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# PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

**Kenneth Hoover  
President**

## *Greetings Fellow Firefighters*



This article brings me to the annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Services held on May 16 and 17, 2015 in Kingdom City. I believe this is the most important activity I am involved in every year and I will commit a large portion of my article to it.

As they have done for many years, I thank Chief Greg Lubbert and the Central Callaway Fire Protection District that spent many hours cleaning all of the granite walls and other tasks the Thursday night prior to the services.

A special thank you to Lieutenant Steve Nichols from the Little Dixie Fire Protection District for overseeing the maintenance of the memorial site year after year. Lieutenant Nichols always has

everything looking good for the annual services. There are many people that help Steve with this task. Thank you!

Many hours were also given for the candlelight service and the Sunday morning services. Keith Smith of Warrenton Fire Protection District, Bill Albus of Little Dixie Fire Protection District and the Missouri State Fire Marshal office, and Linda Coleberd of Hannibal all worked many hours gathering information and developing the programs for both services. I thank each of you!

The candlelight honor guard was provided by the Little Dixie Fire Protection District and the St. Joseph Fire Department. Retired Battalion Chief

Jim Weaver from the Columbia Fire Department did an excellent job with the message to over 200 attendees at the candlelight service. Thanks to Blue Ice Productions and Chairman Keith Smith from Warrenton, Missouri, who provided all of the recording and video services for the entire memorial, as they have done for many years at no charge to the memorial foundation. Many, many thanks to Greg and Rose Rosebrock.

Each year our history is documented by Don Vaucher. Don is at every event and photographs all the activities and provides FFAM with prints and CD's and never asks for recognition or payment for his services. Thank you Don and Harriett.

This year we were honored to have Director Lane Roberts from the State of Missouri's Department of Public Safety attend and present proclamations to the 2014 line of duty death family members.

Missouri State Fire Marshal Greg Carrell was our keynote speaker at the Sunday morning memorial service. I heard many compliments and I believe Greg had a very good message. Thank you.

The MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute's Director David Hedrick gave our opening invocation and as always did an excellent job. David always accepts my request to help and I appreciate his "can do" attitude.

Our honor guard commander again this year was Chuck Beaty from the St. Joseph Fire Department. Several LODD's were honored from the St. Joseph Fire Department this year. Commander Beaty did an outstanding job coordinating honor/color guard and pipe and drum members from many fire departments

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# FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Greg Carrell  
Acting State Fire Marshal



## Missouri Division of Fire Safety

As I write this, the Fourth of July is just around the corner. Summer is in full swing. Time for picnics, family gatherings, fairs, festivals and fireworks. All the things summer brings to our communities.

The other day, I was discussing community. Not the cities, towns or counties in which we live, but the fire community.

The people I was speaking with were bemoaning the lack of community in our fire departments; the lack of "brotherhood" if you will. The crew comes in from a call and immediately separates. The captain goes to write the run report, one person goes to make a cell phone call, another heads to the day room to play video games, and yet another heads to the bedroom to nap.

Even meal time has become less of a fellowship and more of a "grab some food and sit in front of the television" affair. Families come to visit, but it is usually outside in the parking lot. No games of pitch or pinochle, no basketball games out on the apron.

Is this really happening? It certainly was not the norm in the fire departments I frequented. Those departments spent hours in the day room discussing families, playing cards, working out and occasionally playing practical jokes on the young state fire investigator. Down time during the day might include a visit to a daycare or grabbing lunch with the kids at the local school. Some might even work a little training into the day.

Something as simple as shopping for dinner at the grocery store became a community event including some good natured harassment of the grocery store staff and more than a few customers, most of whom they knew by name.

The local police would happen by, just as burgers were coming off the grill or the lid was being pulled off the chili pot. Families were welcome and even encouraged to stop in and hang out for a while.

When a call came in, they were out the door, headed to a neighbor's home or to assist a friend's loved one. Sometimes the firefighter living down the street was on

the scene before the trucks, offering aid and comfort to the family.

Don't get me wrong, this was not Norman Rockwell's world. There was occasional infighting and anger. Some left the department and found employment elsewhere. But overall, the fire community was just that, a community.

Have we strayed that far away from community? Has the career become just a job? Are those who volunteer too busy with family and work obligations to socialize after a fire call? Are we losing our sense of community and brotherhood? I hope not.

Local fire service is more than just a service provided to the residents of an area. It is a group of people who have decided to make it a part of their life to assist others when the call comes in. Fire service needs to be out in the community promoting itself, teaching public safety and giving children (and adults) someone to look up to, believe in and respect. They stop to help a neighbor, visit the local nursing home or give directions to a lost visitor.

The fire service I know is that type of community. It is the community I want to exist in our state and the community our residents, your patrons, and the employees, volunteers and families of the fire service deserve.

Stay safe.

Greg Carrell  
Acting State Fire Marshal

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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, June 7, 2015 at the State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, Missouri.

### **ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

#### **OFFICERS**

President Kenneth Hoover, Little Dixie FPD; First Vice President Tim Bean, West Plains FD; Second Vice President, Charlie Neubert, Highlandville Rural FD; Secretary Treasurer Jaime Miller, Johnson County FPD.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

District 1, Terry Wynne, Galt FPD; District 2, Greg Wright, Shelbina FD; District 3, Larry Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; District 5, Terry Plumb, Southern Stone FPD; District 6, Richard Gordon, Cole County FPD; District 7, RB Brown, Eureka FD; District 9, Roy Sims, West Plains FD; District 11, Monty Thompson, Kearney FPD; District 14, Rick Dozier, Southern FPD of Holt Co.

#### **ASSISTANT DIRECTORS**

District 1, Janet Cain, Braymer FR; District 3, Rob Erdle, Little Dixie FPD; District 10, Greg Brown, Eureka FPD; District 11, Roger Meyers, Concordia FPD; District 11, Ryan Miller, Norborne FPD.

#### **GUESTS**

Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD; David Hedrick, MU FRTI; Greg Carrell, Brenda Carrell, Division of Fire Safety; Larry Jennings, Joe Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Donald Vaucher, Harriett Vaucher, Eureka FPD; Grant Oetting, Higginsville F&R; Doc Kritzer, Fire Fighters Memorial Board; Jay Kelbaugh, Southern Stone FPD; Malachi Henley, Highlandville Rural FD; Scott Olson, Alma FPD; George Kronshage,

Wellington Napoleon FPD; Steve Gentry, Little Dixie FPD; Scott Frandsen, Lake Area Emergency Services Association.

#### **AGENDA**

President Hoover asked for additions to the agenda. Rick Dozer moved to accept the agenda as presented. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

#### **MINUTES**

There are no minutes for approval. The May 2015 convention minutes will be submitted for approval at the 2016 convention.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

President Hoover asked for a review of the April/May 2015 financial report. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Larry Jones seconded the motion and all approved.

#### **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)**

MU FRTI Director David Hedrick reported that Summer Fire School ends today. Enrollment was lower than previous years. There are 607 classes scheduled for the upcoming fiscal year. If anyone is interested in scheduling training, contact them.

MU FRTI, along with the Division of Fire Safety will be meeting with the state Fire Education/Advisory Commission on June 18 to discuss subsidy funding.

MU FRTI is wrapping up their fiscal year.

Fire Marshal Greg Carrell with the Division of Fire Safety reported that he and the new Director of Public Safety Lane Roberts visited Summer Fire School. Roberts wants to learn more about the fire service and will be traveling throughout the state to different events.

If any department has a chiefs meeting or other meeting that they would like for Fire

Marshal Carrell to attend, please contact him. He welcomes the opportunity to visit with departments around the state.

Carrell reported that presentations are next week for vendors to request funding for courses they will offer around the state.

The new fiscal year starts July 1. The DFS is promoting training all across the state due to the increase in fire education training funds. Those wanting training are encouraged to contact DFS to schedule.

The DFS is looking at fourteen additional levels of certifications. More information will be out in the near future. They will also be beginning a series of video/podcasts on CO and other areas of interest and will be publishing the videos online for public viewing. More information will also be out soon regarding this project.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Secretary Miller read a letter received from Richard Dyer extending his thanks for awarding him with the Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement award.

President Hoover reported that he along with Greg Carrell and Monty Thompson attended a reception at Inter City Fire Protection District to recognize Jeffrey Jewell for his FFAM *Fire Chief of the Year* award received at convention.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Larry Jennings reported that he still hasn't received any notification regarding the SAFER grant.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Hoover advised on the appointment of new assistant directors and committee members. President Hoover recommended Steve Gentry of Little Dixie Fire Protection District to fill a District 3 Assistant Director position.

Richard Gordon moved to appoint Steve Gentry to District 3 Assistant Director. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover recommended Shelby Phifer of Southern Stone Fire Protection District to fill a District 5 Assistant Director position. Roy Sims moved to appoint Shelby Phifer to District 5 Assistant Director. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover advised that he has made numerous attempts to contact District 10 Director Doug Christ but hasn't been able to reach him. He advised a change may be coming to that position. President Hoover recommended Larry Jennings of Johnson County Fire Protection District to fill the chairman position of the Awards Committee. Charlie Neubert moved to appoint Larry Jennings as the Awards Committee chairman. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover also advised there is an opening on the Awards Committee so if you have recommendations, contact him. President Hoover recommended Terry Plumb of Southern Stone Fire Protection District to fill a vacancy on the Scholarship Committee. Rick Dozer moved to appoint Terry Plumb to the Scholarship Committee. Richard Gordon seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover advised again on the Henry Golden Boy Firefighter Edition rifle fund-raiser. The rifle will be raffled off to raise funds for the Historical Preservation Center to be built in Kingdom City. The winner will be chosen at the 2016 convention. Contact Steve Gentry with Little Dixie Fire Protection District if you have questions or would like tickets to sell in your area.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Larry Jennings advised that the committee will be going through the current awards and updating them.

##### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Tim Bean advised all committee budget requests need to be in to him by the August meeting.



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#### **BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE**

David Hedrick reported that the Missouri Fire Chaplain's Corp conference was held May 4-5 in Arnold, Missouri. The 2016 conference will be May 2-3 in Springfield, Missouri. The Federation of Fire Chaplains annual meeting will be held Oct. 18-22 in Palm Beach, FL. Hedrick advised that discussions have been held on whether fire chaplains are covered under a department's workers compensation insurance. He recommends that you contact your insurance company to make sure they are covered.

#### **CONTEST COMMITTEE**

Richard Gordon reported they had one layout issue during the contest but it will be corrected. He could use more volunteers at the contest for timing and judging. Contact him if you are interested.

#### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Larry Jones reported that a request to host the 2016 convention had been received by the Lake Area Emergency Services Association and by the State Fair Fire Department. Discussion followed. Rick Dozer moved that the 2016 convention be hosted by the State Fair Fire Department. Terry Wynne seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Rick Dozier then withdrew his motion. Terry Wynne withdrew his second. Tim Bean moved that the 2016 convention be hosted by the Lake Area Emergency Services Association. Richard Gordon seconded

the motion and all approved. Charlie Neubert moved that the 2017 convention be hosted by the State Fair Fire Department on behalf of the FFAM Board of Directors. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

Discussion was held on the 10% convention proceeds that are given back to the FFAM each year by the host department. The funds were originally designated for training however, they are put back in general revenue. Larry Jones moved that the 10% convention proceeds given to FFAM by the host department be donated to the Fire Fighters Historical Preservation Foundation of Missouri. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Rick Dozier reported that the Certified Board Member training was well attended. The Propane First Responders Conference will be held at the State Fair Fire Department September 12-13. The training, meals and lodging will be provided free of charge. The Education Committee will be paying for a portion of the conference and MFA Propane will be sponsoring the training. Dozier requested approval for one-time additional funding of \$1,500 to the Education Committee budget. Discussion followed. Greg Wright moved that a one-time additional funding up to \$1,500 be authorized for the Education Committee for the propane training and CPR training.

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Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved. Dozier advised that the Missouri Propane Association has purchased a Henry Golden Boy Firefighter Edition rifle that will be given away during the September propane conference at the State Fair. More information regarding the conference will follow.

#### **PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

RB Brown reported that the poster award winners would be invited to the State Fair on August 15 and 23. Directors who have award winners in their area need to try and locate home addresses and get them to him so letters can be sent to each winner.

#### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Greg Brown reported that the budget included \$300,000 in firefighter training for fiscal year 2016.

A bill regarding federal reimbursement for ambulance services passed. The bill extends the collection of the FRA for another year, which is the mechanism that funds the payments to Medicaid ambulance service providers.

911 legislative failed and work is being done regarding the legislation for next year however, they are still facing many road blocks.

The Missouri Fire Chiefs Association has started discussions regarding a process that would allow for additional federal revenue for first responders.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

Charlie Neubert reported the following membership counts: 515 directors/



councilman; 276 retired; 15 associate; 11 sustaining; 18 corporate; 377 departments; 7,390 active. Jaime Miller reported that she has been in contact with several new vendors regarding possible new benefits to FFAM members. She would present more at the August meeting.

#### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **NVFC COMMITTEE**

Keith Smith reported that NVFC requested the support of FFAM regarding a rural fire equipment medical grant that they are pursuing. Smith had spoken with President Hoover regarding the request and the FFAM is supporting the measure. NVFC is looking for other partnerships for grant funding.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

No report.

#### **STATE FAIR COMMITTEE**

Monty Thompson reported that acceptance and rejection letters would be sent this week. Crews had a productive work weekend. The next work weekend is July 17-18. He also advised that if someone has a name of a former State Fair Fire Department member who has passed away, please let him know. They are getting the memorial plaques at the fire station up-to-date.

#### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

No report was given.

#### **NEWSLETTER**

Jaime Miller advised that the submission deadline for the next newsletter is July 1.

#### **HISTORIAN REPORT**

No report.

#### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Harriett Vaucher reported that the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team will be hosting a golf tournament on July 13 in St. Peters, Missouri. More information can be found on their website.

Doc Kritzer with the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri

reported that the memorial services in May went very well. There were approximately 200 in attendance Saturday night and more than 350 Sunday morning. The flags on the hillside at the memorial will fly until Flag Day. They are advertised for sale each year in the newsletter for \$30 each and have become a big attraction to those passing by. He reported that the Village of Kingdom City has purchased the tourism building next to the memorial. They want to keep the partnership with the memorial and they will continue to house some of the memorial's information however they do want to consolidate some of the storage space occupied by the memorial. President Hoover recommended that the FFAM provide a FFAM flag to be carried during the memorial services by the Honor Guard. Discussion followed. Terry Wynne moved that the FFAM provide a FFAM flag to be carried during the memorial services by the Honor Guard. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved.

Keith Smith reported that those firefighters who pass away in 2015 will be honored next year. He also reported that the families of those firefighters that pass away January through March in 2016 have the option to have their loved one honored at the 2016 services or wait until the 2017 services. There are no time limits on line-of-duty deaths. He requested that anyone who receives the name of a firefighter who has passed, please get the information to him. He reported that the committee will continue to look at ways to improve the services and thanked all those who assisted with this year's services.

The next board of directors meeting will be August 9 at the State Fair Fire Department.

Charlie Neubert moved to adjourn the meeting. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Handwritten signature of Jaime Miller in black ink.

Jaime Miller, Secretary  
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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## LITTLE DIXIE FPD HONOR GUARD



The Little Dixie Fire Protection District is proud to announce appointments to the departments Honor Guard division. Little Dixie's Honor Guard is trained and led by Lieutenant Bobby Tanner, along with Lieutenant Josh Loyd, Lieutenant Josh Biggers, and Firefighter Jared Jackson. The new personnel brings the total group to eight and the team is available for any request at funeral's, memorial's or other fire department functions.



Left to Right: Firefighter Scott Nichols, Firefighter Rachel Buck, Firefighter Korey Smith, Firefighter Tim Hodges and introducing the new individuals is Fire Chief Kenneth Hoover.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED - CONGRATULATIONS



Left to Right: District 5 Director Terry Plumb, Chairman Grant Oetting, Recipient Kelby Stephens, Chief Kevin Stephens of the Highlandville Rural Fire Protection District



Left to Right: Chairman Grant Oetting, Recipient Jaime Miller, District 4 Director Joe Vaughn



Left to Right: Chairman Grant Oetting, Recipient Jacob Laffert, Firefighter and Medic Kenny Slays of the Excelsior Springs Fire Department



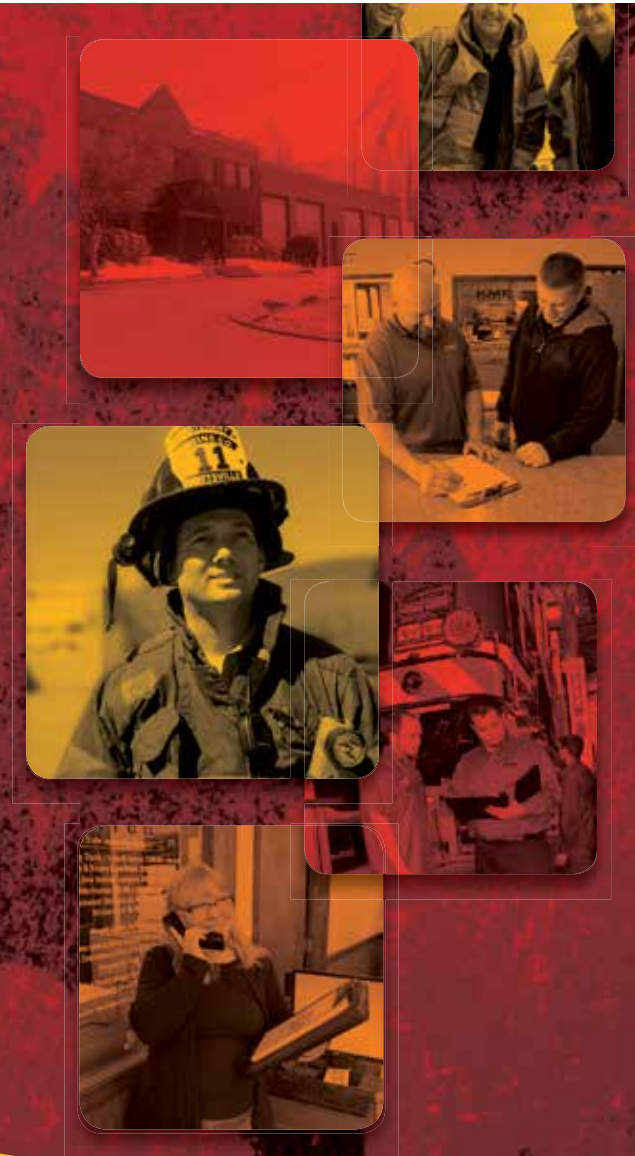
Left to Right: Chairman Grant Oetting, Recipient Alek Jewell, Chief Jeff Jewell of the Inter City Fire Protection District



Left to Right: Chairman Grant Oetting, Tanner Wodrich, Chief Jeff Buford of the Alma Fire Protection District

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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Larry Jones  
Director

Our last board meeting in June, provided us the question we were all asking: Where is the 2016 convention being held? The answer: Lake of the Ozarks by the Lake Area Emergency Services Association, Inc. I'm sure we will be having more information in the FFAM newsletter and on the website. From my records, this is only the second time the same location has hosted the convention one after another. So, what does that tell us?

I want to inform all of you that Steve Gentry, from Little Dixie Fire Protection District out of Mexico, has been approved as District 3's assistant. He and Rob Erdel will make us the three \_\_\_\_\_ from District 3.

We have already been to the state fair firehouse in June for a work weekend and have another one in July. The State Fair is in Sedalia from August 6-16 and it is always a good time to stop by and visit with those working at the fair. We can probably promise rain and hot weather. There is always good food from breakfast to supper and snacks in between.

As a member of the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team, I want to thank the auxiliary for their donations to the team. We carry a lot of items in our trailers and usually need replacements on things. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Larry Jones  
Director of District 3  
660-651-9360

## AWARDS...AWARDS...AWARDS

By Larry Jennings, Committee Chair

I am taking this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who have not met me and to re-introduce myself to many of you that have known me for years. President Hoover has asked that I act as chairman of the FFAM Awards Committee and asked that I give you an introduction to me and the Awards Committee.

First about me, I have been in the fire service for thirty-nine years serving the entire time in Johnson County. I have served as Chief of the Johnson County Fire Protection District for the past nineteen years with the last eight as a full-time paid position. During the years of fire service I have also served time as a police officer, investigator for the Missouri Division of Fire Safety and an investigator for a large insurance company.

More importantly let's discuss the Awards Committee. Currently the committee is comprised of Joe Vaughn and myself with another member pending appointment by President Hoover and the FFAM Board of Directors. The committee is charged with the responsibility of accepting, reviewing and making the presentation of awards to deserving members of the FFAM based on criteria submitted by you for the various award categories.

**"I encourage each of you to take a few minutes and review the award criteria and then take a look around your area of the state and nominate a deserving candidate for an award"**

The current awards available are the *Chief of the Year*, *Firefighter of the Year*, *Fire Department of the Year*, three divisions of *Life Saving Awards*, *Meritorious Award*, Youth Career Program and the *Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award*. More descriptive information on each award and the award nomination form are available at [www.ffam.org/committees/awards/](http://www.ffam.org/committees/awards/). I encourage each of you to take a few minutes and review the award criteria and then take a look around your area of the state and nominate a deserving candidate for an award.



Larry Jennings, Committee Chair

After receiving the nominations by the February 28 deadline the committee will review each of them and thoroughly analyze all information to determine which nomination best fits the particular category. Unfortunately the very nature of some of the awards limit us to only award one per year, which makes the committee's task often a difficult one and not one taken lightly. Remember, when submitting the nomination please include

sufficient details and supporting information to allow us to fully understand why your nominee is the best for the particular award.

It is the committee's pleasure to serve the members of the FFAM and we look forward to reviewing the nominations you submit. If you need any clarification or have questions concerning the awards or the committee please feel free to contact us. Up to date contact information is available on the FFAM website in the awards committee section.



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Robert B. Brown  
Director

Hello to all from the east side of the state! I hope everyone is doing well and has not had many situations with the wet weather we have had.

Summer is here and everyone needs to take care of themselves. If you're working a scene please ensure that you and your crew are taking the necessary precautions. Be sure to take the needed breaks and stay hydrated.

With the summer solstice in full swing, trips will be planned. Make sure your vehicle is ready for the summer. Have all your fluids checked and the air conditioning charged. Remember to pack a cooler of water for the longer trips.

With summer being the time for fun in the sun, plan to attend the Union Fire Protection District's 125th Anniversary Celebration in Union on July 18. The festivities will be held around the town square.

The second work detail at the Missouri State Fair Firehouse is July 17-19. Help is needed!

If you applied to work during the Missouri State Fair, you should have received your letter of acceptance by now. Thanks to everyone who is willing to work and make the 2015 fair a great one! Any director or assistant director that would like to attend needs to make arrangements with the State Fair Committee.

For the first time poster contest winners and their families are being invited to the

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In closing, I want to say an early thank you to all the departments, districts and vendors who have donated the much needed equipment to the Missouri State Fair Volunteer Fire Department. If it wasn't for the great support received we would not be able to operate. This proves the strong and true brotherhood within the fire service. Have a great summer and I'll see ya at the fair!

Robert B. Brown  
District 7 Director  
Poster Contest Chair  
Fire Chief M.S.F.V.F.D.



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**Bryan Reed of the New London VFD, Dave Jones with Missouri One Call System and VFD Chief Jamie Quick**

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# CONFERENCE TEACHES HOT LESSONS TO RESPONDERS

A Propane Industry Responders' Conference will be held September 12-13 in Sedalia at the Missouri State Fairgrounds. The session will facilitate the exchange of vital propane safety information, techniques, and experiences among industry responders.

The conference is being sponsored by the Missouri Propane Education and Research Council with support from the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, the University of Missouri Fire Rescue and Training Institute and the Missouri State Fire Marshal. It will cover the evolution of propane emergencies, propane response, and mitigation strategies, including hands-on, live-fire training. Students will earn 4 hours CEUs for Fire Instructor and 8 hours for Hazardous Materials – Technician toward recertification.

Registration materials will be available shortly through MU FRTI and online at MissouriPropane.com. There is no registration fee for qualified Missouri firefighters and first responders. Additionally, bunk space is available without charge at



the State Fair firehouse and all meals will be included.

“This conference demonstrates the propane industry’s continued commitment to the safety and well-being of fire service, emergency responders, and the public,” said Steve Ahrens, MOPERC President. “In the past 10 years the propane industry has invested millions of dollars in training hundreds of thousands of firefighters and emergency responders.”

“Conferences such as this offer first responders across Missouri the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and skills which will pay dividends for their communities.”

Attendance is open to anyone involved with propane-related emergency and incident response activities, including propane professionals, fire service and emergency response trainers, towing and recovery professionals, law enforcement, and more.

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Registration for the Propane Industry Responders Conference is being handled through the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute. For more information and to register for this event, please visit the Institute's website at [www.mufrti.org](http://www.mufrti.org), or call (800) 869-3476 or 573 882-4735.

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**Friday and Saturday October 16 & 17, 2015**

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Instructor for this program is Peggy Sweeney. Peggy is from Kerrville Tx. She is the founder and President of the Sweeney Alliance. Since 1997 she has taught "Grieving behind the badge" program for firefighters / EMS, police, dispatchers, department chaplains, administrators, and many more. Peggy is the author of award winning articles dealing with job related stress and grief in emergency services and public safety. Her program will cover but not limited to understanding grief and helping others who grieve, parents, children, Line of Duty survivors, plus much more. Make your plans to attend this very informative program. CEU's have been approved by the Missouri BEMS and provided by Survival Flight.



For more information contact George "Greg" Wright State commander, Missouri EMS Funeral Response Team @660-415-7990 or e-mail gwright000@centurytel.net

## FRIDAY "GRIEVING BEHIND THE BADGE" PROGRAM

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 Noon.....Luncheon (Provided)  
 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. .... Program

**Saturday, October 17** 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. .... Breakfast (Provided)  
 8:00 a.m. - Noon..... Program  
 Noon..... Luncheon (Provided) & Conclusion

**COST:** \$79.00 PER PERSON Pre-registration is required before October 10, 2015 includes handouts, Friday luncheon, Saturday buffet breakfast and Saturday buffet lunch.

**CEU'S:** This program has been approved by the Missouri BEMS for CEU's under preparatory to anyone that wishes CEU'S. Survival Flight will be providing the CEU's for this program. Please mark on the registration form if you wish CEU's. (at this time we believe it will be 7.0 ceu's)

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## SPECIAL NOTE:

This program is in conjunction with the Missouri EMS Funeral Response Team annual conference. Everyone is welcome to hang around on Saturday afternoon as the funeral team will be training. A banquet will be held on Saturday night @ 6:15 with the key note address provided by Ms. Melody Piehl, from Forest City Iowa. Ms. Piehl is a survivor as her husband Russell lost his life in a medical helicopter crash in January, 2013. Tickets for the banquet are \$25 each or attend the complete conference for \$100 registration fee.(INCLUDES Saturday afternoon honor guard training or support team meeting / training (your chose) , Saturday night banquet, and Sunday breakfast.)

## REGISTRATION:

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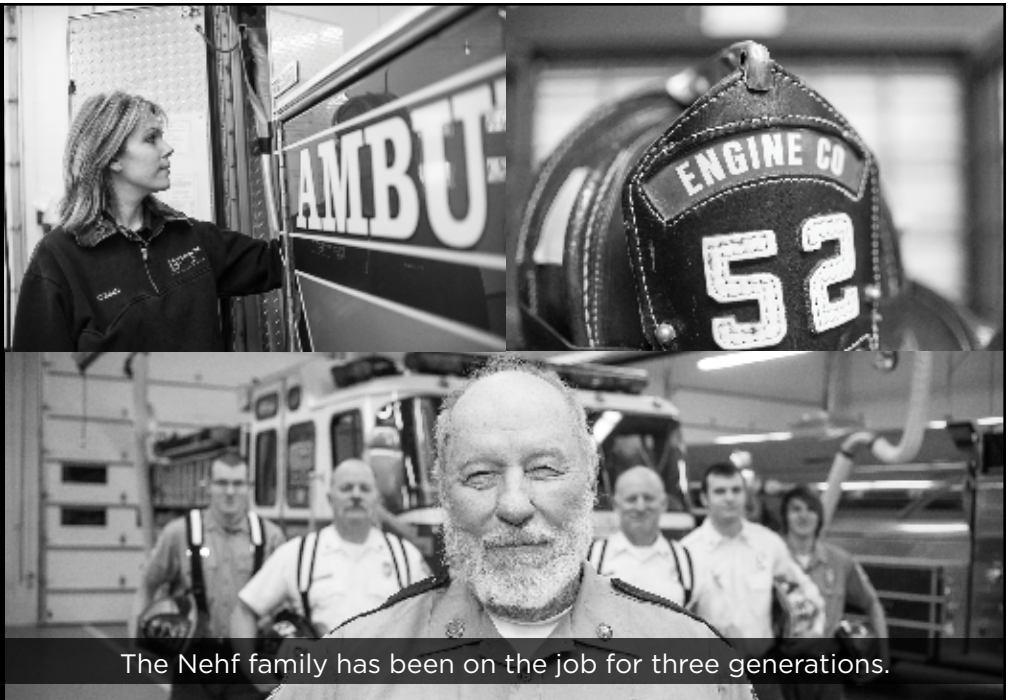
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## AN UPDATE FROM THE



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

Tim Bean

I'm stunned 2015 is half over, the longest day of the year just happen, my grass is growing like someone sneaked in and fertilized it. But I'm happy its warm!

I along with five other members of the Region G All-Hazard Response Team, during the week of June 16-19 attended training at the Security and Emergency Response Training Center in Pueblo, Colorado. The class we attended was, *Crude By Rail Emergency Response* and was sponsored by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad. We thoroughly enjoyed



the classroom portion and the practical skills training provided. Some of the topics covered were, design of pressure and non-pressure tanks, properties and the burning nature of crude oil, and many other topics associated with the railroad and hazardous materials issues. I would encourage anyone interested in free training and an all expenses paid trip to contact your local Burlington Northern representative for more information.

I'm looking forward to attending and visiting with everyone at the State Fair in August, come join me and help support your organization and the members working at the State Fair Fire Department.

Stay Safe, Happy Independence Day, and God Bless America!

J. Tim Bean  
First Vice President

# Kansas City Chiefs

## Season and Individual Game Ticket Offer

The Kansas City Chiefs will make their 2015 regular season debut on Thursday Night Primetime, September 17th vs. the Denver Broncos! The Chiefs and the FFAM are teaming up again to offer members a chance to be part of the LOUDEST STADIUM IN THE NFL! The 2015 home schedule is stacked with teams like the Pittsburgh Steelers and Chicago Bears as well as divisional rivals Raiders and Chargers.

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All tickets are subject to availability. Contact Ray Jordan at (816) 920-4893 or via email at [rjordan@chiefs.nfl.com](mailto:rjordan@chiefs.nfl.com) with any questions or to reserve seats.



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## AN UPDATE FROM THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT



Charlie Neubert

Well summer is here and 90 degrees is a few days away, but first we need to tell mother nature what time of year it is and turn off the rain!

High waters become so dangerous very quickly and we are called to rescue these people. Our jobs as firefighters is a dangerous world but we also need to know when it is not safe or wait for other

resources. Everyone please be careful when making these rescue calls, and all calls that you may respond to! And be sure to watch your crews and yourselves with the upcoming heat this summer as well.

Our membership numbers continue to grow as you can see in the committee reports of the *Board of Director Minutes*. Jaime, the FFAM secretary, has been busy looking for additional benefits for our members. If anybody has any leads or ideas please contact one of us so we can follow up. We really want to give as much as possible to all of our membership.

The State Fair is coming fast and all the commissioners and fire chiefs have things ready to go. The work weekend in June went well and things are looking good. By the next work weekend in July things should be set to go. I want to thank all of the departments, ambulance districts, and individuals that have donated equipment this year. We will have a list

of all that contributed in the next issue, but sometimes one or two may get missed but not forgotten by any means. Without people like you, and the people that work the fair we could never make it happen, so remember you are very important to the State Fair Fire Department, the commissioners, and to the FFAM.

Charlie Neubert  
2nd Vice President

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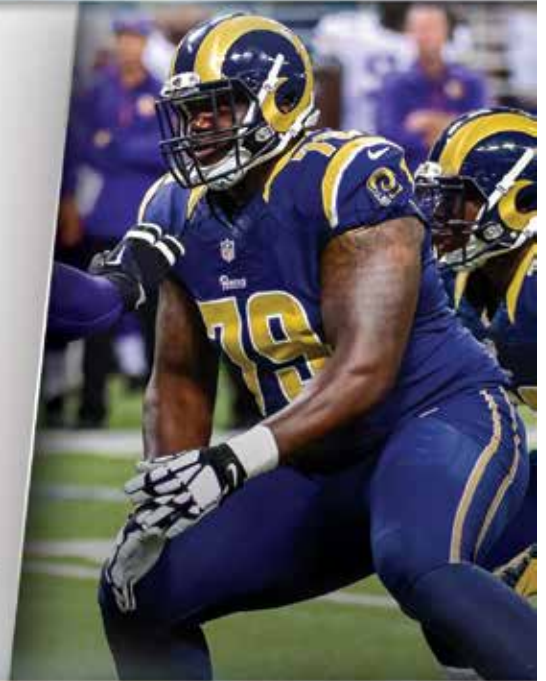
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# THE MUSEUM PROJECT

BY RON BAKER

**M**y report will be brief this month. I had an accident last week and fractured, shattered is more accurate, a bone in my left pinky finger. I have to type by the "airplane" method, circle and land.

Thanks to many of you, we posted 100 flags for the memorial service this year. We sold 61 flags, had about 20 retained from last year, posted 7 line of duty death flags and used others to make the 100. Thanks for your support, they were impressive blowing on the hill by our memorial.

We have been approved for the Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign for 2016-17. Kickoff will be in August. Anyone who is a state employee can designate a contribution from their check each month. As soon as I have our identification number, I will share it with you.

We will also be having a fund-raising event at Texas Roadhouse in February at Winter Fire School. That Friday evening they will donate 10% of your purchase to the museum project. This year they made

total donations of \$700. Plan on helping us with this opportunity.

FFAM is raffling a Henry .22 rifle, Firefighter Edition. The rifle and special display case will be drawn for at the 2016 state convention. The rifle, valued at \$1,000 was donated by County Guns, Midwest Cerakote, Jay Weinstein and Partners Insurance. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can email me at ffam-museum@gmail.com for information on how to get your tickets. Proceeds will go to the museum project. You can also call me at 573-220-8344.

I would like to challenge each department to do a fund-raising event during the year for "your" museum. 100 departments raising \$500 each would generate \$50,000. I am willing to work with you on these. Texas Roadhouse in your area will work with us as will other restaurants and business establishments. Together, we can do this!

Dr. Ron Baker  
Director of Development/Public Relations



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# History's CORNER

## THE WASHINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY LEADERSHIP IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

By Bill Westhoff



In my last several articles I have featured “people, places and things” that I love about the fire service in our great State of Missouri. To continue that trend, I want to cover one of the finest organizations I know and have worked with in many training experiences over the years. That organization is the Washington, Missouri Fire Department. Their website has this slogan very proudly displayed “Courageous Professionals Since 1852”. It seems to me that says it all.

For over two decades, I traveled from one end of this state to the other, Macon to Monett, Hayti to Hannibal, Kirksville to Kansas City, and every crossroads where there was a fire department of any size that needed training. As a field instructor for the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute and later, the director, I visited hundreds of fire stations in every corner of the state.

That period was also a huge learning experience of me. One major thing I

learned was that the fire department that I visited was only as good as the leadership that guided its destiny. If you walked into a station and the equipment was dirty and building a mess, you could be assured that the fire chief was a person that was just filling the slot because no one else in the community was willing to step up to the job.

During that era there was no instant communications and most classes were scheduled by letter or phone messages. I can recall going into a community in the southeast portion of the state and was scheduled to meet the fire chief at the fire station at three for a seven o'clock in the evening class. I finally found the chief by phone around five only to have him tell me he “forgot” about the class and would be down as soon as he finished mowing his lawn. He not only forgot the class but had also failed to mention it to any of his firefighters! When he did arrive around six-thirty he suggested we sound the town siren to call all the “unsuspecting”

firefighters to come to class. Needless to say, no class was held in that community that evening...or any other evening for quite some time!

Another great day was had in northwest Missouri when I entered the station of a small department that still had their snow chains on their rigs in the middle of June. I gave them credit for having the best fire prevention program in the state since it was obvious the rigs had not been out of the station or even started for quite some time. They also got that week's award for the worst leadership!

I have only used these few examples to make the point that leadership and organization is the key to a successful fire service organization. There is an old saying that “behind every good man there is a good woman”. We also know that behind every good fire department there is good leadership.



University of Missouri Fire Instructor Bill Westhoff conducting fire extinguisher training at the hospital in Washington in the 1970's.



Structural Fire Training in Washington in the 1970's. Buildings donated by local residents to be burned for training purposes were not uncommon, before several thousand pages of rules were developed by the EPA. Fire Chief Don Hahne is in the foreground of the photo in the white gear and Instructor Westhoff is in the white helmet at the right corner of the structure. A great time was had by all.



**Fire Chief F.H. "Buster" Baumann  
1965 - 1968**



**Fire Chief Donald D. Hahne  
1968 - 1981**



**Fire Chief W.H. "Bill" Halmich  
1981 - Present**

Since 1965 when I started to hang out around Washington and some of the other departments in the Franklin Gasconade County Fire Fighters Association, there have been three Washington Fire Chiefs that I have always admired for their dedication and knowledge. All three are pictured in this article and well known in the area as well as the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. Washington has hosted the FFAM convention in 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991 and 2002. One mark of exceptional leadership is for your department to take part in regional, state, and national organizations.

Another mark of outstanding leadership is your departments participation in not only local training, but also regional fire schools, state sponsored schools, and degree programs in your area in fire science. The Washington Volunteer Fire Company has been a leader in all these since its inception in 1852. They even have one chief officer with a four-year degree in *Fire Protection and Safety* from Oklahoma State University, the "West Point" of fire protection.

Still another true mark of professionalism is innovation. There has been no shortage of this in the WVFC. Included in this article are photos of a unique rural marking and address system that has been in place in the Washington area since the

1950's. Washington was also the first department in Missouri to take delivery of a snorkel apparatus with a pump. Some would say that St. Louis Fire Department was first, but their snorkel did not have pumping capability.

The best compliment any organization can receive is the fact that other department's want to be like them. There is an old saying that goes, "imitation is the strongest form of flattery." I was the first fire chief of an organization in Boone County that started out as the Central Missouri Radio Squad Volunteer Fire Department and ended up being the Boone County Fire Protection District. We did follow in the footsteps of WVFC

in many ways. We ended up on the same radio frequency; had the same apparatus numbering system; and in many cases, equipment made it way from Franklin County to Boone County. For all the assistance and equipment, we will always remain very grateful.

The WVFC protects almost 15,000 residents of the City of Washington and another 10,000 in their rural area. Since 1852 not a nickel of those citizens money has ever been spent to provide personnel to the fire department. I would say that if you are looking for a great place to come to learn how a progressive fire department operates... Come to Washington Missouri!



**During the tenure of Fire Chief Ken Wilson (1955-1962) a very unique and original numbering system was developed for the rural area protected by the Washington Volunteer Fire Company. This system of course preceded the present elaborate 911 address system. This sign system is still in use today and they can be seen all around the area. The signs as well as the placement and maintenance are all done by the volunteer staff of the department.**

# WILLIAM PATRICK “BILL” FOX

February 17, 1951 - May 30, 2015



Chief William Patrick “Bill” Fox passed away, Saturday, May 30, 2015.

Beloved husband of Gail Fox. Loving Father of Megan (Alan Helland) Fox and Matthew Fox. Dear grandfather of Indigo, Grae, and Baker. Dearest brother of Anne (Denny) Gunn, Patrice (Gregory) Becker, Jeanne (Jeff) Dixon and Brigid (Bob) Secrist. Favorite son-in-law of Janet “MeMe” and Lee Ridenour. Beloved uncle, great-uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend to many.

Bill was the Fire Chief of the city of Shrewsbury, Missouri.

Funeral services were held at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Burns Recovered Support Group.

## FUNERAL TEAM UPDATE

by Brian Zinanni

As many of you follow us through our Facebook page and receive our notifications from our email blast system, you know we have been busy serving our fire service family. Many of you see what we do, preparing and assisting agencies in honoring their firefighters. The funeral honors is the “icing on the cake”. But, what I feel is most important about our roll in serving agencies are the things you do not see, the “cake”. We spend a lot of time with the families of our fallen. When a firefighter dies in the line of duty, our assistance to families remains for many years. Yes....years.

The application for benefits is a tedious process, both on the State and Federal level. They could not be more polar opposite in application and requirements if they tried. Staying informed of the current legislation and legal decisions that impact family benefits is vitally important. We want to have the most up to date information and knowledge of how to best help the families we serve. Many of you have taken our *Preparing Your Agency for the Unthinkable* course. In that course, we try to outline to you the most up to date information regarding firefighter autopsy, understanding the State and Federal benefits processes and the importance of implementing a funeral protocol within your organization. If you have taken this course in the past, please remember that this information is dynamic, and can change without notice. With the implementation of the Federal legislation titled the Dale Long Act, changes in the hierarchy of payment for Federal benefits also changed. We believe it is our job to stay on top of this and other changes, so we can best serve

our families. This continued education and building of knowledge is the “cake” our families benefit from.

If your agency suffers a loss, we encourage you to reach out to us. Share with us the story of your firefighter and the circumstances in which the death occurred. We recently had a department call asking to use gloves for a funeral. After discussion with the department, we are now applying for benefits on behalf of the family. Had the request for gloves not been made, this public safety officer’s family may have never known there was a potential for benefits based on the death of the officer within 24 hours of a duty stressor event, even when the death occurred at home.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the organizations that help sustain us. We operate solely on donations that fund our 5 response trailers. A special thank you to the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Auxiliary for their recent donation of proceeds from their quilt raffle as part of their ongoing support to us. We would not be able to offer the services we do without the generous support of many wonderful groups, organizations, and people. Thank you for the honor of serving.



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# 2015 MEMORIAL SERVICES IN KINGDOM CITY



# NEWS FROM DISTRICT



**2**  
Greg Wright  
Director

**H**ello from District 2. Not a lot is going on right now in our district, unless it has something to do with water. I know that most of you are dealing with high water so be careful.

The Region B fire chiefs met in May at the Shelbina fire station, and had a big turnout. Feldfire and Air Evac put on programs and a lot of items were talked about. Several fire departments will be doing events for the Fourth of July, so be safe.

I hope everyone that was able got to attend the Firefighters Memorial Service in Kingdom City in May. The committee and others put a lot of work and planning into making it happen and it showed. The weather played along, and a big crowd was on hand as we honored our fallen and honored those that served their communities. The 100 flags that were posted on the grounds around the memorial were impressive. Make sure right now you mark your calendar for the 3rd weekend in May, 2016.

I was glad to see a lot of you at the 2015 FFAM conference. Thanks for stopping by the FFAM booth. It's not too early to start getting your teams ready for the 2016 conference. More to come on the 2016 conference in future issues.

The foundation is selling chances for a Firefighter's Edition Henry rifle and display case as I am sure it will be in this issue. 100% of the money from tickets sells goes to the education center/museum. The tickets are only \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Make sure you contact me

if you want tickets and to have a chance to win this rifle, or you can contact the director in your district. The State Fair is coming up and I am sure we will have tickets there also, so stop by the fire station at the fair. The drawing will be held at the 2016 conference so you have time to get yours. You can also donate to the project by going to the FFAM website. Make sure if you have not checked out the website in a while make sure you do so. There are so many benefits that the FFAM has to offer so make sure you check them out.

The National EMS Weekend of Tribute was held June 26-28 in Colorado. The air memorial held their candlelight service on Thursday night and their memorial service Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. (yes 7:00 a.m.) A big crowd was on hand in Littleton, Colorado. The National EMS Memorial service was held Saturday evening at the Pikes Peak center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They honored 15 individuals that gave the ultimate sacrifice, several had fire service backgrounds as well. I was given the honor of being one of the presenters this year. For those that are friends with me on Facebook, I sent out the site that you could watch it and I hope you were able to.

I wish to take just a second to thank Brian Zinanni, Harriett Baucher and Don, and Larry Jones from the Fire Funeral Assistance Team. Being able to honor those individuals that have given their lives on the fire and EMS side is something very special to me and with their training and their support I am able to be just a small part of that. If you are interested in being a part of the Missouri Fire Funeral Assistance team go to their web site [www.mofirefuneral.org](http://www.mofirefuneral.org).

Remember if you have something going on in District 2 let me know. And to all our brothers and sisters be safe, and we will see you at the 2015 Missouri State Fair.

Respectfully,  
George "Greg" Wright  
District 2 Director  
Shelbina Fire Department

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throughout Missouri. Thank you Chuck and the members of the many honor guards and pipe and drum members.

I really appreciate all of the memorial board members that helped in so many ways throughout both services by reading all of the names, ringing the bell, and placing the wreaths and turnout gear.

A special thank you goes to Rich and Pam Gordon for hauling the chairs from Jefferson City, and to Jared Jackson, and Tim Hodges along with the Junior Firefighters from Little Dixie Fire Protection District. They helped set up the chairs to use at both services and then returning them for us. Again, a special tanks to Glenn Dittmer and Janet Cain that come every year and help with anything asked of them. True volunteers, what more can I say. Also to Don Hahne and Steve Paulsell who performed *Taps* flawlessly to close our services.

Ladder trucks were provided by the Columbia Fire Department and the Jefferson City Fire Department to fly the U.S. flag at the entrance to the memorial walkway. Washington Volunteer Fire Company and Charles Staats provided their antique trucks again. Thanks to all!

We also appreciate Christopher Brennan and the Air Methods Helicopter and flight crew for its fly-over and salute to our fallen comrades.

I also need to thank everyone else that helped in any way that made our annual memorial services special to everyone, especially to the families being honored.

Thank you to the FFAM Auxiliary for providing and distributing the ribbons and to Doc Kritzer and his wife for having statues and souvenirs available to all attendees, and to Dr. Baker and his wife for the field of flags. The Baker's represent us all over the state and I appreciate their support.

There were many, many more that helped in some way, and I thank each one of you.

I apologize if I have forgotten anyone, as I surely have, because it takes so many to get ready for such an event. To those that I did not mention by name, I appreciate your faithfulness every year.

I understand another excellent Summer Fire School was presented in Jefferson City by the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute. Congratulations to David Hedrick and staff.

The FFAM State Fair Fire Department Committee has been working many hours preparing for the 2015 State Fair. A work weekend was conducted on June 5-7 with many firefighters in attendance helping. Thank you for your service and commitment to the success of FFAM. Another work weekend will be held on July 17-19, 2015 at the fire station.

Everything is shaping up for another great time at the 2015 Missouri State Fair. A full staff of FFAM members from throughout the state have been selected to work and I am looking forward to another great time seeing old friends and making new ones. Chief R.B. Brown has worked diligently and invested many hours selecting and preparing his staff to lead and provide the professional fire and rescue/medical services the patrons of the Missouri State Fair have become accustomed to.

I am very thankful to have all of the FFAM officers, directors and assistant directors, committees and many others serving the needs of the fire service of Missouri.

As always, I am available in the event you have any questions or comments. You may contact me at 573-581-6235 or [chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net)

Kenneth Hoover, President



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Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

## THE HOME FIRE SPRINKLER COALITION

By Peg Paul

The nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC) announced that the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) have joined its all-volunteer Board of Directors. Chief Ron Siarnicki, executive director of NFFF, and Chief Kevin Quinn, chairman of NVFC, will represent the groups on the Board.

“Our Board of Directors is pleased to welcome the NFFF and NVFC to the table,” says HFSC Board President Lorraine Carli. “We look forward to having the benefit of these national groups’ leadership, experience and expertise. The constituents of both these groups recognize the life-saving benefits of home fire sprinklers and are important resources to help educate others.”

The NFFF works to honor and support the families of fallen firefighters, and to reduce firefighter injuries and fatalities. Fire sprinkler advocacy is among the NFFF’s Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. The NVFC represents the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services nationally, and provides resources and advocacy for first responders.

Other members of the HFSC Board include: American Fire Sprinkler Association, Canadian Automatic Sprinkler Association, FM Global, International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Association of State Fire Marshals, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Fire Sprinkler Association, Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors, State Farm Insurance, Underwriters Laboratories, and U.S. Fire Administration/FEMA.

Since 1996, HFSC has focused exclusively on noncommercial education about the dangers of home fires and the unparalleled life-safety benefits of installing home fire

sprinklers. More than 90 percent of all U.S. structure fire deaths occur in the home, and 84 percent are in one- and two-family homes (NFPA). These structures are also most lethal for responding firefighters. Supporting the public awareness activities of the fire service by creating and providing free educational tools remains key to HFSC’s mission.

From its earliest days, the fire service has been a core partner to HFSC and its Board of Directors reflects diverse fire service perspectives. As the Coalition has grown, this commitment has deepened to include the BUILT FOR LIFE Fire Department (BFLFD) strategy to increase the number of fire departments making home fire sprinkler education a focus in their service areas.

HFSC offers a comprehensive library of teaching tools developed for a wide range of audiences. All HFSC materials are available at no charge at [www.homefiresprinkler.org](http://www.homefiresprinkler.org). Follow HFSC through your favorite social media outlets: on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/HFSCorg](http://www.facebook.com/HFSCorg), on Twitter at [@HFSCorg](https://twitter.com/HFSCorg), on Pinterest at [www.pinterest.com/hfsc/](http://www.pinterest.com/hfsc/) and join HFSC’s networking group on LinkedIn.

About the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSC): HFSC was formed in 1996 to inform the public about the life-saving value of sprinkler protection in one- and two-family homes. HFSC is a purely educational 501(c)(3) charitable organization and the leading resource for independent, noncommercial information about home fire sprinklers. For more information about HFSC and home fire sprinkler systems, visit [www.homefiresprinkler.org](http://www.homefiresprinkler.org).



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# DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

**David Hedrick**  
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## *University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute*



The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) is in the process of compiling statistics for the 2015 fiscal year (FY15) that ended June 30. Utilizing all programming and funding sources, the Institute estimates training over 12,500 fire and emergency service responders in FY15. MU FRTI was honored to play a significant role in providing needed training across the state; and we look forward to continuing to serve you, the Fire Service of Missouri, in this next fiscal year.

In June, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) issued a new U.S. Firefighter Fatalities report. The report showed that there were a total of 64 on-duty firefighter deaths in the U.S. in 2014. This is the third year out of the past four years where the total fatalities were below 65 deaths. Despite the continuing decline in on-duty fatalities, more than half of the deaths in 2014 were from sudden cardiac events. This is the highest number of cardiac-related deaths since 2008. Though the number of fatalities associated with road and vehicle crashes declined in 2014, it was still the second highest percentage of firefighter deaths by cause of injury. For the first time since 1983, none of these deaths involved firefighter privately-owned vehicles. While the fire service clearly has work to do in terms of firefighter health and medical screenings, the statistics suggests the emphasis on safety and cultural change in recent years has made a positive impact on reducing risk and protecting firefighters. Please continue to take every precaution in the performance of your firefighting duties, and work and train to provide the greatest safety possible for yourself, your fellow firefighters, and the citizens you serve.

During the legislative session this spring, we were pleased to learn that the Missouri Legislature proposed increases to the General Revenue Firefighter Training Fund in concert with the recommendations from the fire service agencies, organizations and fire departments throughout the state. At the close of the legislative session in May, this funding increase was passed as part of the final state budget. We want to express our appreciation to Governor Nixon and the Missouri Legislature for their actions that provided increased training opportunities for the state's fire service.

MU FRTI submitted the Institute's annual statewide training proposal to the Division of Fire Safety (DFS) and the Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission for consideration of state funding in June. The proposal was based on a training needs survey. MU FRTI is pleased to announce the Institute was awarded over \$170,000 in state funding to support training initiatives for FY16. The Institute wishes to express our appreciation to DFS and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission for their consideration and funding support for training along with continued support of scholarships to MU FRTI's Winter Fire School through the Philip Sayer Memorial Scholarship Fund.

State Farm Insurance Corporation presented a gift donation to the University of Missouri in June to support a number of specialized education and training initiatives in 2015. Among the programs that were identified to receive funding was MU FRTI. The Institute gratefully acknowledges the donation provided by State Farm and their partnership in supporting training for Missouri's fire and emergency services. The State Farm gift will assist with essential training for Missouri

fire and EMS personnel who respond to highway incidents.

MU FRTI is pleased to announce that Ryan Rascher has been appointed to the staff of the Institute as a Special Operations Coordinator. Ryan has a Bachelor of Science degree from Columbia Southern University, and is a contract instructor for the National Fire academy in Emmitsburg, MD. Ryan was a Master Firefighter and Critical Care Paramedic for the Cape Girardeau Fire Department, and is a training specialist in technical rescue, Haz-Mat, and EMS. We look forward to his contributions to the Institute as the newest member of the MU FRTI team.

MU FRTI appreciates the dedication of all of our faculty and staff, both full and part-time, who enable the Institute to successfully fulfill its training and education mission. In regards to this, we want to recognize Gail Hagans-Reynolds for 30 years of service with the University of Missouri. Gail has served 26 of her University tenure with MU FRTI, and we appreciate her continuing work as the Institute's Field Extension Specialist.

On May 16 and 17, 2015, the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri held the 13th Annual Memorial Service. I was pleased to provide the invocation and participate in the memorial service on Sunday. The services provided a memorable tribute to honor the firefighters that had fallen in the line of duty this past year, as well as a remembrance of the current and former firefighters who had passed away during the year. As always, the Memorial Foundation and all the participating fire service personnel and honor guards did an excellent job on the ceremony; it will be a lasting memory to all those in attendance.

# IBERIA STUDENTS WIN STATEWIDE POSTER CONTEST

By Ginny Duffield, The Advertiser

Last fall during Fire Prevention Week, several elementary students at Iberia R-V School participated in a poster contest sponsored by the Iberia Rural Fire Protection District and the Fire Fighter's Association of Missouri.

The theme for the contest was *Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives: Test Yours Every Month*. Those posters were on display at the school during Fire Prevention Week.

This spring, firefighters then selected three posters from each age group and entered them into a poster contest that was held at the 2015 FFAM Convention May 1 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach. Those selected were created by: first and second graders Brookelynn Humphrey, Melia Lawson-Lytton and Briana Long; third and fourth graders Brady Luttrell, Conner Onstott and Livie Crosthwait; fifth and sixth graders Josh Hamilton, Dalton Shadow and Carson Whittle.



**These Iberia Elementary art students, taught by Cara Swofford (right), were selected in a poster contest sponsored by the Iberia Rural Fire Protection District to compete in the statewide contest. Two students, Melia Lawson-Lytton and Josh Hamilton placed first in their grade divisions in the state contest.**

Iberia had two statewide winners and they were: Melia Lawson-Lytton, who took first place in the First and Second Grade Division, and Josh Hamilton, who took first place in the Fifth and Sixth Grade Division.

Additional information on the FFAM website: [www.ffam.org/committees/fire-prevention/](http://www.ffam.org/committees/fire-prevention/).



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MU FRTI conducted the 83rd Annual Summer Fire School (SFS) in Jefferson City on June 3-7, 2015. Despite some rainy weather conditions that came through the area during the week, the weather in general was decent. There were over 500 students, faculty, and staff participating in this year's training event. MU FRTI extends sincere appreciation to Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Jefferson City Fire Department, Big Rivers Forest Fire Compact, and the many individuals whose contributions continue to make SFS a

grand success. As always, thank you to the SFS Command Team for their excellent job of providing safe and efficient operational activities during the event. We also express our deepest appreciation to you, our students and participants, for your support for this important training event.

Thank you for your continued support of the University of Missouri's Fire and 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. For more information on the MU FRTI, please view our website at [www.mufrti.org](http://www.mufrti.org). If our staff or I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact us at (800) 869-3476 or (573) 882-4735.

David Hedrick, Director  
Fire and Rescue Training Institute  
University of Missouri Extension

# Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

JUNE 7, 2015

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Meeting called to order by Chris Slaughter at 9:02 a.m.

## PRESENT

Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD; Diane Hanes, Galt FPD; Susan Voss-Beaufort, Leslie FPD; Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; Pam Carsten, Cole County FPD; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire and Rescue.

## OLD BUSINESS

Chris commented the memorial service was a success this year. Diane stated Galt made 350 ribbons and could have used at least 50 more. This year glow sticks were used vs. candles, liked them better.

Chris asked if anyone had any changes or comments from the previous meeting notes. Pam made a motion to accept the meeting notes, seconded by Sheri, motion passed. It was suggested to ask Jamie if we could put the meeting notes on the website in PDF format to enable viewing and printing by the members. Theresa said she will see if she could generate all correspondence in PDF format going forward.

Financial report stating balance was \$1,438.58. After expenses and income new balance is \$3,195.87. Noted we received a check for credit card payments from the Silent Auction at Convention of \$648.46, which brings our balance to \$3,844.33. Susan made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Diane, motion passed.

## COMMITTEES

### HISTORIAN

Sheri reported some of the pictures she took at convention were used for the recent newsletter.

### AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR

Chris will speak to the past winners to ensure they are pursuing nominations. Reminder past winners and whole auxiliaries can be nominated. Susan will get copy of past winners to Chris and Sheri.

### POSTERS

Entries were still on wrong size paper and missing proper information again. All winners will receive something at the State Fair when they attend this year.

## SILENT AUCTION

The donating department/person needs to inform us if they want their item(s) to be auctioned or raffled. If raffled encouraged to bring raffle supplies (tickets) with donated item. Diane purchased the clips to hang items to display. Theresa will check into a credit card processing system.

## BYLAWS

Jessica will send updated Bylaws to Jamie for the website.

## NEW BUSINESS

Open discussion on how we can bring more women to our auxiliary meetings.

Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pam, motion passed, adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Next meeting August 9, 2015 at Sedalia Missouri.

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

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