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# PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

**Kenneth Hoover  
President**

## *Greetings Fellow Firefighters*



Schools are back in session and we are all winding down all of our summer activities. It has been a very busy summer for many of us.

It has been a difficult month for me as I have had to say good-bye to several fire service friends and a Missouri State Trooper who died in a traffic crash on duty in my fire district. My prayers go out to Chief Kenny Roberts and the Grundy County Fire Department on the tragic LODD of Eric Lorenz, one of their firefighters while serving the Trenton, Missouri Fire Department. There were many others that have passed also this year and my thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

I again had the privilege serving at the State Fair Fire Department during the State Fair and seeing many old friends and the opportunity to make many new ones. It is always encouraging to see so many firefighters and EMS personnel from all over the state come together to serve the fair goers. My personal thanks go out to each of you for your professionalism, commitment and faithfulness to FFAM. This was another great fair, the weather, the professional abilities and attitudes and the willingness to put others before themselves. Great job everyone.

Congratulations to all of the personnel receiving awards. These will be identified in another article by our PIO and Battalion Chief Joe Jennings.

As president of the FFAM, I want to thank each director and assistant director that came to the fair to work and give of their time and talents, or to just visit and encourage everyone.

I also want to thank the Galt Fire Protection District crew led by Chief Terry Wynne that comes faithfully every year to fry fish and all the extras for the hungry emergency service workers. I know they appreciate your efforts and it was excellent again this year.

We had the pleasure of having 15 new firefighters and EMS personnel this year. We also had several new juniors serving in the dispatch division. It is so encouraging to see the excitement that comes with new people. They come with the sincere attitude to serve others.

I want to personally thank Chairperson Monty Thompson for his leadership to the FFAM State Fair Fire Department Committee. Monty always does an excellent job demonstrating his patience, wisdom and knowledge to all of the personnel and his fellow commissioners. His many years of service to the State Fair are invaluable. Thanks also to Charlie Neubert and Steve Gentry for all of their hours preparing and serving as commissioners. Also, Saturday morning, I announced the appointment of Rick Dozier to the State Fair Fire Department Committee as a commissioner. Rick will serve with a servant's heart and attitude. Thanks Rick.

I have also appointed Shelby Phifer to the Awards Committee. Shelby is the FFAM District 5 Assistant Director and serves on the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District.

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# FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

**Greg Carrell**  
Acting State Fire Marshal



## Missouri Division of Fire Safety

In my last article, I discussed the loss of the community or brotherhood within our fire service. You may recall I was opposed to that type of change. But, let's discuss change which I believe can serve us in a more positive manner.

Innovation. Intelligence. Evolution. Stephen Hawking said "Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change". I'm not certain I totally agree with Dr. Hawking, but I have long challenged the Division's statewide training partners to look at new and innovative ways to train our responders, to move away from the old ways of thinking in regards to how we train as well as the context of that training.

For example, when I began working for the Division in 1986, I was quite confident spalling of concrete and crazed glass in windows were indicators of an accelerated fire. It was the way we taught investigators to examine fire scenes. Now, nearly three decades later, we have realized spalling and crazing alone are not necessarily indicators of rapid fire development. We have learned temperature inversions during flashover and air flow patterns can influence the floor level fire damage we had seen in fire investigations.

We now know differently and thus we train differently. We have evolved.

In fire service, we have changed the way we fight fires. We have re-examined how we respond. We have added new levels of safety. We have found methods to continue our duties while limiting the risk to our firefighters and the public. Technology has helped, but the use of technology alone is not what will keep us safe. It will be our ability to adapt, grow and accept positive change which will

drive fire service into a safer and more efficient posture.

I know most of you have heard me talk about dinosaurs and our need to get away from what I refer to as "dinosaur thinking". We need to maintain an open mind when looking at the direction we are traveling. While change for the sake of change is never the correct path to take, change driven by solid science, best practices or experience based response is worthy of our consideration.

And what about the younger firefighters we are educating? A friend and educator told me "ridding ourselves of dinosaurs is not enough, we must also find those dinosaur eggs and stomp them out of existence". I believe he was implying we are often guilty of passing along old, outdated and erroneous information to the firefighters we mentor, thus perpetuating the same "dinosaur thinking" we were taught.

Our State Fire Marshal's office has certainly evolved. Hanging on the wall behind my desk is a copy of the legislation which created our Division in 1972. At that time, the Division was charged solely with the investigation of fires, specifically the crime of arson.

Today, the State Fire Marshal's Office has grown to have statutory responsibility for the investigation of fire and fire-related crimes, explosives investigations, fire safety inspections, boiler and elevator inspections, amusement ride inspections, oversight of fireworks and the use of explosives, mutual aid responses, fire standard cigarette compliance and the training and certification of Missouri's fire service and emergency responders.

We offer 20 certification levels accredited by not one, but two international accrediting bodies, IFSAC and ProBoard. We have issued over 81,000 individual certifications and we have been honored to establish partnerships with universities, colleges, fire service organizations and top-notch experts in the field of fire training. Working with those partners, we will be bringing on 10 new levels of certification over the next 16 months. These new certifications will serve to better train all levels of fire service thus increasing the safety of our responders and the security of the communities we serve.

As I write this article, individuals from across our state are participating in the inaugural course for Technical Rescue Core and Technical Rescue – Ropes I and II. Courses and certifications I believe will be widely popular with fire service by providing solid training and practical skills development.

Innovation. Intelligence. Evolution. Concepts we have chosen to accept and a position I will continue to promote as we launch forward from this point. Missouri's fire service deserves nothing less than the best we can bring to the game. As your State Fire Marshal's Office, we will strive to meet those challenges and obligations, just as I have challenged others to join us as we progress down that path.

One final topic; the Firefighters' Memorial in Kingdom City: Brenda and I recently spent a Saturday morning at the memorial site. Brenda heard there was a need for some maintenance in the form of weeding and she promptly volunteered herself (and me) to tidy up the grounds.

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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, August 9, 2015 at the State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, MO.

#### **ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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##### **GUESTS**

Past President, Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD; Historian, Kay Asher, Wentzville 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; Roger Mattox, North Central Carroll County FPD; Cy Fields, Paris Rural FPD; Gail Hagans, MU FRTI; Rick Johnson, Knob Noster FD.

##### **AGENDA**

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

##### **MINUTES**

President Hoover asked for a review of the June 7, 2015 meeting minutes. No corrections or changes were made. Greg Wright moved to accept the minutes as presented. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

##### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

President Hoover asked for a review of the June/July 2015 financial report. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved.

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

David Hedrick, Director, with MU FRTI reported that during the fiscal year 2015, 605 classes were taught with 13,000 students in attendance.

In fiscal year 2016, they received subsidy funding from the Division of Fire Safety and the Missouri Fire Safety Commission for additional training.

The grain bin rescue simulator is now in operation and classes are being scheduled.

MU FRTI is beginning a new program, the 1st arriving officer command training software simulator. Anyone interested in the program can contact him for more information.

The Propane Industry Responders Conference is September 12–13 at the State Fair Fire Department. Contact MU FRTI to register. There is a maximum of 60 students for the training.

Greg Carrell, Fire Marshal, with the Division of Fire Safety reported that there are several investigator positions currently open. The Division will be conducting interviews within the next week.

The additional training funds released by the Governor at the end of fiscal year 2015 were spent on several much needed trainings. The Division is currently scheduling numerous trainings for fiscal year 2016.

He advised that Legislator Day at the State Fair is August 20.

The DFS will have fifteen additional levels of certifications by December. Field personnel are assisting in the development of the curriculum for the additional programs. Examples include rope rescue and tanker operator.

##### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was received.

##### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Larry Jennings reported that he received a request for direct deposit information however, no official confirmation of the award of the SAFER grant.

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

Secretary Miller presented two new benefits for members. Missouri Storm Shelters in Nixa is offering a \$250 discount to individuals and departments with additional discounts that will be offered throughout the year. Life Line Screenings, which offers four medical screening tests, has offered members a discounted rate of \$135 for the four tests. \$5 of each test conducted will be given back to FFAM. Discussion followed. Tim Bean moved to partner with Missouri Storm Shelters and Life Line Screenings to offer new benefits to members. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved.

Secretary Miller presented a proposal to hire a Data Entry Clerk to begin the process of converting all old membership records into an electronic, searchable format. The Clerk could be hired through a cost-sharing program at the University of Central Missouri. Through the program, the FFAM would be responsible for 25% of the employee's salary and a federal grant would pay for the other 75%. Discussion followed. Charlie Neubert moved to hire a Data Entry Clerk through the University of Central Missouri Program and the salary to come from the Membership Committee budget. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

The 2014 Accountants' Compilation Report and Financial Statements from Gillum and Gillum CPA's was presented for review. Discussion followed. Secretary Miller advised that the auditor reported no issues or deficiencies in the report. Tim Bean moved to accept the 2014 Accountants' Compilation Report and Financial Statements from Gillum and Gillum CPA's as presented. Charlie Neubert seconded the motion and all approved.

The FFAM Auxiliary presented a donation of \$1,500 to the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team. The funds were raised from the silent auction held at the convention. The Auxiliary is always accepting donations for the auction.

Pam Carsten with the FFAM Auxiliary advised that she needs department t-shirts for a quilt that will be raffled at the 2016 convention.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Larry Jennings presented the revised awards for the Board to review. Discussion followed. Rick Dozier moved to approve the changes to the awards. Tim Bean seconded the motion and all approved.

##### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Tim Bean advised all committee budget requests are due today.

##### **BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

No report.



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##### **CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE**

David Hedrick reported that the Federation of Fire Chaplains annual meeting will be held October 18-22 in Palm Beach, FL. Those interested can go to [firechaplains.org](http://firechaplains.org). Hedrick advised that there may be a fire chaplains training this fall in Missouri. If you are interested in attending, contact him. The corp is gauging interest to see if they will hold a training. The new contact email for the Missouri Fire Chaplains Corp is [missouri-firechaplains@gmail.com](mailto:missouri-firechaplains@gmail.com).

##### **CONTEST COMMITTEE**

Richard Gordon reported they are ready for the next convention. There are no issues with the site since they are familiar with it from the last convention.

##### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Larry Jones advised there is no new information reference the 2016 convention. Larry Jennings advised that anyone interested in assisting with the 2017 convention needs to contact him.

##### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Rick Dozier reported that 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. Conference flyers were sent to all departments in the state. MU FRTI is handling registrations and he is handling lodging requests. The State Fair FD will be open Friday afternoon for those wanting to arrive early. Everyone attending will need a full set of PPE and SCBA.

##### **PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

Ed Kriska reported on behalf of RB Brown that some poster award winners would be attending the fair. The new theme is *Hear the Beep Where You Sleep*.

##### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Greg Carroll advised that he anticipates changes in the upcoming legislative session. CO and space heater deaths will be in the forefront. There is a LODD benefit change

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proposal on the agenda with language to include paramedics. A firefighter tax credit is also on the agenda again.

If anyone has legislative topics or concerns they want to discuss, contact the committee.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Charlie Neubert reported the following membership counts: 522 Directors/Councilman; 276 Retired; 16 Associate; 12 Sustaining; 19 Corporate, 388 Departments; 7432 Active.

#### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

No report. President Hoover advised that Doug Christ has retired from O'Fallon FPD and therefore the District 10 Director position is now vacant.

#### **NVFC COMMITTEE** No report.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Grant Oetting encouraged everyone to begin promoting the scholarship with the beginning of a new school year approaching.

#### **STATE FAIR COMMITTEE**

Monty Thompson advised that the State Fair FD is ready to go in service Wednesday morning.

#### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE** No report.

#### **NEWSLETTER**

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

#### **HISTORIAN REPORT**

Kay Asher advised she has received more things and is looking for more storage.

#### **FUNERAL TEAM REPORT**

Harriett Vaucher reported that the golf tournament held on July 13 in St. Peters was well attended. 3 survivors and 144 golfers were present. There will be a Stair Climb in Clayton in September.

Terry Wynne thanked the team who assisted in Grundy County for the death of Firefighter Eric Lorenz. Many good comments were received.

#### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

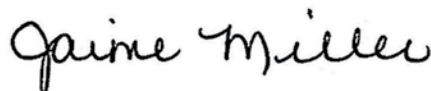
Keith Smith reported that the Visitor Center next to the Memorial in Kingdom City is now the Kingdom City city hall. They still want to maintain a relationship with the foundation however, they are discussing storage options.

He reported that Ron Baker has resigned as the Foundation's fundraising chairman.

There have been complains of grass and weed problems between the bricks. He has checked the site and the problems are being addressed.

The Foundation will be having a meeting in the near future to discuss recent changes.

Tim Bean moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard Gordon seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.



Jaime Miller, Secretary  
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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The morning was spent between rain showers, crawling and kneeling as we pulled grass and weeds from the cracks between the bricks. I actually found it to be a peaceful time to reflect on the people and organizations whose names are engraved in the bricks and walls. I know I sometimes forget the memorial is there and the purpose it was erected; to memorialize our fallen friends and family members.

If you find yourself in the area, I suggest stopping by to visit the memorial and remember those who have sacrificed for our communities as well as those who have donated to build such a fine memorial. And if the mood strikes, feel free to pull a weed or two.

Stay safe,



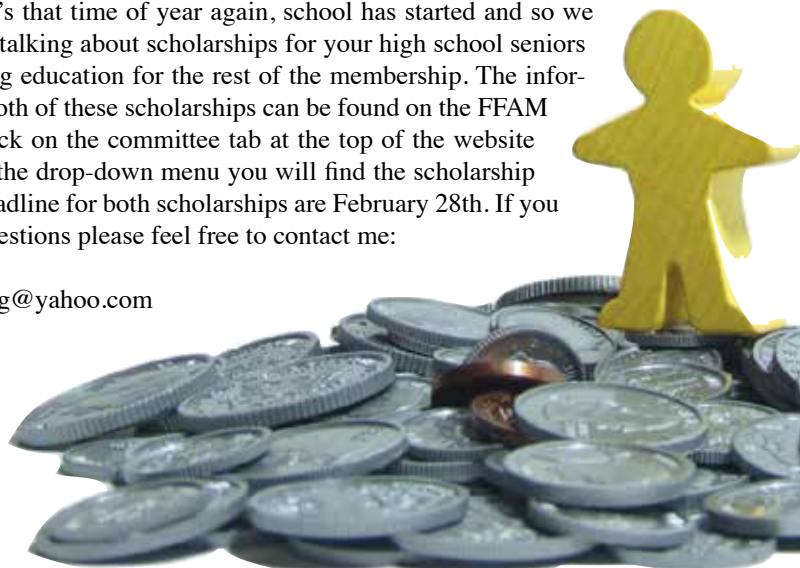
Greg Carrell  
Acting State Fire Marshal

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**By Grant Oetting, Scholarship Chairman**

**H**ello FFAM members. I hope everyone has enjoyed your summer and if you came to the Missouri State Fair, I hope you stopped by the firehouse to say hello. It's that time of year again, school has started and so we should start talking about scholarships for your high school seniors or continuing education for the rest of the membership. The information on both of these scholarships can be found on the FFAM website. Click on the committee tab at the top of the website and then in the drop-down menu you will find the scholarship link. The deadline for both scholarships are February 28th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me:

[grant\\_oetting@yahoo.com](mailto:grant_oetting@yahoo.com)





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# AN UPDATE FROM THE



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**Tim Bean**

Late summer greetings, man it pains me to say that because I know what is around the corner. It seems like I just put my winter coats up. Just for the ones that do not know, I hate cold weather!

It has been a very busy summer around West Plains, opening a new station, hiring more full time firefighters, and the best news ever, being awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for a new 77-foot aerial truck. Ferrara Fire Apparatus out of Louisiana was awarded the bid. I have to say "Thanks" to my Assistant Chief Roy Sims for his hard work on writing the grant, to Lanton Fire Chief Blake Bowers, and to the City of West Plains for their support of the Fire Department.

My visit to the Missouri State Fair Fire Department again this year validates another reason I am very proud to be a member of the FFAM. Observing the men and women across the state coming together and donating their time to protect the lives and property of the Missouri State Fair and the citizens that attend, is astonishing!

As your first vice president and we as the association appreciate each one of you, for your dedication, time, labor, and professionalism, it is noticed. Thanks again. I recommend you come next year and experience it for yourself, you won't be disappointed.

Stay safe,

J. Tim Bean  
First Vice President

# FDNY HONORED AT STATUE

By The City of New York

A plaque commemorating the FDNY's 150th Anniversary was unveiled at the Kneeling Firefighter Statue in Midtown Manhattan during a ceremony hosted by Howard P. Milstein, Chairman of Milstein Properties and Emigrant Savings Bank on July 13.

The event was part of the yearlong celebration of the Department's 150 years of bravely protecting life and property in New York City.

The Kneeling Firefighter statue arrived at J.F.K. Airport on September 9, 2001 and was originally meant to pass through the city on its way to the Firefighters Association of Missouri. The statue was stranded when all air traffic was halted after September 11. The Firefighters Association of Missouri donated the statue to the Firefighters and citizens of New York in recognition of their losses in the attacks.

"On September 11th, the image of a kneeling Firefighter was seen countless times as FDNY members dropped to a knee from exhaustion, from heartache or to pause and remember the mentor, friend or loved one they had lost," said Fire Commissioner Daniel A. Nigro. "This statue stands as a symbol of our commitment to never forget the supreme sacrifice of 343 FDNY members."

In the immediate aftermath of September 11, the Milstein family placed the statue, still lacking a home, outside its Milford Plaza hotel, which provided first responders with accommodations, food and supplies. The statue became a makeshift memorial as thousands of New Yorkers and tourists left candles, photographs of lost loved ones, prayer books, flowers and private notes. On the tenth anniversary of September 11, the Kneeling Firefighter was installed



**Chief James E. Leonard speaks at 150th Anniversary ceremony at the Kneeling Firefighter Statue.**

permanently on the plaza outside the headquarters of Emigrant Savings Bank, located at 6 East 43rd Street in Manhattan. Emigrant Savings Bank is the largest privately owned bank in the country.

"After September 11th, this statue stood as a beacon for Firefighters and first responders around the nation who came to help. There's not a day that goes by that people don't stop and pay tribute here to our first responders," said Howard P. Milstein, Chairman of Milstein Properties and Emigrant Savings Bank. "We're honored to celebrate the resilience, endurance, heroism and service of New York's Bravest once again on the occasion of its 150th anniversary."

Archbishop of New York, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, delivered the invocation at the ceremony and blessed a plaque of the "Firefighter's Prayer," which will be displayed at FDNY Headquarters.

State Senator Daniel Squadron also presented the Department with a Senate Resolution commemorating the FDNY's 150th Anniversary.

"Day after day since 1865, as the city has expanded, as the population has grown by leaps and bounds, the FDNY has always been there," said Chief of Department James E. Leonard. "With this ceremony, we're ensuring that no one ever forgets the sacrifices of FDNY members - on September 11th, for the last 150 years, and well into the future as well."

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# ERIC LORENZ

April 6, 1985 - August 1, 2015



Lieutenant Eric Lorenz a 30-year-old resident of Trenton, Missouri passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2015 during a skydiving accident in Lafayette County, Missouri.

Mass of Christian burial was on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at the Trenton High School under the direction of Resthaven Mortuary. General visitation was from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Resthaven. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, north of Trenton.

Eric was born on April 6, 1985 in Trenton, Missouri, the son of Larry and Janice (Harkins) Lorenz. He graduated from Trenton High School in 2003. He was active in the Boy Scouts, receiving his Eagle Scout in 2002. He graduated from the Blue River Fire Academy in 2005, where he received his EMT-B and Firefighter 1 and 2 certifications. He was

married to Rachel Hill on June 6, 2009 in Trenton. He has been employed with Trenton Fire Department since December of 2005, where he earned the rank of Lieutenant and also was the training officer. He also worked for the Grundy County Ambulance and the Grundy County Rural Fire Protection, where he was just promoted to Lieutenant. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Trenton.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel and two children, Lillyann and Lucas; parents, Larry and Janice Lorenz; and sister, Amanda Ishmael all from Trenton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the "Eric Lorenz Family Memorial" they can be left at the funeral home or mailed to Farmers Bank Of Northern Missouri, 1801 E. 28th, Trenton, MO 64683.

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Chief R.B. Brown also did an excellent job again this year with his command staff and personnel, and his cooking abilities along with Larry Eggen and several others that helped are not too bad either. Chief Brown has been asked to head up the kitchen duties of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department for 2016 and has accepted.

Donnie Rogers has been asked to serve as the fire chief for the 2016 fair with Terry Plumb serving as his assistant chief. Both men have accepted the positions.

Joyce Thompson again rose to the request of providing three full meals and snacks every day to over 100 people at each meal. She did a fabulous job leading her very capable crew and I commend them for their willingness to step up to the request. All of their food was exceptional. Joyce will now become the dessert chef and advisor for R.B. Brown during the 2016 fair. Thank You Joyce for all of your years leading the kitchen staff. It is an enormous task and you handled it well.

The list just goes on and on so I am just going to thank each one of you that served in any way. We could not provide this vital service without each of you. Thanks for volunteering your time and talents.

Many fall activities are approaching concerning the fire service and I would like to remind everyone of the assistance that FFAM can provide. Mr. R.B. Brown of the Eureka and Union Fire Protection Districts heads up the fire prevention committee and is available to assist you with ideas or any other issues you may encounter as fire prevention week is quickly approaching.

As we head into the fall season, I ask each of you to use caution and practice safe response habits. We do not want to see or hear of any other tragedies from our brother and sister firefighters. It seems like every day we hear of someone being injured. Stay safe my friends.

And last but not least, as we again approach September, let us never forget that horrible day of September 11, 2001. Today, I say a special prayer for each firefighter, police

officer and EMS personnel. I ask each of you to please do the same.

I will keep my article short this issue as I have asked several others to write, informing you of their activities and success these past few months.

As always, please contact me with any thoughts or issues you may have.

Respectfully,



Kenneth Hoover, President  
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri



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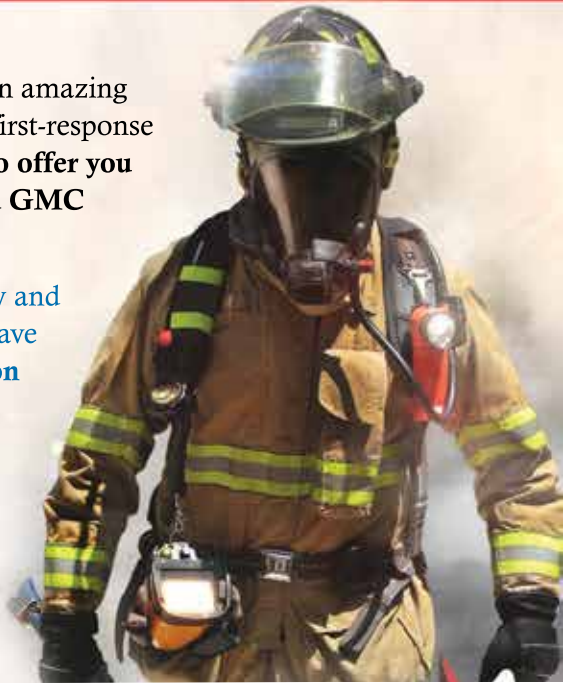
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# UPDATES FROM THE MARCELINE FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Marceline Fire Department had a blood drive on August 1, 2015. They had 133 units given out of 135. This was in memory of Zach Cupp (pictured on the left). Zach, the son of firefighter Matt Cupp was killed in a car accident in August, 2012 and Marceline Fire Department holds an annual blood drive each year in his memory.

In other news the Marceline Fire Department received a 50% grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation.

## LIST OF ITEMS PURCHASED WITH THE GRANT

2 Radio Motorola	6 Blue lights	4 Fox fury command lights
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1 Drip Torch	6 Wildland goggles	4 Stream lights fire Vulcan
1 Hose reel booster	1 Stihl Backpack blower	
12 Pair of pro tech gloves	4 Fox performance lights	

Total Purchased \$5,702.13

Federal/State cost share \$2,851.07

## BUILDING COLLAPSE IN BUTLER

At approximately 7:44 a.m., August 8, the Butler Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a building collapse at 1 East Dakota. St. on the southeast corner of the square. On arrival, part of the west wall of a two-story brick business building was found to have collapsed. The building was unoccupied at the time of the incident.

The ground floor of the building had been occupied by the El Dorado Mexican Restaurant until approximately two months before. The second floor was utilized annually by the Elk's Lodge for a haunted house.

Due to the instability of the front wall, the decision was made to demolish it down to single story level. The Adrian Fire Department responded under automatic mutual aid. The last units cleared the scene at approximately 12:01 p.m. Exact cause of the collapse is undetermined. There were no injuries.



## JOHNSON COUNTY FPD HELPS WITH WATER RESCUE



The Johnson County Fire Protection District's Water Rescue Division has aided local law enforcement on two separate occasions recently. On July 12, 2015, the team assisted Lafayette County Sheriff's Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol in the recovery of a body found in the Missouri River. On August 20, 2015, the team assisted the Johnson County Sheriff's Department in the attempted recovery of property related to a criminal investigation. The Water Rescue Division is trained in swift water, dive, ice and shore-line rescue operations.



## INTER CITY FPD

Inter City Fire Protection District presented the Colors for the Operation Thermo Imager on July 21, 2015. Inter City volunteers for this presentation every year to show their support for such a great cause. Javier Gauer, Justin VanCamp, and James Hull Fire/E.M.S. Chief are pictured.

## OSAGE COUNTY FPD RECEIVES \$3,000 GRANT

The Osage County Fire Protection District received a \$3,000 grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation for Indian Fire Packs, Motorola pagers and Kenwood portable radios. During July and August, matching funds grant checks for rural fire departments are distributed and 186 fire departments are receiving checks for up to \$4,000 to help with the purchase of personal protective gear and firefighting equipment. Throughout the last 30 years, over \$7.5 million has been distributed to rural fire departments to help them increase the safety of their firefighters and provide them with better firefighting equipment.

Left to Right: MO Department of Conservation Resource Technician Michael Schulte and Osage Fire Protection District Chief Dennis Braun.



## BUTLER FIRE DEPARTMENT - NEW RESCUE IN SERVICE



The Butler Fire Department has placed a new Rescue Unit in service. The new unit was purchased from Maintainer Custom Bodies and replaces a 1988 unit and was funded with a 1/8 of 1% Fire Protection Sales Tax approved by voters in 2012 for equipment updates.

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- Slide out hose reels with electric rewind
- Telescoping LED scene lights

## WESTERN TANEY CO FD - RESCUE 17



On July 1, 2015 the Western Taney County Fire District placed its new Rescue 17 in service. It is built on a Spartan Chassis with an 18' Maintainer Custom Bodies body. The front bumper contains a 20,000 lbs hydraulic winch and in the body it carries a 7,500 lbs portable winch to use on the other three sides. It carries equipment for vehicle rescue, structural collapse, high angle and confined space rescue. The upper portion of the body has anchor points to mount a monopole to assist with slope rescues. At building fires it also serves as a service company with a six bottle 6,000 psi cascade system, light tower and salvage equipment. The truck also has a 30 gallon CAF system to provide limited suppression capabilities.

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# MISSOURI LAGERS — DEFINED BENEFIT PENSIONS

By Jeff Kempker, Manager of Member Services at the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System

## WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE PARTICIPANT IS GOOD FOR THE EMPLOYER AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

We all dream of retiring. Spending our days doing what we want to do rather than what we have to do. But how do we get there? Retirement is the most important and expensive purchase we will ever make and many Americans are woefully unprepared.

Most American workers today must rely on 401(k)-type retirement plans to secure their own financial future. The problem with this is that Americans aren't saving enough. A recent report by Bankrate found that one third of Americans have nothing saved for retirement. In addition to low savings rates, many workers do not have the financial knowledge or skill to navigate the investment landscape on their own, negotiate reasonable fees that won't eat into their savings, or develop a portfolio that can withstand market volatility.

Fortunately, many fire fighters across Missouri have access to a defined benefit plan. These plans pay a retiree a protected, pre-determined amount each month. The amount of the benefit is based on a formula, not an account balance, and is usually driven by the employee's years of service and salary. These plans remain the most efficient and effective retirement plans not only for employees, but for employers and taxpayers as well. They provide a clear and secure path to retirement and help employers recruit and retain a strong, loyal workforce to best serve our communities.

The Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) is just one example of a defined benefit plan for public employees, covering over 3,000 active and retired fire fighters in the State of Missouri.

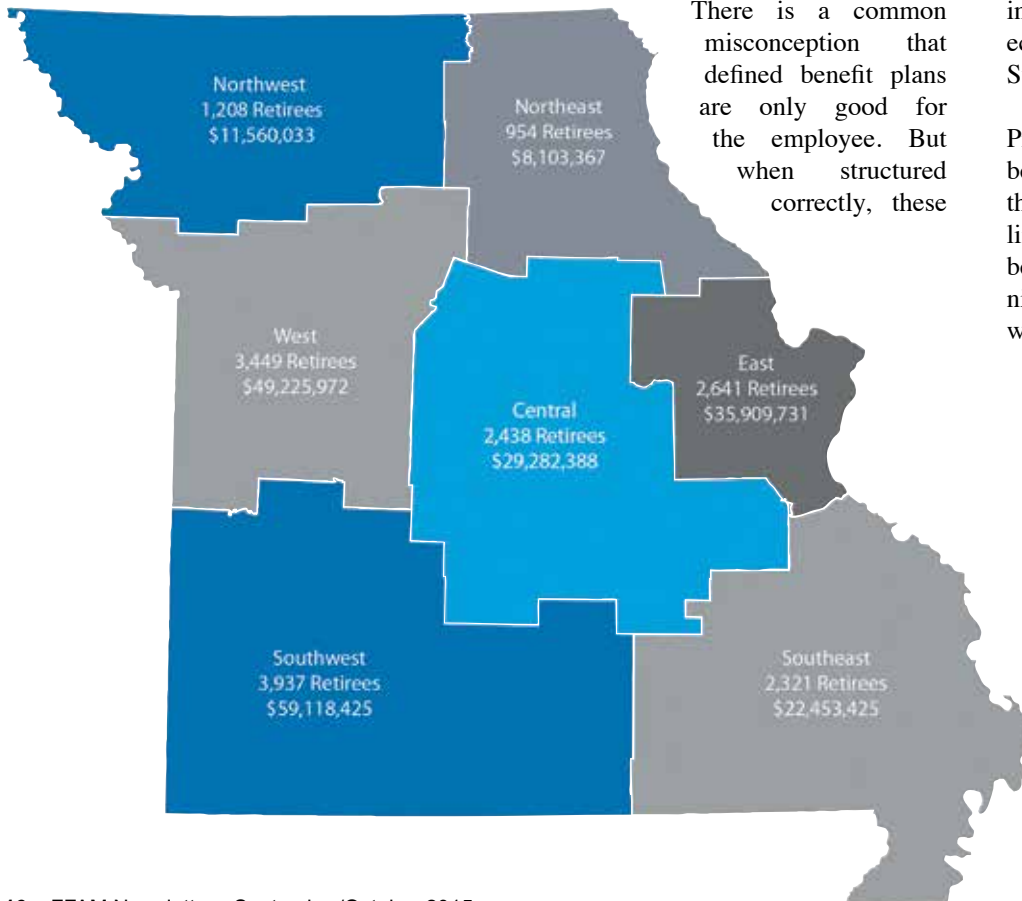
plans have immense benefits for the employer and taxpayer as well.

For one, defined benefit pension plans encourage longevity because the amount of the benefit is directly tied to length of employment. Experienced, well-trained fire fighters provide obvious benefits to any community.

Another significant benefit is the economic impact that retirees produce within their communities. A recent LAGERS study found that 94% of its retired members remain in the communities where they worked. The steady monthly retirement benefits received by these pensioners are not stuffed under a mattress, but reinvested within the communities they served. LAGERS paid out over \$230 million to 18,872 benefit recipients (941 of which were retired fire fighters) last year and \$216 million stayed in Missouri. That's a pretty nice annual economic stabilizer for the Show-me State!

Providing a well-structured defined benefit plan is a valuable investment in the individuals who put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe, and the benefits of these plans make the communities in our state a great place to live, work and retire.

There is a common misconception that defined benefit plans are only good for the employee. But when structured correctly, these



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# ANTONIA FPD PUTS GRANT FUNDS TO GOOD USE

By John H. Newsome, Fire Chief, Antonia Fire Protection District

The Antonia Fire Protection District is fortunate to receive grant funds for rescue tools, automated external defibrillators (AEDs), and a ventilation training trailer. Antonia FPD is much like many other fire departments across Missouri; we need every penny we can get to sustain or improve our operation. We provide fire prevention, fire suppression, and rescue service to a bedroom community of thirty-six square miles of central Jefferson County, Missouri. Located just twenty-five miles south of St. Louis, Missouri, we furnish service to all or part of the rapidly growing communities of Antonia, Barnhart, Imperial, Otto, and Seckman area residents and businesses. The district operates three fire stations with a staff of nineteen paid personnel and thirty volunteers. Grant funds are an important ingredient to meeting the needs of our community.

With the award of a FEMA Grant we were able to outfit three rescue/pumpers with complete sets of Holmatro hydraulic rescue tools, Holmatro v-strut vehicle stabilizers, Turtle Tile cribbing kits, and accessories for \$87,564.00. These tools are lightweight but strong and meet today's new car technology requirements.

With the sale of Jefferson Memorial Regional Medical Center to Mercy Health Systems a charitable foundation was formed known as the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation. We were fortunate to be a recipient of a grant in the amount of \$9,991.26 to purchase 5 new AEDs and an AED trainer. All of our front line vehicles are now equipped with lifesaving AEDs.

A new addition to our training equipment and props is a 24' FireVent mobile



ventilation training trailer. We received a FEMA Grant of \$50,536.00 for training and education. This ventilation training prop has a hydraulically operated 12'

x 24' roofing platform with an expandable attic space. Firefighters can safely practice roof ventilation techniques in a controlled environment.



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Customer service is important to all personnel of the Antonia Fire Protection District and all are committed to delivering the highest level of fire and rescue services possible to our citizens. Grants are but one way we fund improvements for our organization; thusly, improving our service delivery. The addition of new rescue tools, AEDs, and a ventilation

training trailer all greatly improve our customer service. We are always looking to improve our overall effectiveness through more efficient practices, better technology, and top of the line equipment. Our personnel know the value of grant awards and are engaged in the grant process, research, and evaluation. I am proud to serve as the fire chief of this outstanding group of people.



# AWARDS COMMITTEE



Larry Jennings  
Committee Chair

As promised the awards committee has reviewed all award categories and requirements and identified some items that received further clarification and areas where the categories could be slightly modified while still honoring the outstanding members of the FFAM. The proposals were submitted to the Board of Directors for approval at the August 9, meeting and were granted approval for implementation.

The new categories, descriptions, requirements and nomination forms are available at [www.ffam.org/committees/awards/](http://www.ffam.org/committees/awards/) for your convenience. The committee encourages each of you to review the new information and submit nominations based on the listed requirements. In addition to the modified nomination form and supporting documentation we will now be requiring the person making the nomination to submit a *Nomination Statement* explaining why the nominee meets the specified criteria. By submitting the nomination statement the committee will be better equipped to evaluate those being nominated.

Remember all nominations are due by February 28, and should be submitted to:

FFAM Awards Committee  
P.O. Box 1153  
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Take the time to nominate those individuals or departments meeting the various award criteria and allow the FFAM the opportunity to recognize them for their efforts.

## STATE FAIR FIRE DEPT REPORT

By Kyle Arnold, Deputy Chief, Missouri State Fair Fire Department

Hello to all my brothers and sisters in the fire service. I want to personally say a huge, "Thank You" to everyone who took time away from family, home, and took off work to come and work the Missouri State Fair Fire Department. Without you all, it would not be possible to do the job we do every year. I also want to say thank you to a few people and organizations that provided equipment and donated supplies for the 2015 Missouri State Fair Volunteer Fire Department. The apparatus used at the fair this year was all very nice and we are very thankful to have been able to use them during the fair. Thank you to Chillicothe Fire Department, Jefferson City Fire Department, Johnson County Fire Protection District, Mid County Fire Protection District, Osage Beach Fire Protection District, Southern Stone County Fire Protection District, and Union Fire Protection District for the use of fire suppression apparatus.

I want to say a big thank you to Mike McNeil, the Missouri sales representative from Sentinel Emergency Solutions for donating the use of two complete sets of Hurst rescue tools, two MSA four gas detectors, two MSA thermal imaging cameras, one skid unit with foam, and MSA SCBA all for use during the fair. The use of the equipment was a great help. Also from Sentinel was Kevin Day. Kevin provided knowledge and helpful training tips to all who participated in the vehicle rescue training. If anyone in the FFAM is interested in a demo or

purchasing any new equipment please do not hesitate to call Sentinel Emergency Solutions, Mike's number is 573-590-3960. And remember to say thank you for helping out the FFAM and the State Fair Fire Department.

Second I would like to say thank you to Yeager's Cycle in Sedalia, Missouri. Yeager's cycle donated the use of a Polaris Ranger Crew with seating for six. Having this, allowed the fire department to transport any handicapped fairgoers to their vehicle when they were not able to safely or comfortably make it. This was also used to transport any family of a patient to their vehicle when a patient was being transported by EMS. This was very helpful and also assisted in getting extra manpower to different locations when needed. Again a big thanks to Larry (660-826-2925) at Yeager's Cycle located at 3001 S Limit Ave in Sedalia. Without the use of the UTV it is safe to say that we would have had more patients that required EMS.

Thank you again to all who made 2015 a great time at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department.

Just a reminder to anyone wishing to be apart of the 2016 Missouri State Fair Fire Department keep an eye out in the newsletter for the application to join a great organization, meet a bunch of new friends and have a great time. Fair dates for 2016 are August 11-21, 2016. Thank you again.

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## STATE FAIR COMMITTEE REPORT

By Monty Thompson, State Fair Committee Chair

Well another fair is in the history books. Where do I start with the thank you's? Thank you to all who donated equipment, food and supplies. I'm sure the list of everything donated will be in another article.

Again there were many new faces this year. Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen and any other area that you were asked to do. It was a busy year but very enjoyable.

I want to thank the FFAM board for their support and confidence in myself and the State Fair Committee. We will be looking to make more improvements for the 2016 Fair.

Many thanks to all who came out and helped on work weekends. These are the weekends in June and July when we start getting ready for that year's fair. You, the

members of the FFAM make this operation a success. Again many thanks to everyone and my committee; Steve Gentry, Charlie Neubert and Kenny Hoover for all their help and for their trust in me as your chairman.



Be looking in the FFAM newsletter for June and July work weekends in 2016. And watch for information for the 2016 convention. Hope to see you soon.

Many thanks and God Bless,

Monty Thompson  
 State Fair Chairman

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# STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT - SHOW OFFS WELCOME!

By Joe Jennings, Battalion Chief, Public Information Officer

The Missouri State Fair Fire Department's (MSFFD) 2015 campaign has come to an end. The 53rd year of service to the 400 acre Missouri State Fairgrounds came with an unusually high call load, especially for the exceptional weather during the middle of August. The MSFFD answered the calls for service serving the 30,000 to 50,000 daily attendees without missing a beat. The all volunteer staff of the MSFFD consisted of members from agencies from across Missouri including members from large career agencies and some of the smallest volunteer agencies.

The MSFFD responded to a total of 211 calls for service in 2015 (132 in 2014). These calls for service included 134 medical or trauma responses, 15 transfers from the fairgrounds to Bothwell Regional Health Center and 4 motor vehicle accidents (3 with injuries and 1 with entrapment). The department provided standby for 46 events during the State Fair as well as during horse shows prior to the beginning of the Fair. The MSFFD also required assistance on

two occasions in which patients were transported by medical helicopter for advanced treatments. In addition to emergency responses, the MSFFD provided assistance to 201 patients in the first aid station at the firehouse (240 in 2014).

The calls for service peaked during the first four days of the State Fair. From August 13 to August 16, the MSFFD responded to 114 calls for service. August 15 was the busiest day of these when the department responded to 41 calls for service. By the end of the day August 16, with seven days left for service, the department had reached the same number of calls for service as the 2014 total.

The Missouri Disaster Medical Team returned to the 2015 Missouri State Fair and assisted with patient care in their mobile hospital at the firehouse. DMT provided free treatment to 149 patients during the fair.

The MSFFD provided mutual aid assistance to the Pettis County Fire District on August 12 for a salvage yard. MSFFD

provided an engine company to respond to assist with the fire which included six burning vehicles.

The department also provided mutual aid assistance to the Pettis County Ambulance District by providing district coverage for a short time period when district resources were busy with other responses.

The MSFFD also continued one of its many roles as the face of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri by receiving recognition in two different articles in the Sedalia Democrat newspaper as well as a feature story on KOMU news from Columbia.

In addition to providing fire and medical response to the fairgrounds, personnel performed countless hours of public relations activities. Personnel distributed 3,500 flying discs to the visitors of the firehouse. Crews also provided three sessions of hands-on fire extinguisher training for the public as well as two vehicle fire demonstrations, vehicle extrication demonstration and stop-drop-and-roll training. Each demonstration was well attended by fairgoers and provided a great opportunity for public interaction with Missouri's fire service.

As mention before, the MSFFD provides an excellent opportunity for the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to provide public service to the patrons of the Missouri State Fair. For the 53rd year, the FFAM has worked tirelessly to provide an exceptional free service to fairgoers as well as to provide fire prevention education to the thousands who visit the firehouse.

The end of the 2015 fair brought an end to RB Brown's tenure as Fire Chief of the MSFFD. It goes without saying that Chief Brown's three years as Chief has influenced hundreds of personnel who have served under him. The personnel of the department are fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve under Chief Brown's



direction. Thank you for your dedicated service to the MSFFD Chief Brown.

With Chief Brown's tenure ending, the FFAM's State Fair Committee appointed Donnie Rogers of the Chillicothe FD as the next MSFFD Fire Chief. The committee also appointed Terry Plumb of the Southern Stone County FPD as the next MSFFD Assistant Fire Chief.

FFAM President Kenneth Hoover announced during the 2015 Fair, that pending FFAM Board of Directors approval at the October 4 Board meeting, Rick Dozier will be appointed to serve on the FFAM's State Fair Committee.

The Missouri State Fair Fire Department provides fire and medical response during the State Fair. The Missouri State Fair Fire Department is the only fully operational fire department in the United States that operates for only eleven days a year. The department is staffed with dedicated volunteers twenty-four hours per day throughout the State Fair providing fire suppression and advanced life support emergency medical services.

#### **PERSONNEL AWARDS**

Missouri State Fair Fire Department personnel were awarded for their outstanding work during the 2015 Fair. Those members are as follows:

Dispatcher Shannon Wenkel, Southern Stone County FPD, Dispatcher of the Year

Dispatcher Madison Breid, Madison-West Monroe FD, Junior of the Year

EMT Josh Koepke, Kansas City FD, EMT of the Year

Firefighter Mark Scholle, N Central Carroll County FPD, Firefighter of the Year

EMS Battalion Chief Grant Oetting, Higginsville FPD, Officer of the Year

#### **THANK YOU TO THE DONORS**

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## OFFICER 4 STATE FAIR FD

By Steve Gentry, Officer 4

Well we have successfully completed another State Fair. It was a lot of long hot days with record runs and several very pleasant nights. The entertainment was very good, Deaf Leopard, Alabama, Hotel California, a tribute to the Eagle's, to mention a few. The food was spectacular and plentiful. Joyce said she fed around 300 people a day for 11 days. The donations were everywhere and thank those of you that did that.

On several occasions the bunks were hard to be found and on some of those occasions the bunk house was full. We had over 100 applications this year and accepted around 95, several had to cancel, but we did have 24 new first year firefighters and paramedics participate. Now that shows us we are doing something right, when you get that much help for a project, old and new. Several of the new ones signed up for the entire 11 day fair not knowing what to expect other than what their buddy's had told them and I didn't talk to any of them that weren't coming back next year. Joyce said we fed around 300 people per day and we drank around 90 gallons of sweet tea a day, not to mention the regular tea or cool aid and lemonade.

We had a few promotions this year and had a traditional fire helmet award to the chief for his service to the department and gave away some nice items to the firefighters on our history trivia. Congratulations to Eric Rasmussen on winning the fire helmet donated by Mike McNeil of Sentinel Emergency Service. Thanks again Mike for all you do for the State Fair Fire Department.

Thanks to everyone involved.

## MISSOURI STATE FAIR FD KITCHEN

By Momma Joyce

This 2015 Missouri State Fair Fire Department was another fantastic year. Old faces and many new faces.

We averaged feeding 70 personnel for breakfast, and for lunch and dinner 85-110 personnel.

This year's venture couldn't have been done without an all teamwork effort; Larry and Ann Jones, Larry Eggen and Kathy, Eddie Nicolson, Ed Daugherty, Josh Koepke, the command staff and all of your who would help out when asked doing dishes, trash, anything was done eagerly and with a smile. Thanks to all of you. I hope we prepared dishes you liked and will bring you back to the 2016 Missouri State Fair Fire Department.

A special thank you to Mr. Dell's for two cases of commercial hashbrowns, Richard Heath for a case of spaghetti, linguine, and colored pasta. Ron and Angie Fields for all the ingredients and preparation of the desserts, eggs, and tomatoes. Greg Wright for 80 pounds of hamburger. Dawn Bakery for all the muffins and cakes, they were a hit. Everyone who brought goodies to share they were much enjoyed.

Here are some of the food items consumed in 11 days: 125 pounds of sugar, all of my boys and girls had to be sweet. 85 dozen eggs, they liked fresh cracked eggs, scrambled eggs not out of a bag. 15 gallons of gravy, 360 gallons of sweet tea, 320 gallons of unsweet tea, 240 gallons of Kool-Aid, two whole hogs, bacon, sausage, pork steaks and pork loin, 100 pounds of potatoes, 7 whole sheet pans

of rice krispie treats, 40 cake mixes, 26 gallons of milk, 10 gallons of ice cream, 12 double batches of cookies, 500 meatballs, 10 pounds of spaghetti, 120 pounds of chicken, 80 pounds of pork loin, 100 pounds of roast, 150 pounds of brisket, 250 pounds of fish, 15 gallons of green beans, 24 pounds of corn, 5 gallons of peaches, 15 pounds of sliced cheese, 22 pounds of shredded cheese, and 1,200 biscuits. This is an idea of what was prepared.

A special thank you to Terry and Diane Wynne and the Galt crew for the delicious fish, potatoes, slaw and corn bread. Very, very good. A big thank you to the commissioner's for a new commercial refrigerator, it was a big help. To Larry and Ann Jones who contributes to the donation of the two whole hogs, thank you.

For the last ten years in the kitchen, it has been a dream of mine to cook for a group of people who like to eat. I thank you. I will be assisting next year, going to another venture in my life. Again thanks to everyone who makes the FFAM Missouri State Fair what it is. If you haven't been to the FFAM Missouri State Fair Fire Department, try a few days and you will have friends for a lifetime. Where else can you have 43 EMS/Fire class in a 24 hour period?

See you at 2016 Convention. See you at the 2016 Fair!

Love ya,  
Momma Joyce



## STATE FAIR EMS

By Grant Oetting, Battalion Chief  
of EMS, State Fair FD

Hello FFAM Membership. This year the Missouri State Fair EMS had a great number of EMS calls and I wanted to thank the vendors that helped us with ambulances, equipment, and supplies while the fair was going on.

The State Fair Fire Department responded to 211 calls for service, saw 201 patients in first aid and the Missouri Disaster Team saw 149 patients in their mobile hospital. This is an increase in calls from previous years, with the same amount of equipment and ambulances.

The first thank you we would like to say is to Pettis County Ambulance, we operated under their license number and offered any supplies we needed for the fair.

The second thank you is to Children's Mercy Critical Care Transport Team, they donated 20 cases of Normal Saline to be used for any patient that needed an IV and to ensure Advanced Life Support was given to the patient.

The third thank you goes to the ambulance services that donated ambulances for use during the fair or offered back-ups in case we had a ambulance break down. Those agencies were St Clair EMS, Higginsville Ambulance, Chillicothe Fire Protection District, Johnson County Ambulance, Eureka Fire Protection District, Union Ambulance District, and Atchison Holt Ambulance District.

The fourth thank you goes to Ray County Ambulance District and Audrian County Ambulance District, for use of the EMS carts.

The fifth thank you goes to Paris Pharmacy, Monroe City Ambulance, Monroe County Ambulance, Randolph County and Macon County Ambulance for donating supplies for the ambulance or for first aid.

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The sixth thank you goes to Dr. David Gustafson for serving as our medical control for the fair.

The seventh thank you goes to the Missouri Disaster Team for setting up their mobile hospital on the fairgrounds so we could keep the ambulances on the fairgrounds.

The eighth thank you goes to Bothwell Hospital for seeing our more critical patients and for doing the laundry of all the linens we used.

The ninth thank you goes to ZOLL and Physio Control for Monitors and AEDS.

The tenth thank you goes to the air ambulance services that helped in the accountability process, Life Flight Eagle, Staff for Life, Survival Flight and Air Evac.

The eleventh thank you goes to Assistant Directors Glenn Dittmar and Janet Cain

for the ear plugs we use while we are at concerts for covering the motocross.

The twelfth thank you goes to the Wellington Napoleon Fire District for providing CEUS to all the members and the last thank you goes to Orschelns and Higginsville Wincup for the 68 cases of water and for the cups we use during our meals.

As you can see that is a huge lists, without these vendors, with would not be possible. On behalf of all the EMS members that worked the fair, thank you!







# THANK YOU



**Robert B. Brown**  
State Fair Chief



I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made my years as the Chief of the State Fair Fire Department successful. It is with your help that the previous three years at the State Fair have been so successful.

I appreciate the opportunity provided to me by the State Fair Committee for allowing me the opportunity and support to lead the department.

During my time as Chief, the department answered 485 calls for service. The personnel I served with have answered the calls with great professionalism and have increased awareness throughout the fairgrounds of the department's presence and the important services we provide.

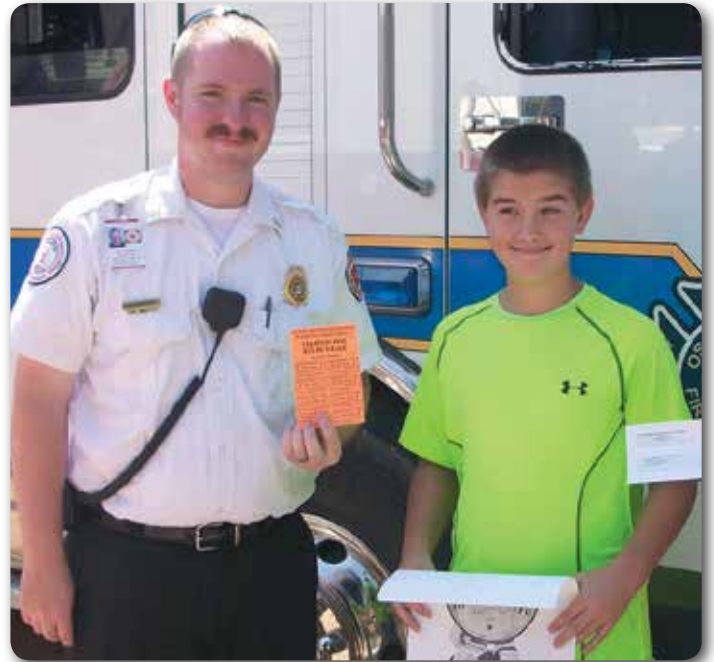
Again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your fire chief! I look forward to continuing to work at the State Fair in a different capacity in the coming years.

RB Brown  
State Fair Fire Chief, 2013-2015



# **FIRE PREVENTION POSTER**

## **WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES**



Poster award winners and their families enjoyed a “Day at the Fair” where they received their prize money free midway carnival passes.

### **1ST – 2ND GRADE**

**Melia Lawson-Lytton – Iberia Rural FPD**

**Aynnessa Foster – Little Dixie FPD**

**Adysan Rains – Galt Fire Department**

### **3RD – 4TH GRADE**

**Kendra Bliss – Union FPD**

**Andrew Bush – Union FPD**

**Mason Edwards – Paris Rural FPD**

# WINNERS

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## FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Hello to all. Is it me or has the time gone by so fast. School has started, the Missouri State Fair is in the history book. I hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer. With the cool days and evening we had in August I was reminded that fall is just around the corner with fire prevention week October 4-10, 2015.

This year's poster contest will need more information from each contestant: Name, Age, Grade, Sponsoring Department, School, Parent Name, Address and Phone. With the winners going to the Missouri State Fair to receive their prize money the Fire Prevention Committee needs the information for the arrangements. Please explain this additional information to the schools.

One last thing, when the winners are announced at the convention please pick up your posters and return them to the artist. Remember fire prevention is a daily event so spread the word. This years fire prevention theme is: *Hear the Beep Where you Sleep.*

Robert B. Brown  
Fire Prevention Chair

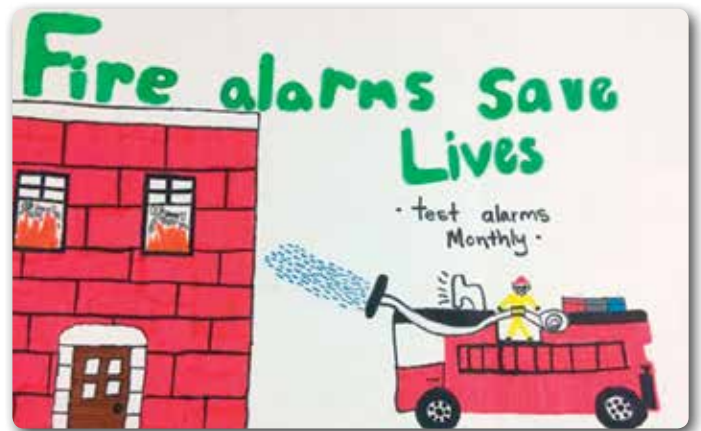


### 5TH – 6TH GRADE

Josh Hamilton – Iberia Rural FPD

Abigail Mathews – Galt Fire Department

Cody Vondera – Union FPD



# JULY FLOODING IN DESOTO

By Paul W. Mayer, Chief, DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District

July certainly came in like a lion in 2015 with torrential rains and flash flooding that required first responders to effect multiple rescues of persons both swept away and trapped in their homes and cars, including family members of one of the firefighters.

The flooding claimed two lives as Buck Creek swelled to a level never seen before. Both victims were females in separate vehicles that were caught in the floods and carried downstream. Searchers immediately began looking for the victims but were unable to continue due to the debris and treacherous conditions in the wake of the floods.

First responders consisting of fire, EMS, Jefferson County Sheriff's deputies and Missouri State Highway Patrol officers using dogs and UTV's began the search again at daylight. The first victim was located approximately one mile from the point of entry and the second was over two miles downstream. The DeSoto Rural Command/Auxiliary unit was used to manage the search while the Auxiliary members fed and hydrated some 150 plus personnel.



Multiple residences and business were damaged along with vehicles swept away. People lost farm machinery, outbuildings, tools, propane tanks and many livestock and pets, some of which were later found alive including a calf found on Saturday, July 18th more than two weeks after the flooding.

Most of those affected were without flood insurance because they either could not afford it or it wasn't available to them. Many people who have lived in the area for 50 plus years said the same thing "I've never seen anything like it".

One couple threw some things in their two Jeeps and they, along with their three dogs evacuated their home. After just leaving and driving along State Road P, what they referred to as a "wall of water, like a tidal wave" took them both by surprise. The man climbed out of his car and got on the top and was trying to ride it out. It became lodged to a tree and he climbed up the tree. He was wearing a small headband light and he turned it on so it would blink. Two of our firefighters saw the blinking light and managed to get a PFD to him and told him to continue to hang on to the tree. As soon as he had it on, he jumped in the water. Our firefighters struggled to pull him to safety against the still strong current. His first words were, "my wife went in, in front of me and all I could do was watch her taillights!"

Immediately we sent word to firefighters downstream. At the same time, they were told by a bystander that they heard





a woman screaming across the field and over by the creek. Firefighters launched a swiftwater boat and were able to find the woman who was frantic because she knew her husband was right behind her. After it was verified, we were able to tell them both that each other was okay.

The area received mutual aid from almost every department in Jefferson County as well as three Swiftwater Strike Teams from Region C. An initial after action review is scheduled with the agencies that had jurisdiction, the dispatch center and County EMA. Information and lessons learned will be disseminated and organized for a broader after action planning session.

We continue to work with EMA and flood victims to provide SEMA and FEMA with assessments in the hope that the businesses and residents will get assistance. We still have people with no hot water or air conditioning. Area non-profits are taking donations of clothing, food, air conditioners etc. Call the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Services if you would like to help at 636-797-5381. On Saturday, August 8, 2015 FEMA issued a declaration for Public Assistance which will allow federal dollars for the emergency response and infrastructure repairs. We are still working to get the declaration for individual assistance to help the families affected which we believe will be forthcoming.



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invitation and hospitality. As always, they did a great job of providing fire protection and medical services to the attendees and workers of the State Fair. Providing the management and staffing of the SFFD, is one of the many important services that the FFAM and its members provide.

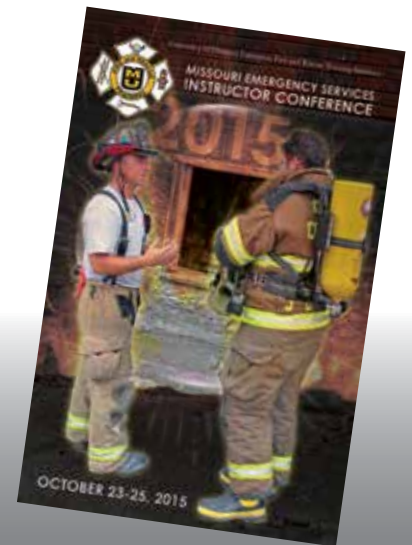
The MU FRTI Annual Missouri Emergency Services Instructor Conference is scheduled to be held on October 23-25, 2015, at the Country Club Hotel and Spa at the Lake of the Ozarks. The conference is for those preparing and presenting training programs for emergency services personnel, and public fire education. Instructors and other supervisory personnel will find this conference valuable in planning for the training needs of their fire departments Workshops for the conference include: “16 Life Safety Initiatives – Preventing Line-of-Duty Deaths,” “Documentation and Report Writing – Legal Aspects,” and “Managing Up and Down the Generational Ladder.” Also, again this year, MU FRTI will be providing Preconference Train-the-Trainer classes in a variety of subject areas. Preconference participants will receive the curriculum and training that will enable them to deliver the selected class to their own agency as a MU FRTI Registered Program. To participate in

the preconference courses the student must be a state certified Fire Instructor through the Division of Fire Safety. The Missouri Division of Fire Safety has approved 8 hours continuing education credits for Train-the-Trainer courses and 12 hours for the weekend conference. For full conference information, go to our website at [www.mufrti.org](http://www.mufrti.org).

MU FRTI remains committed to its mission and our goals of customer service, quality training, and safety. Thank you for your continued support of the Institute and the training programs we provide. If the MU FRTI staff or I can be of assistance, please contact us at 800-869-3476 or 573-882-4735. For more information regarding the Institute, go to our website at [www.mufrti.org/](http://www.mufrti.org/).

*David E. Hedrick*

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# History's CORNER

## THE BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LEADERSHIP IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS

By Bill Westhoff

It is my intention to continue my quest in these articles to write about people, places and things that I love about the fire service of this great State. I know of no other agency that I have had more to do with and have a greater attachment to than the Boone County Fire Protection District. Three of our five family generations have significant attachment to the O'Fallon Fire Protection District because I was a young member there, along with my father and grandfather being previous fire chief's in that community, but my heart and my fire service home will always be Boone County. I have had the good fortune of having two generations of involvement at Boone County since I was the first fire chief of that organization and our son; Doug has been a part of their organizational structure for nearly forty years.

### MY FIRST ENCOUNTER

I moved to Columbia in the fall of 1963, fresh out of Oklahoma State University with a Degree in Fire Protection and a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Industrial Education. I really figured I was "hot stuff" because I had landed a job that would allow me to travel my home state and work with fire departments.

The offices of Firemanship Education and Civil Defense training were in an old frame WWII vintage building directly behind Jesse Hall, the main administrative building in the middle of the campus. I was there one afternoon when my boss, Bush Walden, received a visit from

Gene Thurman, the President of a group called the "Central Missouri Radio Squad". He explained that their group wanted to start a fire department to



protect the rural area around Columbia. There had been a house fire earlier that year west of Columbia in which an elderly handicapped woman had died and the group had already helping the Boone County Sheriff, Bud Elkin, with things like child searches and other emergencies.

Gene was given lots of good advise by Director Walden (Years later, Bush served as President of the Board of Directors of the BCFPD after his retirement from the University) and after the meeting Gene mentioned there would be a work session on a panel truck that the radio squad was working on to hall broom rakes and pump cans for brush fires. That very evening! The work was being done at a place called Hill Brothers Service Station and he gave me the address. My instructions

were to look for and meet a guy by the name of Pat Barnes. Mr. Barnes, I am told, is in the milk delivery business and has donated this truck to be the first piece of equipment for the fire department.

Being new in town and the opportunity to meet new folks that had the same passion for killing fires was exciting, so off to Hill Brothers Garage I went that evening. Little did I know that the Hill Brothers were true "brothers" and their place was not in the best part of town! So, I go into the bay of the service station where I see an old Chevy panel truck partly sanded down for a new coat of white paint and it's looking pretty sad, but there is nobody in sight and the place is wide open.

I then hear voices from the back room so I went to investigate and see if I can find this Pat Barnes guy to ask if I can be a member of this radio squad group. I open the door to find five or six guys down on their knees shootin' craps. So I say "Any of you guys Pat Barnes?" and the only white person in the group gets up and introduces himself! What a great way to start a close friendship that lasted for decades only ending with the untimely death of John Patrick Barnes a couple of years ago. As far as I know, Pat never met a stranger and would do anything for anybody in the world at the drop of a hat. He held the position of captain in the original radio squad fire department and later the first assistant chief spot in the BCFPD for decades. He lived the radio squad motto "a helping hand".

### MOVING ON

In 1964, an abandoned chicken house on Route PP Northeast of Columbia became the first home of the CMRS Volunteer Fire Department. The Pat Barnes panel truck did survive its revival at the Hill Brothers Garage and a fine 1942 government surplus pumper was acquired from state surplus for the tidy sum of \$500. Don't ask how a non-profit, non-government organization like a citizens band radio club was able to access state surplus! You don't want to know, although I am sure the statute of limitations has run its course by now.

Those apparatus are shown in the photo of the original fire station in this article. It was built on ground acquired from the Hickam family and was built by members of the department on Route PP across from the entrance to Pine Grove Mobile Home Park. Gene Havens was the president of the radio squad at the time and was in the

bridge building business. He was the only person out of the 15 or so members who knew anything about the assembly of a metal building so he was the



construction foreman. The parts for the building were delivered on the site with little or no instruction from the company so lots of time and energy was spent, and some Jack Daniels, trying to figure out what part went where.

John Dineen was elected by the membership to be the Radio Squad Fire Chief. He was a safety specialist for the Columbia Mutual Insurance Companies and had a work schedule that was flexible enough to spend time with the department.

At that time, the only source of income for the department was the sale of "fire tags". Because of his work contacts, John had lots of interaction with folks in rural Boone County and was invaluable in promoting the sale of \$5 a year memberships to fund the organization. His wife, Velma was also a godsend because they had a CB radio and fire alarm phone in their home and she, along with many other wives, provided dispatch services.

In 1968 John's work schedule and business ventures required him to step out of his post and I was elected to fill the CMRS Fire Chiefs spot.

In 1970, state laws were adjusted to make the formation of fire protection districts in out-state Missouri easier. The volunteer firefighters of the Central Missouri Radio Squad (now informally being known as the Boone County Fire Department) campaigned actively throughout Boone County in an effort to form what was to become the first out state fire district. With a voter approval rate of 375 ayes and 229 nays, the Boone County Fire Protection District was formed on the 11th of July 1970.

The first Board of Directors moved quickly to establish additional fire stations in Rocheport, Hallsville and

Harrisburg. I was appointed to be the first fire chief of the BCFPD on the day the board was provided with the assets of the radio squad. Coy again was the first board president and served for several years. He was a great asset, a business-man and rural farmer who had great people skills.

As Boone County grew, so did the fire district. With the tax revenue, new apparatus, protective clothing, training and staff could be provided for and services expanded.

In 1977, my role with the Fire and Rescue Training Institute increasing and the fire chief's responsibility expanding, I determined a change was in order.

A young man by the name of Steve Paulsell had joined our forces in 1970 and had proven to be a highly dedicated volunteer. In 1972 the board decided the district needed a full time person to work on special projects and provided needed maintenance on the every increasing fleet of vehicles and facilities. By the time I determined it was time to let go in 1977, we had promoted Steve to a Deputy Chiefs position and he was the logical choice for fire chief. It was a fairly simple process. I gave Steve my fire chiefs helmet and he passed his deputy chiefs helmet to me. By that action, he became



**The First Fire Chief Change: Newly appointed Fire Chief Steve Paulsell presenting Chief Westhoff with honors as the First Fire Chief of the Boone County FPD**

the first Career Fire Chief of the Boone County Fire Protection District. And I became the first Volunteer Deputy Chief.

The Board of Directors appointed Chief Paulsell to the position of Fire Chief, which in my judgment and many others was the best thing that happen in Boone County since those 375 folks voted to form a fire district in 1970. Thus starts a 38-year era that I like to call the “Paulsell era of progress”. We all know that hundreds of folk made contributions that made the district successful, but Steve provided the leadership, and for that and the lifelong friendship we developed, I will always be grateful!

### THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF EXPANSION AND PROGRESS

- In 1977 the Fire District initiated its Emergency Medical Services First Responder Program. This was one of the first programs of its kind in the country and now comprised the vast majority of emergency responses within the Fire District.
- Also in 1977 the Columbia/Boone County Joint Communications Center went online. This agency combined the dispatching functions of all emergency services in Boone County.

- In 1978, the Boone County Fire District was instrumental in working with Boone County government to adopt and implement building and fire safety codes in Boone County.

- In April of 1981, the Boone County Fire Protection District put before the voters its first capital improvements bond issue. This 1.5 million dollar was overwhelmingly approved by the voters and provided for the construction of a new fire station in the Prathersville area and the Rockbridge area South of Columbia. Eleven new pieces of fire apparatus were added to the fleet and protective equipment for firefighters was enhanced.

- In 1991 another capital improvement bond issue was proposed, along with an increase in the general revenue fund. The voters again supported the growth of the department by approving these measures. Based on this approval, an additional twelve pieces of equipment were purchased; new fire stations were established on Route E and WW, Sturgeon and Centralia, Additions were also made to the stations in Harrisburg and Rocheport. When each of these stations were added,



**First Assistant Chief BCFPD Pat Barnes on the left - Former Columbia Fire Chief “Toot” Wren and BCFPD Fire Chief Steve Paulsell**

a massive recruitment program was required to staff the stations with an increasing number of individuals who continued to step forward to become one of Boone Counties unique volunteer firefighters. Another innovation was coming into it’s own and living quarters were added to fire stations so that volunteers could actually reside in the fire stations. This practice has been in place since and to date over sixty live in firefighters provide instant responses from a department that is still staffed by volunteers, with the exception of the career administrative staff.

- The 1990’s saw the organization continue to expand with a number of specialty teams developed. In 1995, the district set out to receive a federal designation as a Federal Urban Search and Rescue Task Force. As usual, any task worth accomplishing was accomplished and the Fire District, under the banner of Missouri Task Force One, is now one of 28 FEMA Urban Search and Rescue task forces in the United States and is available for deployment to disasters throughout the country upon a Presidential disaster declaration. The task force is staffed by individual from within and outside the fire district and results in the donation of over 100,000 hours of training and deployment time from over 200 dedicated rescue specialists. As a federal resource, Missouri Task Force 1 is on call for federal disaster response and, upon activation, must be on military aircraft or on the road in six hours with a 70-person team, four search canines and



**Motel Fire at the Midway Interchange on Interstate 70 west of Columbia sometime in the mid 1970’s - Apparatus Shown include a new 4X4 International 750 G.P.M front mount built by Towers Fire Apparatus of Freeburg IL. There were three of these built for Boone County and the first NEW equipment after a fire district was formed. Tanker is a conversion from a fuel delivery truck from M.F.A Oil Company**

100,000 pounds of equipment. Assistant Fire Chief Doug Westhoff has been the task force leader since the task force's inception and has supervised a number of major deployments including the World Trade Center, Joplin and New Orleans. Needless to say, that makes me damn proud!

- The Fire District responds to large wild land fires in the state under a cooperative agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation and has deployed wild land firefighting teams to western States in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service.

- In 1998 fire district received nation recognition for their public fire and safety education program called "Survival Kids". This life safety program is taught in all 4th grades in the district by volunteer firefighters and has been adopted by many fire departments world- wide. Also, in 1998, voters approved another capital improvement program that added another 16 pieces of fire apparatus to the fleet, a number of fire station locations and again, additional folks in Boone County came forward to increase the volunteer staff and are proud to call themselves Boone County firefighters.

### THE PROGRESS CONTINUES

Fire Chief Steve Paulsell retired from the Boone County Fire District in 2008 and Scott Olsen was promoted by the Board of Directors to fill the Fire Chief's position. Under his leadership, the district continues with many of the core values developed over the years by the hundreds of individuals who have made contributions to the safety and well being of the citizens of Boone County Missouri. Here are a few interesting facts.

- The BCFPD is the largest volunteer fire department in the state protects approximately 500 square miles of northern Boone County and has a staff of nearly 200 volunteers who donate over 100,000 hours of time to their organization annually.

- The Fire District operates 14 fire stations, a massive state of the art headquarters facility, which includes maintenance shops and much of the Task Force 1 equipment storage and a comprehensive training facility.



- Over the years 14 former members of the BCFPD have become Fire Chiefs in other communities.

**NOT BAD FOR FORTY-FIVE YEARS, HUH?**



**Second Fire Chief Change: Newly appointed Fire Chief Scott Olsen making presentation to Retiring Fire Chief Steve Paulsell**



**Fire Chief Bill Westhoff BCFPD sometime in the 1970's - I always tried to be in my dress uniform when talking on the radio!**



# DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

**David Hedrick**  
Director



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

Every day Missourians are aided by fire and emergency responders who have received training through the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI). The Institute continues to recognize our heritage and the leadership role we have in ensuring Missouri's fire and emergency service first responders have the skills and knowledge necessary to fulfill their individual missions of protecting lives and property. Still, after 83 years playing a prominent role in firefighter training, MU FRTI is proud of the exceptional training and education provided to our state and nation's emergency responders.

MU FRTI has completed the fiscal year for 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015) and has finalized the Institute's annual statistical information. On behalf of the faculty and staff of MU FRTI, I want to express our appreciation to our training partners, host agencies, and you, our students, for your continued support of the Institute and our mission. Through the various partnerships and support, MU FRTI has had another successful year in the delivery of training to our students.

In FY15, MU FRTI conducted 605 classes with a total fiscal enrollment of 13,005 students. The training received by those students equates to 152,585 student instructional hours. Through MU FRTI's field extension program, the Institute reached students in all of Missouri's 114 counties. To make training as accessible as possible at the local level, MU FRTI continued to deliver training directly to the student with our instructors and mobile training props and support vehicles traveling over 191,000 miles. MU FRTI was honored to play this 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.

The Institute is proud to announce that the Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue Course and the mobile simulator prop used for the practical training component are in high demand. After pilot testing the program this spring, the Institute began scheduling regular classes. So far the Institute has conducted 11 classes, which trained 326 students to safely and competently handle grain entrapment emergencies. MU FRTI extends our appreciation to MFA Incorporated—Agri Services and Brock Grain Systems for their support in providing the grain and cut panels to help support the program. Also thank you to the local fire department host agencies for working with local grain facilities to help sponsor classes to make this training as accessible as possible to all responders. Currently the class and simulator are scheduled through November. Please contact Ryan Rascher, MU FRTI Special Operations Coordinator, if you are interested in hosting this program.

Although we are only two months into FY16, the Institute already has a significant number of courses scheduled with fire departments throughout the state. A current list of scheduled classes and locations is available on the MU FRTI website under "Training Schedule." As reported in the last FFAM Newsletter, MU FRTI was pleased to be the recipient of FY16 Firefighter Training Funds from the Division of Fire Safety and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission. Through this and other state and federal funding, MU FRTI provides no-cost training to the fire service. I encourage each fire department to contact your MU FRTI Regional Training Coordinator or our main office to discuss

your department's training needs and see how the Institute can assist in providing courses to meet your training initiatives in FY16.

The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of a fiscal year 2014 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency. MU FRTI was eligible to apply for the State Fire Training Academy portion of the grant. This is the second year that state fire training systems in the United States were eligible for AFG as a result of a change in the federal statute as part of the Fire Grants Reauthorization Act of 2012. Under this grant, the Institute was eligible to apply for equipment to support the delivery of training and training props/evolutions.

MU FRTI conducts 80 percent of its training courses at the local level throughout the state and is known for "bringing training to the student." To enable this field delivery, MU FRTI uses mobile training props and equipment trailers to make the training as realistic and accessible as possible.

In planning for the grant, the Institute identified critical training props and equipment necessary to support new training initiatives and sustain current capabilities. MU FRTI's grant request included capital funding to procure equipment to support its technical fire training programs. The grant budget includes funding for a mobile fire training simulator system that will provide practical skills training for specialized exterior firefighting; self-contained breathing apparatus to replace outdated equipment;



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09/11	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Norwood	Don Reed	(417) 464-1143
09/12	Certified Fire District Board Training	Peculiar	MUFRTI	(800) 869-3476
09/12	Basic Pump Operations	Waynesville	Doug Yurecko	(573) 337-0445
09/12	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Lawson	Richard Nolker	(816) 580-3903
09/12	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Duenweg	Jeff Littrell	(417) 621-5054
09/13	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Galt	Terry Wynne	(660) 359-7166
09/17	Traffic Incident Management	Eldon	Randy Vernon	(573) 480-4384
09/18	Basic Pump Operations	St. James	Bruce Parton	(573) 265-5112
09/18	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Maryville	Phil Rickabaugh	(660) 562-3209
09/18	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Monett	Larry Eden	(417) 669-7600
09/18	Outdoor Search and Rescue Practices	Buffalo	Greg Cunningham	(417) 345-7800
09/19	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Dearborn	Brad Johnson	(816) 390-2725
09/19	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Maryville	Phil Rickabaugh	(660) 562-3209
09/26	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Golden City	Kerry Spain	(417) 693-3364
10/02	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Warrensburg	Ken Jennings	(660) 747-5220
10/03	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Holden	Jaime Miller	(660) 747-5220
10/09	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Jackson	Dwayne Kirchhoff	(573) 979-4657
10/10	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Caruthersville	Charlie Jones	(573) 359-5042
10/10	Traffic Incident Management	Goodman	Keith Estes	(417) 489-1408
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10/16	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	St. James	Bruce Parton	(573) 265-5112
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10/18	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Fruitland	Marty Schuessler	(573) 270-8003
10/23	School Bus Rescue	Rolla	Ron Smith	(573) 364-3989
11/02	Incident Safety Officer	St. Louis	MUFRTI	(800) 869-3476
11/02	Incident Safety Officer	Peculiar	Ryan Jensen	(816) 519-4010
11/02	Fire Department Medical First Responder	Rolla	Jordan Light	(573) 578-6574
11/04	New Fire Chief III: Contemporary Issues	Springfield	MUFRTI	(800) 869-3476
11/06	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Goodman	Keith Estes	(417) 489-1408
11/07	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Ashland	Roger Mertensmeyer	(573) 864-5549
11/07	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Marthasville	Jamie Faust	(636) 262-1851

and a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) for rescue training classes.

The AFG program requires a 15 percent match for recipients under the state fire academy program. To assist the Institute in meeting the grant match requirement,

the University of Missouri Extension Administration committed to fund the local match for the grant.

Last month on Legislative Day at the State Fair, I again had the opportunity to visit with the officers and personnel of

the Missouri State Fair Fire Department (SFFD). I wish to extend my appreciation to the SFFD, Fire Chief R.B. Brown, and Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) President Kenneth Hoover for the

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## Advertisements

### 12 DRAGER SCBA'S AND 24 SPARE BOTTLES

The Republic Fire Department is accepting sealed bids for 12 Drager SCBA's and additional 24 spare bottles. The units were purchased new in 2003. They are equipped with integrated PASS device, heads up display inside of the mask, buddy breather hose for a RIT connection and each unit will come with a protective bag for the mask. All 36 bottles have been hydrostat tested in December of 2014 or January 2015. These units were on front apparatus until August 2015 and are in very good working condition.

Sealed bids will be accepted until October 15th 2015 at 9 p.m. For a sealed bid form or additional information please contact Chief Duane Compton or Deputy Chief Lynn Hollandworth at 417-732-3800. All SCBA's are available for inspection by appointment only.



### SURPLUS MANUALS AVAILABLE

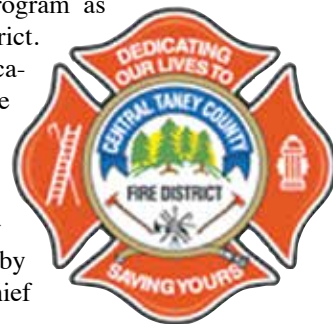
Warrensburg Fire Department has the following surplus manuals available:

- 9 IFSTA Essentials Manual 5th Edition
- 5 IFSTA Firefighter FF 1 & 2 Student Manual
- 4 IFSTA Student Application Package w/ Essentials 4th Edition
- 1 IFSTA Essential Manual 4th Edition
- 2 IFSTA Firefighter II Manual 4th Edition
- 3 International Fire Code 2006

If Interested, Contact Battalion Chief Guy Parsons At 660-262-4653 Or Gparsons@Warrensburg-Mo.com

### NOW HIRING POSITION OF TRAINING OFFICER/RECRUITER

The Central Taney County FPD is currently taking applications for the position of training officer/recruiter. The responsibilities of this position will primarily be to manage the recruitment and retention program as defined in the grant proposal just awarded the district. Qualifications include State of Missouri certification to the Firefighter II level and Fire Service instructor I. Pay range will be negotiable between \$25,000.00 and \$40,000.00. Resumes will be accepted at 8118 E 76 Kirbyville MO 65679 between the hours of 0900 to 1700, Monday through Friday. All resumes will need to be in by 17:00 on 09-11-15. For more information, call Chief Allgood at 417-527-4151.



### 2001 DODGE RAM - FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

The Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District offers for sale by sealed bid: 2001 Dodge Ram, 1 Ton Dually 3500, 4X4 Brush Truck, VIN – 1B7MF336X15587630, 175,047 Miles, 5.9 Cummins Turbo Diesel, Automatic Transmission. Items included in the sale: 2 Echo backpack blowers, 3 rakes, 1 chainsaw with chaps, 2 brush helmets with ear protection, Assorted hand tools to include axes, rakes, & shovels, Skid Unit with 8 hp Briggs & Stratton pump motor, 200 gallon water tank & hose reel with brush nozzle. Minimum starting bid is \$9,400.

The apparatus will be available upon delivery of new brush apparatus. Apparatus sold as is with no warranties. Bids must be received at Fire District Headquarters by 16:00 hours Tuesday, September 15, 2015 and will be opened immediately after. Bids should be in a sealed envelope marked "Brush Truck Bid"

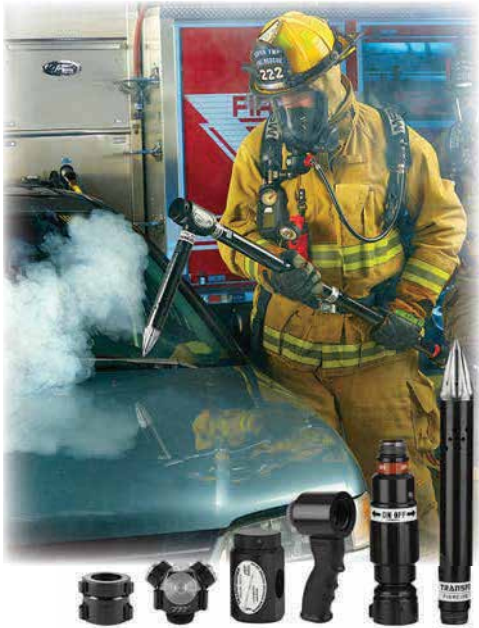
Chief Dennis Reilly  
Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District  
30 Porter Mill Spring Road  
Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

The district reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids may be mailed to:

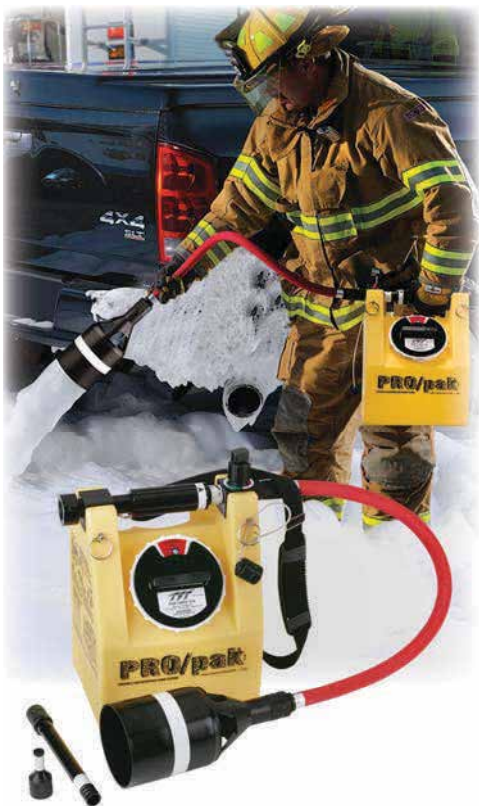




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