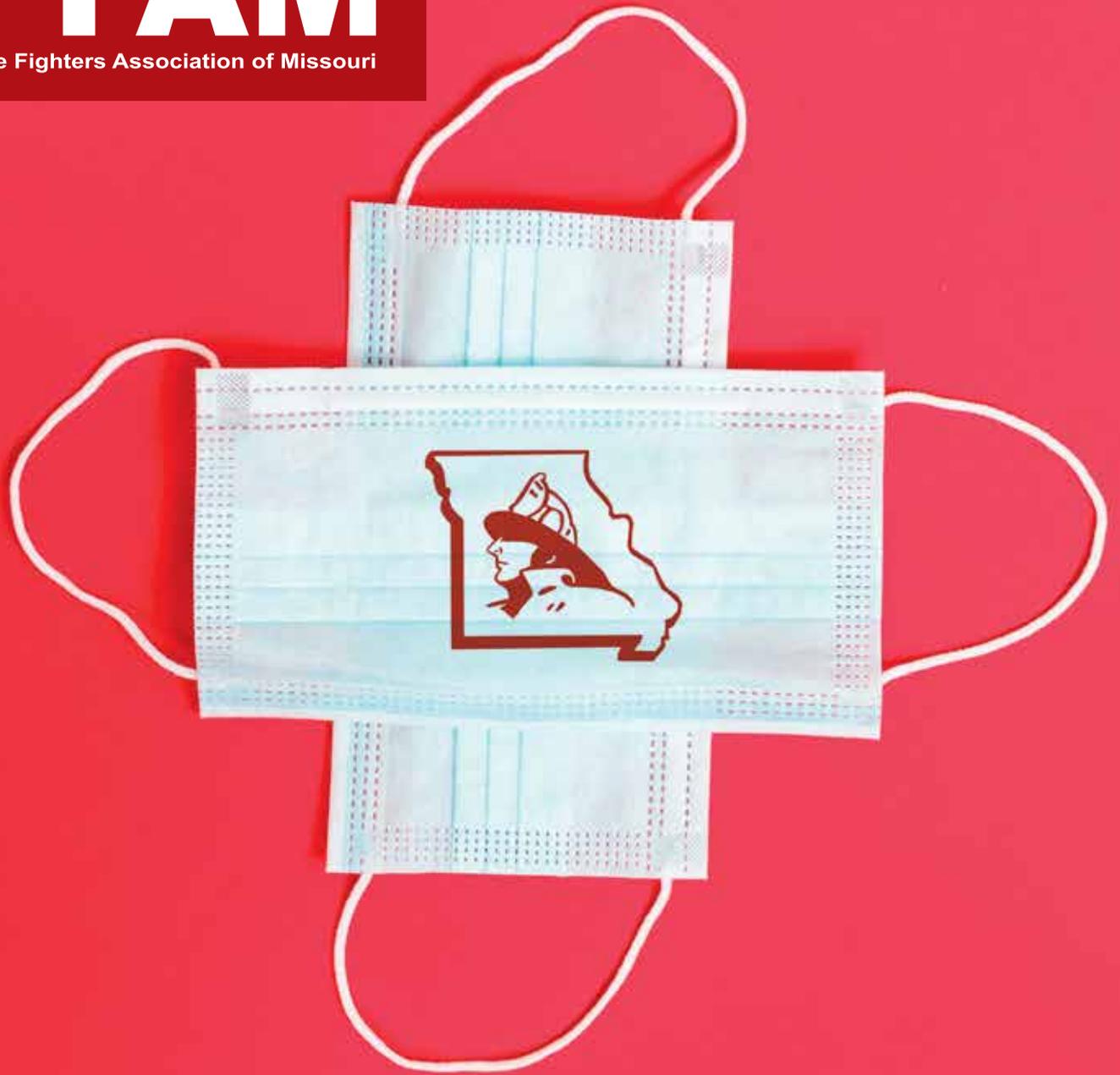


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# PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

## Greetings Fellow Firefighters

**Kenneth Hoover**  
President



**G**reetings. Well, I believe we have all had enough of the quarantine and social distancing, but the spring weather has been slow getting here, and we have been receiving rain, maybe too much. I appreciate the fire service stepping up to lead the battle on this virus. Thank you all for being a leader. This too, we will overcome.

This year will be one for the history books. The FFAM convention is postponed until July. Summer Fire School is canceled. The Fallen Firefighters Memorial Services are postponed until October along with many other fire service-related activities.

As you are reading this, our memorial museum is entering its final stage of construction. I am sure with all of this coronavirus, our dedication will no doubt be further down the road. But we will

not give up. Now more than ever the fire service needs to unite together and finish this important piece of Missouri Fire Service history.

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

Our next board meeting will be held on June 7, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in Sedalia at the fire station.

As always, I want to hear from anyone that has a question or a concern. This is

everyone's association. You may contact me by phone at 573-473-4001 or by e-mail at [chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Kenneth Hoover**  
President  
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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# FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Tim Bean  
State Fire Marshal

## Missouri Division of Fire Safety



Greetings from the (vacant) thirteenth floor. This is my first greeting, from a vacant office, as all of the Division's office staff are working from the safety of their homes. My hope is that you and your loved ones are adjusting to our new normal. We here at the Division of Fire Safety want to express our appreciation to each and every fire, EMS, police, health care provider, and all essential workers, who have been in the trenches day in and day out holding the front lines. May God continue to keep and protect and bless you!

The Division family would like to send our condolences and sympathy to the Kansas City Fire Department for the line-of-duty-death of Billy Birmingham. Billy was an emergency medical technician who chose to work on the fronts lines during this pandemic, and contracted COVID-19 and succumbed to the disease. Thank you for your twenty-two years of service Billy. Rest in peace.

I want to say, "Thank You," to the 847 fire departments who have been patient and worked alongside us as we try and assist you in getting personal protection equipment (PPE) during the pandemic. I will add, this event is a prime example of why filling out your fire department registration at the first of each year is critical! Filling out the department's registration as completely as possible is extremely important! This information is how we make decisions during emergencies and events across our state.

We regret the many issues the coronavirus has created with firefighter classes, and certified firefighter testing for many of you. We know moving forward when the direction is given to resume business, things will quickly become crazy. Training Deputy Chief Becky Trapani reported we have 2,800 registered to take tests. We are in discussions on how we will accommodate your needs for testing. Please be patient and work with us. At this time we feel we will begin some structured testing June 1. At the time of this article, there will not be any testing conducted on the thirteenth floor until further notice. Our plans are to conduct testing within each troop region across the state moving forward to help you stay local. If you have an expired certificate we will work through these situations and take care of everyone. Again please be patient with our training team. If you have issues getting an answer, feel free to contact me by email at [tim.bean@dfs.dps.mo.gov](mailto:tim.bean@dfs.dps.mo.gov) or call 573-751-1742 or message me on Facebook.

We feel the economic strain the State budget will be experiencing. Funding will be very lean for the free firefighter education training classes for the 2021 budget year. We will be transparent as possible going forward. We want to thank the departments who are continuing your educational platform. Smarter firefighters are safer firefighters!

I would like to congratulate Eric Hartman on being appointed as the State Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator. He has replaced Matt Luetkemeyer who I selected as the Assistant State Fire Marshal. Eric brings over twenty-five years of fire service experience, recently retiring from Columbia Fire Department. We look forward to Eric picking up where Matt left off!

Farewell to DeeDee Edwards who officially retired on April 30. DeeDee worked over thirteen years for the Division of Fire Safety. She has been a great asset and the first line of contact to many of you for state testing. She always brought a pleasant, kind, and helpful attitude day in and day out. We wish her a great retirement and success with her new chapter in life, "Thanks DeeDee!" God Bless you.

In closing, thanks for all each one of you do to keep our state safe, responding to other's needs for help, waking up and being the best boots on the ground, and leaving things better than you found them. Keep the Faith!

J. Tim Bean  
State Fire Marshal  
Division of Fire Safety

**BOARD of DIRECTORS** Meeting Minutes  
MEETING WAS POSTPONED UNTIL CONVENTION Approval at Next Convention

# A MESSAGE FROM THE



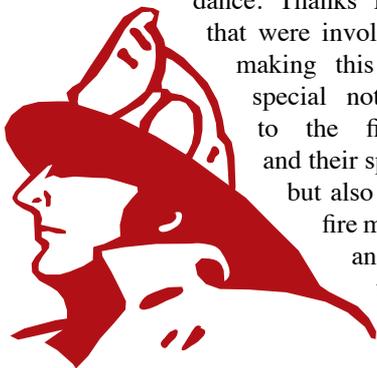
## 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

Grant Oetting

**G**reetings FFAM membership. As I sit at my desk to write this message to you, I can't help to think how much our lives have changed since the last newsletter. COVID-19 has changed so much in our daily lives. How we respond to EMS calls, social distancing, staying home, what businesses are open, and do we need to be wearing a mask at all times, etc.

The COVID-19 outbreak has also affected the FFAM. We can't promote the organization or have the events that we have become accustomed to like convention and the memorial service when they are regularly scheduled. Convention and the memorial services have been postponed to later dates which are a blessing for everyone and I will speak more about that later in this message.

Before the COVID-19 outbreak, I was able to attend two events. The first was my department awards banquet in Higginsville on March 7. A nice meal was provided by the American Legion ladies and our annual awards were handed out. The department also gave out a nice gift to all personnel as a thank you for our service. Fire Marshal Tim Bean and his wife Judy were in attendance. Thanks for all that were involved in making this night special not only to the firemen and their spouses but also to our fire marshal and his wife.



The second event I was able to attend was the Johnson County Volunteer Fire Auxiliary spaghetti dinner and auction. This event funds the organization for the year and helps to provide services to several fire departments in Johnson County. This was attended by several hundred people and raised thousands of dollars for the ladies. Thank you to Jaime Miller, Chief Jennings, and Chief Miller for the invite. I will try again next year to attend. I enjoyed the evening.

Like I stated earlier convention was postponed. I am happy to report that the convention will still happen. Kearney Fire Protection District has rescheduled this for July 10-12. I encourage members to register as I know Kearney has invested lots of time and money and we owe it to them as members to register. Thank you to David Pratt, and your committee for your hard work. It has not gone unnoticed.

The memorial services in Kingdom City were also postponed due to COVID-19. The new dates for this event are October 10, for the Candlelight Service and the Memorial Service is on October 11. Please try to attend this event. I know Keith Smith and the committee have put lots of time into this event as well. We owe it to our brothers and sisters to give them the greatest farewell, especially those that gave the ultimate sacrifice.

In June the FFAM will be in attendance at the Missouri Association of Fire Districts conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. The FFAM will be there promoting the organization and to possibly get some new memberships. Thank you to Chief Brown for the invitation to attend.

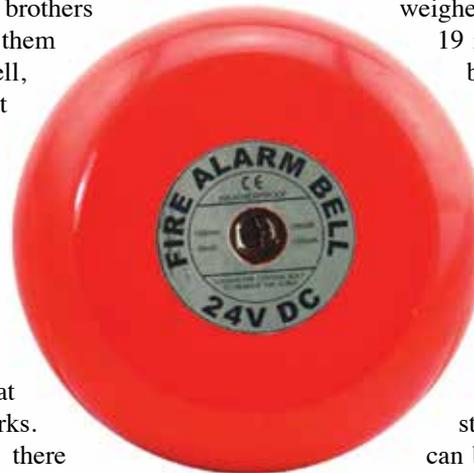
In July, Firefighter/Dispatcher Cy Fields and I with the Paris Fire Protection District and Monroe County 911 were planning to

attend the Missouri 911 conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. This conference has been postponed until September 13, in Springfield. We will attend and promote the FFAM and also promote membership with the 911 dispatchers.

Before we know it, the state fair will be upon us. The state fair committee and Chief Terry Plumb have continued to plan for the fair even with the COVID-19 events going on. Please make sure to get your applications in if you plan to work. The dates for the fair are August 13-23.

Since the last newsletter, I am sorry to report that Missouri has had at least one line-of-duty-death. The Kansas City Fire Department (KCFD) lost EMT Billy Birmingham due to COVID-19. Birmingham worked with the Municipal Ambulance Services Trust (MAST) from 1998-2010 and continued after 2010 when MAST switched to KCFD. He was 69 years old. Rest in peace brother, we will take it from here.

Speaking of KCFD, on behalf of myself and the FFAM board of directors, we would like to congratulate Assistant Director Josh Koepke and his wife Nicole on the delivery of their son Gage Clyde Koepke on April 19. Gage weighed 6 lbs 8 oz and was 19 inches. Both mom and baby are doing fine. Gage, welcome to the FFAM family.



In closing, I would like to remind our brothers and sisters to remain safe out there especially with COVID-19 still going strong. If the FFAM can be of any assistance to you or your department, please contact us, we will be glad to help. Once things calm down and we can go back to normal, we will be glad to attend your events as well. I can be contacted at 660-229-4525 or by email at grant\_oetting@yahoo.com. Until next time, stay safe my brothers and sisters.

# FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL'S WIFE

By Judy Bean

Lately, I have been spending a lot of time looking out windows. The view from my window will be different than yours. Yet in this situation, we now find the “new normal” for our day-to-day lives. Our challenges seem to be quite the same. That vacation we had planned for June, the same one we have taken the last thirteen years now suddenly will not be happening. The week in August we usually have the grandchildren, may or may not happen. Will the coronavirus attack me and my loved ones? There is a nervous energy brewing of things to come or not. Life has suddenly become a very solid fragile.

But wasn't it always? Our first responders live it every day, not just during the COVID-19 days. Maybe, just maybe we are all getting an amazing blessing at the same time, to remember that nothing is certain or “a given” in this life of ever-changing circumstances.

Time doesn't change. It just keeps ticking into the next twenty-four-hour day. The same sixty minutes are in the same hours and the same sixty seconds are in the same minutes.

Yet, circumstances within each twenty-four-hour day have certainly changed for all of us the last two months. Tim and I have not been going to fun spring events, graduations, retirements, or Walmart. We aren't looking ahead to make plans since every day seems a new challenge to overcome the fear of getting groceries.

Time doesn't change. We change. We grow older. We fall in and out of love. We adopt pets. We have children. We buy new cars and new houses. We deal with emergencies and tragedies. We learn new jobs and languages. We have babies. We bury loved ones and we learn how to navigate Zoom. We, humans, are always in a time situation and the constant is our ever-changing situation in time.

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Our existence depends on time. A time to reap. A time to sew. Time to use thyme in that recipe you pulled up from long ago. Yep, I have also been doing a lot of cooking and rhyming while looking out the view from my window. It appears self-entertainment is on the rise when not studying Facebook or dancing to TikTok,

all of which are very non-essential to some of us.

That said, there are many essential things we need every day. Here's to the essential workers that give every day so that we may continue our “normal” day-to-day lives. Blessings and stay safe.





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## RESPONDERS FOUNDATION SUPPORT

**By National Volunteer Fire Council**

**F**irst Responders Children's Foundation is providing support to first responders, including volunteer firefighters and EMS providers, who are experiencing hardship as a result of COVID-19. The Foundation is a Regional Partner of the "One World: Together at Home" concert and was also featured in the "Fox Presents iHeart Living Room Concert for America."

To help first responder families impacted by COVID-19, the Foundation is offering the following assistance:

- Grants for first responders who have experienced financial hardship caused by COVID-19
- Funeral expenses for first responders who have died from COVID-19
- Community grants to public safety agencies affected by COVID-19
- College scholarships for children of first responders who have died or are disabled

In addition to the financial support programs, the Foundation has released two PSAs thanking first responders and raising awareness about how they protect our communities. The Foundation will continue to produce PSAs and content from the front lines of the pandemic. They are asking first responders to post pictures and videos from the front lines and for civilians to share messages of appreciation using the hashtag #FirstRespondersStrong.

In recent weeks, the Foundation has raised money for its COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund through generous donations from individuals and companies. As COVID-19 continues to infect communities across the nation, the need for grants within the first responder community continues to grow, and the Foundation has set a fundraising goal of \$200 million to meet the projected needs of first responders.

"The Foundation has been receiving grant applications for financial assistance from first responders across this nation," said Jillian Crane, president of First Responders Children's Foundation. "Through generous donations, the Foundation has helped first responder families cover bills including when a spouse has lost a job, unexpected child-care costs, temporary housing, and sadly, funerals."

Donors to the fund include Allstate Foundation, Catalyst Pharmaceuticals, Cisco, CSX, E&J Gallo, Fox, Motorola Solutions Foundation, Perry Ellis, PricewaterhouseCoopers, P&G, The Rite Aid Foundation, Ryan's World, and Ryan Seacrest.

First responders can apply for grants by completing the application on the Foundation's web site at [1stRCF.org](http://1stRCF.org). Applications will be reviewed expeditiously. Grant applications are also available on the web site for first responder agencies seeking financial support for COVID-19 related emergency response.

### **ABOUT FIRST RESPONDERS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**

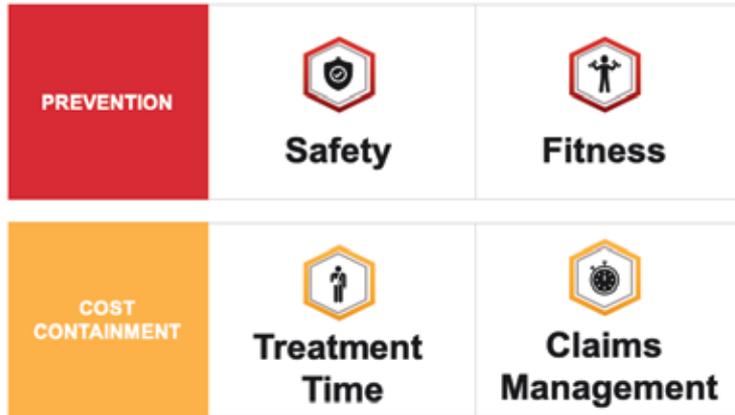
For the past 20 years, First Responders Children's Foundation has been providing college scholarships to children of first responders who have lost a parent in the line of duty. The Foundation also awards grants to families enduring significant financial hardship and supports programs operated by law enforcement organizations whose purpose is to benefit children or the community in which they live. The Foundation's annual Thanksgiving Day Parade breakfast hosts children and family members of those lost in the line of duty for a free breakfast and front-row view of the Parade so those families can gather and heal during what might otherwise be a stressful holiday. More information can be found at [www.1stref.org](http://www.1stref.org).



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# MDC/DFS WORKERS COMPENSATION GRANT

By Ben Webster, Missouri Department of Conservation Wildland Fire Program Supervisor

The application process for the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) / Division of Fire Safety (DFS) Workers Compensation Grant closed on March 31. I would like to provide some information that you could reference as needed. The grant announcement letter and applications were mailed out to eligible fire departments during the first week of December 2019. The mailing roster was developed by using the DFS, Fire Marshal's roster of registered fire departments for the calendar year of 2019.

There were 161 volunteer fire departments (VFD) that met the criteria to be eligible for this grant. Below is the criteria to be eligible:

- VFD's must have a signed, current/updated Mutual Aid Agreement with MDC.
- VFD's must have an approved DFS registration and/or appear on the DFS roster of registered fire departments.
- VFD's must report within MDC's online wildfire reporting application and to the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS).
- VFD's must be a 100% volunteer member base.
- VFD's must be TAG, subscription, or privately funded. Any departments receiving funds from taxes are not eligible.

- VFD must remain on DFS's roster of registered fire departments. If DFS registration lapses through the grant time period, the VFD will no longer be eligible for this grant funding.

We were successful at picking up a couple of fire departments that had let their registration lapse. In total, we only received 48 applications. 29% of eligible VFD's applied for funding. One applicant will not be funded as they are a "paid per call" VFD so they do not meet the 100% volunteer requirement. I am still working with five of the applicants to clarify the details of their applications. Forty-two of the applicants have received grant funding award letters.

The grant began with an allotment of \$250,000 from the MDC commission. As the interest in the grant and the number of applicants was not what we had originally thought it would be, the funding was reduced to \$100,000 and remained at this number for the duration of the grant.

Due to the varying worker's compensation policy renewal dates of the awarded applicants, some will receive funding starting in FY20. Some will not start receiving funding until FY 21. This means that MDC has committed funding to these fire departments through FY23. To help gain interest in the grant, it was

agreed that once a VFD was awarded funding, they would receive the funding for three consecutive years. Each VFD awarded funding will receive a maximum of \$6,000 (\$2,000/year) from MDC to help with the cost of workers comp insurance for their active members.

The planned budget for FY20 is \$100,000. FY21, FY22, and FY23 will be decided once we get through the reimbursement process for FY20. At that point, I will be able to reduce the funding requested for FY21, FY22, and FY23.

With the funding awarded to forty-seven volunteer fire departments, we have assisted in providing workers compensation for 928 of Missouri's volunteer firefighters.

## VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AWARDED FUNDING BY COUNTY

Camden .....	1
Chariton .....	1
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Dent/Shannon .....	1
Douglas .....	3
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Hickory .....	2
Howell .....	2
Knox .....	1
Livingston .....	2
Madison .....	1
McDonald/Newton.....	1
Osage .....	2
Ozark .....	2
Ozark/Douglas .....	1
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Pike .....	1
Polk .....	1
Ripley .....	3
Schuyler .....	1
Shannon .....	2
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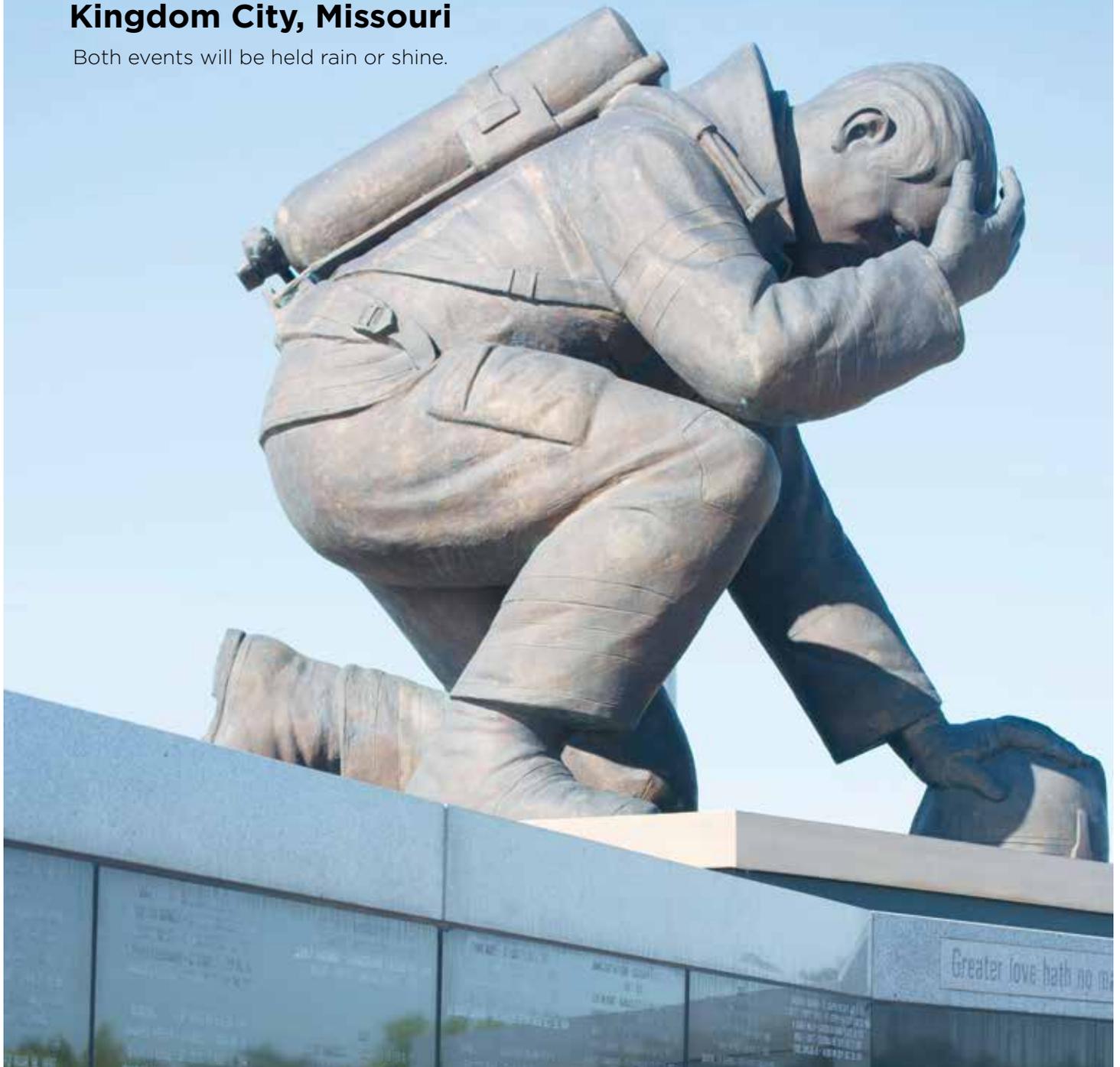
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# TWENTY SAFETY RULES FOR A DEMANDING TIME

By Mark Woodward, Senior Safety and Risk Trainer, Missouri Employers Mutual

With each new year, we traditionally discuss setting goals for zero injuries and incidents within our fire departments. But 2020 immediately brought us COVID-19, taking much of our time and effort for planning and preparation. Fire crews can still take advantage of the remaining months in 2020 to keep crews free from injury. This article lists twenty important safety rules every volunteer fire department and firefighter should follow.

## AT THE STATION

1. Have you reviewed the department safety plan with your members lately? Does the fire department have policies or procedures that require an update? Please make sure all members read through and sign your written safety expectations.
2. Report for duty-free from the after-effects of alcohol, illicit drugs, or illegally used prescription medication. Members should never respond after they've consumed alcohol.
3. Encourage volunteers to report injuries in writing before leaving the station. Contact your worker's compensation carrier within 24 hours to report any injuries.
4. New members require extra attention. Injury statistics show that new hire injuries represent roughly 40% of worker's compensation claims.
5. Tidy up walking and working surfaces. Wet floors, cluttered areas, and extension cords cause costly slips, trips, and falls.
6. Storerooms, supply shelving, and equipment on the truck should be stored in a manner to prevent strain-sprain overexertion injuries. Jerking, yanking, and lifting of materials that are too heavy or stored incorrectly could cause a lasting orthopedic injury.

7. Inspect trucks weekly. Make sure bottles are filled, batteries are charged, and fuels are topped off.
8. Personal protective equipment must be clean, stored correctly, and ready for immediate use. Don't forget hearing protection, work gloves, and medical gloves, eye protection, and respirators.
9. Drivers and riders of the fire apparatus must be seated and belted when in motion. This includes personally owned vehicles used for department use. Don't forget side-by-side (UTV) type vehicles also require seat belt use. Don't ride in the back of brush trucks unless you're restrained and protected from rollover and ejection.
10. Drive with due regard. Keep vehicle speeds safe, scan the roadway ahead for problems, and be ready for off-road (overcorrection) incidents. Minimize distractions while driving and keep your mind on driving apparatus safely.

## WHEN ON THE SCENE

1. Fire chiefs and other ranking members must make sure firefighters are following safety procedures. Address unsafe behaviors immediately and lead by example. Safety culture is created and grown when top management leads by example.
2. Evaluate each scene for hazards that could result in a firefighter injury. These include overhead power lines, traffic, and fall hazards. Remember to use universal precautions when treating any patient.
3. Wear personal protective equipment. Jeans, tennis shoes, and t-shirts are not appropriate at any fire or rescue scene. Wear protective equipment when providing patient care.

4. Arrive safe and let Incident Command know when you've arrived. Never freelance on fire scenes, instead work as a team.
5. When operating along a roadway, protect members and ambulance crews with proper work zone setup and high-visibility apparel. A distracted, confused, or drunk driver could inadvertently enter your incident scene.
6. Use ladders correctly and safely. Ladder falls are a top cause of injury. Prevent ladder kick-out and tip-over. Don't over-reach in using a ladder.
7. To prevent falls at night, use plenty of flashlights and scene lighting.
8. Back trucks safely. Back only at walking speed and use a spotter. Make sure backup alarms function and use your horn before backing.
9. Gallons per minute (GPM) kill the fire and keep attack firefighters safe. Deploy the correct lines with high gallonage rates. Don't use under-sized lines for vehicle or structure fires. Know how to connect large-flow hydrant supply lines or request plenty of additional tankers.
10. Scan for overhead power lines before erecting any ladders or aerial devices. Scan the area for downed overhead entrances or other live lines.

We greatly appreciate our volunteers! Thank you for working safely! Find more safety resources from Missouri Employers Mutual at [www.mem-ins.com](http://www.mem-ins.com)



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**W**ow! What a change of events for all of us. At this time we would normally be talking about the great time we all had at the convention, the old friends we visited with, and the new relationships that we developed. Amazing how one virus and all the associated onslaught of under and overreactions can completely change the course of well-placed plans. My thanks to the folks in Kearney for taking the steps to postpone the convention in the best interest of maintaining a unified front to our members and our communities that we follow the guidelines we preach to the public. I guess we will see everyone in July, at least at this point. Speaking of being unified, let's talk a bit about unity. I take pride in the fact that during my various time spent working in law enforcement and the fire service both professions are a place of unity.

We always talk about both professions individually being a "family" and we are normally unified in our concerns and

**"Wouldn't it be a bit mind-boggling to see what we can accomplish as public servants if we could stay on a unified approach each day?"**

goals. Where I sometimes see a bit of a speed bump is the lack of unity between some law enforcement and some fire service agencies or even just between fire service agencies. I can remember the "good ole days" when most law enforcement and fire people spent time together and truly were unified in our efforts to serve the public and take care of each other. Time and life demands have changed and we don't always see

the same level of interaction we once did. In more recent times I have read and heard the horror stories of fire personnel being arrested on scenes by law enforcement and law enforcement officers being assaulted by fire service people, and a few cases of fire people assaulting fire people.

Unfortunately, these types of activities that generally become headlines on the local and national news do not speak well for our unity on a public stage. I would think it would be hard to embrace calling for law enforcement or fire assistance as a member of the public if the 6 o'clock news keeps telling us how the two professions on that local level cannot work together. These types of activities continue to deteriorate working relationships long after the event is "over" and can pretty well cripple everyone's attempt at providing our public and each other a quality product.

What is amazing to see however is how quickly the fire service, law enforcement, and the two professions combined can become a unified group when something major takes place.

Throw in a responder's death, pandemic, mass shooting, or other similar occurrence and suddenly everyone wants to get along and work together. This observation is not just looking at the two professions but also looking at each profession individually. On a day to day basis, we sometimes struggle to find the middle ground from department to department but throw in

the calamity and we suddenly are ok with each other. Wouldn't it be a bit mind-boggling to see what we can accomplish as public servants if we could stay on a unified approach each day? Imagine a world where career fire agencies don't belittle the volunteer agencies or work against their best interest. Imagine a world where the volunteer agencies don't refuse to ask for help from the career agencies because they fear they will be "overrun".

Imagine a world where law enforcement and the fire service shared mutual knowledge and training and became unified in the approach to the many shared incidents. Why should it take an internal loss, a pandemic or some other major event to force all of us into being unified?

With this in mind let me ask you a question, what have you done to become or remain unified within your agency, with the other agencies in your area or across the various disciplines of emergency service providers? Have you reached out to your counterparts in that career or volunteer agency to see how you can mutually benefit each other? At the risk of starting a debate, I will share a line I have used for years when speaking with the public or industry groups, "Fire has no knowledge if the person attacking it is career or volunteer so all must be adequately trained and prepared for the battle." If your department has certain amenities like a training tower or training center do you ever reach out and make those facilities available to those in the area that don't have them available? If you don't have these things do you ever reach out and ask your neighbors if the use of theirs would be possible?

For those of you that may not enjoy a close relationship with the law enforcement in your area, when was the last time you reached out and included them in some planning or training or just general knowledge or events? If we believe deep down that we are all "family" then wouldn't it be appropriate to invite all of the family to be involved? We all should be working toward a common goal so why not be unified in our approach daily instead of just when a major event takes place.

If we don't step up and "reach across the aisle" to get unified where do you see the future of our respective industries? Again, not to start a heated debate, but when you look at today's national political scene by the people who supposedly represent and have the best interest of the citizens in mind do you see very much unity? It would appear that more and more division has taken place and the actual beneficial work product has lessened.



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Throw in a major event like a pandemic and suddenly most want to work together. Wouldn't it be nice if this happened every day? Now move the national level concept to our local agency level and just imagine what can be accomplished daily on a local or even regional level if we worked a bit harder at approaching our responsibilities with a focus on unity. Unity across our profession starts with YOU! Pay attention to what is going on around you and take the necessary steps to bridge the gaps and bring things together, internally in your agency or with your neighbors and other emergency service disciplines. Let's not wait for the next large scale event to figure out how to work together in a unified manner to provide the highest quality product to ourselves and those we protect.

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## By National Volunteer Fire Council

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is working to help volunteer firefighters, EMS providers, and rescue workers who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These volunteers are on the front lines helping their communities every day. A donation to the NVFC's Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund goes directly to help these responders in their time of need.

Emergency responders answer the call whenever disaster strikes, yet often they are the victims of the same disasters they are responding to. Since 2005, the Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund has helped these responders by providing a stipend to enable them to meet basic needs in the aftermath of a disaster. The fund already assists eligible volunteers whose homes have been damaged or destroyed due to a state or federally declared disaster or a home fire. Now the fund has been expanded to include volunteers who have suffered the loss of a job or wages due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Eligible firefighters and EMS providers can apply for a one-time stipend of \$350 to help them meet basic needs if they have suffered an involuntary loss of wages in excess of \$500 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, over 400 applications for assistance have been received. The Support Fund relies entirely on donations from individuals and companies to be able to provide this assistance, and stipends can only be provided as funds allow. The NVFC donates all administrative costs, so 100% of donations go directly to help volunteer responders in need.

Help us continue to provide this vital assistance. Donate through the NVFC's GoFundMe page, or contribute through our web site and select "SupportFund" as your donation type. Learn more about the Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund at [www.nvfc.org/supportfund](http://www.nvfc.org/supportfund).

# CLINTON APPOINTS NEW FIRE CHIEF

## By City of Clinton Fire Department

Mayor Greg Lowe and the Clinton City Council are pleased to announce that Deputy Fire Chief Mark Manuel has been named Chief of the Clinton Fire Department (CFD).

Chief Manuel began his 27 years of service with the CFD as a volunteer firefighter in March 1993. He became a career firefighter in October 1995. Since that time, Chief Manuel has served in every position at the CFD. He was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief in October 2017, being named Interim Fire Chief in December 2019, upon the retirement of Chief Leo Huff.

As Deputy Fire Chief, one of the many responsibilities assumed by Manuel was the administration of the CFD training program. Under his leadership, the CFD recently attained full compliance with ISO training requirements, for the first time.

Chief Manuel holds several certifications from the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, such as Fire Investigator, Fire Service Instructor, and Hazardous Materials Operations. He has completed additional training in a variety of areas, such as Managing the Complex Incident, Vehicle Rescue Instructor and Leadership Based on Values.

Chief Manuel will also serve as the Clinton Emergency Management Director (EMD). He has attained the required



**Mark Manuel named Chief of the Clinton Fire Department**

National Incident Management System (NIMS) certifications for his position. Also, Chief Manuel currently serves on the Henry County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and represents Clinton on the Regional Homeland Security Oversight Committee.

Chief Manuel has been an active member of the City of Clinton Employee Safety Team. His commitment to safety and his specialized training for Advanced Chain Saw Operations and Developing and Maintaining a Training Program has proven beneficial to multiple city departments.

Chief Manuel is a life-long resident of Clinton, graduating from Clinton High School. He and wife Theresa are the parents of two teenage daughters, Gracie and Lillian. His parents, Judy and Bob Manuel, also reside in Clinton.



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# NEW DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

By City of Clinton Fire Department



**Matt Willings named Deputy Fire Chief of the Clinton Fire Department.**

The Clinton Fire Department is pleased to announce that Lieutenant Matt Willings has been named Deputy Fire Chief of the Clinton Fire Department.

Deputy Chief Willings began his career with the Clinton Fire Department in February of 2006. Since that time, Chief Willings has worked his way through the ranks of the Clinton Fire Department serving for the last four years as a Lieutenant. Deputy Chief Willings holds several certifications from the Missouri Division of Fire Safety. Several of these pertain directly to his new position such as Fire Service Instructor II, Live Fire Instructor, Fire Investigator and he is currently in the process of obtaining his EMT National Registry.

Deputy Chief Willings is a long time resident of Clinton. He and his wife



Melissa are parents of three sons, Wesley, a 2019 graduate of Clinton High School, currently attending State Fair Community College, Hunter, a Freshman at Clinton High School, and Owen, a second-grader at Henry Elementary. Chief Manuel and the Clinton Fire Department are excited about what the future holds for the CFD as Deputy Chief Willings steps into his new role.

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# CONVENTION RESCHEDULED

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## FFAM

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## Training Will Be Available At Convention

### Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training

July 10 • 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This workshop will provide the necessary training and education required for newly appointed fire district board members under Missouri state law. The Missouri Association of Fire Protection Districts has developed the curriculum used in this class to assist new board members in understanding legal liabilities and personal obligations of their position. Topics include: authority of the board, responsibilities, rules, laws of elected boards, elections, and how to preside at a meeting.

To Register Email MU FRTI at  
[firti@missouri.edu](mailto:firti@missouri.edu)

### Utility Emergencies

July 10

This class will provide an overview to first responders on how to handle emergencies involving electricity and gas lines. The class will be presented by representatives from Platte-Clay Electric and representatives from the local pipeline. Platte-Clay Electric will be providing information on how to respond to an electrical emergency to ensure the safety of the first responders and the general public. They will also cover the topic of solar power and the dangers associated with it for first responders. The representatives from the local pipeline will provide an overview of how to handle an emergency involving the pipeline. Included in their presentation will be a question and answer roundtable based on scenarios they present. This class will provide the first responder with useful information to use when responding to incidents involving local utilities.

To Register Contact Bobby Higgins at  
[bhiggins@kearneyfire.org](mailto:bhiggins@kearneyfire.org) or 816-797-2704

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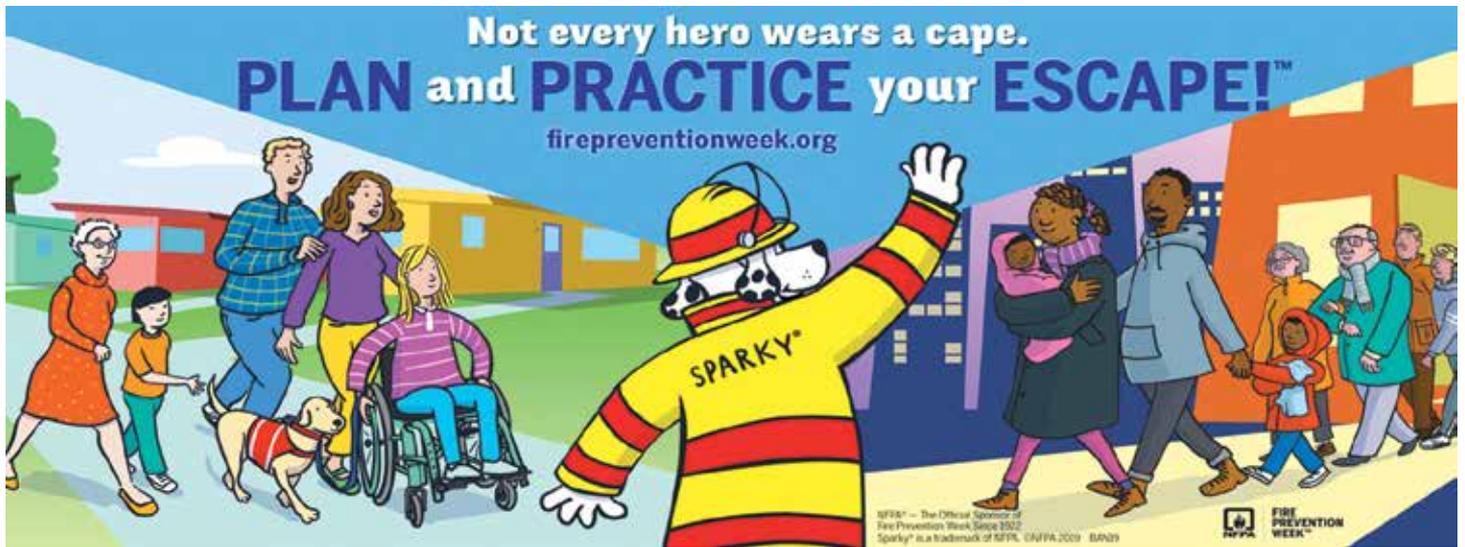
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## ENTER THE FFAM FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

### POSTER CONTEST RULES

1. The Poster Contest should be conducted by an 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 the 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, parent/guardian phone number, 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 posters will be based upon:
  - a. Presentation of the fire prevention theme (75%)
  - b. Artistic attributes (25%)
10. All posters must be submitted to the fire prevention committee no later than 7:00 p.m. on the evening of the opening ceremonies of the annual FFAM Convention.
11. The judges of the poster contest will be determined by the fire prevention committee.
12. The first-place winners from each division will be announced during the Convention Banquet.

### ATTACH ENTRY FORM TO BACK OF POSTER

Artist Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: Zip: _____ Grade: _____	School: _____ County: _____ Sponsoring Agency: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____
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**Download the complete rules for the poster contest at:**

**<https://ffam.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Printable-Version-05-2016.pdf>**

# CONTEST RESCHEDULED

By Gary Berendzen

Because of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the 2020 Convention was rescheduled to July 10-12, 2020. The convention contest will be held Saturday, July 11 at 8:00 a.m. The contest committee would like to invite all teams to participate. All team members need to be members of the FFAM or auxiliary and you must be registered for the convention. All information can be found on [ffam.org](http://ffam.org) under contest.

To compete in the contest, you need to submit a registration and signed release form for each team. These forms can be found in this newsletter and online. The deadline to submit these forms is Wednesday, July 8, 2020. The contest registrations and signed release forms can be e-mailed or mailed to me at any time, no need to wait until the last minute. We need time to resolve membership issues and for the committee to get the brackets and competition evolutions setup.

We would like to invite all director and assistant directors that are not competing in the games and would like to help assist with the judging or other such duties are welcome. It takes a lot of people to keep things running in a timely manner. We will meet at 7:00 a.m. on the contest grounds Saturday morning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time at 573-680-2452 or [gberendzen@ccfpd.net](mailto:gberendzen@ccfpd.net) or any contest committee member.



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# KNOB NOSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT BIRTHDAY PARADES



On the first of April, the Knob Noster Fire Department (KNFD) found that due to the modified EMS responses for first responders in our area and because of the COVID-19 virus, that we were becoming disconnected from the citizens of our community.

So in observing what other departments across the nation were doing to stay connected with their communities but still practicing social distancing, KNFD decided that like our motto “Being There” states, we needed to be there for our community. We began birthday drive-bys throughout the city to brighten some of those little one’s days. We have also embarrassed a few 2020 seniors due to their parents asking them to be wished happy birthday at work. To date, KNFD has made ten birthday parades, including our very own Assistant Chief Ben Fundaburg.

KNFD would also like to thank Johnson County Ambulance Service for assisting with these birthday parades, their support is always appreciated. Hopefully, everyone is doing their part during these trying times by staying home whenever possible, washing your hands frequently, and practicing social distancing! Stay healthy and be safe!



## CHILLICOTHE STAY STRONG PARADE



With the recent stay at home order by the Governor, the City of Chillicothe was promoting a stay strong parade for the citizen of Chillicothe on April 6. This included the Chillicothe Fire Department, Chillicothe Police Department, Parks Department, Street Department, and the Mayor. There were 12 vehicles included and covered every ward and went by every nursing home. We wanted everyone to keep up their social distancing and asked them to stay either on their porch or in their yards as we went up and down the streets.

## GUDE RETIRES FROM HOLDEN FIRE AND RESCUE



**Chief Michael Guddé Retires After 40 Years.**



**Andrew Watkins is Promoted to Chief.**

Holden Fire and Rescue would like to announce the Retirement of Chief Michael Guddé. Chief Guddé has served Holden Fire and the Holden Community for forty years. We wish him the best in his future endeavors. Battalion Chief Andrew Watkins has been promoted to Chief as of April 1, 2020. Chief Watkins has been on Holden Fire for over ten years and will bring a lot to the Department and the Community. Congratulations to both!



# History's CORNER

## MANY FIRE TRUCKS HAVE MORE THAN ONE HOME

By Bill Westhoff

In the last newsletter, my article featured several apparatus that had more than one life and a couple that had more than one home. It should be apparent to even the casual reader of my history articles that fire apparatus, old and new, fascinate me. It goes without saying, the folks that operated the apparatus equally enamor me. One isn't effective without the other.

Over the last month or two, it seems that we have all had some extra time on our hands. So, in a normal red-blooded American style, I have turned to Facebook for entertainment. I only have a page because my grandkids shamed me into having one but recently I have found fire truck sites that have saved my sanity.

One of these is the Towers Fire Apparatus Historical Society - Freeburg, IL. I found a few apparatus photos there and got hooked into a complete article about my involvement with Towers. Which goes back to when I was about ten years old.

Thanks to Mike Yurjec from the Towers Society, we know this was Towers order #1673 and ordered on April 23, 1979, and

delivered on October 9, 1980. Just in time for Fire Prevention Week. It has a 1,000 GPM Hale pump and a 700-gallon booster tank built on a C8000 Ford Chassis. The first picture in the article is the delivery photo when the rig was new. The second reflects some change in graphics and indicates its home in Clifton City.

After I posted the picture of this rig I got a reply from Ricky Newell. A long time firefighter at station two with BCFPD. He thought it went to Tipton Fire Department before it ended up in Clifton City.

Terry Spoor also weighed in about the truck. Terry is one of those many fire service success stories that started at Boone County and has had a life long career in the fire business. He remembered 501 being kind of sluggish because of the 3208 Cat engine and automatic transmission.

I didn't think it was particularly slow the day I was following it down Prathersville Road when my son Doug was driving it to a call. He let the right rear duals slide off the pavement into the ditch and I

about had heart failure before he got it corrected and back on the road. All is well that ends well!

Doug also told me that he was sure he saw this rig next to a fire station about a year ago stripped of most of its equipment. The station was around Sedalia, which is the Clifton City area. That is a fairly good indication that the life of 501 has come to an end.

My reference in the caption about calling this rig "rescue engine 501" involves another student transplant to the University of Missouri from the Kansas City area who ended up with a stellar fire career as a result of having a BCFPD membership. Rob Brown and Terry Spoor were station residents and involved in the EMS movement around this time in the fire service. Most of these younger than me guys were on my case to start calling our engine companies "rescue engines," because of our increasing involvement in EMS and rescue activities.

One Sunday morning when these dudes thought I was out of town they came on the air with "Rescue engine 501 on the air for district training." Before joint communication could answer them, I asked them for their location. They spent the rest of the day dreading that I would find them. All these dedicated young, enthusiastic individuals always made the organization better.

When this apparatus was built in 1979 it included an exclusive feature designed and invented by Mr. Eugene Towers in the 1940s and is used on literally hundreds of fire trucks. The company called it the "console pump panel." Most everyone I knew called it the "soda fountain" pump panel and it allowed the operator to control everything from one spot.



The Boone County Fire Protection District (BCFPD) purchased this unit from Towers Fire Apparatus Company in Freeburg, IL. It spent most of its life as Engine 501 or as some folk's called it, maybe once, "rescue engine 501." Station five is north of Columbia and serves the Prathersville area.



With some graphics modifications and a lot more miles, BCFPD engine 501 becomes engine 611 of the Clifton City MO Volunteer Fire Department.

**AN INTERESTING RIDE TO FREEBURG**

This fire truck saga removes us from Boone County for a while and takes us back to my hometown of O’Fallon and another Towers rig. The town fathers decided after the war that the 1927 Chevy front mount pumper needed to be replaced. So they purchased a new red 1948 Chevy one-ton cab and chassis to replace it and proceeded to build a replacement fire truck.

Since my Dad was the fire chief he elected to take the truck to Towers to have a front-mounted 500 GPM pump installed. I think a Barton American from Battle Creek, Michigan, along with a roof-mounted ladder rack, a fancy Federal red light/siren

combination, and two spotlights with head knocking controls in the cab.

Interestingly enough the siren switch for the mechanical siren was a floor dimmer switch normally used to dim lights. The real unique feature was the location of the switch. It was mounted in the lid of the ashtray in the middle of the dash. When I asked about it I was told being mounted there allowed either the driver or passenger to sound the siren. Later my Dad allowed me to use my “sign painting” skills to letter the word “Siren” above the switch.

So I was about 10 years old and ended up being “cab freight” for the couple



My first experience with a Towers fire truck was with the closed cab unit on the right in this photo. It also has had more than one home but was born in my hometown and is a 1948 Chevy one-ton converted to a fire truck. Note the top-mounted ladder rack.

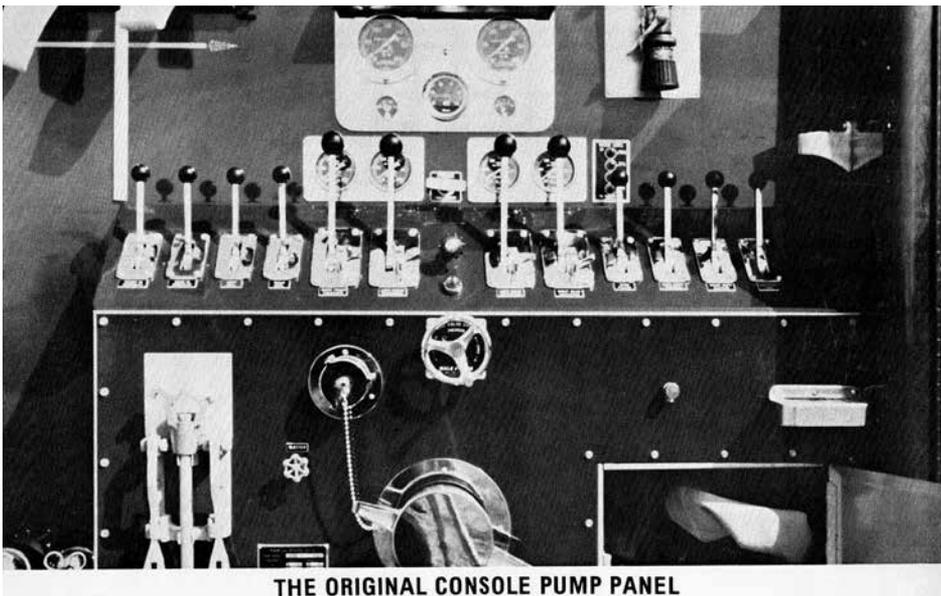
hour ride from O’Fallon, Missouri, to Freeburg, Illinois, in a truck with no bed and very little suspension.

When we got to Freeburg we met Mr. Towers downtown and I remember huge barn-like doors being opened so the rig could be driven into the shop. My first but not last meeting with the jovial Mr. Fire Truck!

I had several opportunities to drive the ’48 but don’t think I was ever allowed to drive it to a fire. It was a strange little critter because it had no booster tank so it was second due in town to support the 42’ GMC/Central and to cover the town when the GMC left for an out of town call or mutual aid.

It was eventually either given or sold to Silex, Missouri, and the very bold double shaded beautiful Towers old English lettering on the hood was changed to “SILEX FD.” Silex is in Lincoln County and now part of the Northwest Fire District.

For years after the “48” left Silex, it sat in a row of traded-in apparatus at Firemaster in Springfield when they were located on the interstate. When they moved to their present location in town, most of that used inventory disappeared. For years I kidded Gerald Shelton and his wife Carol, the owners of Firemaster that I was going to purchase that truck and restore it!



THE ORIGINAL CONSOLE PUMP PANEL

About a year before Gerald passed away I was again on his case about getting rid of “my” truck and he took me to a shop building east of Springfield and showed that he had retained it for his collection. It was just the cab and chassis with no hood, pump, or any equipment. I opened the door to look inside the cab and there was the siren switch with my lettering above it.

Needless to say, neither one of us had the opportunity to do any restoration to our favorite 1948 truck.

### **OTHER TOWERS APPARATUS FOR BOONE COUNTY**

This unit number at Boone County was E 901 and primarily served the Midway area west of Columbia from station nine. The station is on old highway 40 adjacent to I-70 and is called Midway because it was believed to be halfway between Kansas City and St. Louis on US highway 40.



Sometime in 1971 three new Towers rigs rolled into Boone County, MO after voters approved a tax-supported fire district to be formed with an election on July 11, 1970.

Another design note is the pump panel on the passenger side of the rig to protect the pump operator while working the interstate. Subconsciously, I think the rig ended up with an overhead ladder rack because of the same rack being ordered on the '48 Chevy for O'Fallon thirty-two years before! Just sayin'.

### **AND A NEW FIRE DISTRICT IN 1970 HAS TRIPLETS**

Even though we are going back to 1970, no coverage of the interaction with the Tower's family and Boone County as well as my career would be complete without mentioning the first new apparatus ever purchased by BCFPD.



Boone County Fire District had this International Harvester chassis that had been a tanker. They had a Knapheide utility body installed and took it to Towers for completion. It was order #1687 on December 18, 1980, and was completed March 3, 1981. Towers installed a 300 GPM Hale PTO pump and a 500-gallon booster tank, overhead ladder rack, and finish paint and graphics.

On July 11, 1970, the good folks of the majority of Boone County voted to tax themselves to provide fire and rescue services, thus forming the largest fire district in the state.

Being the well-seasoned and all-knowing fire chief that I was at age thirty-one, the thought I had was to form a “truck committee” and also to call my friends at Towers for advice. Gary and Dale were Mr. Towers’ sons and had been involved in building hundreds of units for departments across several states.

In addition to being the Boone County Fire Chief, I made my living by being part of the staff of the University of Missouri Fire Training program.

Mr. Towers knew I had met and worked with lots of folks around the state and asked me on the phone if I knew anyone who could draw pictures of fire trucks. I figured out after a while that he meant he was looking for an engineer type with drafting skills to which I replied, “Have I got a deal for you!”

As a member of our truck committee, Grady North had already started on the specifications for our new engines. He was also about to graduate from the University of Missouri with an engineering degree. He was one of several individuals who came to Columbia for school who had previous experience with

their hometown department and were very valuable to BCFPD.

Grady became a Towers employee for years, then continued in design and sales for Crash Rescue Equipment Services in Dallas and retired from E1 Fire Equipment in Florida. Grady was one of several dozen individuals who started their fire career at BCFPD because they were MU students and continued as fire chiefs and industry leaders throughout the country. Mostly because of the station resident program, hundreds of MU students have served this department over the fifty years it has been operating.

The three International 4X4 750 GPM front mounts were assigned to BCFPD station one in Columbia, station two in Rocheport, and station three in Hallsville.

#### THE TOWERS FAMILY TRADITION

The Towers Fire Apparatus founder Mr. Gene Towers started building fire trucks in 1946 and the company produced thousands of units over three generations of family involvement. They terminated apparatus building in the late 1990s and continued in apparatus and equipment sales and became dealers for Rosenbauer apparatus.

I recently attended the Missouri Association of Fire Chief’s annual conference here in Branson at Big Cedar Lodge. I had lunch with Bill Franz, a



long time fire apparatus company owner from the St. Louis area, actually Arnold, Missouri. Bill told me that his company had acquired all of the Towers holdings.

His company is now known as Sentinel and operates out of Arnold and is a Rosenbauer dealer. Rosenbauer also provided the last twelve or so new rigs purchased by the BCFPD after voters approved the last of many bond issues over the fifty years of operation for apparatus replacements and improvements.

It’s a stretch but you might say that “Mr. Fire Truck” Towers still has a hand in the business.



Two examples of the twelve engines, tankers, and heavy rescues purchased by the Boone County Fire Protection District in their last apparatus acquisition. A far cry from the 1970 triplet IH/Towers rigs but just as proud that taxpayers continued to support the district with bond money for the entire fifty year history.

# DONALD ROBERT RUST

July 31, 1951 - April 4, 2020

Donald Robert Rust, age 68, son of Edgar and Majorie (Flowers) Rust was born July 31, 1951, in Houston MO. He passed away on April 4, 2020, at his home in Houston, MO.



Don is preceded in death by his mother. He is survived by his wife, Janet; two sons: Daren (Pattie), and David (Amanda) of Houston, MO; three grandchildren: Mackenzie, Madeline, and Jackson Rust of Houston, MO; his father, Edgar of Houston, MO; brother, Charles Rust of Licking, MO; and sister, Lesa Kinney of Houston, MO.

Don graduated from Houston High School in 1969. He attended college at Southwest Missouri State University and returned home to Houston. Don and Janet (Haney) were married on March 29, 1975, in Houston, MO. From this union, two sons were born.

In 1976, Don began his business, Rust Excavating, and with his sons, he served Texas County for 40 years. Don joined the Houston Fire Department in 1976. In 1983, he became the Fire Chief of the City of Houston. He dedicated a total of 38 years volunteering, serving, and protecting.

During those years, some of his greatest accomplishments included: replacing safety equipment, improved training, upgrading equipment, and to obtain better compensation for the volunteers. In 1992, Don started the Junior Fire Fighter Program. One achievement he was most proud of was the purchase of the Pierce Quint Ladder Truck in 2006, which contributed to the major reduction of Houston's ISO rating.

Don was dedicated to the community and served on various boards and committees. In 2007, he received the U.S. Presidential Service Award which recognizes volunteerism in the Fire Service.

Don included his two sons in all aspects of his life, from the family business to firefighting. Without fail, he always found the time to be involved with their individual interests, whether it be cheering on or coaching their various sports and activities.

Don's family devotion carried on to his grandchildren. He loved and cherished just spending time with them and he was always there to encourage and support them. Don will be greatly missed by his family and the community he served.

# GLENN R WEAVER

December 17, 1965 - April 20, 2020

Glenn R. Weaver, age 54 years, four months and three days, passed away, Monday, April 20, 2020, at his home. He was born December 17, 1965, in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, a son of Irvin B. and Emma M. (Reiff) Weaver. He was married to Kathryn Z. Kilmer on July 11, 1987, in Barnett, Missouri. He was preceded in death by his father.

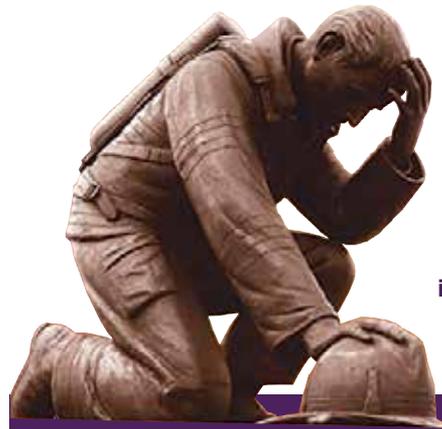
Survivors include his wife Kathryn Z. Weaver; his mother, Emma M. Weaver; six children, Carolyn Hoover and husband Owen of Versailles, Missouri, Shirley Zimmerman and husband Eldon of Arbela, Missouri, Joshua Weaver and wife Joni of Versailles, Missouri, Shawn Weaver and wife Pamela of Versailles, Missouri, Jason Weaver and wife Sharlene of Versailles, Missouri, Kaylee Zimmerman and husband Travis of Versailles, Missouri; twelve grandchildren; one brother, Gerald Weaver and wife Annetta of Versailles, Missouri; five sisters, Karen Kilmer and husband Orvie of Clarksburg, Missouri, Joyce Ramer and husband Russell of Russellville, Missouri, Janice Zimmerman and husband Edward of Fortuna, Missouri, Rosanne Kilmer and husband Daniel of Barnett, Missouri, and Norma Ramer and husband John of Russellville, Missouri, and many other relatives and friends.

When Glenn was twelve, he moved with his family to the Versailles community where he spent his life as a farmer. He was a member of the North Ozark Mennonite Church in Versailles. Glenn also drove a school bus and volunteered for the Versailles Fire Department and Versailles Rural Fire District.

He enjoyed spending time at the lake fishing and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

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**2-Day Event • Friday and Saturday • October 23-24, 2020**

**Regalia Resort and Conference Center, Osage Beach, MO**

Registration includes Friday and Saturday National Honor Guard Academy training, Friday lunch, Saturday breakfast and lunch, Saturday night banquet, refreshments, handouts, and more.

Early Bird Registration: **April 1, 2020 – September 1, 2020**

Missouri Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement Funeral Team Members: **\$200**

Other Honor Guards/Individuals: **\$250**

After September 1, 2020: **\$300**

Registration Open: **April 1, 2020 – October 1, 2020**

Registration: **[mopublicsafetyweekend.org](http://mopublicsafetyweekend.org)**

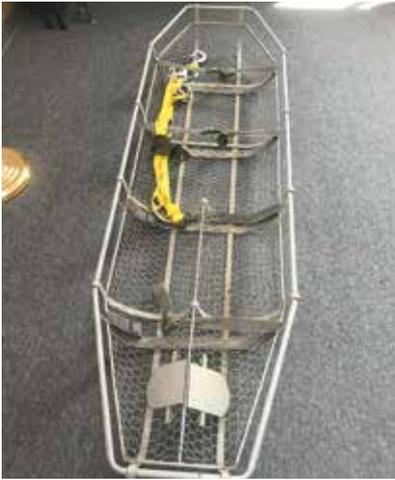
### **LODGING:**

The Regalia Hotel and Conference Center has set aside a block of rooms for the conference. Use code **"EMS"** to receive the discounted price of **\$89** per night. This price is good for Thursday, October 22 through Saturday, October 24. The reservation discount deadline is October 1, 2020. The regular room rate is \$139 per night. Reserve online at [www.theregaliahotel.com](http://www.theregaliahotel.com).



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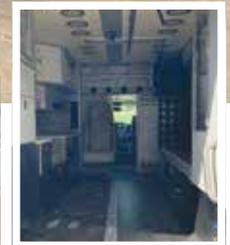
### SMEAL 75' AERIAL FOR SALE

2007 Spartan Gladiator, Smeal C-302-CC-75AL, 75' Aerial with 218 Hours, 93,904 Miles, 8034 Engine Hours, 6 Cab Seats, 3 SCBA Seats, Cummins 500 HP Diesel, Allison Auto Transmission, Hale 1500 GPM Pump, 400 Gallon Tank, 12 Gallon Foam, 8KW Hydraulic Generator w/ 737 Hours. Asking \$175,000. Please contact the Lake Ozark Fire Protection District office at 573-365-3380 or email Chief Amsinger at [mamsinger@lofpd.com](mailto:mamsinger@lofpd.com).



### 2000 FORD 4 X 4 F-350 OSAGE

147,522 miles, tires at 80%, LT235/85/R16E, On-spot Chains, 7.3 Powerstroke Diesel, Available mid-late May, GVWR 12,500, GAWR FRT 5,200, GAWR RR 9,750. Minimum bid \$5,000



### 2009 GMC 4500 OSAGE

132,000 miles, tires at 85%, 225/70R19.5, GVWR 17,500, GAWR FRT 7,000, GAWR RR 13,500, backup camera, refrigerator, on-spot chains, new front brakes and rotors, new tie rods and kingpins, new front shocks, new batteries, new rear springs, new rear tires, new diesel particulate filter, available immediately. Minimum bid \$10,000

The Lake Ozark Fire Protection District has declared two ambulances as surplus. Both are "as is" and the Ford will be available in May, the GMC is available immediately. Bids are due by noon on May 21, 2020. For questions on either one of the trucks please contact the district office at 573-365-3380.

The Jefferson County Firefighters Association  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL**

# Jeffco Fire Engine Rally



**Saturday - September 26, 2020**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Herculaneum City Park**  
**776 Joachim Avenue**  
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**APPARATUS PARADE - 9:00 AM**

**ANTIQUE AND MODERN FIRE APPARATUS • EMS VEHICLES**  
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**KEARNEY, MISSOURI**



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

*\*Shuttle service will be provided to and from evening activities\**

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Friday, July 10</b>			
8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training	Kearney High School
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	Vendor Set-Up	Kearney High School
12:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Convention Registration and Vendor Exposition Open	Kearney High School
1:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	Training Classes	Kearney High School
6:00 p.m.	6:45 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	Kearney High School
7:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	Dinner and Social Mixer <i>*Food and drinks provided</i>	Annunciation Center
<b>Saturday, July 11</b>			
8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	Fire Fighters Contest	Kearney High School
8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	Registration and Vendor Exposition Open	Kearney High School
8:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.	Firetruck Show and Family Activities	Kearney High School
5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Social Hour	Kearney High School
6:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	Banquet and Awards Ceremony	Kearney High School
9:00 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	Dance <i>*Snacks and drinks provided</i>	Annunciation Center
<b>Sunday, July 12</b>			
9:00 a.m.		FFAM Business Meeting and Auxiliary Meeting	Kearney High School
		Closing Ceremony Immediately Following Meetings	
<i>*Shuttle service will be provided to and from evening activities*</i>			

**LODGING**

The following properties are currently accepting reservations. Be sure to mention you are reserving for the FFAM Convention.

**Quality Inn (816) 628-5000**

**Econo Lodge (816) 628-5111**

**Sure Stay Plus (816) 628-6800**

**Holiday Inn (816)635-1066**

**Comfort Inn (816) 628-2288**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE**

**FFAM2020.EVENTBRIGHT.COM**

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

One Form Per Person

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Register by June 15, to receive a free t-shirt. Registrations received after June 15, will not receive a t-shirt. Banquet only guests will not receive a free t-shirt.

Registration \$15  Banquet \$25.00 T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hotel: \_\_\_\_\_  Friday  Saturday

Hotel: \_\_\_\_\_  Friday  Saturday

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KEARNEY 2020 FFAM CONVENTION**

**SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:**

Kearney Fire and Rescue  
Attn: 2020 Convention Registration  
P.O. Box 341  
Kearney, MO 64060

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:**

Please call: **816-628-4122**

Online Registration Available: [FFAM2020.eventbright.com](http://FFAM2020.eventbright.com)

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### CONVENTION ADVERTISING RATES



#### THE QUINT PACKAGE

- Full Page Color Ad In Program
- Indoor Expo Booth
- Outdoor Expo Booth
- Banner At Entrance To Expo
- Logo On Contest T-Shirts
- Logo On Goody Bags
- Banner Space At Banquet
- 4 Banquet Tickets
- Special Program Recognition

**\$2,250 VALUE**

**\$2,000**  
SAVE \$250



#### THE PUMPER PACKAGE

- Full Page Ad In Program
- Indoor Expo Booth
- Banner At Entrance To Expo
- Logo On Contest T-Shirts
- 2 Banquet Tickets

**\$1,225 VALUE**

**\$1,000**  
SAVE \$225



#### THE TANKER PACKAGE

- Half Page Ad In Program
- Indoor Expo Booth
- Banner At Entrance To Expo

**\$625 VALUE**

**\$500**  
SAVE \$125

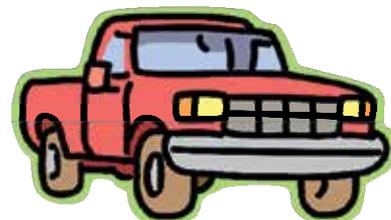


#### THE AMBULANCE PACKAGE

- Half Page Ad In Program
- Indoor Expo Booth
- Banner At Entrance To Expo
- Logo On Contest T-Shirts

**\$875 VALUE**

**\$750**  
SAVE \$125



#### THE BRUSH TRUCK PACKAGE

- \*Quarter Page Ad In Program
- \*Indoor Expo Booth

**\$325 VALUE**

**\$250**  
SAVE \$75

### HAVE YOU PURCHASED A PACKAGE?

Upgrade Your Program Ad For The Difference In Price From Your Included Ad.

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#### PROGRAM ADS

Back Cover	<b>\$1,000</b>
Inside Cover	<b>\$1,000</b>
Full Page	<b>\$750</b>
Half Page	<b>\$400</b>
Quarter Page	<b>\$200</b>
Eighth Page	<b>\$75</b>

#### EXPO BOOTHS

Indoor	<b>\$125</b>
Outdoor	<b>\$75</b>

#### FRIDAY MIXER SPONSOR

Only Three Available!  
Your Company Will Be Recognized by the DJ, Food, Or Drink Sponsor. **\$1,000**

#### SATURDAY DANCE SPONSOR

Only Three Available!  
Your Company Will Be Recognized By The Band, Drink Or Facility Sponsor. **\$1,000**

#### TROPHY SPONSOR

Only Three Available!  
Your Company Name On Firefighter, Auxiliary, Or Junior Firefighter Division Trophies. **\$500**

#### SHUTTLE BUS SPONSOR

Only Five Available!  
Your Company Banner On One Of Our Shuttle Vans **\$500**

#### GOODY BAG SPONSOR

Your Logo On A Bag Given To All Registered Convention Attendees. **\$300**

#### BANNER AT EXPO

Your Sign Or Banner Will Be Displayed At The Entrance To The School Where The Expo Is Held **\$100**



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**SPONSOR REGISTRATION**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	Vendor Items				Sponsorship Items				
	Description	Price	Qty	Total	Description	Price	Qty	Total	
<b>Vendor Total: :</b> _____  <b>Sponsor Total:</b> _____  <b>Total Due:</b> _____	<b>Vendor Packages</b>				<b>Program Ads</b>				
		Quint Package	\$2,000				Back Cover	\$1000	
		Pumper Package	\$1,000				Inside Cover	\$1000	
		Ambulance Package	\$750				Full Page	\$750	
		Tanker Package	\$500				Half Page	\$400	
		Brush Truck	250				Quarter Page	\$200	
		<b>A La Carte Booths</b>					Eighth Page	\$75	
	Indoor booth	\$125			<b>Sponsorships</b>				
	Outdoor booth	\$75 per vehicle				Friday Night Mixer (3 avail)	\$1000		
	<b>Vendor Total</b>					Saturday Night Dance (3 avail)	\$1000		
						Contest Trophy (3 avail)	\$500		
						Shuttle Bus (5 avail)	\$500		
						Goody Bag	\$300		
						Outdoor Sign at Expo Entry	\$100		
					<b>Sponsor Total</b>				

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or visit our website. [www.kearneyfirefighters.org](http://www.kearneyfirefighters.org)

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**FFAM CONTEST FORM**

**Registration Deadline is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

**Department Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Team 1**  **Team 2**

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:** Firefighter Division  Female Division  Junior Division

Must be an FFAM or Auxiliary Member to participate.

**Hose Coupling:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(captain)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(alternate)

**Extend a Line:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(captain)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(alternate)

**Replace a Section:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(captain)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(alternate)

**Water Fight:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(captain)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(alternate)

**Bucket Brigade:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(captain)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(alternate)

**Email Contest Registration and  
Release of Responsibility form to:**  
gberendzen@ccfpd.net

**or mail to: Contest Committee  
PO Box 1153  
Warrensburg, MO 64093**





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**APPARATUS DISPLAY**

Application Form

Department or Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Apparatus Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Description and/or History: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is this unit still in service?  YES  NO

Distance traveled to Kearney? \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

What date will the apparatus will arrive? \_\_\_\_\_

**TROPHIES AWARDED**

- Furthest Distance Traveled
- Oldest Apparatus
- Best in Show

Apparatus should plan to be on display from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Awards will be given during the firefighter's competition which will be held next to the display area. The apparatus display will be located at the Kearney High School, 715 E 19th St, Kearney, MO 64060.

**SEND APPLICATION TO:**

Email: [aaltis@kearneyfire.org](mailto:aaltis@kearneyfire.org)

Kearney Fire and Rescue Protection District  
201 E 6th St.  
Kearney, MO 64060



# Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Delegate Registration

**2020 FFAM Convention Board of Directors Business Meeting  
Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.  
Kearney High School, Kearney, MO**

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

An FFAM membership card may be required for membership verification.

Mail to:

FFAM, PO Box 1153, Warrensburg, MO 64093

### **FFAM BYLAWS: ARTICLE VIII – DELEGATES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

**Kevin Zumwalt**  
Director



## *University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute*

What an unprecedented time in history! I am sure you all have heard this and may feel as I do. I have lived through two 100-year floods, two 500-year floods, several wars and conflicts, an AIDS crisis, several contagious disease epidemics, a recession, and now the coronavirus pandemic! I shudder to think of what may be the next event that I will see in my lifetime. I am sure there will be something.

I recall my time during the AIDS crisis when I was a career firefighter in the St. Louis metro area. It was a scary time. While I am no longer in the “active” service, I can only imagine what it is like today as fire and emergency responders are called to duty during this pandemic. Keep up the good work and be safe!

As you may know, the University of Missouri President, Dr. Mun Choi has established a work-from-home directive that began on March 16 for all employees of the four-campus system. In-person academic classes were halted and later transitioned to online, as many school districts across the nation did as well. In-person classes and meetings throughout the University of Missouri Extension were also halted and this included MU FRTI classes. Which resulted in the suspension of many of our scheduled classes.

Although Governor Parsons has lifted statewide restrictions effective May 4, the University as a whole will still be participating in the work-from-home directive until further notice. Some county Extension offices may be opening with limited staffing. However, the Columbia campus and its employees will not be returning until further notice. All summer session classes will be online and

no students will be on campus. President Choi has stated that the University is planning for students to return for the fall semester and preparations are underway to ensure faculty, staff, and students will be safe upon return.

It was with sad regret and a difficult decision that MU FRTI had to cancel the 2020 Summer Fire School due to the coronavirus pandemic. The school has been in continuous operation since the first one occurred in 1933. Several surrounding states that conduct a summer school interrupted their deliveries during the war years, but we continued. We support the decision to ensure everyone’s safety during the pandemic and look forward to next year’s return!

MU FRTI has been granted an exemption from the University to reinstate in-person deliveries after May 15, 2020. Very stringent guidelines will be in place to ensure the safety of our students and instructors. Health screening protocols will be in place following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and state guidelines. This currently includes temperature checks daily, social distancing, and no groups larger than ten.

Our regional training coordinators have been in contact with departments where classes were suspended to consider options to reschedule. As we move forward in the next few months, we will see how state budget cuts affect firefighter training funds and if these classes, as well as newly requested classes, will have funding support from the state. I know the Division of Fire Safety and the Fire Service Alliance are working hard for training funds to remain intact! Stand by for more information as it becomes available.

The news media has publicized the dire budget scenario of the state. Severe cuts are in order to meet the constructional requirement of a balanced budget. Higher education is poised to take a 10% cut as proposed by the recent budget recommendations. This will translate to a \$36.5 million cut to the Columbia campus which is where Extension receives state funding. MU FRTI, as well as other Extension counterparts, are planning for up to 20% budget reductions. We will be looking at measures to reduce and defer spending to help during this situation.

One expense reduction measure we will implement is the elimination of printing and mailing certificates of completion for our field delivery classes. Certificates will still be printed and distributed at our annual conference events. In the immediate future, we will be providing certificates in a PDF format via individual email to students who have successfully completed a course. If a student does not have a personal email account, we will ask for an alternate email for delivery. Not only will this save on physical certificate costs, but also on shipping costs. An advantage of this new process will be that each student will receive their certificate directly. Past practice has been to send certificates to the department, which in turn was responsible to distribute to individuals. The practice of discontinuing printed certificates mirrors efforts of the National Fire Academy and other federal agencies to reduce costs as well. We hope that Missouri’s fire service will understand this move and appreciate the advantages it presents.

Before I wrap up this editions report, I would like to congratulate Fire Marshal Tim Bean and his team, and the Department of Public Safety on a great job

of communicating and providing support to the fire service during this crisis. Technologies are far better today than in the past, which made for challenging information sharing among fire and emergency service providers. Now, web-conferencing, email, and social media channels provide for a swift exchange of data in changing environments, proven in the case of this pandemic. From the support to assist in equipment acquisition, to issuing the latest protocols for engaging patients, it has worked. Weekly opportunities for the fire service to participate in the Governor's conference call has also been great. The silver lining to this crisis is the teamwork of the fire and emergency services in the state to combat the pandemic. Great job and kudos to our fire service family!

In closing, I hope that all of our fire service families are doing well and staying safe. If there is anything that the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute can do to help you, please let us know.

Be Safe, Train Safe!



Kevin D. Zumwalt  
 Director  
 MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute

## STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Larry Eggen, Public Information Officer, Missouri State Fair Fire Dept.

Why do we attend the Missouri State Fair? What things do we do at the Missouri State Fair? Fair fire department members said they attend the fair for the friends they make, the food, and to be a part of something great. It's an experience you cannot have anywhere else in the nation.

The Missouri State Fair Fire Department is the only eleven-day functioning fire and EMS department in the nation. It is made up of firefighters and EMS personnel from all parts of Missouri. Making friends from all parts of the state makes going to the fair a great experience! Let's not forget the food, while at the fair we are fed three meals a day and it is true home cooking.

August will be here before we know it and the State Fair EMS team is ready

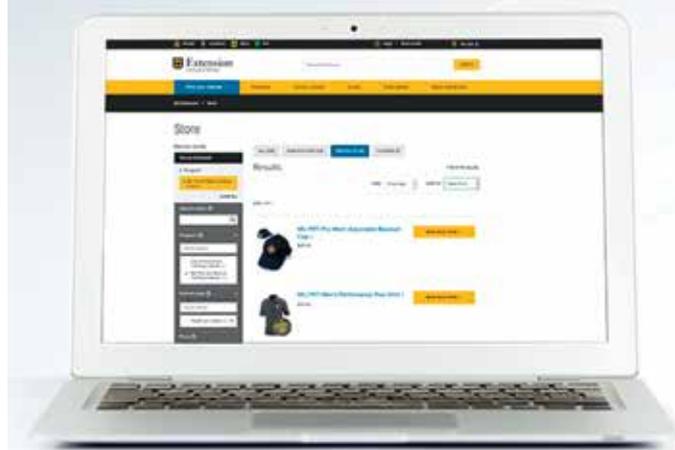
to make this year great again. Our team is working to bring new educational opportunities in hopes that everyone will leave the fair knowing they have served a great service, earned lots of CEU's, and most of all had fun while doing so. First aid will be open daily for walk-in basic first aid. Come join our team and have one of the best experiences in Missouri.

Be a part of something that is only offered in Sedalia, Missouri. The fair offers networking with volunteer and career EMS personal.

You will learn new skills to bring to your home departments and make forever friends while doing it. Do you know someone who may want to be part of this experience? Come join the State Fair Fire Department family. Applications are due June 1, 2020, and are available in this newsletter.



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# MISSOURI STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION

## AUGUST 13-23, 2020

**DEADLINE FOR POSTMARKED APPLICATION IS JUNE 1, 2020.**

*All applicants must be members of FFAM before application deadline.*

**APPLICATIONS AND DRIVERS LICENSE MUST BE SENT TO MONTY THOMPSON.**

*Applications must be completed in full and readable or will not be accepted.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ department do hereby apply for the opportunity to participate in the operation of the State Fair Fire Department as follows.  
 My home Chief is \_\_\_\_\_ their phone # is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 If you cannot attend the dates chosen the application is submitted you must notify Monty Thompson.

**Please Indicate dates you are available and what position/duty you wish to be assigned. Shifts begin at 8:00 a.m. daily.**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>AUGUST 12</b> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>AUGUST 13</b> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>AUGUST 14</b> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>AUGUST 15</b> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>AUGUST 16</b> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/>	<b>MONDAY</b> <b>AUGUST 17</b> <hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/>
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The Commissioners and the Command Staff will make assignments from applications received.

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

**A copy of your current Drivers License or Non Driver Photo is mandatory.**

If the dates you are requesting are full you will be contacted for alternate dates for you to attend.  
 Due to staffing restrictions the FFAM reserves the right to refuse any application.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Each member will be issued ONE Duty Shirt and ONE Duty Hat at no charge and may order extra shirts at \$10 each (\$2 extra for 2x and larger) .

SHIRT SIZE (Check One):  S  M  L  XL  2XL  3XL  4XL EXTRA SHIRTS \_\_\_\_\_ X **\$10 EACH** (\$2 extra for 2XL and larger)

1 DUTY HAT PROVIDED (Check One):  S/M  L/XL

**The minimum age for Junior Fire Fighters is 16 years of age.** No more than 2 juniors from the same department at the same time.

**Parents signature for Junior Fire Fighters under 18 years of age:** \_\_\_\_\_

NOTIFY MONTY THOMPSON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOUR AVAILABILITY CHANGES AFTER SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.

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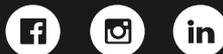
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