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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings Fellow Firefighters

Kenneth Hoover
President



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

I again had the opportunity to be at the State Fair Fire Department during the state fair and pleasure of seeing many old friends and the opportunity to visit with many of our legislators. It is always encouraging to see so many firefighters and EMS personnel from all over the state come together to serve the fair goers. My personal thanks go out to each of you for your professionalism, commitment and faithfulness to FFAM. This was another great fair. The weather provided a few storms but very little damage, a couple of canceled concerts, but other than that, it was pretty smooth. Again this year there were several new firefighter and EMS personnel. It is very encouraging to work with new people and see the excitement

in their face and their willingness to work so hard. Great job everyone.

Congratulations to all of the personnel receiving awards. These will be identified in another article by our PIO, Battalion Chief Larry Eggen.

I understand that there were many donations of food and supplies. Thank you to all that donated. This helps the fire department accomplish its goals of outstanding service to the patrons of the fair.

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

I appreciate Fire Marshal Tim Bean for being present many days and also for having a large number of his staff there working and teaching fire prevention.

We were honored on *Legislators Day* with a visit from the governor and other legislators. All of them promised to support the fire service of Missouri. Thank you.

I want to personally thank Chairperson Monty Thompson for his leadership to the FFAM State Fair Fire Department Committee. Monty always does an excellent job. His many years of service to the state fair are invaluable. Thanks also to Charlie Neubert, who was honored for his forty years of service to the State Fair Fire Department. As well as, Steve Gentry and Rick Dozier for all of their hours preparing and serving as commissioners.

Chief Donnie Rogers also did an excellent job again this year with his command staff and personnel, as did Chef RB Brown, Chef Angie Fields and Chef Joyce Thompson and their kitchen staff and duty personnel.

Donnie Rogers has been asked to serve as the fire chief again for the 2018 fair.

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

Many fall activities are approaching concerning the fire service and I would like to remind everyone of the assistance that FFAM can provide. FFAM Director RB Brown of the Eureka and Union Fire Protection Districts heads up our Fire Prevention Committee and is available to assist you with ideas or any other issues you may encounter as Fire Prevention Week is quickly approaching. RB will talk about his poster contest in another article.

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal

Missouri Division of Fire Safety



Greetings from the thirteenth floor! I want to begin this article by recognizing all of my fellow Americans suffering due to the floods that occurred in Texas and Louisiana. They need our prayers and support during this tragedy and trying times ahead. From the State Fire Mutual Aid system we have helped organize eighteen departments and one EMS unit to assist the FEMA\EMAC system in Texas. This historic event will take long to recover from and I am sure other resources will be requested as time goes along. Thanks in advance for your assistance when we call.

I also recognize that many of our fellow Missourians are still suffering from the epic flooding that took place in late April and early May of this year. I want you to know our support is still available. Please contact us if we can be of any service to you.

The 2017 Missouri State Fair has come and gone. Kids of all ages are back in school. I experienced the totality of a total solar eclipse, ran a 5K, celebrated our own Becky Trapani who was awarded *Employee of the Month*, survived a Pro Board evaluation, and many other extracurricular activities of 2017.

My hat goes off to everyone who worked and was involved in making the Missouri State Fair Fire Department run and operate like a well-oiled machine. For the ones who don't know, this is the only all-volunteer state fire department in the nation! All the emergency response vehicles are donated, EMS supplies are all donated, and all the food and drinks for the fire department, and all other public safety personnel who volunteer work hours for the efforts of the Missouri State Fair, are also donated. I appreciate the vision someone had years

ago and the dedications of everyone who supported and maintained that vision over the years. Most of all, this would not have been able to happen without the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) Thank you!

Every five years Pro Board, which is an international certifications company, comes and evaluates our training and certification division. It is a very prestigious accreditation for us to have and maintain. By their early observations of us, everything looks very good. I want to commend Deputy Chief Trapani and her training and certification unit for all their long hours and hard work to accomplish this.

October 8-14 is National Fire Prevention Week. The theme for this year is "Every Second Counts. Plan Two Ways Out." Hopefully, through the different communication avenues we have we can get the message out to the Missouri citizens we serve and protect. You can go to the National Fire Academy's website and obtain excellent information about Fire Prevention Week.

In the near future the Assistant to Firefighters Grant is coming up. The word I have, at this time, is look for it to be announced early this fall. SAFER and FP&S grants will open late this fall. A suggestion I would make is, start your narrative and gather your information now. That way when it opens you are on top of it.

As your state fire marshal I will lead by example. I have, through out my career, been a strong advocate of physical fitness and education about physical fitness. I will continue to invest in that area in my daily life and encourage others to do so as well. I have ask Jeffery Strawn and

Amanda Barnes, who have agreed to help me push and promote health and fitness, along with firefighter cancer education and awareness for the next several newsletters. We feel these are two very critical areas we overlook and it is two of the most frequent killers of those who have careers in the fire service. Please take time to read Jeff and Amanda's articles. It could save your life!

It is the midnight hour folks! If you have something you want us to get onto the legislative agenda for the 2018 session, please contact me or Fire Chief Greg Brown!

Here's an update from the Fire Marshal's office on "Fire Fighter Standards." To refresh your memory on this topic, we will be introducing language to the legislations in the 2018 session to establish a definition of what a firefighter is in our state. If you research the RSMO 321 Statute, which deals with the fire related issues, you will not find anything that describes what a Missouri Firefighter is, so let's look at this. If I walk into a fire department and ask the fire chief, "What does it take to become a Missouri firefighter?" Would the Chief pull out a manual and point at a paragraph and say, "Here is what you need to become a Missouri firefighter."

If I walk into the local EMS district and ask the same question I would hear, "You need to attend a state certification training class for six months and then pass state and national certifications in order to work as an EMT."

If I walk into the local police or sheriff department and ask, "What do I need to

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BOARD of DIRECTORS / Meeting Minutes

FFAM AUGUST 6, 2017 MEETING • SEDALIA, MISSOURI

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, August 6, 2017, at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, Missouri.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS:

OFFICERS

President Kenneth Hoover, Little Dixie FPD; First Vice President Larry Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Second Vice President Grant Oetting, Higginsville FPD; Secretary Treasurer Jaime Miller, Johnson County FPD #2; Sergeant-at-Arms Rex Reynolds, Southern FPD of Holt Co.

DIRECTORS

District 1, Terry Wynne, Galt FPD; District 2, Greg Wright, Shelbina FD; District 3, Larry Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; District 7, RB Brown, Union FPD; District 9, Roy Sims, West Plains FD; District 11, Monty Thompson, Kearney FPD; District 14, Rick Dozier, Southern FPD of Holt Co.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

District 1, Janet Cain, Braymer Fire; District 3, Steve Gentry, Little Dixie FPD; District 4, Jonathan Evans, Lincoln FD; District 11, Ryan Miller; District 14, Glen Dittmar, South Central Buchanan Co FD.

OTHERS

Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD.

GUESTS

Tim Bean, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; David Hedrick, Gail Hagans, MU FRTI; Joe Jennings, Larry Eggen, Johnson County FPD; Timothy Mattox, Billy Smith, North Central Carroll FPD; Jacob Allison, Ronnie Fields, Cy

Fields, Paris FPD; Holden Peel, Madison FD; Darrell Wright, Donnie Rogers, Chillicothe FD; Bill Westhoff, Retired; Mike Dalsing, St. Joseph FD.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

President Hoover asked for additions or corrections to the June 4, 2017, meeting minutes. RB Brown moved to accept the minutes as presented. Grant Oetting seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the May–June 2017, financial reports. Monty Thompson advised that the State Fair Committee budget should be reduced by \$1,900 as they did not do the horse show this year. Rick Dozier moved to accept the financial reports as amended. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S):

Director David Hedrick with MU FRTI advised that their fiscal year ended June 30. 507 classes were taught, 932 fire departments were served with 11,319 student enrollments. 6 recruitment classes were held with 114 student enrollments and 6 retention classes were held with 120 student enrollments.

The Institute presented a proposal to the Fire Safety Education Council in June. They received over \$100,000 in subsidy funding for training.

The University of Missouri took a funding cut from the state. There has been a 12% cut to MU FRTI's funding. He advised it is a tougher budget year but they are working through it.

A state-wide training survey was sent out on behalf of the advisory council. The results have been distributed to some and an online report will be available in the future for public viewing.

Summer Fire School was a success and enrollment numbers increased from 2016. He advised that Summer Fire School will be moving back to Columbia in 2018. Jefferson City and Cole County have both been very supportive in the past however, moving the event to Columbia will help control some costs.

State Fire Marshal Tim Bean with the Division of Fire Safety advised that DFS would be attending the Missouri State Fair and participating as much as possible.

He expressed thanks to President Hoover for working diligently on getting the necessary repairs to the State Fair Fire Department. Senator Kehoe was a strong advocate for getting the repairs and if anyone has the opportunity to thank him, they should do so.

Pro Board certification is coming this week. This involves the accreditation process and is done on an annual basis.

The first DFS stair climb will be September 10. They are attempting to get 343 first responders to participate.

The Division is still working on a fire fighter standard/certification and they would like to see legislation on setting standards for firefighters in Missouri. 70-80% of the state already meets the basic firefighter standard. They are continuing to look for support through the state in getting this standard adopted.

The DFS currently handles permitting dealing with blasting however the last legislative session failed to provide funding to perform those functions.

They are working this year to try and get funding re-established. Amusement park and water slide regulations are also going through the legislation. There is current legislation that allows fire departments to donate equipment however, the legislation doesn't permit the donation of equipment by vendors. They are working to amend the legislation to include vendors.

August 17 is legislator's day at the state fair. He encouraged everyone to talk to their legislators and educate them on fire fighter issues.

Work compensation legislation was passed however, Governor Greitens did not sign due to budget issues. They are still working to try and get revenue generated.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the fire service history book being created by Bill Westhoff that was approved at the April business meeting. Bill Westhoff advised that he is working with other contributors to provide articles and stories for the book. He also presented another printing suggestion of a soft cover book versus a hard cover book which would reduce the publishing cost. The option of an ebook was also discussed. The topic was tabled until October to give everyone the opportunity to discuss and contact Bill with any questions.

President Hoover advised that the roof at the State Fair Fire Department building has been completed. Thank you to everyone who assisted with moving equipment. There are no longer any mold issues.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hoover advised that due to issues beyond their control, the Chillicothe Fire Department would not be hosting the 2018 convention. Mary Supple with the St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau and St. Joseph Chief Mike Dalsing presented a proposal to host the 2018 convention. Discussion followed. Terry Wynne moved to accept the proposal and host the 2018 convention

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in St. Joseph. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover advised that due to Larry Jennings new position, he has been removed from the committee and he would like to appoint Joe Jennings as the new chairman. Rex Reynolds moved to appoint Joe Jennings as chairman of the Awards Committee. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Joe Jennings advised that nominations are due February 28, and can be submitted at any time.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Larry Jennings advised that committee budget requests are due by today.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Rex Reynolds advised they are working on a possible amendment to open

membership to EMS, dispatch and other responder entities.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

David Hedrick reported that there have been several LODD recently and asked to keep the families in your thoughts and prayers. The Missouri Fire Chaplain Corp annual meeting/training will be on September 18-19, in Arnold, Missouri. Contact Secretary Ed Hatcher at 618-207-9487 for more information.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

No report was given.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

2017 committee chairman Larry Jennings advised that the convention books have been closed. \$8,771.67 as the total profit. 10%, \$877.17, will be donated to the museum project. The remaining funds will be utilized for projects as designated by the State Fair Fire Department.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rick Dozer reported that he will be working with Chief Dalsing regarding classes for the 2018 convention.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

RB Brown reported that several of the poster contest winners will be attending the state fair. The committee will also be sending a mailing to all departments regarding the poster contest rules.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report was given.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Grant Oetting reported the following membership counts: 454 Directors/Councilman; 270 Retired; 17 Associate; 11 Sustaining; 18 Corporate, 349 Departments; 6492 Active; 10 Educational; 47 Juniors.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

No report was given.

NVFC COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported that both the AFG and SAFER grants have been reauthorized again with no amount given. They have a sunset of 2023. A new director has been appointed to the US Fire Administration. He is the current chief of Oklahoma City. Smith also reported that he and Greg Wright will be attending the fall NVFC meeting in September in Nebraska.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Larry Eggen advised that the application deadline is February 28.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Monty Thompson reported that crews are ready for opening day on August 10. Duke Manufacturing of Sedalia donated a salad bar table. Charlie Neubert will also be retiring from the department with 40 years of service.



WEBSITE COMMITTEE

No report was given.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next newsletter will be September 1.

HISTORIAN REPORT

No report was given.

FUNERAL TEAM REPORT

Greg Wright reported that all trailers were used in mid-July and everything went well. Supporting Heroes and the EMS Funeral Assistance Team will be hosting a class called Introduction to LODD. It is a free class and will be November 18 at the Remington Nature Center in St. Joseph.

Funeral team members will be holding a table top exercise and banquet on October 28 in Fayette at the Knights of Columbus.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith thanked all those that assisted with the 2017 memorial services. DVD's are also available for \$12. The 2018 services will be the third weekend in May.

The Museum Foundation will be meeting with builders in a couple of weeks along with an architect. They are making progress on design concepts for the building.

Summer Fire School will be held the same time as the annual memorial service in 2018. They are working with MU FRTI with a possibility of transporting fire school attendees to the services. The topic is still being discussed.

Terry Wynne moved to adjourn the meeting. Roy Sims seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Jaime Miller

Jaime Miller
Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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

We have already had several line-of-duty-deaths this year so please be careful everyone. We all need to go home, at the end of the day!

And last but not least, as we again approach September, let us never forget that horrible day of September 11, 2001. Today, I say a special prayer for each firefighter, police officer and EMS personnel throughout our country. I ask each of you to please do the same.

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

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

Respectfully,

Kenneth Hoover

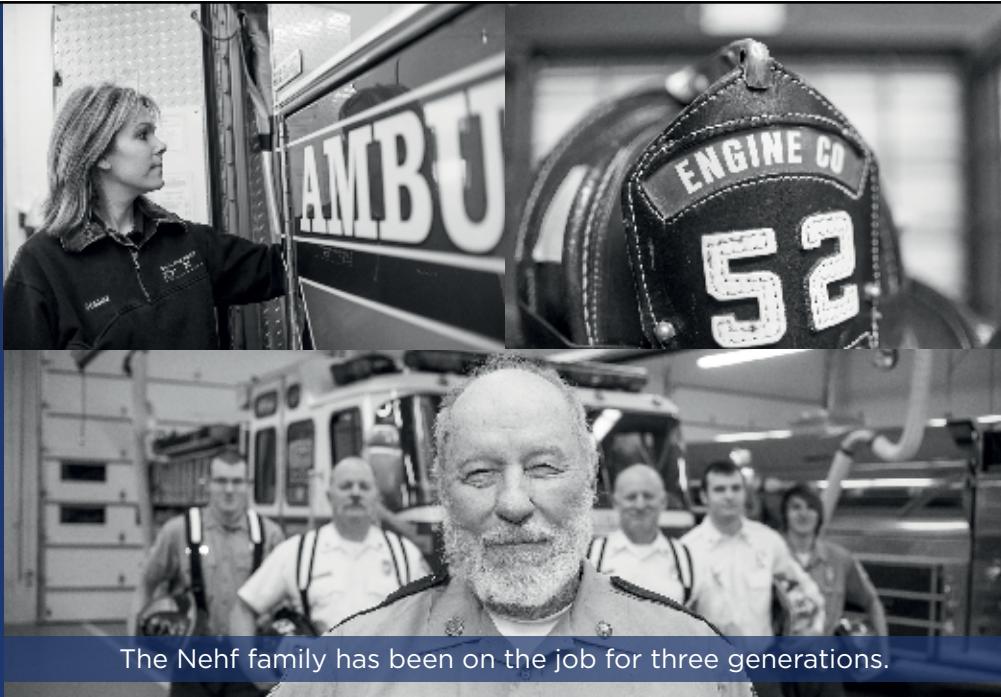
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FIREFIGHTER CANCER

By Jeff Strawn, Firefighter Cancer Support Network

Firefighter cancer is a looming personal catastrophe for each and every firefighter. Cancer is the most dangerous and unrecognized threat to the health and safety of our nation's firefighters. Most of you who are reading this either know a firefighter who has passed from cancer, had cancer and is in remission, or who is currently fighting cancer.

Multiple studies, including the 2013 released NIOSH cancer study, have repeatedly demonstrated credible evidence and biologic creditability for statistically higher rates of multiple types of cancers in firefighters compared to the general American population.

The toxic soup that firefighter's encounter at all fires contain carcinogens. These toxins enter our bodies, and over the course of a career can, and very often do, lead to a cancer diagnosis. Firefighter's

can help reduce their career exposures by washing PPE after each exposure, doing decontamination on scene, and showering within an hour after a fire.

Stay tuned for future articles to learn more about this topic and for the latest info!



A MESSAGE FROM THE



1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Larry Jennings

Wow how time flies. By the time you are reading this not only has the Missouri State Fair come and gone and the Missouri State Fair Fire Department (MSFFD) members have assembled, served and returned to their normal lives, but summer itself is almost a thing of the past. I hope each of you had the opportunity to enjoy family and friends throughout the summer. I also thank each of the men and women who took the time to serve on the MSFFD providing service to all visiting the fair grounds. You provide a vital service and showcase the true spirit of Missouri's Fire Service in all you do.

My thought for this edition is one of respect. Now most of us understand the dictionary version of the word respect. Webster's definition includes: 1. To take notice of; to regard with special attention; to regard as worthy or special consideration; hence, to care for; to heed. 2. To consider worthy of esteem; to regard with honor.

With that being said do we all really take the extra time to show that respect on a regular basis? How do you think lack of respect affects the fire service? Is it possible some aspect of respect could have a relationship with our recruitment and retention?

We all generally learned, or at least have heard, that we should respect our elders. If you give that much thought...we really should. If it wasn't for your elders, or those that have gone before you, none of us would be here. Not only is this biologically true, but as a career, as a whole it is true. Had it not been for the tireless

commitment by our elders the fire service could just as easily have been a thing of the past or certainly could have still been stuck in the past with what we see today as archaic methods and equipment. Can you imagine still physically pulling your hand pump fire engine to the scene and then performing your firefighting duties without a stop at rehab for evaluation and hydration? Hang on all you Millennials and non-elder people, this is not an "our generation was the best" speech I will get to the respecting you part in a minute.

While we look at our rich history we should respect what those that went before us accomplished and take stock in how that affects what we do today. In turn we should also think about the fact that what we are doing will affect those that come after us. So showing a little respect to our history is actually pretty important, but respecting the future is in many ways more vital at this point in our careers.

Before I go further let me speak directly to the "elders." During several recent conversations I have been involved in discussion has centered on the Millennials and other "labeled" generations and the bleak outlook for our society due to these so-called blights on society. Take a look back and consider how your particular generation was viewed by the elders. It sometimes is a bit scary to think that our respective generations were labeled as "the end of civilization as we know it", but somehow the world has kept on turning and our society has not ended. So if we have learned anything, or even held a small sample of our elders with the respect we should have, we should know by now that we should respect the generations following us, as they are our future.

So now I have stated that the young or new should respect the aged or older in the profession, and the aged or older should respect the young and newer members of the profession. We each have a contribution to add to the fire service and by providing the much needed respect from person to person, department to department, or generation to generation we can keep the fire service in the forefront as the leaders in organizational effectiveness.

Change for the good will not happen without respect, but it is almost certain that a lack of respect will lead to changes not always viewed as favorable. We must all realize each "generation" does things differently and we must learn to respect those variations.

To show respect one does not always have to be friends with, hang out with or even like everyone. Over the years in my various careers I have absolutely loathed some individuals and likely wouldn't have gone out of my way to have contact with them, but I have respected the part they played in what was taking place. We don't always agree with those holding positions such as president, chief, board member, company officer or firefighter, but each of those positions should be afforded some respect just as you would expect respect from others who don't agree with you.

Keep in mind respect is not just aimed at people. How many times have you made the comment after hearing some news story, "the person involved just doesn't have any respect for other's property or they wouldn't have done that?" If you have made that statement or had that thought even once then you have some basic respect built in to you that you may not have even realized. It has always been a mystery to me to see how some people treat other's property or even the equipment they are provided to perform their job. Look at the parking lot at the station and see who has the most clean, detailed and pristine vehicle and then see if they are the last one that volunteers to or even takes part in cleaning your apparatus. See that member with the impeccably ironed and styled clothes, but look at the turnout gear that is soiled, torn and in general disarray that was assigned to them. Showing a little respect and taking care of what we have can add miles to a budget.

When you are out trying to recruit new members or are working hard to keep current members engaged in the department have you considered how they view the respect level for your agency?

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A MESSAGE FROM THE



2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Grant Oetting

Greetings FFAM membership. I hope this finds everyone doing well. The FFAM has had some very busy times since our last newsletter. The Missouri State Fair Fire Department just completed another year of service to the patrons of the State of Missouri, the hotel for our next convention has been booked in St Joseph and, committees have been meeting to address items that have been given to them to help with the future of the FFAM.

The Missouri State Faire Fire Department just finished another great year. They answered 146 total calls, 144 of them were EMS calls or standbys and 2 fire calls, one of which was a structure fire at a concession stand that had a grease fire. The public relations department for the fair was really busy this year, they handed out materials describing the FFAM, they dressed up as Smoky the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog, which was a big hit with the children , they did fire extinguisher demos, which were also a huge hit with children. One day they were out doing this for 2 hours, as kids kept coming up, and they also handed out public relations materials donated by the Jefferson City Fire Department. Thank you Larry Eggan of the Johnson County Fire Protection District for heading this up, you did a amazing job.

Congratulations to all the award members this year: Benjamin Burd, Johnson County Fire Protection District, Dispatcher of the Year; Dylan Honea, Southern Stone Protection District, Firefighter for the Year; Jacob Wade, Johnson County Ambulance District, Co EMS Person of the Year; Carissa Mueller, Holt Summit

Fire Protection District, Co EMS Person of the Year.

Thank you to all the kitchen staff, that supplied 3 meals a day to a average of 100 people each meal, the meals were amazing. I know I heard many good comments about the meals. Keep up the great work as I know this is a big undertaking.

A thank you is also in order for inspections department, they installed over 100 smoke detectors and also 100 fire extinguishers thru out the fairgrounds and even made maps of the midway for the responders so they could find their scene better. Kudos to Larry Jones and his staff. They are top notch.

Thanks are also is in order to all the men and women that responded to all the calls for service. They answered the call without delay, without these people we could not do it. So again, thank you for all your help! You are a true blessing for the organization .

The host hotel for our 2018 convention has been announced it is Stoney Creek Inn in St Joseph. They have 110 rooms available. The dates for the convention are May 4-6. They can be reached at 816-901-9600. Details for the convention are still coming. Hope to see everyone there.

At the Missouri State Fair, the education committee was asking for ideas for trainings to be held next year, if you have any ideas please contact Chairman Rick Dozier. He would love to hear from you.

As I have said in my last articles, I am always open to hear from the membership on how we can increase membership numbers and what the FFAM can do better to serve you and our departments. I have heard from some of you already but I am always open to hear more. I can be reached at grant_oetting@yahoo.com.

If you would like for me to also attend one of your department fund raisers or events, you can also contact me by email at grant_oetting@yahoo.com.

Until next time.

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become a law enforcement officer?" The answer would be, "You need to attend a certified state approved law enforcement academy (800 hours), pass certified testing and maintain your yearly 40 hour POST certification."

Here is my last point. I looked up what it would take for me to become a Missouri licensed barber and this what I discovered; must have a drivers license, proof of recent medical exam, copy of all educational transcripts (if any), two 2"x2" photos, and \$25 enrollment fee. Here is the interesting part, during my schooling I must complete 1,000 hours of study, during a period not less than six months, under supervision of a licensed instructor. If I choose to not attend school, I would have to complete 2,000 apprentice hours under supervision.

This "Standard" we are talking about would not put anyone out of business of fighting fires. It will not disqualify you from any line-of-duty benefits. And it will not cause your firefighters, that are not able to physically fight fires but are able to drive trucks or direct traffic, to not be considered a firefighter!

I would ask for any and all feedback on this topic. We want to get it right, because we are that good!

Call me at the office at 573-751-1742
Message me on Facebook OR email me at tim.bean@dfs.dps.mo.gov

In closing, I appreciate and am thankful for our Missouri Fire Service, along with law enforcement, EMS, and all of the other public service entities across our great state.

Respectfully,

J. Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal



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FITNESS IN THE FIRE SERVICE

By Amanda Barnes-Tolson, Guest Instructor, Columbia (MO) Fire Department

As a personal trainer and health coach, my job is to help clients become healthier and stronger. As an orthopedic specialist, my job is to help clients rehab from injuries. As a senior fitness specialist, my job is to help my mature clients remain as independent as possible. And as a guest instructor for the Columbia Fire Department Fire Academy, my job is to create the physical training program and administer physical training workouts for the new recruits.

I am incredibly lucky. I get the opportunity to use my skills and talents to help our local fire academy recruits and our on-shift personnel to become and, hopefully, remain fit. I attempt to motivate movement and inspire a desire to make wiser food choices, both on and off-shift. I can create workouts and pass them along. I can create on-shift challenges and monitor their implementation. I can show up at a station and take someone through a one-on-one training session to insure safety and proper form. I can do all of those things. But if the recipients of these “gifts” don’t see the benefits or understand their necessity, they are wasted.

Fitness in the fire service is beginning to gain traction. Younger generations, Millennials, are putting more of an emphasis on their own personal fitness. So as younger recruits enter departments, they are beginning to alter the stagnant sedentary norm. Data collected by Goldman Sachs shows that Millennials consider wellness a daily, active pursuit. Most Millennials are exercising more, eating smarter and smoking less than previous generations. They are tracking their training on applications and using online information to find the healthiest foods. *Source:* goldmansachs.com/our-thinking/pages/millennials/

We are also seeing a shift to physical fitness is based on research. In 2004, Deborah Pendergast of the East Derry, NH fire department wrote a paper. The

purpose of her research was: 1) to investigate the causes and effects of stress on today's firefighters; 2) to study the impact that stress has on the incidence of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and to investigate what elements needed to be present in a comprehensive health and wellness program to reduce the effects of stress on the members of their fire department. *Source:* The Leading Cause of Death of American Firefighters in the 21st Century: A study of the Impact of Occupational Stress on Cardiovascular Disease by Deborah A. Pendergast, East Derry Fire Department, East Derry, New Hampshire; 9/2004

Her recommendations included a comprehensive health and wellness program using NFPA Standards as guidelines, to track the health of firefighters, to give them opportunities for physical fitness training, stress education and stress management.

As you know, NFPA collects data annually on all firefighter fatalities in the U.S. The NFPA has several standards that focus on the health risks to firefighters. NFPA 1582, Standard on Comprehensive Occupational Medical Program for Fire Departments, outlines for fire departments the medical requirements that must be met by candidate firefighters and incumbent fire department members. NFPA 1500, Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Program, calls for fire departments to establish a firefighter health and fitness program that meets NFPA 1583, Standard on Health-Related Fitness Programs for Fire Department Members, and requires that firefighters meet the medical requirements of NFPA 1582. The Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program was launched in 2003 to address heart attack prevention for all firefighters and EMS personnel, through fitness, nutrition and health awareness.

As a fitness expert, I recommend that my clients perform 30 minutes of aerobic



exercise a minimum of 4 times per week, but I encourage 45 – 60 minutes 5 – 6 times per week. If the exercise is no longer challenging or stimulating, it can become easy to get bored and stop. The best way to counteract this is to find something new or challenging, or simply increase the intensity of your workout.

A general rule of thumb for gauging your aerobic exercise intensity is to get your heart rate (HR) into your target zone. The simplest method of determining your target heart rate is subtracting your age from 220, which gives you your estimated maximum heart rate. You need to raise your heart rate between approximately 60 and 85 percent of this number. For example, if you are 35, your approximate maximum heart rate would be 185. Your goal would be to keep your pulse between 111 and 157. If your intensity stays at the lower end of this range, you would be in a more calorie-burning and basic health-improvement range. If you work at the higher end, you will see more rapid improvements to your current fitness level.

As I stated earlier, my job is to train, motivate, coach and inspire. All aspects of my life are focused around health and fitness. I try to educate others on the importance of fitness for living a better and, hopefully, longer life. I take my job very seriously. As, I'm sure, you do with yours. Your job, as firefighters, is to preserve life, reduce risk, provide humanitarian services and protect the environment in the most competent and effective manner. My job, with regards to firefighters, is to preserve your lives, reduce your personal risk and to protect You! And I love my job.



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SIZE CAN BE DECEIVING

By Scott Barthelmass

As you pull up to a fire you quickly take a span shot of the structure, if you see smoke and if you see flames. As you evaluate the structure, you can determine if it is a residence, an office, a retail store or factory. Many things are running through your mind as you begin your attack.

But how many times have pulled up on a structure and thought about its size? Like really thought about the size of the structure that is on fire.

Have you thought how the size of the structure is relevant to the amount of smoke showing? And more so, have you thought about how the size and amount of smoke showing relate to the potential dangers that await you and your crew. You might be thinking to yourself, yes I think about the size of the structure and I think about the amount of smoke coming from the structure but let's look at it a little different.

You arrive at a small residential structure fire and there is light smoke showing. You arrive at a large retail store, a so-called "big box" store, and there is light smoke showing. Ask yourself is there a difference? Oh yes, there is a difference.

What do you mean there is a difference you might ask. Well in the small residence, say a 20 by 30 home, light smoke can come from a small fire. In a large store, say 200 by 300, light smoke can mean a big fire inside.

Smoke shows as it escapes the compartment it has been trapped in. A compartment is a space enclosed by walls and ceiling.

Think about it another way. Say you had a small pool, equivalent to the size of a small residence, and a large pool, the size of a "big box" retail store. How much water would we have to fill each with before water started to spill out?

So now apply that to smoke. How much smoke would it take to spill out of a small house? How much fire would it take for smoke to fill a "big box" retail store before it spilled out. There is a big difference isn't there?

Think about if you pull up to the "big box" store and there is light smoke showing. Then as you enter the building you see that the actual fire is deep inside the store. Maybe even in the back of the store. So

how much smoke had to be produced to fill the space to come out the front? A lot of smoke.

That can be a big clue. It should cause you to think about how big the fire is. It should cause you to think about how hot the fire is. It should make you think about how long the fire has been burning.

If that fire has gotten big enough and burnt long enough to fill that large space with smoke you need to think about how much the building has been compromised. You should worry about the effect the fire has had on the roof and the walls. Has there been enough compromise to put the building at risk of collapse? You should be thinking about is it smart to be where you are. You should be thinking about if it is necessary to evacuate the structure. You should be thinking about if you should go to defensive operations. You should be thinking of all of these things.

The amount of smoke you saw when you pulled up, compared with the size of the structure, was probably one of your best first clues. It will allow you to learn many things at a first glance.

SCOTT BARTHELMASS

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COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND SERVICE

By Osage Beach FPD



May 14, 1985 a small resort owner joined the ranks of the Osage Beach Fire Protection District as a volunteer. Over the years this individual served in the capacity of a Volunteer Firefighter, Volunteer Lieutenant, Career Major, Career Captain and he was one of the original nine full time staff hired in 1991.

What does 32 years of service look like by the numbers? Unfortunately this is not easy to answer since the first 15 years of his service all fire reports and training rosters were completed on paper; it was not until the year of 2000 that these records went to a computer format. So just looking at the last 17 years of service the numbers look like:

911 Responses: 3,923 (over 6,000 total)
Training Hours: 3,003 (over 6,000 total)

It could be assumed that the first fifteen years of service these numbers would be similar meaning that he responded to over 6,000 emergency calls and 6,000 hours of training.

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Additionally over 26 years of career service he spent over 75,000 hours at the fire station or 3,172 twenty-four hour shifts away from his family. These days and nights away include birthdays, holidays and anniversaries.

It was officially announced this past weekend that Don Gainey, Captain of B-Shift House 2 will officially retire in 2018. After 32 years of service to the District, its tax payers, and our visitors, Captain Gainey will complete his last 24 hour shift on December 29, 2017. By the time that Captain Gainey has used his vacation and comp time he will have given this District 33 years of dedication and excellence.

These years of knowledge and experience will be hard to replace and whoever is awarded this promotion has a legacy to follow and large shoes to fill. Captain Gainey brought a work ethic to this job not often seen and every task he completed was to perfection.

On behalf of the board of directors, management, and staff we would like to thank Captain Gainey for his commitment, dedication, and service. It would be impossible to know how many lives you touched in a positive way over the last 32 years, but the number would be staggering. You and your family will always be a part of our family. On a personal note to his wife Debby, he is all yours now!

Should you run into Don or his family, please take a minute and thank him for his service.



SAFER VOLUNTEERS THROUGH TRAINING

By Mark Woodward, Missouri Employers Mutual

Time is scarce when it comes to training Missouri's volunteer firefighters. Jobs, families, sports, church and tons of other activities require so much time in our lives. Don't let time become an excuse to put off regular training. This article is written specific to training plans for volunteer fire departments.

Whenever providing training to volunteers, remember these important points:

1. Don't waste people's time. Study and prepare a lesson. It takes a little effort to make each training night worthwhile.

2. If you're not training regularly, volunteers get bored, go home and quit. Lack of activity kills volunteer fire departments.

3. Training should occur each month, at a minimum, period. Never fail to provide a training message.

4. Know your audience. In what areas does your fire department need improvement? Where is the group lacking?

5. Get your hands dirty. Get your gear on. Get the trucks out and pump some water. Pack up. Hands on = learning!

6. Set a training attendance expectation. If only 25% of your volunteers are regularly attending, there's a problem!

7. Fire chief and officers: Commit! Volunteers won't bother if the officers aren't committed to training and learning.

8. Fire chief and officers: It's not ok to be absent during training. Nobody knows it all. Support your folks! Participate!

9. Document your training. In fact, whenever someone is being taught something, document!

10. Everyone wants the t-shirt. But do you train? Do you know the trucks? Are you knowledgeable? Or, are you all noise?

Training resources are everywhere. You'll need to use a little creativity to discover new documents and tools.

- Use a digital camera or your cell phone camera to take pictures of specific hazards or large structures in your area. Display these photos to discuss firefighting and safety strategies.
- Use Google Earth to display overhead views of structures in your area. Plan your supply line or tanker shuttle routes. Display lakes in your area, and the best way to set up a tanker fill site. www.google.com/earth/
- Use Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for dangerous chemicals in your community like chlorine gas or anhydrous ammonia;
- Insurance resources: Both your insurance agent, fleet and workers compensation insurance carriers can provide safety resources like sample programs, tool box talks and safety DVD loaners. View www.worksafe-center.com to print and use resources from Missouri Employers Mutual.
- If you're part of a municipal government, use the city's safety manual to discuss safety rules already have in place. This could include discussions on the city's accident reporting policy, employer-directed medical plan, seat belt policy or drug-free workplace policy. Review safety policy often with all volunteers.

PRO TIP! The owner's manual is a secret weapon! How many of us have actually read the owner's manual that came with our turnout gear when it was new? SCBA? Fire apparatus chassis? Fire apparatus pump? Auto rescue tools?

Can anyone find these owner's manuals in your station? Whenever providing truck, equipment or turnout gear training, always refer to the owner's manual and read warning labels to provide the facts, not hearsay, when it comes to user safety, maintenance, care, cleaning and weekly checks. Many, many owner's manuals are available online in PDF format.

Internet access at the station is a great resource for training. Play training and "close call" videos posted on websites like YouTube, Vent Enter Search or Statter 911. I highly recommend the following training audio-visual equipment:

- Portable PowerPoint projector for use with a laptop; We don't all have training rooms, we just use the bays!
- Portable laptop or a desktop computer, with DVD drive, HDMI and USB ports, that connects to the projector.
- Speakers that connect through the headphone jack of a laptop, iPad or desktop computer.
- Large portable projector screen. Smaller flat screen TVs can't be seen by everyone when used at a large class.
- WiFi or personal cell hotspot for viewing of online videos.
- Dry-erase board or even a chalkboard.
- The ability to make printouts or photocopies of handouts for everyone in attendance.

USE COMPLEMENTARY (FREE) ONLINE CONTENT

The internet has changed how fire departments get new information, messages and training. There are tons of great websites that provide free content. Download, print and share with the volunteers! Here's a list of my go-to websites:

1. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, www.osha.gov/pls/publications. Find tons of 1-page training tool box talks on confined spaces, trench safety, combustible dusts and grain bin safety.

2. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Firefighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention, also the Information Page, www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters. Provide training from information found in fatality reports. Use the findings in these reports to improve safety in your fire department.

3. Firefighter Close Calls Weekly Drills, www.firefighterclosecalls.com/drills. These handy, one-page reviews are written by a great friend of Missouri firefighters, Chief Forest Reeder of Pleasantview, IL FPD.

4. Use the MO Department of Labor Commercial Driver License Manual as part of your fire apparatus driving training. dor.mo.gov/forms/Commerical_Driver_License.pdf. These free documents can be found easily at any Missouri license office. Use parts of this manual for your fire apparatus driver training.

Keep an eye on the FFAM newsletter, and know your Missouri resources!

- MU FRTI training is usually available in your area, and most of the 1-day seminars are only \$100 per head. Check out the list of available training in the FFAM newsletter, or at the MUFRTI website, www.mufrti.org.
- MU FRTI Summer and Winter Fire Schools provide high-quality training, and fire departments should budget accordingly to send folks to both each year.
- Missouri Division of Fire Safety's training grant program is another great way to bring top-quality training to your area. dfs.dps.mo.gov/programs/training/

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PRO TIP! When folks are sent to training, have them present on what they learned at your next training night!

Check out the sample volunteer fire department annual training plan. Remember, it's just a sample. Customize the topics to fit your organization and hazards unique to your community. In order for folks to plan ahead, write in the date for each monthly training night, the date for each "first Thursday of every month". Give a photocopy to each volunteer. Communicate the plan and stick with it. Here's what each column represents:

SAFETY

Approximately 15 minutes: Open each training meeting with a safety message. Discuss specific safety expectations and rules for the fire department. Distribute copies of your policies.

AWARENESS

Approximately 30 minutes: This is just enough information about a technical topic to keep everyone safe. For example: "We may not have a confined space rescue team or equipment, but we can at least know enough to stay safe until more equipment and personnel arrive..."

TACTICAL

Approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes, or the remainder of the evening: Hands-on training with firefighting, rescue or water supply equipment. Participation is required. Reloading hose and restocking the truck can be a team building activity!

A ton of great information can be covered in 3 hours if you stick with the plan and manage your time. E-mail me and I'll send you the electronic copy in Word format

In review, Missouri's volunteer fire departments CAN make training happen. Remember that training programs all require the following ingredients:

- It's about taking care of Ms. Smith: Trained volunteers better serve their neighbors and community.
- Fire department management must be dedicated to educated volunteers.
- Chiefs and Officers must participate.
- Support the volunteer that has taken their time to prepare the session. Help them stay confident. Learn together!
- Think ahead and prepare to give a good message at each training night;
- Stick with the training plan. All hands work. Hands-on training promotes teamwork!
- Set training attendance expectations. Is attending 8 of 12 monthly meetings acceptable? Set an acceptable standard.
- Personally encourage all volunteers to participate!
- Be safe and have fun! Drive trucks, run tools, make noise and pump water!

Fire Department Annual Training Calendar

Year: 20____	Tactical 2 hours approx.	Awareness 30 minutes approx.	Safety 15 minutes approx.
January ____	CPR and AED Training	Downed Firefighter CPR	Bloodborne Pathogen Training / Vaccinations / Medical PPE
February ____	Safe Emergency Response Driving	Radio & Ongoing Scene Size-Ups	Seat Belt Policy, Driver Distractions and Speed Management
March ____	Commercial Downtown Fires with Alley Walking Tour	Collapse Zones	Overhead Power Line & Electrical Safety
April ____	SCBA Air Pack Use	Mayday Signals and Firefighter Evacuation	Personal Protective Equipment on Fire and Rescue Scenes
May ____	Hydrant Water Supply Operations	Large Caliber Hand Lines and Portable Ground Monitors	Generators, Scene Lighting and 3-Point Contact with Trucks
June ____	Rural Water Supply – Lakes, Folding Tanks, Dry Hydrants	Mutual Aid Tankers	Safe Backing at the Station and at Fire Scenes
July ____	Fire Service Pumps and Foam	DOT Placards, Emergency Response Guide	Portable Fire Extinguisher Use
August ____	Single-Story Residential Structure Fires – Attack Line Stretches	Nozzle Reaction and Estimating Attack Line Distances	F. D. Accident Reporting Policy
September ____	Multi-Story Residential Structure Fires	Smoke, Pitched Roof Ventilation and Power Saws	Ladder Safety
October ____	Special Rescue Calls: Grain Bins, Trenches and Confined Space Overview	Aircraft Landing Zone Safety	Reading Chemical Safety Data Sheets
November ____	Auto Rescue Tools and Extrication Training	Back Injury Prevention when Moving Tools and Patients	Highway Work Zone Safety
December ____	Know Your Rigs: Truck and Tool Inspection and Review Night	Firefighter Cancer Prevention	Drug & Alcohol-Free Workplaces

Your community appreciates and deserves safe and efficient firefighters. Thank you for your dedication, skill and friendship!

All fire department volunteers must wear seat belts whenever driving or riding in any vehicle for department business.

Drive all fire apparatus and responding personal vehicles with due regard, at an appropriate speed for conditions.

Report all injuries and incidents in writing to the Fire Chief before leaving the scene or fire station.

The fire department is an alcohol and drug-free workplace.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Robert B. Brown
Director

Hello from the east side of the state. I hope all is well. Can you believe how fast time is going by? Summer is about over and the Missouri State Fair is in the history books.

First off, I want to say thank you to all this year's poster contest winners and a big thank you to the artist's that attended the Missouri State Fair to receive their prizes. Those winners that were able to attend received free admission into the fair, a tour of the fire station, received their award money and a wristband pass to the midway carnival. I also want to give a special thank you to Missouri State Fair Volunteer Fire Department for making the fun day at the fair possible for all the winners.

Now that the fair is in the history books and the hours of daylight are getting shorter that means that fall is around the corner.

October is fire prevention month. Many districts and departments use the entire month to promote fire safety and others focus on fire prevention week. This year, fire prevention week is October 8-14. But remember, fire prevention is a daily topic so spread the word.

This year the Fire Prevention Committee is asking for some help from all the district and departments for the 2018 contest. Each poster has a label that is placed on the back that provides us with some necessary information. This information includes the artist name, school and sponsoring fire department. We also need to ensure that the parent

or legal guardian contact information is also included. Schools are not in session during the summer making it difficult for us to contact the winners and their families about attending the state fair so having this information is essential. Please make sure that this information is filled out in its entirety before submitting the posters for judging.

I challenge each member fire department to contact their local schools and get those posters in so that the 2018 contest will be the biggest and best one yet. Thank you to those departments that continue to submit entries each year helping making the contest a success.

Now to a bitter sweet ending. If you have not heard this Missouri State Fair was the last for Chief Charlie Neubert. He retired after 40 years. As for many, Charlie got his start as a junior and dispatcher and worked his way up the ladder as Chief. He had the midway fire and held the position of commissioner, officer 3, for many years. Chief you'll be missed and I want to say thank you for showing me the fair over my four day over 20 years ago... that's all it took. You will be missed thank you Chief for a great job well done.

One final note while writing this, a bad storm named Hurricane Harvey is about to hit the coast of Texas. Many emergency workers are in place waiting to see what mother nature will do. Many federal assets are in transit including Missouri Task Force 1, which I am very proud to be a member of. It is the best of the best and I wish I was able to go. I hope each team achieves every goal and comes home safe. Until we meet again.



NVFC NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL UPDATE



Keith Smith

With the Fall meeting for NVFC taking place the last week of September, I do not have a lot to report at this time. The November newsletter will have more details. NVFC continues to focus on Cancer and the Opioid Drug epidemic which has fallen dead center into the lap of first responders. The emotional and financial drain on resources is bad for some and horrific for others. More details on NVFC programs now underway to follow.

For those of you which follow Fire Marshal Bean on Facebook you have to acknowledge a lead by example approach on physical fitness and health plus his message of importance about boots on the ground. That has been a key theme with NVFC with their Heart Health program for the past five years.

Moving to another topic, we likely agree that not much is ever agreed upon in DC now days but there was a rare moment clarity on August 2, when the US Senate unanimously approved reauthorization of AFG until 2023 and the next sunset provision. Too bad such things cannot be repeated on some other key legislation allied with the fire service. More information on that in the next newsletter.



History's CORNER

A TRIBUTE TO AND IN MEMORY OF THE 343
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

By Bill Westhoff

To some folks that experienced this day in 2001, it seems like yesterday; to others a fleeting memory. It is also astounding to me that there are kids in our country that are now driving age, including my youngest grandson, who were not even born when this attack on our country occurred.

It was the first foreign attack on the United States mainland in almost two centuries and the largest firefighter life loss ever in one incident. Three hundred forty three firefighters and officers of the New York City Fire Department died as a result of American Airlines Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of fuel struck the 80th floor of the North tower of the World Trade Center. Eighteen minutes later a second Boeing 767, United Air Lines flight 175 slammed into the 60th floor of the South Tower!

Over three thousand people lost their lives that day in the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington D.C when American flight 77 crashed into military center of our country, killing 125 military personnel and civilians.

Everyone alive that day also remembers the hero's of United flight 93 that teamed up to attack their hijackers that forced the plane down near Shanksville, in southwestern Pennsylvania.

For those of us that have been around for a long time, and I definitely fall into that group, this day falls into the same category as the day that John Kennedy was assassination in Dallas and some older folks than me, Pearl Harbor.

WHAT THOSE DESPICABLE BASTARDS REALLY TOOK FROM US AS A NATION AND A FIRE SERVICE

The long-term effect of what happened that day sticks with me and is in my thoughts frequently. If you consider just the life loss of the 343 fire personnel in the FDNY, there are hundreds of family members who are without their firefighter husband, father, uncle, grandpa and other relations, along with good friends.

The years of experience and training went with these brave souls when they worked at the base of huge buildings that no one in the world would ever think would just collapse and fall on you!

If you take a look at just one of these lives, you get the idea of what I mean and the scope of this long-term loss.

Deputy Chief Ray Downey was in charge of Special Operations Command that day and was at the command center at the base of the towers. He was also one of the founding fathers of the FEMA



Urban Search and Rescue Team network. Take a look at what the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation had to say about this outstanding fire officer and then multiply that loss 342 more times for the other members lost from just the FDNY organization. This is why we do memorial stair climbs and wear memorial bracelet's to remember these folks! May they never be forgotten.



This bracelet has been worn by my son, Assistant Chief Doug Westhoff - Boone County Fire District for the last fifteen years as attribute to his mentor, Chief Ray Downing. Doug was a new Task Force leader for MO Task Force One when they worked together at task force leaders meetings around the country.

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RAYMOND M. DOWNEY SR.

Deputy Chief
Fire Department of New York
New York

Age: 63

Year of Death: 2001

Age: 63

Wife: Rosalie. Children: Kathy, Raymond, Charles, Marie and Joseph. Nine grandchildren. Raymond M. Downey was born in Sunnyside, Queens, and for over 40 years, he and his wife Rosalie have lived in Deer Park, raising their family of five children.

His colleagues affectionately referred to Chief Downey, chief in charge of the Special Operations Command, as God and Master of Disaster.

One of FDNY's most decorated firefighters and a bona fide department icon, his accomplishments are legendary and monumental.

Ray was a panel member of the presidential committee on terrorism known as the Gilmore Commission, which has been assessing domestic response capabilities for terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction. As a founding member of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team network, he responded to the Walton Floods and the 2000 ice storm in upstate New York; Hurricanes Hugo, Andrew, Fran, Marilyn, Opal and Georges; and the bombing at the Atlanta Olympics. He was the FEMA Operations Chief at the Oklahoma City bombing, and several of the major hurricanes. Ray authored the book The Rescue Company and he created a series of videos on collapse operations.

He was the recipient of the Crystal Apple Award issued by Mayor Rudy Giuliani on July 23, 2001. After his death, he received the Department of



the Navy Distinguished Public Service Award, the Congressional Fire Services Institute Mason Langford Award, and the Medal of Courage Award upon induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. In his home community, a local road and the post office were renamed in his honor.

His family was the center of his life, especially his wife Rosalie.



MUSEUM UPDATE

By Keith Smith

Work continues on this project. Since the last newsletter two additional meetings with the architect and scope of project meeting with another builder, Morton Buildings. We did not realize they do all steel buildings. A contact and partnership was also made for other support service which I will call "Friends of the Firefighter Museum." This involves a new working model of the project once we have fully decided on a final design. This work, material and labor, is being volunteered for free, which is greatly appreciated.

Some people have asked about a firm start date and I can only say late fourth quarter or spring 2018 at this point. Saving money on professional services typically involving 6-8% of the project cost is also tied into working on their time lines as they have time available. While I do wish we were further along I have to remind myself and everyone following this project that we now have some serious forward movement and that is a very good change over the past few years. Short report for this newsletter but progress is being made.

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If you appear to be an agency or individuals about a half step ahead of the old “Three Stooges” shows (look them up on YouTube if you are not familiar) is there any question why we struggle to get new members or lose our current members. The manner in which our agencies or our members are afforded respect in the community has a direct impact on both recruitment and retention. At the same time are we as an agency taking the time to respect the needs of potential recruits or our current members or are we simply saying, “you must fit into our cookie cutter style profile or you will not be accepted?” There is no easy solution to strike a balance between the needs of the agency and the needs of the individuals involved, but if we do not learn to show respect in both directions we are likely starting the paperwork towards closing an agency/station due to lack of staffing.

Of course the full circle in this thought brings us back to you. Each of us as an individual has the opportunity to show respect and to earn respect. Each of us also has the ability to act in ways to ruin any respect others may have had and to do nothing to earn the respect that we all, whether you want to admit it or not, strive to achieve. Take a moment and reflect on where you are and where you are headed and remember to respect what you encounter along the way.

If I can be of service to you never hesitate to contact me.

Be Safe!



JASON R. ACTON

October 3, 1975 - July 1, 2017



Jason Acton, 41, Mound City, Missouri passed away Saturday, July 1, 2017 at Oregon Care Center.

He was born October 3, 1975 to Doyal and Joetta (Kurtz) Acton, Jr., in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Jason was a member of First Christian Church of Mound City, Mound City volunteer fire fighter and EMT, a “lumberjack” and a certified Conceal and Carry instructor.

He loved gardening, hunting, fishing, and being on the river. He also had a love for guns, and spending time with his family.

Jason was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Doyal and Darlene Acton, Sr.; and maternal grandfather, Reed Kurtz.

Survivors include son, Austin Acton, Mound City; daughter, Eryn Acton, Columbia, Missouri; father, Doyal Acton, Jr., Forest City, Missouri; mother, Joetta

DONALD TURNER

April 30, 1936 - February 13, 2017

Donald was born on April 30, 1936 and passed away on Monday, February 13, 2017.

Donald was a resident of Gravois Mills, Missouri at the time of passing.

He proudly served his country in the US Navy, where he learned the skills to become one of IBM’s best diagnostic Field Engineers, a position he held for 33 years until his retirement in 1991.

Donald was married to Naomi Carolyn (Hurd) Turner.

A celebration of Don’s life was held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 18, with full military honors at 2:00 PM at the family home. The family received friends from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Foundation or the Disabled Veterans Foundation.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Davis (Phil), St. Joseph; step-mother, Carla Acton; brothers, Jeremy Acton (Maranda), Levi Acton; sisters, Crystal Sims (Dwight), Chelsea Acton; grandmother, Pauline Kurtz; girlfriend, Darci Grafton; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins; former spouse and mother of his children, Kerri Nauman.

Memorials made to Mound City Volunteer Fire Department or Mound City First Christian Church. Online guest book and obituary at www.pettijohncrawford.com.

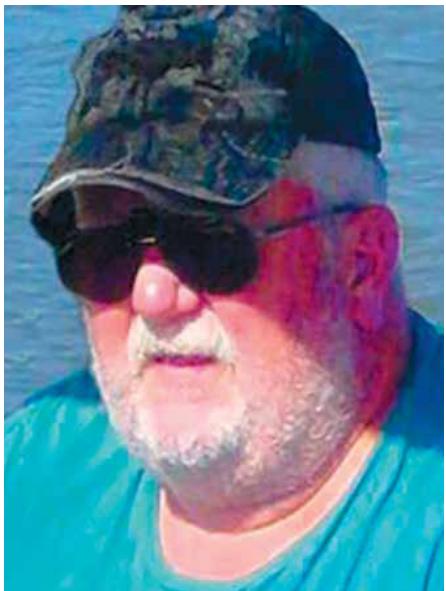
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ROBERT LEE WARE

May 17, 1958 - July 16, 2017



Roger Lee Ware, 59 of Higbee passed away Sunday, July 16, 2017 in Perryville, MO. Roger was born May 17, 1958 to Vernon and Norma Thompson Ware in Moberly, MO. On June 10, 1978, Roger married his sweetheart Susan Perkins and together they raised 4 daughters who were his pride and joy.

Roger was very dedicated to his family. He loved nothing more than spending time with his grandchildren and never missed any event in which they were involved. Roger was an Eagle Scout and rose to the level of Scout Master. He was a 1977 graduate of Higbee High School and attended Missouri Auction School. He was a devoted volunteer firefighter and proudly served on the Higbee Area Volunteer Fire Department for 38 years and the Higbee R-8 School Board for

10 years. He loved hunting, trout fishing and anything involving family. He was a member of the Higbee Masonic Lodge. Roger was also a skilled welder who enjoyed teaching others his trade. He was always a big-hearted person and because of his donation with the help of Mid America Transplant he will be changing the lives of others and his generosity continues to live on. Roger is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

He is survived by his wife Susan; 4 daughters and sons-in-law, Julie (Brian) Dougherty of Higbee, Ashley (Jimmy) McAlpin of Higbee, Tiffany (Willie) White of Moberly and Amber (Clifton) Stockhorst of Higbee; 15 grandchildren, Hunter, Lexi, Ericka, Colby, Alie, Gracie, Justin, Shori, Austin, Darren, Addie, Madi, Cianna, Talon and Raylee; his brother Kent (Natalie) Ware and Tinker of Higbee; aunt, Charlene Redifer of Ottawa, KS; in-laws, Jody and Louise Perkins of Higbee; brother in-law Mike (Kathy) Perkins of Higbee; sister in-law, Anna Mae (Ken) Robinson of Columbia; beloved dog, Bear; nieces, nephews, extended family and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Higbee Masonic Lodge # 527, c/o Mark Nichols, 127 Thompson St., Moberly, MO 65270 or Saddle Up for St. Jude, c/o Brenda Reed, 1003 Private Road 2913, Higbee, MO 65257. Condolences may be expressed online by "lighting a lantern" at www.pathwaymemorial.com. Pathway Memorial Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.



MEMORIAL

UPDATE & NEWS

Keith Smith

It is again with profound sadness that I must open my article with another LODD announcement. St. Louis Fire Captain John Kemper last call 07-12-17. Our last newsletter gave tribute to two LODD announcements for Jesse Ketchum with the Memphis Fire Department and Jeffrey Sanders with the Mayview Fire Protection District. Your foundation continues to work in honoring their sacrifice. As with my last article thank you to those which assisted in honoring Captain Kemper and those of you which have continued to assist the families and departments of Jesse Ketchum and Jeffery Sanders.

The 2017 memorial services DVD are for sale on a single disc which has the Saturday night Candlelight and Sunday morning programs. If you are not able to attend a FFAM event where we can hand you a copy for \$10, please contact me and I can mail a copy for \$12. Keith Smith, 20309 Cedar Court, Warrenton, MO 63383 or call 314-709-0760.

Special thanks to some folks which continue to keep things trimmed up, weeds pulled and flower beds attended. The 2017 Memorial Flag dedication program has been fulfilled and closed. Thank you Dr. Baker for again making this a major success. Just as an FYI, the Village of Kingdom City continues to warehouse a ton of stuff for the Foundation in the basement of their office building at no charge. We continue to enjoy a lot of support from many organizations, communities and individuals as "Friends of the Memorial". This is required as a non-for-profit foundation to be successful and we are truly blessed in this capacity. Thank you!

2017 STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT



HONORING LODD

By Larry Eggen

At the meeting of all personnel on August 19, 2017 we gathered to honor the Clinton Missouri police officer who lost his life in the line of Duty, Officer Gary Michael. His Road Sergeant, Chad Nepple represented the Clinton Police Department for the presentation. We gave the family a firefighter flag that was signed by Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire, Conservation and State Officials at the 2017 Missouri State Fair to honor his ultimate sacrifice. He lost his life on August 6, 2017, during a traffic stop.





STATE FAIR FD AWARDS

By Larry Eggen

At the Awards Ceremony and Business Meeting held Saturday, August 19, at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department, it was decided that the Department Union will be making several donations to various causes. The Missouri State Fair Fire Department (MSFFD) Union collects fines during the fair from firefighters and EMS personnel to raise funds for these different donations. It is all done with good intentions. The fines are collected from personnel who have committed silly actions the previous day and gotten caught.

The first donation will be used for the 2017 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in Jefferson City which will be hosted by the Missouri State Fire Marshall on September the 10th at the Jefferson Building. The MSFFD has elected to donate \$350 to sponsor a floor during the stair climb. The fire department will also buy three bricks in memory of fallen Firefighter Jeffrey Sanders of Mayview, Captain John Kemper from St. Louis FD and Firefighter Jesse Ketchum of Memphis who lost their lives in the line of duty. The department voted to purchase a fourth brick for the 2017 MSFFD. These bricks will proudly be displayed at the Firefighter Memorial located in Kingdom City.

A donation of \$500 will be given to the Firefighters Association of Missouri Museum to help support a new building and training center. The last donation will be given to the Supporting Heroes organization in the amount of \$275. Their mission is 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.

Special recognition was given to the few who rose higher than expectations, and those who will not be

with us next year. The first award for Dispatcher of the Year was given to Benjamin Burd from the Johnson County Fire Protection District. Two individuals were awarded EMT of the Year, Carissa Mueller of Holts Summit Fire Protection District and Jacob Wade of the Johnson County Ambulance District. Dylan Honea of Southern Stone Fire Department was recognized as Firefighter of the Year.

The last individual to be recognized was Grant Oetting from Higginsville Fire Protection District. Grant has served the Missouri State Fair for the past 20 years, but sadly, will not be joining us for the 2018 State Fair. He will be missed by everyone at the MSFFD, and we hope that he will still come around to visit.

We appreciate everyone who has given their valuable time and talents to the Missouri State Fair each year, and we hope that more people will consider becoming a part of this department for 2018.



POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

By Larry Eggen



FIFTH GRADE: Trenten Bailey - Union FPD

The 2017 Poster Contest Winners attended the Missouri State Fair. They are being presented their award check along with Fire Prevention Committee Chairman RB Brown.



THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE: Calvin Brune - Union FPD



THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE: Eli Schmieder - Union FPD



THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE: Macey Shatzer - Paris Rural FPD

CHARLIE NEUBERT IS RECOGNIZED

By Larry Eggen



Charlie Neubert is recognized for years of service by the Commissioners and Firefighters of the 2017 Missouri State Fair Fire Department.

Today, the Missouri State Fair Fire Department recognized Charlie Neubert for 40 years of service to the department. Charlie started with the department as a junior dispatching for the station during the fair. Charlie served as the Fire Chief of the State Fair Fire Department for the years 1988 and 1989. He has been a commissioner of the department since 1994. Charlie was a career firefighter for 33 years and is currently serving as Deputy Chief of the Highlandville Fire Department.

Charlie's memories of the State Fair Fire Department are numerous and he shared a few of them for this article. During the 1989 Missouri State Fair, they were dispatched to a burn victim at the Midway. Upon arrival, they saw heavy smoke showing from the area of the carnival. They had four engine companies from the Missouri State Fair Fire Department respond to the scene. There were seven tractor trailers used by the carnival on fire. They requested mutual aid from the City of Sedalia Fire Department for an additional engine company. They brought the fire under control and were on the scene for about six hours. The State of Missouri Fire Marshal Office was contacted to assist with the investigation. The cause of the fire was determined to be arson.

Charlie remembered the time Ronald Reagan attended the Missouri State Fair and he worked with the Secret Service prior to his arrival. It was a unique experience and his trip went as planned.

Charlie says his best memories will be of all the friends he has made in his 40 years of service from all around the State of Missouri in the fire service, law enforcement and the workers of the Missouri State Fairgrounds. It becomes a big family each year of dedicated people who choose to come together to donate their time and efforts to provide Fire, Rescue and EMS Services for all the fairgoers and at no charge to them. It is a special calling for people to give of their time and talents to provide for others and ask for nothing in return. We all wish Charlie the best in his retirement from active service with the department. We will miss you and look forward to you visiting us during the fair for years to come.

OFFICER 3 IS OUT OF SERVICE

By Charlie Neubert

My grandmother often told me that when you get older time will fly by. Now after 40 years with the Missouri State Fair Fire Department she sure was right. I can't believe how the time passed, but I can tell you that I will have memories that will last a life time. Things like an elephant waking me up in the bunk room, or a small white horse that walked into the shower. And the people, nope, friends that I have made over the 40 years from all around the state. People that I will never forget, even those that have passed all these people I hold very dearly in my heart. But it is time for new ideas to continue to move the Missouri State Fair Fire Department forward and grow and keep the professional team work that the fair directors and others have grown to respect. This was my last year to serve on the department and I was treated like a king! The awards, hand shakes, hugs, was overwhelming, again memories I will never forget. I want to thank all the commissioners for all the support over the years, we made an awesome team and I will miss you all. A special thanks to my good friend Monty (Officer 1), who was with me the entire time I got ill and had to call an ambulance to take me to the hospital. He stayed with me even after my wife made it up, that's more than being a friend and I will never be able to repay you for that.

For everyone else this is not good-bye, I am going to stay in touch with all of you and still come up to visit. You all mean too much to me to throw it all away, just the opposite, I will never forget any of you. God Bless my dear friends of the State Fair Fire Department, my August will never be the same.

Officer 3 is out of service.



2017 MISSOURI STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Cy Fields, Captain of Communications, Missouri State Fair Fire Department

Well the 2017 Missouri State Fair has come and gone. Once again, the Missouri State Fair Fire Department (MSFFD) was in full operation during the fair to provide fire and emergency medical services to the fairgoers and citizens of the State of Missouri. From my point of view as the Captain of Communications for the MSFFD this year, the department responded to 146 calls. From the time, the dispatcher on duty received the call until the time all personnel and apparatus returned to the station, each call was handled in the most professional, courteous, and timely manner at which all personnel of the MSFFD was able to provide.

With the department being down on personnel as a whole this year, each person there was working extra hard to make sure things went right and worked smoothly. From, August 9 at 1800 hours until August 21 at 0800 hours, there was always someone at the ready. The weather was absolutely amazing during the days of the fair, except for the occasional rain shower and annual thunderstorm that always decides to make an appearance. With the weather the way it was, the fairgoers and the crews were able to enjoy the fair even more.

My position that I hold with the MSFFD is one that most people do not see in action. When it comes down to it, the dispatcher at the MSFFD is the one who

everyone looks at but, again does not always see. The dispatcher is "The Voice That Controls It All" on every call. The dispatcher receives the call, determines the response needed, keeps in constant radio contact with all personnel, keeps track of all apparatus, making sure everyone returns back safely, all while either waiting on or dispatching the next call. The dispatchers of the MSFFD are among the best in this great state!! I am proud to have them work with me and help keep this MSFFD running smoothly year after year.

The dispatchers and I would like to Congratulate, Officer 3, Charlie Neubert, on his retirement from the MSFFD after putting in 40 years of service. Charlie has been and always will be a huge asset to the department. Charlie the department appreciates your hard work, dedication, and selfless service. If you see Charlie anytime please tell him "Thank You" for his service.

We would also like to Congratulate, EMS Battalion Chief, Grant Oetting, on his retirement from the MSFFD after 20 years of service. Grant was the first officer over me when I first started at the fair 6 years ago as a dispatcher. Grant has helped me and mentored me into the Captain I am today. Grant "Thank You" for your service to this department.

Last person I would like to Congratulate is, Benjamin Burd, on being announced as the 2017 MSFFD Dispatcher of the year. Benjamin is a member of the Johnson County Fire Protection District and has been working the MSFFD for the past couple years. Benjamin was assigned to the dispatch office this year and not only did he perform well at the task that was given, he went beyond expectations and limits of the job. Benjamin, Congratulations on being named "2017 MSFFD Dispatcher of the Year".

If you have ever wondered what it is like to work the MSFFD and have never applied to come, please apply when applications come out again next year. Keep an eye on your FFAM Newsletter and on the FFAM website for the application. Also, if you have any juniors on your department please encourage them to apply as well. The communications office is always looking for people who want to know what it is like to be behind the radio.

I hope everyone has enjoyed their year thus far and has enjoyed this nice rare cool weather for this time of year. With Fall and Winter creeping around the corner and also the holiday season approaching, please stay safe and enjoy yourselves as you begin to close out 2017. Please feel free to email me at cyfields134@gmail.com with any questions or comments you might have. Stay safe.



FAIR KITCHEN

By Momma Joyce

2017 FFAM Missouri State Fair Fire Department went out of service at 8:00 a.m., Monday, August 21. In time for the total solar eclipse, a lot of our people had to be home for this event.

This year's fair temperature was near perfect except for the last Saturday and Sunday.

Entertainment Alan Jackson and Little Big Town. One concert cancelled due to weather.

The fire and EMS went into service Wednesday evening, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. RB Brown was breakfast coordinator, Angie Fields for lunch and Joyce Thompson for dinner. A big "thank you" to Ann Jones, Kerrigan Maddox, Rosie Hirner, Joanie Fields. Our grill cooks; Ed Daugherty, Larry Eggen, Larry Jones, Brad Neff, Charlie Peel and Thomas Barker, great job!

A big "thank you" for all the donations. There is another article on donations.

We averaged feeding for breakfast 65, for lunch 75 and for dinner, we averaged 110. A special thank you to Terry Wynn and company for proving fresh catfish and preparing dinner on Tuesday evening. There was 175 people who came thru the lines. Guest where the fair commissioners and their families, the State Fair Queen and her family. We welcomed the Sedalia Fire and EMS along with Pettis County for dinner and all shifts, their friendship is a gift, and our Missouri State Patrol and State Fair Security.

We had some new faces this year which is always nice and hope to see them back in 2018. We hope everyone had a favorite meal or food. If you have a favorite food you'd like to see next year text or give us a call.

Thanks to everyone that helped in preparing sweet tea, unsweetened tea, kool-aid and coffee, took out trash, helped

STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Larry Eggen

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all who worked and donated services and time to make a successful fair this year. There were 48 departments represented with 662 total personnel working the fair activities during the 12 days we were in service for an average work force of 55 each day.

The inspection crew installed 181 batteries in the facilities smoke detectors and CO alarms and completed 151 inspections. They flowed, flushed and marked all 29 fire hydrants in 220 hours prior and during the fair. The EMS calls this year were 138 at the start of the last Sunday and we had 206 walk-ins to the first aid station.

The fire crews responded to all events for standby and completed several demonstrations for the public. We had 3 live fire demonstrations for fire extinguishers. The first Saturday of the fair had record attendees at the fire house and we stayed out for two and a half hours showing proper usage of fire extinguishers to the fairgoers. The extrication demonstration is always popular with the crowds as they get a close up view of what they see too often on the side of the road as they are driving by. We made sure to remind the crowds to slow down and give anyone on the side of the road their full attention and let us complete our duties safely so we can all return home safely.

with clean up and dishes in whatever was asked of you, again, thank you!

Hope to see you at 2018 Convention in St. Joseph in May, also see you at 2018 Missouri State Fair FFAM Fire Department. Fair applications in January newsletter.

Love you all, Momma Joyce



Daily we had crews at the station giving vehicle and station tours and visiting about fire safety education. We enjoyed working with the State of Missouri Fire Marshall's office as they were next to our station promoting fire safety and service. It is one of the highlights of the fair to get to sit in an ambulance or fire truck. The 1929 engine was very popular this year with the young and old to compare to the new trucks. We drove it around the fairgrounds several times a day for all to enjoy. Sparky and Smokey the Bear were the hit of the day every time they walked around the grounds and were transported in the 1929 for a ride. We enjoyed giving the Missouri Department of Agriculture Chris Chinn her first ride in the 1929 fire truck around the fairgrounds as well as the 2017 Missouri State Fair Queen Natalie Ayers.

Please make plans to attend the 2018 Missouri State Fair in August next year and volunteer to support the FFAM and the fire department. This is our biggest impression for both organizations and is a lot of fun and satisfaction while doing a huge public service to our organization and the State of Missouri. Thanks to all and we look forward to seeing you next year.

CORD SAFETY



By Greg Dickens

As summer gives way to fall, the State Fire Marshal's office would like to remind everyone about extension cord safety. Extension cords are designed to be a temporary solution to a problem, not a permanent installation. Most are designed for interior use only.

If you must use an extension cord make sure it is rated for the item being plugged in. Many are not rated or designed to be used with every appliance. Only a specially designed extension cord, for example, will ensure a microwave or refrigerator operates safely.

A large number of extension cords are designed for light duty use. This means they are designed for a single item to be plugged in, like a lamp or your cell phone charger. When you need to plug in more than one item you should consider using a UL-approved power strip instead.

Use the shortest extension cord possible to satisfy the need. Do not use a one hundred foot (100') cord when all you really need is a ten foot (10') cord.

If you are using an extension cord to power decorations outside make sure the cord is designed to be used outside in the weather. Make sure it is rated for whatever you will be plugging into it. Be certain you place the extension cord so no one will be walking on it and it is not a trip hazard for anyone walking past.

- NEVER use an extension cord that has wires exposed from the inside of the cord.
- Always make sure all the prongs are present and in good shape when using an extension cord.

PROTECTION FOR MO FIREFIGHTERS

By California Casualty



Firefighters do it all: they educate the public about fire danger and other safety issues, provide lifesaving response to crashes, charge into burning buildings at their own peril to rescue others, and man the lines when raging wildfires threaten property and communities. It's a necessary but dangerous job.

Unfortunately, a number of these first responders never return home again. One is too many, but so far in 2017, Missouri has lost three firefighters in the line of duty. Three others, who passed in 2016, will be honored at the annual National Fallen Firefighter Foundation Memorial this October.

California Casualty has been a partner with FFAM since 1995, offering auto and home insurance tailored to their members' professional needs. Recognizing the risk firefighters face every day, it was all too evident of the need for extra protection for the surviving families of those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

- Never place an extension cord under a rug or mat as this will cause excessive wear on the insulation around the wires.
- Never place an extension cord so a door closes against it as this can also cause excessive wear to the insulation.
- Also remember, extension cords are not approved to be used in child care facilities inspected by the State Fire Marshal's office.

The Fallen Officer/Fallen Hero Survivor Benefit is one of the exclusive benefits provided with each policy from California Casualty – should a firefighter lose his or her life in the line of duty, California Casualty will waive the premium due for the surviving partner or spouse for the remainder of that year and for the next. There is no extra cost or activation. It's a peace of mind offer for the families of those who put their lives on the line.

California Casualty is currently the only property and casualty insurance company to offer this type of premium waiver for fallen public safety professionals.

California Casualty's ties to the FFAM run deep and you can rest assured that we will continue to walk hand-in-hand with firefighters.

Just as emergency personnel dedicate themselves to protecting their neighbors, California Casualty dedicates itself to living up to promises to protect American heroes like you. California Casualty is more than an insurance company. It's a fourth generation, family owned institution based on a strong moral code. CEO, Beau Brown, says, "People who commit to make a difference for our communities deserve financial protection with the highest levels of care, service, compassion and understanding."

To find out more about California Casualty visit www.calcas.com/FFAM or call 1.800.800.9410.



POLK TOWNSHIP RURAL FIRE PROTECTION - NEW ENGINE



The Polk Township Rural Fire Protection located in Maryville, MO recently took delivery on a new Toyne Tanker. The truck features a 3000 UPF tank, Zico hyd. portable tank rack, and a 300 G.P.M., diesel powered Waterous pump. The truck is built on a 2018 Freightliner M2 112 Chassis. The members of the Polk Rural Fire Protection District protect 100 square miles surrounding the City of Maryville, Missouri.

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LINN STATION FIVE DEDICATION

By A.J. Probst



Photo taken by Veronica Hoffman

Following the regular Linn Fire Protection District board meeting May 18, approximately three dozen community members attended the dedication and commissioning of LFPD's recently-completed Station 5 and the district's new ladder truck.

Chief Ron Hoffman recognized board members, St. George Catholic Church pastor Father Dan Merz, and members of Osage Ambulance District.

"The dedication of the firehouse is more than just moving in, it becomes part of the department as of today," said Hoffman. "It is with great pleasure and honor, that I dedicate and commission this firehouse as part of the Linn Fire Protection District. May we gather here, may she protect our equipment, and may we never need to use it."

The building was christened by Board President Mark Meyer, and Fr. Merz



blessed the station, "Let us bless the Lord, and pray that he will shower His blessings on all who work in this place," Fr. Merz said, offering a passage from Psalms 90, which says, "Lord, give success to the work of our hands."

"We ask that you bless this building, the engines, and all the tools to be used in their trade and their craft," Fr. Merz added.

Deputy Chief Brian Levian christened the ladder truck, with Hoffman adding, "May this apparatus serve the department for many years, may she be in a constant state of alert, and again, I hope we never need her."

A color guard comprised of LFPD members was also in attendance.

OSAGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT RETIREMENT



Dennis Braun retired as a maintenance man from the Osage Fire Protection District on May 1. He continues to serve the district as fire chief. Pictured with him is the new maintenance man, Roger Gerling. Roger is a 20 year veteran of OFPD.



DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

David Hedrick
Director

Every day Missourians are aided by fire and emergency responders who have received training through the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI). The Institute acknowledges our heritage and recognizes the leadership role we have in ensuring Missouri's fire and emergency service first responders have the skills and knowledge necessary to fulfill their individual missions of protecting lives and property. Still, after 85 years playing a prominent role in firefighter training, MU FRTI is proud of the exceptional training and education provided to our state and nation's emergency responders.

As I write this article, the effects of Hurricane Harvey including the excessive rain and resulting floods, have wreaked havoc across Texas and areas of the Gulf Coast. This massive weather system has caused mass evacuations and deaths due to the storm and flooding. In addition to the local firefighters and other emergency responders working this disaster, members of Missouri Task Force One and other deployed emergency teams are working diligently to rescue and assist in this disaster. Also, as you have seen across the fire service networks and news, many firefighters in Texas have suffered personal losses of their possessions and homes as a result of this disaster. Several national fire service organizations have set up ways to provide donations and assistance to these emergency responder families that are in need. I would encourage you to consider contributing in this relief effort to serve our fellow firefighters in need. Please keep all of the responders in your thoughts and prayers as they perform their duties serving others in desperate and traumatic situations.

University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute



The faculty and staff of MU FRTI were saddened to learn of a Missouri Fire Fighter Line of Duty Death in July. Fire Captain John Kemper of the St. Louis Fire Department, died from injuries received in the line of duty July 13, 2017. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Captain Kemper and the members of the St. Louis Fire Department for their loss.

MU FRTI has completed the fiscal year for 2017 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) and has finalized the Institute's annual statistical information. On behalf of the faculty and staff of MU FRTI, I want to express our appreciation to our training partners, host agencies, and to you, our students, for your continued support of the Institute and our mission. With the support of the various partnerships, MU FRTI had another successful year in the delivery of training throughout the state.

In FY17, MU FRTI conducted 507 classes with a total fiscal enrollment of 11,319 students. The training received by those students equates to 131,566 student instructional hours. The students trained represented 932 different fire departments, organizations, or agencies. Utilizing MU FRTI's field extension program, the Institute had student enrollments from all of Missouri's 114 counties. To make training as accessible as possible at the local level, MU FRTI continued to deliver training directly to the student with our instructors, mobile training props, and support vehicles traveling 200,000 miles. MU FRTI was honored to play this significant role in providing needed training across the state; and we look forward to continuing to serve you, the Fire Service of Missouri, in this next fiscal year. For more information on the training activities provided by the Institute, please see the MU FRTI

20017 Annual Report available at: www.mufrti.org/download/annrept.shtml.

In July, MU FRTI was awarded funding through the Division of Fire Safety (DFS) and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission to deliver training courses in Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18). This funding will allow the delivery of "no-cost" training to firefighters throughout the state. The Institute is highly appreciative to have received this state funding support. These funding resources will enable MU FRTI to provide basic and advanced training to fire departments across the state that will assist them in meeting training needs. The Institute looks forward to continuing their work with DFS and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission to improve the fire service in the State of Missouri through education and training.

Although we are only two months into FY18, the Institute already has a significant number of courses scheduled with fire departments throughout the state. A current list of scheduled classes and locations is available on the MU FRTI website under "Training Schedule." I encourage each fire department to contact your MU FRTI Regional Training Coordinator or our main office to discuss your department's training needs and see how the Institute can assist in providing courses to meet your training initiatives in FY18.

The MU FRTI 2017 Fire Service Training Survey Report has been completed. The MU FRTI Advisory Council recommended the development of a training needs survey to garner data from the fire service throughout the state. The survey and the resulting report is the outcome of this strategic initiative. My appreciation to the MU FRTI Advisory Council for



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09/19	Strategies of Leadership: Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers	Iberia	Matt Gruber	573-286-4618
09/19	Trench Rescue: Awareness	Moberly	George Albert	660-269-8705
09/21	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Cape Girardeau	Brad Dillow	573-270-6265
09/22	Basic Pump Operations	Humansville	Ken Witt	417-343-5141
09/22	Lost Person Search and Rescue	Hermitage	Brenda Vaugh	417-207-1235
09/22	Structural Fire Fighting Techniques	Kingdom City	Nick Smith	573-310-3144
09/22	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Waynesville	Mike Murdock	573-774-5449
09/23	Handling LP Gas Emergencies	Maysville	Daniel Praiswater	816-261-6233
09/23	School Bus Rescue	Republic	Lynn Morgan	417-872-6512
09/28	Simulated Incident Management for First Arriving Officer	N Kansas City	Greg Hook	816-210-0899
09/30	Strategies of Leadership: Retaining & Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers	Buffalo	John Lilburn	417-362-9239
09/30	Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training	Forsyth	MU FRTI	800-869-3476
09/30	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Annapolis	BJ Ashlock	573-915-0533
09/30	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Boonville	Joey Simmons	660-537-0223
09/30	Surface Water Rescue	Kansas City	MU FRTI	(800) 869-3476
10/02	Swiftwater Rescue	Kansas City	MU FRTI	(800) 869-3476
10/05	Strategies of Leadership: Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers	Iberia	Matt Gruber	573-286-4618
10/06	Water Supply Operations for Suburban and Rural Firefighting	Seymour	David Smith	417-241-1770
10/06	Farm Machinery Rescue	Kirksville	Jon Cook	660-665-3734
10/06	Basic Pump Operations	Hornersville	Lonnie Ward	573-225-9137
10/06	Basic Pump Operations	Polo	Edd Pojo	816-200-4368
10/07	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Lebanon	Daniel Jones	417-718-3781
10/07	School Bus Rescue	Huntsville	Tony Bell	660-651-6592
10/13	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Hermann	Jeff Englert	573-690-4780
10/14	Rail Safety for Emergency Responders	La Plata	Bob Couch	660-216-6752
10/14	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Belle	Dwight Francis	573-578-1814
10/14	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Memphis	Jason Ketcham	660-216-9155
10/16	Boat Rescue Operations: Technician	Jefferson City	MU FRTI	(800) 869-3476
10/19	School Bus Rescue	Salem	Jeffrey Stokes	573-247-9183
10/20	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Rolla	Roger Hayes	573-341-2211
10/20	Essentials of Firefighting: Natural Cover Fires	Cape Girardeau	MU FRTI	800-869-3476
10/21	Handling LP Gas Emergencies	Cape Girardeau	MU FRTI	800-869-3476
10/21	Ignitable Liquids Firefighting: Ethanol Blended Fuels Operations	Jackson	MU FRTI	800-869-3476
10/21	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Bolivar	Ken Witt	417-343-5141
10/21	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Mosby	Gene Walker	816-509-3234
10/21	Confined Space Rescue: Awareness	Richland	Fred Luckritz	573-528-9302
10/21	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Argyle	Jacob Schwartze	573-301-0419

their guidance and assistance that brought this project from concept to reality.

The willingness of Missouri fire departments to participate and share information on training programs, operational activities, and performance standards has provided valuable insights into training trends in this state. This has given the Institute the opportunity to benchmark the characteristics and needs of Missouri's fire service throughout the state and within the individual state emergency response regions. With this information, research-based training plans can be developed to assist fire entities in the state to better accomplish their missions in serving their citizens and communities with competent and trained fire service personnel, whether they be career or volunteer.

In August on Legislative Day at the State Fair, I again had the opportunity to visit with the officers and personnel of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department (SFFD). I wish to extend my appreciation to the SFFD, Fire Chief Donnie Rogers, and Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) President Kenneth Hoover for the invitation and hospitality. As always, they did a great job of providing fire protection and medical services to the attendees and workers of the State Fair. Providing the management and staffing of the SFFD, is one of the many important services that the FFAM and its members provide.

The MU FRTI annual *Missouri Emergency Services Instructor Conference* is scheduled to be held on November 3–5, 2017, at the Camden on the Lake Resort in Lake Ozarks. The conference is for those preparing and presenting training programs for emergency services personnel, and public fire education. Instructors and other supervisory personnel will find this conference valuable in planning for the training needs of their fire departments. Workshops for the conference include: "Developing Your Department's Most Valuable Resource for Tomorrow Through Today's Efforts," "Instructional Craftsmanship: Beyond the Lecture Method," and "Mastering the Instructor's Tools of the Trade: Taming the Learning Environment." Also, again this year,

MU FRTI will be providing Preconference Train-the-Trainer classes in a variety of subject areas. As part of the preconference, the Division of Fire Safety will be delivering "Live Fire Instructor" course through a blended learning format. This course will address NFPA 1403 requirements regarding live firefighting training sessions. The Missouri Division of Fire Safety has approved continuing education credits for Train-the-Trainer courses and for the weekend conference. For full conference information, go to our website at www.mufrti.org.

I have some exciting news to share with you about MU FRTI's Summer Fire School (SFS). MU FRTI will be relocating the Annual Summer Fire School back to Columbia, MO, for 2018. In addition to this move, the annual dates for the event will move to a May time-frame. The 2018 SFS will be held May 16–20, 2018. This change has come about after an in-depth planning process regarding the future of this important event that included reviewing the suggestions of fire school attendees about a change in venue, evaluating costs and logistics, and new training opportunities. SFS 2018 classes will be held on the University of Missouri campus during the semester break, practical training will be conducted in partnership with the Columbia Fire Department and the Boone County Fire Protection District at their respective training facilities. The Institute looks forward to this new venue and to developing partnerships that will provide for the continued operation of Summer Fire School.

And finally, on a personal note, this year was the 40th anniversary of my entry into the fire service. What an incredible journey and experience it has been. For the past eleven years, it has been my honor to serve as the Director of the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI), and to be entrusted with the critical responsibilities of ensuring the training of Missouri's fire and emergency services. Working together, we have been able to meet training needs and enhance the quality and credibility of the Institute's programs.

This has been a key step forward for Missouri, helping raise the professionalism and competency of our state's fire and emergency service first responders.

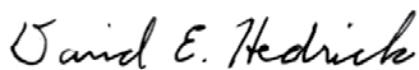
In October, I will be retiring from MU FRTI. While I may have some involvement on fire service projects in the future, I will greatly miss the professional and personal friendships I have made during my tenure at the Institute. The training of fire service personnel has been a career-long commitment for me. I hope each of you will continue that same dedication to training to ensure the safety and competency of the Fire Service.

On behalf of the University of Missouri Extension Administration, I am pleased to announce that Associate Director Kevin Zumwalt will be appointed Interim Director for the Institute. I leave behind a dedicated and experienced staff, and I have every confidence they will continue to provide quality fire and emergency response training for you. Take care, be safe, and best wishes to all.

MU FRTI'S COMMITMENT AND VISION

As the University of Missouri's Fire and Rescue Training Institute continues to develop and evolve, we will carry on in the finest traditions and standards of fire service training: respecting the past, serving the training needs of the present, and implementing new concepts and programming for the future with the safety of Missouri's fire service personnel and the citizens they serve always in mind.

Thank you for your continued support of the Institute and the training programs we provide. If MU FRTI can be of assistance, please contact the Institute at 800-869-3476 or 573-882-4735. For more information regarding the Institute's programs, go to the Institute's website at www.mufrti.org.



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

Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 6, 2017

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

FFAM AUXILIARY MEETING SEDALIA MISSOURI, AUGUST 6, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Diane Hanes at 9:03 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

PRESENT

Diane Hanes, Galt FPD; Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FD; Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD; Angela Fields, Paris Rural FPD; Joni Fields, Paris Rural FPD; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire Rescue; Barbara Mattox, North Central Carroll FPD; and Kerrie Mattox, North Central Carroll FPD.

MINUTES

Diane asked if there were any changes or comments for the June 2017 meeting minutes. No changes were brought forward. Ann made a motion to accept the meeting notes, seconded by Theresa, motion passed.

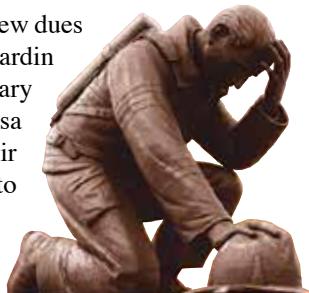
FINANCIAL REPORT

Sheri reported there were a deposit of \$52.00 and a expense of \$246.08, the ending total of \$6,285.37. Kerrie has a few outstanding bills from the convention, will send them to Sheri to have them processed, Chris made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Angelia, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Theresa said no new dues were received. Hardin FPD auxiliary contacted Theresa to see if their by-laws needed to be the same as FFAM auxiliary by-laws.



AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Jessica said no new names have been submitted at this time. It was mentioned that auxiliary groups can also be submitted for this award.

POSTERS

Diane had nothing to report at this time.

CONVENTION

2018 convention was supposed to be held in Chillicothe but there were some unforeseen events that happened it was decided that the convention cannot be held there in 2018. The auxiliary was invited to listen to the discussion of the upcoming convention that the FFAM had. St. Joseph FD submitted a proposal to host the 2018 Convention. The FFAM discussed it and it was decided to have St. Joseph FD host the 2018 convention. More info will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

CONTEST

No info to report at this time.

HISTORIAN

Chris said she received pictures from Gail.

AUDIT

No report at this time.

BY-LAWS

Working on rewording some of the by-laws – will work on this at the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

It was discussed to purchase 4 maltese cross vases. These can be used however need at upcoming conventions. It was also discussed to purchase heavy duty totes to store these and any other items purchased for use at conventions. Theresa made a motion to purchase the vases, seconded by Chris, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Worked on some of the wording on the by-laws. Will work on remaining pages at the next meeting.

Tim Beam requested to talk to the auxiliary. Said the auxiliary was doing a great job supporting the FFAM and said that the Fire Marshall office is there to support us.

Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Jessica, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Next meeting is to be October 1 in Sedalia.

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

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Larry Jones
Director

Fall will be here by the time you read this. But as all of you know, firefighters are on call at all times.

We have already gone through our Fallen Firefighters' Memorial at Kingdom City; our 2017 FFAM Convention at Sedalia; Summer Fire School at Jefferson City; and the 2017 Missouri State Fair If you haven't done these, take the time to ask questions abut the event and then be there. Each one will be something to remember and give you information of some kind that you can use.

The 2018 FFAM Convention will be held in St. Joseph next year. There will be information coming out soon about everything that will be happening at St. Joseph. It is an event you don't want to miss.

Don't forget *Fire Prevention Week* is coming in October. RB Brown will have more information from the Prevention Committee about the Fire Prevention Poster Contest. Encourage all the kids in your area to participate in this contest.

If I can be any help to your department, please let me know. My cell is 660-651-9360 or e-mail me at jonesy202@hotmail.com. The assistant directors of District 3 are Rob Erdel from Little Dixie FPD at 573-473-0972 and Steve Gentry from Little Dixie FPD at 573-473-4002. Any of us will be glad to give you any help we can.

Classified Advertisements

FIREFIGHTER OPENING

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- Allison Automatic transmission "World" model HD4060PR
- Waterous 2 stage CMU pump 1500 g.p.m.
- Foam system with 2 40 gallon cells
- Poly Tank - 750 gallons
- Cross mount pump panel
- Ladders
- Seats 8
- Some emergency lights LED
- Federal Q and electronic siren
- Air horns
- On spot chains
- Covered hose bed
- 5 SCBA seats
- SCBA cylinder storage in wheel wells
- Wheelbase 208" OAL 32.4' Height 10.5'
- Mileage 89,023
- Engine hours 4,101
- Pump hours 1,623

This unit is offered for sale as is with no warranty expressed or implied.

The City of Warrensburg reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept that bid determined to be in the best interest of the City of Warrensburg.

The apparatus may be viewed at 1550 Corporate Drive in Warrensburg Missouri by appointment. Additional pictures may be seen on the Warrensburg Fire Department Facebook page. Contact Doyle Oxley or Mike Flores at 660-747-9136 or oxley@warrensburg-mo.com. Maintenance records will be available. All ladders and pump passed last test. 2016

The starting bid price is \$20,000 and bids will be received until November 10, 2017 until 5 p.m. at:

City of Warrensburg
Attn: Fire Chief
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