Left to Right: Lieutenant Wayne Cormier, Firefighter Christopher Brockelbank, Engineer Jeremiah Jones, Engineer Christopher Bell, Engineer Shawn Bice

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CONTEST COMMITTEE AT CONVENTION

By Rich Gordon

I would like to start by thanking the Jefferson County Fire Association and the local businesses for providing us with everything we needed to put on an excellent competition. Special thanks to Rob Schrage and his staff for getting us anything we needed in a very timely fashion. These competitions take a lot of planning, and a lot of work, before, during and after the competitors take the field. From the people who secure the area before we arrive, until the equipment and hose is back home and dried and put away for next year. I would surely miss several people if I tried to name them all. You know who you are and I'm sure you didn't do it for the glory or high pay, the fire service family just isn't built that way. So a huge thank you to everyone involved in making it happen!

On behalf of the entire committee congratulations to all the competitors and the people that support them.

How about those junior teams, all 10 of them! Not only are they there, they're setting new records and closing in on firefighter records. Well done!

While the female teams were down some on numbers, I was told the excessively long and cold winter was the culprit, It did not diminish their competitive spirit. Very close competition again this year. The firefighter division was also represented from border to border. A new record was set in the replacing a line competition, that has held up since 1984! A testament to all the hours of practice in preparation for the contests.



The fire service is one of the few groups where you can get that many type "A" individuals to pull together toward a common goal. It is an honor to work with this committee and all of the competitors to put on this amazing display of competition and camaraderie.



History's CORNER

SO..IT'S ACTUALLY BEEN SIXTY YEARS?

by Bill Westhoff

There were some forward thinking members of the fire service in Missouri in the mid 1950's who thought that there interest were not being addressed at the state level. These folks were just like the present members of your local fire department. Most were volunteers who worked as car dealers, farmers, welders, concrete finishers and many other trades. Some were local ministers, bankers, and leaders of their respective communities. They all had one thing in common. They wanted a voice in politics in Jefferson City and they wanted recognition for their efforts as members of their local fire department. They also wanted a way that thoughts and ideas that would improve the emergency services in the state could be shared with one another for the greater improvement of the service.

1954 - 1955

And what was going on in 1954 -1955 along with these thoughts:

- Dwight David Eisenhower was the President. He made the decision on February 12th of 1955 to send the first military advisors to South Vietnam. That same month he conducted the very first presidential news conference on a TV network.
- On a slightly lighter note, excuse the pun, the McGuire Sisters song, *Sincerely* was number one on the national charts and stayed there for ten weeks.
- On February 13, 1955, KRCG/TV in Jefferson City started broadcasting!
- On March 5, Elvis Presley made his very first TV appearance on the show *Louisiana Hayride*.

- If you had a TV at the time, your were more than likely watching *Dagnet*, *I Love Lucy*, *The Jackie Gleason Show* and the kids were really in to *Howdy Doody*.
- Top Billboard hits were Tony Bennett's *Rags to Riches* and Doris Day's *Secret Love*. That was the era in music that you could actually understand the words to a song and a real orchestra backed up the singer with a musical score in front of them.
- If you local fire department wanted to go "all out" and purchase a custom Ahrens-Fox 750 GPM pumper the price tag in 1955 would be between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars, depending on how many "bells and whistles" you wanted on the rig.

The program was opened at the Pennant Hotel at eight in the morning and Fire Chief Max Woods and other city officials welcomed the guests. Speakers for the day included President George V. "Spud" Allers from the Desloge Volunteer Fire Department in Flat River: John Barman, the chief engineer of the Missouri Inspection Bureau: Joseph Fetters, administrative assistant in charge of Firemanship Training at the University of Missouri and Bush Walden, university fire instructor.



Joseph Fetters, first honorary member of the FFAM

THE FIRST CONVENTION

The F.F.A.M was formed and the first officers and directors elected at an October 17, 1954 meeting held in Jefferson City, Missouri. The first convention was held in Columbia, Missouri on April 16 and 17 of 1955.



Demonstration from First Convention April 1955

The Columbia Fire Department conducted a demonstration on Saturday afternoon, which included ladder drills and life net operations.



Demonstration from First Convention April 1955

THE LAST CONVENTION

We can now say that the 60th Convention has now been entered into the history books, as of yesterday. I must say that it was one of the most memorable for me for a number of reasons. I was also in Festus for the other two conventions in 1964 and 1996 that this fine organization hosted and they have again outdone themselves. Thanks to the dedication and strength of all the departments in Jefferson County and the various F.F.A.M committees, it was a huge success. It was great to see the theme for the convention carried out. It illustrated clearly the "Sixty Years Of Brotherhood In The Fire Service".

AUTHORS NOTE

Most folks who know me have rarely seen me speechless! I came fairly close on Saturday night at the banquet when I was awarded the "Phillip Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award". To say it was a great highlight of my life is an understatement. Phil was a very close friend and I still miss him every day. To receive an award with his name on it makes me very proud. My sincere thanks to all who made it happen and to my family for sharing the moment with me.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT

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**Robert B. Brown
 Director**

I would like to begin this short article by expressing my thanks to Jefferson County for a great convention.

I would like to thank all member departments who submitted posters for the poster contest. I will be working to recognize the winning posters in the very near future. I was proud to see the number of participants this year. However, I still believe more participation is possible and encourage each agency to submit posters for next year.



As the fire chief of the State Fair Fire Department, I wish to thank each and every person that submitted an application for the 2014 State Fair. Applications will be reviewed by the committee and you will be notified soon of your status. I encourage anyone who is able to assist in upcoming work weekends to please do so. The work weekends are May 30 - June 1 and July 11-13. Chief officers recently met and have begun planning for a great 2014 fair.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

RB Brown
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Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

MAY 2ND & 4TH 2014

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BUSINESS MEETING FRIDAY MAY 2

President Chris Slaughter called meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. No posting of colors due to room restraints. Invocation: Sheri Berendzen read a poem "Labor of Love".

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS:

President, Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD; 1st Vice President, Diane Hanes, Galt FPD; 2nd Vice President, Susan Voss, Beaufort-Leslie FPD; Secretary-Treasurer, Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Historian, Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Sergeant at Arms, Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD.

PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Voss, Beaufort-Leslie FPD; Janet Smith, Cole County FPD; Sheila Arnold, Central Jackson County FPD.

Roll call of departments completed by Jessica Miller, reporting 10 departments and 21 members present at the meeting. Robert and Robin Schrage recapped the convention events with the members.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Reported we currently have 101 members, 13 Honorary members and 19 departments.

CONTEST:

The contest team was ready for the contest on Saturday morning.

AUDIT:

Jessica Miller and Diane Hanes audited the checkbook and found no discrepancies. Financial records are in order.

POSTER CONTEST:

Little Dixie and Galt will be judging the posters at 7:00 p.m. tonight, theme is "Kitchen Fires".

SILENT AUCTION/FUND RAISER:

Theresa Cox reported we have many new items available for sale such as knives, jewelry, tumblers etc. Have great items for the silent auction which will end at 5:00 p.m. Saturday night.

BY-LAWS:

Jessica indicated no changes to the by-laws to report.

NOMINATIONS:

Janet Smith reported all current officers have accepted a second term nomination. She indicated a officers term is for 2 years and they can extend their duties another 2 years for the same position. Janet asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. No response from the membership. The committee recommends the current slate of officers for 2014-2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2014 Memorial Services will be on Saturday night May 17 and Sunday morning May 18, 2014 at Kingdom City. Discussion about who was preparing the ribbons resulting in Diane from Galt will have them ready.

Sheri indicated we need to purchase small table top flags, American and FFAM Auxiliary flags, for future use. We have situations where the rooms where our meetings convene have low ceiling heights and our current flags do not fit. Theresa Cox made a motion we get a quote for two small flags one being an American flag the other the FFAM Auxiliary flag. Seconded by Angela Fields. Motion passed. Sheri Berendzen indicated she will get the quote.

Angela Fields asked about silent auction items. Indicated she has someone who can make a yard metal sculpture for next year. Sheila Arnold made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Katie Schowengerdt, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY MAY 4

President Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD, called meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. The colors were posted and pledge of allegiance by all. Invocation read by Sheri Berendzen, "Fire Fighters".

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS:

President, Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD; 1st Vice President, Diane Hanes, Galt FPD; 2nd Vice President, Susan Voss, Beaufort-Leslie FPD; Secretary-Treasurer, Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Historian, Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Sergeant at Arms, Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD.

PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kim Voss, Beaufort-Leslie FPD; Janet Smith, Cole County FPD; Sheila Arnold, Central Jackson County FPD; Joan Hahne, Washington Volunteer FD.

Robin Schrage read the Resolution. Joan Hahne informed us the Resolution is to be read by an outgoing convention host member and given to the next year's convention host member.

OLD BUSINESS:

Theresa Cox indicated no meeting notes from Sundays convention meeting would be read due to the change made at the meeting in June of 2013. After further discussion and review of the by-laws it was determined the meeting notes be read. Theresa read the Sundays Convention Business Meeting notes. Janet Smith, Cole County FPD made a motion to accept the meeting notes, seconded by Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD. All in favor (delegates only), no oppositions/abstentions, motion passed.

Richard Gordon, Cole County FPD and Chair of Contest Committee, joined our meeting to speak to the mistake

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STATE FAIR COMMITTEE REPORT

By Monty Thompson, Director District 11

I'm writing this from the 2014 FFAM Convention where there are many members in attendance.

The committee met and had a walk through with PCAD who have been running their ambulances out of the State Fair firehouse until their station was completed. In March the Missouri Civil Air Patrol met in the firehouse at the State Fairgrounds. They expressed their thanks

for use of the building and did some extra cleaning.

In years past, we have provided coverage for the horse shows held on the fairgrounds. This year we will be working two shows instead of our regular one.

The fair applications were due on May 1. The committee will meet again on June 2 to review all of those applications. Letters

will be sent out as soon as the committee determines the staff for this year. There will be many changes in the meals at the fair. We will be furnishing three meals a day this year.

There will be work weekends June 1 and again in July. Work days will be posted on the website.

Hope to see you there!

Monty Thompson, State Fair Chair
816-365-7187 or 816-628-41527

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in calculation made during the contest resulting in the wrong results and trophy given to wrong team. He expressed his deepest apologies to the teams involved.

Roll Call completed by Jessica Miller, Norborne, reporting 14 departments and 41 members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER REPORT:

Reported as of May 5, 2013 our beginning balance was \$2,172.59. As of May 1, 2014 the new balance is \$2,377.24. Theresa reviewed the details from the handout of the years transactions. Missy Erdel, Little Dixie FPD made a motion to accept the treasurer report as read, seconded by Diane Hanes, Galt FPD. All in favor (delegates only), no oppositions/abstentions, motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP:

Susan Voss, Beaufort-Leslie read the list of Honorary Members. She updated her list of long standing members with the help from the members present.

HISTORIAN:

Sheri Berendzen indicated was unable to show the slide show this year due to the fact did not have a suitable area. In the future will assure the convention host team will know we need an area to present the slide show. She still needs pictures with names and information about the photos to add to the history books and slide show.

BY-LAWS:

Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD, no changes made, nothing to report.

AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR:

Janet Smith, Warrenton FPD, reported at Saturday night's banquet Lisa Williams, Beaufort-Leslie, was awarded the Auxiliary Member of the year. Next year's committee members will consist of Lisa Williams, Beaufort-Leslie, Jenny Smith, Warrenton FPD, and Delores Owensby, Beaufort-Leslie. Sheila Arnold reminded the members an Auxiliary can be nominated.

POSTERS:

Diane Hanes, Galt FPD, reported they had 100 posters this year.

CONTEST:

Pam Carsten, Cole County FPD, reported new records were set this year, this is due to the teams putting in many hours of practice. Had a great turnout. It is taking less time to complete the contest each year.

AUDIT:

Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD reported Diane Hanes and herself audited the checkbook and found no discrepancies. Financial records are in order.

NOMINATION:

Shelia Arnold, Central Jackson FPD, the slate of officers recommend for 2014-2015 as follows; President, Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD; 1st Vice President, Diane Hanes, Galt FPD; 2nd Vice President, Susan Voss, Beaufort-Leslie FPD; Secretary-Treasurer, Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Historian, Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Sergeant at Arms, Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD.

Sheila asked for nominations from the floor. No nominations were made from members present. Lisa Williams, Warrenton FPD, made a motion to cease nominations, seconded by Sheila Arnold, Central Jackson FPD. All in favor (delegates only), no oppositions/abstentions, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD, reminded everyone the 2014 Memorial Services will be on Saturday night May 17th and Sunday morning May 18th, 2014 at Kingdom City. Discussion about who was preparing the ribbons resulting in Diane from Galt will have them ready.

Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD, asked if there was anyone who was interested in chairing the Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle next year? She suggested we create a committee to take this task on in the future. To be tabled for the next Board meeting.

Lisa Williams, Beaufort-Leslie, made a motion to accept the slate of officers recommended by the Nomination Committee by acclimation. Motion seconded by Katie Schowengerdt, South Metro FPD. All in favor (delegates only), no oppositions/abstentions, motion passed.

Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD, read a list of the last 2 years (2012-2013) accomplishments by the FFAM Auxiliary.

Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD, reported we made \$1,315.00 from the Silent Auction. Sales of Auxiliary items we made \$625.00. The Friday night Raffle we raised \$100.50, and the White Elephants and loose change collected we raised \$5.50. The grand total of all of this is \$2,046.00. The Quilt Pam Carsten Cole County FPD, made and raffled made \$241.00.

Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD, asked if anyone wanted to post the colors at next year's convention? No volunteers at this time. Tabled till next Board Meeting.

Ann Jones informed the group next year's convention is possibly at Osage Beach. She also indicated last year the Auxiliary donated \$1,500 to the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation. She and her husband will be attending this year's NFFF Conference coming up. It was explained the goal of the NFFF was to hold a conference for the families of a fallen fire fighter to attend at no cost to them. The families will have a chance to get information and support from other families and such. She will give us an update after attending the conference. Jessica Miller stated the Funeral team has received accolades for all of their dedication and hard work they have provided.

RETIRING OF THE COLORS

Melissa Dahms, Beaufort-Leslie, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jenny Smith, Warrenton FPD. Motioned passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD
Secretary/Treasurer, 2014-2015



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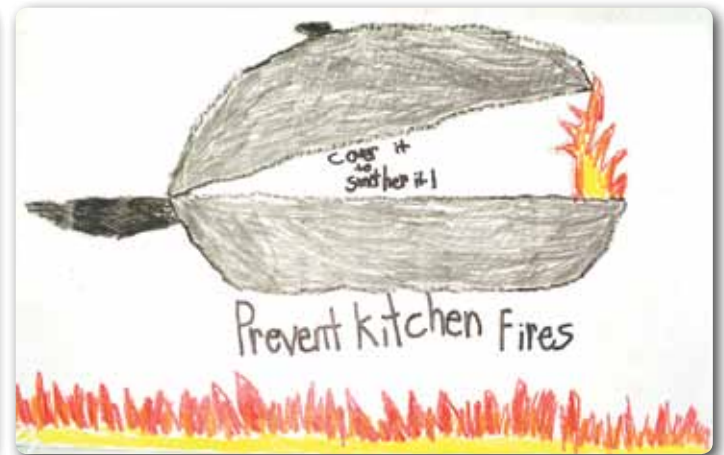
FIRE PREVENTION POSTER

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Congratulations To This Year's Poster Contest Winners



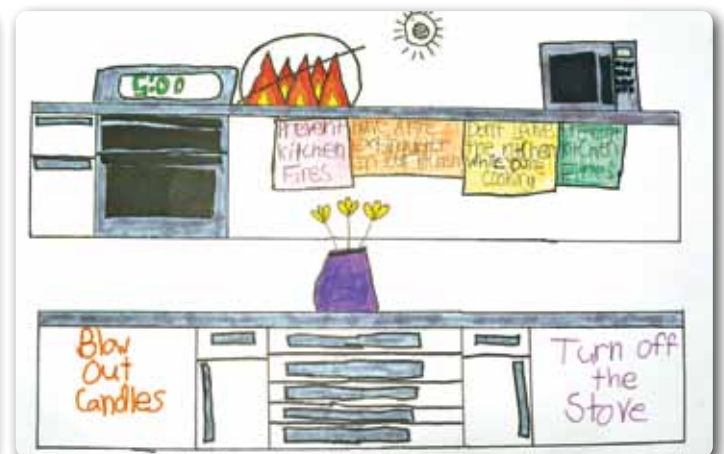
Sophie Weber, Our Lady of Lourdes; Washington



Landon Brune, St. John Baptist; Union



Ella Weber, Our Lady of Lourdes; Washington



Rachel Derner, Washington West; Washington



Elizabeth Simily, St. John Baptist; Union



Alex Wissmann, St. John Baptist; Union

WINNERS

FFAM Would Like To Thank Everyone Who Participated



Madilynn Baxter, St. Clair Catholic; St. Clair



Morgan Clouts, Spring Bluff R-15; Beaufort-Leslie



Lexy Boner, Eugene Field

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Hello to all. I have to say the Jefferson County Firefighter Association can put on a great show! For the ones that could not attend you missed a great convention. The key note speaker, Mr. Randolph Mantooth's (Johnny Gage) presentation was excellent. It was a family reunion. Again I say fine job to the Jefferson County Firefighter Association.

As you know each year the FFAM holds a fire prevention poster contest for the grade school age, the theme for the contest was Prevent Kitchen Fires. This year the ladies judged a 100 posters. To the up and coming artist the fire prevention committee says thank you for the great work! To the ladies thank you for judging. While we have many fire departments and districts that are members of the association we had 7 agencies that submitted posters. Thanks to Jefferson R7. Galt Fire District, Union Fire District, Washington Volunteer Fire Company St Clair Fire District and Beaufort Leslie Fire District, Little Dixie Fire District.

To all the winners your posters will be on the association website as well as the Missouri Fire Marshal Office web site. Congratulations to the winners. This year Fire Prevention theme as of the convention has not been published. It is to be sometime in June. As soon as I know it will be in the newsletter and the website. The fire prevention committee would like to know if the posters are judged earlier in the year and your District or Department has a winner could your winner be at the convention to receive their prize?

Have a safe summer wear your seat belt and don't text and drive. Fire Prevention is a daily thing so pass it along. Thank you for your time.

Robert B. Brown
District 7 Director

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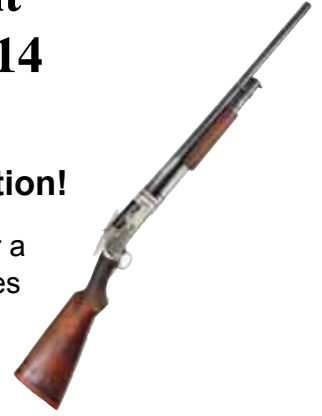
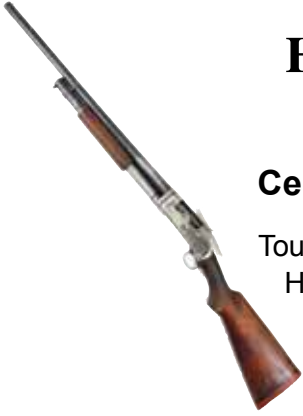


CENTRAL TANEY COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Name: _____

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HONORING WILLIAM “LEON” REESE

William L. “Leon” Reese of the DeKalb Fire Protection District was surprised on April 13, 2014 at a retirement reception in his honor at P&J Restaurant in DeKalb, Missouri. State Representative Galen Higdon presented Leon with a Courtesy Resolution from the House of Representatives noting his accomplishments and dedication to the DeKalb Fire Department and surrounding area. Leon was also recognized for his 32 years of service to the DeKalb Fire Protection District and also for his 12-years of service to the Region H Haz-Mat Team.

In 1981, the DeKalb Fire Department began service. Leon was a key component to the creation of the first-ever fire department serving the village of DeKalb and southern Buchanan County. Leon has served the Fire District that time both as a board director, firefighter, and fire captain, respectively.

Over the years, Leon’s leadership has been phenomenal which resulted in department professionalism, better training, and executive decision-making on a wide variety of issues and projects that has helped shape the DeKalb Fire Department today. Projects over the years include, but not limited to equipment purchases, fire apparatus acquisitions, helped establish the Buchanan Chiefs’ Association, Region H Haz-Mat Team, and overseeing and managing federal and state grants for life-saving equipment purchases for the fire district that would otherwise not possible with current revenues. Most recent projects include the new fire station project and acquisition of a newer refurbished pumper fire truck with extremely low mileage and hours.

Thank you Leon for your hard work, continued service, and dedication to the DeKalb Fire Department. It certainly wouldn’t be the organization it is today had it not been for you!



CENTRAL MISSOURI CHIEFS HONORED BY NSSAR

Two central Missouri fire chiefs were honored by the Christopher Casey Chapter, Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution in a Patriots’ Day award ceremony in Jefferson City. The April 19, 2014, celebration bestowed the Fire Safety Commendation medal and certificate to Chief Ron Hoffman, Linn Fire Protection District, and Chief Donnie Braun, Cole County Fire Protection District.

Chief Hoffman has served in his position for over 10 years and has been the leader in numerous modernizations and expansions in the Linn Fire Protection Districts service. Among his many accomplishments he designed and oversaw the building of Station 1 in 2006, the procurement of new apparatuses, the establishment of stations

3 and 4, and the development and implementation of a regional burn training facility at station 2 in Bonnots Mill. He is a fire officer I, firefighter I and II instructor, EMS instructor, and emergency vehicle driver instructor.

For most of his life Chief Braun has served the citizens surrounding the capitol city as a firefighter, and has been Chief since 1975. In 1969 the Cole County Volunteer Fire Department had one station and one truck to protect over 220 square miles. Today the Cole County Fire Protection District has eight stations and 29 trucks to render fire and rescue protection to the outskirts of Jefferson City and five



other small towns. He proudly boasts that his grandson is the fourth generation to be a Cole County firefighter in the Braun family.

Both chiefs attribute the success of their fire service districts to the volunteer men and women who are firefighters, auxiliary, and board members.

HOUSTON FIRE CHIEF RETIRES

City of Houston Fire Chief Don Rust has announced his retirement effective May 1, 2014. Don has served as fire chief for the City of Houston for the past 31 years.

On January 3, 1976 Don Rust stopped by Houston City Hall to follow up on a job he had just completed for the city. Before leaving the building he was approached by city clerk, Joyce Campbell. She asked Don if he would be interested in becoming a fireman. He stated, "I guess I could do that". Joyce said, "Fine, I will put on the roster". On that eventful day little did Don Rust realize the impact that statement would have on the next 38 years.

In 1982 Don was serving as assistant chief of Houston's City Fire Department. Rural Fire Chief Warren Gobble, who had led that department since its beginning, retired, and Rust took over the reins. Then when city Chief Bob Dunn stepped down in 1983 Don was appointed to that post by the mayor. Serving as both city and rural chiefs, running his excavating business, and family responsibilities were overwhelming. In 1984 Don resigned as rural chief in order to devote more time to the city.

Rust established an agenda to improve training, upgrade and replace antiquated equipment, and to obtain better compensation for the volunteers. In the early eighties calls were divided into two categories-dry runs and wet runs. If water was sprayed on a fire it was considered a wet run and fireman received five dollars for the call. Dry runs paid two dollars and fifty cents. Today a daytime call pays thirty-five dollars and all others twenty-five dollars.

All did not run smoothly. Rust felt the city leaders had not taken his suggestions seriously and were not making efforts to remedy the problems. Some issues had been tabled for over three

years. So, at a city council meeting in January, 1986, he resigned as fire chief. After a lengthy meeting the council admitted to a communication breakdown and felt the differences could be worked out. Rust was asked to reconsider and after the meeting he agreed to stay on as chief.

Chief Rust realized the future of the department would depend on attracting young volunteers. In 1992 he got approval to start a Junior Fire Fighter Program. Recruits 16 to 18 years old receive thorough training and without placing them in harms way they provide support to the fireman at the scene. One of his protégés, Robbie Smith, went on to become a professional firefighter and was recently featured in *Fire Apparatus* magazine.

Accomplishments under the leadership of Don Rust include: Construction of a new fire station which includes five bays, office, kitchenette/meeting room, and storage area. Additionally there are hose drying racks, a washing machine, and equipment to refill air packs; Replaced a 1950 Ford truck with a 1994 Freightliner demo truck from Precision Fire Apparatus; Replaced the Texas County Rescue vehicle with a heavy duty International style ambulance better suited for the transport of equipment and personnel. In 2006 voters approved an 1/8 cent sales tax which allowed the purchase of a new fully equipped, Pierce Quint ladder truck which includes a CAFS foam system. Former Houston firefighter, Robbie Smith, brokered the deal through Schumacher Fire Equipment. In addition to station and vehicles most of the auxiliary equipment such as air packs, bunker gear, tools, and training have been greatly upgraded.

When Rust first became chief, Houston had an ISO insurance rating of 8. In 1987 it went from 7 to 6. In 2007, primarily because of the department's



efforts, Houston received an ISO 4 rating, narrowly missing a level 3.

Don Rust has sat on various boards and committees and served his community in various ways. Among them include County Civil Defense Director, serving on the Houston Planning and Zoning Commission, Supervised the Texas County Rescue, and was toss ball coach when his sons were young. In 2007 he received the U.S. Presidential Service Award that recognizes volunteerism in the fire service.

Don married the former Janet Haney in 1975. They are the parents of two sons, Darren and David. Both followed in their dad's footsteps and have served as firefighters.

So what is Don Rust going to do with the rest of his life? He will still have a part in the City of Houston Fire Department as he has agreed to stay on the roster to help out if needed. He still operates the family business, Rust Excavating, which he established in the mid seventies. And he will continue to assist the public with their plumbing, heating, and cooling needs at his father's business, Rust Utility Shop.

Don Rust, you have served your community well and we thank you. All of the fireman from Houston and throughout Region G wish you the best.

FIRST FULL TIME CREW

Over the last 2.5 months the Bolivar City Fire Department has experienced a few bouts of drastic change and growth, drastic, but in the best way.

In mid-February, BCFD was informed that we were awarded a fairly large grant. The grant we were awarded is the SAFER grant from FEMA. This grant allows for us to have complete, full-time crews for the first time in our history. The craziness began immediately after notification of awarding. After a whirlwind of testing and interviewing of over 25 applicants, on March 31st we welcomed nine new members to our full-time team. The grant will pay full salary and full benefits for the nine new team members for two years.

After the hiring process began for the nine new firefighters, we began to live in the predicament of how we plan to house all 12 members of our team. But, just in time for the new hires to move in, our dedicated city council members pulled through for us. We were given the opportunity to move in to a Public Safety Center and to share that building with our police force. The PSC has 7 offices, 8 dorms, a kitchen, a laundry

room, equal and opposite facilities, along with several needed storage areas and a common training room. Though meeting a large portion of our needs, the building is still in need of some TLC, mostly in that it needs bays for trucks. And we hope to be in a position to address this problem, and build bays in the next two years. Until that time, it's a happy coincidence that the Public Safety Center is a quick block from the station housing the trucks.



New building, new personnel, same mission: Our family, helping to serve and protect the lives and property of your family.

NEW 32' FIRE BOAT FOR WESTERN TANEY COUNTY FD

On April 14, 2014 the Western Taney County Fire District placed a 32' fire boat, built by Lake Assault Boats in Superior Wisconsin, in service on Table Rock Lake. It has a 1,500 GPM Darley pump powered by an inboard motor connected to TFT master stream and 2 1/2" and 5" discharges. It is propelled by twin 300 HP Mercury outboards and lighting and A/C is powered by a 5KW generator.

The climate controlled cabin can carry eleven people or four people and two supine patients. Besides the firefighting equipment there is ample room to carry the dive teams gear. For electronics the boat has Radar, GPS, down and side sonar and thermal imaging.



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FPD #2; Emily Misel, Jeff Misel, Cowgill FD; Grant Oetting, Higginsville FD; Ronald Hoffman, Linn FPD.

AGENDA:

President Hoover asked for additions to the agenda. Rick Dozier moved to accept the agenda as presented. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

MINUTES:

President Hoover asked for corrections or additions to the May 2013 convention board meeting minutes and the December 1, 2013 board meeting minutes. Larry Jones moved to accept the minutes as presented. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Hoover asked for a review of the December 2013 and January – March 2014 financial reports. Roy Sims moved to accept the financial report as presented. RB Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S):

David Hedrick with MU FRTI expressed appreciation to Jefferson County Firefighters Association for hosting the convention and congratulations to all award winners.

MU FRTI fiscal year ends June 30. 650 classes will have been taught by that time which is an increase from last year.

Summer Fire School will be held June 4-8 and will be dedicated to Lee Ireland. MU FRTI is working on securing funding for the upcoming fiscal year. If your department would like to host a class, you need to contact your regional training coordinator or MU FRTI directly.

MU FRTI is also receiving an AFG Grant which will be used to purchase a grain bin training prop along with other equipment for their technical rescue programs.

Greg Carrell with the Division of Fire Safety reported that Randy Cole retired

as of April 30 and he has been named as Acting State Fire Marshal.

The Division is redoing standards for their Hazardous Materials Tech training program and more classes will be available in the future. They are also redoing standards for their other rescue training programs.

We are currently in the last few days of this legislative cycle. If you have any questions on legislation or bills, you may contact him.

Carrell also expressed his appreciation for the continued support and good working relationship that the DFS has with the FFAM.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Larry Jennings reported that the FFAM did not receive the SAFER grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sergeant-at-Arms Reynolds reported that 27 departments with 62 delegates were represented at the meeting. Monty Thompson moved to accept the report. RB Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

Keith Smith reported that five positions are up for election and no new nominations were received. The nominations are Terry Wynne, District 1 Director; Larry Jones, District 3 Director; Robert Brown, District 7 Director; Monty Thompson, District 11 Director; Rick Dozier, District 14 Director. Dale Arnold moved to elect by acclamation Terry Wynne, District 1 Director; Larry Jones, District 3 Director; Robert Brown, District 7 Director; Monty Thompson, District 11 Director; Rick Dozier, District 14 Director. Cy Fields seconded the motion and all approved.

Sergeant-at-Arms Reynolds presented three by-law changes. Change 1 would extend the Executive Committee terms from 2 year to 4 year terms while holding elections for the President and 2nd Vice President on year one and 1st Vice President and Sergeant-at-Arms

on year two so as to stagger the terms. Change 2 would be to change the Secretary-Treasurer position from an elected position to an appointed position. Change 3 would set a March 1 deadline for nominations for open officer positions and no longer accepting officer nominations during the opening ceremonies of convention. Discussion followed.

By-law change 1: Terry Wynne moved to change Article V – Officers and Duties – Officers shall be elected to a four (4) year term. Elections will be held every two (2) years for two (2) officers. Positions shall be split so as to elect a President and 2nd Vice President on the first officer election year and a 1st Vice President and Sergeant-at-Arms on the next officer election year. Rick Dozier seconded the motion. A vote was held: 34 yes, 25 no. The motion failed for lack of 2/3 majority vote.

By-law change 2: Jeff Misel moved to change Article V – Officers and Duties – The Secretary-Treasurer shall be an appointed position nominated by the Executive Board and approved by the Board of Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer's position will be evaluated every two (2) years by the Executive Board and a report will be given to the Board of Directors for approval. In the event the Secretary-Treasurer's position is vacated by the person in that position or by a decision of the Board, the 2nd Vice President shall assume the duties until a replacement can be nominated by the Executive Board and approved by the Board of Directors. Greg Brown seconded the motion. A vote was held: 31 yes. The motion failed for lack of a 2/3 majority vote.

By-law change 3: Tim Bean moved to change Article V – Officers and Duties – Nominations for office must be submitted before the convention by March 1. Upon review, if a candidate is found to be ineligible or not in good standing with FFAM, that nomination will be voided for that year's election. All open positions and duly approved candidates shall be posted on the FFAM website no later than March 15. Rick Dozier seconded the motion. A vote was held: 53 yes. The change passed.

Discussion was held on the District 2 Assistant Director. Greg Wright advised that Henry Gunsauls has stepped down due to time commitments. Wright would like to recommend Vernon Cash with Shelbina FPD as District 2 Assistant Director. Monty Thompson moved to appoint Vernon Cash as District 2 Assistant Director. Tim Bean seconded the motion and all approved.

Tim Bean reported that a Sprinkler Coalition Committee has been established and is meeting every quarter to discuss and research legislation regarding residential sprinklers. The Coalition is comprised of various trade and member organizations. Discussion followed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:
AWARDS COMMITTEE:**

Rob Schrage extended his thanks to the Awards Committee for all their help.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Tim Bean reported that all committees should be planning their 2015 budgets now.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

No report was given.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE:

David Hedrick reported that Missouri Fire Chaplain Corp annual meeting/training will be on May 5-7 in Springfield, MO. The National Fallen Firefighter Survivors Conference will be held May 4-10 in Clayton, MO. The National Federal of Fire Chaplains Conference will be October 19-23 in Maryland.

CONTEST COMMITTEE:

Richard Gordon extended thanks to Jefferson County Firefighters Association on having a good location for the games. Set-up began Thursday. Ten junior teams participated and several new records were set. Beginning next year, registration forms will be available online. Gordon also advised that an error was made during the reporting at the awards banquet and that Female Division overall winner was Southern Stone #1 and not Little Dixie #1. Steps are being taken to ensure that an error is not made again in the future.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

Larry Jones reported that Osage Beach FPD and the Lake Area Fire Fighters Association have requested to host the 2015 convention. Osage Beach Chief Jeff Dorhauer addressed the audience and board. Jeff Misel moved to hold the 2015 convention in Osage Beach. Grant Oetting seconded the motion and all approved.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Rick Dozier reported that 15 people attended the Certified Board Member training class on Friday. Any training requests can be submitted to the committee.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE:

RB Brown reported that seven organizations turned on posters so all departments are encouraged to get involved with their local schools and get more participation. The 2015 poster contest theme has not yet been announced.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Greg Brown reported that the legislation approved an additional \$200K in the firefighter training budget. Current 911 legislation, which would allow counties to impose a 911 cell phone tax for the purpose of funding 911 services in the county, is struggling through the Senate. Fire protection district filing fee clarification and burn ban legislation have both passed. Greg Carrell reported that he has met with Senate sponsors regarding a mandatory 2% fee that comes out of the \$200K training budget. They are working on getting that fee waived.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Secretary Miller reported the following membership counts: 400 Directors/Councilman; 2559 Retired; 15 Associate; 11 Sustaining; 10 Corporate, 343 Departments; 7387 Active.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

No report was given.

NVFC COMMITTEE:

Keith Smith reported that the NVFC received a \$1 million SAFER grant for recruitment and retention.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

No report was given.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE:

Monty Thompson reported that the fair will be August 7-17. State Fair Fire applications were due May 1 so the committee will begin making the selection process. Work weekends will be May 31-June 1 and again in July. Dates TBD. The Committee has negotiated with the state and has signed a \$23k contract since the state will no longer be providing any meals for personnel as done in the past.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

No report was given.

NEWSLETTER:

The deadline for the next newsletter has been extended to May 5. All convention articles and pictures are due by the end of the day. Departments are encouraged to send in articles.

HISTORIAN REPORT:

Kay Asher reported that she is working on organizing items and encourages anyone with items they would like to donate to contact her.

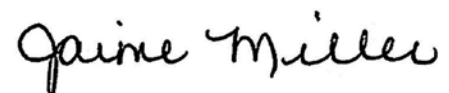
FOUNDATION REPORT:

Keith Smith reported the annual memorial service is May 17 at 9 p.m. and May 18 at 10:30 a.m. in Kingdom City. They will have a special guest speaker on Sunday.

1st VP Tim Ben read and presented Bill Haggard, Rob Schrage and Jefferson County Firefighters Association with a resolution on behalf of the FFAM for hosting the annual convention.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY RETIRED THE COLORS

Tim Bean moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard Gordon seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.



Jaime Miller, Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri



Director's Comments

David Hedrick
Director



University of Missouri Extension, Fire and Rescue Training Institute

The coordination and delivery of training programs by the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) is in high gear as we approach the end of the fiscal year. MU FRTI is projecting that by June 30 we will have conducted over 600 courses providing important training for the state's fire and emergency services. We look forward to continuing to be your department's resource in meeting your training needs.

In April, MU FRTI was notified that the Institute was awarded a 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency. MU FRTI was eligible to apply for the State Fire Training Academy portion of the grant. This is the first year that state fire training systems in the United States were eligible for AFG as a result of a change in the federal statute as part of the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2012. Under this grant, the Institute was eligible to apply for equipment and personal protective equipment only. The eligible grant categories included equipment to support the delivery of training and training props/evolutions.

MU FRTI conducts 75 percent of its training courses at the local level throughout the state and is known for "bringing training to the student." To enable this field delivery, MU FRTI uses mobile training props and equipment trailers to make the training as realistic and accessible as possible. This includes, where necessary, the transport of specialized fire training props and equipment to training locations throughout Missouri. The Institute has a fleet of 21 trailers that range from small cargo trailers to semi-tractor trailers. In planning for

the grant, the Institute identified critical training props and equipment necessary to support new training initiatives and sustain current capabilities. The Institute's grant request included capital funding to procure equipment to support its technical rescue training programs. The grant budget includes funding for a grain engulfment rescue simulator system, replacement of three technical rescue equipment trailers, and swift-water/boat rescue equipment.

The AFG program requires a 15 percent match for recipients under the state fire academy program. To assist the Institute in meeting the grant match requirement, the University of Missouri Office of Research committed to fund half the local match for the grant through its Program for Research Infrastructure and Matching Expenses (PRIME).

The University, MU Extension, and MU FRTI budget planning process for fiscal year 2015 (FY15) is currently underway. The Institute continues to work to make sure our training courses remain cost accessible while addressing rising operational costs. In June, MU FRTI will be making its annual presentation to the Division of Fire Safety and Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission for state fire training funds for subsidized "no-cost" training opportunities to the state's fire service through the Institute. We appreciate the continuing partnership with our state agencies and the support and assistance provided by Missouri's fire service for the Institute's training programs.

MU FRTI wishes to congratulate Fire Marshal Randy Cole on his retirement in April after 28 years of dedicated state service with the Division of Fire Safety (DFS), the last eight years as the DFS

Director and State Fire Marshal. We wish him well in his retirement. We look forward to working with Greg Carrell as the Acting State Fire Marshal.

We also wish to congratulate University of Missouri Extension as they celebrate in May the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 that established the Cooperative Extension Service. This Act provided land grant universities the ability to extend the benefits of education and research to the citizens. MU Extension provides a broad range of resources and information to enhance the well-being of Missouri citizens and communities, and the Institute is proud to be one of the Continuing Education units providing training and education within Extension.

Coming up this month on May 17 and 18, the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri will hold the *Annual Memorial Service* at the Missouri Firefighters Memorial in Kingdom City, MO. On Saturday evening, May 17th, a Candle Light Service will be held beginning at dusk to honor members of the Firefighters Association of Missouri who passed away during the previous year. The service on Sunday morning, May 18th, will honor three Missouri Firefighters who died in the Line of Duty in 2013. I would encourage all of you to attend this memorial tribute to honor our state's fire service.

In the early part of May, I had the opportunity to attend the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri's (FFAM) *60th Annual Convention* hosted by the Jefferson County Firefighters in Festus, MO. I want to congratulate the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, Jefferson County Firefighters, JEFFCO President Bill Haggard, Convention Coordinator Rob Schrage and the



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05/16	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Joplin	Ronnie metcalf	417-624-2715
05/16	Incident Safety Officer	Fair Grove	Randall Hoskins	417-838-7860
05/24	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Arnold	Kevin Wingbermuehle	314-808-7564
05/29	Leadership II for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Personal Success	Kansas City	Travis Williams	816-513-6854
05/30	Shaping the Future	Richland	Russell Hobbs	573-512-1091
05/31	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Carrollton	Lonnie Sensinich	660-542-2178
06/06	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	St. Clair	Andy Branscum	636-584-2576
06/11	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Blue Springs	Eddie Saffell	816-797-9196
06/13	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Dunnegan	Matt Simmons	417-327-9585
06/17	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Kearney	Scott Williams	816-935-4142
06/18	Leadership III for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Supervisory Success	Kansas City	Mark Mauer	816-784-9244
06/20	Certified Fire District Board Training	Strafford	Larry Boyle	573-348-3131
06/21	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Poplar Bluff	Gordon Fowlston	816-372-9024
06/21	Introduction to Technical Rescue	Richmond	Sam Moppin	816-820-5725
06/28	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Columbia	Chuck Leake	573-219-0459
06/28	Certified Fire District Board Training	Strafford	Cheryl Doran	417-597-2253

Convention Committee on a successful and enjoyable convention. In addition to the many contest awards given out at the annual convention, the FFAM presented Chief Bryan Newberry of the Battlefield Fire Protection District the *Fire Chief of the Year Award*, Wayne Cormier of the West Plains Fire Department the *Firefighter of the Year Award*, and Battlefield Fire Protection District as the *Fire Department of the Year Award*. This year's recipient of the Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award was Bill Westhoff, a former director of MU FRTI. This was certainly well deserved recognition for Bill for his many years of dedication to Missouri's fire service. MU FRTI congratulates the award and contest winners at this year's convention.

As a reminder, the *82nd Annual Summer Fire School* (SFS) and the *Midwest Wildfire Training Academy* is scheduled for June 4-8, 2014, in Jefferson City. This year MU FRTI is dedicating SFS in memoriam to Regional Training Coordinator Lee Ireland who passed away June 26, 2013. Lee became an

Adjunct Instructor with MU FRTI in 1985. In 1992, he was appointed as one of MU FRTI's Regional Training Coordinators serving State Highway Patrol Region D (Southwest Missouri) a position he retained until his death. 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. He touched many lives through his multiple roles in public service, and especially within the fire service. MU FRTI is proud of the training provided by our cadre of over 160 regular part-time instructors, like Lee Ireland, as well as guest and partner organization instructors for specialized programs like Summer Fire School. We gratefully acknowledge the role that these fire service instructors play in the education and training of our students.

SFS has both classroom and live fire and rescue courses scheduled for the event. In addition to the excellent training available, attendees will gain valuable

insights from networking opportunities with firefighters from across the state and mid-west region. The Division of Fire Safety (DFS) and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission are again providing scholarship opportunities at SFS through the *Philip Sayer Memorial Scholarship for Volunteer Fire Fighters*. We appreciate their continued support of scholarships to SFS.

The major national fire service organizations will promote firefighter safety and wellness initiatives again this year by supporting the *2014 International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week*. Safety Week is a joint initiative of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council. The event will be held June 15-21, 2014, and the theme this year is "Train Like You Fight!" This year's theme focuses on two important aspects of responder safety: safety in training, and adequate training to prepare for safe fire-ground operations. MU FRTI encourages all

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GREGORY LIGHT

September 4, 1964 — March 7, 2014



Gregory Light, 49, Catawissa, passed away, Friday, March 7, 2014, in Franklin County.

Greg was born September 4, 1964, in St. Louis. He served with the Eureka Fire Department for 27 years. He was active in EMT and paramedic training, the junior firefighter program and other fire-related training programs. Greg also was chairman of the Missouri Emergency Cardiac Care Committee for the American Heart Association.

Greg was the beloved husband of Faith Light, loving father of Justin Light and Samantha Light; dear son of Robert and Pearl Light, brother of Allan Light, Marty Light and Dr. Barry Light; son-in-law of Mike and Stella Rose; brother-in-law; uncle; cousin and friend.

Visitation was held from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 500 Meramac Boulevard, Eureka. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 13, at the church. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery, Labadie. Memorials may be given to BackStoppers Inc., American Heart Association or Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team.

GAYLA L. AUFFERT

October 21, 1950 — February 26, 2014

Mrs. Auffert died at 6:47 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at Cox Medical Center South, Springfield, Missouri.

She was born October 21, 1950, at West Plains, Missouri, to Luther James Ledbetter and Doris Mae Sumner Ledbetter. Gayla graduated from West Plains High School with the Class of 1968 and on June 6, 1968, was married at West Plains, Missouri, to Joseph Auffert. She had worked at Boatmen's Bank and retired as a dispatcher from Stewart-Morrison Redi-Mix. Mrs. Auffert was a fire fighter and safety officer at Howell County Rural Fire Department and was instrumental in the formation of Howell County Rural Auxiliary. She was also an active volunteer for Cystic Fibrosis; helping organize many fund raising shows. Mrs. Auffert had been a member of the Church of Christ and attended Curry Street Church of Christ for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Auffert, of the family home; two daughters, Christel Cantrell, husband, Gene and Stacie Auffert, all of West Plains, Missouri; two brothers, Donald Ray McGoldrick, Caulfield, Missouri and Jimmy Dale Ledbetter, Pottersville,



Missouri; mother-in-law, Oleta Auffert, West Plains, Missouri; sister-in-law, Louise Ledbetter, husband, Gene, West Plains, Missouri; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins; and a host of special friends.

Her parents, one infant daughter, Stephanie Dawn; two sisters, Patsy Brower and Peggy Evans; father-in-law, Everett Auffert; one sister-in-law, Janet McGoldrick and two brothers-in-law, Leroy Evans and Gene Brown, precede her in death.

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fire departments to continue working to implement a "safety culture" initiative in your department and make safety and health a priority all year long. More information on the 2014 *Safety Week* can be found at www.safetyandhealthweek.org/training-resources/.

We appreciate the continued support of our state partners and agencies in the delivery of fire and emergency service training. The Institute's mission remains focused on providing the very best and safest training for our students—Missouri's fire

and emergency service first responders. If the MU FRTI staff or I can be of assistance, please contact us at 800-869-3476 or 573-882-4735 or for more information regarding the Institute go to our website at www.mufrti.org.

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