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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings Fellow Firefighters

Kenneth Hoover
President



What a busy time for all of us in the fire service. The spring weather has been beautiful, and we have not been receiving any rain to amount to anything. As far as the weather goes, everyone at the FFAM Annual Convention in St. Joe, Missouri told me it was one of the best that they can remember in many years. I want to thank Gail Hagans for all of the photographs. She did an outstanding job of recording the history of the 2018 FFAM Convention. I have yet to go through all of the photographs. History is so important, please never forget that.

The opening ceremony on Friday night went well and I appreciate everyone that attended. The contests were well attended and a crowd of around 250 was in attendance at the Saturday night banquet. All of these things I mentioned did not just happen by chance, but was because of a well planned and executed effort by the St. Joseph FD and the Convention

Committee led by Chief Larry Jones of the Madison Fire Protection District.

Congratulations also to all the award winners and contest winners. I will let the committee chairs write about this in their articles. The speaker at the banquet did a good job.

It was a great convention and I thank everyone that had a part in its presentation. There is no way I could even begin to name everyone that helped. Again, awesome job.

Missouri State Fire Marshal J. Tim Bean, a member of the Missouri Fire Fighters Foundation, will be our Sunday morning speaker at our annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial on May 20, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., in Kingdom City, Missouri. I am sure Chairman Keith Smith will write more about that event.

Our Candlelight Service will be May 19, 2018, at 9:00 p.m., and David Hedrick, Retired Director of the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute will be the speaker. David will encourage each of us as we remember those that have gone before us.

Honor Guard Commander again this year will be Chief James Ludden, Bolivar City Fire Department. We invite all honor guards and pipes and drums to come and participate on Sunday morning and you may contact Commander Ludden at 417-770-4312 or by e-mail at jludden@bolivar.mo.us.

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

Our next board meeting will be held on June 3, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in Sedalia at the fire station.

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

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

Kenneth Hoover, President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Missouri Division of Fire Safety

Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal



Greetings from the thirteenth floor! Ever have a commercial that after you've seen or heard it, it just continues running over and over in your mind? Like, "Toyota lets go places," or "Like a good neighbor State Farm is there." Motel 6 has, "We'll leave the light on for you," or "Click it or Ticket it," one my wife absolutely loves, is something about a house siding company, "Call Now," not! Anyway you get my drift.

I want to introduce, or in some cases reintroduce, and I hope after my article, it will become the number one theme throughout every fire department within the State of Missouri!

"Sound the Alarm"

Please take the time and read the following names: Robbie, Albert, Julio, Kylee, Kevin, Harry, Blanch, Eugene, Sarah, Gary, Cynthia, Thomas, John, George, Benny, Carmelo, Amanda, Austin, Barbara, Wendi, Sandi, Dennis, Ruby, Verla, William, Sharon, Charles, Tyler, Cason, Max, Levi, Kathryn, Charles, Michael.

These names belong to fellow Missourians, Moms, Dads, Brothers, Sisters, Grandpas, Grandmas, young and old, which are not among us, from dying in a fire. We have lost 43 Missourians already in our state from fire deaths since January 1. Presently Missouri is fourth in the nation in this category, one as the State Fire Marshal I am not proud of.

You ask, how can we change this?

"Sound the Alarm"

Of all the names listed above only one had a working smoke alarm, or had

smoke alarms. I know we as the Missouri fire service spend a lot of time and money on fire education and fire prevention. But could I challenge us to look at the "Sound the Alarm" initiative?

We have joined with the American Red Cross in trying to get 1 million smoke alarms installed across the nation in 2018. I believe the fire fatalities already in Missouri show we have an opportunity to save lives by joining this initiative. There are several testimonies where a free installed 10 year smoke alarm has saved lives. Could your department, city or county be the next testimonial?

I have challenged all of us that work at the Division of Fire Safety to get our homes properly covered with the free ten year smoke alarms. Maybe that is where we start, led by example, the free ten year smoke alarms should be in your homes too Missouri firefighters!

So you ask, could my department join this great "Sound the Alarm" initiative? Glad you ask, you can contact me here at the Division of Fire Safety and we will get you in contact with the American Red Cross representative in your area or if you have a relationship with your local Red Cross you can reach out to them. They will work side by side with your department; provide volunteers, language interpreters, battery screw drills, step ladders, replacement batteries for existing alarms, everything to make the smoke alarm installation successful.

The Division has worked with several fire departments across the state and since *Sound the Alarm* began 1,316 smoke alarms have been installed making 645 homes safer across our region. Resulting in 23 confirmed lives saved in Missouri

thanks to these smoke alarms. *Sound the Alarm* runs through Sunday, May 13, so these numbers will continue to grow: redcross.org/sound-the-alarm. We feel the Missouri fire service is good enough that we could touch all 114 counties in the state, which would help in saving lives! I see on the side of our fire trucks, fire stations, fire department Facebook pages, "To Protect and Serve." So now is the time, there is a need for you to step up to the plate and "Sound the Alarm!"

While I have your attention the American Red Cross informed me that many fire departments across the state do not use their services on structure fire burn outs. The American Red Cross provides free assistance to home fire victims! They will respond to your locations and immediately assist the families who have been displaced. They will provide them with free lodging, free food, free clothing, free pet assistance, free spiritual, mental counselling, etc. They will continue to support the family for several weeks, even months after the tragedy if necessary.

While I was chief at West Plains Fire I kept them on speed dial. I felt it was our responsibility to take care of our customer as completely as possible. It brought some immediate relief to the fire victims. Having someone put their arm around you and say, "We are here to help you," is priceless at that moment.

Please take advantage of this free service, reach out to your local American Red Cross agent and bring them in and build that relationship, I promise you will not regret it. If you need assistance finding who your contact is, call me here at the Division of Fire Safety! (573-751-1742)

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BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

FFAM CONVENTION MEETINGS • ST JOSEPH, MO

Draft • Final Approval at Next Convention

OPENING SESSION

President Kenneth Hoover opened the 64th Annual FFAM Convention by ringing the bell on Friday, May 4, 2018, at the Stoney Creek Hotel in St. Joseph, MO.

The St. Joseph Fire Department and Chillicothe Fire Department Honor Guard members posted the colors. President Hoover led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Ron Baker gave the invocation.

St. Joseph Fire Department Chief Mike Dalsing welcomed attendees to the convention.

President Hoover welcomed all attendees to the convention and recognized the FFAM officers and directors.

Past President Keith Smith presented the Nominating Committee slate for the 2018 FFAM officer elections. Positions for election are District 4 Director, District 5 Director, District 9 Director and District 10 Director.

The following individuals are seeking election for those respective positions: Joe Vaughn, District 4, Director; Terry Plumb, District 5, Director; Roy Sims, District 9, Director; Greg Brown, District 10, Director.

President Hoover made final announcements. President Hoover closed the opening session at 7:20 p.m.

AWARDS BANQUET

Welcome to all in attendance to the 64th Annual FFAM Convention by St. Joseph Fire Chief Mike Dalsing.

Keynote Speaker, Overland Park, Kansas, Fire Chief Bryan Dehner gave a presentation on the March 20, 2017, 8-Alarm City Place Apartment fire and the impact of having good working relationships with your mutual aid departments.

Head table introductions were given by Chief Dalsing.

St. Joseph Fire Department Chaplain Floyd Ferguson gave the invocation followed by the meal.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Chair Rob Erdel announced the 2018 convention contest winners.

JUNIOR DIVISION CHALLENGE

2 Person Hose Coupling: 1st Eureka #2; 2nd Eureka #1; 3rd Galt #1.

Extending a Line: 1st Galt #1; 2nd Southern Stone #1; 3rd Eureka #1.

Water Barrel Fight: 1st Southern Stone #1; 2nd Galt #1; 3rd Eureka #2.

Overall: Galt #1.

FEMALE DIVISION CHALLENGE

2 Person Hose Coupling: 1st Little Dixie #1; 2nd Little Dixie #2; 3rd Beaufort Leslie.

Extending a Line: 1st Little Dixie #1; 2nd Little Dixie #2.

Replace a Section of Hose: 1st Little Dixie #1; 2nd Little Dixie #2.

Water Barrel Fight: 1st Little Dixie #1; 2nd Little Dixie #2.

Bucket Brigade: 1st Little Dixie #1.

Overall: Little Dixie #1.

FIREFIGHTER DIVISION CHALLENGE

2 Person Hose Coupling: 1st Madison West Monroe #1; 2nd Little Dixie #1; 3rd Washington #1.

Replace a Section of Hose: 1st Madison West Monroe #1; 2nd Southern Stone #1; 3rd Eureka #1.

Extending a Line: 1st Southern Stone #1; 2nd Madison West Monroe #1; 3rd Madison West Monroe #2.

Water Barrel Fight: 1st Little Dixie #1; 2nd Madison West Monroe #2; 3rd Little Dixie #2.

Bucket Brigade: 1st Madison West Monroe #1; 2nd Little Dixie #1; 3rd Little Dixie #2.

Overall: Madison West Monroe #1.

2017 award winner Jessica Miller and auxiliary member Christina Lloyd presented Diane Hanes with the 2018 Auxiliary Member of the Year Award.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Member Terry Plumb along with committee member Ed Daugherty presented the 2018 scholarship recipients. High School: Brayden Miller, Norborne FPD; Grace Still, Grovespring Volunteer FD; Micah Gerdts, Concordia FPD.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Chair RB Brown announced the 2018 poster contest award winners.

1st and 2nd Grade Division: 1st Place, Dylan Wall, Iberia FD; 2nd Place, Journi Vail, Iberia FD; 3rd Place, Raygen Crum, Paris FD.

3rd and 4th Grade Division: 1st Place, Annie Barton, Madison-West Monroe FPD; 2nd Place, McKenna Shelton, Iberia FD; 3rd Place, Kiya Smith, Little Dixie FPD.

5th and 6th Grade Division: 1st Place, Abigail Wheeler, Paris FD; 2nd Place, Erica Loveit, Galt FPD; 3rd Place, Karlie McGee, Madison-West Monroe FPD.

AWARD COMMITTEE

Chair Joe Jennings along with committee

member Joe Vaughn presented several awards as follows:

Life Saving Award: Firefighter Terry Plumb, Southern Stone FPD.

Life Saving Award: Firefighter Ben Wolverton, Moberly FD.

Fire Department of the Year: Howell County Rural Fire District #1.

Fire Fighter of the Year: Firefighter Scott Nichols, Little Dixie FPD.

Chief Officer of the Year: Chief Darrell Wright, Chillicothe FD.

Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award: Brian Zinanni, Supporting Heroes, Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team and Clayton FD.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

President Kenneth Hoover called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to order at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the Stoney Creek Hotel in St. Joseph, 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 FPD2; Sergeant-at-Arms Rex Reynolds, Southern FPD of Holt Co.

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OTHERS

Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD.

GUESTS

Tim Bean, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; Kevin Zumwalt, David Hedrick, Gail Hagans, MU FRTI; Joe Jennings, Dee Bennett, Johnson County FPD; Donald Vaucher, Harriett Vaucher, Eureka FPD; Brian Zinanni, Clayton FD; Don Hahne, Curtis Peffermann, Jim L. Peffermann, James C. Peffermann, Washington FD; Ronnie Fields, Cy Fields,

Darin Maupin, Paris Rural FPD; Andrew Caldwell, Jim Casey, Sidney Casey, Boles FPD; Charlie Peel, SE Randolph FPD; Billy Smith, North Central Carroll FPD; Brayden Miller, Norborne FD; Chris Thompson, Holts Summit FPD; Chad Wolfe, Holden Peel, Madison West Monroe FPD; Rob Schrage, Jefferson R-7 FPD; Josh Koepke, Kansas City FD; Jeff Misel, Cowgill FD; Erik Jackson, Clint Wilson, Brian Smiley, Galt FD; Dustin Tinker, Joseph Brightwell, Josh Loyd, Sherra Deimeke, Audri Deimeke, Jodi Jennings, Todd DeOrnellis, Brandon Reams, Dustin Mull, Scott Prater, Doug Burrow, Matt Hagan, Rachel Buck, Little Dixie FPD; Darrell Wright, Ed Daugherty, Chillicothe FD; Kyle Arnold, Kearney FD; Dylan Honea, Jim Brockett, Southern Stone FPD; Dennis Johnson, South Central Buchanan Co FPD; Jason Deitch, Chance Elliott, Carrollton FD; Richard Voss, Beaufort Leslie FD; Mike Dalsing, St. Joseph FD.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE



2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Grant Oetting

Greetings FFAM members. Things are happening with the FFAM. Convention just got done in St Joseph, services at the memorial are fast approaching, the FFAM historian items are being moved to Kingdom City, and before we know it the Missouri State Fair Fire Department will be in service. Whew, just hearing that I starting to get excited!

On April 7, I was invited to the North Central Carroll County chili benefit in Bogard, Missouri. It was a great night of networking with the local first responders and of course had a great bowl of chili. This benefit was a huge success for the department. Thanks Chief Billy Smith for the invite. I really enjoyed the evening.

On April 19, I attended a benefit for the FFAM museum in Columbia at Pot Belly Sandwiches. The evening was a great night of fellowship and raising funds for this project. Thanks to Gail Hagans and Dr. Baker for the invite.

On April 20, I travelled to Las Vegas to attend the National Academy of Emergency Dispatch, *Priority Dispatch Navigator Conference*. At the conference emergency 911 dispatchers were attending classes to better their education in emergency dispatch. I was in attendance teaching the fire dispatch class for priority dispatch. If you would like to have your dispatchers learn more about fire dispatching thru priority dispatch, please contact me.

On April 28, I travelled to Madison, Missouri and attended the annual fund raiser for the Madison West Monroe Fire Protection District. They had a fish fry

that night with all the trimmings, fried potatoes, hush puppies, baked beans, desserts, and drinks. This benefits the department with equipment and other needs for the district. Thanks Chief Larry Jones and staff for your great hospitality, you got me hooked for next year.

The FFAM convention just ended in St. Joseph. The FFAM membership voted to include EMS agencies and also 911 dispatch centers as members. They will hold an associate membership. They will have the same benefits as the members, they just can't hold an elected office. If your EMS agency or 911 center would like to become members please feel free to contact me.

On May 19, is the *Annual Candlelight Service* at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Kingdom City and on May 20, is the *Memorial Service* where we honor those individuals that have given their lives in the line of duty. If your schedule permits please try to attend one of these services I highly recommend this. You will not be disappointed.

On June 2, as President Hoover has stated, this will be a historical day for the FFAM. The FFAM history is going to be moved to Kingdom City to the memorial for storage until the museum is built. The FFAM history has been stored in the basement of the Late Jack Asher and current historian Kay Asher at no charge to the FFAM. Thank you Kay Asher for your generous donation to the FFAM for storing the history for free for all these years. It has not gone unnoticed.

Before we know it the Missouri State Fair will be here. The state fair committee has been busy getting things ready. They have work weekends scheduled for June 8-10, and July 13-15. If you would like to help out please contact Monty Thompson.

In closing, if you would like for me or your area director to attend one of your events or need any assistance from the FFAM please let us know. I can be reached by email at grant_oetting@yahoo.com or my cell phone at 660-229-4525. Stay safe everyone.

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SMOKE DANGERS

By Scott Barthelmass

Smoky environments are dangerous. Smoke is the result of incomplete combustion and contains a variety of toxic by-products.

Smoke contains a variety of gasses. The composition of gasses in smoke will vary greatly depending on the amount of oxygen available to the fire. The composition of what is burning also influences the contents of smoke. In other words, a fire fed by wood will produce different gasses than a fire fed by plastics.

Smoky environments contain carbon monoxide, hydrogen chloride, hydrogen cyanide, carbon dioxide, phosgene, ammonia and chlorine.

Almost all of the gasses produced by fire are toxic carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide can displace oxygen and cause hypoxia. Hydrogen cyanide was used in gas chambers. Phosgene was used in World War I as a poisonous gas to disable soldiers.

It is essential to use self-contained breathing apparatus. Whenever you are operating in a smoky environment this rule applies. This rule applies whether you are dealing with a structure fire, a dumpster fire, or car fire. This includes during overhaul as toxic gasses are still present.

Additionally, we need to use our gas monitors in smoky environments. We need to be keenly aware of the presence of the presence of the toxic gasses. We should record the values obtained from our meters, especially in light of efforts to track our personnel's exposure to things that can affect their health and well-being.

Where there is smoke there is fire. Where there is smoke there is danger.

The Dynamic Fire Chief

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Chief Craig Haigh

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BIOGRAPHY:

Craig A. Haigh, is a 34-year veteran of the fire service, is the Chief of the Hanover Park Fire Department and a Field Staff Instructor with the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute. Chief Haigh was a finalist for the 2012 International Association of Fire Chief's Fire Chief of the Year, and was named the 2012 Illinois Career Fire Chief of the Year. Chief Haigh has managed volunteer, combination and career departments, and also served as the Interim Village Manager. Chief Haigh has implemented intermediate and paramedic services and is a frequent partner with the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute's Firefighter Life Safety Research Center and the Skidmore College First Responder Health and Safety Laboratory. He is a published author and has developed a variety of courses for the fire service. He presents and speaks internationally and is an FDIC International H.O.T. instructor. He has a BS in Fire and Safety Engineering and a MS in Executive Fire Service Leadership. He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program, is a nationally registered paramedic, an accredited Chief Fire Officer and a member of the Institute of Fire Engineers.



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By California Casualty

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DESOTO FD AND VALLE AMBULANCE RESPOND QUICKLY

On January 29, 2018, at approximately 20:35 hours, off duty Captain James Coleman of the City of DeSoto Fire Department was driving home on South Main Street in DeSoto. As he came upon the 600 block, he visualized a fire in a commercial structure housing a Church on the first level and apartments on the second floor. The structure had exposures to the North and South as well as to the West in the alley.

Captain Coleman requested a first alarm response. Soon after, he was made aware of persons trapped on the second floor in one of the apartments. A woman was leaning out of a window and there was dense, black smoke billowing out behind her. A cell phone video before the first truck arrived gave visual and audio account of the woman contemplating jumping from the window. Bystanders, along with an off duty deputy, attempted to calm her and ask her to wait for the firefighters. It was determined in this process that there was also a male still inside the apartment along with the couple's pet.

Because it was a training night and the station is just a few blocks away, the first arriving apparatus was DeSoto Rural 5814 with a crew of four. Firefighter Engineer Josh Barton and firefighters Travis Wood, Conner Mahn and Zach Rice immediately went into action. As they completed donning their protective gear, Captain Coleman and a former firefighter who happened to be on the scene deployed 5814's 24 foot ladder to the second floor window. Valle Ambulance



District Paramedics Elaine Bize and Scott Meador from 7527 were on scene and assisted in stabilizing the ladder. Immediately, Firefighter Mahn ascended the ladder and brought the female victim safely to the ground. Firefighter Luke Notbusch arrived and threw up a second ladder to support the rescue with the assistance of Chief Jesse Barton from Valle. Firefighter Wood then ascended the ladder and brought the family pet and the male victim safely to the ground.

on the fire ground. We all know we are there for a purpose. That is to save lives and property and to serve the citizens of the community, no matter who or where they are.

Congratulations to Captain Coleman and the personnel mentioned above for a job well done!

I would be at fault if I stopped there. Because all of our personnel who

“It is a testament to the emergency services of DeSoto Rural, the City of DeSoto and Valle Ambulance that we do not allow turf wars, boundary lines or truck colors to change what happens on the fire ground.”

Several factors came into play to keep this event from becoming very tragic. In no particular order, the fact that Captain Coleman was driving that route, saw and reported the fire before any 911 calls were made is significant. The fact that it was a training night and there were many personnel at the station is also significant. But the most significant of all factors is that the men and women that were there had the right training to do the job and were able to act in a calm and professional manner to effect the rescue of those trapped. It is a testament to the emergency services of DeSoto Rural, the City of DeSoto and Valle Ambulance that we do not allow turf wars, boundary lines or truck colors to change what happens

responded that evening did the same exact thing. The job they were trained to do. Even though it was cold and icy, people stayed in the fight until it was done. To help the situation and in support of our firefighters, our auxiliary responded and handed out snacks, prepared countless cups of coffee and hot chocolate and kept up with the needs of all of the approximately 100 firefighters who responded.

I also would like to thank you, the board, for giving us the tools necessary to do the job we are here to do and I hope that we make you proud and give you a sense of how important it is to continue to have a first rate fire department. Thank you.





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REDINGS MILL FPD HIRES SIX FULL TIME FIREFIGHTERS

By Steven Coats, Fire Chief, Redings Mill Fire District

We would like to welcome six new full time firefighters to the Redings Mill Fire Protection District. Nathan Lipsey, Devon Maschger, Tony Frazier, Louis Surgi, Tanner Warner and Timothy Intessimone. All six come from emergency services backgrounds. Nathan and Devon were current Resident Volunteers for Redings Mill when hired. Louis is a Resident Volunteer with Carl Junction Fire Protection District, Tanner began his fire service career in the Redings Mill Resident Volunteer Program, Tony is a Paramedic with Newton County Ambulance and Tim started his career by attending Firefighter I and II certification classes at Redings Mill Fire Protection District.

The six new positions were made possible by a tax increase approved by the voters of the fire district in April of 2017. The tax increase was requested to assist with

improvements to the fire district services and to slow attrition rates by increasing pay and benefits to our full time emergency responders.

Our personnel issues is the first priority we addressed by hiring six additional full time firefighters. Multiple volunteer drives completed and even free college tuition have been offered in an attempt to increase volunteer numbers. However that number has dwindled to five. Some due to being hired full time for our organization or other emergency service organizations. Others because they simply didn't have the time to commit to our volunteer programs.

Attrition rates of full time staff had continued to be an issue due to low pay compared to other emergency response agencies. Over the past ten years, eleven full time firefighters have left to join



other emergency service organizations that offered better pay and benefits. This has been addressed by increasing our pay and benefits.

There is still a lot going on in our family's future. This includes constructing two new fire stations and hiring three additional full time firefighters over the next four years. Do you live in our fire district and want to become part of it. Call or come by to find out how!

Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

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2018 FFAM CONVENTION MEETING, SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Diane Hanes at 9:05 a.m. Colors were posted, and the *Pledge of Allegiance* was said. Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD, read the invocation, *The Fireman's Wife Prayer*.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

President Diane Hanes, Galt FD; 1st Vice President Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; 2nd Vice President Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Secretary/Treasurer Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Historian Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FD; Sergeant at Arms Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FD, absent.

Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD, explained the voting procedure on the election of officers.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Past presidents were invited to stand and introduce themselves, Kim Voss, Beaufort-Leslie FD and Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FD.

MINUTES

Sheri Berendzen, Cole Co FPD read the Sunday morning 2017 Convention minutes. Diane Hanes, Galt FD, asked for any corrections, additions or any discussions. Angela Fields, Paris FD, made a motion to accept the minutes as read, second by Carrisa Mueller, Holts Summit FPD. Diane Hanes asked all in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FD was not present so Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD, read the roll call resulting in 14 departments, with 34 members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sheri Berendzen, Cole Co FPD, reported as of May 4-6, 2018, the Auxiliary has \$6,770.43. The fund raisers we held this convention consisted of a quilt we raffled off and that brought in \$160. We held silent auctions and that brought in \$1,639. And we also had a booze raffle which brought in \$807. Diane Hanes, Galt FD, asked for any corrections, additions or any discussions. Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FD, made a motion to accept

the treasure report with a correction to the report (the date read 2017) that was read. Second by Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD. Diane Hanes asked all in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FD, and Kim Voss, Beaufort-Leslie Fire, read the officers nominated and there were no nominations from the floor.

MEMBERSHIP

Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD, reported that we have 136 paid members with one new membership she is from Southern Holt. There are also ten honorary members. Theresa Cox past around lists of long standing, honorary, past presidents and other lists she has been working on updating. Asked if anyone has more additions or corrections to let her know. Also explained on how the name of the auxiliary has changed in the past years.

CONTEST GAMES

Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD, reported games went well and everyone had a good time. The weather was decent. The games ended about noon. If anyone want to share pictures they have taken, please let us know. We need more ladies' teams.

HISTORIAN

Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FD, stated she has started a web page album of pictures she has been taking. If anyone has pictures they would like to share, please let her know.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

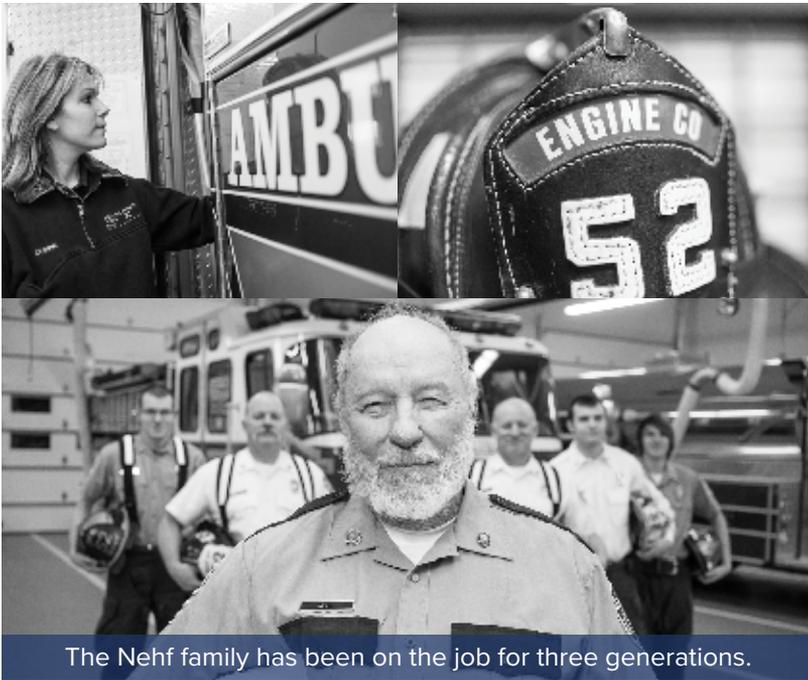
Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FD, was absent. There are no by-law changes at this time.

AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR

This year the award went to Diane Hanes, Galt FD. Christina Loyd, Little Dixie



Member of the Year Award, Diane Hanes, Galt Fire Protection District



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FPD, spoke about the award and that nominations are accepted from January to December and the form is on the web page. The award can also be a department auxiliary besides just an auxiliary member. Diane Hanes spoke about her receiving the award.

POSTER

Diane Hanes, Galt FD, talked about how the posters need to be received by 7:00 p.m. on Friday night. We had very good posters submitted, and the judges had a very hard time judging the posters. The size and weight are what get posters disqualified mainly, the rules for the contest are on the website. There were 66 posters from 7 departments received. The total received was down in the count from the past years. Robert Brown (RB), District 7 Director, oversees the poster contest and he is the one in charge of rules for submitting the posters, the auxiliary is only doing the judging.

CHECKBOOK AUDIT

Was completed by Ann Jones, Madison

West Monroe FD, Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FD and Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; found the checkbook balanced.

2018 FIRE FIGHTERS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Diane Hanes, Galt FD, reported on the services, the *Candlelight Service* will be Saturday, May 19, at 8:30 p.m., and the Memorial Service will be Sunday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m. These services will be held at the Kingdom City Fire Fighters Memorial. Galt will be doing the ribbon again. The services are very memorable and well attended. If the weather calls for rain they have other arrangements made.

RESOLUTION

Diane Hanes, Galt FD read the resolution. Diane will make sure the resolution is forwarded to Mike with the St. Joseph FD.

During the break cash door prizes and jewelry were given away.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report on at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Kim Voss, Beaufort-Leslie Fire, is to swear in the new officers. Carrisa Mueller, Holts Summit FPD, made a motion to accept the list of officers submitted. Second by Reta Smiley, Galt FD. Diane Hanes, Galt FD, asked all in favor, no opposed, motion passed. Kim Voss swore officers in and presented the 2018-2019 officers to the members.

Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rebecca Jackson, Galt FD. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adorned at 10:30 a.m.
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD
 Secretary/Treasurer 2018-2019

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



Larry Jones
Director

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So much has already happened in 2018, but we still have lots left to do. The 2018 convention has already happened and a big thank you for all who worked to make it happen. Also, congratulations to all the winners of the contest and everyone that came to support their team. Don't forget that in May, we have the 2018 Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Services. Saturday night will be the *Candlelight Service* and Sunday morning is the full service. They both are very special and make you want to keep going back each year.

The second big event for FFAM is the Missouri State Fair in August. This is a time to be part of the only eleven day fire department in our nation. By the time you get this, the deadline for workers will have passed but you can still come and visit the fire department at the fair. That is a good way to see if working in 2019 at the fair is for you. Talk to anyone that has worked there and find out how great it is.

During all the FFAM activities going on, we know how busy you can be at your local department. It makes for a very busy lifestyle. Be safe and enjoy the summer.



MO WESTERN'S CAMPUS MEMORIAL

By Kent Heier, Missouri Western State University

A memorial to honor fallen emergency medical service providers in Missouri will be built at Missouri Western State University. On April 26, the University's Board of Governors approved a 99-year lease agreement with the Missouri EMS Memorial Foundation to locate the memorial near Mitchell Avenue, on land where the President's House once stood.

"Our organization is excited to be working with Missouri Western State University to make this vision become a reality," said Evan Clark, vice-chairman of the Missouri EMS Memorial Foundation. "To finally have a permanent location to properly honor those members of the Missouri EMS profession who gave the ultimate sacrifice is humbling. St. Joseph was chosen as a viable option due to the city's rich history and economic stability. Missouri Western was contacted to see if they would have any interest in helping support our organization's vision and they have been highly dedicated and a pleasure to work with since. This campus has many great things to offer and we loved the idea of being able to have such a prime location. With this memorial's completion Missouri will be one of only a few states to have tangible locations to honor police, fire, and EMS professionals and give our thin line families a place to remember."

"Emergency medical service personnel are often called to put themselves at risk while providing life-saving medical care to the sick and injured, and many pay the ultimate price," said Dr. Robert Vartabedian, Missouri Western's president. "We are

pleased to offer a place to honor the EMS heroes of Missouri on our campus."

The foundation will be responsible for the construction, maintenance and repairs of the memorial and its landscape. The memorial will be a pavilion approximately 50 feet by 50 feet with flagpoles, benches and stone markers. A Memorial Wall of Honor will feature the names of 27 EMS providers who have died in the line of duty. Those who have faithfully dedicated their lives to EMS will also be honored, with names engraved in Service Walls flanking the Memorial Wall of Honor, thus watching over their fallen brothers and sisters. The foundation plans to hold a memorial ceremony at the site once a year.

The memorial will be visible from Mitchell Avenue and accessible from a parking lot on the south side of campus.

The foundation is a 501c3 organization and is accepting donations to build the memorial. For more information about the memorial, visit the foundation's website at moemsmemorialfoundation.org.

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PROTECTIVE ACTIONS HELP

By Jeff Strawn, Firefighter Cancer Support Network



While concerns regarding the exposure to carcinogens are common to both career and volunteer firefighters, the volunteer and combination fire service have some specific challenges that are different and need to be addressed.

Volunteers regularly transport contaminated PPE and other gear in their personal vehicles, thereby exposing themselves and their family members to carcinogens. Because they may return home or go back to work directly after a fire, they often continue to wear their personal clothing, which will stay contaminated.

It is not acceptable to return from a medical call with blood or vomitus on our clothing and then sit back down at work or return to the dinner table at home. The same concern should be exercised

“...gear must be cleaned, clothing must be washed and showers must be taken...”

after returning from a fire: gear must be cleaned, clothing must be washed and showers must be taken, before returning to work or family activities to reduce carcinogenic exposure. Many volunteers carry their PPE in their personal vehicle,

often in the trunk or even in the vehicle’s passenger compartment. Handling PPE in this manner facilitates the off-gassing of toxins and carcinogens, especially when the PPE is heated by elevated temperatures from the sun.

The interior of a car or pickup truck parked in the sun for just a few hours will get very hot. On an 85° day, the interior temperature will rise to more than 120° due to the “greenhouse effect.” Surprisingly, the inside of a trunk is often cooler than the inside of the car itself because there are no windows for sunlight to enter. Temperature readings inside the trunk can be 5-10 degrees cooler than the air in the passenger compartment.

In either situation, actions need to be taken to protect from off-gassing into the vehicle passenger compartment. These

protective actions could include: keeping PPE in closed, zippered duffel bags or large sealed “Rubbermaid-style” storage bins and taking contaminated PPE back to the fire station on the fire apparatus for washing, cleaning and decontamination.”



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RANDOLPH COUNTY FIRE AWARD DINNER HELD

By Pat Pratt, The Moberly Monitor-Index

Local firefighters, supporters and friends attended the Randolph County Fire Departments Award Dinner on Saturday in Moberly, an event recognizing those men and women who work tirelessly to protect local life and property.

Captain Charlie Peel of Southeast Randolph County Fire Department said the event is a chance to show appreciation for all the brave men and women who sacrificed their time and often risk their own lives for local communities.

“We wanted to take a break to make the volunteer firefighters feel appreciated for what they do,” Peel said. “All these firefighters in the county do an outstanding job and we try to reward them in some way. We can’t do it monetarily, but we try to through these awards recognizing them for a job well done.”

Moberly Fire Chief George Albert said while the firefighters were honored to receive the various awards, recognitions is not something they look for in the course of their duties.

“Firefighters very seldom look for recognition or anything like that,” Albert said. “That is not what we do our jobs for, but sometimes it is nice to get a little pat on the back and hear someone say thank you for the service they do and the time they put in.”

Awards were presented to firefighters for community service, appreciation, firefighter of the year and the chief’s award.

The community service award was given to firefighters who led community relations efforts and several local supporting individuals and organizations including Ricky Roberts, Ron Stuck, MFA Oil, Moberly Fire IAFF 2671, Ben Wolverton Cory Putnam, Ross Dut-ton, and Seth Truesdell.

Moberly firefighters Trevor Stein and Ben Wolverton were recognized with the



Chiefs Award Winners pictured left to right are Northeastern R-4 FPD Terry Watkins and Westran FPD Brian Woods. Also pictured are Fire Marshal Tim Bean and Southeastern FPD Charlie Peel. Winner Higbee FPD Chad Crawford is not pictured.



Moberly Firefighters Trevor Stein (left) and Ben Wolverton (right) receive the Life Safety Award presented by the City of Moberly and MFD. Both firefighters were involved in the September 17, search and rescue of a young female during a residential structure fire.

Life Safety Award for their efforts in the search and rescue of a young girl during a September 17, house fire in Moberly.

According to reports, the firefighters entered the front of building and encountered heavy heat and smoke. They

advanced to the kitchen where they approached heavy flames. Wolverton, while in the process of extinguishing the fire, was notified by Stein he found a victim and needed assistance.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE



1ST
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Larry Jennings

Greetings to all! Well another convention has come and gone and by all accounts it was another successful event to be recorded in the history books of the FFAM. If you didn't get the opportunity to attend this year, start making plans for next year's convention as it is never too early to make a reservation and get the event on your calendar.

Now that convention has passed let's talk a bit this time about rest. Seems fitting to talk about this now as we had an opportunity to rest a bit, although I am sure not everyone did, during convention. Now you might be thinking "what does rest have to do with me, or for that matter the fire service." For the sake of this article the term rest is going to be a large all-encompassing word to cover all aspects of what you may think rest is.

"It only takes a split second of not being alert to crash an apparatus, miss a turn or simply not focus on the basic safety issues related to our industry."

The concept of rest in the fire service is somewhat obvious, but encompasses many things. Getting some sleep, relaxing, taking a break, disconnecting or recharging yourself. These are important steps to help you avoid what can at times be deadly consequences of not resting.

Let's begin with sleep. Of course sleep is different than relaxing, as you can relax while doing minor other things, but sleep is simply sleep. Some studies suggest that for the age group of adults over 18 an average targeted amount of sleep is between 7 and 9 hours daily, but this can

be affected by genetic, behavioral and environmental factors. I know each of us in the fire service have no other responsibilities that would keep us from sleeping and of course calls for service are generally pre-scheduled to take place only during our waking hours so I am sure we are all getting the recommended amount of sleep. Good fantasy, but not really a reality for our industry.

So what happens when we don't get enough of the sleep portion of our required rest? Some short term problems can include lack of alertness, relationship stress, impaired memory and overall quality of life. It should be obvious to all of us that when you are sleepy you are simply not as alert as normal. The consequences of this can be deadly as you are responding to or working at an emergency scene. It only takes a split second of not being alert to crash an apparatus, miss a turn or simply not focus on the basic safety issues related to our industry. Would fatigue ever factor in to not providing the proper medical care for a patient? The results of administering incorrect medications or not being able to get an IV started correctly due to not being alert can have obvious negative results.

Think a minute about the relationships in your life. Have you ever noticed you

or those around you are just a bit more "short" when not enough sleep has been achieved? How many workplace issues could have been avoided if all involved simply had enough rest and were not on edge and easily aggravated due to the lack of sleep?

Some research has suggested that your... now what was I going to say... hmmm... oh, that's right... research has suggested that your memory can be affected by lack of sleep or rest. I am sure those around you can attest that when you are a bit "out-of-it" due to that extra-long scene or shift

or just lack of sleep you don't remember some of what you said or did. Now if those things your brain skips are minor and of no consequence then that just leaves more room in the old noggin for new information. However, if you have no recall over important issues either at or away from work there can be a great impact. Forget to pick up or meet your significant other someplace because you received the information while fatigued, and I can speak from personal experience that the impact is, well let's just say you won't forget the next time. Now imagine that you received instructions from your bosses during a fatigued period and you failed to follow through with what you were told, that likely will not end well either.

Have you ever considered how your sleep is related to your health? Some of the more serious potential health problems can include high blood pressure, diabetes, heart attack, heart failure or stroke. Many who go long terms without proper sleep may also be more prone to obesity, depression and other similar health related issues. We have all made a comment from time to time about someone's appearance due to lack of sleep, parents of a newborn for example, so imagine what the effects on your appearance may be due to prolonged lack of adequate sleep.

So let's shift the conversation a little from sleep, since we likely aren't getting what we need anyway and talk about resting or relaxing. If you don't have a hobby or some type of pastime that is not emergency services related, you need to find one. The human has little ability to "shut off" or not be concerned about what is taking place if they cannot disconnect almost completely from something. Yes, you can schedule a "date" night or other similar activity, but did you leave your pager or other mobile notification devices at home? If not then you are really not disconnected and you aren't truly relaxing. Now I am not saying that you have to take a big vacation and get completely away, but you do need to find something that takes your mind off of work and the often non-pleasant things we experience and relax.

I have not been a big vacation taker in the past and quite honestly have not done my best about sleeping or relaxing. My wife often asks me why I continue to go hunting since I have told her I am not that concerned about bagging any game. My answer has always been that sitting alone, or sometimes with a family member, out in nature without any preconceived need to accomplish anything was my way of relaxing and getting a little "recharge" started. I have noticed as I have gotten older that those days in the outdoors recharging don't last long enough and my batteries appear to drain quicker when I return to work. Non-the-less I have found the necessity of relaxation and highly recommend you find that thing that gets you away and allows you to relax. Who knows, I may get started doing the vacation thing and run in to you in some odd and out of the way place.

We all see enough ugly in our day to day service that we should not ignore the things we can do to help make the ugly less impactful. By disconnecting and allowing yourself some time to relax and consequently getting enough sleep you can take great strides towards helping yourself deal with not only the ugly, but just the regular day to day grind we all have. So take some time and schedule an official time to rest, take a vacation, steal a nap when you can, get regular sleep, but above all take care of yourself. Without you, the service level to the public will be affected. Your contributions can not be made by anyone else but you, so do what you can to make sure you are performing at your best. Rest!

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2018 FFAM CONVENTION AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

By Joe Jennings, Awards Committee

The FFAM Awards Committee thanks everyone who submitted nominations for the 2018 FFAM awards which were presented on Saturday, May 5, in St. Joseph during the annual convention. The nominations which were submitted were all excellent nominations worthy of receiving recognition in their respective award categories. These awards provide an excellent opportunity to showcase and recognize great achievements by our members.

It was an honor for the awards committee to present the following awards for 2018:

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Terry Plumb, Southern Stone County Fire Protection District

Ben Wolverton, Moberly Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR

Howell County Rural Fire District #1

FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Scott Nichols, Little Dixie Fire Protection District

FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR

Darrell Wright, Chillicothe Fire Department

In addition to these awards, the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri in conjunction with the Phil Sayer family, VFIS, and the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, awarded the 2018 *Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award* to Brian Zinanni of the Clayton Fire Department. Brian has served the fire service for 32 years and currently serves the Clayton Fire Department as a Lieutenant/Medical Officer. He is the founder and state coordinator of the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team and serves as an advisor to the Missouri EMS Funeral assistance Team and the Missouri Law Enforcement Funeral Assistance Team. Brian is a board member of the Firefighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri and Regional

Director of the National Honor Guard Commanders Association. Brian is also the Missouri coordinator of Supporting Heroes, Inc. which is an organization dedicated to honoring the sacrifice and service of public safety heroes killed in the line of duty by caring for their loved ones left behind.

Brian consistently puts forth dedication and loving care towards the survivors and their families, long after the visitation and services have concluded. Not only has Brian made an impact in the everyday workings of the fire service but he is

consistently impacting today, tomorrow and the unforeseeable future of the fire service and has made so many impacts in Missouri and across the United States that no one could thank him enough. His devotion and expertise has put the FFAM and our Missouri out front when it comes to the fire service and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation throughout the nation.

On behalf of the Awards Committee, the Sayer family, VFIS and the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, we were honored to present this award to Brian.



Life Saving Award, Terry Plumb, Southern Stone County Fire Protection District



Fire Fighter of the Year Award, Scott Nichols, Little Dixie Fire Protection District



Fire Department of the Year Award, Howell County Rural Fire District #1

Looking forward to the 2019 FFAM Awards, the Awards Committee challenges you to submit nominations. While the deadline to submit nominations is February 28, 2019, we would like for you to submit nominations throughout the remainder of the year. We know there were instances where recognition was deserved, but a nomination may have slipped through the cracks due to

forgetting to submit it in February. Please, as events happen that deserve recognition from the FFAM, submit them to us!

For more information on the FFAM Awards available and the nomination process, visit www.ffam.org/awards.



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Fire Chief of the Year Award, Darrell Wright, Chillicothe Fire Department



Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award, Brian Zinanni, Clayton Fire Department

CONVENTION CONTEST WINNERS





FIRE PREVENTION POSTER WINNERS

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE



FIRST PLACE: Dylan Wall - 1st Grade - Iberia



SECOND PLACE: Journi Vail - 2nd Grade - Iberia



THIRD PLACE: Raygen Crum - 2nd Grade - Paris

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE



FIRST PLACE: Annie Barton - 3rd Grade - Madison



SECOND PLACE: McKenna Shelton - 3rd Grade - Iberia



THIRD PLACE: Kiya Smith - 4th Grade - Little Dixie



FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE



FIRST PLACE: Annie Barton - 5th Grade - Paris



SECOND PLACE: McKenna Shelton - 6th Grade - Galt



THIRD PLACE: Kiya Smith - 5th Grade - Madison



NEWS FROM DISTRICT 7

Robert B. Brown
Director

Hello from District 7. I hope everyone is doing well. I believe spring has sprung and summer is upon us. As they say that's a wrap, the 2018 St. Joseph convention is in the history books and a good time was had by all that attended. Thank you to the St. Joseph Fire Department for the hospitality.

At the convention, the fire prevention posters were judged. I want to say thank you to the FFAM Auxiliary who have the difficult task to choose which artist has the best poster and when I see the posters, I wish I could say everyone is a winner and in a way they are because they won from their department or district.

The theme was *Plan Two Ways Out, Every Second Counts*. Sixty-six posters were submitted from seven districts or departments. With that being said, I'm challenging all directors, departments and districts to get the word out and let's get more posters for next year. I want to give a thank you to Gail Hagans for the question she asked, "Who is able to submit posters?" School curriculum/schedules can be difficult, and departments often aren't able to get the poster contest in their local schools. This poster contest is open to all organizations including Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, home-school kids or even just kids in your community. As long as they fit within the grade requirements and are sponsored by their local department, their poster can be submitted. I challenge everyone that reads this to go out and spread the word. Fire prevention is every day, not just in October.

This year's winners will be the guests of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department. The winner and immediate family will get passes for the fair and the winner will get a carnival wrist band and prize money and, if they wish, they are welcome to have lunch or supper with the crews.

1ST AND 2ND GRADE DIVISION

- 1st Place – Dylan Wall, Iberia FD
- 2nd Place – Journi Vail, Iberia FD
- 3rd Place – Raygen Crum, Paris FD

3RD AND 4TH GRADE DIVISION

- 1st Place – Annie Barton, Madison-West Monroe FPD
- 2nd Place – McKenna Shelton, Iberia FD
- 3rd Place – Kiya Smith, Little Dixie FPD

5TH AND 6TH GRADE DIVISION

- 1st Place – Abigail Wheeler, Paris FD
- 2nd Place – Erica Loveit, Galt FPD
- 3rd Place – Karlie McGee, Madison-West Monroe FPD

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Congratulation to all the winners and thank you to all that entered a poster. I hope to meet all the winners at the Missouri State Fair in August. If the sponsoring departments/districts would help to contact the winners and have them contact Secretary Miller at 660-429-1327 to make the arrangements.

I want to welcome the new Assistant Director to District 7, Andy Caldwell from Boles Fire Protection District. Thank you to Ed Kriska for your service as Assistant Director and enjoy your retirement.

With summer about to be in full swing let's talk about some summer safety awareness. Heatstroke, heat exhaustion and heat cramps are serious. Those most at risk include:

- Infants and young children
- Elderly people
- Pets
- Individuals with heart or circulatory problems or other long-term illness

- People who work outdoors
- Athletes and people who like to exercise – especially beginners
- Individuals taking medications that alter sweat production

HEAT EXHAUSTION

When the body loses an excessive amount of salt and water, heat exhaustion can set in. People who work outdoors and athletes are particularly susceptible.

Symptoms are similar to those of the flu and can include severe thirst, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting and, sometimes, diarrhea. Other symptoms include profuse sweating, clammy or pale skin, dizziness, rapid pulse and normal or slightly elevated body temperature.

Uncontrolled heat exhaustion can evolve into heatstroke, so make sure to treat the victim quickly:

- Move them to a shaded or air-conditioned area
- Give them water or other cool, nonalcoholic beverages
- Apply wet towels or take a cool shower

HEAT CRAMPS

Heat cramps are muscle spasms that usually affect the legs or abdominal muscles, often after physical activity. Excessive sweating reduces salt levels in the body, which can result in heat cramps.

Workers or athletes with pain or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs should not return to work for a few hours. Instead:

- Sit or lie down in the shade.
- Drink cool water or a sports drink.
- Stretch affected muscles.
- Seek medical attention if you have heart problems or if the cramps don't get better in an hour.

The best way to avoid a heat-related illness is to limit exposure outdoors during hot days. Air conditioning is the best way to cool off, according to the CDC. Also:

- Drink more liquid than you think you need and avoid alcohol
- Wear loose, lightweight clothing and a hat
- Replace salt lost from sweating by drinking fruit juice or sports drinks



Missouri State Fire Marshal

9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB



Climb, Honor, Assist

To ensure that the fallen firefighters of September 11 are never forgotten.

September 8, 2018

Missouri State Fire Marshal Office
Jefferson Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

Stair Climb Coordinator: **Kim Fitzsimmons**
Phone: **573-526-5701**
Email: **Kim.Fitzsimmons@dfs.dps.mo.gov**



- Avoid spending time outdoors during the hottest part of the day, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wear sunscreen; sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself
- Pace yourself when you run or otherwise exert your body

When we think of water safety, we often think of the potential for young children to drown. But drowning also is a concern for teens and young adults. While drowning is more common for children 5 and younger, it's the second leading cause of death for people age 5-24. According to NSC data, 737 people age 5 to 24 drowned in 2014.

Swimmers should keep in mind:

- Don't go in the water unless you know how to swim; swim lessons are available for all ages
- Never swim alone
- Learn CPR and rescue techniques
- Make sure the body of water matches your skill level; swimming in a pool is much different than swimming in a lake or river, where more strength is needed to handle currents
- If you do get caught in a current, don't try to fight it; stay calm and float with it, or swim parallel to the shore until you can swim free
- Swim in areas supervised by a lifeguard
- Don't push or jump on others
- Don't dive in unfamiliar areas
- Never drink alcohol when swimming; alcohol is involved in about half of all male teen drownings, according to KidsHealth.org

And in closing, I hope everyone has a great and safe Memorial Day and the next time you see a member in the Armed Forces or a Veteran, stop and say thank you, because without them, we could not do what we are doing today. The Missouri State Fair is getting closer and the work detail for the fire station is June 8-10. Hope to see ya and take care until we meet again.

Robert (R.B.) Brown
District 7



THE MUSEUM PROJECT

BY RON BAKER

Some thoughts on raising funds for the fire fighters' museum.

1 Applications to companies and others seeking grants, this is a very difficult proposition. The applications have to be very precise and applicable to the company interests. One of the first questions they want answered is, "How much have you and your constituency invested in this project?" While we have a substantial amount that has been raised and donated, there is still a large sum to complete the task at hand.

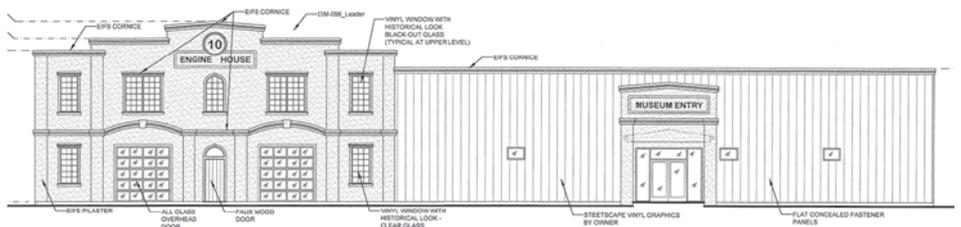
2 Individual donations, this is probably the hardest of all the possibilities. People don't like to ask friends for donations, no matter how valued the project. I have gone to the state employees charitable campaign several times and come out with minimal results. It seems that pets, abused children, and other ventures outweigh what we are presenting. An empty lot with plans to build some day.

3 Fund raising activities, this can be very profitable, but needs to be widespread. In the last few months, we have received \$300 from Texas Roadhouse (*Winter Fire School*), \$156 from Potbelly Sandwiches in Columbia, and approximately \$1,500 from the sale of flags for the memorial service. These are all in a concentrated

area in Mid-Missouri. What is needed is for individuals and departments all across Missouri to approach restaurants in their communities and let them do the work. Some that offer events like I am talking about are Texas Roadhouse, Chipotle, Wendy's, pizza establishments, etc. If 50 individuals or departments across Missouri held fund raisers at restaurants and raised an average of \$250, that would bring in \$12,500 for this project. Doing this four times a year, would bring in \$50,000. What about chili suppers, pancake meals, dodgeball between first responder groups, softball, baseball or basketball games, the possibilities are endless.

My question for you is very simple, how bad do we want a fire fighters' museum to celebrate the heritage of the Missouri fire service? It can be done, but it won't be done unless there is a total commitment by departments all over Missouri. I am not a firefighter, but I joined this endeavor because I believe it needs to be done and I believe it will be done. I haven't been as successful as I wanted to be in this, but I have not given up. It is time for you as fire fighters to step up and promote and help fund this museum.

LET'S DO IT!



1 FRONT ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

MissouriFireFightersMuseum.org



History's CORNER

THE ST. LOUIS FIRE DEPARTMENT JUSTIFIABLY PROUD

By Bill Westhoff with Associate Editors: Retired Deputy Chief Frank C. Shaper and Betty Burnett, Authors of "Images of America St. Louis Fire Department."



THE VERY EARLY DAYS

The St. Louis Fire Department was established in 1857 and is the second oldest career fire department in the United States. Prior to 1847 a number of volunteer fire companies were in service in the city, starting around 1822. Members of these fire companies came from all walks of life and the fire company member's wielded considerable political influence. It was the pride and ambition of each fire company to be the first to reach the fire and the most efficient to extinguish the fire.

It was one of the first departments in the nation in 1926 to establish a fire department training academy to study fire and to train recruit firefighters. The department also took the lead in exceptional apparatus, being one of the first departments to purchase a 100' ladder truck. In 1987 the department was the first in the nation to use a "Total Quint Concept", combining the traditional fire pumper and hook and ladder into one piece of equipment. The first of 30 new Quint apparatus were placed into service in 1987 and 1988.

THE GREAT FIRE OF 1849

St. Louis was the prominent point and the Gateway to the West. In the Spring of 1849, the population of St. Louis was

45,000 with the western boundary of the city extending to Eleventh Street, about 3/4's of a mile in width, by a riverfront of three miles.

On May 17 at 9:00 p.m. a fire alarm sounded. The steamer "The White Cloud" lying at the foot of Cherry Street was on fire. The Fire Department that consisted of 9 hand engines and hose reels promptly responded. The moorings parted and the steamer floated slowly down stream setting 22 other steamers on fire before the "White Cloud" reached the foot of Locust.

The flames leaped from building to building sweeping everything on the levee for four blocks; extending to Main Street westward and crossing Olive. It completely gutted three more blocks between it and Second Street and as far south as Market Street. It then ignited a



large copper shop three square blocks away and burned out two more blocks. The firemen, after laboring for eight hours, were completely demoralized and exhausted. The entire business portion of the city appeared doomed unless something was done. Six buildings were spread with explosive powder and blown up in succession. Captain Thomas B. Targee of Missouri No. 5 died while he was spreading powder into Phillips Music store, the last store to be blown up.



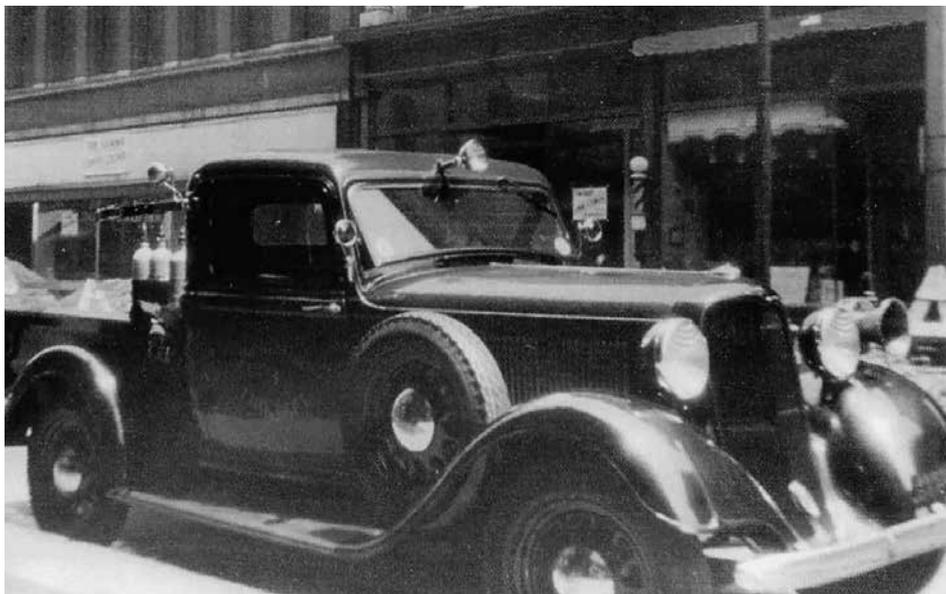
The 1904 Metropolitan, 1,000 gpm steamer saw much duty for Engine Co. 40. The horses are Blondie, Bismarck, and Jim.

This marked the largest and most destructive fire St. Louis has ever experienced. The fire lasted from 9:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m., and caused the loss of three lives, 430 buildings, 23 steamers, 9 flat boats, and several barges.

THE PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT

On September 14, 1857, the paid fire department started operations with H. Clay Sexton as the fire chief. Through the years the fire department continued to grow and by 1910 they had 51 horse-drawn steam engine companies, 17 hook and ladder companies, 11 district chiefs, a deputy chief, master mechanic, and a fire chief. On March 25, 1927, the fire horses made their final run, thus closing a colorful era in the fire department, as many of these brave animals had given their lives in the line of duty.

In 1907 the fire chief received the first piece of motorized equipment, and in 1910 the first motorized pump was received. On March 9, 1914, Saint Louis suffered its worse loss of life when the Missouri Athletic Club at 4th and Washington caught fire and 30 men staying in the building perished in the blaze.



The success of inhalator crews in saving lives demonstrated the worth of this service. In 1928-29, the department responded to 75 calls with life-giving oxygen. This is a 1934 unit. In 1942 the inhalator cars left the fire department and were placed in the city's hospital division.

Beginning on July 16, 1926, the St. Louis Fire Department training school was organized under the leadership of battalion chief George R. Ward. In 1933, five engine companies were taken out of service, and on August 6, 1942, General Order Number 30 was issued with the subject of the reorganization of the St. Louis Fire Department. The department was divided into 9 districts with a battalion chief in charge of each district, 43 engine companies, 23 hook and ladder companies, 12 hose wagons, and a rescue squad. Also new running cards were made consisting of five alarms. The first five-alarm blaze occurred on December 11, 1942 at the Dye Candy Company located at 310 S 21st St.

During the start of World War II orders came from Washington, D.C. that Saint Louis must plan an auxiliary fire force. The fire chief called in some loyal fire buffs, including Phil Nauman to take over the huge task of training these volunteers. This program was called the United States Citizens Defense Corps and two of the jobs were auxiliary firemen and fire watchers. The auxiliary firemen had portable pumps mounted on trailers that could be hauled behind an automobile or truck.

Another interesting bit of history came to a close at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1955 when the Underwriters Salvage Corps passed into history. They had served the city for 82 years, working alongside our fireman and dying with them in the line of duty.

The city opened its first ranch style fire station on June 17, 1960 at 5600 Prescott Avenue, for Engine Company No. 20, Hook and Ladder Company No.12, and Hose Wagon No.7.

In the 1980's changes started to take place with the first women firefighters to join the fire department, and a new headquarters building was opened at Jefferson and Cass.

EMS HISTORY

The City Ambulance Service (as it was then called) began its first series of two-man procedures in September 1971. The old red and white ambulance, under the guidance of the Health and Hospitals Division, was what the city depended on for emergency situations.

Having previously relied on the first aid knowledge of city police officers, most of the people who began then agree that the first training programs were anything but easy. They endured hours of study and training while continuing to work under the guidance of a senior partner whose only qualification was driver.

With one person driving the ambulance, seeing a need to thrive even further and in accordance with the State of Missouri, it became mandatory for all ambulance personnel to be qualified as licensed EMT's. By the end of 1974, all ambulance personnel were required to complete a minimum of a 120-hour course in the care and transportation of the sick and



injured. Re-licensing of EMT's would be required every three years.

The following year saw even greater challenges: the birth of the first paramedic crews and the long overdue hiring of female employees.

Successfully making the transition in just a few short years, the new Emergency Medical Service expanded into full-scale operation from Life Support Units into enough to cover every police district in the city. One would have had to be involved 25 or more years ago to fully understand the revolution of the EMS services.

On April 19, 1997 EMS was incorporated into the St. Louis Fire Department, and renamed the Bureau of EMS.

SLFD TODAY

The St. Louis Fire Department is recognized as a progressive leader in providing the highest quality of emergency services. They are committed to the preservation of life, property, and the environment by effectively and efficiently meeting the emerging public safety and welfare needs of their diverse community. They accomplish their goals by maintaining the highest standards of professional service through continued training, education, and living up to their motto of being "Justifiably Proud."

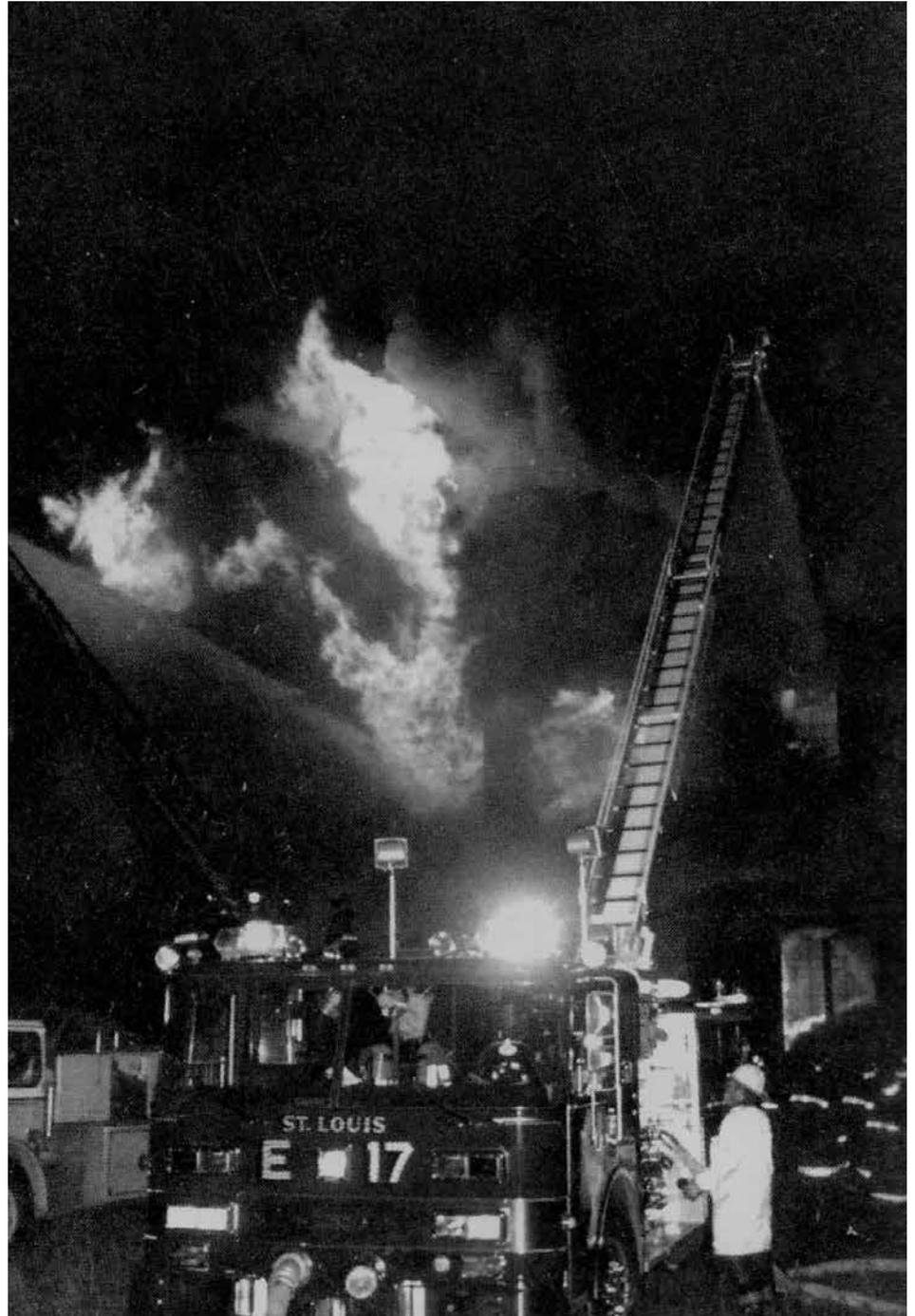
The St. Louis Fire Department protects a city that covers approximately 62 square miles and has a population of approximately 319,294 full-time residents and a daytime population approaching 1,000,000.



The St. Louis Fire Department, led by Fire Chief Dennis Jenkerson, is organized into five bureaus: Administrative Services, Fire Prevention, Operations, Support Services, and Emergency Medical Services. Each bureau is commanded by a Deputy Fire Chief.

The St. Louis Fire Department employs approximately 900 personnel, which includes Firefighters, EMTs, Paramedics, and civilians.

The St. Louis Fire Department also believes in and works strongly on community outreach programs. These programs



Engine 17, pictured here, was part of the St. LFD Total Quint concept developed by Fire Chief Neil Sventanics. This company rescued a man from a burning roof shortly after being placed in service. It was the first Quint rescue after the concept was initiated.

enable the fire department to get important fire and life safety messages across to the public. The community outreach programs include:

- Fire safety presentations
- Fire safety house presentations
- Free smoke alarm installations
- Fire extinguisher training for the business community

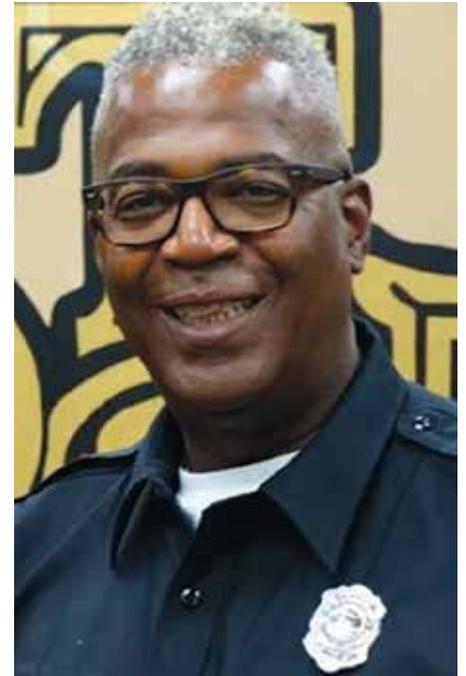
- Safety brochures
- Fire service career education
- CARE® automated telephone reinsurance program

The Fire Suppression Bureau operates three shifts, each commanded by a Deputy Fire Chief. Firefighters respond from 30 Engine Houses, located throughout the

City, organized into six districts. Each district is commanded by a Battalion chief.

The St. Louis Fire Department also provides structural fire protection, emergency medical services, rescue response, and aircraft rescue firefighting at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport from two fire stations located at the airport.

JUSTIFIABLY PROUD



ST JAMES FPD GETS NEW TANKER FROM AFG GRANT



The St. James Fire Protection District placed into service a new tanker. The tanker is a Pierce built on a Kenworth T-800 Chassis. The tanker is equipped with a 3000 gallon tank and a 750 GPM Waterous pump. The apparatus was sold by John Borgmann of Schuhmacher Fire Equipment. The apparatus was purchased with funds from a 2015 AFG Grant.

CEDAR HILL FPD GETS NEW 2018 PIERCE TANKER

The Cedar Hill Fire Protection District has purchased a new 2018 Pierce Tanker. The tanker is built on a Freightliner M-112 Chassis powered by a Detroit DD13 450 horse power motor with a Allison automatic transmission. Truck has a 3000 gallon booster tank, 1000 GMP Pump, 3000 gallon porta-tank, 24' extension ladder, 14' roof ladder and 10' folding ladder, 10" rear electric operated swivel newton dump valve, 2 preconnects and 1000' of



3" supply hose. This truck replaced a 3000 gallon 1991 Ford L9000 tanker built by S & S. The truck was delivered on March 9th and was placed in service on April 10, 2018 and is housed at the Districts Station 2 located at 8800 State Route 30, Dittmer, MO 63023.

MIKE SHELTON RETIREMENT - 40 YEARS OF SERVICE



Mike Shelton is retiring from the City of Riverside on July 2, after close to 40 years of service and almost 50 years in public safety. On Friday, June 29, at 6:00 p.m. we are having a little get together to honor Mike and his service. The Argosy Casino is hosting it for us in one of their ballrooms, there will be some light snacks and a cash bar for beverages. We have some presentations for him to put in his man cave at home. If there is anyone who wants to present something or speak please let me know at my below contact information. Or if you have

memories you would like for us to put up on a slide show or a poster board etc. If you know someone that knows Mike please pass this along to them.

Respectfully,
Gordon A Fowlston
Fire Chief
Riverside Fire Dept.
2990 NW Vivion Rd.
Riverside, MO. 64150
816-372-9024

HERCULANEUM FIRE CHIEF RETIRES



Fire Chief Bill Haggard retired after 35 years as Fire Chief of the Herculanum Fire Department. Bill

started as a Junior Firefighter in 1968. He joined the department as a volunteer in 1969 at the age of 18. Through the years he moved through the ranks as lieutenant, captain, assistant chief and on January 1, 1982 he assumed the position of fire chief. He is currently the president of the Jefferson County Firefighters Association and has chaired the annual Jeffco Fire Engine Rally for 25 years. He officially retired as fire chief on December 31, 2017. Bill will remain as a member of the fire department in a limited capacity.

Assistant Chief Chris Baker has been selected to serve as the interim Fire Chief until the department election



occurs in June 2018. Chris started as junior firefighter and joined the department in 1996. He has served in the position of captain and has been the assistant chief since 2008.

The Herculanum Fire Department thanks Chief Bill Haggard for his forty-nine years of service and dedication.

TRAINING WITH JOHNSON CO MISSOURI FIRE ASSOC



Pine Point Fire Training and Consulting, a Maine Based Fire Officer Training Company, traveled to Holden Missouri on March 17, to present an all-day seminar on Short Handed Firefighting for the Johnson County Missouri Fire Association. Over forty firefighters attended the program.

MADISON WEST MONROE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

During the winter months of 2018, the department spent all of their time doing fire runs and first responder calls. April started out different with the auxiliary taking the information to our local school for the poster contest. It had been a number of years, since Madison had done this and we were glad to do it again. On Saturday, April 7, there was a Farm Safety Program held at a local church. Volunteer firefighters went with their Grain Bin Rescue equipment and gave demonstrations with it. There was also other farm related accident demonstrations that were done. A Fish Fry was held at the firehouse on April 28. The Madison Volunteer Firefighters receive great support from their community.



AGENDA

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

MINUTES

President Hoover asked for corrections or additions to the April 21–23, 2017, convention and the December 3, 2017, board meeting minutes. Greg Wright moved to accept them as presented. RB Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the November-December 2017, and the January-March 2018, financial reports. Rick Dozier moved to accept the financial report as presented. Terry Plumb seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

Acting Director Kevin Zumwalt with the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute expressed appreciation to the St. Joseph Fire Department and the FFAM for hosting the convention.

MU FRTI fiscal year ends June 30. This fiscal year 671 classes have been scheduled, 500 completed, 11,000 students enrolled with over 130,000 student contact hours. These numbers are up from the previous year.

Summer Fire School (SFS) will be held May 16–20, in Columbia. Registrations are still being accepted and everyone is encouraged to attend. SFS will also be held during the annual firefighter's memorial service in Kingdom City. They are working on securing transportation for anyone at the training who wishes to attend the services.

There will soon be changes to the Fire Officer Certificate Program. Columbia College has approved the curriculum and they are working finalizing the partnership. 84 people are currently enrolled in the program and 265 people have completed it.

They are currently working on training funding proposals that will be submitted to the Division of Fire Safety by May 25. Firefighter standards in training are in the works. Twenty basic firefighter classes have been delivered around the state so far this year along with continuing to administer Firefighter I and II live skills testing around the state.

Zumwalt encouraged everyone to be in contact with your MU FRTI regional coordinators to request and communicate what trainings you would like to see in your area.

State Fire Marshal Tim Bean with the Division of Fire Safety advised that since last year, they have been working towards firefighter standards in training however, the priority has been placed on the firefighter presumptive cancer legislation. Statistics are showing a tremendous spike in cancer in firefighters. It is imperative to clean and decontaminate your gear by using the proper extractors and cleaning equipment.

There has been a 15% increase in certification classes with over 1,000 people getting certified. The Division has worked on bringing testing back to the departments throughout the state instead of solely in Jefferson City. NFPA 1403 is a new live fire training standard that requires a person be certified to conduct live fire burns. Contact the Division if you would like to get live fire certified.

New Firefighter I and II and hazardous materials curriculum is out. There is a one-day update available for instructors regarding the changes and updates.

The Division held a memorial stair climb on September 8, 2017, to raise money for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. They will be holding this again in 2018 and a website will be available soon for the event.

Bean advised that so far in 2018, there have been 44 fire fatalities in Missouri which is the 3rd highest rate in the nation. Of these fatalities, only one had a working smoke alarm. The American Red Cross

has a program that provides free smoke alarms and they will partner with any fire department and help get working smoke alarms in your community. Contact the Division if you need information on how to contact the American Red Cross.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

Sergeant-at-Arms Reynolds conducted a roll call of the delegates. There were 39 delegates and 15 officers present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Jaime Miller presented the Accountants' Compilation Report and Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2016. RB Brown moved to accept the report as presented. Grant Oetting seconded the motion and all approved.

1st Vice President Larry Jennings opened the discussion regarding the 2017 year-end funds and the possible options of investing the year end, reserve and benevolence funds to earn a higher interest rate than they currently do. Discussion followed. The Board directed Jennings to proceed with gathering investment options and rates and present at the June meeting.

President Hoover advised that RB Brown has requested the appointment of Andrew Caldwell of Boles FPD to District 7 Assistant Director. Terry Wynne moved to accept the appointment. Joe Vaughn seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover then advised that due to lack of attendance at meetings and participation for a long period of time, the following Assistant Directors would be removed from their positions: District 4 Jim Henry, District 6 Bill Hilden and District 11 Roger Meyers. RB Brown has also requested that Ed Kriska be removed as Assistant Director of District 7.

Sergeant-at-Arms Reynolds presented a bylaws revision to include new membership classifications for EMS agencies and

9-1-1 agencies. Discussion followed. A hand count vote was held. The bylaws revision passed with a count of 54 yes and 0 no.

Keith Smith reported that four positions are up for election. The nominations are Joe Vaughn, District 4 Director; Terry Plumb, District 5 Director; Roy Sims, District 9 Director; Greg Brown, District 10 Director. Don Hahne moved to approve the director appointments as presented. Rick Dozier seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Joe Jennings reported that the committee is reviewing the current award guidelines. If anyone has suggestion regarding the awards, please contact him. Nominations can be made throughout the year and is encouraged so that those worthy of the awards aren't missed or forgotten as time passes.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Larry Jennings reported that he will be working with the Secretary-Treasurer to review income and spending trends. He encouraged all committee chairman to watch their budgets and spending. If income trends show a decrease, budgets may get cut.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report was given.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

David Hedrick reported that Missouri Fire Chaplain Corp annual meeting/training will be on May 14-15, in Arnold, Missouri. They did have an exhibit at *Winter Fire School* and recruited several new chaplains.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Rob Erdel extended thanks to everyone who assisted with setting up and judging the contest. Everything went very well. He will be working on some needed trailer repairs.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Larry Jones thanked St. Joseph FD and

Chief Dalsing for hosting this year's convention. So far, no departments have expressed interest in hosting the convention in 2019. Discussion will be held at the June meeting on the FFAM board hosting the convention and a location.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rick Dozier reported that 18 attended the Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board of Directors training held on Friday. Get any class proposal ideas to him.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

RB Brown thanked everyone who participated in the poster contest. 66 posters were received from 7 departments. He challenged each director to work in their communities to get more posters submitted. Any organization, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, PTO's, homeschool groups, etc., can participate and is not limited to schools as many schools have a set curriculum and are unable to participate. Little Dixie FPD advised that they hold an annual open house and invite kids to come to the fire station and design and complete their posters during the event. They have had a great success with this type of event.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Brown reported *Firefighter Day at the Capitol* was a big success and he thanked everyone who attended. He encouraged everyone to get to know their local legislators. Firefighter training funding is still budgeted, and the Fire Education Commission is working with vendors on training proposals. There is a grant program line item in the state budget with an available \$1 million to assist volunteer fire departments with workers compensation funding. This grant program will go through the Division of Fire Safety and they are currently working on the program and requirements. The MO Chiefs are working on reorganizing the Fire Education Commission. The filing false liens bill will most likely pass making it a felony. HB1456 9-1-1 legislation passed the House and Senate Committees and is now on the Senate floor. Missouri is the only state that doesn't have a 9-1-1 cell tax. The cancer bill has been held up in committee. There

are lots of political issues. The Missouri Fire Service Alliance is looking at how to propose the bill again next year. HB1721 regarding donated equipment by companies or organizations bill failed.

President Hoover did advise that FFAM donated \$500 towards *Firefighter Day at the Capitol*.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Grant Oetting reported the following membership counts: 463 Directors/Councilman; 280 Retired; 23 Associate; 13 Sustaining; 17 Corporate, 332 Departments; 6182 Active; 11 Educational; 79 Juniors. All numbers are an increase from this time last year.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

No report was given.

NVFC COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported that he and Greg Wright did not attend the spring NVFC conference in Washington DC. NVFC continues to grow and expand their Heart Healthy and Share the Load campaigns. The Share the Load campaign is receiving approximately 200 calls per month. They are also expanding their virtual classroom for members and the Make Me a Firefighter campaign has reached over 8000 visitors online. They are working to expand their EMS resources too.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Terry Plumb encouraged those who submit scholarship applications to fill them out correctly and to submit all required documentation. Several applications that were received were rejected by the committee for failing to meet the application requirements.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Monty Thompson reported that applications were due May 1. Lots were received. Work weekends will be June 8-10, and July 13-15.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

No report was given.

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NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next newsletter will be the morning of May 8.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Grant Oetting reported that on June 2, all historical items located at Kay Asher's residence will be loaded and moved to Kingdom City. Anyone available to help is welcome and just needs to contact him for details.

FUNERAL TEAM REPORT

Brian Zinanni reported that the team assisted in 22 non-LODD and 6 LODD services in Missouri and Iowa last year. They have assisted in 12 non-LODD services this year so far. They have just replaced an older trailer with a new one and continue to maintain their equipment so it is available for use anytime.

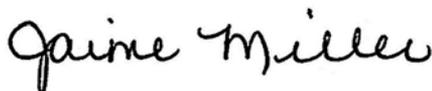
FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith reported the *Annual Memorial Service* is May 19, at 9:00 p.m., and May 20, at 10:30 a.m., in Kingdom City. The guest speaker on Sunday is Tim Bean. The foundation has also partnered with an architect in St. Louis who is working with them pro bono on the museum project. New plans have been presented and a request for bids has been sent out.

1st Vice President Larry Jennings read and presented Chief Mike Dalsing and St. Joseph Fire Department with a resolution on behalf of the FFAM for hosting the annual convention.

Rick Dozier moved to adjourn the meeting. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved.

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



Jaime Miller
Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

TIMOTHY WAYNE CALLAHAN

April 3, 1996 - April 12, 2018



Timothy Wayne Callahan, 22, of Green Ridge passed away April 12, 2018 at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia as a result of an auto accident. He was born on April 3, 1996 in Newport News, VA the son of Stephen Callahan, who resides in Green Ridge and Marna Sitnic, who survives.

Tim was a 2014 graduate of Green Ridge High School where he was active in FFA,

basketball, and baseball. He served his country honorably in the United States Army for 3 years. He was deployed to Afghanistan two times and Iraq once during his military service. Tim enjoyed deer hunting, target shooting, and was an avid Kansas City Chiefs fan. He especially loved spending time with his friends and was loved by many.

In addition to his dad Stephen, he is survived by a sister, Kristen Fleener and her husband Michael of Chillicothe, MO; two nieces, Katelynn and Kenzie Fleener; a nephew Cameron Fleener; paternal grandparents, Thomas and Karen Callahan of Sedalia; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of life gathering of family and friends was held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at Antioch Baptist Church, Green Ridge, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to Missouri State Veterans Home, Warrensburg in care of Rea Funeral Chapel.

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Thank you, to everyone that attended the *Firefighters Day at the Capitol*. We had a great attendance, many visited there representatives and senators making those contacts that really matter. I reiterate please get to know your elected officials, it matters!

We are going into summer which brings with it dry weather. If you need help we have fire mutual aid coordinators located in each region of the state. You go onto the division website and find your regional coordinator. Matt Luetkemeyer is the fire based coordinator for the state. Matt will assist you with finding help if you need it. He also takes care of Fire

Department Registration, and NFIRS training (573-514-5284).

In closing thanks for all you do, I appreciate you! If there is something we can help you with please give us a call, or Facebook us, or me.

“Continue to be the best boots on the ground, and leave it better than you find it”



J. Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal

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DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute

I would like to begin this edition's article by congratulating the Association and the St. Joseph Fire Department on another great convention! While I heard comments at the convention about a low turnout, we have to remember that it's not always about the quantity, but the quality that matters!

As many of you may know I have spent a lifetime in the fire service here in Missouri. My home department, St. Clair Fire Protection District allowed myself and other department members the opportunity to participate with FFAM during my early years. I have fond memories of convention: the competition in the contests, networking and learning from our peers across the state and from the leadership of the Association. I heard your President; Chief Kenny Hoover challenge members present this year to reach out to your neighboring departments and even internally within your organizations to promote participation in the Association. I commit, as the Interim Director of the Fire and Rescue Training Institute to promote FFAM across the state so that all fire departments understand your important mission and benefits to not only membership, but participation in the Association and I too challenge you all to do the same.

By the time you receive this newsletter two historic events will have occurred: 1) the Institute's annual *Summer Fire School*; and, 2) the FFAM *Fire Fighters Memorial*.

This year is the *86th Annual Summer Fire School* (SFS). We are anticipating over 250 fire and emergency responders this year. We are encouraged, as always, to provide quality training and education to the emergency response community and the *Summer Fire School* is just

another opportunity to insure responders are prepared to protect your community. I hope that many of you will have participated in SFS this year and learned valuable knowledge and skills from it.

The *Annual Fire Fighters Memorial* is dedicated to those that have given their lives while answering the call to duty. Each year this event provides an opportunity to show respect to those whom have passed before us and I hope that many of you reading this article would have had the opportunity to attend.

As the Institute gets ready to wrap up another fiscal year in June, we are still very active and have had a busy year so far. As reported at convention, the Institute is ahead of last year by over 100 classes, 11,000 students and 130,000 student contact hours. This is a direct reflection on you, our emergency response community, seeking to improve your knowledge and skills, and to borrow a phrase from our state fire marshal, Tim Bean, "to be the best boots on the ground!" I congratulate you first on your commitment to training and also challenge you to continue to strive to be your best.

I have spoken at meetings and reported within this newsletter that our *Fire Officer Certificate Program* and affiliate *Associate in Science Degree in Fire Service Administration* with Columbia College is undergoing change. We were recently notified by Columbia College that the updated curriculum has been fully accepted by their Faculty Council to become effective for the Fall 2018 semester. You will see more information coming on this soon, but for a sneak peek we will be announcing that the majority of the fire service core curriculum (18 credit hours) will be online and self-study

to provide greater access to all students across the state. Our fee structure will be comparable to community colleges throughout the state to keep costs accessible as well. Watch our website and email announcement for final details in the coming month.

I would like to close with another challenge: if you are not already in contact with our Regional Training Coordinators for your region, please reach out to them! Our coordinators try hard to contact each and every fire department in the state, but it is time consuming and at times difficult due to changing leadership and contact information. In this past year MU FRTI launched regional Facebook pages to increase visibility and communication. If you are on Facebook and have not "Liked" your regions page, simply search for your region and "fire training" to follow us. Every year we poll the fire service for their training needs. This provides us with a needs assessment to present to the Division of Fire Safety and the Fire Service Education/Advisory Commission to assist with funding to provide no-cost training across the state. If we do not know what your needs are, we can't help with your training needs, so please let us hear from you! If you are not familiar with your Regional Coordinator, please visit our website at mufrti.org/about/regional-training-coordinators/ for a direct link to each region. We are always accessible too at frti@missouri.edu.

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