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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings Fellow Firefighters

Kenneth Hoover
President



I hope everyone had a good Christmas and wish all of you a great 2017. The winter weather has been very pleasant along with some minor rains. There has been very little sickness around that I have heard about. Hope everyone stays healthy.

1st Vice President Tim Bean and Secretary /Treasurer Jaime Miller completed and presented the FFAM 2017 budget to the board of directors at the December board meeting and it was approved. They both worked very hard to present a balanced budget. Thanks for your hard work.

Here we are in the first couple weeks of the New Year and we have many activities already being planned for 2017. Some of those include; a FFAM board meeting in Sedalia on January 29, Winter Fire School in Columbia on February 3-5, the MO-Chiefs conference at Big Cedar, in

Branson on February 24-26, Firefighters Day at the Capitol in Jefferson City on April 5, the FFAM convention in Sedalia this April, and our Annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Services on May 20 and 21 in Kingdom City. Many long hours are being expended to ensure all of these events will be worthy of your participation. I hope to see many of you at these events.

I would like to encourage everyone to nominate individuals and departments for the many awards that FFAM has to offer during its annual convention. Remember the deadlines for nominations are February 28. I know there are many that are worthy of these awards, they just need to have someone nominate them. We have Scholarships, Fire Department of the Year, Chief of the Year, Fire Fighter of the Year, Life Saving, and many more. Please take the time today and go to the

website and download and complete a nomination form and return it Chief Larry Jennings at Johnson County Fire Protection District, Chief Jennings chairs the Awards Committee for FFAM.

All of our FFAM committees have been meeting and making plans for 2017. If you have any items you would like for us to consider, please let one of the committee chairpersons know. We are here to serve our membership and to make FFAM an organization you desire to belong to. As I have appointed the committees, I have tried to make sure that every area of the state is equally represented. If you have a desire to serve and want to be considered for a certain FFAM committee, please let me know. Thanks to all that presently serve and spend many hours to better our organization.

I am looking for several items for our Annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Service; I will need two ladder trucks, honor guards, pipers, and drummers. If you are interested in any of these, please contact me at 573-581-6235 or chief-hoover@sbcglobal.net

I have an Honor Guard Commander and that individual is: James Ludden, Fire Chief from Bolivar City Fire Department. You may contact him on his cell phone, 417-770-4312 and his email is jludden@boliver.mo.us

Please contact Chief Ludden if you have an honor/color guard that would like to participate. We invite all honor/color guards to join the memorial services remembering our fallen brothers and sisters.

As always, I am available at the above phone number and email address. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything.

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Greg Carrell
Acting State Fire Marshal



Missouri Division of Fire Safety

Happy New Year! It's the time of year when some take a few moments to reflect on their lives and decide if adjustments are needed.

While I have shared my New Year resolutions in the past, for the most part I believe resolutions are a personal thing. Most of us recognize those areas in which we have been lacking or those habits we need to change or improve upon. Of course, if we have any doubt, I'm fairly certain we can ask those we love and trust for a list of our flaws.

I know I fell a bit short of my goals this year. I didn't work out as often as I planned nor did I change my eating habits to include healthier options. But, I did make more time to spend with family and friends, especially our fire service family.

I have found it important to step away from the office, get out into the state and just hang out with our responders. Brenda and I have been blessed to have made some long lasting friendships as a result of those trips. We both feel responders should never just be a "number" or a "name". We want to personally know as many of you as we can. (Even though I am still terrible with remembering names of those we have met.) And more than just meeting members of our fire service,

law enforcement and EMS communities; we have met their spouses, children, mothers and fathers; many of whom are part of the family tradition of service to their communities.

Whether at the FFAM conference, a fire academy graduation, a local parade, a training course or the instructor's conference, my position as your state fire marshal has afforded me opportunities to meet many of you and share in your accomplishments. For allowing us to be a part of your lives, Brenda and I thank you. I look forward to continuing to meet and getting to know more of our "family" and your families in turn.

So, one of my three resolution for last year was met. I promise to work on the

other two on my list, but that "healthier food" thing is going to be a struggle.

Let us all resolve to enjoy life more; to spend quality time with those we care about, to remain passionate in our goals and in general to be there when we are needed.

If we can accomplish those things, I believe 2017 has the makings of a very good year for us all.

Stay safe!

Greg Carrell
Acting State Fire Marshal



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Stay safe my friends and I am wishing each of you a great 2017. May God bless each and every one of you.

Kenneth Hoover, President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

FFAM DECEMBER 4, 2016 MEETING • SEDALIA

Draft • Final Approval at Next 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, December 4, 2016 at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, MO.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

President Kenneth Hoover, Little Dixie FPD; First Vice President Tim Bean, West Plains FD; Secretary/Treasurer Jaime Miller, Johnson County FPD.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District 2, Greg Wright, Shelbina FD; District 3, Larry Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; District 5, Terry Plumb, Southern Stone FPD; District 6, Gary Berendzen, Cole County FPD; District 7, RB Brown, Eureka FPD; District 9, Roy Sims, West Plains FD; District 11, Monty Thompson, Kearney FPD.

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District 1, Janet Cain, Braymer FR; District 3, Rob Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; District 3, Steve Gentry, Little Dixie FPD; District 5, Shelby Phifer, Southern Stone FPD; District 10, Greg Brown, Eureka FPD; District 11, Ryan Miller, Norborne FPD; District 14, Glenn Dittmar, South Central Buchanan County FD.

GUESTS

Historian Kay Asher, Wentzville FPD; Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD; Greg Carrell, Brenda Carrell, Missouri State Fire Marshal; David Hedrick, MU FRTI; Larry Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Grant Oetting, Higginsville FPD; Billy Smith, North Central Carroll FPD; Harriett Vaucher, Eureka FPD; Doc Kritzer, Ron Baker, Stephen McLane, FF Memorial Foundation; Logan McCubbon- Holts Summit FPD; Brayden Miller, Norborne FD. Brian Zinanni, Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

President Hoover asked for corrections to the August 7, 2016 meeting minutes. Terry Plumb moved to accept the minutes as presented. Roy Sims seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the August-October 2016 financial report. Greg Brown moved to accept the financial reports as presented. RB Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

Director David Hedrick with MU FRTI reported that the 2016 annual report is out and available for review. Fiscal year 2017 is in full swing and has 402 classes scheduled and 125 have been completed so far.

They did receive funding from the Fire Education Commission.

The Propane for Emergency Responders Conference was held in September at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department. He thanked FFAM for hosting the conference and for providing excellent meals for the weekend. It was very well attended.

The Instructors Conference was held in November and went well. There was an increase in the number of participants.

Winter Fire School information is now online with 41 new course offerings. Registrations are being accepted.

The Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program has three sessions and

all officers and upcoming officers are encouraged to participate. Contact MU FRTI for more information.

Greg Carrell, Missouri State Fire Marshal, reported that the legislative session started December 1. He has already had a lot of representatives contact him regarding current issues. There are several issues that will be addressed this session relating to the fire service including worker's compensation.

There are still several open positions in the Division that they are working on getting filled. Kim Simmons is the training technician and there is still a Deputy Chief of Inspections open.

If you are interested in any training programs offered by the Division, contact them. There are several available. There is also a new NFA series available.

2017 department registrations are due now. He encouraged all departments to register with the state and to report to NFIRS so that the most current and accurate information is available for those who review the needs and responses of the state.

The Division is also working with the Columbia Area Career Center to get additional information throughout the state on the number of fire fighters and fire departments in Missouri compared to population. Some departments may receive a call from the mutual aid coordinator to follow-up for information.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the consideration for a dues increase as presented in August. President Hoover advised that the Budget Committee will review the decline of

membership and how it is affecting the budget and present their recommendation at the January board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The proposed 2017 budget was presented. Discussion followed. Greg Brown moved to accept the 2017 budget as presented. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover advised that the February board meeting conflicts with Winter Fire School. Discussion followed. Tim Bean moved to move the next FFAM board meeting to January 29. Glen Dittmar seconded the motion and all approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Larry Jennings advised that awards deadline is February 28.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

David Hedrick advised that the Federation of Fire Chaplain's conference was held in October. The Corp. is working with the State Fire Marshall to get more involvement on the state level. Membership dues are going out for 2017.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Rob Erdel advised that the committee is ready to go. The big change for 2017 is that the contest registration deadline is now the Wednesday prior to convention and not the Friday before contest.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Larry Jones advised \$400 was received from the Lake Area Emergency Services Association from the 2016 convention. Larry Jennings, chairman of the 2017 convention committee, advised that camping is available for the convention at the Missouri State Fairgrounds. The cost is \$14 per night. You don't need to reserve just pull-in and security will take your money. Honor guards and department

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flags are requested for opening ceremonies. Contact Shelby Phifer if you have either. Directors are encouraged to sell ads in their areas as the ad book is state wide and not just for the Sedalia area. Vendor space is available and information is online. There will also be finger foods available during the mixer.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Contact the committee if you have any classes you would like to see the FFAM host.

PREVENTION COMMITTEE

RB Brown encourage everyone to get their posters ready for convention.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Brown advised that due to recent elections, the "landscape" in the legislation is changing with hopefully many positive changes for the fire service. The Governor elect's transition team is looking at having first responder award winners present during the inauguration ceremony. The Fire Service Alliance

has met and there are several legislation items being reviewed including the 9-1-1 bill, firefighter training financial support, LODD clean-up language, worker's compensation, Fire Education and Advisory Commission representation across the state, inspection processes and GNT legislation .

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Secretary Miller reported the following membership counts: 476 Directors/Councilman; 267 Retired; 16 Associate; 13 Sustaining; 20 Corporate, 374 Departments; 6986 Active; 10 Educational; 26 Juniors.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Keith Smith advised that Districts 1, 3, 7, 11, 14 and the Executive Committee are up for re-election in 2017. So far Larry Jones, RB Brown and Monty Thompson had advised they will seek re-election.

NVFC COMMITTEE

Keith Smith advised the committee report from the fall meeting will be in

the next newsletter. You will continue to hear about cancer in the fire service as it is a big issue that is being addressed. Health and safety are also big issues that will continue to be addressed. Greg Wright advised that he attended his first NVFC meeting and he found it to be very educational.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Grant Oetting advised that scholarship deadline is February 28.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Monty Thompson advised that the 2017 State Fair is August 10 – 20. Applications will be in the next newsletter and online soon.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Secretary Miller advised to contact her for any website additions.

NEWSLETTER

Secretary Miller advised the next newsletter deadline is January 1.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Storage issues continue to be a concern. President Hoover advised he is checking into a more permanent structure at the memorial site.

FUNERAL TEAM REPORT

Brian Zinanni advised that the team has had a busy couple of months assisting with funerals. They do now have a new trailer for the Kansas City team.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith advised they Foundation is having a meeting at 1:00 p.m. today. The 2017 Memorial Services will be May 20–21. 2016 DVD's are available for \$10. Contact him if you would like one. Ron Baker advised that the Field

of Flags would once again be done and information will be available in the next newsletter. Doc Kritzer advised that he has only received 20 names for the engraving so far. Be sure to get your information in on any passed fire fighters. The cut-off for names is January 1, 2017. If a person passes in January–March 2017 and their family wants them honored in 2017, it may be allowed at the committee's discretion. All names should be reported to Keith Smith.

Roy Sims moved to adjourn the meeting. RB Brown seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Jaime Miller, Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri



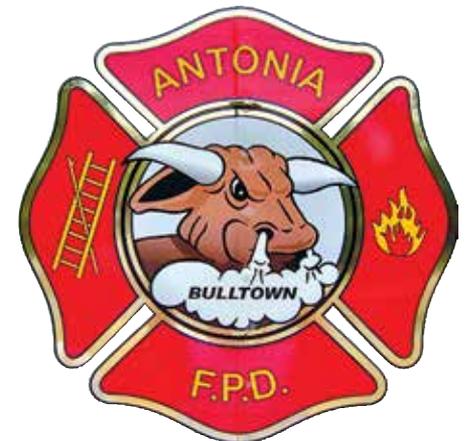
Classified Advertisements

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The Antonia Fire Protection District is accepting applications to fill 14 temporary full-time firefighter positions and establishment of an eligibility list for SAFER Grant-funded positions. These positions are funded by a federal grant for a 2-year period. Prospective applicants must be of good moral character, possess the knowledge and physical ability to perform firefighting activities involved in life safety and property conservation efforts at fires, medical emergencies, motor vehicle crashes, and natural and man-made disasters, be at least 18 years of age, possess a high school diploma or G.E.D., be able to communicate effectively in English, both written and verbal, must not have been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude, possess a valid Missouri driver's license, Missouri State Firefighter I and II Certification, Haz-Mat awareness and operations certification, Missouri

or National Registry EMT-B license, possess a current CPAT Certification (Candidate Physical Ability Test), and pass required testing, interviews, medical exam, drug screening, records review, and background checks. Missouri State Driver/Operator Pumper Certification (preferred, but not required). This eligibility list will be used to fill vacant firefighter positions as they become open.

Antonia Fire Protection District encourages qualified females, minorities, and veterans to apply, and is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications shall be available Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the administrative offices of the Antonia Fire Protection District, 6633 Moss Hollow Road, Barnhart, MO 63012. Applications must be picked up and returned by the applicant in person (copies of certifications are required with application). All persons



who meet the qualifications and who turn in a properly completed application will test at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 2016. Application period starts at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 and closes Friday, February 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Applications received after 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017 will not be considered.



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THE MUSEUM PROJECT

BY RON BAKER



MissouriFireFightersMuseum.org

I only have three things to tell you and remind you about. First, just before Christmas I received word that we had been awarded a grant from the MFA Oil Foundation. The grant is for \$2,500 and is to be earmarked for display cases for the museum. While the amount is small, it is much appreciated. We would like to have patches from every department in each district to frame and display. If you can help with that, I would be grateful.

Second, Winter Fire School is approaching. For the third year we will be doing the fund raiser at Texas Roadhouse. Opposite in the newsletter is a flyer for the event. Cut that out and take it with you on Friday evening, February 3 between 4 and 9 p.m. and they will donate 10% of your check to our project. Last year we received over \$500, the largest amount ever given by the Columbia restaurant. It will be crowded, but please be patient.

Third, the Fire fighters' field of flags. Each year at the firefighters' memorial service we post U.S. Flags to honor, memorialize or show appreciation to firefighters and/or veterans. Last year we were down in our numbers but hope to do better this year. Below in this newsletter is an order form for the flags. The price is the same as past years, \$35 if you want the flag to remain at the memorial and \$40 if you want the flag sent to you or someone you designate. I will need your order the first week of May so I can get flags ordered. I will have order forms at the Winter Fire School and at the FFAM convention in Sedalia. A suggestion: copy the order form and go to businesses/ individuals in your community and ask them to purchase a flag.

In closing, I thank you for your service to your community and Happy New Year!

FUNDRAISING NIGHT!

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If you would like to have your flag mailed to you, please add \$5 per flag for postage. **Deadline for ordering flags is May 8, 2017!**

Name _____

Address _____

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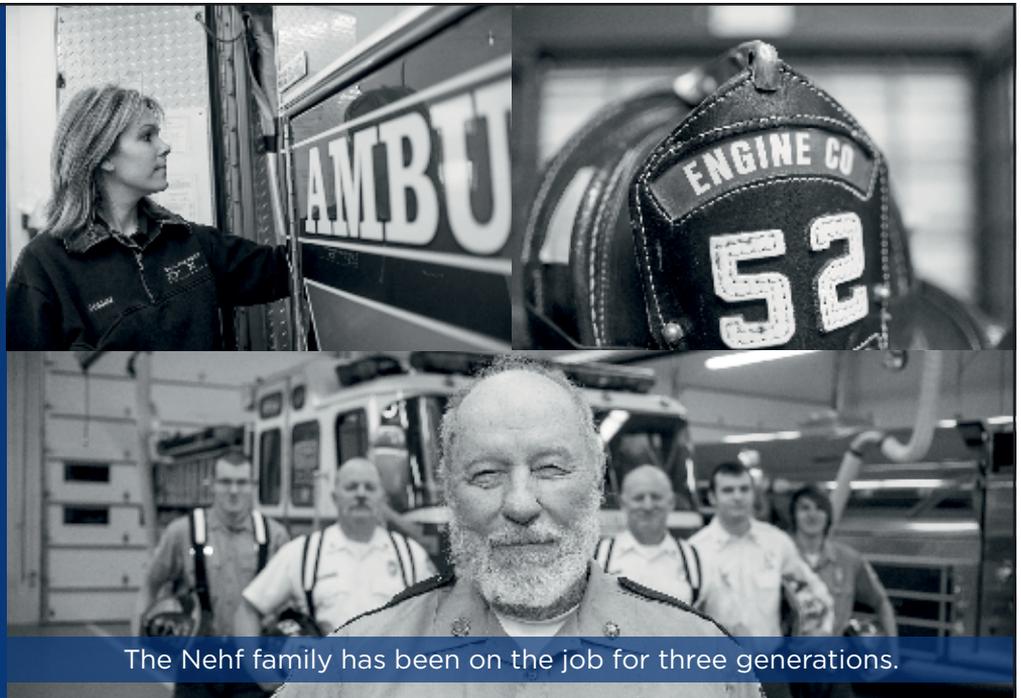
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GREETINGS TO ALL FROM OFFICER 4

By Steve Gentry

Well it's time to start planning and preparing for the state fair so get those pencils out and fill out those applications and get that time off scheduled. Please pay close attention to the application this year because there have been some changes made that some of you will appreciate. Take a couple extra minutes

to check and double check so there won't be any problems getting your application accepted and your uniform ordered. Remember ALL applications must be mailed to Monty Thompson ONLY. All applications must be filled out completely and legibly and have all the extra information asked for attached so you don't get denied for lack of information and applicant must sign the application.

Thanks for your help and see you in Sedalia in April for more fun and fellowship and remember the fair is just around the corner from convention so get it done now so it will be done.

I hope you all have a good and safe new year and hope to see you soon.



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Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 4, 2016

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Meeting called to order by 1st Vice President Jessica Miller at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT

Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FD; Angela Fields, Paris FPD; Joni Fields, Paris FPD; Missy Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire Rescue; Kerrie Mattox, North Central Carroll FPD; and Barbara Mattox, North Central Carroll FPD.

MINUTES

Jessica asked if there were any changes or comments for the August 2016 meeting minutes. No changes were brought forward. Theresa made a motion to accept the meeting notes, seconded by Missy, motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

There was only one deposit since last meeting, the balance is \$3,519.45. Angela made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Joni, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Theresa sent out an up-to-date membership roster, received membership dues at the meeting. Susan has received a few membership dues.

FUNDRAISERS

No report at this time.

AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

No report at this time.

AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR

No report at this time.

POSTERS

No report at this time.

CONVENTION

Jessica did not have anything to report.

MEMORIAL

No report at this time.

CONTEST

Missy did not have anything to report at this time.

HISTORIAN

No report at this time.

AUDIT

No report at this time.

BY-LAWS

No changes at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Registration cut off for playing in the games at convention is the Wednesday before convention.

Table decorations were discussed. Different styles were presented. Joni and her students would like to work on the decorations. Joni made motion to go with mason jar designs and second by Angela, motion passed.

More ideas for convention will be brought up at the next meeting.

An email was talked about being sent to inform auxiliary members about membership dues and about upcoming convention.

Harriate Vaucher donated some ceramic items to do with as we want. It was decided to use them on the silent auction table at the 2017 convention.

Talked about the tables needed for the silent auction and fundraiser items we sell. Will have cash door prizes to give out at the Sunday meeting at the convention. That went over well.

Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Angela, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Next meeting is to be January 29, 2017 due to winter fire school going on the first weekend in February.

Respectfully Submitted;
Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD
Secretary Treasurer 2016-2017

AN UPDATE FROM THE



1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Tim Bean

Happy New Year to each and every FFAM member. We made it through another year, and I look forward to what we have coming at us in 2017. A new President, a new Governor, new Chiefs, new Board Members, so we as members need to take this time and build new friendships, network, and promote what our great organizations does throughout this great state.

As a reminder to you all, don't forget that it is time to register your fire department. You can do so at dfs.dps.mo.gov.

Be safe and mark the date on your calendar for the upcoming FFAM State Convention on April 21-23 in Sedalia at the State Fairgrounds.

J. Tim Bean
First Vice President

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CONTEST COMMITTEE NEWS

By Rob Erdel

As committee chair I would like to recognize and thank the committee members for the work they do. Your committee members are Terry Wynne, Galt; Glenn Dittmar, Agency; Rob Erdel, Mexico; and new to the committee in 2015 are Gary Berendzen, Jefferson City and Jessica Miller, Norbourne.

The committee works hard to make contest morning participation a great time. We encourage everyone to come and enjoy the morning. We also ask all board members to come and help judge and cheer on teams from their areas. The committee hopes to instill brotherhood, camaraderie and yes a little bit of competition in the participants.

A rule change is being implemented in 2017. Registration deadline is moving to 7:00 p.m. the Wednesday prior to convention. This will streamline the process of

checking teams on eligibility and give the committee time to resolve issues. As stated on registration forms, please send to the address or email listed on the forms. We are also going to use a different scoring format in hopes to clear up score tallying. We are going to use 5-10-15 as points instead of the current 1-2-3.

I'm sure as you get this newsletter most are thinking about contest, rounding up teams and beginning to practice. Please be safe, remember sportsmanship and we will see you in Sedalia in April. Good Luck Teams.



CPR DONATION FROM PILOT GROVE AREA FPD

The Pilot Grove Area Fire Protection District donated a CPR Annie training kit to the Pilot Grove High School. With CPR mandatory to graduate from high school this will help the school train the students. It will also be a great benefit to all the citizens in the area who may someday be in need of a first responder. Making the presentation are Board Chairman John Fortman, Chief Gordon Shay, and Assistant Chief Don Kammerich. Receiving the donation is Superintendent Ashley Groepper of the Pilot Grove High School.



SOUTHERN STONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



The board of directors accepted the recommendations for officer promotions. From left to right; Battalion Chief Dawn Brose South, Station Two Captain Brad Snyder, A Shift, Station One Captain Chris Johnson, B Shift, Station One Captain Joe White, Station 15 Lieutenant Robert Weidknecht, and Station 15 Captain Mike Riepl.

KNOB NOSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT TOP 3 AWARDS

In an effort to maintain attendance and interest in the Fire Department activities, KNFD keeps records of all PR events, responses, and training activities.

This award is presented to the top 3 members in the department that show dedication and commitment to all events in 2014 and 2015.

TOP 3 AWARDS PRESENTED TO:

Chief Rick Johnson
Captain/EMT Ben Fundaburg
Captain/EMT Steve Ashbridge



PACIFIC FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Here at Pacific Fire Protection District we'd like to announce the completion of our new training facility. The training tower was paid for by a bond issue that was voted and approved by the public. The tower was built by Wachter and American Fire Training Systems using shipping containers. The internal components were assembled off site. Once the containers arrived, all that needed to be done was to lift the containers into position and weld into place. The tower has several features including: built in forcible entry doors, confined space rescue, internal walls that can be shut or opened depending on the training, repelling anchors on the roof, stand pipe and internal sprinklers, burn room, RIT Training, overhaul training set up in the roof area, basement and window bailout.

Thank you for your time,

Joshua Smith
PFPD Engineer/EMT



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JCFPD PERSONNEL RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016 the Johnson County Fire Protection District recognized nine of their members in honor of milestone anniversaries or service to the District. A reception honoring the group was held following the regular board of directors meeting. Those honored were: 5 years – Donald Bowers, Travis Reid, Stacy Solsberry and Joshua Teaney; 10 years – Nathan Deuschle and Matt Owsley. Steve Runyon was recognized for his 15 years of service and David Short was recognized for 20 years of service. Chuck Heiss was honored for his retirement after 23 years of service, but he was not able to be present for the ceremony.



Front row (left to right): Donald Bowers, Stacy Solsberry, Travis Reid and Joshua Teaney. Back row (left to right): Chief Larry Jennings, Steve Runyon, Nathan Deuschle, David Short and AC Dee Bennett (not pictured – Chuck Heiss)

CONVENTION 2017...WE WANT YOU THERE!

By Larry Jennings

Now that we have made it through the busy holiday season it's time to think about the spring weather and getting together with our extended "fire family and friends." What better way is there to reconnect with fellow fire service related people than attending the Annual FFAM Convention?

Convention 2017 planning is in full swing and we are starting to finalize plans in hopes of making this the best convention yet. Mark your calendars now for April 21-23 and plan on joining us on the beautiful grounds of the Missouri State Fair. You will have the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. We are working on an opening ceremony with a little extra flare so if you have a color guard or even just a department flag contact Shelby Phifer and let her know if you would like to participate and be represented at the convention.

We are also planning on providing more training opportunities so you can spend some time improving your knowledge base while at the same time having a good time in Sedalia. We will host the *Certified Board of Directors* course and the dual part *Strategies of Leadership: Recruiting/Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers* course on Friday. Both of these courses are slated for eight hours, but will be completed in plenty of time to still visit the vendor exposition. Additionally we will be hosting a pipeline related emergency awareness course to be held on Friday morning for four hours and a two hour *Introduction to Public Safety Officer Benefits* presentation on Friday afternoon. Registration information for the courses will be available soon. We think the additional courses will provide you with a great opportunity to pick up some extra knowledge you can apply to your daily activities with your department.

THOMAS "TOMMY" SCHMID

September 9, 1990 - September 27, 2016

Schmid, Thomas "Tommy," of Saint Charles, MO, died on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, at the age of 26. Cherished son of Mike and Sandy Schmid; grandson of Lucille Crustals; loving nephew, Godson, cousin, and friend to many. Tommy is also survived by his beloved dog, Penny.

Tommy was preceded in death by his grandparents, Marvin F. and Charlotte Schmid and Edward Crustals, his uncle, Randy Crustals, and his cousin, Jeanette Schuetz.

At the age of 12 ½ years, Tommy earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Tommy was a graduate of Orchard Farm High School class of 2009. Following high school, he graduated from Southeast Lineman School in Georgia. He was a third generation sheet metal worker, member of Local #36. He was currently working for Weigmann and Associates. He was a volunteer firefighter with Orchard Farm and Rivers Pointe Fire Districts. Tommy was an avid outdoorsman. His passions were farming, duck hunting, deer



hunting, and truck pulling. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and friends. Tommy was dearly loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

Memorials may be made to the Tommy Schmid Scholarship for Orchard Farm School.

If you plan on entering a team in the fire fighter competition don't forget to get registered with the contest committee. As you know the contests are always fun to participate in and to watch. Bragging rights for the upcoming year will be up for grabs so plan on participating or cheering your favorite team to victory.

Of course what would convention be without a banquet? What a great opportunity for us to dress up a little and "strut or stuff" while enjoying some tasty food and watching many deserving individuals be recognized for their efforts during the past year or perhaps for a lifetime. Dan Meers, the man inside the Kansas City Chief's mascot KC Wolf will be the guest speaker and will provide some inspirational words

resulting from his own personal struggles and successes much like many of us face regularly while serving the public.

The whole event will close out with the Sunday morning Annual Meeting of the FFAM as we conduct the official business of the organization. If you know of anyone that may want vendor booth space, would like to advertise in the convention book or would just like to make a donation and be a sponsor, the forms are available in the newsletter or contact a convention committee member. Don't forget to send in your registration to attend as soon as possible.

We hope to see each of you in Sedalia!

RODGER JAMES CECIL

October 27, 1958 - December 16, 2016



Scott Matthew Arlint, age 27, of Walker/Houston, MO, passed away on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. He was born July 27, 1989, in El Dorado Springs, MO, the son of Alen Arlint and Rose (Milligan) Arlint.

Scott attended Northeast Vernon County School and graduated with honors. He married Kendra Mitchell in 2008. To this union one child was born, Jocelynn Renee Arlint.

Scott studied and volunteered as a fire fighter with the Walker Fire Department and several other fire departments. He started fighting fires at age seventeen and fighting fires was still his first love. He excelled in this field.

Scott passed away working at what was his second love. He drove a semi truck for a living. He couldn't wait to climb into the cab of his truck and become the King of the road. He had a joy for life that was unequalled. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Preceding Scott in death were his great-grandparents Robert and Agness Arlint and Vern and Lola Myers.

FRANCIS XAVIER "FRANK" GEILFUSS II

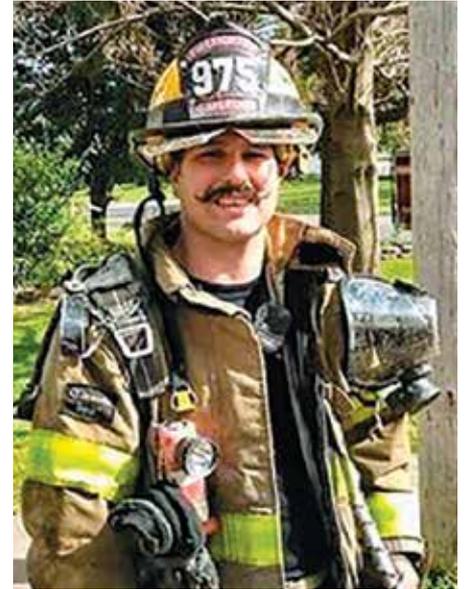
July 12, 1979 - December 7, 2016

Francis (Frank) Xavier Geilfuss II, age 37, of Camdenton, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, December 7, 2016 in Roach, Missouri.

Frank was born July 12, 1979 in Vallejo, California, the son of Greg and Rose Geilfuss. Frank grew up in California, where he graduated from high school and attended college. He enlisted and served in the United States Navy and after being honorably discharged, Frank pursued a career in firefighting.

Frank was united in marriage September 23, 2000 in LA County, California to Jean Johnson. They shared 16 loving years together and had two children, Francis Xavier Geilfuss III (Frankie), and Isabella Geilfuss.

Frank was a proud firefighter for the Mid-County Fire Department in Camdenton, where he had served in that capacity since 2009. He also worked for Sons of Thunder, an electrical contracting company since 2012. Frank had an outgoing personality and was an amazing man, always helping others and working for the people in the lake community. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hiking and camping, and also enjoyed building things and working on cars. More than anything, Frank loved his family. He was a loving and devoted



husband to his wife, Jean and an amazing father to his children Frankie and Isabella.

Frank is survived by his wife Jean and children Frankie and Isabella of the home; his father, Greg Geilfuss of American Canyon, California; his mother Rose Geilfuss of Napa, California; his brothers Greg Geilfuss of Napa, California and Kevin Geilfuss and wife, Julie, of American Canyon, California; his sister Nicole Conlon and husband, Christopher, of American Canyon, California; along with other relatives and many friends.

Survivors include his three children: Jocelynn Renee Arlint of Oklahoma, Preston Levi Collins of Nevada, MO, and Zane Arron Cole of Walker, MO; his fiancé Melissa Koehn and her three children, Hope, Sabrina and Gabe, all of Houston, MO; Scott's parents, Rose Arlint of West Plains, MO and Alen and Darla Arlint of Walker, MO; one brother Jason Arlint and wife Amber of Nevada, MO; four stepsisters: Dannielle McWilliams of Nevada, MO, Suzanne

Prough and husband Greg of Nevada, MO, Jessica Dodd and husband Steven of Jerico Springs, MO, and Ashley Hardy and fiancé Harry of Nevada, MO; grandparents, Glenn and Mary Arlint of Helena, MT, Jack Barnes of Walker, MO, and Pat and Sinon Ozkal of Nevada, MO; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; and numerous other family members and friends.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION

AUGUST 10 - 20, 2017

DEADLINE FOR FILING APPLICATION IS MAY 1, 2017. YOU MUST ALSO BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF FFAM BY MAY 1, 2017. SEND APPLICATIONS TO MONTY THOMPSON ONLY

I, _____, a member of the _____ Dept. do hereby apply for the opportunity to participate in the Operation of the State Fair F.D. as follows. (Enter Desired Duty in the space under the dates you will be available for duty. My home Chief is _____ His phone # is _____. If you cannot attend the dates chosen notify Monty Thompson . No substitutions unless approved by Monty.

I will be available for duty on the following days beginning 8:00 am each day (Enter position applied for under dates available)

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9	THURSDAY AUGUST 10	FRIDAY AUGUST 11	SATURDAY AUGUST 12	SUNDAY AUGUST 13	MONDAY AUGUST 14
TUESDAY AUGUST 15	WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16	THURSDAY AUGUST 17	FRIDAY AUGUST 18	SATURDAY AUGUST 19	SUNDAY AUGUST 20

Positions available are as follow Adults-Engine Co., Ambulance, First Aid, Dispatch, Inspection, Kitchen, and Fire Safety Education and other duties may be assigned. Juniors may only sign up for Dispatch. You will be expected to accept assignments willingly

A copy of your current FFAM membership and a current Drivers License is mandatory with your application OR IT WILL BE RETURNED

Parents signature for Junior Fire Fighters under 18 years of age

This signature indicates release from liability of all agencies in the event of an accident while participating in the Missouri State Fair Activities. This release also grants permission for emergency treatment in case of an emergency. **Applications due the last day of the 2017 Convention.**

DATE _____ NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY\STATE\ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ Email _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON _____ EMERGENCY PHONE _____

SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL EXTRA SHIRTS _____ are **\$10.00 EACH** (\$2.00 extra for 2x and larger)

CHOICE OF HAT: 6 PANEL (MESH BACK) OR 5 PANEL BALL CAP (FITTED) S L EXTRA HATS _____ are **\$11.00 EACH**

ONLY SEND APPLICATIONS TO MONTY THOMPSON

Applications must be completed in full and Readable or will not be accepted. All applicants must be members of FFAM. The commissioners and the Chief will make assignments of officers from applications received. If no specific position is desired check the dates you are available or write your request under the dates available. **Duty for all companies begins at 8:00 am each day. The minimum age for Junior Fire Fighters is 16 years of age and no more than 2 juniors from the same dept. can attend at the same time. State License and credentials MUST be with the application to assist with your acceptance.**

Each member will be issued one Duty Shirt at no charge and may order extra shirts at \$10.00 each (\$2.00 extra for 2x and larger) Mark application if you want more shirts Yes or No . Please give shirt size above either way. If the dates you are requesting are full you will be contacted for alternate dates for you to attend. Due to staffing restrictions the FFAM reserves the right to refuse any application

SEND ALL LICENSE AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND CREDENTIALS WITH APPLICATIONS

SEND APPLICATIONS TO MONTY THOMPSON ONLY BY MAY 1, 2017

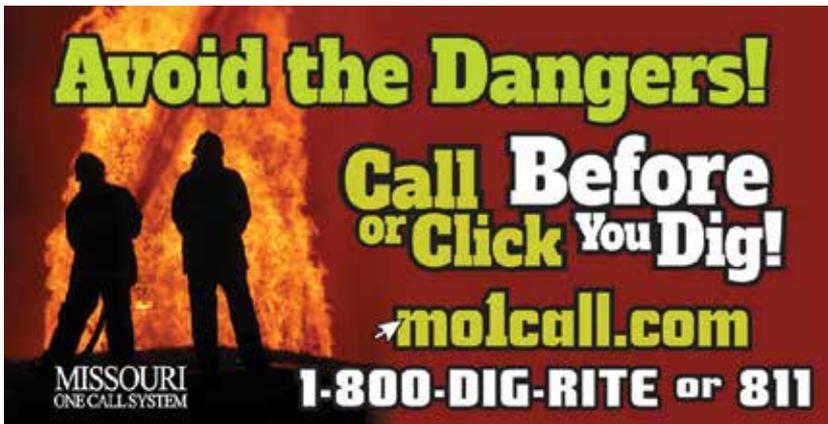
MONTY THOMPSON

1908 S. Honeysuckle
Kearney, MO 64060-8229

816-628-4127 (Home) • 816-365-7187 (Cell)

FIRE STATION BANNER PROMOTION

Enter
to Win!



To request a banner and submit your entry, go to

molcall.com.

Click on the
Firestation Banner Image.

Missouri One Call
will mail you a

4'x8' Banner

FREE OF CHARGE!

Mount and display your banner in a local high traffic area.

To complete your entry, submit a photograph of the banner by:

- Snapping a photo of the banner on your phone and sending the photo and a text message identifying your fire station to **573-228-4225**.
- You can also send a photo as an e-mail attachment with a message identifying your fire station to **davej@molcall.com**.

THE FIRST 100 FIRE STATIONS

requesting a banner will be entered into
the drawing to win a **50 inch TV!**

The drawing will be conducted by Jaime Miller.

MOCS ask that you display the banner for
the entire month of April which is

NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH.



SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY TODAY!



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Rank: _____

Department: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Banquet: Yes _____ No _____

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR ALL GUEST WHO WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE:

Guest Name: _____ Title: _____ Banquet ___ Yes ___ No _____

Guest Name: _____ Title: _____ Banquet ___ Yes ___ No _____

Guest Name: _____ Title: _____ Banquet ___ Yes ___ No _____

We are providing transportation to and from the hotels listed on our website on Friday and Saturday night. Please indicate which hotel(s) you are staying at and how many would like to use this service.

Hotel: _____ Friday: _____ Saturday: _____

Hotel: _____ Friday: _____ Saturday: _____

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 17, 2017

Registration \$10.00 X _____ = _____ Banquet \$25.00 X _____ = _____ Total Due \$ _____

REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 17 PAYABLE AT THE DOOR; Registration \$15.00; Banquet \$25.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FFAM CONVENTION 2017

SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:

2017 Convention Registration
P.O. Box 1153
Warrensburg, MO 64093

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Visit our website: WWW.FFAM.ORG

Email: FFAMCONVENTION2017@GMAIL.COM

OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received: _____ Date Entered: _____ Amount Received: _____ Check#: _____



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EXHIBITOR DISPLAY BOOTH REGISTRATION

Missouri State Fairgrounds • Mathewson Exhibition Center • Sedalia, Missouri

Exhibition: April 21, 2017

Name of Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____

- Exhibit Times April 21st 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm ; Setup Time April 21st 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- REGISTRATION IS DUE BY MARCH 31ST - PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.**
- All upper level booths include cloth back walls and side rails.
- Booths assigned by Expo Director.
- Cancellations must be in writing 30 days before event for full refund after 30 day a 50% charge will apply. No shows will forfeit refund.
- We request that each vendor supply door prizes if possible.
- Please call or email for availability of inside vehicle spaces.

We invite you to be a part of this exciting event! If there is any way we can assist your company, please call convention committee chairperson Larry Jennings at 660-747-5220 or 660-624-1918.

BOOTH OR SPACE TYPE	PRICE	NUMBER REQUESTED	TOTAL DUE
8 Foot X 8 Foot	\$125 Per Area		
16 Foot X 8 Foot	\$250 Per Area		
Inside Vehicle	\$250 Per Vehicle		
Outside vehicle	\$75 Per Vehicle		
GRAND TOTAL			

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Warrensburg, MO 64093

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Please Email: FFAMCONVENTION2017@GMAIL.COM

OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received: _____ Date Entered: _____ Amount Received: _____ Check#: _____



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FFAM CONTEST FORM

Registration Deadline is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Department Name: _____ Team 1 Team 2

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Check One: Firefighter Division Female Division Junior Division

Must be an FFAM or Auxiliary Member to participate.

Hose Coupling: _____
(captain)

(alternate)

Extend a Line: _____
(captain)

(alternate)

Replace a Section: _____
(captain)

(alternate)

Water Fight: _____
(captain)

(alternate)

Bucket Brigade: _____
(captain)

(alternate)

Email Contest Registration and
Release of Responsibility form to:
roberdel@ktis.net

or mail to: Rob Erdel
19761 ACR314
Mexico, MO 65265



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SPONSORED LODGING RATES

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

660-826-4000
\$90 Per Room

- 50 Rooms
- 20 Doubles
- 30 Kings
- Breakfast
- Indoor Pool
- Fitness Center
- Business Center

COMFORT INN

660-829-5050
\$86 Per Room

- 35 To 50 Rooms
- 2 Queen Rooms
- Hot Breakfast
- Indoor Pool
- Business Center

BEST WESTERN

660-826-6100
\$84-\$94 Per Room

- 50 Rooms
- 35 Double
- 15 King
- Smoking And Non Smoking
- Restaurant
- Indoor Pool
- Breakfast Buffet

TRUMAN INN

660-826-8400
\$80 Per Night

- 116 Rooms
- 85 Doubles
- 30 Kings
- 2 Hot Tub Suites **\$120**
- Hot Breakfast
- Indoor Pool
- Fitness Center
- Mexican Restaurant/Bar
- Smoking / Non Smoking

MOTEL 6

660-827-5890

- 30 Doubles **\$70**
- 20 Kings **\$70**

- 33 Singles **\$65**
- No Breakfast
- Free Coffee
- Microwave and Fridge

MISSOURI STATE FAIR CAMPGROUNDS

- 30 Amp Spot **\$14**
- 50 Amp Spot **\$25**

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



By Grant Oetting, Chairman

Hello FFAM members. I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

So has your high school senior thought about going to college or have you thought about going back to school yourself? The FFAM offers two different scholarships one that is issued to high school seniors going on to college or a vo-tech school and one that is a continuing education scholarship for anyone wanting to go back to school including us adults. This is a great benefit the FFAM offers to its membership!

The applications can be found online on the FFAM website. Go to www.ffam.org and click on the committee tab at the top of the page, then scroll down to the

scholarship tab. On that page you will find the rules and the applications for both scholarships. The deadline for the applications is February 28. Don't hesitate to apply, you never know if you will get a scholarship or not unless you apply.

Fell free to contact any of the committee members and we will be glad to answer all your questions.

The committee members are: Chairman Grant Oetting from the Higginsville Fire Protection District, grant_oetting@yahoo.com; Larry Eggen from the Johnson County Fire Protection District, leggen@jcfpd.net; and Terry Plumb from the Southern Stone Fire Protection District, terryp6021@gmail.com

Applications must be submitted by February 28, 2017 for consideration. Successful applicants will be notified by March 31, 2017.

Questions?

Contact Grant Oetting:
660-229-4525

Mail Applications To:

FFAM
PO Box 1153
Warrensburg, MO
64093





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CONVENTION BOOK SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING RATES

ADVERTISEMENT SIZE	RATE	NUMBER OF ADS	TOTAL DUE
Full Page	\$750 (Includes a banner during convention)		
One half (1/2) Page	\$375		
One quarter (1/4) Page	\$187.50		
Business Card Size (2" x 3.5")	\$25		
GRAND TOTAL			

Camera ready art is preferred.

For those wishing to assist with the convention with financial support but do not wish to purchase ad space, other

donations are welcome and donors will be listed in the book without specifically indicating a donation amount.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FFAM CONVENTION 2017

PAYMENT AND AD COPY DUE BY: MARCH 17, 2017

SEND ADVERTISEMENT AND PAYMENT TO:

2017 Convention Registration
P.O. Box 1153
Warrensburg, MO 64093

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Email: FFAMCONVENTION2017@GMAIL.COM

2017 FFAM CONVENTION HONOR GUARD REQUEST

By Shelby Phifer, Assistant Director District 5

Great news for the FFAM! The 2017 FFAM convention will be held at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia!

The theme is "Mutual Aid at its Best." So, sticking with that theme I am in need of your help. If your department has an honor guard team we would like them to come up for the opening and closing ceremonies with your department flag, If you do not have an honor guard team do not worry we want your department to be represented also.

So if you could send some of your guys and gals dressed in there Class A or B uniforms with a department flag we would love to include them. We want to make this the biggest and best opening

ceremony yet! So please save the dates for the 2017 FFAM convention on April 21-23 and lets make this year something to be apart of!

Please contact Shelby Phifer Assistant Director District 5 by March 20 2017 at 417-239-7670 or by email at sphifer74@gmail.com with your department name and how many people will be in your group.





Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Delegate Registration

**2017 FFAM Convention Board of Directors business meeting
Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO**

Fill out your delegate information and mail the registration form to the address below or submit to Secretary-Treasurer Jaime Miller at the Convention.

An FFAM membership card may be required for membership verification.

Mail to:

FFAM, PO Box 1153, Warrensburg, MO 64093

FFAM BYLAWS: ARTICLE VIII – DELEGATES

Section 1: Each member fire department in good standing with FFAM shall be entitled to representation at the annual convention. A maximum of three delegates from each fire department shall be allowed. In the event any special meeting of this association is called, the number of delegates allowed shall be determined in the same manner as that of the annual convention. All Board of Directors shall be delegates at annual conventions.

Section 2: All delegates must be active members of good standing in FFAM and active or retired members of the fire department which they represent.

Section 3: No fire organization may be represented by proxy.

Section 4: Credentials of each delegate and alternate should be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer or his/her designee at least one hour prior to the annual convention business meeting. These credentials shall be on forms supplied by the Secretary-Treasurer, and signed by the chief officer or his/her designee of the department the delegate represents.

Section 5: Alternate delegates may vote in the absence of the regular delegate.

Section 6: Any active member may take part in the discussion of all orders of business at the annual convention, with the exception of election of Officers, only a duly authorized delegate may place a motion or cast a vote.

Section 7: Only one vote shall be allowed to each delegate.

Section 8: The Secretary or Sergeant-at-Arms shall poll the delegates by number and department prior to the business meeting of the convention.

Department _____	FDID _____
Delegate (PRINT)	Alternate (PRINT)
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
Chief (print) _____	
Chief (signature) _____	

POSTERS WANTED

POSTER CONTEST RULES

1. The Poster Contest should be conducted by a FFAM member agency in their local schools.
2. There will be three divisions:
 - a. Grade 1-2
 - b. Grades 3-4
 - c. Grade 5-6
3. Sponsoring departments may submit top three posters in each division
4. All posters must meet the following requirements:
 - a. All posters must be the work of only one child.
 - b. Posters must be on 11x17 inches white heavy paper.
 - c. All work must be original.
 - d. The child's name, mailing address, grade, school, county and sponsoring agency must be on the back of the poster
 - e. Posters must incorporate and state the theme determined by the NFPA Fire Prevention Week.



5. The winning poster in each division will become the property of the FFAM
6. The following prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division:
 - a. 1st place in each category will receive \$75.00
 - b. 2nd place in each category will receive \$50.00
 - c. 3rd place in each category will receive \$25.00
7. The winning posters in each division will be displayed on the FFAM website, Division of Fire Safety website and on the website of the sponsoring agency (if available).
8. Prizes in each division will be awarded at the division winners' school immediately following the annual FFAM Convention by the local Fire Chief and the FFAM District Representative.
9. Judging of the posters will be based upon:
 - a. Presentation of the fire prevention theme (75%)
 - b. Artistic attributes (25%)
10. All posters must be submitted to the fire prevention committee no later than 7:00 p.m. on the evening of the opening ceremonies of the annual FFAM Convention.
11. The judges of the poster contest will be determined by the fire prevention committee.
12. The first place winners from each division will be announced during the Convention Banquet.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS TIME!

By Larry Jennings, Committee Chair

As we move closer to the 2017 convention we also move closer to the February 28, deadline to submit award nominations. The Awards Committee evaluates nominees to determine who may be given the appropriate recognition during the convention for their actions and contributions to the fire service.

The task given the Awards Committee is completely driven by the nominations submitted by each of you, yes that includes you! Each of us works

with or knows of someone or an agency that is deserving of one of the various awards. The award categories are: *Chief Officer of the Year, Fire Department of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Life Saving Award, Meritorious Action, Youth Program Award* and the *Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award*.

Detailed explanations of each category and nomination forms with instructions are available at www.ffam.org/committees/awards.

FFAM FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

Artist Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

County: _____

Sponsoring Agency: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____



Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please indicate the award you are submitting a nomination for:

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MERITORIOUS AWARD | <input type="checkbox"/> AWARD OF VALOR | <input type="checkbox"/> LIFESAVING AWARD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR | <input type="checkbox"/> CHIEF OFFICER OF THE YEAR | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR | <input type="checkbox"/> YOUTH PROGRAM AWARD | |

Nominated Individual(s)/Department: _____

Department Affiliation: _____

Department Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Department Phone: _____

Department Email: _____

Person Placing Nomination: _____

Department Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Does the nominated individual(s)/department plan on attending the annual convention? Yes No Unknown

Nomination Statement and Supporting Documentation:

Include a nomination statement explaining why the individual(s)/department being nominated meets the specified criteria for the award. Include any other supporting documentation including, but not limited to, news articles, fire reports, witness statements, pictures, videos, power point presentations, etc.

- The nomination form must be included with the nomination statement and all supporting documentation. The nomination form and nomination statement must be typed or legibly written.
- Meritorious Award; Award of Valor; Lifesaving Award: The nomination is for events/incidents that occurred during the previous and/or current year.
- Firefighter of the Year; Chief Officer of the Year; Fire Department of the Year; Youth Program Award: The nomination is for events/incidents that are a cumulative achievement. There is no specific date range restriction.
- To be considered for any award, the individual(s)/department must be a current member of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri and also a member for the year prior to the nomination.
- A complete set of award guidelines can be found at <http://ffam.org/committees/awards/>
- Award nomination deadline is February 28th

Mail completed nomination form, nomination statement and supporting documentation to:

For questions, contact: Chairman Larry Jennings at (660)624-1918 or via email at ljennings@jcfpd.net

FFAM Awards Committee
PO Box 1153
Warrensburg, MO 64093



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PHIL SAYER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by VFIS, in conjunction with the FFAM, honors an individual whose remarkable achievements in the fire service and in their community exemplify outstanding performance.

Nominated Individual: _____

Department Affiliation: _____

Individual's Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Individual's Email: _____

Person Placing Nomination: _____

Department Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Does the nominated individual(s)/department plan on attending the annual convention? Yes No Unknown

Nomination Statement and Supporting Documentation:

Include a nomination statement explaining why the individual being nominated has attained remarkable achievements in the fire service and in their community.

Include detailed information including, but not limited to:

- Fire service history
- Department affiliations
- Dates joined
- Positions held
- Other pertinent department information
- Family information (spouse, children, etc.)
- Other service to the community, local government, state government or past honors and awards received.

Mail completed nomination form, nomination statement and supporting documentation to:

FFAM Awards Committee
PO Box 1153
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Include detailed information regarding the nominee's accomplishments and any other information that would be relevant to this award.

- The nomination form will need to be included with the nomination statement and all supporting documentation. The nomination form and nomination statement must be typed or legibly written.
- To be considered for the award, the individual must be a current member of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri and also a member for the year prior to the nomination.
- A complete set of award guidelines can be found at <http://ffam.org/committees/awards/>
- Award Nomination deadline is February 28th

For questions, contact: Chairman Larry Jennings at (660)624-1918 or via email at ljennings@jcfpd.net

*The awards committee for this award shall be comprised of the FFAM Awards Committee members, two representatives from VFIS, an individual representing the Sayer family and an individual representing the Missouri Division of Fire Safety.



DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

David Hedrick
Director



University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute

I hope all of you have had a safe and happy holiday season. Another calendar year seems to have quickly come and gone. The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) recognizes the potentially hazardous duty that you, Missouri's fire and emergency service first responders, face each time you answer a call. Thank you for your commitment and service, and we wish you a safe year in 2017. On behalf of the Institute's faculty and staff, we thank you for supporting and utilizing the Institute's training programs and resources.

MU FRTI is in the process of finalizing the spring FY16 training schedule. Please contact your MU FRTI Regional Training Coordinator, or our main office, to discuss your department's training needs and see how the Institute can assist in providing courses to meet your upcoming training initiatives.

Though Missouri has seen fairly mild fall and winter weather so far this season, some parts of the country have not fared as well. Parts of the southern and eastern United States, especially Tennessee, have experienced some major wild land fires. As some of you may know, my family's heritage is from east Tennessee and I started my fire service career there. Sevier County, where Gatlinburg is located, experienced an unprecedented catastrophic fire storm the week of November 28. The fires were devastating to individuals and the local community. Extreme dry weather conditions for several months along with 70 mph winds and mountainous terrain contributed to the hazards and fire spread. The firefighters in TN, surrounding states, and from across the country, fought an incredible fight to save as much as possible. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by this disaster.

According to the *U.S. Firefighter Injuries in 2015* report published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there were a total of 68,085 reported firefighter injuries in the United States in 2015. Though this is the third lowest rate since NFPA began collecting data, it is a 7.5% increase in number of injuries compared to 2014. Firefighter injuries on the fire-ground continue to be the largest category accounting for 42.8% of reported firefighter injuries. The report also indicated there were an estimated 16,600 collisions involving fire department vehicles that resulted in 3,800 firefighter injuries. This indicates the need for continued training in emergency vehicle operations and driver training. A particularly alarming statistic in the report was that 7,560 injuries occurred during training. Please make sure that the training you conduct for your department is well planned and that all potential hazards are properly addressed. Please contact MU FRTI if we can be of assistance in helping you with your departments training plans.

The NFPA report concluded that: "fire-fighting presents risk of personal injury to firefighters; due to the kind of work they perform and the fire scene hazards they face, it is unlikely that all firefighter injuries can be eliminated. However, a risk management system and the application of existing technology at the local level can offer options to reduce current injury levels as well as the impact of such injuries." Please continue to take every precaution in the performance of your firefighting duties, and work and train to provide the greatest safety possible for yourself, your fellow firefighters, and the citizens you serve.

The MU FRTI *Annual Emergency Services Instructor Conference* was held

November 4–6, 2016, at a new conference venue, Camden on the Lake in Lake Ozarks, MO. The conference was a great success with over 300 total enrollments at this year's conference and pre-conference events. This was a 20% increase in participants compared to last year. I wish to express the Institute's appreciation to all who attended the annual instructor's conference and our guest instructors for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

The MU FRTI Fire Service Instructor of the Year for 2016 awards were presented during the annual instructor conference. This year's recipient of the *MU FRTI Instructor of the Year* award was Robert Shramek, Assistant Chief and Training Officer with the Lincoln County Fire Protection District # 1 in Troy, MO. Assistant Chief Shramek has been an adjunct instructor with the MU FRTI program since 2012. Shramek started as a junior firefighter at the age of 13. In 1999, he became a career firefighter with Lincoln County FPD, and was promoted to Captain in 2000. He obtained his State of Missouri Instructor Certification in 2001. In 2013, he completed the Institute's Fire Officer Certificate Program. Two years later, he was appointed Assistant Chief and Training Officer with his department. Instructor Shramek exemplifies excellence in fire service instruction, and we look forward to his continued service with the Institute as an Adjunct Instructor. In addition to the award given to Assistant Chief Shramek, MU FRTI recognized the first and second runners-up for the *Instructor of the Year*. First runner-up was Michael Arnhart, Fire Chief with the High Ridge Fire Protection District in High Ridge, MO, and MU FRTI adjunct instructor. Chief Arnhart was the 2014 recipient of the Instructor of the Year. Deputy Chief Les



DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
01/07	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Maysville	Daniel Praiswater	816-261-6233
01/06	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Russellville	Chris Cinotto	573-418-7467
01/09	Firefighter Friendly Thermal Imaging	Jefferson City	Jerry Blomberg	(573) 634-6403
01/14	Responding to Utility Emergencies	Goodman	Keith Estes	(417) 489-1408
01/14	Strategies of Leadership: Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers	Dexter	Don Seymore	(573) 820-0019
01/14	Strategies of Leadership: Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers	Dexter	Don Seymore	(573) 820-0019
01/14	Rail Safety for Emergency Responders	St. James	Bruce Parton	(573) 265-5112
01/14	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Houston	Joey Moore	(417) 217-0230
01/14	Large Area Search Team Training	Moberly	Harold Muehe	660-651-5507
01/13	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Ellington	Randall Martin	(573) 604-1346
01/21	Killer in the Attic	Newburg,	Adam Birdsong	(573) 578-0244
01/21	Emergency Response to Ammonia Incidents	Macon	Ross Dutton	(660) 385-6436
01/21	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Centralia	Denny Rusch	(573) 682-2535
01/24	Firefighter Friendly Thermal Imaging	Troy	Robert Shramek	(636) 528-8567
01/21	Fire Department Medical First Responder	Mosby	Nathan Davis	816-835-9929
01/31	Dealing With Generation Differences	Troy	Robert Shramek	(636) 528-8567
02/11	Killer in the Attic	Macon	Ross Dutton	(660) 385-6436
02/18	Trench Rescue: Awareness	Salem	Jeffrey Stokes	(573) 247-9183
02/18	Rail Safety for Emergency Responders	Lilbourn	Dave McClarty	(573) 934-0002
02/18	Simulated Incident Management for First Arriving Chief Officer	Troy	Robert Shramek	(636) 528-8567
02/25	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Goodman	Keith Estes	(417) 489-1408
02/24	Water Supply Operations for Suburban and Rural Firefighting	Hayti	Glenn Whitener	(573) 740-8644
03/04	Strategies of Leadership: Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers	Macon	Travis Austin	660-676-2422
03/04	Strategies of Leadership: Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers	Macon	Travis Austin	660-676-2422
03/11	Swiftwater and Flood Rescue: Awareness	Lebanon	Jeff Stokes	417-664-1225
03/11	Structural Collapse Rescue: Awareness	Lebanon	Jeff Stokes	417-664-1225
03/10	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Willow Springs	Frank VanHorn	417-252-7185
03/10	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Kirbyville	Jeff Romines	(417) 337-8311
03/10	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Dootlitle	Adam Birdsong	(573) 578-0244
03/11	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Jamestown	Steve Borts	(573) 808-0010
03/11	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Malden	Charles Cooper	573-276-8950

Crews with the Monarch Fire Protection District in Chesterfield, MO, was Second Runner-Up.

As part of the Instructor Awards ceremony, twelve of the Institute’s adjunct instructors were recognized for demonstrating the highest standards of instruction by achieving the *Highest Instructor Rating*

of the Year for 2015–2016. These ratings are based on the evaluation forms that are completed by the students in each class and include sections on classroom conditions, course materials, and the instructor. The honorees for this award were: Mike Arnhart, Mark Cado, Robert Creed, Les Crews, Kelly Davis, Brad Dillow, Dean Lynn, Joe Schilling, Marty

Schuessler, Roy Sims, Ron Walters, and Larry Young. In addition, Instructors Joe Schilling and Ronald Walters were recognized for having the distinction of receiving the *Highest Course and Instructor Performance Rating* during the year. These Adjunct Faculty members demonstrated exceptional performance and exemplified instructional excellence



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in the courses they taught during FY16. MU FRTI has an instructional cadre of over 130 Adjunct Instructors and the Institute is appreciative of the job that they all do in providing the very best in instruction for Missouri's firefighters and emergency responders.

The 36th Annual Winter Fire School (WFS) along with the *Fire Equipment Expo* is scheduled for February 3–5, 2017, in Columbia, MO. This year's annual fire school offers 41 new workshops and courses. All WFS courses provide the fire and emergency service first responders with opportunities to participate in workshops which will enhance the students' technical knowledge, safety, and leadership capabilities. A number of the workshops are being offered in cooperation with various partner agencies and organizations. We appreciate the willingness and dedication of all the instructors teaching in this year's WFS as they share their knowledge and expertise with Missouri's fire and emergency service responders.

Back by popular demand at WFS are the live webcasts. This year's webcasts are: *I Am Honored to know You: Thank You for Your Service; Back Seat to Front Seat: Successfully Transitioning from Firefighter to Company Officer*; and, *Saving Those Who Save Others*. The webcasts, available through site registration license for single or department users, provide greater access to the WFS educational offerings for those fire departments and personnel that are unable to physically attend in Columbia. Additional information on WFS and other training opportunities can be found on the Institute's website at: www.mufrti.org (select the Fire School link).

MU FRTI wishes to express our appreciation to the Division of Fire Safety and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission for providing scholarships to WFS for volunteer fire fighters and fire officers through the *Philip Sayer Memorial Scholarship Fund* again this year. To assist the scholarship winners in taking advantage of this training opportunity, MU FRTI will subsidize the cost of lodging to scholarship recipients for those outside a 50-mile radius of Columbia. The selected qualifying scholarship recipients should contact MU FRTI directly to reserve and receive the subsidized lodging.

As part of WFS on Friday, February 3, the world-class *Annual Equipment Exposition* will be held at the Holiday Inn Select Expo Center from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 9:00 p.m. There are over 80 exhibitors scheduled to display the latest emergency response products, services, technologies, and solutions. The Expo event is free and provides fire personnel the opportunity to review actual equipment and have their questions answered

by professionals about apparatus, turnout gear, extrication tools, and many other tools of our trade.

Also on Friday during the Winter Fire School Exposition, MU FRTI will again be partnering with the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) to deliver two free courses designed for volunteer fire departments. The FFAM has received a federal Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to provide the *Strategies of Leadership: Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers*, and *Strategies of Leadership: Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers* courses. These are four hours each; one will be conducted Friday morning followed by the second one in the afternoon. This will still leave time to attend the exposition in the evening. I encourage you to take advantage of this free pre-conference training. For more information on this training opportunity and to register, please contact MU FRTI or the FFAM.

We appreciate the continuing support of the state's fire and emergency service organizations, and most importantly you, the fire service of Missouri. We look forward to working together to improve the fire service of the state through education and training. If the MU FRTI staff or I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact us at (800) 869-3476 or (573) 882-4735.

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