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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Kenneth Hoover
President

Greetings Fellow Firefighters



What a beautiful beginning to our fall season. Cool, crisp air in the mornings and the brilliant colors of fall foliage remind us of the changing of the life cycles of Mother Nature.

This is a very busy time of the year for many of us, Fire Prevention Week is just ending, deer season is just beginning, Halloween is in just a few days, Thanksgiving quickly arriving, and then the Christmas holidays wrapping up the year. If that does not fill up your calendar, I don't know what will.

FFAM annual dues were sent out this week. All membership renewals are due January 1, 2015. Secretary/Treasurer Jaime Miller has included in the notices a list of membership benefits. FFAM

offers the largest amount of benefits than any other state fire organization, all for \$7.50 a year and \$2.50 of that goes to the Fire Fighters Memorial in Kingdom City. The FFAM Board of Directors continues to look for additional benefits for its members. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact your district director.

The FFAM directors are currently working on the 2015 budget and I want to remind all directors and committees that your request for funding is currently due to 1st Vice-President, Chief Tim Bean. We will be voting on the 2015 proposed budget at the December 7, 2014 board meeting in Sedalia at 9:00 a.m. at the fire station.

Other items that are due for submission soon are the nominations for awards and

scholarships. You can find the applications on the FFAM website. Please take the time to nominate deserving individuals for these important awards. These are just a few of the excellent benefits I was talking about earlier.

I would like to remind all committee chairpersons to please meet and discuss your assignments and then forward me the results of those meetings. I encourage all FFAM members, if you have input, please contact the appropriate committees or director with your thoughts, and opinions. This will insure state-wide participation and fairness to all our members. If you experience any difficulties, please contact me. FFAM's success depends on the efficiency of the committees.

On a different note, I want to talk about Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for. First and foremost our health, our families, jobs, friends, individuals willing to serve others, opportunities, freedoms, and my list could go on and on. I would encourage everyone to not take anything for granted. We have all seen this year many of our family members, friends and co-workers were taken from us way too early in their lives. We need to live every day like it is our last. I don't mean to be negative, but just aware that I should concentrate on the important things in life. I would challenge you to do so also.

Being that this edition of the newsletter will be the holiday edition, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. All of us have so many things to be thankful for. May joy and happiness follow you all the days of your life!

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Greg Carrell
Assistant Fire Marshal



Missouri Division of Fire Safety

In late October, I performed a duty no one ever wants to; I attended a line of duty funeral for Fire Chief Eddie Johnson, Jr. in Alton, Missouri. This was my first LODD as the Acting Fire Marshal and hopefully my last. Listening to the service, it was readily apparent Chief Johnson was dedicated to his community. While employed by the local school district, Chief Johnson decided to return to school to become a law enforcement officer, serving as a county deputy and city police officer. He became a volunteer for the fire department and later assumed the duties as the fire chief. From the stories told by those attending the funeral, I learned he was also a proud husband and father. As I met his family at the funeral service I was again reminded just how dangerous this calling can be.

It is with great sadness that today I learned of a law enforcement line of duty death in Cedar County. While details are still forthcoming, I ask that everyone keep the family of Deputy Matthew Chism in their thoughts.

In my previous newsletter articles, I asked our responders to keep safe. Those were not meant to be hollow words, but to serve as a reminder we have a duty to

return from the call. This responsibility to return encompasses not only our duty to family and friends, but also to our community. The death of any emergency responder leaves a void in their community which cannot be filled.

The National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation offers training opportunities such as *Everyone Goes Home*, a program designed to prevent firefighter line-of-duty deaths and injuries. The Division supports this program and I would ask you to consider hosting this training in your communities. Information about the program may be found at www.everyone-goeshome.com.

The Division's public education program has proven to be very successful. With the acquisition of a *Sparky the Fire Dog* prop, we will be expanding our public education outreach. If your department is planning a sizeable public safety event, please feel free to contact Deputy Chief Eric Lewis regarding the availability of our staff to assist you.

The holiday season is swiftly approaching. We know home fires experience an uptick due to the use of candles and holiday lighting, along with the increased use of cooking and heating appliances. With visitors in our homes and communities, this may be a good time to start pushing out our holiday safety messages. The NFPA offers many valuable public education resources on their website; www.nfpa.org.

As the winter months approach, our responders will be subject to adverse conditions such as extreme cold and winter weather driving conditions as they perform their duties. Please take a moment before you respond to any call to consider your duty to return home. Stay safe.

Greg Carrell
Assistant State Fire Marshal

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If there is anything you need from FFAM, please do not hesitate to contact one of the officers or directors. We are here to serve.

God Speed,

Kenneth Hoover, President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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, October 5, 2014 at the State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, Missouri.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President Kenneth Hoover, Little Dixie FPD; First Vice President Tim Bean, West Plains FPD; Second Vice President Charlie Neubert, Highlandville Rural FPD; Secretary Treasurer Jaime Miller, Johnson County FPD; Sergeant-at-Arms Rex Reynolds, Southern FPD of Holt County.

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GUESTS

Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD; David Hedrick, Gail Hagans, MU FRTI; Larry Eggen, Johnson County FPD; Donald Vaucher, Harriett Vaucher, Eureka FPD; Grant Oetting, Higginsville F&R; Cy Fields, Paris Rural FPD; Holden Peel, Norborne FPD; Jeff Dorhauer, Osage Beach FPD; Mark Amsinger, Lake Ozark FPD; Dr. Ron Baker, Fire Fighters Historical Preservation Center.

AGENDA

President Hoover asked for additions to the agenda. Larry Jones moved to accept the agenda as presented. RB Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

MINUTES

President Hoover asked for corrections or additions to the August 3, 2014 meeting minutes. No corrections were made. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the minutes as presented. Roger Meyers seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the July-Sept 2014 financial reports. Greg Wright moved to accept the financial reports as presented. RB Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

David Hedrick with MU FRTI reported that 248 classes have been completed so far for the upcoming fiscal year with more than 1,500 students in attendance. The 2014 Instructor Conference will be held October 24-26 at Lake of the Ozarks. There is still space available. Firemans Fund Insurance made a donation to provide funding for classes. Dean Martin has resigned from MU FRTI. There is now a Curriculum Specialist position open.

CORRESPONDENCE None received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Ron Baker with the Fire Fighters Historical Preservation Center reported that Silver Dollar City (SDC) is adding a new Fireman's Landing exhibit to open in the spring of 2015. SDC is looking at ways to promote the new exhibit and would like to partner with FFAM to welcome members and their families to the grand opening. Discussion followed regarding fundraising

opportunities for the memorial/museum combined with the SDC grand opening.

Baker reported that he is looking into several grant opportunities available for the museum/memorial. He is also working with Texas Roadhouse on a fundraising opportunity. He will be attending a fire museum network seminar in November to learn about other fundraising ideas.

The Missouri state employee charitable campaign began in September. He was able to pass out more than 500 pamphlets for the museum project.

President Hoover reported that the FFAM had been contacted by Eastern Douglas County Volunteer Fire Department regarding a sunshine law issue that they are involved in. The FFAM is working on gathering information from the Attorney General's office before taking any position on the issue.

President Hoover reported that he had been contacted by Darlene Jacobs of the Mesothelioma Lawyers Group. The group would like to put a link on our website to theirs and in return would donate \$40 to FFAM. Discussion followed. No motion was made to take action. The matter died for lack of a motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE No report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

1st VP Bean advised that budget requests will need to be submitted to the committee by today.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE No report.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

David Hedrick reported that the Southwest Missouri Fire Chaplains meeting is held the third Thursday of

every month in Springfield. If anyone is interested in more information, contact Robby at 417-350-0505.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Richard Gordon reported he has viewed the contest sight and everything looks good but parking will be limited.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Representatives from the Lake Area Emergency Services Association were present. A tentative convention agenda was presented. Chief Amsinger reported the committee is looking into junior activities for each evening. There will also be a stair climb on Sunday after the business meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE No report.

PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Discussion was held on how to get poster winners to take part in FFAM activities such as the convention or state fair. Anyone with suggestions, contact RB Brown. The topic will be discussed again at the December meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Brown reported that the new session starts in January. The additional \$200k allocated for training is still being held by the Governor.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd VP Neubert reported the following membership counts: 412 Directors/Councilman; 261 Retired; 21 Associate; 14 Sustaining; 14 Corporate, 358 Departments; 7563 Active. Neubert also reported he is meeting with Farmers Insurance regarding possible auto and home discounts for FFAM members.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported that he will contact those up for election next year in December.

NVFC COMMITTEE

The report by Keith Smith is attached to the minutes.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Grant Oetting reporting he is working with the website committee to make the

scholarship applications available to submit online.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

President Hoover reported that the Missouri State Fair Fire Department had lots of new firefighters this year and everything went very well this year.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE No report.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next newsletter is November 1. Gail Hagans encouraged everyone to sell ads in their communities. Ads don't have to be just for fire service related products.

HISTORIAN REPORT

President Hoover reported that Kay Asher is in a rehabilitation facility due to a fall and is recovering well.

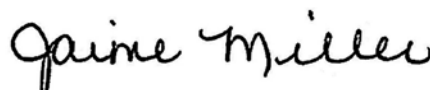
FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith reported that DVD's are still available for the May memorial service and can be purchased from him for \$15. Thanks went out to everyone who assisted with cleaning up the memorial site.

Anyone who has a fire service member death (former or current) in their department or community, please get the info to Keith Smith for the memorial service by April 1. December 31 however, is the cut off for bricks and there is a three-year time limit on deaths that will be honored at the memorial service with the exception of line-of-duty deaths. Those will have no time limit.

He also reported that the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team will have four team members that are escorts at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland next week.

Charlie Neubert moved to adjourn the meeting. Glenn Dittmar seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.



Jaime Miller, Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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STATES NETWORKING MEETING

by Keith Smith

Iowa hosted the Midwest Multistate Meeting that included seven state fire service associations on Saturday, October 25 in Des Moines, IA. This meeting has taken place each year since 1996 and involves a full day of networking with other state fire service associations. The entire front row of the accompanied photo is of the Iowa board plus their past president and the other six states represented are Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, and Missouri. I have attended every meeting except 2013 since this networking gathering was started in 1996 in Iowa City and then moved to Des Moines in 1998. Iowa has hosted the entire time and offers every year for someone else to take it, but their central location has kept it there.

While there is an agenda, a discussion takes the meeting and the day where topics and questions develop. With each state presenting / responding to questions, it takes some time to circle the room. It is still amazing that after 19 years an entire day is filled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. including a working lunch just in the sharing of mutual challenges and



the passing of information. It is a little humbling in considering that Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Illinois have fire service associations all established before 1890 (not a misprint). Minnesota was the first in the Midwest when they established in 1873. Iowa was second in 1878. Kansas was third in 1887 and Illinois fourth 1889. Missouri, Wisconsin and Nebraska are relative new-comers with state fire associations in comparison. I will have a formal report for the December board meeting and the next newsletter.



Left to Right, Front Row: Representing the Iowa Firefighters Association; Marv Trimble, Al Esch, Brad Yeager, Wendy Lensing, Bill Halleran, Gene Evans, Louie Shutts and Mark McNees. Second Row: John Swan and Terry Ford of the Illinois Firefighters Association; DeeDee Jankovich and Mark Rosenblum of the Minnesota State Fire Department Association; Troy Wolf and Steve Hirsch of the Kansas State Firefighters Association; Parrish Abel, Bill Lundy, Jim Horn and Joel Cerny of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association; Larry Plumer of the Wisconsin State Firefighters Association; and Keith Smith of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. Blaze Publications photo by Jeff Gargano, Publisher.



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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

by Grant Oetting

The scholarship committee has some exciting news to tell our members. The committee heard lots of comments from not only our members but also our past recipients to put the applications online and to be able to submit the applications online. The committee listened, and we are happy to report that this can now happen. There are two scholarships, a high school senior entering college for the first time, and a continuing education scholarship. Yes, there is a continuing education application for any adult wanting help with going back to school or to help with the cost of a emergency services or fire classes or whatever they want to go back to school for. Not just for college students. I would encourage any adult wanting to go back to school, this is your opportunity, the FFAM is willing to help out any member that qualifies.

To access any of the applications go to the website www.ffam.org and click on the committee tab at the top of the site.

Then scroll down to scholarship and click on it, all the rules and the applications are located there. When you see the rules, you will see that the committee wants an essay, transcripts if a first year college student and letters of reference, those still need to be mailed to the committee as stated on the website. Make sure that you complete this or the application will not be considered. The deadline for the applications is February 28, 2015.

The committee would like to wish the members a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Merry Christmas.

If you have any questions feel free to contact myself or any of the committee members.

Grant Oetting
Chairman of the Scholarship Committee
660-584-7335 or 660-229-4525
grant_oetting@yahoo.com

New FFAM Scholarship Season Begins

Do you have a child or family member graduating high school this year? Are you an FFAM member graduating high school or attending a college or technical school? The Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Scholarships have several high school and continuing education scholarships available.

To Apply Visit the FFAM website at www.FFAM.org

Applications must be submitted by February 28, 2015 for consideration. Successful applicants will be notified by March 31, 2015.

Questions?

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THE MUSEUM PROJECT

BY RON BAKER

Check Out The New
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By the time you get this newsletter I will have returned from attending a seminar sponsored by the fire museum network. This is made up of firefighter's museums all across the United States. We will be meeting in Jeffersonville, Indiana. I hope to get some information on fundraising possibilities and possible grant applications we might access in order to raise some of the funds for our museum. I also hope to get some feedback about their museums and how they put them together. We will tour several area museums and be able to see firsthand what the possibilities are.

At the recent FFAM board meeting, I heard of several businesses, mostly eating establishments, who do fundraising drives for various charitable organizations. Do you know of any in your communities who would do one for our project? You can let me know or contact

them on my behalf and see if we can get some local support for this project. I will be contacting several Texas Roadhouse restaurants across Missouri to see if they will do one for us. Please contact me.

April 2015 promises to be a big month for FFAM as we partner with Silver Dollar City in Branson for the grand opening of a new section of their park called "Fireman's Landing". FFAM will be front and center for these events. Hopefully, we will also select a firefighter and his/her family from each of our 13 districts of FFAM to be honored guests for a 2-night, 3-day stay in Branson. Watch for more news about this. Hopefully, I can make some contacts related to this event that will help with our efforts as well.

Just a heads-up, I will be making a major push in the January newsletter for our Firefighter's Field of Flags for the

memorial service. If you can help me with this, please let me know.

I have a close friend who is serving with the U.S. Army and is stationed in Germany. Last year he purchased a flag for one of his friends who is a firefighter in Germany and would like to have patches for his collection. I would like to ask you if you could send me one of your patches for me to send to him, he might be able to send some to us in return. While you're at it, could you send me one of your patches for our collection?

Thanks again for the support you have given. You are all heroes in my opinion. Thanks for your dedicated service to your communities and the Missouri fire service.

Dr. Ron Baker
Director of Development/Public Relations

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AN UPDATE FROM THE



1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Tim Bean

Below is a picture of the 2014-15 Firefighter I-II class that is presently in session at the West Plains Fire Department. These men and women started their class in September, and plans are for the class to finish in February. The students attend two nights a week and every other Saturday. We have students from Mansfield, Lanton, Howell Rural, Willow Springs, and West Plains fire departments.

This group of firefighters shows great potential and enthusiasm. As fire chief, this is exciting. Keep up the good work ladies and gentleman; I am very proud of your commitment and dedication to becoming state certified firefighters.

Stay Safe,

J. Tim Bean,
1st Vice President

Hope this finds everyone well. I have enjoyed the last couple of weeks traveling across the state watching the transition from summer to fall. It is apparent to me as I get older, how present I find myself in these types of moments. The old saying "stop and smell the roses" comes to mind. I have not been good at this in the past, but I am working on it. I challenge each one of you to slow down and enjoy the fall colors and family time the next couple of months.



13 FFAM FIREFIGHTERS

Will Be Selected as **Honored Guests** for the **Grand Opening** of **"Fireman's Landing"** at **Silver Dollar City** - Branson, Missouri



One firefighter and family will be chosen from each FFAM district to be special guests for the April 2015 event. Silver Dollar City is investing in a make-over of a section of the park. This \$8 million project will be called "Fireman's Landing". FFAM will be the prime firefighters' organization for the grand opening event. The selected firefighters will receive two nights lodging at a condo, meal vouchers, passes to Silver Dollar City and recognition at the grand opening event. They and their families will be among the first ones to ride the new attractions of "Fireman's Landing".

Selection Process for the 13 Firefighters

- Firefighters wishing to be considered must be recommended by their supervisor – recommendations should include reasons for the firefighter to be so recognized
- Must be an FFAM member in good standing for 2015
- Must be serving in the district they will represent
- Letters need to be submitted no later than February 15
- Send letters of recommendation and endorsement to:
FFAM-SDC or emailed to:
c/o Dr. Ron Baker fframuseum@gmail.com
P.O. Box 245
Fulton, MO 65251
- Letters will be forwarded to district directors of FFAM for final selection

DFS INSPECTION UNIT RECOGNIZED

By Eric Lewis, Deputy Chief of Inspections, MO Division of Fire Safety

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) tracks public education programs in the United States and Canada through its NFPA Public Education Network. Recently, the Division of Fire Safety's Inspection Unit was recognized by NFPA for exceeding the benchmark for fire safety public education events for 2014. Inspector Lianne Stone, lead public educator, who is also a five-year veteran fire safety inspector with the State Fire Marshal's office, is responsible for coordinating and conducting most of the Division's public education events across the state. Stone, along with fellow state fire safety inspectors, has done a tremendous job of capturing our efforts and has now earned a Certificate of Recognition and a "Fire Prevention Week in a Box" gift from the NFPA's Public Education Network.

Already for 2014, the Fire Safety Inspection unit has conducted 28 public education events, reaching 4,300 citizens of Missouri. With a busy September, October's Fire Prevention Week and the upcoming winter holidays, these numbers will continue to rise throughout the remainder of the year. Last year, the Missouri Division of Fire Safety's Public Education program conducted 45 events and delivered the fire safety message to almost 14,000 Missouri citizens.

Like us on Facebook, to stay abreast of upcoming public education and training events hosted by the Missouri State Fire Marshal's office, as well as safety bulletins, product recalls, and other special announcements.

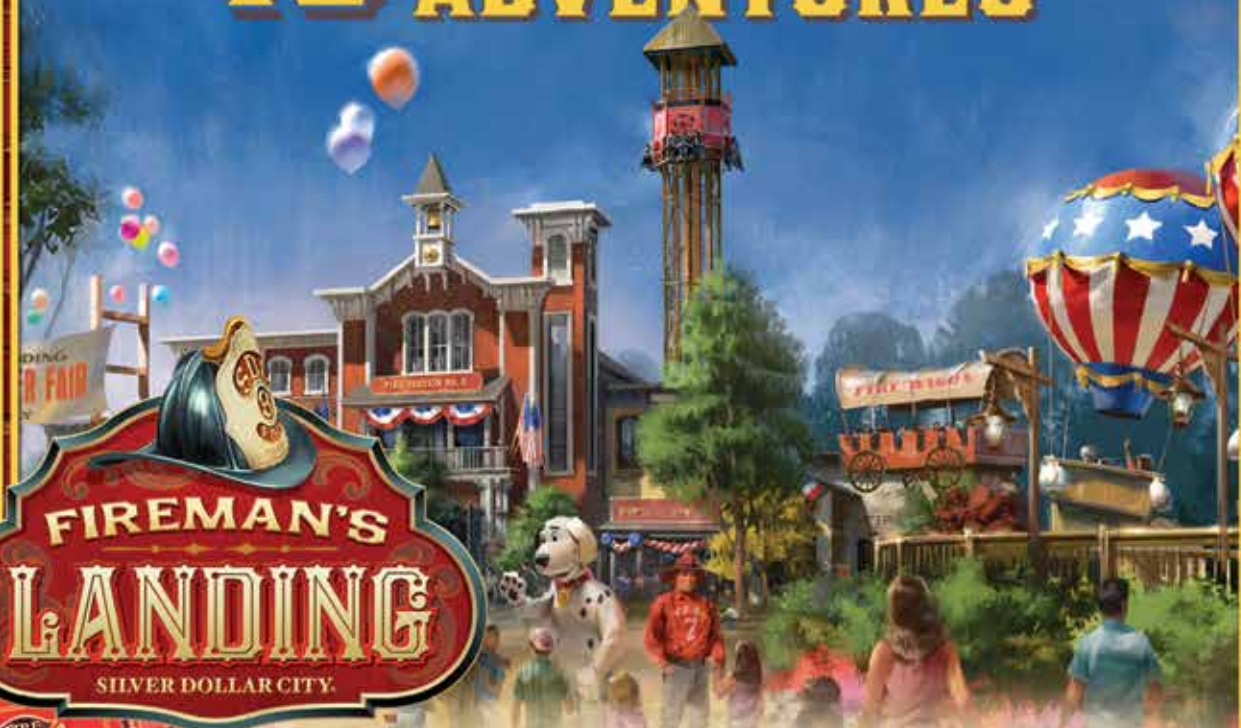
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JOHN ELLIS ULLERY

March 5, 1917 — October 14, 2014



John Ellis Ullery was born March 5, 1917 and passed away at Cass Regional Medical Center in Harrisonville on October 14, 2014. He was born on a farm southwest of Peculiar, Missouri to William Lee Judson and Ella Margaret (Paustian) Ullery. The family moved to a farm southeast of Freeman in 1919. He attended Zion Grade School until the sixth grade, when he transferred to the Freeman School and graduated in 1934.

In 1936 John worked part-time for Stanolind Pipeline, now BP until 1940, when he became full time and worked for 37 years, retiring in 1977.

On April 11, 1941 John married Melva Lucille VanMeter in Butler. To this union 3 sons were born. Gerald Ellis Ullery was stillborn on April 11, 1942. David Lynn Ullery was born on September 1, 1946 and Dennis Allan Ullery was born on February 4, 1950. John and Lucille celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on April 11, 2011. Lucille passed away 15 days later on April 23, 2011.

In 1942 he was drafted into military service, serving in the 103rd Infantry Division with the 328th Combat Engineer Battalion. In 1944 he went to

the European Theater of Operations, serving in France, Germany, and Austria. On March 15, 1945 he was injured by an explosion of an anti-personnel mine. Some of the medals he received were the Purple Heart, 2 Battle Stars, and the Presidential Unit Citation. After the European was ended he was transferred to the 45th Infantry Division and was discharged on November 13, 1945.

John was a volunteer firefighter for over 50 years and was a board member and President of the Dolan-West Dolan Fire Protection Association for several years. He spent nearly a year raising money and building the new fire station in Freeman. Later he was active in getting signatures for a petition calling for an election to form the Dolan and West Dolan Fire Protection District.

He served on the Freeman City Council before serving in the Army and again when he returned.

John was a member of the Freeman School Board for six years and served as President when the Midway R-I School district was formed. He also served on the Midway Board of Education for 2 years, serving as President for one year when the new Midway High School was opened in 1959.

John loved gardening and fishing, and enjoyed helping friends and neighbors, and doing volunteer work in the community.

He was a charter member of the Freeman Lions Club for 7 years, and the Freeman Community Club after that. He was a life member of the DAV. Last, but certainly not least, he became an active member of the Freeman Presbyterian Church late in his life, but had been very active in the church long before he became a member.

He is survived by sons David L. Ullery of the home, and Dennis A. Ullery and wife Susie of Kansas City North. He also leaves his only granddaughter Karen Leigh Ullery Williams and husband, Brian of Kansas City North, as well as 2 nephews, 1 niece, and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

ROBERT L. HIPES

February 4, 1937 — September 24, 2014



Robert Hipes Sr., age 77, of DeSoto, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at St. Anthony's Medical Center in St. Louis County, Missouri. He was born February 4, 1937 in Festus, Missouri, the son of the late Lorraine Estell (nee Brown) and Edwin P. Hipes.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his wife Carol Jean (nee Shoults) Hipes, a brother Jack (the late Lavera) Hipes, grandsons Shane (Crystal survives) Prasuhn and Zachary Michael Thompson and a nephew Jason Hipes.

He is survived by his spouse Jean DeRousse, daughters Linda (Michael) Thompson of Hematite, Missouri, Lisa (John) Allen of DeSoto, and Michel (Don Baker) DeRousse of Florida, son Robert L. (Christine) Hipes, Jr., of Hematite, grandchildren Julie Prasuhn, Anthony Hipes, Brett A. (Sarah) Thompson, Michael DeRousse, Michaela DeRousse, Lauren Allen and Jack Allen, great-grandchildren Kurestin and Ethan Prasuhn, a nephew Ricky L. (Rita) Hipes of Farmington, Missouri and nieces Belinda Vest of Fenton, Missouri and Cheryl (Clyde) Cokely of Illinois.

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He was a retired auto-worker from General Motors and an electrical contractor with Village Electric in Crystal City, Missouri. He was also the owner/operator of Hematite Market. He was a longtime Assistant Fire Chief from 1963-2014 and Board President from 1975-2007 of the Hematite Fire Protection District, member of the Jeffco Firefighters Association, Firefighters Association of Missouri, Plattin Rock Boat Club and First Christian Church/ Disciples of Christ in Festus.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT



Robert B. Brown
Director

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Hello to all from the east side of the state. When this article makes print the weather will have a chill and the leaves will be changing which means fall is here and winter is on its way. Being the season of fall, Fire Prevention Week has come and gone and I hope each and every department and district went out to spread the word on fire prevention. In doing so, I hope this convention will have many posters to judge from all over the state. At the last board meeting a question was raised that may change when and where the winners are awarded. More information will be provided when a decision is made. I have been watching the weather channel, reading the farmers almanac and cut open persimmon seeds, and they are predicting that the upcoming winter will be eventful and cold. So here are a few tips for the upcoming winter:

GENERAL TIPS FOR COLD WEATHER SAFETY

Have all heating appliances, furnaces, water heaters and wood stoves checked and serviced annually by a reliable professional.

Make sure no flammable materials have been placed near any heating appliance over the summer, when the appliance was not in use.

Use space heaters with care and inspect electric heaters for damaged cords.

Make sure there is a working smoke detector on every level of the home. Check the batteries every six months, daylight savings time in April and

October are a good rule of thumb, and replace them annually.

Develop a home fire escape plan with two exits from every room. Establish a meeting place in a safe location so all family members can be accounted for. Call the fire department from a cordless phone, at a neighbor's home or other safe location. Never re-enter a burning building for any reason. Practice your home escape plan every six months and consider practicing it at night when most home fires occur.

Consider installing carbon monoxide detectors on every level of the home, near sleeping areas where the audible alarm can be heard. If the alarm goes off, exit the home and call 911.

Recognize the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and exit the home immediately if you suspect the presence of carbon monoxide. Call 911 from a safe location.

HEATING WITHOUT GETTING BURNED

Most home heating fires involve portable heaters and space heaters, with gas and kerosene heaters accounting for the highest fatality risk. But all heating systems, including fireplaces, can be dangerous if not used and maintained properly.

Before buying any heating equipment, check with your local fire department to ensure what you're buying conforms to local building and or fire codes. When shopping for portable or space heaters, look for automatic shut-off safety features. All portable heaters should bear the mark of an independent testing laboratory indicating that the heater has met basic safety standards.

WOOD-BURNING STOVES

To protect the floor under wood-burning stoves from heat or stray embers, put down approved protection or a floor protector endorsed by a testing lab. Install wood-burning stoves at least three feet away from walls and furniture, unless the stove is rated for lesser clearance. Keep all combustible materials away from the stove and its chimney connection.

FIREPLACES

When you use your fireplace, protect your home from sparks by using a fire screen made of sturdy metal or heat-tempered glass. Burn only seasoned wood. Do not burn rubbish or scraps of treated lumber. Add wood carefully; sparks can escape into the room while the screen is open. Be sure dampers are in working order, and never leave fires unattended, especially in an area used by children or pets.

VENTS AND CHIMNEYS

All fueled heaters must be vented to prevent dangerous carbon monoxide build-up in your home. Creosote and carbon deposits caused by inefficient burning in fireplaces and wood stoves can coat chimney flues and pose a fire hazard. Have your chimney inspected by a professional before each heating season and have it cleaned if necessary. Unusually high concentrations of chimney deposits could mean your fireplace or wood stove is not burning efficiently and should be inspected for defects. If you use a wood stove, have the flue and chimney connection inspected and cleaned regularly. Consider installing a spark arrester on top of any chimney that vents a solid-fuel stove or fireplace.

SPACE HEATERS

Give space heaters space. Keep all combustible materials away from portable and space heaters. Place all space heaters at least three feet from furniture, walls, curtains or anything else that could catch fire. Turn off space heaters when you leave home or go to bed.

LIQUID FUEL SAFETY

If your space heater burns liquid fuel such as kerosene, let the heater cool down before refueling it. Adding fuel to a hot heater can cause fumes to ignite. Always refuel your heater outdoors in an area away from structures where a spill won't present a fire hazard. Use only the type of fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Never use a substitute or a lower-grade fuel. Never put gasoline in any space heater. Buy a fuel container for the space heater fuel that allows for safe storage of the fuel, and store the fuel in a garage or shed, not in the living area of your home.

NATURAL GAS-FUELED HEATERS

Check vents periodically to make sure they aren't blocked. Never install non-vented heaters in bathrooms or sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide can build up to dangerous levels in small enclosed spaces.

ELECTRIC HEATERS

Inspect electric heater cords for cracks or other damage and have an electrician replace frayed or damaged cords. If cords overheat while the heater is on, have it inspected and serviced. Purchase electric heaters with a tip-over safety switch that turns the heater off if it is accidentally tipped over.

CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEMS

Statistically, central heating systems are less likely than portable or space heaters to cause home fires, but neglect can increase the risk to your safety. Never store combustible materials near a furnace and be sure that installation and automatic shut-off systems conform to local fire safety codes and are in good working order. Have your furnace inspected and serviced if needed, yearly by a qualified professional. This checkup can prevent the possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning.

HYPOTHERMIA AND FROSTBITE

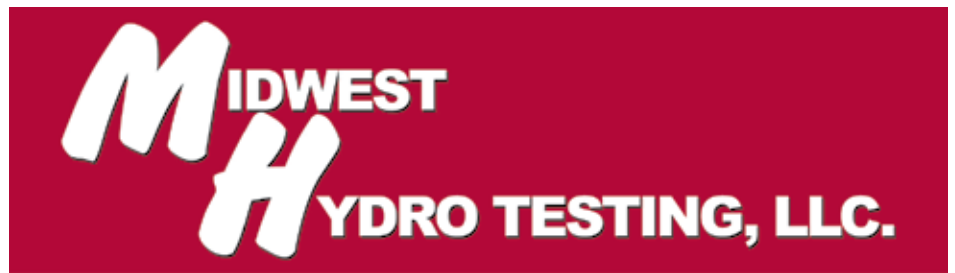
Check children that have been playing outside for symptoms of frostbite or hypothermia.

Check animals for conditions that may warrant bringing pets and other animals indoors.

Be aware of severe cold temperatures when working or playing outdoors. Take frequent "warm-up" breaks.

Be sure to have a full tank of gas in your vehicle if you will be driving in cold weather. You may be able to use your vehicle to warm yourself by starting the engine and letting it run for a short period of time and frequent intervals. Be sure that the exhaust pipe is free from snow or other objects that could block it.

When traveling on interstates or main roads, be aware of mile markers or other



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Hypothermia and frostbite are very dangerous. Remember with frostbite to not rub body parts together as this can cause tissue damage. Slow warming of effected parts is warranted, immersion in luke warm water is a good method.

Here are signs and symptoms of hypothermia:

- Cool skin
- Slower, irregular breathing
- Slower heartbeat
- Weak pulse
- Uncontrollable shivering
- Severe shaking
- Rigid muscles
- Drowsiness
- Exhaustion
- Slurred speech
- Memory lapses

The following are signs and symptoms of frostbite:

- Paleness of the skin
- Sensation of coldness or pain
- Pain disappears after a while with the freezing of the tissues.
- Tissues become increasingly whiter and harder.





History's CORNER

THE FACES OF THE EARLY INSTITUTE

by Bill Westhoff

The title I have chosen for this article is not really very accurate. The men featured in it had no idea there would ever be an institute for fire and rescue training at the University of Missouri. Actually, there were a number of years when I was the director and I didn't think I would ever see it either! The lack of that title did not reduce the passion these early warriors had to travel thousands of miles and burn lots of midnight oil to bring training to the firefighters of Missouri.

The true story of organized training for the state actually started in 1933, with the presentation of the Missouri Central Fire School. This program was sponsored by the University of Missouri and conducted with the assistance of several local fire departments, including Columbia, the chief of the Columbia Fire Department at the time was Tom Walden and he took great pride in his ladder raising drill team.

Several other states were presenting annual "Fire College" programs around this same time. The University of Illinois was the first state to present such a state-wide effort.

In 1941, the Missouri State Department of Vocational Education created a Fire Instructor position and hired a young aggressive firefighter from the Columbia for the position. His name was Bush Walden, Chief Tom Walden's brother. In 1944, the Missouri Inspection Bureau took over the responsibility of training and Bush moved to that group with the program shift.

W. BUSH WALDEN

After several years of traveling the state for the vocational education and the Missouri Inspection Bureau, Bush was hired by the University of Missouri to continue fire training efforts around the state. The official notice of board action from the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri states that he was appointed to the position of University Fire Instructor, Adult Education and Extension Services effective August 1, 1947. His starting salary was \$4,000 a year and the appointment ran till June 30,



1948. The official board document also stated that the appointment was subject to rules, orders and regulations of the board of curators as your services may be necessary and satisfactory and as the finances of the university may permit. I guess the finances of the university permitted for quite some time because Bush retired in 1973.

I was hired by the University in 1963 at a salary of \$7,200 annually and worked for Bush for the ten years before he retired. He was a kind and gentle boss and the most understanding man I have known, with the exception of my own father. Even after he retired he remained active in the fire service, serving as the president of the board of directors of the Boone County Fire Protection District. I could fill a book with stories about this young aggressive college book learned fire instructor from O'Fallon and the number of times Bush got him out of some of the jams he got himself into on the road. His choice statement to me was usually "now, did you learn anything from this experience?" Believe me, I learned a lot from him and respected him because he was a true gentleman.

J.I. (JOSEPH) FETTERS

Joe Feters came on the scene of fire training in Missouri around the same time as Bush Walden. He worked for the Nebraska State Department of Vocational Education from 1947 till 1949 and came on to the Missouri fire training scene in the early 1950's. He is the only person in this article that I did not know. I do know that he appeared on the program

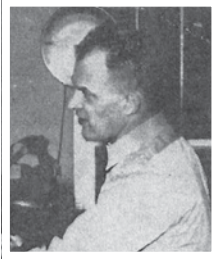


Officer Training Class at Tate Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia in 1946

of the Illinois Fire College, along with Ed Munday, the Director of the Kansas University Firemanship Education Program on April 1, 1954. His title on that program was Firemanship Instructor Assistant, University of Missouri. He also was on the program in Illinois in 1955, presenting a paper and a demonstration on *The Indirect Application of Fog Streams and Covering Exposures*. Apparently Illinois was really impressed with him because he is listed in later years as being the Director Emeritus of the University of Illinois Fire College.

WESLEY G. STAPLETON

Wes Stapleton was a state fire instructor with the University of Missouri and came to the program from military fire experience. He had been a fire



chief in Korea and a number of other areas around the world when Bush hired him and was with the program for a number of years. At that point in history, the staff of Firemanship Education consisted of Bush, Wes and one clerical person, Goldie Havens. With the exception of summer fire school, most of the classes were done on a circuit. The instructor would leave Columbia on Monday and return on Friday morning. In that four-day period, he would have taught the same class in four different communities, all 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The following week, the same four communities, following that routine for a month.

It was at one of those classes that I met Wes Stapleton. He was an impressive instructor with a foghorn voice. He came to O'Fallon to teach a class and I was out of high school and had attended MU for a year but had no idea what I was going to do with my life. I was driving a concrete truck to make money over the summer but was not sure I would return to MU.

Stapleton suggested that I look into a fire program at Oklahoma State University and the rest is history. I have always been grateful for that advice since it was the



Wes Stapleton in Pacific, 1962. Paul Ash in the breathing apparatus, is now a fire inspector and firefighter for Southern Stone County Fire District in Branson West.

foundation for what I have done for the remainder of my life. Later, I was also grateful when he left employment with the University in 1965. His departure created the opening in fire service training that I filled. I had been hired in 1963 as an instructor in civil defense training with the intention of a transfer to fire training when the opportunity presented itself.

ED MUNDAY

Throughout your life, people have brief encounters with other folks, thinking you will never see them again. Such was the case with my first experience with Ed Munday.



I was a student at Oklahoma State University and working for the Stillwater Fire Department as a "part paid" student firefighter in the summer of 1959. It was one of those great July, Oklahoma evenings about dusk when the temperature was around 100 degrees and the wind was blowing like crazy. Several of us were sitting in front of the Campus Fire Station and Fire Chief Max Perry pulled up in front of the fire station in his Plymouth station wagon fire chiefs

vehicle. The IFSTA manual revision conference was taking place on the campus and he directed me to take his car and go to Perry, Oklahoma to the train station and pick up the fire training director from Kansas, who was coming in on the train. This was a great assignment for a twenty-year-old student. Driving the fire chiefs car to another town was a treat but picking up a dignitary was even more impressive. The director of the KU Firemanship Education program turned out to be Ed Munday.

Several years later Director Walden somehow convinced the administration of MU that we needed a third body in the staff and he convinced Ed to come to work with us. Ed had been a Chief officer in Fire District Two in Johnson County Kansas and by this time had been the Director of the KU program for many years. By his own admission, he was looking for a more simple life and he loved to work with small fire departments on a one on one basis. I'm sure that Bush was also looking for a little maturity in the staff since he has had been dealing with me for several years before Ed came along!

Ed was a great addition to our staff and I loved working with him. He had lots of experience and lots of stories and he

enjoyed telling them. He was a religious man and when he traveled he would always leave a religious card rather than money for a tip for wait staff at restaurants. I, on the other had, was a single, young dude who was always attempting to impress the waitress. It goes without saying that those two concepts did not work well at the same table.

Ed also loved pumps. He carried a toolbox with him on the road. It was not at all unusual to find him in some small town the morning after the first evening of class on a creeper under a pumper doing maintenance on the rig to make it function better. He worked with us until he became ill and passed away. He was an honest and loving man and provided a real service to both Kansas and Missouri.

THE FOUNDATION

It has been said that a structure is as good as its foundation. In my judgment, these people, and the others who assisted them throughout the state, were the foundation for our present day institute. Their passion for the fire service and their interest in life safety gave the present day emergency service personnel the road map to follow. The dedicated efforts of these initial members of the program along with the support of the state's fire service created a legacy of an effective statewide fire training program. All of us today have the responsibility to carry on the mission of the institute, and continue the training of safe, competent firefighters to protect the citizens of Missouri and beyond.



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The Kansas City, Missouri, Fire Department Training Academy was the scene of a great deal of activity during the period of January 9 through 25. The activity centered around an 18 hour course presented by the University of Missouri Fire Training Staff, entitled "Leadership in the Fire Service." Classes were scheduled on a three shift basis and topics covered included, Supervision in the Fire Service, Self-Analysis for Officers, The Fire Officer as a Teacher, and The Development of Leadership.

In addition to the scheduled classwork, firefighters and fire officers from the various fire

departments in the Kansas City area had an opportunity to meet, visit, and discuss common problems. I'm sure this had a tendency to help in unifying operations and bringing a closer working relationship between the departments.

There were originally 222 men enrolled in the Course and a total of 196 men received certificates of satisfactory completion. The Fire Departments represented were as follows: Boone County Rural; Central Jackson County; Grandview; Independence; Kansas City; Lake Lotawana; Leawood, Kansas; Lee's Summit; Naval Air Station, Olathe; Raytown; and Unity Village.

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BIG ATTENDANCE OF THE FUNERAL TEAM CONFERENCE

The Missouri EMS Funeral Response Team held their annual conference at the Lake of the Ozarks on October 17-19. It was held at the Country Club Hotel and Spa. This year for the first time it was open to fire and law enforcement personal that was interested in learning about Line of Duty Deaths (LODD). Members from numerous fire agencies, EMS organizations, along with members of the Fire Funeral Assist Team were in attendance. General session's were held and breakout sessions included information about axes and pike poles used in silent guard, flag posting, flag folding, marching and drills, along with rifle use.

The key topic, LODD 101 was instructed by Eric Johnson. Mr. Johnson is the founder of Supporting Hero's out of Louisville, Kentucky. He shared a lot of information on LODD, what levels of honors are appropriate for each type of funeral and talked about the benefits that

may be available to families that lost a loved one in the line of duty.

On display during the conference were pictures from the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial held just a week before in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and from the Missouri Firefighters Memorial weekend in May. All provided by Don and Harriett Vaucher.

Some competitions were also held. Shaun DeVore from Princeton, Missouri took home the Grand Slam Drill competition trophy while Region 1 members from Northwest Missouri of the EMS Funeral team took home the flag folding competition. The Liberty Fire Department took home the color guard competition.

A banquet was held on Saturday night. The keynote speaker was Miss Krista Haugan from Seattle, Washington. Krista was a survivor of her own helicopter

crash. Several members and regions were recognized along with organizations that help support the funeral team.

Sunday morning was a very special time. At breakfast survivor Lanett Stewart from Lynn, Indiana was the keynote speaker. Lanett's father, a firefighter from Lynn Indiana, was killed in the line of duty in 2010. She shared what was an emotional talk on how important it is to honor our fallen brothers and sisters and what it means to the families.

Closing out the 2014 conference a video called *Never Forget* was shown and a candle was lit to honor everyone that had given their lives while serving others.

Next year's conference is already being planned for the 3rd weekend in October, Thursday through Sunday. This being the fifth conference, it looks to be something special.



Members of the 2014 EMS Honor Guard conference. Members from the fire funeral assistance team, fire departments, and EMS from all over the state attended. Also attending was Mr. Rande McCrary, Director for the National EMS Memorial, Colorado Springs Co. (right end-2nd row) and Eric Johnson from Supporting heroes, Louisville Ky. And board member for the National EMS Memorial (back row middle) Picture by Don Vaucher, Missouri Fire Funeral Assistant team.



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21ST JEFFCO FIRE ENGINE RALLY IN HERCULANEUM

Over sixty-five fire trucks and ambulances ascended on the Herculaneum City Park on Saturday, September 27 to take part in the 21st Annual Jeffco Fire Engine Rally sponsored by the Jefferson County Firefighters Association. The fall weather was absolutely gorgeous and the event attracted firefighters, children and festival-goers from across the state. The 21st rally followed in the footsteps of its predecessors by once again being a very successful event.



Grand Marshal Retired Deputy Chief Larry Steinkamp, Antonia Fire Protection District

As in the past, this year's rally kicked off with a parade of emergency apparatus traveling from Crystal City to the city park in Herculaneum. Following the parade, an opening ceremony was held that includes a memorial service honoring

the men and women associated with the Jefferson County fire service who passed away during the previous year. The memorial includes the reading of the individual's name, their years of service and department followed by a single ring of the memorial bell. Individuals honored this year included: Alvin Burkard, Rock Community Fire Protection District; Glint Gallaway, DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District; Robert Hipes, Sr., Hematite Fire Protection District; JoAnne Karg, High Ridge Fire Protection District; Raymond (Chip) Kohler, Rock Community Fire Protection District; Harold Maloney, Springdale Fire Protection District; Brian Stone, DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District; and Ruth Wingbermuehle, Antonia Fire Protection District. A moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001, is also included in the memorial. Members of the Ozark Firefighters Association provided the Color Guard for the fire engine rally.

During the opening ceremony, the annual Jefferson County Awards are presented to those individuals and departments who are selected by an awards committee from the nominations that are submitted.

The annual Jefferson County Firefighter and EMS awards were presented as follows: Fire Life Saving, Technical Award, Hematite Fire Protection District; EMS Life Saving, Technical Award,



Chief Bill Haggard receives resolution from State Representative T.J. McKenna

Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District; Firefighter of the Year Award, Kevin Cremer, Festus Fire Department; Fire Chief of the Year Award, Fire Chief Chuck Boyer, Festus Fire Department; and the Fire Department of the Year Award, Festus Fire Department.

The opening ceremony also includes the introduction and presentation of plaques to the rally grand marshal and junior grand marshal. Retired Deputy Chief Larry Steinkamp of the Antonia Fire Protection District was honored as grand marshal and Cedrick Thurman of Hazelwood, Missouri, represented the Missouri Burn Camp and Burns Recovered Support Group of St. Louis as the junior grand marshal. A resolution from the Missouri State House of Representatives was presented to the rally committee by 103 District State Representative T J McKenna.

The annual rally features numerous demonstrations each year and the 21st rally was no different. The Crystal City Fire Department demonstrated auto extrication and the Hillsboro Fire Protection District and members of the Jefferson County Fire/Rescue Training Academy presented a vehicle fire extinguishment demonstration. ARCH Air Rescue, Survival Flight and Air Evac all had rescue helicopters on display at the rally.



Vehicle fire extinguishment demonstration by Hillsboro Fire Protection District



Hawk Point Fire Protection District firefighters prepare for the Firefighter Challenge

Winners of the fire department competitions were as follows: Firefighter Challenge, Hillsboro Fire Protection District; Bucket Brigade, St. Louis Fire Department; Explorer Post and the Water Fight (Barrel on a Cable), Hawk Point Fire Protection District #2. The overall competition winner resulted in tie between the Hillsboro Fire Protection District and the St. Louis Fire Department Explorer Post.

Other awards presented at the rally included the following apparatus winners: Best Overall Antique, Todd Mahn, DeSoto, Missouri; Newest Apparatus in Service, Mapaville Fire Protection District; Oldest Apparatus in Service, Big

River Fire Protection Association; Best Overall Current Apparatus, Herculanum Fire Department; Best Aerial Apparatus, Festus Fire Department; Best Pumper Apparatus, Union Fire Protection District; Best Overall Ground Cover Apparatus, Hawk Point Fire Protection District; Best Rescue Apparatus, Warrenton Fire Protection District; Best Tanker Apparatus, Goose Creek Lake Fire Department; Best Lettering and Detailing, Valle Ambulance District; Best EMS Vehicle, Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District; Heritage Apparatus Award, O'Fallon Fire Protection District; Farthest Traveled, Hawk Point Fire Protection District; Judge's Award, Weingarten Fire Department.

As in the past, this year's rally included numerous activities for the children including a bounce house and an inflatable slide, a children's firefighter challenge, face-painting, firefighter themed games, a fire safety house and a scavenger hunt. Visits with Smokey Bear and Fire Pup were also available to the children.

The Jefferson County Firefighters Association thanks all of the vendors, equipment sales and food vendors for participating at this year's rally. A big thank you goes out to the sponsors of the event and to those who attended.

Mark your calendars! The twenty-second Jeffco Fire Engine Rally will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015, in Herculanum.



DON'T FORGET TO NOMINATE FELLOW FIREFIGHTERS FOR THIS YEARS AWARDS

- **Chief of the Year**
- **Fire Department of the Year**
- **Firefighter of the Year**
- **Life Saving Awards**
- **Meritorious Action**
- **Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement**

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Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 5, 2014

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

President Chris Slaughter called meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

Asked if there were any corrections or additions to the August 3rd, 2014 meeting notes; there were none. Jessica Miller made a motion to accept the meeting notes as they are, and motion 2nd Pam Carsten, motion passed.

Theresa was not in attendance at the meeting so no financial report was available.

OLD BUSINESS

Angel pins were discussed. Need to order 15 small and 15 large angel pins. Pam Carsten made a motion to order the pins and Jessica Miller 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Tabletop flags was tabled at this time.

Jessica is working on finding someone to do the logo for on top of the canopy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Yearly dues are due by December 31. Chris is working on sending out a mass

e-mail to remind auxiliaries that the dues are due by the end of the year..

AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

No new information at this time.

POSTER CONTEST

The theme of the contest is, Working Smoke Alarms - Save Lives - Test Yours Every Month.

NOMINATION None.

HISTORIAN

Sheri asked if anyone had pictures they want added to the slide show to please submit them to her. Chris said she would put something in the e-mail that she was going to be sending.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

There will be discussion at the December meeting about a change to the By-Laws, standing rules #9.

MEMORIAL

Diane is not at the meeting for a report.

CONVENTION

Chief Mark Amsinger, from the Lake Ozark Fire District, came in and talked to

the auxiliary about the upcoming convention and what they have in the works. We asked if there will be an auxiliary to do the silent auction and other items that is usually handled by the hosting auxiliary, Chief Amsinger said he would check into that and let Diane know about that. Chief Amsinger also said room registration is now available at Tan-Tar-A and the room rate information is on the web page.

FUND-RAISING

More cups will be ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

Susan Voss made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Angie, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Submitted by,
Sheri Berendzen



AN UPDATE FROM THE



2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Charlie Neubert

End of the year is coming fast!

Just a reminder that all departments and members need to renew membership by the first of the year. It would be best to renew in December so that none of your benefits will expire. Remind your chief or make yourself a note to renew!

Applications for membership can be found on the FFAM website. Please make sure that your address is up to date and

correct so you can continue to receive your newsletter.

Make sure to check out the Silver Dollar City ad in this edition! Lots of fun things are in the works for April. It will be a great time to go with your family and see your friends in the fire service too!

Charlie Neubert,
2nd Vice President

Kansas City Chiefs

Season and Individual Game Ticket Offer

The Kansas City Chiefs will make their 2014 regular season debut on Sunday, September 7th vs. The Tennessee Titans! The Chiefs and the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri are teaming up to offer members a chance to be part of the action at Arrowhead Stadium. The 2014 home schedule is stacked with teams like the Patriots and Seahawks as well as divisional rivals Broncos, Raiders and Chargers.

To Obtain the Discounted Ticket PROMO Code e-mail Jaime Miller: ffam.jmiller@gmail.com

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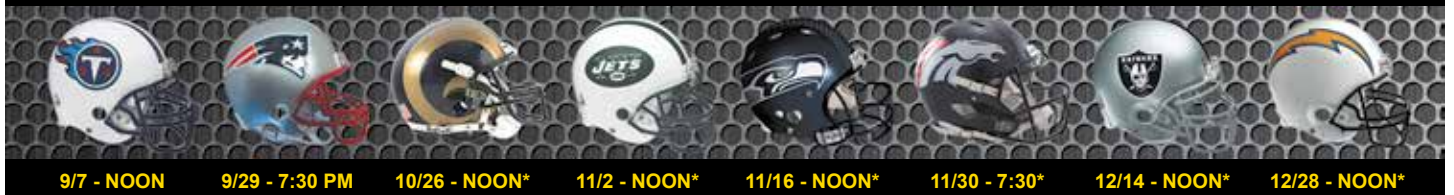
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OCTOBER AT FREDERICKTOWN

The Fredericktown Fire Department had a busy October month. We started with fire safety week at the school where we talked to over 500 kids. Smoke alarms was the topic but our smoke tunnel was the favorite. We also participated in the Pizza for Smoke Alarms. We changed batteries in one alarm and found the rest to all have working alarms. To end the month we had our 6th chili cook off. We had 15 teams participate with a really good crowd. The money raised will go toward a new training site for the department.



HIGHLANDVILLE RURAL FPD GETS NEW EQUIPMENT

The Highlandville Rural Fire Protection District has their eyes set on lowering the district's International Organization for Standardization (ISO) rating. "There were several factors that lead us into purchasing the new engine, the air compressor and starting the construction on our training tower," Adam Gilbert, the districts PIO, stated.

"We have several apparatus that are aging in our fleet and it was time to look at upgrading our capabilities," said Gilbert.

The 1980s model Ford, that was bought in the early 2000s, has been replaced with a 2004 KME Predator that was purchased from Missouri Fire Apparatus for \$140,000. With upgraded features, capacity for more firefighters, seat mounted SCBAs, headsets, and room for more equipment, the new engine represents an improvement in Highlandville fire response, and a step toward a safer, more affordable horizon.

"When we looked at what else we could improve as a district it was to provide

our firefighters with more realistic training," said Gilbert. "Having our own air compressor and training tower allows us to train more frequently and rigorously, with our air packs."

"We've never had our own compressor. We've always had to either go to Southern Stone County Fire District, Branson West or Nixa to fill our air packs up," Chief Kevin Stephens said. "Every time, we'd be out of the district for about four hours along with a truck and personnel, so you're burning fuel, there's wear and tear and there's four or five hours away."

"Filling the SCBAs out of district left firefighters at the mercy of other surrounding agencies," said Gilbert. "Often times we would go to our neighboring departments that would graciously fill our cascade and they would get toned for a call rendering our apparatus and personnel out of service for long periods of time."



The new three-story training tower will be located at the district's headquarters with a completion date in 2015. Measuring 14 by 14 feet at the base, the tower will have two flights of stairs, a second room at ground level and a ventilation prop on the third floor, collectively providing training opportunities for houses and buildings of all sizes.

CHILLICOTHE TRAINING CENTER

The City of Chillicothe recently completed a new training fire training center. The training tower is 4,300 square-feet, with five floors and six training levels. The tower includes stairwells, balconies, doors designed for forced entry, an elevator prop for elevator rescue training, an angled shingled roof and a sprinkler system. These are just some of the included props. The tower was purchased from American Fire Training Systems, Lockport Illinois.



BUTLER FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS A NEW TANKER

The Butler Fire Department took delivery of a new 2,000 gallon tanker in March of 2014. The unit was purchased from Deep South Fire Apparatus. The chassis is a 2010 Freightliner and is powered by a Mercedes-Benz engine. The unit is equipped with a 500 GPM Hale pump. It carries a 1,500 gallon folding tank, a CET floating pump, and has a Newton Kwik Dump 10" swivel dump valve in the rear. Funding for the purchase was from a 1/8 of 1% Fire Protection sales tax passed by the voters in August, 2012.



PIPELINE RUPTURE RESPONSE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

The Johnson County Fire Protection District responded to a pipeline rupture on October 13, 2014 at approximately 10:22 a.m. Crews from three district stations responded to the incident. The pipeline, operated by Panhandle Eastern, ruptured in a field near a barn and residence. Crews established a safe area around the incident scene until pipeline officials could arrive to shut-down the line.



NVFC FALL MEETING REPORT SUMMARY

September 17-19, 2014 – By Keith Smith and Rob Erdel

NVFC FALL MEETING:

The fall meeting in Lafayette, LA was represented by 41 states, 37 directors and 26 alternates. Their projected budget for 2015 is \$3,100,000 through grants, private funding and membership dues.

Notes developed from the recruitment and retention focus groups will be presented at the December meeting of FFAM.

REPORT FROM 18 STATES

Maryland – State income tax credit for a firefighter was just raised from \$3,500 to \$5,000. They are also in process of managing their first Safer Grant of 2.2 million.

North Carolina – State assistance grants of 75% w/ 25% match. Annual funding at \$3 million plus implemented Volunteer Workers Compensation laws which better support volunteer injuries.

Pennsylvania – Just passed a 2 year push for cancer presumption with certain types of cancers involving firefighters.

Washington – Worst wildfire season in state history, but training and greater safety emphasis has so far produced their lowest number of fire line injuries since recording of wildfire events.

Nebraska – Just issued 92 scholarships through their Safer Grant and finally passed a lighter bill.

Vermont – Just coordinated a six state networking meeting, we have had this in the Midwest since 1996.

Delaware – Governor just signed a bill that adds \$10 to each red light and traffic citation with all funds going into EMS funding. Expected to generate between 5 and 6 million annually. Drive Safely in Delaware.

New York – Everyone remembers 343, but it is now estimated that a total of

1,200 have passed since that day, over 850 and counting from health issues after working at ground zero.

Oklahoma – Oklahoma City to host the National Benefits Conference February 15-18, 2015. No benefits conference in 2014, having opted to do this every two years versus annually.

NEW RESOURCES:

Share the Load, Guide to Codes, Guide to family members, Committee Member Tool Kit

Under prevention a new program, *The Fires Everyone Fights*.

NVFC was awarded a Safer Grant of 2.39 million for retention.

NVFC has hired a full time in-house Membership Coordinator.

EMS/RESCUE:

Their level of activity is the highest anyone can remember. New training program delivery *If it is Predictable, it is Preventable*. Have trained 50,000 volunteer first responders in the medical field the past 2 years with a goal of 50,000 more in the next 12 months. They now have 1,000 trainers available.

Another program *Playing Well in My Sandbox* addresses relationships between agencies, with a special emphasis on law enforcement. They have also established a members only reference website. Standards, 1917 Ambulance standard is out and started their first cycle review in prep for revisions.

Pay attention to Commission for Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). Similar to IFSAC/Pro-Board.

CONFERENCE AND EDUCATION:

Fall meeting agenda looking ahead, 2015 in Concord, NC, 2016 in Charleston, SA, 2017 in Kearney, NB.



VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY:

We continue to hear about bad events in combination departments, but there are several success stories. You just have to go looking. High hopes for the NVFC Safer Grant – Recruitment and Retention. Reminder to everyone just in case you have forgot that getting the truck out the door cannot be about you/me, but the customer. With that said, there are many untapped resources for boards and chiefs but both sides need to be thinking in new direction versus what has been done in the past for optimum success.

NVFC is attempting to take pro-active steps in recognizing many departments and will continue to evolve from 100% volunteer to some form of combination. To make these changes successfully, NVFC has developed an assistance program called *Leading the Change*. It is also a resource for fire chiefs that have been told by their board or city council that there is no more money for career staff, you must figure a way to recruit and retain volunteers to fill your needs. Plus remembering that a lack of volunteers is a safety issue for the career staff.

Recruitment and retention of volunteers is also a Plan-B as Safer Grants expire with no funding options resulting in a release of paid staffing. This is already starting to happen. Also caution to departments thinking about getting fully involved with EMS in growing areas which an ambulance service is already present. As call volume increases, so does the burnout of volunteers.

HOMELAND SECURITY:

Discussion of micro grants, \$25,000. They have eliminated the narrative for PPE. NVFC is also proposing the micro grants be increased to \$50,000. Departments that have submitted within the past 3 years without success will be given priority and NVFC is attempting to address what they feel have been some issues with reviewers toward small volunteer departments.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION:

The Safer Grant included funding for 3rd party professional assistance and they were in attendance. The last two hours of the fall meeting involved work groups and networking for ideas in directed focus of recruitment and retention needs and resource development. The question was also asked, "What is more important, recruitment or retention?" The overwhelming response was retention. On average, the younger volunteer lasts 1-5 years and leaves in part because the fire service must compete with many other organizations that our younger generation also find interesting and rewarding, with less work and interruptions of life style. So recruitment and retention will be managed as two subjects, but under the same umbrella, as brother and sister or salt and pepper. The New York Times just run a series of articles titled *The Disappearing Volunteer Firefighter*. There was also a series of presentations by states receiving Safer Grants outlining what has worked and what has not.

DISASTER RELIEF:

A reminder that a volunteer having suffered a major property loss can file for assistance. It is not much money at \$250, but if dad, mom and son/daughter are all volunteers, the payment is \$1,000 for example. The last major request was Hurricane Sandy which paid out nearly \$50,000. They must be member of a State Fire Organization recognized by NVFC to be eligible.

BYLAWS – Nothing significant for Fall Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

NVFC to drop dues for EMS rescue

section, they will only have to pay for NVFC membership.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

We are very active around the world. We host other countries in US travel and us to other countries as well. All for the variety of volunteer fire related activities, training, trade shows, conferences.

WILDLAND:

WFAP training in conjunction with Forest Service. FP helped get a program reinstated to its original format. VFA plans to ask for an increase in funding to 16 million from current 13 million.

HEALTH SAFETY:

Currently working from a 3 year grant, online training programs, webinars. *Share The Load* program, and a 1 800 hotline for volunteers in need. Developed a family guide *What to Expect* for families of volunteers. Upcoming guides define "freelance" as it would pertain to PSOB benefit. Develop guidelines on age vs physical abilities of older volunteers. Cancer issues due to proper care of fire gear, i.e. bunker for firefighter and second hand exposure.

In the general meeting two on-going fire service safety issues were discussed. First, it should be fully understood by now, the fire service cannot allow "freelancing". Second, there should be no "self deployment". The third is highly controversial at many levels, but NVFC is determined to eventually establish a position on baseline physicals after a certain age in view of so many LODD events involving health.

RADIO AND WIRELESS:

Active in assisting and promoting First Net the public safety broadband network. NVFC asks that all states get involved and each state should have a group working on this. Narrow Band NVFC is gathering information on issues for the switch to 12.5 in relation to the next step to 6.25.

STANDARDS AND CODES:

Active on several NFPA committees as needed.

LEGISLATIVE:

Working on 10 current issues, most stalled in process due to lack of interest from sponsorship or attached to bills that have not moved in election years. NVFC supports current funding of AFG and SAFER at current 340 million each. USFA Looking at asking for an increase in funding from the current 44 million to 46 million in 2016 based on improving economy. The committee asked that we stay in touch with legislatures on current issues and those in office and those running, due to it being an election year.

Issues on the horizon; disappearing volunteer numbers, pipeline and rail training due to incidents recently.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

Firefighter suicide continues to occur and there are some resources available to assist in awareness which hopefully translates into intervention/prevention. Missouri contributed a kneeling firefighter statue for the Foundation Auction, it brought \$160.





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University of Missouri Extension, Fire and Rescue Training Institute

The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) faculty and staff continue to schedule training opportunities throughout the state. The Institute still has some subsidized training funds for no-cost courses during this fiscal year, so I encourage you to contact your MU FRTI Regional Training Coordinator or our office to see how we can assist you in meeting your department's training needs.

As a student of fire service history, I enjoy learning about our firefighting heritage and traditions. Some of the terms and concepts we use today are derived from historical models within the fire service. This is where the past interacts with the present. This view though brings into question how what we are teaching today will be viewed by future generations of the fire service.

I recently had the opportunity to have a conversation with Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent of the National Fire Academy, about fire instructors and training. He made what I consider a profound statement when he said "as fire instructors we are sending firefighters to a future that we will never see. What they learn today stays with them throughout their career." In further discussions, we talked about some of the similarities between the past and present. Firefighters have always had and will continue to have a desire and dedication to serve. The mission of saving lives and property remains the same, but the technology and methods we use have been updated for the present. Proven new research-based initiatives in the fire service are also providing the impetus to adopt new ideas and techniques to make firefighting safer and more effective. But the question still remains of what will the future bring to

the fire service and how will our newer generations adapt to that "unseen future."

From my perspective, I think the message from our discussion has important insights into the training approach fire instructors should be using as they train for the future. These key points are:

- Knowing the past helps one understand the present.
- Make sure what you teach is correct, not just what you were taught.
- Look for and incorporate new proven research-based techniques where applicable.
- Instill a desire to learn in your students (firefighters) so they can think and evaluate as times change, thus equipping them with the skills to face that unseen future.

The MU FRTI *Annual Instructor Conference* was held October 24–26, 2014, at the Country Club Hotel and Spa at the Lake of the Ozarks, MO. There were over 170 students and instructors in attendance this year. I wish to express the Institute's appreciation to all of you who attended the annual instructor's conference and our guest instructors for sharing their knowledge and expertise. Again at this year's conference the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) partnered with MU FRTI to deliver their "Leadership Accountability, Culture, and Knowledge" (LACK) course as a hand-off to instructors. We sincerely appreciate the strong partnership with NFFF that provided this important training opportunity for Missouri Fire Instructors.

The MU FRTI *Fire Service Instructor of the Year* for 2013–2014 awards were presented during the *Annual Instructor Conference*. This year's recipient of the

MU FRTI Instructor of the Year award was Michael Arnhart, Fire Chief with the High Ridge Fire Protection District in High Ridge, MO. Chief Arnhart has been an adjunct instructor with the MU FRTI program since 1991, and he has been the previous recipient of the Institute's *Fire Service Instructor of the Year* award three times before in 1998, 2000, and 2008. He began his fire service career in 1972 as a junior firefighter and progressed from volunteer to fulltime in 1977. He has served as Fire Chief with High Ridge FPD since 2005. Instructor Arnhart exemplifies excellence in fire service instruction, and we look forward to his continued service with the Institute as an Adjunct Instructor. In addition to the award given to Chief Arnhart, the first and second runners-up for *Instructor of the Year* were recognized. Instructor Randall Ragan, Assistant Chief and Training Officer with Lincoln County FPD # 1 in Troy, MO, was the First Runner-Up. Greg Flick, Firefighter with North Central Carroll County Fire Protection District in Tina, MO, and Robert Little, Fire Apparatus Operator/Medic with Central Jackson County Fire Protection District in Blue Springs, MO, tied for Second Runner-Up.

As part of the Instructor Awards ceremony, thirteen of the Institute's adjunct instructors were recognized for demonstrating the highest standards of instruction by achieving the *Highest Course Instructor Performance Rating* in 2013–2014. These ratings are based on the evaluation forms that are completed by the students in each class and include sections on classroom conditions, course materials, and the instructor. The honorees for this award were: Tim Bean, Matt Black, Michael Cherry, Brian Davison, Brad Dillow, Greg Flick, Bob Little, Lynn Morgan, Randall Ragan, Richard Trent, Michael White,



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11/15	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Nevada	Leland Splitter	417-667-5079
11/22	Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Techniques for Structural Fire Fighters	Peculiar	Ryan Jensen	816-519-4010
11/22	Certified Fire District Board Training	Marshfield	Michael Taylor	417-859-0884
11/25	Live Burn Fire Brigade Refresher	Wellston	Mark Jones	573-643-6919
12/04	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Wheatland	Brenda Vaughn	417-207-1235
12/05	Basic Pump Operations	Mansfield	Garland Fitzhugh	417-413-7922
12/05	Basic Pump Operations	Chula	Darrell Wright	660-646-2139
12/05	Mobile Water Supply Operations	Richland	Rick Hobbs	573-512-0066
12/05	Basic Pump Operations	Clever	Ronnie Keithley	417-838-1088
12/05	Courage To Be Safe So Everyone Goes Home	Sunrise Beach	Jeremy Criner	573-374-4411
12/05	Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge	Sunrise Beach	Jeremy Criner	573-374-4411
12/05	Outdoor Search and Rescue Practices	Perryville	Bill Jones	573-547-4546
12/06	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Viburnum	Robert Hicks	573-366-8792
12/06	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Liberal	Rick Davied	417-214-6703
12/06	Certified Fire District Board Training	Oak Grove	Mike Johnson	816-690-6990
12/12	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Norwood	Don Reed	417-464-1143
12/13	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Dexter	Don Seymore	573-820-0019
12/13	Emergency Services UTV/ATV Safety	Potosi	Roger Lachance	573-438-5465
01/06	Courage To Be Safe So Everyone Goes Home	Chillicothe	Darrell Wright	660-646-2139
01/09	Preparing for Initial Company Operations	St. James	Bruce Parton	573-265-5112
01/10	Electric Vehicle Safety for First Responders	Rolla	Ron Smith	573-578-2507
01/10	Electric Vehicle Safety for First Responders	Perryville	Bill Jones	573-517-1501
01/12	Electric Vehicle Safety for First Responders	Cape Girardeau	Dwayne Kirchhoff	573-979-4657
01/16	Highway Safety for Emergency Service Personnel	Butterfield	Scott Brophy	417-489-5789
01/16	Principles of Building Construction: Noncombustible	Duenweg	Jeff Littrell	417-621-5054
01/16	Incident Safety Officer	Warrensburg	Jim Kushner	660-262-4651
01/17	Highway Safety for Emergency Service Personnel	Richland	Russ Hobbs	573-512-1091
01/21	Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program	Columbia	MUFRTI	800-869-3476
01/23	Fire Fighter Safety and Survival: The Company Officer's Responsibility	Jackson	Gene Kerns	573-450-4174
01/24	Confined Space Rescue: Awareness	Waynesville	Doug Yurecko	573-337-0445
01/24	Highway Safety for Emergency Service Personnel	Scott City	Jay Cassout	573-225-2478

David Wickersheim, and Bob Woody. In addition, four instructors were recognized for having the distinction of receiving the high course performance rating multiple times during the year. These recipients were: Todd Ackerson, Mark Cado, Ron MacKnight, and Larry Young. These Adjunct Faculty members demonstrated exceptional performance and exemplify the pursuit of instructional excellence in the courses they taught during FY14. MU

FRTI has an instructional cadre of over 150 Adjunct Instructors and the Institute is appreciative of the job that they all do in providing the very best in instruction for Missouri's firefighters and emergency responders.

The entire staff of MU FRTI was saddened to learn of the Line of Duty Death in Missouri in October of Fire Chief Eddie Johnson, Jr. of the Alton Fire Department.

Chief Johnson died on October 20, 2014 from injuries he received in the line of duty while responding to an emergency call. Our sincerest condolences go out to his family and fire department for their loss.

MU FRTI's Industrial and Specialized Training Specialist, Dean Martin, has

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left the Institute to take a position as the Director with the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC). During his two and a half years at the Institute, Dean coordinated a variety of technical programs including the Fire Cause Determination Training Program, and was the instructor on record for several MU FRTI online courses. We appreciate Dean's dedicated work at the Institute and will miss him as a valued member of the MU FRTI team. In the interim, Associate Director Zumwalt will be overseeing his current projects.

In late September, I attended the annual meeting of the North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD), hosted by the Alabama Fire College. The conference included a tour and briefing on their training facilities and operations. During this meeting of training directors from the United States and Canada, we discussed current fire service issues and initiatives. Under the auspice of the NAFTD,

our sister states and MU FRTI continue to provide input at the federal level regarding fire service issues and training.

Coming this winter is the 34th Annual *Winter Fire School* (WFS) along with the Fire Equipment Expo. The event is scheduled for February 6–8, 2015. Conference information and a listing of courses will be available through MU FRTI's website in the near future. WFS is the largest single fire service training event in the state. The MU FRTI fire school staff has developed another great line-up of classes this year. I encourage you to register early for this exceptional training event.

The 13th Annual *Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program* schedule has been set for 2015. The first session begins January 21–22, 2015. This program is a joint activity conducted with the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs, and provides executive leadership training for current and future fire chiefs. Enrollments are limited for this unique program and

I encourage those interested to register early. Additional information can be found about these and other training opportunities on the Institute's website at www.mufrti.org.

As the holiday season approaches, I wish all of you a safe and joyous holidays. Again, thank you for your continued support of the University of Missouri's Fire & Rescue Training Institute. The MU FRTI staff and I look forward to continuing to provide quality fire and emergency service training programs to Missouri's emergency responders. If the MU FRTI staff or I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact us at (800) 869-3476 or (573) 882-4735. For more information regarding the Institute, go to our website at www.mufrti.org.

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