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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings Fellow Firefighters

Kenneth Hoover
President



What a busy time for all of us in the emergency services field. The spring weather has been beautiful and we have been receiving rain on a timely manner. As far as the weather goes, for the FFAM Annual Convention in Osage Beach, Missouri on the last weekend in April, it was one of the best that I can remember in many years. It rained during the night on Friday but by Saturday morning the rain had stopped and the sky was overcast which provided ideal conditions for the competitions. I want to thank Gail Hagans for all of the photographs. She did an outstanding job of recording the history of the 2016 FFAM Convention.

The opening ceremony on Friday night had one of the largest crowds I have ever seen. The contests were well attended and a crowd of around 300 was in attendance

at the Saturday night banquet. All of these things I mentioned did not just happen by chance, but was because of a well planned and executed effort by the Lake Ozark Emergency Services Association, consisting of Chief Mark Amsinger, Lake Ozark Fire Protection District, Chief Jeff Dorhaurer, Osage Beach Fire Protection District, Chief Drew Stark, Camdenton Fire Department, Chief Ed Hancock, Gravois Fire Protection District, and Chief Scott Frandsen, Mid County Fire Protection District. Along with Chief Dennis Reilly, Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District and all of their crew. It took many people to pull off a class act such as the one we were privileged to attend. Every time I had a request, the lake area chiefs responded quickly. They were awesome to work with. Congratulations, on a great job gentlemen.

The Henry Goldenboy Fire Fighter Edition Rifle was won by John Fortman of Pilot Grove, Missouri.

Congratulations also to all of the award winners and contest winners. I will let the committee chairs write about this in their articles.

It was a great convention and I thank everyone that had a part in its presentation. There is no way I could even begin to name everyone that helped. Again, awesome job. The FFAM Board of Directors will be conducting the 2016 Convention with the State Fair Fire Department Committee in charge. But please make plans now to attend. The exact dates will be forth coming. I will let Chief Larry Jennings provide those dates. You won't want to miss this one.

Survivor, Missouri Funeral Team Member and Missouri Fire Fighters Foundation Member, Harriett Vaucher will be our Sunday morning speaker at our annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial on May 15, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in Kingdom City, Missouri. I am sure Chairman Keith Smith will write more about that event.

Our Candlelight Service will be May 14, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. and Chaplin Jim Cummings of the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District will be the speaker. Brother Cummings will encourage each of us as we remember those that have gone before us.

Honor Guard Commander this year will be Captain Pat Furlong, South Metro Fire Protection District. We invite all Honor Guards and Pipes and Drums to come and participate on Sunday morning and you may contact Commander Furlong at 816-916-7992 or by e-mail at pfurlong@southmetrofire.org

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Greg Carrell
Acting State Fire Marshal



Missouri Division of Fire Safety

I write this after returning from a great weekend spent at the FFAM Convention. It is one of the few times I get to see so many of our fire service personnel in one place at any one time. I truly appreciate the words of friendship and support spoken to me over the weekend. I gain a better perspective of my and the Division's role and responsibility each time I get to spend time with our responders.

Additionally, this was Brenda's first time watching the contests. Many of you, and those in the adjoining counties, probably heard her yelling encouragement from the sidelines and later from the head table at the banquet. To say she enjoyed the games and the convention would be an understatement.

I certainly wish to thank the Lake Area Emergency Responders Association for hosting the convention. Their hard work showed itself in a well-executed event.

I enjoyed listening to Deputy US Fire Administrator Dr. Onieal address all of us at the banquet. His words conveyed one of the same thoughts I have shared here

before; we must evolve and adapt in order to continue to advance as a discipline. We owe it to ourselves and the communities we serve. It is that thought which drives my decisions in the direction we are taking with training and certification in our state.

As national standards have changed, so must we. We will ultimately be held accountable for actions we take during a response. Those actions, backed by the consensus standards and used as the base for our new certification levels will assist us in moving forward. Standing still in an emergency is not a trait Missouri's fire service possesses. You run toward the emergency. Therefore, I feel it is our responsibility to ensure the training you receive will help you make good decisions when called upon to do so.

Shortly, we will be awarding this year's contracts for fire service training. I know our training partners will once again provide courses designed to challenge as well as educate our responders. I know the value good training plays in helping our responders return from the call. I'll ask you to consider attending a course or two this

year. With the varied topics and lengths of courses, there is something for everyone.

These same thoughts also serve to remind me that in May, we hold the Firefighter Memorial Services in Kingdom City. This occasion allows us to honor those who have served their communities; some having given everything to provide for the safety of us all. It also serves to demonstrate to the families of those responders that we support them just as they supported their loved ones as they performed their duties. In my opinion, that is reason alone to hold this ceremony.

We support each other; whether at a contest, during a response, in a discussion or at a memorial service. This network of support is one thing which makes me so proud of Missouri's fire service and proud to serve as your Fire Marshal.

Stay safe!

Greg Carrell
Acting State Fire Marshal

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

Our next board meeting will be held on June 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in Sedalia at the fire station on the fairgrounds. This will also be the first work weekend at the fire station to prepare for the State Fair. Hope everyone can come and help.

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

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

Kenneth Hoover, President

Kenneth Hoover, President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

OPENING SESSION

President Kenneth Hoover opened the 62nd Annual FFAM Convention by ringing the bell on Friday, April 29, 2016 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, Missouri.

The Mid-County Fire Protection District Color Guard and Lake Area Emergency Services Association Magic Dragon Pipes and Drums posted the colors.

Sunrise Beach Fire District Fire Chief Dennis Reilly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Monsignor Marion Makarewicz, Pastor Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

Sunrise Beach Fire District Fire Chief Dennis Reilly welcomed attendees to the convention.

President Hoover welcomed all attendees to the convention and thanked Lake Area Emergency Services Association, Inc. for their hard work in hosting the convention.

Past President Keith Smith presented the Nominating Committee slate for the 2016 FFAM officer elections. Positions for election are District 2 Director, District 6 Director, District 8 Director and District 12 Director.

The following individuals are seeking election for those respective positions: Greg Wright, District 2 Director; Gary Berendzen, District 6 Director; Open, District 8 Director; Open, District 12 Director.

President Hoover made final announcements.

President Hoover closed the opening session at 7:25 p.m.

AWARDS BANQUET

Welcome to all in attendance to the 62nd Annual FFAM Convention and head table introductions by Mid-County Fire Protection District Chief Scott Frandsen.

FFAM President Ken Hoover gave the invocation followed by the meal.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Denis Onieal, Deputy Fire Administrator of the United States Fire Administration gave a motivational speech on the future changes of the fire service.

Scholarship Committee Chair Grant Oetting announced the 2016 scholarship recipients. Continuing Education: Heather Young, Union Township Volunteer FD. High School: Vanessa Gilbert, Highlandville FPD; Nathan Boone, Pumpkin Center FD; Hannah Gerdts, Concordia FPD; Audrey Smith, North Central Carroll County FPD.

Fire Prevention Committee Chair RB Brown announced the 2016 poster contest award winners.

1ST AND 2ND GRADE DIVISION

- 1st Place – Chesni Jones, New Haven Berger Fire Department
- 2nd Place – Isabelle Plemmons, Iberia Rural Fire Protection District
- 3rd Place – Ruth Shackelford, Galt FPD

3RD AND 4TH GRADE DIVISION

- 1st Place – Elizabeth Shackelford, Galt Fire Protection District
- 2nd Place – Hanna Vassallie, Beaufort Leslie Fire Protection District
- 3rd Place – Maya Sheible, New Haven Berger Fire Department

5TH AND 6TH GRADE DIVISION

- 1st Place – Madelyn Wheeler, Paris Rural Fire Department

2nd Place – Emily Delgado, New Haven Berger Fire Department

3rd Place – Doya Allnutt, Galt Fire Protection District

Contest Committee Chair Rob Erdel announced the 2016 convention contest winners.

JUNIOR DIVISION CHALLENGE

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

FEMALE DIVISION CHALLENGE

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

A new record time was set by Southern Stone #1 in the Extending a Line competition. The new time is 40.81 surpassing the 1990 record held by Galt of 41.27.

FIREFIGHTER DIVISION CHALLENGE

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

Auxiliary Member Jenny Smith presented Christina Loyd with Little Dixie Fire Protection District with the *Auxiliary Member of the Year* award.

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

Meritorious Award: Lt. David Hamilton, Johnson County FPD. *Life Saving Award:* Anthony Griggs and Dylan Honea, Southern Stone County FPD. *Life Saving Award:* Lt. Doug Franklin and Lt. Blake Callen, Trenton FD and Grundy County Rural FPD. *Life Saving Award:* Alma Fire Department. *Fire Department of the Year:* Chillicothe Fire Department. *Fire Fighter of the Year:* Lt. Scott Prater, Little Dixie FPD. *Chief Officer of the Year:* Roy Sims, West Plains FD. President Hoover presented Kay Asher, Wentzville FPD with the *Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award*.

The Henry Golden Boy Firefighter Edition Rifle donated by Jay Weinstein and his son was raffled off by President Hoover and Assistant Director Steve Gentry. All proceeds from the raffle sale are going to the Firefighters Museum Foundation.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Kenneth Hoover called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to order at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2016 Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS:

OFFICERS:

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

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OTHERS

Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD; Historian Kay Asher, Wentzville FPD.

GUESTS

Greg Carrell, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; David Hedrick, Gail Hagans, Kevin Zumwalt, MU FRTI; Larry Eggen, Larry Jennings, Dee Bennett, Johnson County FPD; Donald Vaucher, Harriett Vaucher, Eureka FPD; Duane Miller, Versailles FD; Brian Zinanni, Clayton FD; Donnie Braun, Gary Smith, Cole County FPD; Wayne Cormier, West Plains FD; Don Hahne, James Peffermann, Washington FD; Jason Nelson, Harold Muehe, Northeast R IV FPD; Jim Brockett, Southern Stone FPD; Katelyn Borgmann, Richard Voss, Beaufort Leslie FPD; Ronnie Fields, Cy Fields, Paris Rural FPD; Shannon Breid, Madison West Monroe FPD; Donnie Rogers, Chillicothe FD; Rob Schrage, Jefferson R7 FPD; Erik Jackson, Hunter Hanes, Destin Gann, Brian Smiley, Sylvia Berry, Cindy Gott, Galt FPD; Kurt Ploch, Andrew Caldwell, Jim Casey, Boles FPD; Jeff Dorhauer, Osage Beach FPD; Charlie Peel, SE Randolph FPD; Billy

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Smith, North Central Carroll FPD; Doc Kritzer, Firefighters Memorial Board.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

President Hoover asked for corrections or additions to the May 2015 convention board meeting minutes. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the minutes as presented. Greg Brown seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover asked for corrections or additions to the January 31, 2016 board meeting minutes. Rick Dozier moved to accept the minutes as presented. RB Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the January–March 2016 financial reports. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the financial report as presented. RB Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

Director David Hedrick with MU FRTI expressed appreciation to the Lake Area Emergency Services Association for hosting the convention and congratulations to all award winners.

There were 14 attendees in the Recruitment and Retention class and 31 attendees in the Board of Directors class both held Friday, April 29 during convention.

MU FRTI fiscal year ends June 30. Over 600 classes will have been taught by that time at no cost due to funding through the Division of Fire Safety and educational funding released by the Governor.

Summer Fire School will be held June 8-12 in Jefferson City. Registrations are still being accepted. The Division of Fire Safety is providing scholarships.

Fire Fighter Day at the Capital is Tuesday, May 3 in Jefferson City. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Annual training proposals are being presented to the commission this month.

The propane industry responder's conference will be September 23-25 in Sedalia. There will be more information out soon.

State Fire Marshal Greg Carrell with the Division of Fire Safety expressed his thanks to the Lake Area Emergency Services Association for hosting the convention.

The legislative session is in its final two weeks. Fire Fighter Day at the Capital is May 3. Firefighters are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns to the legislators. There are several fire topics under consideration at this time.

Fire Department Emergency Operations and Recovery Planning for Natural Disasters training will be held May 4. Contact the DFS if interested in attending.

The Division is working on the website to show what classes are offered and will make the process easier to research and contact vendors.

The Division has several open positions at this time including trainers. Anyone interested is encouraged to take a look at the openings and consider applying.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Sergeant-at-Arms Reynolds conducted a roll call of the delegates.

Keith Smith reported that four positions are up for election. The nominations are Greg Wright, District 2 Director and Gary Berendzen, District 6 Director. The District 8 Director and District 12 Director positions remain open. RB Brown moved to elect by acclamation Greg Wright,

District 2 Director and Gary Berendzen, District 6 Director. Rick Dozier seconded the motion. A hand vote was taken. The motion was approved with no opposing votes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Larry Jennings extended his thanks to the Awards Committee for their help in the process and to those that turned in award nominations. Nominations are due by February 28, 2017 and can be submitted at any time throughout the year.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report was given.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report was given.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

David Hedrick reported that Missouri Fire Chaplain Corp annual meeting/training will be on May 4-6 in Arnold, Missouri. The Federation of Fire Chaplains conference is Oct. 16-20 in Ohio. The Corp has taken note of an increasing number of firefighter suicides. There is now a Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance that will be holding a memorial service on May 20 at 9:00 p.m. in memory of those firefighters who have taken their own lives. More information can be found at www.ffbha.org.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Rob Erdel extended thanks to everyone who assisted with setting up and judging the contest. Everything went very well.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Larry Jones reported that the 2017 convention will be held in Sedalia and hosted by the Missouri State Fair Fire Department. Convention Committee Chairman Larry Jennings advised the dates will be April 21 – 23, 2017. Lodging information will be on the website soon. Assistant Chairman Grant Oetting has been working on rates with local hotels. Discussion was held on whether official action was previously taken by the

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delegates to approve the location of the 2017 convention. Don Hahne moved that the 2017 convention be held in Sedalia and hosted by the FFAM/Missouri State Fair Fire Department. Jeff Misel seconded the motion and all approved.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rick Dozier reported that there will be a Propane First Responders Conference September 23-25 at the State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia. More information will be presented soon regarding the training.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

RB Brown thanked everyone who participated in the poster contest.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Brown reported that there is two weeks left in the legislative session. May 3 is Firefighter Day at the Capital which is very important for fire personnel to attend to meet and talk with legislators. There is a proposal for an additional \$40,000 in firefighter training funds which would bring the total to approximately \$700,000. HB1964 changes the laws regarding public safety officers who are eligible for a survivor's and disabled employee's educational grant which now has the same provisions as SB732 in addition to some other language regarding filing fees and director residences. Workers comp grants for volunteer firefighters, SB613 enacts new provisions of law relating to the workers' compensation insurance premiums of volunteer fire departments. Current 9-1-1 legislation is making more progress than in years past. There is also an annexation issue that could cause problems this year as it relates to fire departments. Weekly legislative reports are emailed out so if your department isn't receiving them, contact Secretary Miller to ensure she has a valid email address.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Charlie Neubert reported the following membership counts: 470 Directors/Councilman; 266 Retired; 13 Associate; 13 Sustaining; 17 Corporate, 367

Departments; 6718 Active; 10 Educational; 26 Juniors. He also advised he would be reviewing the lifetime memberships.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

No report was given.

NVFC COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported that there is a *Share the Load* program created to assist firefighters with personal issues. The program is now receiving approximately 170 calls per month. The team takes calls 24/7. There is also a new movement that is being researched that would educate doctor's on addressing more health issues related to those that work in fire service and certain conditions that are more prominent in firefighters. He also advised he would not be attending the spring NVFC due to a personal conflict.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

No report was given.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Monty Thompson reported that the fair will be August 11-22. Applications are due today. There is a work weekend scheduled for June 4-5.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

No report was given.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next newsletter has been extended to May 4 at 8:00 a.m. All convention articles and pictures are due by that morning. Departments are encouraged to send in articles.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Kay Asher reported that she is working on finding a new location to house all of the historical items she maintains.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith reported the annual memorial service is May 14 at 9:00 p.m. and May 15 at 10:30 a.m. in Kingdom City. The guest speaker on Sunday is a survivor. The Foundation is also working on a better way to notify families when their loved one will be recognized during a memorial service. If there is inclement weather, services will be moved to a school five miles north of the memorial.

2nd VP Charlie Neubert advised that Silver Dollar City is working on a promotion to honor first responders in September. More information to follow.

1st VP Tim Ben read and presented Jeff Dorhauer and the Lake Area Emergency Services Association with a resolution on behalf of the FFAM for hosting the annual convention.

Roy Sims moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim Bean seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Jaime Miller, Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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AUTO RECALLS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

By California Casualty

We wouldn't allow our children to play with an unsafe toy, nor would we use a household item that was deemed dangerous. But, when it comes to our autos and trucks, many Americans continue driving one that has been recalled because of a safety concern.

IT'S MORE THAN YOU MIGHT THINK

The statistics are a bit unsettling – the number of recalled vehicles reached 51 million in 2015, second only to 2014's record of 60 million vehicles.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT?

Auto experts say the bulk of the recalls were for faulty airbags, which have been linked to injuries and deaths. However, other recalls were for hazards involving steering, cruise control, engines and seat belts. These failures have led to sudden loss of control of the vehicle, parts failures in a crash, or caused vehicle fires.

MANY ARE NOT GETTING FIXED

Despite a major effort by automakers, only 75 percent of vehicles that might have issues are being looked at or repaired.

And that's the concern; a recent Carfax survey found that tens of millions of vehicles that have been recalled the past few years have never been fixed. By their estimate, one in five on the roads today is in need of a repair for a safety

defect. Even more troubling is that the type of vehicle with the highest rate of unfixed safety issues is a family-owned minivan. SUVs and pickup trucks are a close second and third. Often, this means the drivers of those cars or trucks, maybe someone you know, is at significant risk if a part should fail.

SO WHY WOULDN'T SOMEONE GET THE FIX?

There are many reasons why drivers aren't getting defective vehicles to a dealer or mechanic:

- They are not aware of the recall
- They worry it will take too much time or cost too much
- They just don't care
- Recall notices are often mailed to an old address

SO HAS YOUR VEHICLE BEEN RECALLED?

The government maintains an excellent website where you can check, for free: www.safercar.gov/CheckForRecalls

If you find your vehicle on the recall list, safety groups recommend that you contact the car dealer immediately to set up an appointment to have it looked at. Keep in mind, you should not have to pay for any parts or labor because of a recall. Not all vehicles may need a fix, but finding out will bring you peace-of-mind. And, if you think your vehicle has

a defect, but hasn't been recalled yet, save any receipts; you should be reimbursed if the recall occurs later.

WHAT DOES A RECALL MEAN FOR MY INSURANCE?

While driving a recalled vehicle shouldn't affect your insurance, the quicker you have it checked out or repaired, the safer you and others will be.

However, you should contact your insurance company if the dealer gives you a loaner car while yours is being repaired; you'll want to make sure you have enough coverage if it's more valuable than your vehicle.

It's also a good idea to check your auto insurance to make sure you are fully protected and that you are getting all the discounts you deserve. Call a California Casualty advisor today for a free policy review or comparison at 1.800.800.9410 or visit www.calcas.com/FFAM.

And, here's a great offer for first responders: the California Casualty Work Hard/Play Hard \$10,000 "All In" DeWALT Sweepstakes. Enter for the opportunity to win all the power tools and accessories than you could ever need at: go.calcas.com/DeWALT.

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BOLIVAR CITY FD JOBS SECURED

By James Ludden



Bolivar City Fire Department (BCFD) was awarded the SAFER Grant in April of 2014. This grant was a two year grant that fully funded the salary and benefits for nine firefighter positions. With closure date of the SAFER Grant approaching in 2016, the City of Bolivar had to choose whether to continue to support these positions with city funds, or reduce these positions and return to a primary volunteer fire department.

After two years of notable change and continued professionalism within the fire department, not only did the City of Bolivar Board of Alderman and City Administration affirm the retention of

all BCFD firefighter positions after the expiration of the SAFER Grant, but also adjusted the starting wage rates to be comparable to like departments in the region at \$30,000 annually. This brings the total full-time roster to 15 staff positions, with approximately 15 reserve staff positions, and three residency staff positions. BCFD will continue to professionalize as a full combination fire department utilizing both full-time, reserve, and residency staff to best serve the City of Bolivar.

BCFD will continually work to meet its mission statement of "Our Family Helping to Serve and Protect the Lives and Property of Your Family." Some of the changes that will assist BCFD in 2016 to meet their mission statement include changing to a 48 / 96 hour work schedule, utilization of the new Ferrara Engine and ladder trucks that arrived in 2015, a dedicated focus to lower Bolivar's ISO, and a dedicated focus of growth and development of the staff throughout the year.

AN UPDATE FROM THE



1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Tim Bean

Happy Spring everyone! I want to congratulate the area Lake Area Emergency Services Association for another successful convention, and may I add back to back, great job!

My heart is heavy while I write this article, and here is why.

His name is Joey Dale Hight born December 23, 1954, and passed this life on April 17, 2016. His badge #499, for the West Plains Fire Department, and #599 for the Police Department. He also was called Pastor, Preach, Preacher Man, Reverend, Rev, and he would gladly answer to any of them. I'm talking about our Chaplain, a lot of you will remember him as the Master of Ceremony for our 2001 FFAM convention. He is the one and only guy that has ever pulled off taking up an offering during an FFAM banquet, using a fire helmet.

The member of the fire and police departments will miss him greatly. He rode with officers, counseled, and was always available day or night for us. He is and will be missed by us all.

He is survived by his wife Tricia. Please keep her in your prayers.

I miss my best friend!



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CERTIFIED DISTRICT BOARD TRAINING APPROVED

By University of Missouri
Fire and Rescue Training Institute

On March 22, 2016 the State Advisory Council on Emergency Medical Services approved the Certified Ambulance District Board Training course, which is required for newly elected directors of Missouri ambulance districts. This eight-hour course was developed by the University of Missouri's Fire and Rescue Training Institute (www.mufrti.org) in conjunction with the Missouri Ambulance Association (www.moambulance.org) and in cooperation with the Missouri Association of Fire Protection Districts (www.mafpd.org).

The Certified Ambulance District Board Training course provides the training and education required by Missouri law (RSMo 190.053) for ambulance district board members newly elected after January 1, 2008. The curriculum is designed to assist board members in understanding the legal liabilities and personal obligations of their position—treasurers, secretaries, and chief officers are also encouraged to attend. Topics include: authority; roles, duties, responsibilities; rules and laws; elections; ethics; Sunshine Law; setting tax rates; and how to conduct a meeting.

This course is also approved for eight Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) hours of legal continuing education for law enforcement.

This course will be taught by the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute together with the Certified Fire District Board Training, which is required for newly elected directors of Missouri fire protection districts. The Missouri Ambulance Association will continue to teach the course at its annual conference.

SUPPORTING HEROES EXPANDS

By Brian Zinanni

At the annual *Heroes Tribute Gala* held March 12th in Louisville Kentucky, Supporting Heroes Executive Director Eric Johnson announced the expansion of operations to Missouri, effectively immediately.

Supporting Heroes, Inc., a 501(c)3 charitable organization, provides support to the families of fallen public safety officers in furtherance of their mission “to honor the service and sacrifice of public safety heroes who give their lives in the line of duty – by caring for the loved ones they leave behind.”

Supporting Heroes began operations on September 11, 2004 and has since served the families of fallen public safety officers in both Kentucky and Indiana. In response to the requests of many public safety officers in Missouri and because of their desire to serve more families, the Board of Trustees approved expansion to Missouri – thereby giving peace of mind to the family members of Missouri's public safety officers with their promise, “We'll Be There.”

Supporting Heroes provides immediate financial support to the family of a fallen hero. But that is only where their support begins. Supporting Heroes also provides monthly financial support to address a family's ongoing needs, assists families in attending National memorials, and also assists in applying for State and Federal benefits. Supporting Heroes also provides ongoing social support – a key component in assisting them through their grief journey.

Executive Director Johnson also announced that Brian Zinanni has been named the State Director for Missouri. Brian is a Paramedic Firefighter with the City of Clayton Fire Department, and is the founder and State Coordinator of the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team. Brian has served not only the families of fallen Missouri firefighters, but also as a resource to the EMS and Law Enforcement funeral teams by assisting with honors as well as filing for State and Federal benefits.

Mr. Zinanni stated: “I am excited to bring the comfort and peace of mind that Supporting Heroes provides to the families of those who serve in our public safety services. The vast majority of public safety officers in Missouri were without the level of support provided by Supporting Heroes. Today, EVERY public safety officer in our state has the peace of mind that Supporting Heroes provides. Not only are we able to relieve the family of their immediate financial burdens, but we are also able to offer them ongoing social support as well”.

For additional information, please visit www.supportingheroes.org or call (502) 585-2282.

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GUN RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED



F FAM President Kenneth Hoover presenting Mr. John Fortman, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pilot Grove Area Fire Protection District with the Henry Golden Boy Fire Fighters Edition Rifle that the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri,

Missouri State Fair Fire Department Committee were selling raffle tickets on to donate the proceeds toward the construction of the Fire Museum at the State Fire Fighters Memorial in Kingdom City Missouri.

The Henry was donated by Jay Weinstien and his son and the Custom Case was built and donated by Mr. Loren Biggers of Mexico.

As a result of the sales a check for \$5000 will be presented to the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation.

Thanks to everyone that purchased and sold tickets. Great job.

CONGRATULATIONS PILOT GROVE RURAL FPD

Congratulations to the Pilot Grove Rural Fire Protection District who recently took delivery of a 1991 Peterbilt, 3000 gallon tanker/pumper. With only 15,000 miles, the new unit has a Caterpillar 3406 diesel engine, 9-speed transmission, 1250-gpm Hale pump, 3000-gallon stainless steel tank, 3000-gallon portable pond, 2-8" side air operated dump valves, 1-10" rear dump valve with two 12 volt Knight fighter quartz lights.

According to Fire Chief Gordon Shay, the Pilot Grove Rural Fire Protection District operates from one centrally located fire station with fifteen fire-fighters. The new unit will replace a 1974 1,500 gallon tanker that's exceeded it's useful life span. "I can't say enough about our community and firefighters, these dedicated and brave men volunteer their time to help others. I'm so proud to be their Chief."



Through the strong support of their citizens, in 2014, voters overwhelmingly supported the formation of a taxing district. With the creation of a tax supported fire district, the department can now focus on providing improved service to their citizens.

Great Lakes Pre-Owned Fire Apparatus Inc. sold and delivered the pumper/tanker. More information about the company can be obtained at www.great-lakesfireapparatus.com





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3000-Gallons

1987 SMEAL WHILE/VOLVO
20k MI, CUMMINS DIESEL ENGINE, 300-HORSEPOWER TURBO, ALLISON HT750 AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, 750-GPM TOP MOUNT WATEROUS PUMP, 3000-GAL TANK, TWO DECK GUNS, 10" REAR DUMP VALVE, LADDERS, SCBA COMPARTMENTS, FOLD DOWN PORT-A-TANK RACK.



750-Gallons

1993 DETROIT 6V92TA
350HP, ALLISON AUTOMATIC, 1250 GPM WATEROUS PUMP (CERTIFIED), 750 GAL STEEL TANK, DECK GUN, 6" FRONT SUCTION, 3.5 KW HONDA GENERATOR, (2) 500 WATT LIFT LIGHTS



750-Gallons

1996 E-ONE CYCLONE
DETROIT 6V-92TA, ALLISON AUTO TRANSMISSION, 78k MI, HALE 1500 GPM, 750 GAL POLY TANK, DECK GUN, HONDA 75,000KW GENERATOR, HYDRAULIC LADDER RACK



2000-Gallons

1988 GMC TOPKICK/PIERCE
23k MI, ALLISON AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, CAT-ERPILLAR 3208 DIESEL ENGINE, 1000-GPM HALE (CERTIFIED) PUMP, 2000-GAL TANK, CLASS A FOAM EQUIPPED, LOTS OF COMPARTMENT SPACE, 10" REAR DUMP VALVE, NEW FRONT TIRES.

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FFAM 2017 CONVENTION DETAILS

By Larry Jennings

The 2016 FFAM Convention is behind us and hopefully all that were able to attend had a great time and were able to make new and re-visit old friendships. The convention is in part about getting the business of the organization done, but is also about the fellowship and strengthening of each of us at a personal level as we continue to participate in an often thankless job that can be filled with a roller coaster of positive and negative experiences.

Convention 2017 is being hosted by the State Fair Fire Department and the committee has been working hard to make next year's convention a successful and rewarding experience for each of you. We hope you will start making plans now to attend and will spread the word to everyone you work with so they can make plans to attend also.

We have opted to continue the theme from the last convention hosted by the State Fair Fire Department "Mutual Aid at Its Best" as this truly reflects the functionality of the department and the basis of the entire organization as we all work together to make the fire service in Missouri the best it can be.

At this point it looks like we will follow the 2016 model and will only have vendors on hand for the Friday of convention based on feedback we obtained from those participating the last few years. We plan to have at least two educational courses available on Friday also, which will be certified board training and the recruitment and retention series courses. The opening ceremony, mixer, banquet and dance will all follow the more traditional format and of course, the business meeting will be on Sunday morning.

Since we are still in the planning stages we would of course entertain other suggestions if you have any and will take them under advisement. If you know of anyone that would like to advertise in the convention book, have a vendor booth,

sponsor any of the activities or in some other way contribute to the convention let us know so we can include everyone we possibly can. The convention is for the membership and we want to provide an event that is beneficial to all. If you have any suggestions please contact Larry Jennings, Grant Oetting or send us your ideas through Jaime Miller at the main FFAM contacts.

Registration, contest, vendor and other associated forms will be printed in upcoming newsletters and will be available on the website at a later date so keep watching and get them submitted as early as possible. As we develop further plans for the convention we will keep you posted.

We have visited with the local lodging establishments and have negotiated with them to secure rates for your convenience. When contacting them make sure you mention your stay is associated with the FFAM convention. The campground on the fairgrounds will be available again for those that want to bring their own room along. Please contact your lodging choice direct to secure your rooms.

Holiday Inn Express
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(50 rooms; 20 Doubles, 30 Kings)

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660-829-5050 /\$86.00 per room
(35-50 Rooms)

Best Western
660-826-6100 /\$84.00- \$94.00 per room
(50 rooms; 35 double, 15 King)

Truman Inn
660-826-8400/\$80.00 per room
(116 Rooms: 85 double, 30 kings)

Motel 6
660-827-5890
(30 Doubles - \$70.00 per night, 20 Kings - \$70.00 per night, 33 Singles - \$65.00 per night)

FFAM MEMBERS SCHOLARSHIPS

By Grant Oetting



I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather, and I hope everyone enjoyed the FFAM Convention if you were in attendance. As it was announced at the FFAM Convention we awarded 4 high school scholarships and 1 continuing education scholarship.

The high school winners were Nathan Boone Pumkin Center Fire Department, Vanessa Gilbert Highlandville Fire Protection District, Hannah Gerds Concordia Fire Protection District, and Audrey Smith North Central Carroll County Fire Protection District. The winner of the Continuing Education was Heather Young of the Union Township Fire Department. Congratulations to all the winners.

If you are going to have a high school senior next year or you as a adult would like to go back to school, please look at the scholarship information. The information can be found on the FFAM website. If you have any questions feel free to contact me by email at grant_oetting@yahoo.com or cell 660-229-4525.

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We hope to see you at Convention 2017 in Sedalia April 21, 22 and 23!



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APRIL 29-MAY 1



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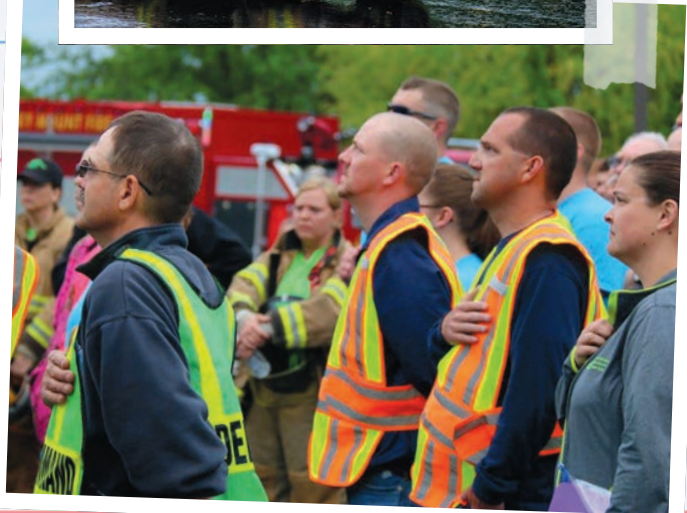














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2016 FFAM CONVENTION AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

By FFAM Awards Committee

The FFAM Awards Committee was pleased to be tasked with the responsibility of evaluating the various award nominations received in an effort to select the final recipients. This task is not always as easy as it may appear from the outside as many qualified nominees are presented, all largely deserving of an award. As with many things in life there can at times only be one selected to be the “winner” and that is where the process becomes more difficult. By all means we prefer to have numerous nominees so we can attempt to recognize as many of Missouri’s fire service as possible and we approach the task very seriously.

The committee was proud to make the following recognitions during the recent 2016 FFAM Convention:

MERITORIOUS AWARD

Lt. David Hamilton, Johnson County FPD

LIFE SAVING AWARD

Anthony Griggs and Dylan Honea – Southern Stone County FPD

LIFE SAVING AWARD

Lt. Doug Franklin and Lt. Blake Callen, Trenton FD and Grundy County Rural FPD

LIFE SAVING AWARD

Alma Fire Protection District

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR

Chillicothe Fire Department

FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Lt. Scott Prater – Little Dixie FPD

CHIEF OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Roy Sims – West Plains FD

PHIL SAYER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Kay Asher – Wentzville FPD

When you have the opportunity, take the time to offer these individuals and departments a word of congratulations for the outstanding work they have done as they represent Missouri’s fire service.

Remember to take note of those you work around and the outstanding performance they may be providing as nominations for next year’s awards will be due by February 28, 2017. Award and nomination information is available in the Awards Committee area of the FFAM website.



2016 FFAM CONVENTION CONTEST WINNERS



2016 FIREFIGHTER DIVISION CHALLENGE RESULTS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
2 Person Hose Coupling	Southern Stone 1 — 9.15	Cole County 1 — 10.32	Madison West Monroe 2 — 10.40
Extend a Line	Southern Stone 2 — 33.90	Little Dixie 1 — 33.92	Cole County 1 — 34.09
Replace a Section	Cole County 2 — 26.89	Little Dixie 2 — 27.69	Cole County 1 — 30.31
Water Barrel Fight	Cole County 2 —	Cole County 1	Galt 1
Bucket Brigade	Madison West Monroe 1 — 1.28.6	Little Dixie 2 — 1.33.03	Little Dixie 1 — 1.39.44
OVERALL WINNER	Cole County 1 — 6 Points		

2016 FEMALE DIVISION CHALLENGE RESULTS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
2 Person Hose Coupling	Southern Stone 2 — 12.31	Southern Stone 1 — 13.88	Little Dixie 2 — 20.53
Extend a Line	Southern Stone 1 — 40.81	Little Dixie 1 — 45.82	Southern Stone 2 — 53.56
Replace a Section	Southern Stone 1 — 34.68	Little Dixie 1 — 41.90	Little Dixie 2 — 1.06.03
Water Barrel Fight	Little Dixie 1	Little Dixie 2	Southern Stone 1
Bucket Brigade	Little Dixie 1 — 1.57.22	Southern Stone 1 — 2.01.69	Little Dixie 2 — 3.01.25
OVERALL WINNER	Southern Stone 1 — 11 Points		

2016 JUNIOR DIVISION CHALLENGE RESULTS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
2 Person Hose Coupling	Washington 1 — 11.63	Galt 2 — 14.81	Eureka 1 — 16.35
Extend a Line	Galt 2 — 40.56	Washington 1 — 59.37	Eureka 1 — 1.01.33
Water Barrel Fight	Galt 1	Galt 2	Washington 1
OVERALL WINNER	Galt 2 — 7 Points		

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NOMINATE

2016 FIRE PREVENTION POSTER WINNERS

1ST - 2ND GRADE

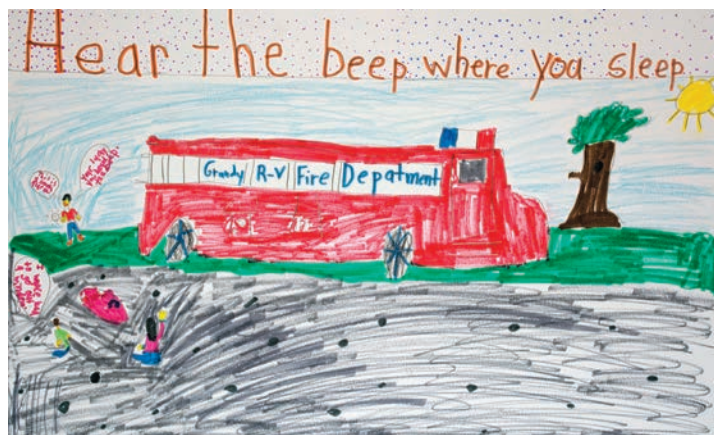
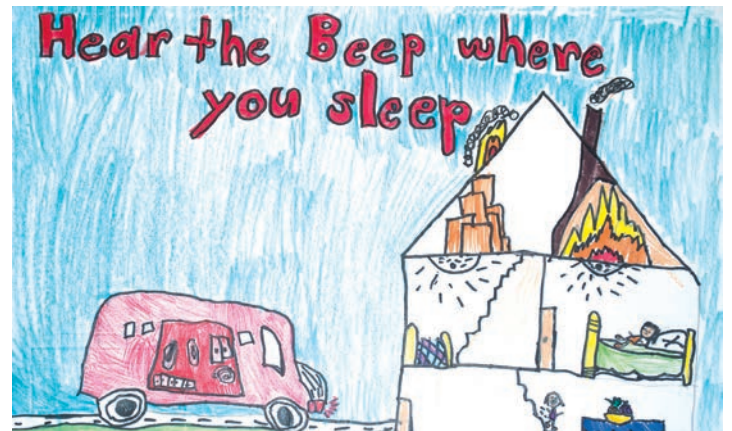
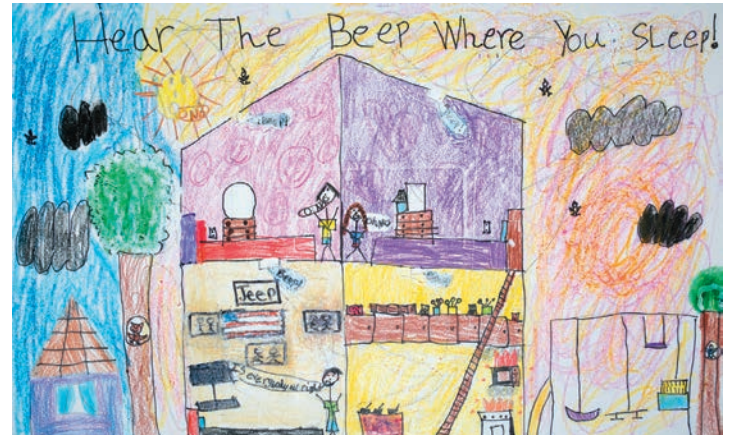
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2. Isabelle Plemmons - Iberia Rural Fire Protection District
3. Ruth Shackelford - Galt Fire Protection District

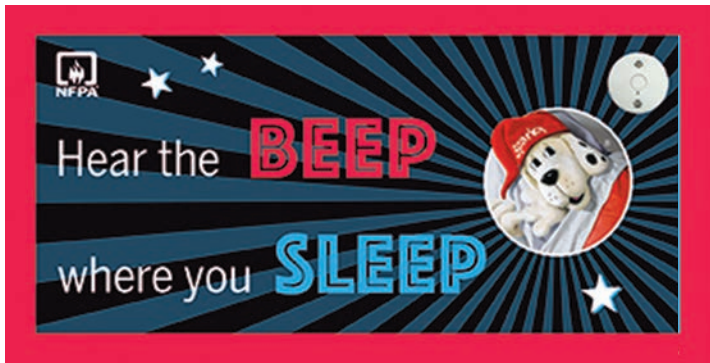
3RD - 4TH GRADE

1. Elizabeth Shackelford - Galt Fire Protection District
2. Hanna Vassallie - Beaufort Leslie Fire Protection District
3. Maya Sheible - New Haven Berger Fire Department

5TH - 6TH GRADE

1. Madelyn Wheeler - Paris Rural Fire Department
2. Emily Delgado - New Haven Berger Fire Department
3. Doya Allnutt - Galt Fire Protection District



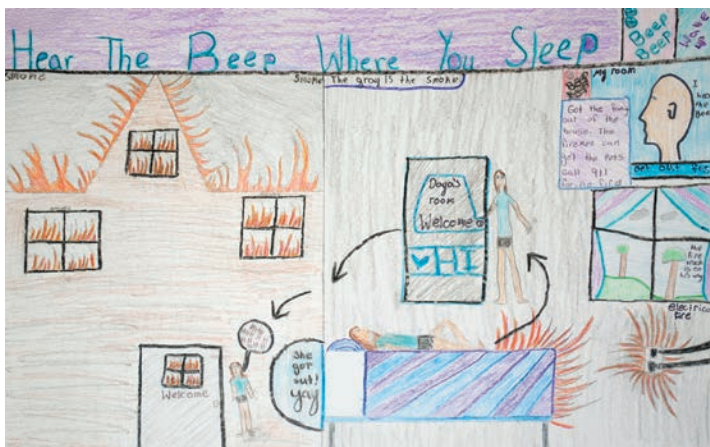


HELP THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Grant Oetting

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

The MSFFD is asking for your help. We are asking agencies to see if they would be interested in helping with EMS supplies for this year's fair. The following list is what we are needing so we can continue to provide advanced life support to the patrons of the Missouri State Fair.



- 8 Regular Blood Pressure Cuffs
- 3 X1 Blood Pressure Cuffs
- 6 Stethoscopes
- 12 Glucometers
- 2oz Medicine Cups
- 3 Boxes of Surgical Masks
- 50 Sam Splints
- 10 Pediatric Head Blocks
- Electrodes for Either Zoll or Physico Control Monitors
- 3 Boxes of Glucose (Fruit Punch is Preferred)
- 10 Drop IV Sets
- 50 Pipe Nebulizers
- 50 Mask Nebulizers
- Nasal Cannulas
- Non Rebreather Masks
- 14g IV Caths
- 16g IV Caths
- 18g IV Caths
- 20g IV Caths
- 22g IV Caths
- 24g IV Caths
- Vina Guards For IV
- IV Tourniquets
- 30 Surgical Blade Clippers
- 2 Set of Peds AED
- Pads
- 10 Adult BVM
- 5 Ped BVM
- 3 Combi-Tubes 41 FR
- OB Kits
- Various Sizes of Intubation Tubes
- Nasal Airways
- 5 Boxes of 4x4 Bandage

If your agency is able to help us out we would greatly appreciate it. Please contact me by email at grant_oetting@yahoo.com or call me on my cell at 660-229-4525 if you would like to help us out. Thanks in advance.



Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

APRIL 29 & MAY 1, 2016

LAKE OF THE OZARK, MISSOURI

APRIL 29, CONVENTION MEETING

Meeting called to order by President Chris Slaughter at 5:01 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Roll call was completed by Jessica Miller resulting in nine departments, thirteen members and one guest present.

Theresa Cox reported as of 4-29-2016 the Auxiliary has \$2,540.60. The 2015 financial records are available at the front head table for viewing. Angela Fields, Paris FD made a motion to accept the Treasurers' Report, seconded by Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD. All in favor (delegates only), no abstentions, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POSTER

Diane Hanes from Galt has received many posters so far and needs all posters by 7:00 p.m. today. She has a team who will judge then tonight. Jessica Miller, Norborne volunteered to assist in the judging. Her department had no entries to ensure unbiased judging.

NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee is the past three Presidents; Janet Smith from Cole County FPD, Sheila Arnold from Central Jackson Co FPD, and Kim Voss from Beaufort-Leslie FPD. Janet announced the following slate of officers as their nominations for the 2016-2017 term.

President Diane Hanes, Galt FPD; 1st Vice President Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; Secretary/Treasurer Sheri Berendzen, Cole Co FPD; Historian Christina Slaughter, Warrenton FPD; Sergeant at Arms Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FD

Chris asked if there were any nominations from the floor? No nominations were made. Jessica Miller made a motion that nominations cease and the nominations from the nomination committee stand. Sheri Berendzen seconded the motion. All in favor (delegates only), no abstentions, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe, asked the FFAM Auxiliary to consider being the Host Auxiliary for the upcoming 2017 Convention in Sedalia. Topic was tabled till Sundays business meeting.

Door Prizes were drawn, winners were Sylvia from Galt, Angela from Paris and Joni from Paris

Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FP made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Diane Hanes, Galt. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

MAY 1, BUSINESS MEETING

Posting of the Colors completed by Jessica Miller and Susan Voss.

Meeting called to order by President Chris Slaughter at 9:01 a.m.

Invocation read by Sheri Berendzen, "Baby I'm Home".

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PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

Joan Hahne Washington FPD 1983-1986; Janet Smith Cole County FPD 2004-2008; Kim Voss Beaufort-Leslie FPD 2008-2012

Grant Oetting announced the 2017 FFAM Convention will be held in Sedalia on April 21-23, 2017. All Sedalia hotels have been reserved for FFAM members so make your reservations early. The fair camp grounds will be available, no reservations needed.

Roll call was completed by Jessica Miller, fifteen departments and forty-six members in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Theresa Cox read the 2015 Sunday May 3, Business Meeting notes. Janet Smith made a motion to accept the meeting notes and seconded by Brenda Carrell, Division of Fire Safety. All in favor (delegates only), no abstentions, motion passed.

Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe, asked the FFAM Auxiliary to consider being the Host Auxiliary for the upcoming 2017 Convention in Sedalia. She reviewed the responsibilities of being the host auxiliary. She explained if the Auxiliary was the host, it would save the State Fair Department the cost of being the host, which they could use the monies on other needed things. Angela Fields, Paris FD made a motion for the FFAM Auxiliary to be the Host Auxiliary for the 2017 Convention, seconded by Ann Jones. All in favor (delegates only), no abstentions, motion passed.

Theresa Cox reported our beginning balance on February 1, 2015 was \$2,331.21. As of April 29, 2016 the

Auxiliary has \$2,540.60. The 2015 financial records are available at the front head table for viewing. Jessica Miller made a motion to accept the Treasurer report, seconded by Sheri Berendzen. All in favor (delegates only), no abstentions, motion passed.

Theresa Cox handed out copies of the very first Auxiliary meeting notes dated September 16, 1956. This makes the Auxiliary 60 years old in September. As she was scanning the old documents she discovered years ago everyone addressed each other as Mrs. and Ms., everyone dressed in Sunday best for meetings, fun activities were hat shows, skits put on by the officers and more. The majority of the departments were from St. Louis when they were volunteer departments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP

Susan Voss reported we have 23 departments, 117 members and 16 honorary members. Susan also read a letter addressed to the auxiliary from Shelia Arnold, Central Jackson Co. FPD

HISTORIAN

Sheri had the slide show going Friday at the Exhibitors Hall. The slide show was for years 2013-2015. She made a requests for pictures, and asked they include names, dates and location where taken. Brenda Carrell stated she had some pictures for her.

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POSTERS

Diane Hanes announced they received sixty-four posters, a few were disqualified again this year due to sizes or information. Six individuals completed the judging. Winners were announced at the banquet last night. There were some great posters again this year.

CONTEST

Missy Erdel, Little Dixie FPD reported the contest went very smoothly this year. Everyone had a lot of fun. If anyone has any suggestions, ideas or know of new games please contact Rob or Missy Erdel.

AUDIT

The Financial records were audited by Jessica Miller and Diane Hanes on January 31, 2016 and found to be in order.

AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Winner was Christina Lloyd of Little Dixie FPD. She was recognized at the banquet on Saturday night. Congratulations Christina. Reminder the deadline for nominations are January 1st of 2017. Please recognize someone or an auxiliary which is deserving of this great award.

FUND RAISING

This year we made \$1,574.51 from the silent auction and items for sale. Thank you to all who donated items for the silent auction and to those who dug deep to bid on those items. Theresa made a funny comment that someone bid 1 cent over the last bid, we need to watch them guys, cheapos need to bid by whole dollars. Helen laughed, calling out her husband. Bidding was fun again this year. Thank you to everyone who helped man the fund raising booth. It could not be done by one individual it takes everyone who helped. The auxiliary will determine at one of their board meetings who we will receive donation(s). It was suggested we look into selling pretty lanyards for convention name badges next year.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Candlelight Service will be Saturday May 14, 9:00 p.m. Sunday morning service is May 15, 10:30 a.m. Both in Kingdom City.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Voss, Beaufort-Leslie made a motion to accept the nominated officers for the 2016-2017 term, seconded by Missy Erdle, Little Dixie. All in favor (delegates only), no abstentions, motion passed.

Brenda Wright announced October 22, 2016 will be the 1st Public Safety Conference held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. The purpose is to honor the Fallen Fire Fighters, EMS and Police Officers. This will be the first time all three services will come together to honor the Fallen. If you need more information you can contact George or Brenda Wright from Shelbina FPD.

Past President Kim Voss conducted the Installation Ceremony of the New 2016-2017 Officers. Kim swore in each officer by reading their new job Duties. New officers received their name badges from the out going officer. Old officers received a silver charm with the date and position they held.

President Chris Slaughter presented her letter of Accomplishments for her two terms as presidents.

Jessica Miller and Susan Voss retired the Colors.

Diane made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Janet Smith. All in favor (delegates only), no abstentions, motion passed.

Meeting adorned at 10:10 a.m.

Door Prizes were awarded to Brenda Carrell, Amanda Smith, and Dee Lynn Braun.

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



A LETTER FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

By Chris Slaughter, FFAM Auxiliary President

As your president for the past two terms, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each of you for allowing me to serve. It has been a very busy four years and I believe we have grown as an organization to keep up with the ever-demanding changes with how organizations manage documents and communications via the internet, social media, etc. We've also formed a few committees to help spearhead several events that needed better management overall.

Here are just a few highlights:

1. We bought a NEAT scanner and it shall remain in the possession of the Secretary-Treasurer for the sole responsibility of keeping all financial balance sheets, and meeting minutes preserved and in order.
2. Another plan of action we took to lessen the burden of keeping hard copies on hand, was allow each

officer to purchase a zip drive to maintain their information. External hard drives were purchased for the historian and secretary/treasurer's to maintain their information (documents and correspondence), as well.

3. Revamped our fund raising abilities by adding a fund raising committee whose sole purpose is to purchase fire/emergency services related merchandise, inventory items, creating price lists, and general managing of all items associated with fund raising duties.
4. Formed the Memorial Services Committee to assist in purchasing the fabric to make ribbons each year to hand out with flyers at the Candlelight and Memorial Services Ceremony in Kingdom City annually every May.
5. Auxiliary flyer was created by a few auxiliary members for the purpose of sending to those departments in the surrounding communities to get more members involvement. These flyers were also handed out at convention and fire schools and the 50 Year State Fair Event.
6. A projector was purchased (donated by Roberta Sayer) to preserve and display our pictures at appropriate events, including conventions, each year. This helps with the ease of transporting the historian books, too.
7. Lists were made and distributed to all members for the following: FFAM auxiliary officers (names, years, and positions held), past presidents, long-standing members (by years), honorary members, and the FFAM auxiliary roster that the second vice president updates every year for dues.
8. We have recently (within the last 3 years) been sitting at the Winter Fire School booth alongside the FFAM membership team to sell angel pins,

A special called meeting of fireman's wives was held September 16, 1956 at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Columbia, Missouri, for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary to the Firefighters Association of Missouri. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. A. L. Campbell of Gashland, Missouri, and minutes were taken by Mrs. Harvey Dunn.

Mrs. Campbell stated that there was much that could be accomplished by such an organization and gave the following reasons as to the need for such an organization:

1. Fire Fighting Safety Promotion
2. Fire Prevention Education
3. Fire and Emergency Assistance
4. Provide program for women at state Firefighters Association conventions.

A general discussion was then held during which the women present told of their local auxiliaries.

After the discussion, Mrs. Dunn made a motion that we take the necessary steps towards forming a state organization. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Campbell then appointed Mrs. Henry Lebbing, Mrs. Joe Jackson, and Mrs. Roger Admire as a committee to nominate temporary officers. After the noon recess the committee submitted the following names for officers: President, Mrs. A. L. Campbell; Vice-President, Mrs. Harry Miers, Jr; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Harvey Dunn. These officers were elected unanimously.

Mrs. Joe Jackson reported that the Firefighters Association of Missouri had voted to let us have up to \$50.00 for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary.

It was moved that we adopt the name of WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO THE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI for our organization. The motion carried.

It was voted that Mrs. A. L. Campbell, Mrs. Harvey Dunn, Mrs. John Welsch and Mrs. Roger Admire act as a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws and to report on their action at the next meeting.

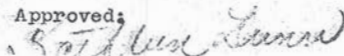
Mrs. John Welsch made a motion that we hold our next meeting at the same date the men hold theirs. That date is November 18, 1956. The motion carried.

Joe Fetters of the University of Missouri fire school gave a short talk on fire prevention and safety, and congratulated us on forming an auxiliary.

After Mr. Fetters speech the president dismissed the meeting.

Mrs. Harvey L. Dunn, Sect.

Approved:



FOUR INSURANCE TIPS FOR DRIVING A LOANER VEHICLE

By California Casualty

If you've gotten a new recall notice about a dangerous airbag, you are not alone. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is warning that 51 million vehicles had some sort of a recall in 2015. That follows the record 60 million the year before.

Most of these recalls involve Takata equipped airbags. As of April 2016, ten deaths in the U.S. have been attributed to the defective airbag inflator that can send dangerous shards of metal at drivers and passengers. Of the 24 million U.S. vehicles recalled for the problem, only 7 million have had the inflators replaced. Many auto makers, including Honda, are redoubling their efforts to notify consumers about the recall, dating back to 2013.

and other merchandise we have for sale, making the Auxiliary more visible.

9. We've streamlined and assisted RB Brown and his team on the poster contest to organize those auxiliary departments each year to help judge the posters. This seems to be working out well.
10. Bylaws and meeting minutes are now on the auxiliary portal of www.ffam.org to keep members informed on current business, etc.
11. The auxiliary have made donations to the NFFF (National Fire Fighters Foundation) and to the Memorial in Kingdom City.

In closing, it has been nothing short of a blast! I enjoyed every minute. I wish this organization well and will continue to support the FFAM Auxiliary in the years to come.

Be prepared that when you take your car or truck in to fix the problem, it could take weeks or even months until the parts arrive. Many automotive dealers are offering temporary rentals or loaner vehicles until the work is completed. If you get that offer, here are some insurance issues you need to know.

1. Your personal auto insurance policy should transfer to that temporary vehicle, but with the same deductibles and limits contained in that policy. If you have an older car or truck without coverage for damage from a collision or from hail, flood, etc. (comprehensive and collision), the temporary car you are using does not have that coverage either. Unless you add that it, you will be paying out of pocket to replace or fix the loaner if you cause a crash. You might also want to make sure you have uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage.
2. Most insurance companies don't pay for "loss of use" for a rental vehicle. If you damage the vehicle or are involved in an accident, you can be charged for the time it takes to repair and have it available for rent again. Rental companies will usually charge you the daily rate they lost while that car or truck was repaired, plus administrative fees. That's why you want to negotiate with the dealer for loss of use coverage; otherwise you may want to purchase it through the agency providing the vehicle.
3. You should not drive your recalled vehicle while you have a "loaner" vehicle. Doing so could void the need for that temporary vehicle, and a crash with either vehicle may not be covered.
4. To speed up any claims and avoid miscommunication, contact your insurance company to let them know you are using a temporary vehicle and provide the year, make, model and vehicle identification number.

If you are concerned that your vehicle might be subject to a recall, you can check here, www.safercar.gov/CheckForRecalls.

The good news is that driving a recalled vehicle shouldn't affect your insurance rates, but you will want to get it fixed as soon as possible to make sure your family and other drivers around you are safe. You will also want to contact your insurance company as soon as you agree to drive a temporary replacement to make sure you have adequate protection for that vehicle.

California Casualty is ready to help with any issues involving a recall. Contact an advisor today to review your policy and make sure you are covered at 1.800.800.9410 or visit www.calcas.com/FFAM.

And, here's a great offer for first responders: the California Casualty Work Hard/Play Hard \$10,000 "All In" DeWALT Sweepstakes. Enter for the opportunity to win all the power tools and accessories than you could ever need at: go.calcas.com/DeWALT.

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REV. JOEY HIGHT

December 23, 1954 - April 17, 2016

The Rev. Joey Dale Hight, 61, of West Plains, Missouri, formerly of Anna, passed away at 8:24 a.m. Sunday, April 17, 2016, in Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, Missouri.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 22, in West Plains Civic Center. Burial was at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the Masonic Cemetery in Cypress. Visitation was from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the West Plains Civic Center.

He was born December 23, 1954, in Anna to James "Pete" and Pauline Rose Hayes Hight.

Hight's ministry began on July 18, 1975, and, soon after, he was invited to travel with evangelist Terry Bowling of Franklin, Ohio, during the summer to minister in music and song at various youth camps. It is from this invitation that Hight's ministry would develop into a full-time evangelistic ministry that included many churches in many states, traveling many miles.

On April 2, 1977, he married Tricia Isaac of Fort Worth, Texas. Their first home was a 1968 Holiday Rambler travel trailer. They began their first revival together in Idabel, Oklahoma, and, from that time forward, they saw their ministry blossom into a nationwide influence in the Holiness Pentecostal Fellowship.

Over the years, he preached at over 100 youth and adult camps. Hight was known for his illustrated sermons that captured the attention of the congregation. He was also known for his great talent playing the tenor saxophone, ministering to so many people over the years.

To quote the Hights: "We are nothing now, nor were we something in the years past, except for the fact that God has HIS hand on our lives."

Their ministry, in years past, also included being a youth pastor and pastors. Their



first pastorate was at Florence Holiness Church in Keller, Texas, then nine months as youth pastor at Pentecostal Highway of Holiness Church in Hamilton, Ohio. Their next pastorate was in Jonesboro, and that lasted two years. For the past 25 years, they pastored Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle in West Plains, Missouri. During their pastorate, the church saw many advances, including the finishing of a multi-purpose building, evangelist apartment, children's church, remodeling of the sanctuary and foyer, as well as purchase of additional property.

Hight loved his church babies and children. He loved baby dedications and often titled his sermon, "The Gospel According to ..." and would insert the baby's name. The Hights were also very involved in Ozark Holiness Youth Camp and Adult Camp. Hight was known for "walking guard" in those early morning hours at the youth camp.

His influence in the community involved having served as chaplain with Ozarks Medical Center for 10 years, as well as chaplain to West Plains Police and Fire Departments since 1995. He had a great love for the emergency personnel of the city and county and was highly respected by the community.

Hight has left behind a great legacy of love for ministry, family values and compassion for community.

ROGER MATTOX

August 25, 1950 - April 13, 2016

Roger Mattox, age 65, a lifelong resident of Tina, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri.

Roger was born the son of Loren Dale and Patsy Ann (Simpson) on August 25, 1950, in Carrollton, Missouri. He was a 1968 graduate of Tina Avalon High School. He was united in marriage to Barbara Harmon on June 2, 1973, in Tunas, Missouri. She survives of the home. Roger worked for Joe Brockmeier for 25 years. He also served as a volunteer Firefighter and First Responder for the North Central Carroll Fire Protection Department for many years. Roger was a member of the Coloma Baptist Church, Bogard, Missouri. He was also a member of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department, the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, and was a former Tina Avalon School District board member. Roger loved trapping, hunting, and fishing. He enjoyed playing cards, especially Texas Hold'Em.

Survivors include his wife, Tricia Hight of the family home; his mother, Pauline Hight of Karnak; brother, Marlan Hight and wife, Barbara, of Grand Chain; nephew, Corby Hight and wife, Kara; niece, Taffy Halvorsen and husband, Shane; and four great-nephews and two great-nieces, all of Grand Chain.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle Church Medical Fund. These funds will go directly to Hight's medical expenses and may be left at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home in West Plains, Missouri.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.robertsondrago.com.



RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT: CHIEF ROBERT L. CREED

By City of Moberly Fire Department

On April 30, 2016 Chief Robert L. Creed will retire from the Moberly Fire Department. Chief Creed has served the citizens of Moberly for 30 years. Prior to starting his career with the City of Moberly, Creed served three years in the US Army.

Chief Creed began his career with the City of Moberly Public Works Department on April 24 1986, and on August 2, 1987 he transferred to the fire department and began his career as a firefighter.

Chief Creed promoted up from Firefighter, to Captain, Assistant Chief, and Interim Fire Chief in 2009, before being appointed as Fire Chief in February 2010.

During his career, Chief Creed also served as the Moberly/Randolph County Emergency Management Director from April 2005 - September 2015.

Chief Creed has been involved in numerous Emergency Services activities including serving three years as a representative on the Region B RHSOC (Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee), Assistant Region B Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator, and the Region B Director for the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs Board of Directors. In October 2015, Chief Creed was appointed as the Region B Training Coordinator for MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute.

Chief Creed has been a member of Fire Fighters Association of Missouri for over twenty years.

Chief Creed has been an Adjunct Instructor for Moberly Area Community College, instructing at the MACC Law Enforcement Training Center and the MACC Firefighter Academy. Chief Creed is an Adjunct Instructor for MU FRTI and will continue as an Adjunct Instructor and



Regional Training Coordinator following his retirement.

“It has been a pleasure to work with a great bunch of professionals over the last 30 years. I am proud to have had the opportunities this career has given me” Creed said.

“I would especially like to thank my family for all the support and understanding they have shown me over the last 30 years. Most people don’t understand the sacrifices that family members have to endure.”

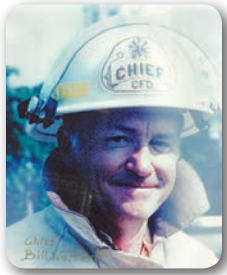


Survivors include his wife, Barbara of the home; five children, Alecia Spainhour and husband Jason of Kansas City, Missouri, Darin Mattox of Tina, Missouri, Janet Buck of Springfield, Missouri, Timothy Mattox of Tina, Missouri, and Toni Mattox of Kansas City, Missouri; seven grandchildren; and one uncle Douglas Simpson and wife Charlene of Kansas City, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Scott Mattox.

Graveside services were held at the Coloma Cemetery, Bogard, Missouri, on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Following the graveside service, there was a Celebration of Life at the Tina Community Center, Tina, Missouri, on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. There was no scheduled family visitation. Friends gathered at the Lindley Funeral Home, Tina, Missouri, on Friday, May 13, 2016, from 12 noon until 8:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Luke’s Mid America Heart Institute and/or the Missouri State Fair Fire Department and may be left at or mailed to Lindley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 47, Chillicothe, Missouri 64601. Online condolences may be made at www.lindleyfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Lindley Funeral Home, Tina, Missouri.



History's CORNER

By Bill Westhoff

OVER A CENTURY OF SERVICE
FIVE GENERATIONS — OR WILL IT BE SIX?



Any readers of the FFAM newsletter who have followed any of the articles I have published over the last several years know that I am a native of Missouri and grew up in O'Fallon, near St. Louis, in St. Charles County. When I was growing up there, it was a community of around eight hundred people and lots of dogs and cats. Everyone knew everyone, even down to the kids, dogs and cats.

The railroad was the real catalyst for the formation of the town. The North Missouri Railroad Company was incorporated in March of 1851 to build a railroad from St. Charles to the Iowa line. The North Missouri subsequently passed into the hands of the Wabash Railroad Company. In 1853, John O'Fallon was the president of the board of directors of the railroad. Anyone care to guess where the town got its name?

A German immigrant, Nicholas Krekel, was O'Fallon's first resident and first retailer in 1856 and in 1857, the first

postmaster and railroad agent, as well. He operated his general merchandise store out of his house, which also housed the post office. He settled there because his older brother, Judge Arnold Krekel (who also owned a newspaper) purchased land, plotted a town and donated some of the property for the new railroad. Nicholas Krekel was my great-grandfather. The Krekel home still stands in O'Fallon at the intersection of Main Street and Civic Park Drive. It ended up being the home of my grandfather and grandmother Westhoff, where my Dad was raised.

O'Fallon is now a city of nearly 100,000 population and thirty square miles.

My other great-grandfather Frederick Westhoff, an emigrant tailor from

Neuenkirchen, Germany, came to O'Fallon in 1862 and set up shop on Main Street. In May of 1897 his firm was incorporated as the Westhoff Grain and Mercantile Company.

THE FIRST GENERATION

My grandfather William F. Westhoff was born October 7, 1869 on a farm in a log house outside O'Fallon. The farm was located in the general area that is now Forest Park subdivision. He and my grandmother Mary Krekel, were married at Assumption Church on October 25, 1892. He was a civic leader and noted businessman. At the death of his Father in 1898, he took over the leadership of the family business. These are some of his accomplishments.

- Of course first on my list is that he was the first Fire Chief of the O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Company.
- General manager and co-owner of the Westhoff Grain and Mercantile Company
- And of the adjoining Grain Elevator
- And the Westhoff Light and Power Company
- Mayor of O'Fallon

He held the general managers position of the companies for thirty-five years until his death. He died November 17, 1942, just one day before my third birthday. He also published and printed "The Leader," a monthly ad sheet and newspaper.

The Westhoff Store building was just south of the railroad tracks on Main Street. It was built around 1860 with two expansions, first in the 1890's and again in 1905. It now houses the McGurk's Public House restaurant. The grain elevator was located along the railroad tracks behind the store and was torn down years ago.





THE THIRD GENERATION

The third generation would be me, Albert William (Bill) Westhoff, Jr.

Born in a house, not a hospital, on the 18th of November, 1939. The house was a block off Main Street and in the winter of 1942 the local drug store on Main Street was involved in a major fire. The fire made history in the town for two reasons. The first was the fact that it was the first fire of any size when the new 1941 GMC/Central Pumper was used.

The second and most important reason was that my Mother carried me up to observe the firefighting operation. Both my parents were sure that incident "sparked" my interest in the fire service!

In order to keep this article to a size that will be logical, I will just list the departments I have been involved in since I was old enough to go to fires and keep it simple. I will follow that thought process for the remaining generations.



The Power and Light building was constructed between the railroad tracks and the store and is now an office facility of Edward Jones.

THE SECOND GENERATION

My Dad, Albert William (Bill) Westhoff and his twin brother Norbert were born August 28, 1910 in the big white house across the railroad tracks from the store and described previously in this article as the "Krekel House". There are hundreds of stories of these twin boys growing up in this little town but not room to tell them here.

My folks, Bill and Catherine, were married June 5, 1935 and they moved into living quarters on the second floor of the store and later to a small house on Elm Street a block off Main Street where I was born on November 18, 1939. The house was almost directly across the street from what was the headquarters for the O'Fallon Fire Protection District until a year or so ago.

My Dad picked up some of his Fathers interests. He operated his own printing business both in O'Fallon and St. Charles for many years.

The family passion for the fire service was also carried on to this generation. He was a member of the local fire department for most of a half century. He was a charter member of the St. Charles County Fire Protection Association and a life long member of the FFAM, attending most conventions.

- Served as Fire Chief of the O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Department 1945-1951.
- Worked as a firefighter at the Weldon Springs TNT plant during WW II.
- Was the Fire and Safety Supervisor at the St. Louis State Mental Hospital for over twenty years and retired in 1975.
- First fire department, St. Charles Township Volunteer Fire Department.
- O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Department
- Stillwater Oklahoma Fire Department
- Degree in Fire Protection from Oklahoma State University along with Bachelors and Masters Degree in Industrial Education.



DRUG STORE FIRE IN O'FALLON IN THE WINTER OF 1942



1942 GMC/CENTRAL 500 GPM PUMPER AND 1948 CHEVY HOME BUILT WITH THE BED FROM THE ORIGINAL 1927 CHEVY FRONT MOUNT

- First Fire Chief, Boone County FPD
- Director, Missouri Fire and Rescue Institute
- Fire Chief, Columbia Fire Department
- Southern Stone County Fire District
- First manager of the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress at Oklahoma State University.
- Owner and President of two companies; Fire Wagons, Inc. and Marina Fire and Safety, LLC.

If I attempted to fill in the blanks between all of these activities over the last half-century, it would be a book. Which I may still write at some point.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

Elaine and I collectively have six children, thirteen grandchildren and two very new great-grandkids. It goes without saying that we are proud of them all and they have made us proud. Only two of these guys decided to follow the “red brick road” and do fire stuff.

Donna, holds two degrees from two of my favorite places. In her early days she finished a degree from the University of Missouri in “Parks and Recreation” but Amy Pohler she was not. After a brief career at Disney World the fairy dust was gone and so was her excitement for that line of work.

She then acquired a Fire Protection and Safety Degree from Oklahoma State University and has a very successful fire and safety consulting business of her own in Dallas.



PAINTING OF THE ORIGINAL O’FALLON FIRE STATION WHICH HOUSED CHEMICAL WAGON AND LATER A 1927 CHEVY FRONT MOUNT PUMPER, DONE BY MY MOTHER FROM MEMORY.

Doug, at a very young age, started responding with me on calls in the Boone County Fire District and has not left since. It is safe to say that he has made a career and his life in the Columbia since he recently received his forty-five year service award from BCFPD.

- Columbia/Boone County Joint Communication – Dispatcher
- Director of Boone Hospital EMS operation
- Station officer thru Assistant Chief ranks, BCFPD
- First Director of the FEMA / Missouri Task Force I Rescue Task Force housed at the BCFPD.

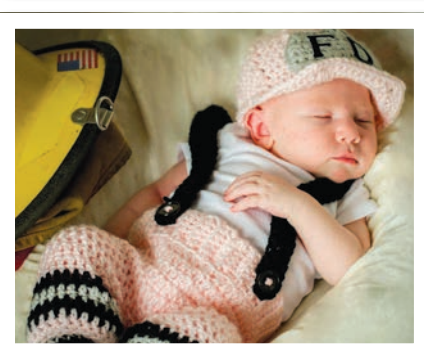
THE FIFTH GENERATION

Our grandson, Dylan Westhoff is one of the two family members who make up the fifth generation. He is currently serving as a firefighter for the United States Air Force at Travis AFB California. He is also working toward a fire protection degree while serving his country.

Trevor Kukuk is our grandson-in-law from Stillwater, Oklahoma and is the second member of the fifth generation. He will finish his degree in Fire Protection and Safety at OSU next year. He also serves as a volunteer firefighter for the Ripley, Oklahoma Fire Department.

WHAT ABOUT THE SIXTH?

Within the last six months, we have been blessed with two of the most awesome great-grandchildren in the world. They are both pictured here, both wearing their respective “fire suits”. Maybe someone will carry them up to a corner and let them watch a fire fighting operation when they are two or three years old and they will get the “spark” too.



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AN UPDATE FROM THE

2ND VICE PRESIDENT



Charlie Neubert

hard work put into make us enjoy the 62nd convention. I was impressed by all of the younger generation becoming so active.

In my last issue I talked about how I and all of us need to work harder to pass on what we have learn to the next generation of firefighters. The awards given at the banquet showed me how special and how lucky we are to have these people taking action, saving lives, and eager to learn more. I also realized after listening to the guest speaker, he spoke about how technology is changing so fast, how it can't stay the way it was. I got to thinking and looking around, I got to thinking that yes we need to pass on (us old guys) what we have experienced. But at the same time the younger folks need to help out teaching us the new technology.

It just shows that we need to work together, everyone plays an important part. Everyone regardless of age can make you, your department, the fire service better and maybe even safer.

Now from Officer 3, equipment for the State Fair is in full swing and the work session are set. Chief Rogers command staff is working hard to make this years fair a great one! If anyone wishing to donate equipment such as rescue tools, EMS supplies, PR materials, or anything else, please contact one of the commissioners or Chief Donny Rogers. For the departments, and ambulance district that have already committed equipment for this years fair, thank you! We could not run the fair without your support.

What a great convention we had! It was so nice to see everyone and the beautiful weather made for the perfect weekend. Thank you to the Lake Area Emergency Services Association for all the

NORTH MISSOURI EMERGENCY SERVICES 3rd ANNUAL CHARITY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



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University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute

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

The University, MU Extension, and MU FRTI budget planning process for fiscal year 2017 (FY17) is currently underway. The Institute continues to work to make sure our training courses remain cost accessible while addressing rising operational costs. In June, MU FRTI will be making its annual presentation to the Division of Fire Safety and Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission for state fire training funds for subsidized "no-cost" training opportunities to the state's fire service through the Institute. We appreciate the continuing partnership with our state agencies and the support and assistance provided by Missouri's fire service for the Institute's training programs.

Coming up this month on May 14-15, the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri will hold the *Annual Memorial Service* at the Missouri Fire Fighters Memorial in Kingdom City, MO. On Saturday evening, May 14, a Candlelight Service will be held beginning at dusk to honor members of the Firefighters Association of Missouri who passed away during the previous year. The service on Sunday morning, May 15, will honor four Missouri Firefighters who died in the Line of Duty. I would encourage all

of you to attend this memorial tribute to honor our state's fire service.

In the early part of May, I had the opportunity to attend the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri's (FFAM) 62nd Annual Convention hosted in Lake of the Ozarks, MO by the Lake Area Emergency Services Association, Inc. I want to congratulate the LAESA and the Convention Committee on a successful and enjoyable convention. In addition to the many contest awards given out at the annual convention, the FFAM presented Assistant Chief Roy Sims of the West Plains Fire Department the *Chief Fire Officer of the Year Award*, Lt. Scott Prater of Little Dixie Fire Protection District the *Firefighter of the Year Award*, and the Chillicothe FD for the *Fire Department of the Year Award*. This year's recipient of the *Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award* was FFAM Historian Kay Asher. This was certainly well-deserved recognition for Kay for her many years of dedication to the FFAM. MU FRTI congratulates the award and contest winners at this year's convention.

As a reminder, the 84th *Annual Summer Fire School* (SFS) and the *Midwest Wildfire Training Academy* is scheduled for June 8-12, 2016, in Jefferson City. There is still time to get your registrations in and attend this important training event. SFS has both classroom and live fire and rescue courses scheduled for the event, along with the specialized area of wildland firefighting. In addition to the excellent training available, attendees will network with firefighters from across the state and mid-west region and gain valuable insights from these connections. I want to recognize the Division of Fire Safety and the Fire Safety Education/

Advisory Commission for providing funding for the Phil Sayer Scholarships to SFS again this year. I encourage you to come be a part of the commemoration of Missouri's historic Summer Fire School.

Firefighter suicide is a growing concern in the United States. So far in 2016, an estimated 36 firefighters nationally have taken their own lives. Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance (FFBHA), a non-profit organization, was founded to directly educate firefighters/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel and their families about behavioral health issues such as depression, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), anxiety and addictions, as well as firefighter suicides. In recognition of Mental Health Awareness month, the Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance is asking Fire and EMS organizations around the country to place a rig on their front ramp and turn on their emergency lights for one minute, to express support for all the families that have suffered a loss, on May 20, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. More information is available at: www.ffbha.org or by phone at 847-209-8208.

The major national fire service organizations will promote firefighter safety and wellness initiatives again this year by supporting the *2016 Safety Stand Down*, originally called International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week. Safety Stand Down is the unification of the IAFC's Fire/EMS Safety, Health and Survival Week with the NVFC's National Firefighter Health Week. This initiative focuses on the critical importance of responders taking care of themselves both on and off the emergency incident scene. The week is designed to increase awareness and action so that safety and



DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
05/19	Electric Vehicle Safety for First Responders	Wheatland	Brenda Vaughn	(417) 207-1235
05/20	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Willard	Jeremy Bumgarner	(417) 862-1738
05/24	Electric Vehicle Safety for First Responders	Rolla	Jordan Light	(573) 578-6574
06/04	Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training	Sheridan	MU FRTI	(800) 869-3476
06/25	Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training	Pattonsburg	MU FRTI	(800) 869-3476



84th Annual Summer Fire School

Courses Offered

- Boat Rescue Operations: Technician**
- Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator: Core**
- Fire Officer I**
- Fire Service Instructor I**
- Fireground Tactics: Master the Basics**
- Honor Guard Clinic**
- Ignitable Liquids Firefighting: Ethanol Blended Fuels Operations**
- Introduction to Emergency Management for Fire Service**
- Simulated Incident Management for First Arriving Officer**
- Structural Collapse Rescue: Initial Response**
- Structural Firefighting Techniques for Aircraft Rescue: Live Fire Burns**

June 8-12, 2016

health become a priority in all fire departments. The event will be held June 19-25, 2016, and the theme this year is *The First 5 Minutes – Stretching the Initial Hose Line, Putting Water on the Fire*. More information on the *2016 Safety Stand Down* can be found at www.safetyand-healthweek.org/

We appreciate the continued support of our state partners and agencies in the delivery of fire and emergency service training. The Institute’s mission remains focused on providing the very best and safest training for our students—Missouri’s fire and emergency service first responders. If the MU FRTI staff or I can be of assistance, please contact us

at 800-869-3476 or 573-882-4735 or for more information regarding the Institute go to our website at www.mufrti.org.

David Hedrick, Director
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Advertisements



JOB OPENINGS: FIRE CHIEF MOBERLY FD

The City of Moberly is seeking a Fire Chief who possesses vision and creativity, and who has a demonstrated track record of successfully leading in a fire and emergency services organization. The Fire Chief is a responsible at-will executive position reporting to the City Administrator. The Fire Chief will oversee the activities and operations of MFD, including Fire Suppression and Prevention, EMS, Code Enforcement,

and Public Education. The Fire Chief should possess considerable knowledge of budget preparation and administration, personnel and collective bargaining policies and practices, staff supervision, evaluation, and professional development.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates should possess an Associate or Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a focus in Fire Service or other executive management, administration, or related field.

Five years of full-time management, supervisory, or administrative experience in a fire department with responsibilities in a command position. Possess and maintain a valid Missouri driver's license.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Verifiable experience as a Fire Chief or Chief Officer, Credentialed as a Chief Fire Officer, Completion of the Executive Fire Officer program through the National Fire Academy or other accredited program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This job announcement is not intended to include a complete listing of all responsibilities, knowledge, skills, and abilities associated with the position.

To apply, Submit application, resume salary history and work references: City of Moberly, Human Resource, 101 West Reed Street, Moberly, MO 65270. \Yw.w. moberlymo.org

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Annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

May 14th
Dusk - 9:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

May 15th
10:30 a.m.





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