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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings Fellow Firefighters

Kenneth Hoover
President



My first announcement, hosted by the FFAM Board of Directors and Assistants, the 2019 FFAM Convention is April 12-14, 2019, and will be held in Sedalia, Missouri. Please make plans and reservations as soon as possible.

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

I again had the opportunity to be at the State Fair Fire Department during the state fair and seeing many old friends and the opportunity to visit with a few of our legislators. It is always encouraging to see so many firefighters and EMS personnel from all over the state come together to serve the fairgoers. My personal thanks go out to each of you for your professionalism, commitment and faithfulness

to FFAM. This was another good fair, the weather provided a few storms. Again, this year there were several new firefighter and EMS personnel. Great job everyone.

Congratulations to the personnel receiving awards. These will be identified in another article by our Public Information Officer, Battalion Chief Larry Eggen.

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

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

Governor Mike Parsons made a special stop by the fire station on Monday to thank the fire/EMS personnel for all they do. He is committed to the fire service and has vowed to help us in any way. Thank you, Governor Parsons.

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

I want to thank Chairperson Monty Thompson for his leadership to the FFAM State Fair Fire Department Committee. Monty always does an excellent job. His many years of service to the state fair are invaluable, also to Steve Gentry, Rick Dozier and RB Brown for all of their hours preparing and serving as commissioners. Some days it is a thankless job, but I know each one of them enjoy serving.

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

Terry Plumb has been asked to serve as the fire chief for the 2019 fair and has accepted.

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

Many fall activities are approaching concerning the fire service and I would like to remind everyone of the assistance that FFAM can provide. FFAM Director

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Missouri Division of Fire Safety

Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal



Greetings from the thirteenth floor. I begin this article with great appreciation for everyone that came and worked at the State Fair Fire Department this year, along with those who have served previously. I have heard stories from retired Fire Chief Larry Pratt how the State Fair Fire Department began and how everyone pulled together, which created a successful fire department. The seed of volunteerism, commitment, dedication, sacrifice, and duty to serve was planted from past generations and flourishes into a top shelf team of true first responder professionals.

Thank you to the Fire Fighter Associations of Missouri for carrying the torch as an organization. I feel it has been a great investment of time and money for FFAM over the years, and for everyone involved. God bless each and every one of you!

We need your help! The work compensation funding bill/grant continues to be a topic of discussion with the legislators. There is a possibility it could still be funded in this budget year. If this was to come to fruition we would have a small window to spend the dollars appropriated to support the grant.

This is where we need your help, if you are a true non-tax supported fire association / department, you need to:

1. Register with us DFS, you should have already done this at: dfs.dps.mo.gov
2. Go to: missouribuys.mo.gov and register with the state as a vender.

Getting these two steps done now will put you ahead of the process if and when the money becomes available. We will have this information on our website soon.

If you are not familiar with the workers compensation grant, here is a short version, a bill was passed two years ago to fund non-tax based fire associations / departments with a \$2,000 grant to assist with their workers compensation insurance fees. The bill has not been funded since its passage, maybe this year!

September 11, 2001, a day now called Patriot Day, do to the cowardly acts of terrorists. We in the fire service wear the numbers 343 on shirts, helmets, hats, vehicles, tattoos and the list goes on and on. We commemorate the members of FDNY who give their lives for the mission that day. That is why I like the brother/sisterhood of the fire service, "neighbors helping neighbors." Let us be found guilty of keeping the spirit of camaraderie amongst ourselves in the Missouri fire service in the days and years to come!

Our second annual *State Fire Marshal Stair Climb* will have come and gone when you read this. I want to thank first of all the Division of Fire Safety team for donating their time to make this event a success! Also for everyone that donated door prices, signed up or donated to climb. Public Safety Director Sandy Karsten and Mayor Carrie Tergin for helping with the opening ceremony, DPS Public Information Officer Mike O'Connell for being the master of ceremony, and the State Fair Fire Department for the \$1,050 donations to the climb. The funds raised will help support the National Fallen Fire Fighters foundations (NFFF). We look forward to bringing another stair climb to you next year.

We are quickly approaching the end of the year. There will be elections in November, I would ask you to invite your local candidate to come and visit your

firehouse and the firefighters. Building relationships and getting to know there name is extremely important. I have said it several times, "They remember the conversations and issues you discuss with them when they get to Jefferson City!" It helps us when we go and speak to them about workers compensation, firefighter training funding, presumptive cancer, and a host of other topics.

I would like to share the following information I come across for fire department general safety rules. Take time and read or print these out for your next training meeting, everyone will benefit from it.

To prevent injuries, we should expect all firefighters and first responders to work safely.

- Report to calls free from the effects / after effects of illicit drugs, alcohol or illegally-used prescription medications. Do not respond to fire calls after drinking. Alcohol use at the station is prohibited.
- Report hazards, incidents, injuries or maintenance needs in writing before leaving the station.
- Employees must wear seat belts whenever driving or riding in vehicles or equipment for the district. Seat belt use is required when driving your personal vehicle for fire district business and emergency calls.
- Do not operate trucks, machines or equipment unless you have been trained and authorized.
- Drive with due regard, and at a speed appropriate for conditions. Do not use hand-held cell phones while driving. Do not put yourself or other motorists at risk when responding to emergencies.

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BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

FFAM AUGUST 5, 2018 MEETING • SEDALIA, MO

Draft • Final Approval at Next Meeting

President Ken Hoover called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to order at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, August 5, 2018, at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, Missouri. President Hoover led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS:

OFFICERS

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

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District 1, Janet Cain, Braymer Fire and Rescue; District 3, Steve Gentry, Rob Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; District 4, Jonathan Evans, Lincoln FD; District 5, Shelby Phifer, Southern Stone FPD; District 7, Andrew Caldwell-Boles FPD; District 10, Harriett Vaucher, Eureka FPD; District 11, Ryan Miller, Norborne FPD; District 11, Josh Koepke, Kansas City FD; District 14, Glen Dittmar, South Central Buchanan Co FD.

OTHERS

Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton Fire Protection District.

GUESTS

Kevin Zumwalt, Gail Hagans, MU FRTI; Joe Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Doc Kritzer, Memorial Foundation; Donald Vaucher, Eureka FPD; Charlie Peel, Southeastern Randolph FPD; Holden Peel, Madison West Monroe FD; Kyle Arnold, Kearney FPD; Donnie Rogers, Darrell Wright, Chillicothe FD; Timothy Mattox, Billy Smith, North Central Carrol FPD; Ethan Ralls, Hale Fire; Chris Thompson, Holts Summit FPD; Cy Fields, Paris Rural FPD; Tim Bean, Missouri State Fire Marshal.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

President Hoover asked for additions or corrections to the June 3, 2018, minutes. Shelby Phifer moved to accept the minutes as presented. Grant Oetting seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the June - July 2018 financial report. Rick Dozier moved to accept the financial report presented. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

Kevin Zumwalt with MU FRTI reported that the year's final report will be available in September. They had an increase in classes with eighty being held in June.

The Fire Education Commission did provide additional funding. Contact your regional coordinator to schedule classes.

MU FRTI is participating with the Missouri State Fair Fire Department this year to hold a grain bin extrication

training. They are also working with University of Missouri Extension for a day promoting farm safety.

They will also be introducing new certificate programs this fall.

Fire Marshal Tim Bean with the Division of Fire Safety reported that he has received good feedback from the new Governor who comes from a law enforcement background. He encouraged everyone to get to know those running for office in your local area and help promote the fire service.

The new budget got signed in early July. Raises were secured for inspectors and investigators. Training dollars sustained no loss of funding.

There were a record number of people getting state certified this year with more than 5,000 taking state certification testing.

The workers compensation funding bill did pass the house and senate however the Governor vetoed the bill. It will be back on the table during the veto session in September. The bill would provide a \$2,000 grant for non-tax-based entities for workers compensation insurance. He also wanted to reiterate that if you are eligible to receive any funding from the state, your entity needs to register with the state as a vendor to receive money. This is different from the DFS fire department annual registration. Contact the Missouri State Treasurer's office to register as a vendor. Entities are encouraged to do this now so if funding for the bill is approved, you can immediately apply for the grant.

There were two fire related deaths in Missouri last week. Please push fire prevention in your local communities. Free smoke alarms are available. Contact DFS for more information. Missouri is ranked third in the nation for fire related deaths.

Fire Marshal Bean wants to know how the state fire investigators are doing in your area, responses, working for you? Drop him an email or call and let him know.

The DFS is working on updating mutual aid contracts.

September 8, is the DFS memorial stair climb to support the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. \$12,000 was raised last year. Discussion was held regarding sponsorship of the event. Monty Thompson moved to support the stair climb with a \$350 donation. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Joe Jennings announced that nominations are due February 28, 2019, and can be submitted at any time.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Larry Jennings reported budget requests are due by the October meeting.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report was given.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

No report was given.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Rob Erdel reported that everything went well during the contest however, participation was down. He wanted to remind members that a contest team doesn't have to all be from the same department as long as they are FFAM members, so everyone is encouraged to get with their department and neighboring departments and get teams put together for next year.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Larry Jones reported \$1,500 was received

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from the St. Joseph Fire Department for the 2018 convention proceeds. He also reported that no departments have submitted proposals to host the 2019 convention therefore, the FFAM Board of Directors will be hosting.

2019 Convention Chairman Larry Jennings advised that the 2019 convention will be held April 12-14, in Sedalia. The Executive Committee met with concerns about attendance and participation. Surveys will be sent out to get more feedback about past and future conventions.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rick Dozier reported that they will be providing funding for the grain bin extrication class being taught during the state fair. There will also be a CPR class during the fair. Contact Kyle Arnold if you would like to sign-up.

Greg Wright reported that the EMS and Fire Service Funeral Assistance Teams will be providing three free classes regarding line of duty deaths. More

information will be made available.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

RB Brown reported the 2018 *Fire Prevention Week* theme is *Look. Listen. Learn.* Be aware fire can happen anywhere. Poster contest rules are on the FFAM website and all posters are due the Friday night of convention.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report was given.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd VP Grant Oetting reported the following membership counts: 468 Directors/Councilman; 280 Retired; 23 Associate; 13 Sustaining; 17 Corporate, 336 Departments; 6335 Active; 11 Educational; 90 Juniors.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

No report was given.

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DIVISION SPOTLIGHT

Robert and Carie Dawes



Robert was born November 11, 1972, to Wayne and Linda Dawes in Springfield, Missouri. He attended Walnut Grove schools where his mother was a school teacher for over 30 years, graduating in 1991.

Robert married his wife Carie in 1995 and moved to Blue Springs, Missouri, to start their family. He then attended DeVry Institute of Technology and received an associate's degree in electronics in February 1999. He was hired right out of school and spent the next eleven years working as an elevator mechanic for General Elevator and Hydraulics Company in Lees Summit. Over the years Robert and Carie had three daughters. While working for the elevator company they moved to Stockton, Missouri, in 2004.

Robert began working for the Division of Fire Safety's Elevator and Amusement Ride Safety program in 2010 and has proven to be a loyal and valuable employee. Fellow employees enjoy Robert's positive attitude and good humor.

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- Turnout gear and proper footwear is required at fire, rescue and emergency scenes. Wear SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) when dangerous smoke is encountered (i.e. vehicle, structure fires).
- Wear illuminated vest or PPE while working in the roadway, (working accidents etc.).
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- Use safe lifting methods – including team lifts - when moving patients, heavy machines or equipment. Do not lift patients or heavy objects like ladders, large rolls of supply hose or ventilation fans without assistance.
- Wear exam gloves at all medical emergency calls. Wear eye protection, surgical mask and gown whenever you're exposed to aerosols, airborne liquids or excessive amounts of body fluids.
- Wear hearing protection when operating loud machines during training, equipment checks or maintenance. Wear eye protection or use your helmet shield when you're exposed to flying eye injury hazards at the station or at scenes.
- Prevent knee and ankle injuries – use three-point contact when mounting and dismounting trucks.
- Prevent falls from ladders used at fire scenes and at the station by using three-point contact. Use ropes to lift

and lower equipment. To prevent falls and tip-over, secure all ladders before climbing.

- At the station, clear floors of trip hazards like water hoses, extension cords and supplies. Clean up spills, oil or water that can create slip hazards. Keep storage areas organized.
- At the station, store your personal protective equipment properly – clean, dry, organized.

Go to this website for more safety information: worksafecenter.com

In closing, congratulations to Kevin Zumwalt for being appointed as the director for the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute. His many years of experience and professionalism with the institute will benefit us all going forward. We look forward to continuing our great working relationship and furthering the training and education of the Missouri fire service.

I appreciate everything each and every one of you do to serve and protect our state. I am honored to be your state fire marshal, and want all of us to, "Be the best boots on the ground," and that will mean we will leave it better than we found it! If you're in Jefferson City please come and visit us at the thirteenth floor!

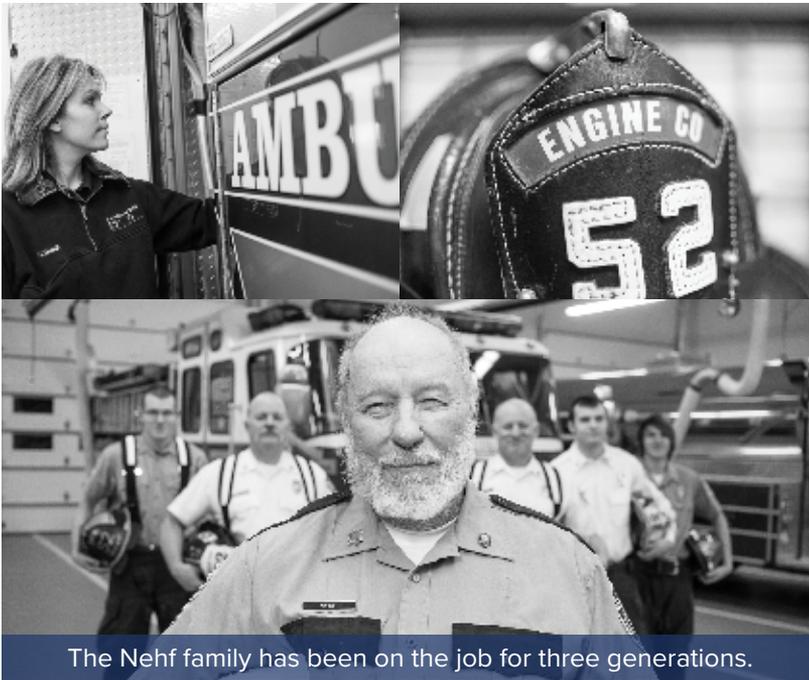
Respectfully,

J. Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal

In April of 2018, Robert was asked to teach a three day elevator safety class to the Springfield Fire Department for elevator evacuation procedures. He was commended for the excellent job he did sharing his expertise and providing a hands-on presentation. The fire department was very pleased with

his presentation. Since that time, several areas of the State have requested Robert's presentation.

Robert and his wife are members of the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks which provides assistance for veterans and families in need.



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RB Brown of the Eureka and Union Fire Protection Districts heads up our Fire Prevention Committee and is available to assist you with ideas or any other issues you may encounter as *Fire Prevention Week* is quickly approaching. RB will talk about his poster contest in another article.

We have had no line of duty deaths this year so please be careful everyone. We all need to go home at the end of the day!

I will always remember this day, as we again approach September, let us never forget that horrible day of September 11, 2001. Today, I say a special prayer for each firefighter, police officer and EMS personnel throughout our country. I ask each of you to please do the same.

I will keep my article short this issue as I have asked several others to write,

informing you of their activities and success these past few months.

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

Respectfully,

Kenneth Hoover
President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri



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DOUGLAS COUNTY AWARDED AFG PPE GRANT

By Nikki Hammett, Eastern Douglas County Volunteer Fire Department

The county of Douglas was blessed to be awarded a regional grant for PPE, personal protective clothing, also known as “turnout gear.” Through the Douglas County Missouri Fire Chief’s Association, with Eastern Douglas County VFD acting as the host department, seven county departments, including Ava City VFD, Brixey-Rockbridge VFD, Dora VFD, Eastern Douglas County VFD, Skyline VFD, Squires VFD, and Twin Bridges VFD, will all be replacing turnout gear that in some instances was in excess of thirty years old. The standard on personal protective gear or “PPE” calls for it to be replaced every ten years. With a full set of PPE costing in excess of \$2,000, it is cost prohibitive for our rural fire departments that survive on memberships and receive no tax money. The one tax based fire department, Ava City, does not have that kind of money in their budget either. This grant, known as an AFG or *Assistance to Firefighter’s Grant*, enables departments to obtain the critically needed equipment they could otherwise never afford. The grant pays for 95% of the cost of the PPE. The fire departments are contributing 5%. In most cases, we have been able to outfit entire departments for less than what two sets of PPE would normally cost.



Skyline Volunteer Fire Department

PPE is a basic necessity for life safety for every firefighter. Without reliable PPE, we can simply not perform our jobs of keeping our beloved communities safe from the perils of fire and natural disaster. Thanks to this grant, each firefighter will receive turnout coat, pants, boots, helmet, firefighting gloves, extrication gloves, a hood, survivor lights and a gear bag. Two departments, Ava City VFD and Eastern Douglas County VFD, were also able to purchase washer extractors

and one gear dryer. This equipment will help us properly maintain our new gear, and reduce the hazards associated with carcinogens found on dirty gear. With one unit on each end of the county, they are conveniently located for all departments to share.

Another blessing this grant provided was the funding to run an in-county firefighter 1 and 2 class. Most classes are held over an hour away. These classes are over



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several months and quite a time commitment for volunteers to make. With having classes so far away, most volunteers cannot attend. The class has just started, and it is full. We are very excited to have this training opportunity.

While these grants are highly competitive, the benefits they offer are beyond what we could dream of or afford. This has been a true blessing to our county and the citizens of the communities we serve,



Squires Volunteer Fire Department



Eastern Douglas County Volunteer Fire Department

and we all thank God for it. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and serving your community, please contact your local fire department.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Greg Wright
Director

It was great to see everyone at the state fair again this year. Already looking forward to next year. Some great things next year are being planned, so make sure you keep an eye of your FFAM magazine for more information as time gets closer.

Three free classes are coming up for chiefs, officers, including law enforcement and EMS in the near future. September 15, in Moberly; October 19, in Osage Beach; and November 3, in Lewistown. It is important that anyone that might be involved with their organization with a line of duty death should make plans to attend. The program is *Introduction to LODD / Public Safety Officers Benefits*. You can get more information by e-mailing your request to me at gwright000@gmail.com. To register send your name, class you wish to attend, and organization to me at that e-mail address. All classes are free and lunch is provided at the Moberly and Lewistown classes!

Poster contest are coming up. See the FFAM website and get your schools to take part. This will be the first year that our fire department will be taking part, and we are really looking forward to it.

On October 19-20, 2018, members of the fire funeral assistance team and the EMS funeral team will be getting together for a conference. It will be held Friday night and Saturday at the Inn at Grand Glaize Resort in Osage Beach. Saturday night a banquet will be held. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$50 for the complete conference, and just \$35 for the banquet only. To register or for more information contact me at the

HELLO FROM OFFICER 3

By Steve Gentry

Well another fair is in the books and despite all the bumps and problems and lessons learned it was a good one in the end. We had some good training and good participation. The equipment was exceptional as always and thanks to all the departments that donated to us. There were several vendors that gave us the best tools to go with the trucks to make our jobs and tasks as safe as possible. A special thanks to a special person, that usually goes above the rest to make sure we have every thing we need and want, Mike McNeil with Sentinel. Mike gives without any questions except one, "is that going to be enough Bubba?" Yes Mike, that's enough. Let some others help also.

Mike also contributes to my history program. I ask vendors of the fire service to donate anything their company has for us to reward the personnel to keep moral high, and that comes in several ways. Mike has for several years donated a fire helmet and this year he gave me two of them to award. All the firefighters and EMS do look forward to that and he also gives a lot of other smaller things to draw for. Mike, thanks for all you do for the State Fair Fire and Rescue! You are special to us in many ways!

Also on that same note I received another helmet from Les Hinnen with Heiman Fire. This was their second year to donate a helmet and I look forward to several more. Thanks for your contribution Les. I also have another regular donation from

Life Flight Eagle. I was able to build a corn toss game and the guys had a friendly game or tournament that involved ten teams. That's a lot of corn tossed. Thank you John Duffy for your second year of donating.

The helmets were awarded to Lindsey McGrath from Southern Stone and Mark Scholle from North Central Carroll. Thanks again, Mike McNeil. The third one went to Terry Plumb from Southern Stone. Thanks again, Les Hinnen. I also have commitments for another that will be awarded when it arrives. The winners of the corn toss for first place was Joe Stocker from Eureka and Kurtis Willimetz from Lawson Fire, and second place was Jake Wade and Logan McCubbin.

Also a special thanks to Chief Darrell Wright from Chillicothe fire for helping get several donations in his area. One last thank you goes out to Kevin Mochel of VFIS for the many years of donations to the state fair firefighters. If you know of any one that would like to donate to this history program and help the department reward the volunteers for what they do please contact me, Steve Gentry at Little Dixie Fire, 573-473-4002, and I will get you the information you need.

Ok, it's time to start thinking about next year so every one have a safe year and I look forward to seeing lots of you at other events. Thanks for making another fair a success.

e-mail above. The keynote speakers for this banquet are Jack and Carolyn Zeeks from Mitchel, Indiana. Jack's brother was killed in the line of duty. You can pay online at moemsfuneralteam.org, click on the online store. Also attending is CEO Eric Johnston from Supporting Heroes in Louisville, Kentucky. The deadline to register is October 7, 2018.

We have high hopes that when this comes out we will be well on our way to getting pricing on the museum. I want to thank everyone that was at the ground breaking in May. Just a few more things to do and we will be on our way. More to come on this in the near future.



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CHIEF'S DAUGHTER HAS CAMPAIGN TO HONOR FALLEN

By Jessica White, Mayview Fire Protection District

On June 19, 2017, the Mayview Fire Protection District (MFPD) experienced every department's worst nightmare. While responding to a call, volunteer firefighter, Jeff Sanders died in the line of duty. This tragic loss devastated the entire community.

Jeff served the MFPD for more than thirty years and was a shining example of volunteerism in the community. He was admired by many people and especially inspired young resident, Abby White. Abby is the eleven-year old daughter of MFPD Chief Kris White. Abby asked her dad and others in the community if there was a way to put up a memorial alongside the highway. She was determined to honor her fallen hero and wanted to find a way to make it happen. By word of mouth, her message spread to Representative Glen Kolkmeier and the *Firefighter Jeff Sanders Memorial Highway Project* was born.

With the help of her dad and step-mom, Abby got to work right away. First, she requested and received approval from the Sanders family to move forward with the project. Then, she asked her fellow 40-Ville 4-H Club members to make this one of their community service projects. Together, they are working to raise \$2,400 to permanently designate a section of E Highway from the Mayview Fire Station to I-70 as *Firefighter Jeff Sanders Memorial Highway*. Representative Kolkmeier is the legislative sponsor for this project and will assist in getting the designation signed into law by the Governor.

The club put out a fire boot at the annual Mayview picnic and they have canvased the area with flyers asking for support. They are also spreading the word on social media. As of August 31, 2018, the club has collected \$900 in donations from organizations and individuals from all across the country.

If you are interested in helping Abby and her 4-H club honor their fallen hero, please send donations by or before



Abby White and her dad, MFPD Chief Kris White at the 2018 MO Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Kingdom City.

December 31, 2018, to 40-Ville 4-H Club c/o Abby White 14373 Wheatley Rd. Mayview, MO 64071. Please make checks payable to "40-Ville 4-H Club" with "Memorial Highway Project" in the

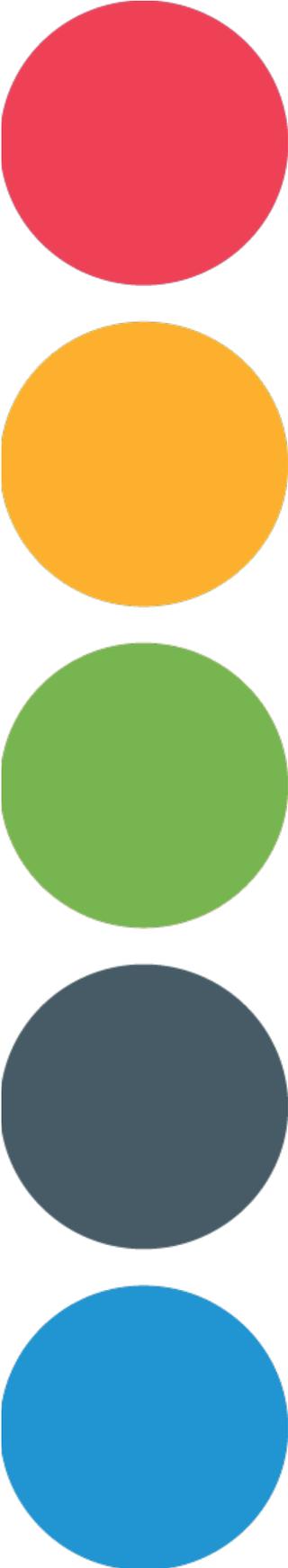
memo. Abby, her club members and the entire Mayview community are grateful for all the support this project continues to receive.



An example of the sign(s) that will be set near the beginning and the end of the highway designation.



This is a 4-H Club's community service project.



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**Location: Mercy Injury Prevention Center
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\$85/national fee — must be paid online or by check BEFORE first day of course. There is also a \$15/local fee that can be paid by cash or check on the first day of class. These fees go to separate entities and can not be paid together. Follow course registration information online at link below.

This course will include 3 days of course instruction, plus hands-on applications AND a car seat check up event. Please note the times of these days, as your attendance is required the full time.

**Class runs from 8:00 am-5:00 pm on Wednesday-Friday,
and 8:00 am-1:00 pm on Saturday!**

Please note: registrants must be present the entire class AND event and pass hands-on and written examinations. Attendance does NOT guarantee a registrant will pass the class. It is strongly encouraged that students make arrangements to pick up course book in advance of class.

Registration is limited, so act quickly! All attendees must pre-register before the first day of class.

**To register: go to <http://cert.safekids.org> and create a user log-in. Search for course code
Course ID: MO20180717747 to register for class.**

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Lawrence County Health Department

For additional information, contact Safe Kids Springfield at 417-820-7233

FIVE FAMILY MEMBERS WORK TOGETHER IN MID-MO FD

By Jeff Haldiman, News Tribune

The idea of becoming a firefighter when they grew up just seemed natural for the Berendzen children.

Their dad, Gary, was always going out on calls; and his children, if they could, always wanted to see their dad in action.

“I was right there looking out the windshield and looking at all the lights and saying, ‘this is awesome,’ Gary’s son Eric said.

“We found out that the fire department isn’t just a department; it’s a family,” Gary’s daughter, Jennifer, said. “I’ve known the guys on the department all my life.”

It was the same for Gary’s other children, Jesse and Adam. All five family members serve with the Cole County Fire Protection District and are currently or have in the past served with the Jefferson City and Holts Summit fire departments.

“I can remember Dad’s pager going off and hoping I’d hear him say we needed to jump in the truck and head out to a call,” Jesse said. “I always wanted to be the person to push the button to turn the lights on Dad’s truck. When we’d get on the scene, he’d tell us to stay in the truck; but the truck had a back window that would slide, and we’d get out into the bed of the truck to get a better look at things.”

Adam added: “I knew I wanted to be a firefighter, but I knew at some point that I needed to start learning my way around stuff.”

“As they got older, they’d help us change out equipment, like air bottles and air packs,” Gary said. “They’d seen it done and knew how to do it.”

The Berendzen children said being full-fledged firefighters is everything they thought it would be when they watched their dad growing up.



Gary Berendzen surrounded by his children, from left, Adam, Jennifer, Eric and Jesse. The family currently serve on the Cole County Fire Protection District. Photo Credit: Mark Wilson/News Tribune.

“There’s some stuff that you do see that you wish you hadn’t,” Eric said. “There’s certain calls that you can’t forget. I know there’s been plenty of times where at the end of the call you are speechless. You think about, ‘What can I do to make sure this doesn’t happen to my family?’”

“I know there’s plenty of times after I get off of a call and I’ll call my dad just because he’s been through a lot of these things,” Jesse said. “That helps quite a bit.”

“We run a lot of accidents and some medical calls, and you can’t turn them down,” Gary said. “You do what you need to do.”

There have been several occasions when the family has worked a fire call, doing so as members of different departments.

“We had a big fire in New Bloomfield while I was working with Holts Summit, and Cole County came up to help; so Dad was there, and we all worked together,” Adam said. “Even though we’re on different departments, it’s still a brotherhood.”

“For the most part, with most departments, when you’re on duty and working

a call, it’s not about who’s better than the other — it’s about saving a life or saving someone’s property,” Eric said.

Gary was quick to point out other families have multiple members serving, including the Braun and Hammond families.

“A lot of your big cities have paid departments, but you see fathers, sons, daughters, uncles and grandfathers,” he said. “It’s a tradition.”

“Firefighting is a family career,” Eric added. “It’s family-driven, and that’s what I love about it so much. You meet all these great people, and they become your family as well.”

“I’ve got 72 people I work with, and I know I can call them and they’ll help me with whatever I need,” Jesse said. “It is a big brotherhood.”

With a number of grandchildren growing up around the fire service like their parents did, Gary and his children believe a third generation of Berendzens will want to answer the fire call.

“When I go off for training, my son says he hopes one day he can go with me, and he’s driven to go,” Adam said.

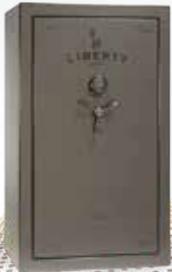


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A MESSAGE FROM THE



2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Grant Oetting

Greetings... Wow where has the year gone, We are already three fourths of the way thru the year, children have returned back to school, before we know it we will be celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving and even Christmas.

The FFAM has been busy as well. The State Fair Committee just finished the fair and the Memorial Committee has been busy talking about the museum. The board of directors are working on the budget for next year and their requests have to be in by the October board meeting to the budget committee.

On July 17, I attended a historical event at the Wellington Napoleon Fire Protection District. On this evening Wellington had their promotional ceremony where a brother and sister were both promoted to Lieutenant. Nathan Jones was promoted over fire suppression and Kaitlyn Jones was promoted over EMS operations. Congratulations to you both and thanks again for the invite.

The State Fair Fire Department just finished their 2018 operation. I heard that they ran around 160 incidents in the ten day operation. According to their



Facebook page they had mostly EMS calls, but they had some fires and even a HAZMAT call. Thank you to all the personnel that volunteered their time and departments and individuals that donated, the FFAM could not do it without you.

August 18, 2018, was a very special day for Lexington Fire and Rescue. On that day Lexington put their new ladder truck in service. The ladder truck was dedicated in Memory of Harold Hollingsworth who was killed in the LODD back in 2013 at Fort Osage Fire Protection District. Harold had served many years at Lexington before joining Fort Osage. Lexington is selling T-shirts at this moment in hopes of building a memorial in memory of Harold. Information can be found on their Facebook page.

September 8, 2018, will be another special day in Missouri fire history.

Our fire marshal, Tim Bean is hosting the *Missouri State Fire Marshal 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb* in Jefferson City. Fire Marshal Bean is asking all firefighters across the state to join him in climbing the 110 floors on that day. The FFAM, the FFAM auxiliary, and the State Fair Fire Department have donated towards the cause. Information on the climb can be found on their Facebook page. I hope to see you there.

Tragedy occurred with the Wheatland Fire Department. Their fire station was struck by lightning and caused a fire. The department was able to save their trucks, but the station was gutted and they lost their gear and tools. Prayers goes out to Chief Jordan Graham and the department.

The FFAM Board of Directors is hosting the next convention in Sedalia at the Missouri State Fair. The date for the convention is April 12-14, 2019. The committee is working with the hotels for the convention and more information will be coming out in the next newsletter.

The next board meeting will be October 7, 2018, at 9 a.m., at the State Fair Firehouse. If I can be of any assistance please call or email me at 660-229-4525 or grant_oetting@yahoo.com.

Until next time, be safe.





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A MESSAGE FROM THE



**1ST
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Larry Jennings

Greetings! Hopefully you have had an opportunity to enjoy the summer as once again a simple blink of the eye and it seems like it is already ending. Normally a time filled with activity including vacations, local and state fairs, sports and other events. Unfortunately for many of us it has not been a time filled with much if any needed rain. Speaking of fairs, the Missouri State Fair has come and gone and from all reports the staff of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department did another outstanding job serving all visiting the fair. Great work folks!

This edition, let's talk a little about convention. As you are or will become aware as you read this edition the FFAM 2019 Convention is being hosted by the FFAM Board of Directors and is being planned for April 12-14, 2019. Put those dates on your calendars and as soon as we develop more information concerning the planned events, lodging and other news we will let you know so you can make plans to be there.

What is convention? The dictionary, an old paper version of a google search for a word, defines the word as the summoning or convening of an assembly; an assembly of persons met for a common purpose; a meeting of the delegates of a political party for the purpose of formulating a platform and selecting candidates for office. Okay, so what is the FFAM Convention? The FFAM Convention draws a little from all portions of this definition. We do summon our members, we do meet for a common purpose and it is a meeting of the delegates, in our case for our annual meeting. So let's look at each of these elements just a bit.

Just as this article and parts of this publication point out, we are reaching out to all of our members and asking that you participate in the convention. Now we all know that not everyone can be there, somebody has to work or our citizens might not be real pleased with us, but hopefully everyone not working that weekend will be able to attend some if not all of the events. We obviously meet for a common purpose (s), each providing different significance to the individuals attending. Whether you come for the vendor displays, the challenge contests, the awards and scholarship recognitions or just the opportunity to socialize with members of the fire service from across the state there is something for almost everyone to enjoy. Of course the big issue included in this weekend event is the meeting of the delegates for the annual meeting of the organization.

The vendor display may not rival FRI, FDIC or MU FRTI Winter Fire School, but we do try to have vendors on hand that deal in products or services that benefit members and families associated with the fire service. This vendor display has bounced back and forth from two days down to one and we are still trying to find the best fit to allow our members time to visit the vendors and make the experience worthwhile for the vendors, it is not an easy marriage. So whether this ends up one or two days we ask that you take the time to stop at every vendor booth and visit with them about their products or

“Where else can you go and discuss fire service related issues in a casual setting and make friendships across the state.”

perhaps about your needs, which may guide future product offerings. Without the support of the vendors the individual member cost would surely rise so plan some extra time in your schedule and visit the vendors.

The challenge contests are an excellent way to show off your particular group's abilities to perform many basic fire related tasks with ease and speed sometimes only rivaled by the graceful gazelle on the plains of Africa. Remember there is more than one category for teams so

be you man, woman or junior you are welcome to participate. As a side note, I would recommend a little practice as some of these teams have been active for years and quite simply put up a pretty good fight. The challenge contests information is available on the FFAM website on the “Contest” tab, so go there now and start your preparation. Hopefully every member department can muster at least one team and make the contests a bigger and bigger event every year.

The awards and scholarships are announced at the banquet held Saturday evening. This is an opportunity for the FFAM to recognize many worthy members for actions taken since last February and gives us an opportunity to assist with the educational efforts of youth and adults. If you haven't taken the time to review the awards categories go to the website and check out the “Awards” tab under committees and see if there isn't someone in your area deserving of some extra recognition. Nominations and scholarship applications are all due by February 28, 2019, but can be submitted any time prior to that deadline.

The one remaining element that is dictated by the by-laws of the organization is that we hold an annual business meeting. That will be held Sunday morning and is the membership's opportunity to take an active part in the governance of the organization. Each member agency can identify voting delegates who will take

action on proposed motions or changes. Your vote really does matter and just might be the deciding vote that either moves an issue forward or sends it back for perfection and submission at a future annual meeting. If you like the direction of the organization you should make sure you are present to help keep it on course and if for some reason you are not satisfied, then this is your opportunity to make that known in a constructive way that could shape the future of the organization.

Of course I have left one part of convention out until now: Socialize. You can choose how you want to socialize, but no matter how you go about it this is one of the best opportunities you will have to meet with members of the fire service from all over the state. Where else can you go and discuss fire service related issues in a casual setting and make friendships across the state. We provide ample opportunity for you to socialize so we just need you to plan on participating. The vendor area gives you an opportunity to visit with not only the vendors, but the others attending the event. We normally have a social event on Friday and of course another social opportunity following the banquet. For those that ask are there adult beverages present, the answer is yes. The intent is not to offend anyone so no one is ever expected to participate in that aspect and of course we enforce strict adherence to age restrictions. We strive to make the social events pleasant for all attending and encourage everyone there to use common sense and participate in moderation.

So that is the basic rundown for what the FFAM Convention can be. Now to make it all happen, and to keep similar events taking place in the future we need each of you to plan on attending. For those of you that are interested in a good contest, sign up to compete, for the rest of us we will just be there to cheer you on. Remember to get the dates of April 12-14, 2019, reserved on your calendar now and we will distribute additional information about costs, lodging and yes, for those of you that want to camp that will again be an option, and the schedule as we finalize each component so you will have adequate time to plan.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the convention! As always, if I can be of assistance please contact me.

Be Safe!



CITY OF ST CHARLES FIRE CHIEF

By Beth Norviel, City of Saint Charles

Mayor Sally A. Faith has announced the appointment of George W. Sheets as the next fire chief of the City of Saint Charles Fire Department. Sheets has more than thirty-six years of fire and emergency medical service experience, serving twenty-two of those years as a fire chief. He joins the Saint Charles Fire Department from the Village of Oak Lawn, Illinois Fire and Rescue Department serving concurrently under an innovative and creative “shared” fire chief concept for two separate communities. Sheets will begin his new position on Monday, July 16, 2018.

“After conducting a national search, Saint Charles is welcoming a highly skilled, highly educated and very experienced fire service executive in George Sheets who will lead our fire department,” said Mayor Faith.

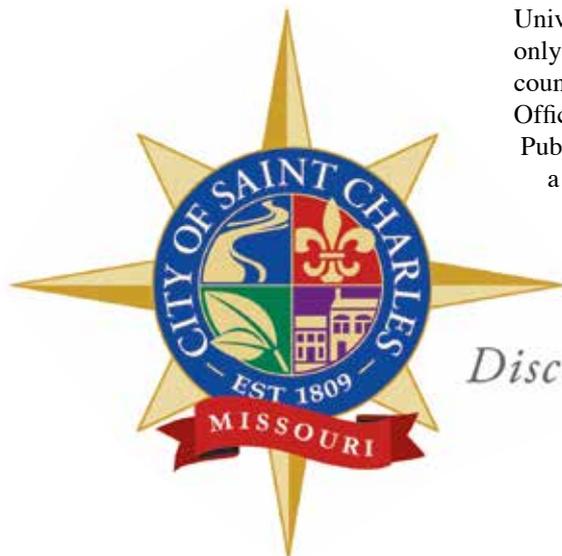
“George transformed our Fire Department, held costs in check. Worked well with our board and management team, implemented innovative changes that enhanced services for residents and did so with grace and professionalism under very stressful conditions. He is well respected in our community and I know he will make a wonderful Chief in yours,” said Sandra Bury, Mayor of Oak Lawn, Illinois.



“I am grateful for this incredible opportunity to lead a well-respected fire department in a city where my fire service career essentially began,” said incoming Fire Chief Sheets. “As fire chief, I look forward to getting to know the men and women of the Saint Charles Fire Department, as well as working in partnership with the community and its leaders.”

Sheets has a master’s degree in organizational management from Spring Arbor University in Michigan. He is also one of only 950 fire service professionals in the country to hold the prestigious Chief Fire Officer Designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence. Sheets is also a recipient of a namesake award in his honor by the Firefighters Union for his innovation, creativity and communication skills.

Sheets is married to his wife Angela. They have two children Robbie, 23 and Gabby, 16.



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History's CORNER

HISTORY OF THE COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Bill Westhoff with Associate Editor Columbia Fire Department Assistant Chief Jerry Jenkins and photos from 1985 Columbia FD History Book

Columbia's first paid fire department was formed in 1893 and consisted of Chief Albert Newman, an Assistant Fire Chief and 11 part-time or volunteer firemen. Newman received \$30 a month and the Assistant Chief received \$20.

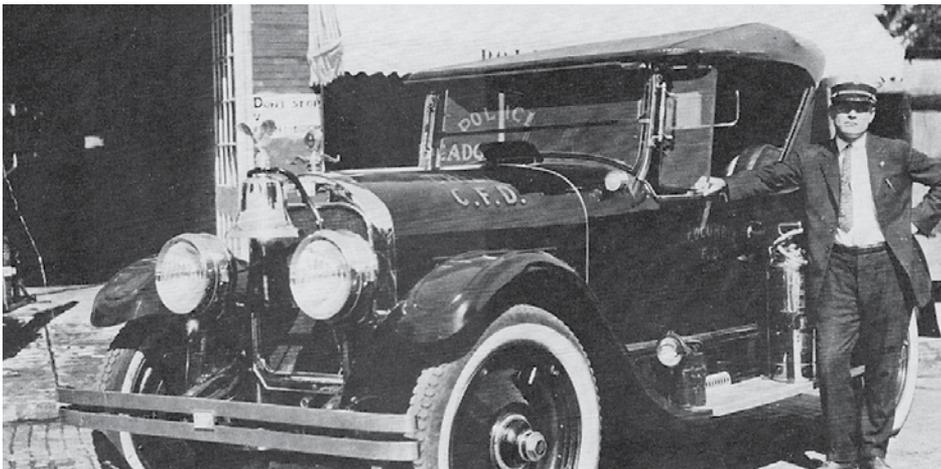
Motorized equipment came to Columbia in 1913 following a series of major fires. A "Kissel" truck complete with 1,000 feet of hose, several ladders and a 40-gallon chemical extinguisher was purchased by the city and housed in a city-rented two-story brick building located on the northwest corner of Seventh and Walnut (the building located directly across Walnut former Fire Station #1). Beds were included for three fire fighters who were given four hours a WEEK to spend with their families and take care of personal business.

That same year, Earl Kurtz was appointed Chief with a salary of \$75 per month. Assistant Chief F.W. Ketchum and Fire Fighters Edward Harrel, Thomas Walden and W.N. Griffiths comprised the remainder of the paid department. Additional personnel came from area volunteers.

While serving as Fire Chief from 1913 to 1918, Kurtz initiated Columbia's first fire prevention program by inspecting buildings, discovering potential fire problems and educating the public in fire prevention methods.

Tom Walden was appointed Fire Chief in 1918 and remained in that position until 1950. When appointed, his salary was raised from \$100 to \$125 per month and three other full-time fire fighters (W.C. Kennedy, W.E. Christian and J.C. Walden) received salary increases of \$10-\$15 raising their monthly salaries to about \$40.

The 30s and 40s found both the population and geographical area of Columbia increasing. Increased building heights and the age of downtown buildings made it necessary for further expansion of the Fire Department. March 1933 found the Fire Department operating out of a new fire and police building located on the southwest corner of Seventh and Walnut. Two years later, the Department had increased to 11 fire fighters.



Fire Chief Tom Walden with 1928 Flint Automobile



Chief Tom Walden with 1946 Chevrolet



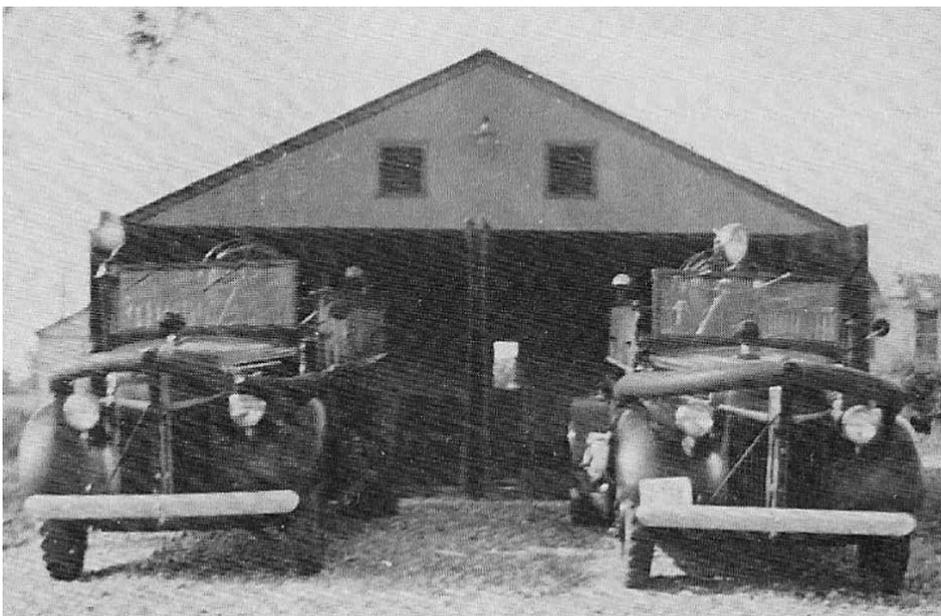
Left to Right: Claude Owens, Happy Roberts, J.W. Thompson, on 1940 Hercules.

In 1940, the City Council authorized the purchase of a “Hercules” pumper. In 1945, the Council authorized construction of a 1,000,000 gallon elevated storage tank near Garth and Walnut because water supply was still a problem.

A “Mack” pumper was purchased in 1948. Also, two Ford fire trucks, each with 500 gpm capacity were given to the

University by the U.S. Army. The Fords were housed in a substation just south of the UMC Hospital and Clinics building from 1946-1959.

This substation was manned by two firemen on a 24-on/24-off schedule. Assignment to the substation was rotated every two weeks between the men assigned downtown. When a fire call was



Fire Station No. 2, 1946, with 1940 Ford Engines

telephoned into the downtown station, the personnel at the substation could listen in on their own extension and respond when necessary.

Radio communication for the Fire Department came into being in 1950 when a radio was installed in the Hercules pumper housed in the downtown station.

Fire Station #2 was erected in 1957 at the corner of West Worley Street and Pershing Road.

From 1951 to October 1973, Max Woods served as Fire Chief. During his tenure, the Fire Department expanded greatly, adding four City-owned fire stations and one University-owned fire station. The University-owned Station (Station #3) was opened in 1966. Station #4 opened in December 1970, Station #5 opened a year later in December 1971 and Fire Station #6 opened three years later in April 1973.

Chief Woods retired in October 1973 and was replaced by Earl Dean Holland the same month. Chief Holland was imported from Texas . . . the first Fire Chief not from the Columbia area. When Chief Holland resigned to become Fire Chief in Tuscon, Arizona, in October 1976, Battalion Chief J.Girard “Toot” Wren was appointed Acting Fire Chief. Chief Wren’s appointment became permanent in February 1977 and he served as Fire Chief until stepping down in December 1983.

A.W. “Bill” Westhoff, Jr., was appointed Fire Chief in December 1983. Chief Westhoff, was well known in the Columbia area because of his job with the University of Missouri as a Fire Service Instructor and as the Chief for many years of the Boone County Fire Protection District.

Upon Chief Westhoff’s resignation in May 1987, J.G. Wren was again appointed Acting Fire Chief and served in that position until the appointment of William Markgraf as Fire Chief effective July 5, 1988.



“Randy” White was appointed to Chief effective February 1, 2015.

COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT TODAY

The Columbia Fire Department today employs 140 highly skilled, trained and dedicated men and women. Three shifts, operating 9 fire stations, provide Columbia with 24-hour fire and emergency protection and service year-round.

Organizationally, the Columbia Fire Department is divided into four divisions, each necessary to the operations of the other:

1. Administration
2. Emergency Services
3. Departmental Services (includes Training & Supplies)
4. Fire Marshals Division

The Fire Administration, Fire Marshals Division and Training Division offices are located at 201 Orr St. The Emergency Services Division, headed by three shift Division Chiefs, has its office in Fire Station #1 which is attached to the fire administration wing. The Training Academy is located at 700 Big Bear Blvd in north central Columbia.

A TESTIMONIAL TO THE FIRE APPARATUS GUY

Chief Bill Markgraf spent twenty-two years as the Fire Chief of the Columbia Fire Department and over that span of time developed a modern fleet of exceptional and unique fire apparatus. He also

Chief Markgraf came to Columbia from his position as Fire Chief of University City, MO. Having been the director of Fire Science at Columbia College from April 1976 to August 1977, Chief Markgraf was acquainted with Columbia and known by many fire personnel.

Chief Markgraf’s primary goal is “to provide the best service possible for the citizens of Columbia.” He was responsible for major changes in the apparatus and function of the department. During his years of leadership, red and white apparatus returned to stations along with many other innovations.

In June of 1997, Fire Station #1 was moved to a new building at 201 Orr St. The old station had been in operation since 1933. The larger, more modern fire apparatus no longer would fit comfortably in the apparatus room doors, traffic congestion was a problem and need for more municipal office space in the downtown area spurred on the move.

In December of 2001, Fire Station #8 was opened at near the intersection of Nifong and Bearfield Road. This was the

first new or additional fire station built in Columbia since fire station 7 opened in 1983.

In February of 2009, Fire Station #7, relocated from near the intersection of Providence Road and Nifong, opened at the corner of Greenmeadows and Bethel, about 1/2 mile west of it’s former location.

In February of 2010 Station #9 at 201 Blueridge opened.

In March of 2011, Chief William Markgraf retired after 22+ years leading the Columbia Fire Department. Deputy Chief Charles P. Witt, Jr was promoted to the position of Fire Chief. In April of that same year Captain Randall White was promoted to the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

In January of 2015 Chief Charles P. Witt, Jr. retired and Deputy Fire Chief Randall



developed an atmosphere of positive men and women who put customer service first for their community.

Bill and I have been friends and fire service associates for nearly half century. He started his passion for the fire service early, starting as a volunteer with the East Joliet, Ill Fire department while still in High School. After a career that included fire fighting with the Boone County Fire

District while working as the Director of the Fire Science Program at Columbia College, he moved to University City, MO as their Fire Chief. I had a great conversation with Bill recently and he and Linda are traveling extensively since his retirement and still playing saxophone. His contributions to the City of Columbia and the Fire Service are epic. Thanks for being my friend.



SOUTH CENTRAL BUCHANAN CO FPD

On August 19, 2018, the South Central Buchanan County (SCBC) Fire Protection District broke ground to build a new fire station at their Faucett, Missouri, location. A new 12,000 square foot fire house will be built on a new site location at State Highway 371 and Grand DD in Faucett. The department's fire house in Agency, Missouri, will also be expanded by 6,500 square feet.

The SCBC Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1973. The district was formed in 1989 and became tax based in 1995. The department

averages 350 calls for service per year while protecting eighty square miles in Buchanan County.

President of the District Board, Jeff Grubb stated that the district and department are grateful to the patrons of the district in recognizing the need for expansion of the district's facilities and supporting that need with a recent levy increase.

Fire Chief Dennis Johnson stated the department has been planning for this expansion for over twenty years and the



current expansion will serve the department and the community for many years to come.



MAPAVILLE FIRE CHIEF RETIRES

Chief Darryl Reed retires after thirty-three years as Fire Chief of the Mapaville Fire Protection District. Chief Reed started as a volunteer in 1983. The whole time he was with the fire district he was a volunteer.

Darryl worked for the Metropolitan Sewer District in St. Louis, Missouri, from 1985 until he retired in 2010.

He was very devoted and moved through the ranks to become chief in 1985. Darryl was instrumental on getting a FEMA grant to build a new fire house in partnership with Joachim

Plattin Ambulance District. He also headed up getting full and part time paid firefighters.

He has been on the Joachin Plattin Board of Directors for fifteen years. He was also a combat veteran of Vietnam, 1967 through 1968. He attends his yearly unit reunion and participated in the Honor Flight in 2017.

Darryl is loving his retirement spending time with his wife, grandkids, great grandkids, family and friends, fishing trips and just enjoying life.



VFA GRANT AWARDED TO OSAGE FPD



Pictured are Michael Schulte, Forestry Division Crew Leader and Chief Dennis Braun. The picture is of the items purchased from the VFA Grant for Fire Departments. The items are personal protective gear, communications equipment and wildfire suppression equipment to help increase the fire departments capacity to suppress wildfires safely and efficiently.

JOHNSON COUNTY FPD - RESPONDS TO ACCIDENT



Johnson County Fire Protection District No. 2 responded to two separate semi truck vs. farm machinery accidents on 50 Highway less than a week apart. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries in either accident.

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NVFC COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported that two names have been sent through for representation.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Larry Jennings reported on behalf of Larry Eggen that scholarship applications are due by February 28.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Monty Thompson reported that they are ready for the fair. A small day room was built, and first aid was remodeled due to the water damage.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

No report was given.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next newsletter will be September 1, 2018.

HISTORIAN REPORT

No report was given.

FUNERAL TEAM REPORT

Harriett Vaucher reported the EMS and Fire Service Funeral Assistance Teams will hold a conference in October at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Greg Wright reported that the EMS Memorial site has been approved at the Missouri Western State University campus in St. Joseph.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith reported that they are

working on getting the current plan out for bid. Thank you to all those that helped at the memorial getting things moved inside due to the rain. He is working on collecting names for the 2019 service. Deaths from 2016-2018 are still eligible to be recognized at the service and there is no date limit on LODD recognitions.

Monty Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Jaime Miller

Jaime Miller, Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Meeting called to order by President Diane Hanes at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Hanes, Galt FPD; Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FD; Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD; Angela Fields, Paris FPD; Kerrie Mattox, North Central Carroll FPD; Laura Peel, SEFD; Missy Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire and Rescue; Jessica Miller, Norborne Fire Protection District; Nichole Sohn, Kansas City Fire Department; Katie Schowengerdt, South Metro Fire Protection District; Lily Schowengerdt, South Metro Fire Protection District; Shelby Schowengerdt, South Metro Fire Protection District; Danielle Arnold, Central Jackson County Fire District.

Ann Jones read a poem, *Auxiliary Members Prayer*.

MINUTES

Diane asked if there were any changes or comments for the June 2018 meeting minutes. No changes were brought forward. Ann made a motion to accept the meeting notes, seconded by Jessica, motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

There were deposits of \$25 and expenses of \$1,500 and the ending total of \$7,489.80. Jessica made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Karrie, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONVENTION

The next convention will be held in Sedalia on the Missouri State Fairgrounds. It will be held April 12-14, 2019. More info will be available by the October meeting.

HISTORIAN

Chris said everything is going well.

BY-LAWS

Was tabled at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

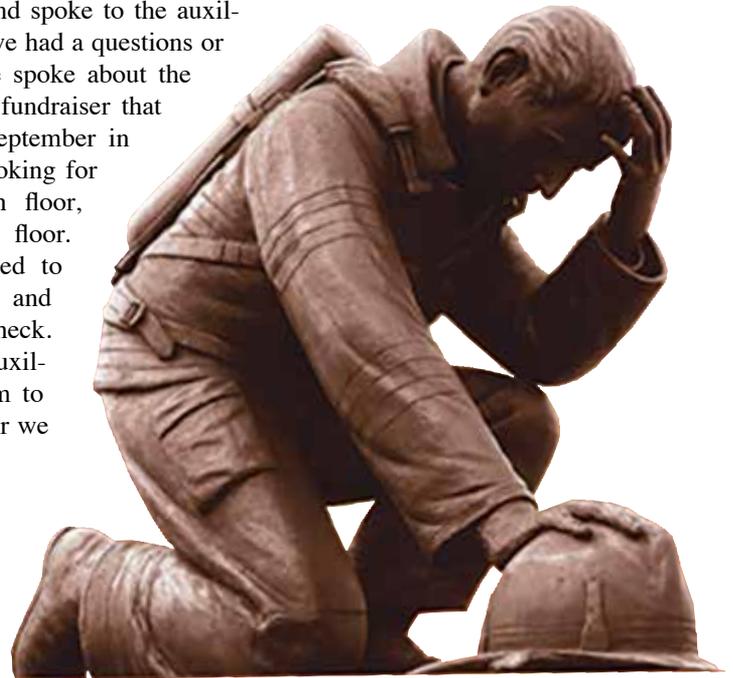
NEW BUSINESS

Galt FD and Auxiliary donated supplies for the State Fair EMS along with Trenton FD.

Tim Bean came and spoke to the auxiliary and asked if we had a questions or concerns. Then he spoke about the NFFF stair climb fundraiser that will be held in September in Jefferson City. Looking for sponsors for each floor, \$350 for each floor. The auxiliary voted to sponsor a floor and gave Tim a check. Sheri will get the auxiliary banner to Tim to display on the floor we are to sponsor.

Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Jessica, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. Next meeting is to be October 7, 2018, in Sedalia, Missouri.

Respectfully Submitted;
Sheri Berendzen
Cole County FPD
Secretary Treasurer



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WHERE THERE IS SMOKE, THERE IS...

By Scott Barthelmass, Eureka Fire Protection District

We often joke that where there is smoke there is fire. As fires burn they produce smoke. It is a fundamental of fire.

Smoke is the result of incomplete combustion and carries a variety of toxic by-products. Smoke includes three major components: particles, which are solids, vapors, which are finely suspended liquids, and gasses.

Smoke particles include unburned, partially burned, and completely burned substances. Unburned substances are just that, unburned items. They are lifted into smoke by the thermal column produced by the fire. Partially burned particles result from incomplete combustion. Completely particles are typically ash.

Smoke contains vapors. Vapors are small droplets of liquid suspended in the air. Some of the vapors are the result of us applying water to the fire. Other droplets result from products as they burn. When items burn they produce droplets that become part of smoke.

Smoke also contains a wide variety of gasses. What gasses are in smoke will depend on what is burning. If wood is burning it will produce different gasses then burning plastic.

Smoke can be highly combustible. So as we enter a smoke filled structure, we need to remember we are entering a highly combustible environment. This can be just as dangerous as the toxic gasses, carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide, and phosgene, that are contained in smoke.

We also have to remember because smoke is the result of fire, it is hot. The temperature of smoke will vary depending on many things including the stage of the fire, what is burning and the distance the smoke has travelled from the fire. The heat contained in smoke can cause burn injuries to skin and the respiratory tract.

As we fight fire we need to think about these things.

We need to think of smoke as a fuel. Fuel behaves in predictable ways when they are combined with the right mixture of oxygen and heat. Smoke with burn when heated sufficiently in the presence of oxygen. Hot smoke is extremely flammable.

We need to read smoke. We need to use monitors to check for toxins. We need to monitor the temperature of smoke.

We can do these things through educating ourselves on how to properly use our gas detectors and thermal imaging cameras. We can watch the darkness and turbulence of smoke. While fighting fire we can check the temperature of smoke by aiming the stream at the ceiling and if it vaporizes into steam the smoke is extremely hot. If we get drenched by falling water the temperatures are lower.

We need to evaluate what we are sensing and make determinations what to do. Is it safe to operate in that smoky environment or is it time to back out.

Can we control smoke? Yes. We can ventilate the structure. We can make cuts in the roof. We can use positive pressure ventilation or whatever tactics our department's allow.

We can also cool smoke. We have always been taught to put water on the fire. But we can also cool smoke by injecting water into the smoke. Remember the basics of firefighting, we use water to cool fire as a means of extinguishing it. We can cool smoke by putting water into it.

Its important we understand smoke. Our lives depend on it.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



3

Larry Jones
Director

Greetings from District 3. We made it through the State Fair and on to the next event.

There are 3 free classes held in September, October, and November about line of duty death/public safety officers benefits. Please contact George Wright at 660-415-7990 or Brian Zinanni at 314-973-0685 for more information. There is also a 2018 Missouri EMS and Missouri Fire Funeral Team Training weekend on October 19-20, 2018, at Osage Beach. Please contact the above numbers for more information.

Now for 2019. The FFAM Convention has an entirely new date, April 12-14, 2019. It will be held at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia by your FFAM Board of Directors. There will be some new things happening at this 2019 Convention so check out all the information you can find about it. If you have ideas or would like to help just let your board members know.

If I or your District 3 assistants can be of any help to you, be sure to let us know.

Larry Jones at
660-291-4075

Rob Erdel at
573-473-072

Steve Gentry at
573-473-4002



2018 STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT



2018 Missouri State Fair Queen Samantha Nelson





Firefighter of the Year Holden Peel.



Firefighter of the Year Michael Rhineberger.



Officer of the Year Kyle Arnold.



Dispatcher of the Year Tim Maddox, pictured with Cy Fields.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



7

Robert B. Brown
Director

Hello and greetings from District 7 and the east side of the state. I hope everyone had a great safe summer with family and friends.

Where has the time gone? Can you believe that summer is almost over? School has started, and the Missouri State Fair is in the history book. I have to say to the ones that didn't attend the fair this year, you all missed a great time! The first Saturday was a busy time for the Missouri State Fair Fire Department, with the crowd and the heat, the crews kept busy. This year we had many new faces to help man the station and I want to say thank you for a great job. I can't wait to see you all next year. Thank you to the seasoned members that showed the new faces around the station and made them feel at home and part of the team and family. I hope when the rookies got home they told of all that happens at the state fair and they return next year and bring a few more colleagues with them. A great job by all because it takes everyone to make it happen and without the member departments and districts that allow us to use their equipment, we could not have the only eleven day fire department in the nation. So thank you to all that donated. This was Chief Rogers last year as fire chief and a big thank you to Donnie for a job well done. Congratulations to the new Fire Chief Terry Plumb. While I'm sending congratulations, I need to congratulate all the award winners. In my eyes each one is a winner.

Speaking of winners, I want to thank the poster contest winners that attended the state fair to receive the prize money and



President Kenneth Hoover presenting Kiya Smith, from Ms. McManus' 4th Grade at Hawthorne Elementary School in Mexico, Missouri, with a check and her winning poster. Kiya Smith's parents are Korey and Amanda Smith and April Smith. Kiya's father is a firefighter with the Little Dixie Fire Protection District.

tickets to the midway. I hope everyone had a great time at the fair.

With summer coming to an end, the leaves begin to change, and the temperature starts to get cooler and that means fall is near and so is fire prevention time. *Fire Prevention Week* is October 7-13, and this year's theme is *LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN*. Calling all artists from grades 1-6. Get your pencils and colors ready for the posters contest. As a reminder, please go to the FFAM website to print off a copy of the rules and poster label.

I am sending out a challenge to all directors and assistant directors to get as many winning posters from your district and have them entered for the judging at the

2019 FFAM Convention in Sedalia, April 12-14, 2019. Have a great safe fall!



Annie Barton is the first place winner in the 3rd/4th Grade Division sponsored by the Madison West Monroe Fire Protection District.



First place winner in the 5th/6th Grade Division is Abigail Wheeler sponsored by the Paris Fire Department.



Third place winner in the 5th/6th Grade Division is Karlie McGee, sponsored by the Madison West Monroe Fire Protection District.



Third place winner in the 1st/2nd Grade Division is Raygen Crum sponsored by the Paris Fire Department.



POSTER CONTEST RULES

1. The Poster Contest should be conducted by a FFAM member agency in their local schools.
2. There will be three divisions:
 - a. Grade 1-2
 - b. Grades 3-4
 - c. Grade 5-6
3. Sponsoring departments may submit top three posters in each division
4. All posters must meet the following requirements:
 - a. All posters must be the work of only one child.
 - b. Posters must be on 11x17 inches white heavy paper.
 - c. All work must be original.
 - d. The child's name, mailing address, grade, school, county and sponsoring agency must be on the back of the poster
 - e. Posters must incorporate and state the theme determined by the NFPA Fire Prevention Week.
5. The winning poster in each division will become the property of the FFAM
6. The following prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division:
 - a. 1st place in each category will receive \$75.00

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

FFAM FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

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Mailing Address: _____ County: _____

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Grade: _____ Phone: _____



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STATE FAIR FD KITCHEN

By Momma Joyce

Another FFAM Missouri State Fair EMS and Fire Department in the history books. New fire and EMS personnel, which we are always glad to see. We started our first meal on Wednesday evening August, 8, 2018.

Our liquid consumption was fifteen gallons of pink lemonade, fifteen gallons of sweet tea and five gallons of unsweetened tea in a 24 hour period. Which equaled 151 gallons of lemonade and sweet tea, 55 gallons unsweetened tea and 50 gallons of water.

We were very thankful for all the donations of food. Our group especially enjoyed the fresh tomatoes with lunch and dinner. Rice krispie treats were a favorite from all of my children even the older ones.

Some of the evening entrees: roast beef, chicken breast and thighs, taco salad, brisket, hamburgers, pork burger and sausages, tater-tot casserole, pork chops and ham steaks. Favorites cookie pudding, ice cream and all the desserts that were donated. Thanks to all.

On Tuesday we were blessed with fresh caught fried catfish and all the trimmings provided by Terry and Diane Wynn and the Galt crew a big thank you to all of those people. This is a special meal enjoyed by a lot of people even the Commissioners of the Missouri State Fair. This year a treat of ten gallons of homemade ice cream.

My very big, thank you to my kitchen angels who worked very hard to make three meals a day for an average of 265 people a day. Thank you, Ann Jones, Angie Fields, Kerri Maddox, Carla Pettijohn, Jodi Fields and Kathy Eggen.

A special thanks to my "grill gentlemen," Charlie Peel, Larry Eggen, Larry Jones, and Ed Daugherty. Charlie Peel and MFA grills they were life savers and made our lives much easier. Thank you to all that

helped in anything that was asked of you to do. It works like one "large" family.

We were also blessed with D-Mat joining us this year. Starting on Monday, Sedalia Firemen joined us from all shifts and also Pettis County firemen. It is always a pleasure talking with State Fair Security and our Missouri State Patrol.

Again to everyone who donated food, desserts and everyone who helped in any capacity. This year we donated our unused food to the Sedalia Senior Group very much appreciated.

Here are a couple of my favorite recipes.

RICE KRISPIE TREATS

1/4 cup butter
2- 10 ounce packages miniature marshmallows
1 - 12 ounce box rice cereal

In large microwave bowl place butter and marshmallows. Put in microwave for two minutes remove and stir if not melted put back in for two minutes or until melted. Remove, add cereal until coated. Pour into buttered baking sheet pan, spread out and enjoy.

PUDDING/COOKIE

4 large boxes instant chocolate or vanilla pudding
1 -16 ounce Cool Whip
1 vanilla or chocolate cookies package

Prepare pudding according to package. Place cookies in plastic bags and smash. In a clear bowl start with smashed cookies next cool whip then pudding, layer until you run out, top with Cool Whip.

This is a very easy dessert and very pretty and very good. Enjoy.

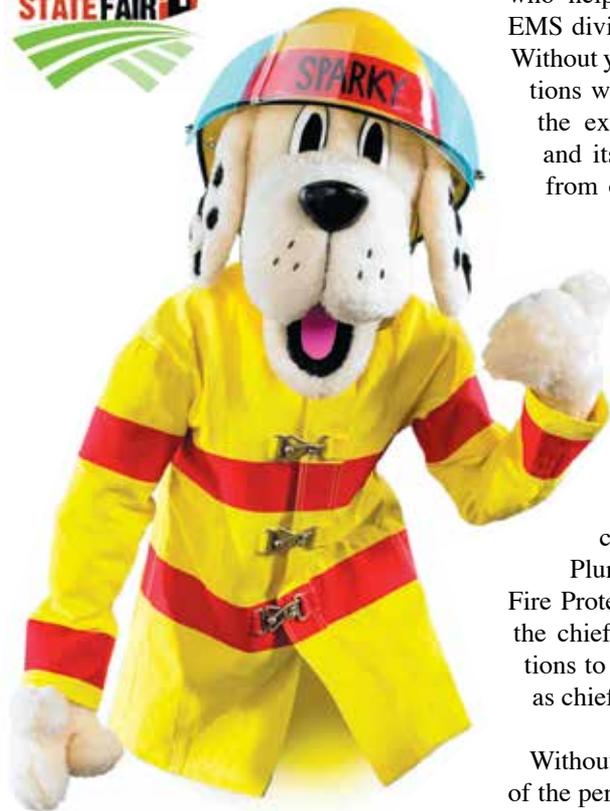
See you in August 2019

STATE FAIR FD

By Monty Thompson

Well another State Fair has come and gone. It was a good year. Many new faces and many familiar faces. Words can not express the, thank you to all who donated everything from food to equipment. Thank you to everyone who helped the two work weekends to get ready for the fair and to the final out of service call. A big thank you to all that helped get the final finishing touches putting up everything.

A special thank you to Kenny, Steve, Rick, and RB for making my job easier. People do not realize how many hours and phone calls go on behind the scene. They really make this a team effort. Many thanks again to the Galt Group for the Tuesday night fish fry. Well I do not know much else but, thanks to all! I hope to see you in Sedalia at FFAM Convention in April 2019, and the 2019 fair. Look for fair applications in the January newsletter.



GREETINGS FROM THE STATE FAIR

By Captain Jonathan Evans, Missouri State Fair Fire Department



The State Fair Fire Department has another year in the books. I would first like to say, thank you to all of you who helped out with donations to the EMS division after our flood last winter. Without your support and generous donations we would not be able to provide the exceptional service that the fair and its patrons have come to expect from our organization. This year we have seen a total of 156 calls for service and seen 132 patrons who walked into our First Aid Station. I would like to thank SEMA, Kevin Tweedy, and DMAT for all of their assistance during the operation of the fair this year and hope to have you back next year. A big congratulations goes out to Terry Plumb of Southern Stone County Fire Protection District for being named the chief for next year and congratulations to Donnie Rogers on his last year as chief of the department.

Without the hard work and dedication of the personnel who come and work the

fair each year, our operation would not be a success. I wish we could give an award to each and every one of you to show our appreciation. Special recognition this year was given to Kegan Wilson of the Johnson County Fire Protection District and Johnson County Ambulance District. Kegan was presented with the EMS of the year award for his outstanding commitment and dedication to the operation. Kegan has graciously stepped up and helped out with our training in the EMS Division the last two years and has obtained EMS CEU's through his employer JCAD for all of the personnel who work the EMS division. Kegan also helped with the remodel of the First Aid Station by helping me remove the old cabinets and install new ones. It was an honor to nominate him for this award and to give him the recognition for going above and beyond in service to the department and the patrons of the fair.

Planning and work for next year's fair has already started and I would like to invite you to come and see the operation or work with us at the fair next year.

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STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Larry Eggen

We closed this fair out with much needed rain that cancelled the Sunday night races. The crews were cleaning and returning all the equipment, getting it back in good shape for the departments that allow us to use their fire equipment. It is always good to see everyone to begin the fair and hard to say good bye until next time. What a great experience we all enjoy. If you have never signed up to volunteer, please consider doing it for the 2019 Missouri State Fair Fire Department, August 8-18, 2019.



We opened the 2018 fair with personnel from forty-eight departments that signed up to volunteer for the staff of the fire department. We average a staff of seventy volunteers daily, for the ten days we are in service. Opening day we saw the annual parade and specials for all fair attendees. We participated in the parade with our equipment and special guests Smokey the bear and Sparky the fire pup. They rode in the 1929 fire engine for the route and they are always a big attention getter and favorite of the crowd during the route.

Several trainings were held during the fair for fireman and the public at the firehouse. We had fire extinguisher demonstrations that people could actually spray from an extinguisher on a live fire prop. It is always a big attention grabber for the youngsters to see the fire and get to hear how to properly use a fire extinguisher.



Every year we hear from adults to kids, that this is the first time they have ever used an extinguisher. The car fire prop with live fire and extinguishment always draw a big crowd. The engine crews demonstrated extrication tools and let the people see up close the tools used for extrication. We advise them to slow down and give us room when they see emergency personnel on the highways so they are safe and we can do our job quickly and resolve the situation.

MU FRTI brought the grain bin engulfment training prop to the fair this year. All crews were able to attend their class in the morning and do the entrapment and rescue skills during the afternoon. The class was very well received by all the firefighters and staff in attendance.

Please consider signing up to work and enjoy the 2019 Missouri State Fair while being a part of the fire department. It is the only fire department that forms only for an event each year with all volunteer personnel and donated equipment. All the departments and people that make this happen each year are doing a big service for the State of Missouri and all the fair attendees. At no cost for the people that need our help. They are appreciative of the care they receive and service of all.

A NOTE FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL'S WIFE

By Judy Bean

A lot has happened and changed since last I typed, *A Note from the Fire Marshal's Wife*. The spring and summer of 2018 melted into the dog days of August and we found ourselves and the State of Missouri in a new chapter, with a new governor and a new director of public safety. Like the seasons change, so do our realities. Change is the one thing that is constant. Like a book, we have good chapters and bad chapters, questionable chapters and sad chapters. The chapters of our lives can sometimes feel like a soap opera if we continue to become absorbed in the drama that surrounds us. Some chapters can seem to go on forever, while other end abruptly without warning or just end for no reason. Sometimes we would rather keep re-reading the last chapter so we don't have to turn the page to the unknown. There are some we sooner not complete, but magically move on to the next chapter where everything ends like a fairy tale.

Our individual chapters are significant and being present in them is oh so important to keep us alert to the fact that we can't rewrite the past and we don't know what the future holds. We all make mistakes. We all say and do things we wish we could take back or erase. We all have the condition of being human which helps write our chapters for our individual stories and produces our realities, but doesn't necessarily make us realists.

I tend to be an idealist, one who enjoys magical thinking and is guided by hopes rather than practicality. Most days I search for the magic wand to fix most any wrong.

"Sometimes, you just have to outlive it"

I am a dreamer who married a realist. To be a realist you must be a person who accepts a situation as it is and is prepared to deal with it accordingly. You must be able to recognize your mistakes, reconcile with yourself and the ones you have wronged

GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT 4

By Jonathan Evans, Assistant Director

Traditionally Labor Day has been the official end to the Summer season. I hope that everyone has had a fun time and was able to take that family vacation somewhere or enjoy the great outdoors on one of our many lakes and waterways. As schools start back in session let's remember to allow for a little extra time for our travels as we will be encountering school buses and students walking to school. As many of you know I again had the privilege of working at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department this year as the captain of EMS, we saw a total of 156 calls for service, and 132 patrons of the fair walk in to our First Aid Station. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all who worked at the fair this year for the hard work and dedication to not only this organization but to the patrons of the fair. I would like to also say a great big thank you to Joyce Thompson, Angie Fields, Charlie Peel, Ann Jones, and all the other wonderful people who helped with the cooking and meal preparing to make sure we were well fed and did not leave hungry.

or hurt. You must become self-aware of your shortcomings and vulnerabilities if you are to overcome disgraceful patterns in yourself, thus making your strengths and abilities more effective.

My husband is probably the most real realist that I have ever known. He has had many chapters, like we all have had, but when his have become unpleasant, abruptly surprising, or repeated disappointments he appears better equipped to take a deep breath, count to ten if you will

and meet the challenges head on. I have seen it consistently. Especially when I am the one in the drama or about to be in the drama. He becomes the voice of reason that reminds me to embrace the present situation and know that I do not have

On September 8, 2018, the second annual *Missouri State Fire Marshal 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb* took place in Jefferson City. I want to say thank you to everyone who climbed in remembrance of the 343 brothers who paid the ultimate sacrifice that day, proceeds from this event went to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

On September 11, Knob Noster Fire Department held their annual ceremony in remembrance of 9/11 at the City Hall.

Be on the lookout for the Membership renewal packets which will be coming out around October, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 660-221-6161. If you would like for me to come and visit your department to explain the benefits or to be present at an event that your department is hosting please contact me and I will try my best to attend.

Stay Safe and God Bless.

control over a whole lot around me, yet I do have control over how I react to what is going on around me. "Sometimes, you just have to outlive it," is a great James T. Bean quote.

Change is a challenge and change is inevitable. The summer of 2018 has been full of change and we have lived through it. We welcome Governor Mike Parson and DPS Director Sandy Karsten. This is a new chapter we are all in at this moment. It has the capability of being a huge wonderful story with many productive chapters for them, us and the state of Missouri.

I believe in fairy tale endings and most likely always will. But I have embraced the fact that fairy tale endings take a lot of realists to make them happen. So, let us all pray for peace in our moments, hope in our present chapters and a happily ever after.

IN THE BEGINNING...THE WESTRAN FPD

By Tony Bell and Merl Riley, Westran Fire Protection District

Starting fresh and from scratch can be difficult, challenging, overwhelming, but most of all, ultimately, extremely rewarding. That is the short version of the formation of the Westran Fire Protection District (WFPD) located in West Randolph County, Missouri, in 2015.

The WFPD provides fire protection, emergency services, and community outreach activities to 160 square miles, 102,000 acres, in West Randolph County including Huntsville, Clifton Hill, Darksville, Thomas Hill, Mt. Airy, Mac's Cove, and AECI Power Plant. It serves over 4,000 residents; the students and three school buildings of the Westran School system; ten churches; the Randolph County Justice Center and Jail Division; the new Randolph County Administration Complex in Huntsville, the County seat; daycare and assisted living facilities; apartment complexes and trailer parks; and retail and manufacturing businesses.

On August 4, 2009, a ballot issue to form the WFPD failed to pass. With the hard work and dedication of the West Randolph Rural Fire Association (WRRFA) Board; Huntsville City Council; volunteer firefighters; Fire Chief Jeff Webster and his wife Debbie; and many concerned citizens, on August 4, 2015, voters approved formation of the WFPD and passed a \$.30 tax levy. The district was incorporated on August 12, 2015.



The WFPD replaced the WRRFA, dues supported, and the Huntsville Fire Department, tax supported. The WFPD began operations appointing Tony Bell as Interim Fire Chief; hiring the volunteers of the WRRFA and Huntsville Fire Department ensuring a seamless transition; and using the equipment from the two entities. With support and cooperation from neighboring and statewide fire districts, fire protection services began immediately.

By December 1, 2015, equipment ownership from the WRRFA and the Huntsville FD had been transferred to the WFPD. When financial assets of the WRRFA transferred to the WFPD, December 1; immediate repairs and upgrades to the district's existing vehicles and gear were made. A 2007 Medtec Rescue Ambulance

was purchased to replace the rescue ambulance returned to Huntsville and the district approved a lease/purchase of a new pumper/tanker fire truck for the main station. A 2008 4X4 pickup was purchased for volunteer transport and snow removal.

As the Board of Directors retained experienced financial, legal, and long experienced individuals to advise them, established district and department policies, secured financing, ensured the safety of volunteers, the board was also working on fulfilling commitments to the voters to establish a new main station and three satellite stations in the rural areas of the district. Chief Bell began recruiting new volunteers, establishing SOPs and SOGs, implementing training programs, advising the board on equipment upgrades needed by the district, and working on community outreach activities.

In 2016 the district hired SKW Engineering, now McClure Engineering, to begin the process of constructing the new buildings. Land was donated and purchased for each of the sites. WSKF Architects was hired to design the steel frame buildings. The district began the process of securing financing to begin the \$2,539,000 project for all four buildings. Bidding the projects out as a single



package, offered the district considerable cost savings in construction as well as taking advantage of low long term interest rates.

2017 proved a busy year for the District, Board of Directors and Volunteers. Construction began in the fall on the stations by PSR Construction, needed apparatus was purchased and WFPD volunteers worked above and beyond for those they serve and protect.

2018 brings the culmination of all the hard work of those involved with the current board and volunteers as well as the hard work and dedication of those who helped with formation of the new district.

The WFPD main station is located on a six acre site on the North edge of Huntsville. It has direct highway access, excellent water pressure, options for outdoor training facilities and future structures, and ample parking. The building has a footprint of 86' x 117', long life steel frame construction, a drive through four bay layout, and a standby generator for station functioning and community emergencies. Training and volunteer safety being key considerations, the facility has a multi-use 60 person training room, decontamination shower and bunker gear cleaning room, cascade system to fill air tanks, two small offices, and other standard station facilities. District growth, long range planning, and cooperative efforts with other Randolph County Fire Protection Districts has been key in designing this multi-use facility.

The Clifton Hill Station site, adjacent to the Westran Middle School, was donated by the Westran School District. The Darksville Station site, at Highway C and Rt. F, was donated by Circle A Ranch. The Mt. Airy site is near the corner of Hwy 3 and Rt. U. All satellite stations have the same compact floor plan of a three bay, 35'x 55' long life steel frame building with a standby generator for station functioning and community safety. The City of Huntsville donated a one acre parcel for future use by the WFPD. We appreciate and thank all who donated property; time; and clean-up efforts.



On August 13, 2018, “substantial completion” documents were signed with PSR Construction. At this time, the stations are fully functioning and equipped. Final clean-up and punch list items are being addressed by the contractor.

The District has a current roster of thirty firemen, with volunteers in all the satellite station areas. The District has over 300 hours of training in 2018, including MU FRTI fire school in Columbia. Volunteers have over 200 hours of PR events and fire prevention education including Westran Schools, Randolph County Old Settlers, parades, local church events, community betterment programs in Clifton Hill, Extension programs, Moberly Area Chamber of Commerce, and local industries.

WFPD works closely and trains with AECI power plant personnel to help our firemen understand what happens inside the plant. We test fire hydrants in the City of Huntsville, work with the City of Moberly and the Thomas Hill Water District to ensure adequate water fill sites are accessible during fire events. We have responded to more than eighty calls in 2018 involving natural cover fires, structure fires, vehicle accidents, hay

bale fires, and various other incidents. Volunteers have new bunker gear and SCBAs for greater safety on scene.

Our current apparatus inventory includes: 1977 Chevy Boardman Pumper, 1980 Ford Boardman Pumper, 1981 Chevy Brush Truck, 1982 Pierce Pumper Tanker, 1984 Ford L9000 3000 gallon Tanker, 1992 Pierce Pumper, 1992 F250 Ford Brush Truck, 2005 International 2000 gallon Pumper Tanker, 2007 Rescue Squad, 2008 Dodge Support/Brush Truck, 2016 International 2000 gallon Pumper Tanker, 1990 Ford 2000 gallon tanker, 1985 Chevy 2500 gallon tanker, and a 1992 Ford Hail pumper.

The board and volunteers are very proud of what has been accomplished almost three years from the day the district was formed. Community support of our volunteers, help from neighboring fire departments, and the efforts of so many supporters have been the corner stone of the WFPD success story.

The District has scheduled an open house at our main station in Huntsville, Missouri, on September 29, 2018, from 10-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



FIREFIIGHTERS HELP NEWBORN INTO THE WORLD

By Adam Rollins, Warren County Record

Firefighter Keith Terry held baby Greyson Schuster for the second time in his life in early August, not long after Greyson was released from two months in the hospital.

The first time Terry held the baby boy, he said Greyson was smaller than his shoe.

To be fair, Terry wears a size 13 shoe. But Greyson was tiny on the day he entered the world, 2 1/2 months ahead of schedule. He was 13 inches long and a little less than 3 pounds.

Terry met Greyson when he and a crew of Wright City firefighters helped mother Bethany Schuster deliver the baby on June 6, 2018. She was due to give birth August 21.

Even though Greyson wasn't quite ready for it, along he came anyway, catching Bethany by surprise at home with her family.

"I had been having contraction all day and didn't know it," said Bethany, who is a first-time mother. About an hour after visiting the hospital and being sent home, she was on the floor of the bathroom giving birth.

"The only thing I could think was 'Oh my goodness, oh my goodness,'" Bethany recalled. "About five minutes later, these amazing men showed up to assist and took care of everything."

Wright City firefighters were the first emergency responders to arrive at Bethany's home off of Highway J in Lincoln County. Greyson was almost all the way out when they arrived.

"He was fussy," Terry commented. "He was making noise. That's a good thing."

Terry is a certified emergency medical technician, as is Fire Capt. Scot Gibson, who was also on the responding crew. With them were firefighters Kevin



Firefighter Keith Terry holds 2-month-old Greyson Schuster, whom he helped deliver during an emergency call June 6 at a home off Highway J in Lincoln County. Greyson was born several months premature, but is doing well and came with family to visit Fire House 1 in Wright City Aug. 9. Photo credit: Adam Rollins



First-time mother Bethany Schuster, pictured at left, kneels with firefighters Keith Terry, Kevin Hakenewerth and Capt. Scot Gibson, along with 2-month-old Greyson Schuster at Fire House 1 in Wright City on Aug. 9. The fire crew, including volunteer Darren Murray (not pictured), helped deliver Greyson when he was born prematurely in June. Photo credit: Adam Rollins

Hakenewerth and volunteer Darren Murray, along with several of Bethany's family members.

Squeezed in the small bathroom with Bethany and baby Greyson, Terry said he did what they are trained to do. He tied off

the umbilical cord and wrapped Greyson in towels to keep him warm. The firefighters kept everyone calm while they waited for Lincoln County Ambulance to arrive and whisk Greyson away to the hospital.

Once the baby was on the road, the fire crew cared for Bethany until a second ambulance could arrive to help her.

The ambulance staff were absolute professionals, the firefighters said, and were key to helping Bethany get through the rest of her birth.

On August 9, Greyson and Bethany were both doing well. The baby had grown by 5 inches and 3 pounds when they and their family paid a visit to the fire station in Wright City. Greyson still needs an oxygen tube to help him breathe, but otherwise has had few health issues. While visiting with the firefighters, he was calm and awoke only for a quick stretch (and perhaps some other business).

“It’s nice to have a positive outcome,” commented firefighter Kevin Hakenewerth. “Usually when we’re responding, it’s to someone injured. Being able to help somebody with the birth of their child is a cool experience.”

It’s also a rare experience for the firefighters, who sometimes are called to check on mothers having pregnancy troubles, but almost never expect to have to put their basic obstetrics training to use. Capt. Gibson said in his 11 years with Wright City Fire Protection District, this is the first delivery he has helped with, and only the second total in his 15-year career.

To commemorate their service, from now on each of the four firefighters on the crew who responded that day will wear a blue stork pin on their dress uniforms, presented to them by Bethany herself.

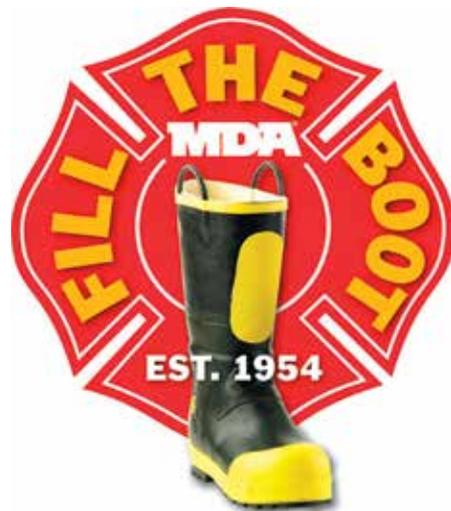
“We could not be more proud of our crew... We’re super excited for them to be recognized,” said Fire Chief Ron MacKnight. “This is a clear indication of the positive impact running medical calls can have.”

GREETINGS FROM DISTRICT



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Roy Sims
Director



Well it hasn’t cooled down much yet in our part of the state but the leaves are starting to get a little bit lighter in color and actually beginning to fall. A sure sign that Fall is coming soon! Time seems to be going by so fast it seems like only a couple months ago the new year was starting. Guess I’m getting old!

We are excited here at West Plains with the addition of our new training facility. We have never had such a facility that will take care of most all our training needs. We will also be able to host any NFPA 1403 certification testing if the DFS or MU FRTI has the need in south central Missouri. We welcome any of our neighboring departments to come and make

use of the facility. We have 83 fire departments in our region so if you don’t mind doing a little traveling, “Come see us!”

We spent last Saturday with some of our neighboring departments raising money for the MDA Boot Drive. Thanks Howell County Rural, Lanton, Pomona, and Pumpkin Center Fire Departments for helping us raise \$6545 for MDA!

Until next time, everyone please stay safe and healthy!





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OSWALD A. “OZZIE” WALKENHORST

December 10, 1929 ~ July 28, 2018



Oswald A. “Ozzie” Walkenhorst, 88, of New Haven, Missouri, passed away Saturday, July 28, 2018, at New Haven Care Center.

Mr. Walkenhorst was born on December 10, 1929, in New Haven, Missouri, the son of the late Julius and Amanda (Ahlemeier) Walkenhorst.

He was united in marriage to Delores A. Scheer on August 26, 1951, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, New Haven, Missouri. Delores preceded him in death on May 30, 2013.

Ozzie worked at Washington Tractor Company as a mechanic for over thirty



years. He also farmed his whole life and worked as a mechanic for a while at Maczuk Equipment in New Haven.

Ozzie proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where he served as church elder, trustee, he was in the choir and a member of the Men’s Club. He was also a member of the New Haven American Legion, and New Haven Fire Department. He was on the New Haven Ambulance Board, and served as secretary of Franklin County ENS Numbering Board.

He enjoyed serving on the New Haven Fire Department and New Haven American Legion. He also enjoyed camping, traveling, tinkering in his shop, hunting, but especially spending time with his grandchildren and visiting with family and friends.

He is survived by a son, Gene Walkenhorst and wife Terry, of Jefferson City; a daughter Wanda Walkenhorst of New Haven; a son, Gary Walkenhorst and wife Dawn, of New Haven; a daughter, Nancy Shockley and husband David, of New Haven, by his grandchildren, Tyler Walkenhorst and wife Meagan, Bethany Marble and husband Tyler, Matthew Walkenhorst, and Megan and Justin Shockley; and two great grandchildren, Isabelle and Gabriel Marble.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two sisters, Emma Walkenhorst and Mathilda Ohse, and two brothers, Reinhard, and his twin brother Oscar Walkenhorst.

The family request donations to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or New Haven Care Center c/o Toedtman & Grosse Funeral Home.



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DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Kevin Zumwalt
Interim Director



University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute

We made it through another summer! Missouri weather was true to fashion as we saw very hot and dry conditions. Many departments kept busy with increased activity of wildfires. With fall on our doorstep, unless the state receives abundant rainfall, it looks like the remaining fire season will be busy as well.

Speaking of fire departments, a quick congratulations to the FFAM State Fair Fire Department on another successful year of serving for the state fair. The department is unique among other states and requires a strong volunteer commitment. Hats off to the all who took time from their busy schedules to be a part of such a great effort!

The Institute is starting a new fiscal year with several exciting announcements that I would like to share:

MU FRTI DIRECTOR

Blake Naughton, University of Missouri associate vice chancellor for extension and engagement, has appointed Kevin D. Zumwalt as the director of the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute effective September 1, 2018. "Kevin has provided exemplary leadership as the Interim Director for the Institute for the past 11 months and is a natural choice as the director going forward," Naughton said. The Institute has a long history with Missouri's fire service and the University dating back to its origin in 1933. "It is with great honor and privilege that I accept the position to become the eighth director in the Institute's 86-year history," Zumwalt said. "I look forward to carrying on the mission of the Institute to develop and deliver quality continuing professional education courses to meet the comprehensive training needs of fire and emergency response personnel."

RETIREMENTS

Mark Lee, Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) program manager has announced his retirement plans for the fall of this year. Mark has been with MU FRTI for over twenty-two years and built the program from the beginning and has become nationally recognized. The ARFF program averages over 100 classes per year, reaching over 1,600 students in 10 states. Mark has become a national expert in ARFF training, serving on several committees through his career to further the development of training standards for ARFF personnel. We wish Mark the best of luck for his retirement.

Filling the void with Mark retiring is a huge endeavor, however, we are pleased to announce that upon completion of a recent hiring process, Bruce Bjorge, Adjunct Instructor with MU FRTI and past experience with Springfield Fire Department, Western Taney County Fire Protection District, and recently with Lexipol, has accepted the position. Bruce will begin in October and work with Mark until his departure to ensure a smooth transition of the program. Congratulations to both Mark and Bruce!

FISCAL 2019 FUNDING

MU FRTI was notified the first of July by the Missouri Division of Fire Safety and the Fire Safety Education and Advisory Commission of funding to provide training to firefighters throughout the state. We were pleased to receive additional funds this year over last year and our Regional Training Coordinators are already working with local departments to schedule requested training. In addition, we are scheduling no-cost training classes with funding made available from: Missouri Department of Transportation, Highway Safety

Division and Aviation Division; State Farm Insurance; Missouri Emergency Response Commission; and, the State Emergency Management Agency. We are grateful to these agencies and organizations for their support of fire service training and the Institute. Please contact your Regional Training Coordinator to discuss your training needs. If you do not know who your Coordinator is, or need contact information, please visit our website at mufrti.org/about/regional-training-coordinators/.

FIRE OFFICER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

MU FRTI is happy to announce that changes to the current *Fire Officer Certificate Program* are in progress. We are currently working to improve the program and update the courses and requirements needed to qualify. This new updated version of the program will continue to provide the knowledge and responsibilities for current or aspiring company officers. It is our goal to modernize and improve the program for today's aspiring fire officers. Applications for the current program are no longer being accepted. Interested applicants will need to wait for the updated version coming this Fall.

MU FRTI TO RECEIVE MOBILE STRUCTURAL FIRE TRAINER

MU FRTI is excited to announce the O'Fallon Fire Protection District is donating their Mobile Structural Fire Training simulator to the Institute. The District received the unit through the federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant program several years ago. In recent years the unit has seen limited service with access to fixed facilities in neighboring

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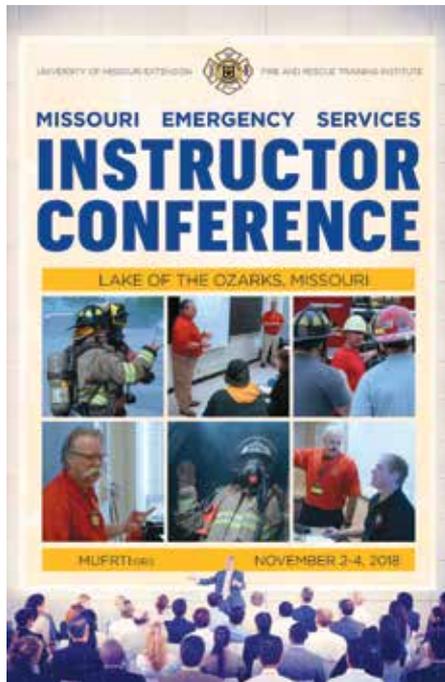
DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
09/15	Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Techniques for Emergency Responders	Sikeston	Derick Wheatley	573-471-4711
09/17	Firefighter Friendly Thermal Imaging	Oak Grove	Jason Barnett	816-602-8066
09/22	Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training	Festus	Mark Earis	314-220-9347
09/22	Basic Pump Operations	Kansas City	Jeramie Waters	816-606-9333
09/22	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Sikeston	Jeremy Perrien	573-258-2336
09/25	Strategies of Leadership: Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers	Bolivar	Robert Dickson	417-326-6610
09/26	Simulated Incident Management for First Arriving Officer	Lee's Summit	Dan Manley	816-969-1304
09/29	Responding to Utility Emergencies	Rolla	Roger Hayes	417-274-1113
09/28	Basic Pump Operations	New Madrid	Jim Harris	573-748-7635
10/02	Strategies of Leadership: Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers	Bolivar	Robert Dickson	417-326-6610
10/05	Basic Pump Operations	Doniphan	Greg Greenwood	573-300-0464
10/06	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Edgar Springs	Ernie Coverdell	573-528-1337
10/05	Lost Person Search and Rescue	Salem	Jeffrey Stokes	573-247-9183
10/06	Rail Safety for Emergency Responders	Huntsville	Tony Bell	660-651-6592
10/06	Simulated Incident Management for First Arriving Officer	Jefferson City	Alan Braun	573-619-4302
10/06	Strategies of Leadership: Retaining & Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers	Kahoka	Chris Blomgren	660-342-3962
09/18	Basic Pump Operations	Troy	Robert Shramek	636-528-8567
10/13	Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Techniques for Emergency Responders	Cuba	Mike Plank	573-259-8380
10/13	Ignitable Liquids Firefighting: Ethanol Blended Fuels Operations	Fredericktown	Dean Stevens	573-783-0189
10/13	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Canton	Josh Wilson	573-881-7838
10/12	Basic Pump Operations	Sarcoxi	Burt Carnes	417-669-0505
10/12	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Houston	Joey Moore	417-967-3348
10/20	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Republic	Lynn Morgan	417-872-6512
10/19	School Bus Rescue	Lebanon	Daniel Jones	417-718-3781
10/20	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Irondale	Ryan Hardy	573-210-2912
10/19	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Steelville	Keith Young	573-205-7841
10/22	Simulated Incident Management for First Arriving Officer	Pleasant Hill	Nathan Carpenter	816-540-9108
10/23	Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge	Oak Grove	Jason Barnett	816-602-8066
10/27	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Maryville	Phil Rickabaugh	660-562-3209
10/26	Structural Fire Fighting Techniques	Rolla	Don Good	573-247-3714
10/19	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Patton	Shane Walker	573-579-8041
10/26	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Wheatland	Branda Vaugh	417-207-1235
10/27	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Kirksville	Jon Cook	660-665-3734
11/03	Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Techniques for Emergency Responders	Macon	Travis Austin	660-385-6436
11/03	Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Techniques for Emergency Responders	Pomona	Randall Dennis	417-293-0889
11/10	Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Techniques for Emergency Responders	Lebanon	Daniel Jones	417-718-3781
11/12	Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge	Raytown	Ty Helphrey	816-769-4240
11/16	Water Supply Operations for Suburban and Rural Firefighting	Pleasant Hill	Nathan Carpenter	816-540-9108

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departments. The District felt the original intent of the unit to provide basic skills training to the fire service will carry on with this donation and that MU FRTI will be able to assist firefighters to gain competency in essential fire service skills in order to develop or enhance their capabilities to serve their communities. Look for more information and full news release to come.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 IN REVIEW

We are still working on our annual report, but I would like to share with you a few overall numbers from the past year with previous year comparison. We completed 642 classes for an increase of 11%; 13,439 students for an increase of 22%; and, 173,290 student contact hours for an increase of 35%. We are very excited at these numbers as it provides us feedback that we are meeting our mission to provide training to fire and emergency responders; and, the higher increase in students and hours tells us that more responders are attending per class.



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Conference, November 2-4, 2018, at Camden on the Lake. If you have an interest in training, you won't want to miss this conference. We have topics that should interest a wide range of trainers needs. We will also offer *Fire Service Instructor I and II* blended learning classes at the conference. For more details, check out our website at mufrti.org.

In conclusion, you can see that MU FRTI has several opportunities ahead in the coming year. We have a few more things we are working on, but are not ready for release just yet! So, stand by for more

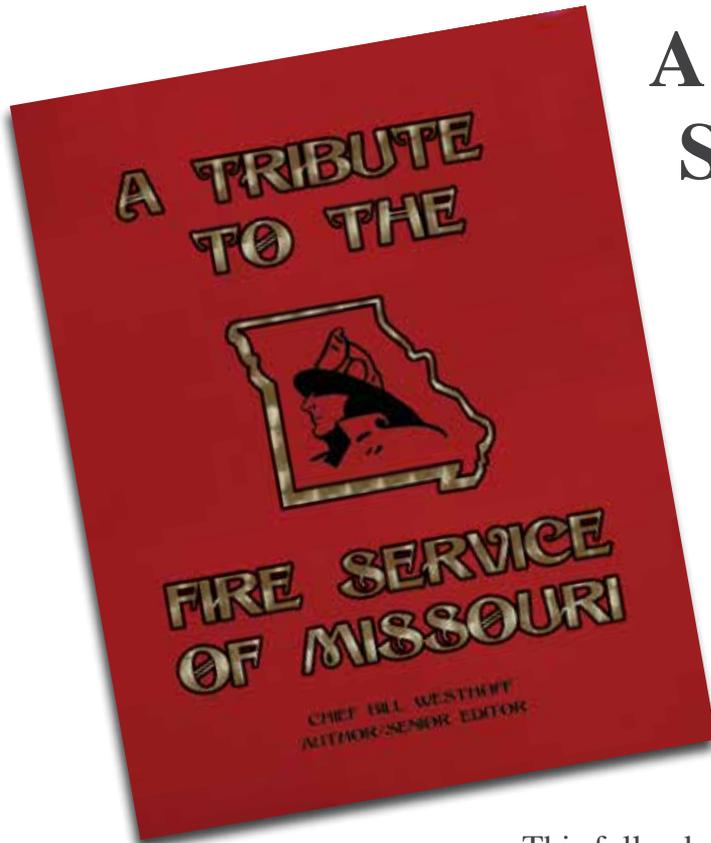
exciting news as it becomes available. In the meantime, let us know if you have any training needs or questions. We are here to assist.

Train safe, Be Safe!

Kevin D. Zumwalt
Interim Director
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