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President's Remarks

Farewell But Not Goodbye



Kenneth Hoover

Spring is here. A little too much rain but the temperature is improving daily. I want to start by thanking everyone that offered up prayers and get well wishes to both my wife and myself. January 6th we were both tested positive for COVID-19. I was transported by ambulance to Boone Hospital and treated for COVID-19 with double pneumonia for six days. My wife was able to recover at home. It's been a long four months but I am starting to feel a little better. I'm finally over pneumonia but still extremely weak. Doctors have said it could be months. It seemed like every medication they gave me would create new problems. Thank you for your prayers and phone calls. I want to thank Chief Larry Jennings for taking the reins of FFAM while I've been sick. He has handled several issues for us. Thank you, Chief.

This will be my last article as your President. This has been such a pleasure and great opportunity that you, the membership gave to me several years ago. Together, we have made numerous accomplishments. I only hope that I have left the organization in a better position and ready to improve more under the incoming board.

I have had the best executive board that a president could ask for to work with and guide me. The committees have improved and working fairly smoothly. I firmly believe that FFAM is still one of the best professional organizations in the state and that is because of everyone working together for the same goal and purpose. Almost 8,000 members. There are so many names to thank but not wanting to miss anyone, I'll be thanking you in person. My heart is humble.

Dr. Ron Baker has retired from his position as treasurer for the memorial and museum foundations recently. Dr. Baker did an outstanding job and I appreciate his dedication and commitment to the fire service. I know Keith Smith will say more on this.

With the position open, it is my responsibility to appoint the members to the foundation. I received several names for consideration. I have appointed Fire Chief Bill Albus, Little Dixie Fire Protection District to fill Dr. Baker's position. Chief Albus has been heavily involved in the memorial since its groundbreaking and dedication. Chief Albus has accepted the position. Please welcome him onboard.

I have also appointed Chief Robert Francis, Fruitland Fire Protection District as the Director of District 12 in southeast Missouri. Chief Francis stepped up and volunteered for the position that has been vacant for many years. He will be recommending an assistant soon. Thank You Chief Francis and welcome aboard sir.

Our annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial service has been changed to October 9th at 9:00 p.m. for the Candlelight Service, and October 10th at 10:30 a.m. for the Sunday morning services. Please consider this your personal invitation to participate in the Honor Guard, Bag Piper, Antique Fire Equipment, and any other task you desire. Just let me know, please.

The commander for the Honor Guard again this year is Lieutenant Tracy Gray of the Columbia City Fire Department. Lieutenant Gray did an outstanding job last year. All honor guards and color guards are invited to participate. Please contact Lieutenant Gray at 573-590-1162 or tracy.gray@comogov if you are interested and that you will be attending. I am still looking for one (1) ladder truck to fly the large flag at the Sunday morning services. If interested, please let me know. Chief Steve Olshwanger, Maryland Heights Fire Protection District will be providing one of the ladder trucks in honor of his department's LODD, Chris Moore.

President-Elect Larry Jennings presenting President Kenneth Hoover a plaque of appreciation.



PLAQUE INSCRIPTION READS:

Kenneth Hoover

In recognition of 28 years of service to the *Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Board of Directors*

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As I look across the landscape here on the thirteenth floor, my eyes appreciate seeing the leaves, green grass, flowers, and the bald eagle flying back and forth to her nest feeding her young. It reminds me that life is ever-evolving and situations come and go. This brings me to the history-making moment Sunday at the bi-monthly Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) board of director's board meeting. I witnessed Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Hoover step down from the helm as President of the FFAM after 28 years of service. I have had the honor to work alongside Chairman Hoover as First Vice President and Director for several years. I was a student and took notes on how to conduct a meeting, watched him maneuver through difficult topics, always being fair and guarding the integrity of the organization for the overall good of the mother organization. His passion and institutional knowledge were priceless which made him an exceptional leader during those 28 years. Chief and my friend, Thank you for your leadership, sir! Thank you for your loyalty, longevity, and commitment to leave things better than you found them in the Missouri fire service! May God continue to bless you, and your lovely wife, Mrs. Sherry.

Congratulations to Fire Chief Larry Jennings on your new appointment to lead the FFAM moving forward. I look forward to working alongside you to advocate for our firefighters and fire departments for years to

come. I am excited to see what your leadership will bring to this great organization. May God bless you!

Due to COVID-19 precautions at Capitol we elected to convert Firefighters Day at the Capitol to a recorded virtual event. Our theme for this year was "Cancer Awareness." The Division of Fire Safety would like to thank the following individuals for their assistance in making the video: Governor Mike Parson, Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe, DPS Director Sandy Karsten, Pastor Mike Bean, Columbia Fire Department Honor Guard, MU FRTL, Tracy Gray, Travis Johnson, Gail Hagans, Todd Mayfield, Chris Francis family, David Cheney family, Curtis Atkins Family, Jim VanDyke, Brian Zinanni, and Jeff Strawn. You can go to our division website at www.dfs.dps.mo.gov and click on 2021 Virtual Firefighter Day video and watch the presentation. We look forward to seeing everyone next year here in Jefferson City for 2022 Fire Fighters Day at the Capitol.

The 2021 legislative session is looking at the home stretch, with the session ending on May 14th. Presently funding to support firefighter training is in the budget, along with \$575,000 to support workers compensation grants for our volunteer/associations across the state. Also, there has been positive traction to establish a "Voluntary Firefighter Cancer Pool" in Senate Bill 45. All of this is subject to change at any given time. If these items make it to the finish line we will



Tim Bean



be communicating through email to get the information forwarded. We will accomplish that through your fire department registration. So please if your agency has not registered for 2021 go to www.dfs.dps.mo.gov and click on FD registration and fill out the application. Thank you to everyone who has registered as we are at over 75% for the year. We are four months away from the 5th Annual Missouri State Fire Marshal 9/11 Supporting Heroes Stair Climb. Sadly this is the 20th anniversary of the horrific day in our nation's history 9/11/2001. Our stair climb event will be among several other activities being held Saturday, September 11, 2021, Patriot Day 2021, in Jefferson City. Some of the different events include various displays from the Pentagon, Flight 93, World Trade Center, a parade, and a 5K run/walk. Come support and help to "Never Forget" those who sacrificed it all. Funds from our stair climb will go to Supporting Heroes and the FFAM memorial foundation. To register go to www.mosfmstairclimb.org.

We have been meeting with members of the Center for Education Safety. We are wanting to focus on fire safety within our schools across our state. We would challenge you at the local level to get involved with your local school districts and help educate and advocate to practice solid fire safety and education. Meet with your local principal and administration and build a relationship to keep safe our children and grandchildren.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers. Thank you for taking on that responsibility and obligation of being a mother, May God bless you! In closing in the last issue I announced a Fire Chiefs' Virtual Summit scheduled for May 26th. Due to several conflicts, this event will be rescheduled later this year. Stay tuned for more information as we will have an exciting summit, with topics for everyone in the fire service.

Thank you one and all for all you do, day in and day out, across our state. If I or my team at the Division of Fire Safety can be of any assistance please reach out to us at 573-751-2930. Stay safe and God Bless you.

Missouri State Fire Marshal 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

The Missouri State Fire Marshal will be hosting their 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb on September 11, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., to benefit Supporting Heroes.



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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, May 2, 2021, at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, Missouri. The meeting began with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

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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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OTHERS

Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD.

GUESTS

Tim Bean, Eric Hartman, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; Gail Hagans, University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute; Dave Hedrick, MO Fire Chaplains Corp.; Larry Eggen, Joe Jennings, Ben Burd, Johnson County FPD; Cy Fields, Ronnie Fields, Paris Rural FPD; Matt Frankenberg, Washington FD; Dylan Honea, Southern Stone FPD; Rob Schrage, Jefferson R7 FPD; Ed Daugherty, Chillicothe FD.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

President Hoover asked for corrections to the January 31, 2021 meeting minutes. Andrew Caldwell moved to accept the minutes as presented. Terry Plumb seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the January – March 2021 financial report. Greg Brown moved to accept the financial report presented. Andrew Caldwell seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

Gail Hagans with the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute noted that the *Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training* was held May 1. There were 24 in attendance. They are working on finding another instructor to help teach that program.

Summer Fire School will be May 19-23. The Division of Fire Safety funded five courses. There are approximately 150 people registered to attend. There will be a vendor expo on May 21 from 12–7:00 p.m. so come out and support the vendors.

State Fire Marshal Tim Bean with the Missouri Division of Fire Safety reported that the Division is finishing up its fiscal year which will end in June. There is still funding available for classes.

There are employment opportunities available in the investigation's unit. They are wanting two investigators in each area so there are openings in Region A, C and E. If interested, apply online.

DFS has signed a contract for a new records management system that will allow for individual logins for access to personal training records and transcripts.

Their training partners have been working on hosting training throughout the state to use training funds that are still available.

The virtual firefighter day video is available on YouTube. The theme this year was firefighter cancer so make sure you are using the proper precautions to keep yourself safe.

Eric Hartman reported that the VW grant for emissions is still working on some language and will hopefully be finalized soon.

Fire department registrations are still going on. Numbers are up and they are reaching out to delinquent departments to try and get updated information.

There will be a two-day event in Jefferson City for Patriots Day in September. Watch for more information in the FFAM magazine.

A discussion was held on the proposed short-term disability and standard life insurance benefits presented by Kevin Dusheke at the last meeting. No action was taken by the board.

President Hoover advised that he is recommending Chief Robert Francis of Fruitland Fire Department to fill the open District 12 Director position. Discussion followed. Monty Thompson moved to appoint Robert Francis as District 12 Director. Gary Berendzen seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover advised that with the recent retirement of Ron Baker, there is an open position on the Missouri Firefighters Foundation board. He has appointed Bill Albus with Little Dixie Fire Protection District to fill that open position.

Sergeant-at-Arms Rex Reynolds conducted a roll call of the delegates. There are 28 delegates present.

The proposed bylaw changes were presented. Discussion followed. Greg Brown moved to approve the changes as presented. Gary Berendzen seconded the motion and all approved.

Keith Smith reported that two officer positions are up for election. Larry Jennings, President; Grant Oetting, 2nd Vice President. Greg Wright moved to approve the officer appointments as presented. Joe Vaughn seconded the motion and all approved.

Keith Smith reported that four director positions are up for election. Joe Vaughn,



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District 4 Director; Terry Plumb, District 5 Director; Kurt Wilbanks, District 9 Director; Greg Brown, District 10 Director. Larry Jones moved to approve the director appointments as presented. Gary Berendzen seconded the motion and all approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Joe Jennings advised that the awards presentation will be done virtually again this year at a date to be announced. There were a low number of nominations received.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report was given.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report was given.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

David Hedrick reported that Missouri’s State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Disaster Chaplains Program members participated in an online training program on April 22-23, 2021, on “Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster.” The course focused on planning and preparedness for disasters using a whole community approach.

Planning is moving forward for the Missouri Fire Chaplains Corps Annual Meeting and Training Conference. It is scheduled for September 13-14, 2021, and will be held in the Lee Summit area. Classes will be Chaplains Essentials, Assisting Individuals in Crisis, and Chaplains Tool Kit. More information will be made available soon.

May 4th (St Florian’s Day) is the feast day of St Florian, the patron saint of firefighters. It is also the day that is set aside as International Firefighters Day to recognize all firefighters for their service and sacrifice. The mission of the fire service, the protection of life and property, has remained unchanged for centuries. Though the equipment, tactics, and training have changed with the times, the commitment to saving lives and putting the safety of others before self has remained the core principles of the profession whether career or volunteer.

On May 4 please honor and remember our compatriots, family members, and friends



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who made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duty. We also pray that our expressions of gratitude and respect will help to heal the hearts and minds of the families left behind and to give strength to those individuals who continue to serve and uphold the mission and traditions of the fire service.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

No report was given.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Larry Jones has advised that Kearney FPD has asked FFAM for reimbursement for some of their expenses due to the cancellation of the convention. Jones advised that the Convention Committee budget will be used to reimburse for some of their expenses.

Matt Frankenberg with Washington FD advised that the 2022 convention will be May 6-8. All events will be at the Knights of Columbus. They are working with Best Western and Super 8 to get special pricing and rooms blocked. Registration will be done online and they will make that information available soon.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Gail Hagans reported that the committee met recently. There are no upcoming classes scheduled.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Joe Jennings reported that 22 posters were submitted. They are working on the judging and hope to provide award winners with tickets to the state fair and midway carnival.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Brown reported that 10 days are remaining in the legislative session. Firefighter training funding has been retained in the state’s budget for next year. There is also \$575k for work comp grants. A \$5 million critical illness pool is moving forward. The pool will help offset premiums for departments. There are 14 types of cancer recognized by NFPA.

Through this pool, an agency can join, and their firefighters can get coverage. SB 45 is still working through the house.

There are several bills relating to property taxes and the EMS federal reimbursement

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President-Elect Remarks

An Inaugural Message



Larry Jennings

Greetings! I hope this edition of our organization's news-filled publication finds you well and ready to enjoy the upcoming summer.

It is my pleasure to acknowledge that as of the May annual meeting I received the nod to be the President of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. As you are no doubt aware, our organization has been around since 1954 and has a long-standing reputation of representing all fire service personnel throughout the state and more recently we have added EMS and Emergency PSAP personnel to our ranks. To be designated as the president of such an outstanding organization humbles me and it is an honor for me to be allowed to serve in this capacity.

I am closing out my 45th year as part of the Missouri fire service this summer, serving in both volunteer and career positions, and have witnessed or been a part of many changes. I have also spent time in law enforcement and conducting investigations in the private sector so like most of you I have a varied background to draw from as we embark on this new journey. I will never be one to say "I have done it all and seen it

all", but I have seen and done a few things all of which I believe I can put to some use for you as we continue to move this organization forward.

As we start down the path of my presidency it is important for you to understand this is not my organization, but it is our organization. This has been my philosophy in my home department while being chief over the past 25 years or so. I feel this is an important concept as we will all need to work together to help this organization continue to grow and prosper. We will each play a part in where our organization goes and the importance it will continue to play for the Missouri fire service. Like almost any family or other relationship, there will be times we don't all see eye-to-eye and we won't always like all decisions that are made. It is imperative to remember if these things take place we keep our focus on what is good for the overall health of the organization and work towards resolution and cooperation. I will always look to you, the members, for various levels of direction, but please keep in mind if you offer an idea or course of action and movement does not go in that direction immediately, it does not mean your idea or action isn't being considered or may not be factored in during future activity, so I ask that you still offer them for consideration.

I ask each of you to take an active role in this organization. Whether it is by serving on a committee, working at the State Fair Fire Department, attending convention/annual

meeting, promoting the organization in your local area, or maybe even throwing your hat in the ring to become a director or an officer, we will grow the organization together.

There are many other opportunities to support the organization and the Missouri fire service so seize the moment when you can and do what you can to make a difference.

As I close this inaugural "President's Message" as the president-elect I express my thanks to our now immediate Past President Hoover for his many years of dedicated service to the FFAM and the Missouri fire service. Serving as a director, vice president and president, the many days and weeks spent at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department and his dedication to the memorial and museum projects Chief Hoover has spent countless hours in service to his community and our state. Thank you Chief Hoover for your dedication to and continued support of the FFAM and the Missouri fire service.

I look forward to working with each of you as we build on our organization's rich history and continue to move into the future. Our organization is here to assist all members and make the Missouri fire service even more robust and dynamic. If I can be of assistance to you or your department please contact me. Be Safe!

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act. Links for active bills and language are provided in the weekly legislative report that is emailed to member departments.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Grant Oetting reported the following membership counts: 509 Directors/Councilman; 366 Retired; 17 Associate; 11 Sustaining; 18 Corporate, 358 Fire Departments; 6426 Active; 1 Educational Entity; 6 Educational Active 119 Juniors; 6 EMS Department, 89 EMS individuals; 1 911 Entity; 10 911 individuals. There are several upcoming conferences that FFAM will be attending.

Keith Smith opened for discussion ideas for Directors to go to departments in their area to provide information about FFAM and promote membership. The topic was tabled for the next meeting.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

No report was given.

NVFC COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported that NVFC the spring meeting was held via Zoom. The fall meeting will be in person in Wyoming. Kansas City will be hosting the spring NVFC meeting in 2024. NVFC is in search of a new executive director after the sudden passing of their current director.

The main topics of NVFC currently are cancer, PTSD, suicide, and COVID. Discussion is being held on presumptive COVID exposure and line of duty coverage. 1 line of duty has been approved and three are pending approval.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Larry Eggen reported that six scholarships were awarded. The official announcement of winners will be announced along with the virtual awards presentation.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Applications are due June 1. There will be a work session June 5-6.

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By Keith Smith

Greetings everyone and welcome to May. With 2021 having arrived, NVFC is celebrating 45-years of service and at the same time having a very sad note with the sudden passing of Heather Schafer the Executive Director of NVFC since 1994. Heather passed March 16th leaving a son in college and her fiancé. She managed a full-time staff of eleven and for now, Deputy Director Sara Lee has taken over operations. There was an extreme of emotions for the week of our spring meeting with the passing of Heather while recognizing the hundreds of accomplishments for NVFC during their 45-years.

NVFC completed the spring 2021 meeting virtually during the week of April 19 – 23 which marks the third meeting completed using this format thanks to COVID. Due to the four-hour time zone between Alaska and the east coast all business was transacted between 12 and 5 pm CST. There were a total of 40-States that participated during the entire week. Due to spreading out the meeting over five days, they were able to arrange for all 15-committees to meet and conduct their required business Monday through Thursday. Our keynote speaker during the General Session on Friday was DHS Secretary Mr. Alejandro Mayorkas. He took notes and several questions from State Directors. A central theme was the need to better stock-pile than we had in the past based on several lessons learned from this pandemic.

In case you may have missed it, the Today Show featured NVFC as part of volunteer week Thursday morning on April 22. It included Colorado State NVFC Director Paul Acosta at his department and a volunteer firefighter paramedic from New York State. She was also in school to become a nurse practitioner. While the number of volunteers continues to decline with more leaving than being replaced it has slowed compared to 10 and 20-years ago. There are an estimated 770,000 volunteers at this time vs. 1.4 million in the 1980s. Thanks in part to recruitment and retention programs,

better targeting the message to the age groups, understanding the days of 20-30 year service are not the norm, and matching people with very small blocks of time to opportunities that meet their schedules. It is not easy but there are some success stories from volunteer departments that applied revised thinking and resources to match up with how things just are today.

I will defer from a long article on NVFC Committee reports for now and pick some special interests in the next set of magazines to come. There are three more before getting into the fall meeting reports which are planned for November-December. The NVFC Conference Committee is very efficient in long-range planning. Thanks to COVID, they had to shift planned cities for all fall meetings. Currently Jackson, Wyoming for 2021, Wilmington, North Carolina for 2022, and Cooperstown, New York for 2023. The Conference Committee wanted to try picking a central Midwest location for a fall meeting, to spur attendance due to rising costs and found one which provided several key possibilities for September 21-23, 2024. NVFC will be the host versus requesting a state association to take this on because it is their idea, so congratulations to Missouri. The NVFC is coming to Kansas City, September 21-23 in 2024. I would hope that FFAM and the Missouri fire service would be able to offer some assistance. More to come in the future.

The current focus with all effort remains on firefighter cancer and has moved so far as revising the Lavender Ribbon report that was just released less than three years ago. The council has also been active with mental health including PTSD, firefighter suicide, which now averages 2 per day, and now COVID x2. The safety health and death of fire/EMS, plus the added issues now arriving with “Long Hauling” effects which continue. There is a lot more to come with all of these topics but time to wrap up for now. Thank you for your time and for allowing me to serve on your behalf with the NVFC.



District

11

Josh Koepke
Assistant Director

Greetings from District 11! I hope all is going smoothly for all the membership and everyone in the fire service! Here we are approaching almost six months of 2021. Hopefully for each of you and your family's life is returning to a normal like pre covid. But unfortunately, we couldn't hold the annual convention this spring due to some restrictions still in place, and I appreciate Kearney Fire District for the effort they made to put it on. Now look forward and start planning to attend the 2022 FFAM convention which will be in Washington, Missouri, and what I hear thus far is it is going to be one to attend to make up for two years of cancellations. So stay tuned to the magazine and website as we get details and post them.

The state fair is counting down to a huge event as it's the bicentennial for the state and big things are in the works. We are still taking applications for people that want to come to experience this unique fire department. Get those applications in by June 1st because this fair is going to be one to be at!

After such a long past year I hope everyone is getting back to in-person department training and are taking advantage of the training I'm seeing the State of Missouri (SEMA), MU FRTI, and local colleges offering. Most are free depending on who's hosting or the agency teaching. One class that I experienced firsthand was the Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program that MU FRTI offers annually. What I can say is anyone in a line officer role currently or looking to move up in the line officer position I found this class very informative and will help upcoming personnel. There is so much that I wasn't aware of and I was able to ask questions. The scenarios and group task made it easy to inquire and get answers from peers from across the state that had more experience than myself. If you can get in on the next application period and have the time to attend you should. I believe everyone will take something away from this course.

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WARRENSBURG FD PINNING & PROMOTION CEREMONY

By Warrensburg Fire Department

On Thursday, March 11, 2021, the Warrensburg Fire Department held a badge pinning ceremony to celebrate a recent promotion as well as several recent new hires to the department. The Whiteman Air Force Base Honor Guard was present to present the colors to start the evening. David Mellen, a 23-year student of the fire service and owner of Valor Fire Training was the keynote speaker.

During the ceremony, Amanda Byers was recognized for promotion to the rank of Firefighter Specialist. Firefighter Specialist Byers has been a member of the WFD since 2016. During the badge pinning ceremony, a total of 12 members were recognized. Two are new full-time employees. Matthew Soer is the new Fire Training Officer and James Stephens is a Firefighter/EMT assigned to B-shift, Station 1. Ten new part-time Firefighters were pinned as graduates of the

WFD Recruit Academy. Those completing the recruit academy were Daniel Brown, Tyler Brown, Kylie Frerking, Zander Hargrave, Luke McKiddy, Steven Mueller, Jon Myers, Riley Rexford, Ben Woods, and Breanna Yates. Firefighter Frerking and Firefighter McKiddy were recognized as Top Recruits of this academy class. This was a great class of recruits. We look forward to their continued contribution to the fire service and the Warrensburg Fire Department!

From left to right, front row: Training Officer Matthew Soer, Firefighter/EMT James Stephens, Firefighter Steven Mueller, Firefighter Breanna Yates, Firefighter Kylie Frerking, Firefighter Tyler Brown, and Firefighter Specialist Amanda Byers. Second row: Firefighter/EMT Riley Rexford, Firefighter/EMT Ben Woods, Firefighter/EMT Luke McKiddy, Firefighter Daniel Brown, Firefighter Zander Hargrave, and Firefighter Jon Myers.



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On April 18th Assistant District Director Billy Smith, myself, and State Fire Marshall Tim Bean, and his wife attended the Mayview Fire Protection District annual firefighter appreciation banquet hosted by the district's board members. There were many announcements and awards given to the hard-working and humble volunteer members. They strive to be the best they can for the community they signed up to protect. From the countless hours they put in after they come home from their daily jobs to keeping their skills up and maintaining the equipment in working condition. Billy and myself were honored to attend and witness these members recognized by the chief and ladies auxiliary.

One special recognition was to Captain Jake Hayward who announced his retirement after 22 years serving the district and its citizens and the people who travel through their district daily on the I-70 highway. Captain Hayward was even presented with a resolution from State Senator Thompson for his dedication. We at District 11 and all the members of the FFAM wish you well on your next endeavor after retirement sir. Thank you for stepping up to answer the call for Missourians in need. For more details see the article and photos on page 22.

I will be at several conferences in the upcoming months. If you are at one and see me come say hi and chat for a bit. I like to get to know the members I represent since we are here to listen and help you and your department. That goes for any of our

directors and assistant directors across the state. Don't hesitate to reach out to any of us. Our contacts are on our website hope you all stay safe and look out for one another.

Also, don't forget to watch out for our family in blue as they need our support more and more each day. We could be the ones that make a bad atmosphere or day, due to current events and them wanting to walk away from their job due to thinking no one has their back. Versus them knowing the red and gold lines have the blue line's back. Invite them to the station for dinner or lunch or even coffee and someplace to relax and let their guard down. Even if it's only 15-20 minutes, if you're a staffed station, can make a huge difference mentality just knowing we care. Even though we like to give each other a hard time. Be safe out there.



PATRIOT DAY 2021

September 11, 2021, will mark the 20th anniversary of the attacks on New York City, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania.

The Missouri Patriot Day Committee will commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9-11-01 with a two-day event on September 10-11, 2021, in Jefferson City, Missouri. The following is a partial calendar of events.

Friday, September 10, 2021

OPENING CEREMONIES

7:00 P.M. on SOUTH CAPITOL LAWN

- Static Displays
- Presentation of Colors
- Invocation

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: FDNY Retired Lieutenant Joe Torrillo

- Lighting of the Towers
- Amazing Grace by Pipe and Drum Corps
- Bell Ceremony
- Taps

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- Reading of the 2,977 names of those who gave their lives on 9-11
- Closing prayer
- Ringing of the bell
- Retiring the Colors

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

Saturday, September 11, 2021

STEPHEN SILLER TUNNEL TO TOWERS 5K RUN/WALK

8:30 A.M. • START/FINISH at SOUTH STEPS of the CAPITOL

Run or walk the streets of downtown Jefferson City with Missouri Heroes, First Responders, Veterans, and active Military Service Men and Women; many run/walk in their gear. The registration link will be available in March 2021, and open to the public.

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PARADE CONTEST

The organization that raises the most money for Missouri Patriot Day receives a handmade wood American flag Trophy. The money raised will help pay for expenses. After expenses are paid, the remaining money will be donated to American Legion Riders Legacy Ride and Safety Net of Missouri. The trophy pictured will be presented to the organization that raises the most money for the Patriot Day event.

LET US DO GOOD

PATRIOT DAY PARADE

12:00 P.M. • CORNER of BROADWAY and HIGH STREET.

MILITARY FLYOVER at the BEGINNING OF PARADE.

Behind the Honor Guard, we would like to invite a representative from each District or Department to walk with their respective District or Department flag(s). The parade will be a solemn event featuring first responders, military and veteran units. We ask that each participant respect the event and do not use their air horns, sirens, or throw candy during the parade. We also encourage bands to participate in playing patriotic music. Floats are also welcome showing the patriotic theme.

MO DIVISION of FIRE SAFETY 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

12:00 P.M. • JEFFERSON BUILDING

The Missouri Division of Fire Safety will conduct their 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at the Jefferson Building during the parade. The stair climb participants will be part of the parade that will jump off at the Jefferson Building to start the stair climb. Please see more information within the newsletter.

RECEPTION DINNER

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By Keith Smith

Welcome to the museum report and our continued focus on fundraising to complete the interior. We are calling it, phase II. Due to the importance of having a greater understanding of some history with this project, I will defer to the article foundation board member Gail Hagans has written. Her insights are published in this issue of the magazine. That said, at least for this edition, I will move on with my 2021 commitment to recognize your foundation members in more detail. The next two people I would like to introduce are Harriett Vaucher and Brian Zinanni. I selected these two because they are both the longest-serving Funeral Assistance Team members on the Foundation and both have delivered our Sunday morning service keynote address. Harriet in 2016 and Brian in 2017.

Harriett first attended the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team training in 2006 and joined the team in 2007 but her fire service experience started in 1960 with the Eureka Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

In 1971 Harriett became a survivor when her husband George H. Manetzke Jr., the first paid fire chief of Eureka was killed in the line of duty (LODD). With five children to support Harriett went to work full time for the Eureka Fire Department administration in 1971 and semi-retired to two days per week in 2007 achieving 50-years of service in 2021. Harriett became a volunteer firefighter/EMT in 1976 and served in that capacity for 20-years. Harriett has been an active part of foundation events since 2008 and became a board member in 2011. Harriett enjoys ceramics in her free time and has done so since 1974.

Brian is also featured in the memorial article so I will not duplicate that information. Brian joined the Foundation Board in 2007 but reported work for the assistance team from its beginning in 2005. His most current title is State Director for Supporting Heroes which provides immediate and long-term assistance in dozens of financial and managed areas for a public service family

having lost their loved one in the line of duty. Brian is a career firefighter/paramedic with the City of Clayton Fire Department since 2002 holding the rank of lieutenant and medical officer. His emergency service career started as an EMT in 1984 at Twin City Ambulance in Rock Falls, Illinois, followed by paramedic duties in 1989 and the same year as a paid-on-call firefighter with Rock Falls Fire Department until moving to the Clayton Fire Department. Few people may know that Brian holds a degree in Mortuary Science and has assisted funeral homes in multiple states. Brian has been honored with dozens of awards and proclamations including the *Phillip Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award* in 2018. This is the highest recognition by FFAM and only given to only one person per year.

If you need to contact me for questions or have ideas to share regarding the project please do so at 314-709-0760 or keith.smith@warrenton-fire.org.



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A NOTE FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL'S WIFE

By Judy Bean



It is easy to get comfortable and complacent. When one does, then one falls behind the curve and resists learning new things or growing as an individual. There are a lot of painful unknowns and gray areas one can get lost, but seeking the truth is the key to knowledge and growth.

Naturally, we are all drawn to certain aspects of life that we find more pleasant and easy to cope with than others. Yet in the rough, more difficult situations we are challenged in ways that can change our direction towards

greater knowledge and new understandings. In other words, the unpleasant journeys we find ourselves on can end surprisingly pleasant, if we embrace and evolve into a higher truth. Out of uncomfortable and sometimes painful physical, emotional or spiritual paths we walk, we can allow ourselves to discard untruths or half-truths for the considered truth. Truth is not always comfortable or complacent, but it enlightens.

Being a firefighter requires vast knowledge and skills which are constantly changing. It is crucial to be proactive in education and training. I do not believe we have met many mediocre firefighters in our travels. In fact, we see a dedication to a job that can be glamorous and not so glamorous, exhilarating, and at times tediously monotonous. Yet in all aspects of the job, these hard-working, hard-training individuals, with the

desire to be the best at what they do; look to learn the higher truths, gain knowledge and growth, leave little room for comfortable and complacent, and improve no matter the painful paths they may face.

The drive and determination of our fire families to support their retired firefighters or the ones in service do not go unnoticed. We recognize that you are right there beside them, walking the paths together. Our admiration for you is considerable! We know so well, to be a part of a fire family is an extraordinary, marvelous journey!

“Adversity is not a detour. It is part of the path.” - Richard Paul Evans

“There are two kinds of pain in this world, the kind that hurts and the kind that alters.”
Robert McCall

Meeting Minutes continued from page 8.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Jaime Miller reported that she is still working on a new website with Travis Johnson.

MAGAZINE

Jaime Miller reported that the next magazine deadline was May 1. Gail Hagans advised any late articles need to be in no later than May 5.

HISTORIAN REPORT

No report was given.

FIRE FUNERAL TEAM REPORT

Harriett Vaucher reported that one trailer is currently in Vichy helping with services. May 17 will be a *Taking Care of Our Own* training. May 18 will be team training. June 28 will be a golf tournament and they will hold joint training with the EMS team in October.

EMS FUNERAL TEAM REPORT

Greg Wright reported that the team has responded to three services since the last meeting. They will be attending the National

EMS Memorial in July in Virginia to recognize nine Missouri EMTs. Their annual conference will be October 22-23. There will be online classes this year as well.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith reported that the memorial services have been moved to October 9-10.

The gutting is done on the outside of the building and the inside is an open shell. The shelter house is up and picnic tables should be arriving soon. The focus right now at the memorial is flower beds and deep cleaning. They can accept some donations for the museum at this time. Items are being stored in the storage room in Kingdom City.

A brief history of the Funeral Assistance Team was outlined since it was formed in 2005.

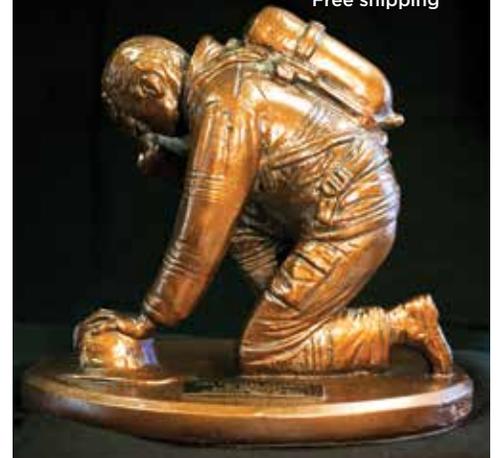
1st Vice President Jennings presented President Hoover with a plaque recognizing his 28 years of service to the FFAM Board of Directors with thanks for his dedication and commitment to the organization.

President Jennings adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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By Gail J. Hagans

Many of you know about the Missouri Fire Fighters Memorial in Kingdom City and I'm finding that some of you know nothing about it at all! So let's talk about how it came about, where it is now, and where it's going.

I was honored to become a member of the 15-person Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri about three years ago. In that time, a lot of things have happened. We've built a museum. We had to do a virtual memorial service because of COVID. Now we've postponed this year's service until October. If you don't know me, I'm usually brutally honest to a fault. I plan on being that way here, because we need your help. Even though I was only put on the Foundation a few years ago, I have been "with" this memorial since the beginning, and it is a very important and special place to me.

SOME HISTORY

In 1997, the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri took the lead in efforts to establishing a memorial for Missouri's Fire Service. The purpose of this memorial was to serve as a tribute to all the firefighters of Missouri who have given their lives in the line of duty. The memorial also serves to remember those firefighters who have passed outside the line of duty, as well as recognize those who continue to serve in their communities throughout the state.

A committee was appointed by the President of the FFAM at the time, Jim Barger of Kearney, MO, to research the possibilities. Proposals were then solicited for the perfect location. A five-acre parcel that adjoined the Visitor's Center, now City Hall, at the intersection of I-70 and US 54 in Kingdom City was determined to be the spot.

FFAM then established a 501C3 Foundation that is named the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri on April 9, 1998. Fifteen members from across the state were charged with making this memorial happen. One man, my dear, departed friend Art Smith, had a vision and he led this charge with a passion.

On September 18, 1998, a groundbreaking ceremony was held in Kingdom City to begin the construction and the vision of the organization. Over 200 fire departments were represented, as well as numerous local, state, and national legislators. As I remember it, it was a beautiful day.

With the building of this memorial came the fundraising efforts. This took a little longer than anyone thought, but we'll talk about this later. As the big day approached... something terrible happened. The World Trade Center and Pentagon were attacked on September 11, 2001. We all know the story from there.

The statue that was bound for Kingdom City was in New York that day. The Foundation decided to dedicate the first statue to the City of New York to honor all their fallen firefighters. That statue remains on display in New York today. A second statue was ordered for the Missouri memorial. After that was made, the mold was destroyed.

Our planned dedication was set back to May 18, 2002. That, as I remember it again, was another beautiful day.

Hundreds came from around the state to dedicate and open the memorial.

ROLL HISTORY FORWARD

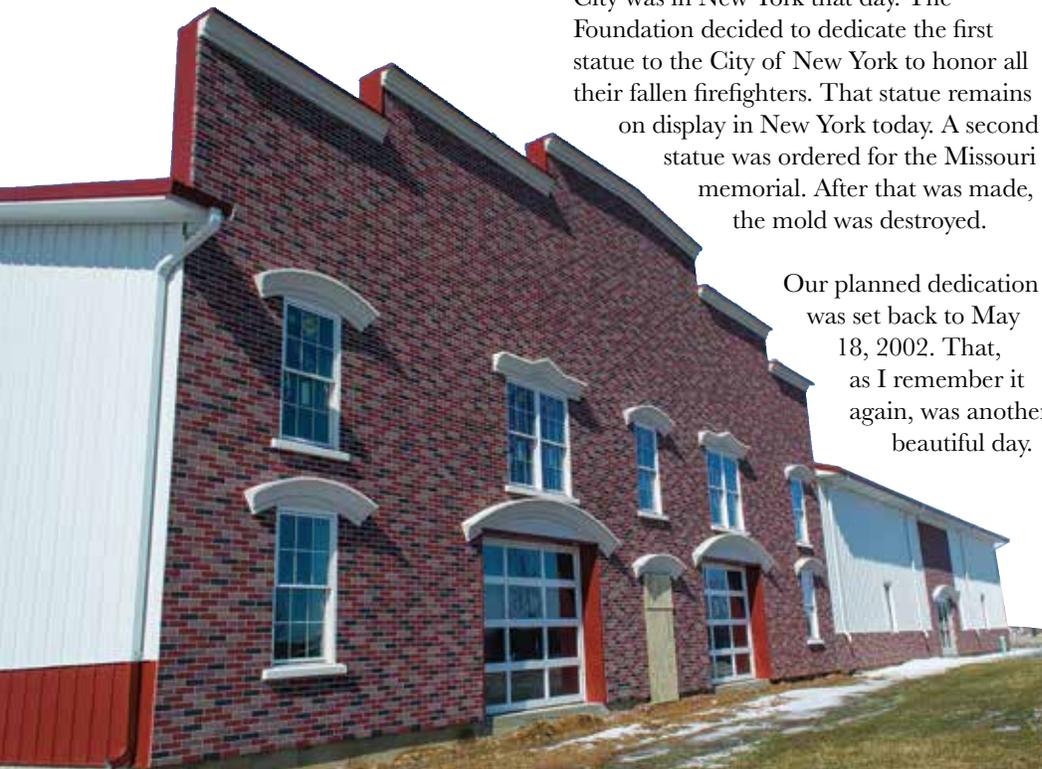
Each year since the memorial has been in place, we have held a candlelight service on the second Saturday in May, followed by a Sunday morning memorial service. Most generally these ceremonies are held at the memorial site, but sometimes, a little rain may fall, and we would be forced to move to the school in Auxvasse. No matter where the services were held, they have always been a very beautiful and solemn tribute to those that went before us.

Over the years since 2002, fundraising efforts continued, the memorial was maintained, bricks added, and unfortunately, names added to those walls.

I'm often asked, "Who is in charge of the Museum and Memorial?" The answer may seem textbook-ish, but the result is the same. FFAM is the 'mother organization' and the statewide organizational membership holder. Under that 'mother' comes the Fire Fighters Historical Preservation Foundation of Missouri. That Foundation is governed by a 15-person board. Under the Foundation are three arms: Memorial, Museum, and Funeral Team. Each has its own financial need for upkeep, preservation, and being built. No matter, because this memorial and museum are YOURS! A place of honor and preservation for the fire service of this state.

HOW THE FUNDS WERE RAISED

Let's start with the "mothership." The FFAM gave thousands upon thousands of dollars to this project. Campaigns to local businesses were launched and they donated what they could. Walmart's across the state were asked to donate, giving anywhere from \$500-\$1000. Corporations were asked to donate, they gave what they could. State organizations were asked to donate, you can see their logos on pedestals at the site. Individuals were asked to donate, they gave what they could. Whether it be \$1 or \$10,000, it was appreciated! Campaigns were done for items. Buy a supporter sticker for \$5, buy a patch for \$10, buy a coin for \$15. Hey, get all three for \$25! Buy a brick for \$100 or \$250. Buy a wall! We had something for everyone. Some major silent donations were given. Dollar by dollar the money came.





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But really, the total truth of this matter, is this memorial was built on the backs of every firefighter in the state at that time. From boot drives to chicken dinners. From going to your communities and asking for donations to figuring out how businesses in your town could end up owning a wall. YOU built that memorial. YOU worked for it. And I will say it again. YOU own it.

ROLLING HISTORY FORWARD AGAIN

In the beginning, there was a three-phase plan for the memorial. The tourism center, the memorial itself, and a museum to keep our history alive. The memorial itself was a huge undertaking. After the completion and dedication, funds still had to be collected for

the upkeep and continued additions (bricks, engravings, annual ceremonies, etc). Those trickled in slowly. The Foundation saved and saved its money.

Then, in the blink of an eye, it was 17 years later and we hadn't moved on with the last phase! Rumbblings started to be heard. People were asking why. Unfortunately, when the subject came up at the annual FFAM Convention in 2018, I jumped up and made the statement that if they weren't going to move forward, then stop altogether. Things started moving a little faster than anyone expected them to I think. After the memorial service that year in May, one of those times when it was pouring down rain and we were

in the Auxvasse school, when the meeting ended, the sun popped out and we had ourselves a groundbreaking for the Museum. We were on our way!

On January 5, 2019, a contract was signed with Morton Buildings to begin the project with the available funding we had. Materials were delivered on April 25 and the foundation was poured on May 13th. The shell started going up on May 23rd and construction was completed around the end of June 2019. So here we are.

WHERE WE ARE AT NOW

The museum is there to enhance and support the memorial. Not only will this be a place for firefighters across the state to gather and remember those who have given much, but will serve as an opportunity for all those who pass through our state to witness Missouri's gratitude to the men and women who risk their lives every day. The museum will house fire service history, memorabilia, and items from all across the state. It will be there to educate the general public, as well as a place to preserve our rich history that you and those before you have built.

Let's just be honest here. We don't have the money to finish it.

On January 5, 2019, a contract was signed with Morton Buildings to begin the project.



We took all available dollars that we had been sitting on, to build the building itself. We kept a reserve in the memorial (what money they already had for maintenance) and the museum account was basically taken down to the bare minimum, which we felt we needed in case of emergency items, or to do small things as needed. Ladies and gentlemen, we wiped it out.

Our estimated cost to finish the inside of the museum, and get it ready to open is at least \$350,000-\$400,000. Yes, you read that correctly, and it does contain that many zeros. The building as it stands right now is a shell only. All inside trimmings, utilities, walls, displays, etc., are yet to be done.

Fundraising efforts have started again in earnest and while successful, it's a little at a time. We did a side of beef raffle that got us \$10,000. But as you can imagine when trying to move forward on something like this, that doesn't go far. We finally got drains ran to keep the water away from the building. Costs money. We just poured a sidewalk to the front door, so we don't have to wade through mud to get in the building. Costs money. We have to keep the grass mowed. Costs money. Every little bit we make, we put right back into the little things, so we can keep moving forward.

WHAT WE NEED

YOU. Your help. All of us. As with the fundraising efforts of the memorial, the museum is going to have to start gaining some momentum on finding money. As I said earlier in this article, the memorial was built on everyone's back, and my hope is we

can do it again. It's going to take some work by all of us to accomplish this task. But I know we can do it.

The Foundation has been discussing new fundraising ideas and even the possibility of resurrecting some old campaigns. If you have any ideas of how to raise funds, please pass them along!

We have to finish this museum and then be able to open the doors and keep them open to the public. Goal #1!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Every little bit helps. Here are some things that have been established and are ongoing. The links to any of these can be found at ffam.org/memorial.

- Do the younger people in your department know about the memorial/museum? They can buy a brick and have their name on the walkway for eternity.
- Does your department have a brick in the walkway to represent? If no, why not? We have two sizes for sale!
- Do you own a statue? Right now, these are on sale for a reduced price. Proceeds for these go to support the memorial upkeep.
- Do you know about the Foot in the Door? For \$100 you can be a lifetime member with free admittance to the museum when it's open.
- Do you know about the Field of Flags? For \$35 you can designate a flag to be flown in memory, honor, or appreciation of an individual you choose. For \$5 shipping you get the flag after it's flown.

- Did you know that you can donate from the FFAM website, at our Facebook page, Missouri Firefighters Museum Project, or to our PayPal?
- Did you know that if you use Amazon Smile, not the regular Amazon, just type in Amazon Smile instead. You can choose us as your charity. Be careful when selecting though! I know it's confusing, but make sure that you select Fire Fighters Historical Preservation Foundation of Missouri. If you select the other one that is very closely named, you will get a message that your charity doesn't have an account set up. That definitely means you are on the wrong charity. I've been asked if this actually works. The answer is YES. We get quarterly payments, so spread the word!
- Watch for our fundraising activities. When we have something going on, we try to post it on our Facebook page, Missouri Firefighters Museum Project. Hopefully, we will have a new fundraiser starting soon! Stay tuned.

ON ANOTHER LEVEL

While everyone's wish would be for money to fall out of the sky and land on this project. Or suddenly we benefit from an endowment that also fell out of that same sky... the reality is, that's probably not going to happen. Not that we aren't trying, believe me when I say this Foundation is not sitting idle.

I'm calling on all of you now, asking if you can help. Not only the ways listed above.

- When your department does a fundraiser, can you think of the memorial/museum? We'll help you all we can. We can help advertise it for you, support, and even show up to any in-person events.
- If you do a boot drive, can you think of the memorial/museum as the benefactor? This is a great way to raise money. Who can resist a fire boot?
- If you know of any fundraising possibilities, can you think of the memorial/museum and share your ideas? We'd love to hear from you. You can send us an email at ffammuseum@gmail.com. You can also find a list of contacts for all of the Foundation members at ffam.org/memorial/
- If you know of any grants to apply for, can you think of the memorial/museum and share that information? We'll do the work!
- Do you know anyone that would love to donate for the sake of donating? We can provide information and speak to anyone.

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Educational and Historical Preservation Center while under construction.

As I've said many times in this article, every penny counts. Every dollar adds up. Every effort we make gets us something. We want this project to be done so that we can showcase the fire service to everyone. There are hundreds of visitors a month that stop by the memorial site. When we have work sessions at the memorial, it never fails that we have people stop to look. We get to actually greet them, show them around, and talk to them about the importance of the site. The museum can make that happen every day, just not occasionally because someone happens to be there.

In closing, please consider YOUR memorial and museum site when raising funds for a good cause. Thank you for sticking with me and reading this far!



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MAYVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT APPRECIATION

By Mayview Fire Protection District

The Mayview Fire Protection District (MFPD) celebrated their volunteer firefighters at the annual appreciation dinner on Sunday, April 18th. The Board of Directors hosted the event at the Mayview school gym and provided a barbecue meal from Dempsey's BBQ of Concordia. Special guests included State Fire Marshal Tim Bean and FFAM Assistant Directors, Josh Koepke and Billy Smith.

Followed by a recap of the year's accomplishments, Chief Kris White presented each of Mayview's fourteen volunteer firefighters with a challenge coin.

The Mayview Fire Ladies Auxiliary members were also recognized for their contributions over the last year. One of their goals for this year is to help raise funds to go towards the purchase of new extrication tools.

Volunteer Firefighter Emmet Cox was named the 2021 Jeff Sanders Memorial Firefighter of the Year. This award is determined based on the total number of training hours and the total number of calls answered and was presented by Connie Sanders, wife of Jeff Sanders.

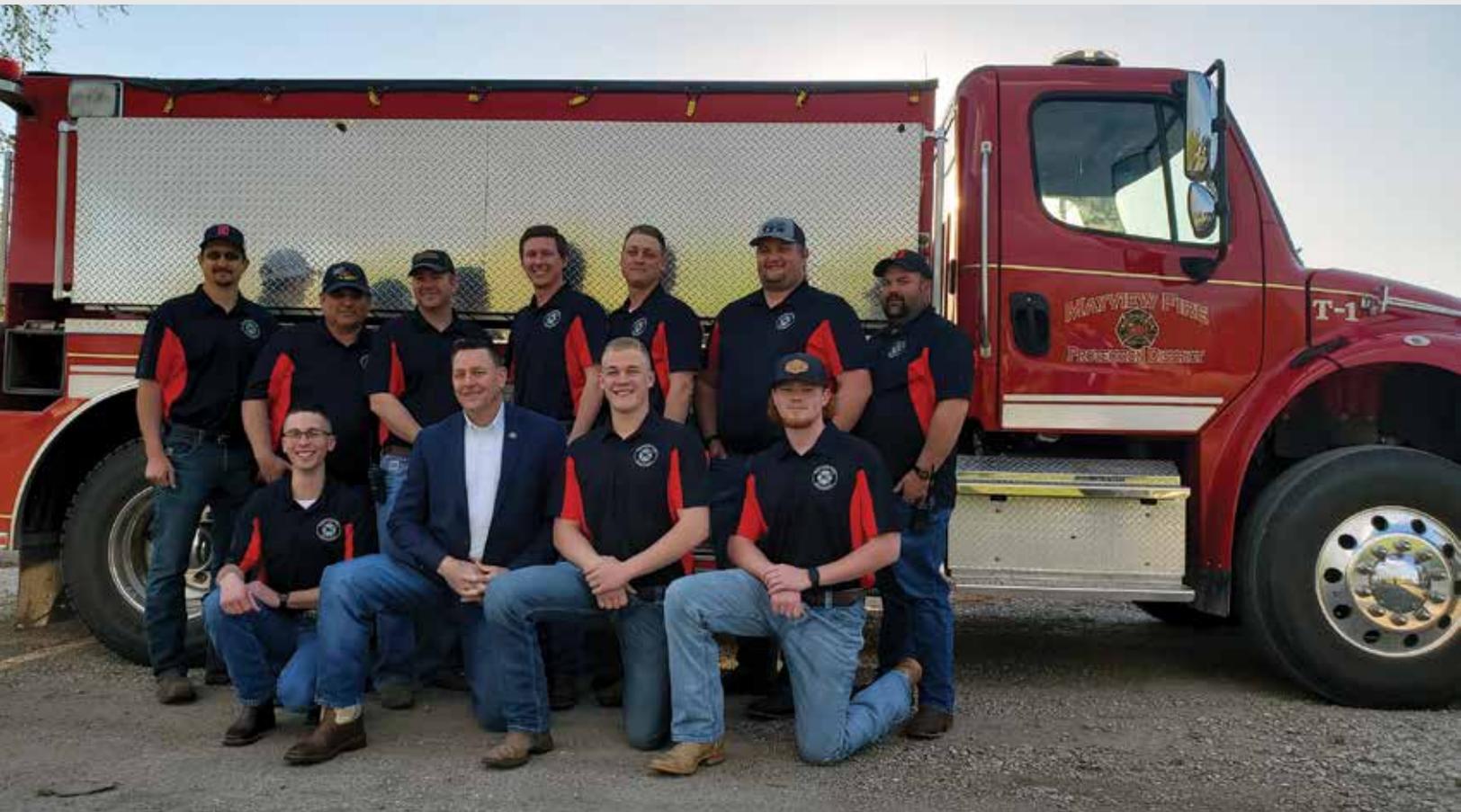
Volunteer Firefighter Jake Hayward was presented with a House Resolution from State Representative Terry Thompson and a certificate and challenge coin from the State Fire Marshal's office in recognition of twenty-two years of service to the Mayview Fire Protection District. Hayward announced his retirement from his position as a volunteer firefighter in March of this year.

On behalf of the Mayview Fire Protection District's Board of Directors, a sincere thanks to all MFPD volunteer firefighters and their families for their service and dedication to their community and beyond.

Chief Kris White and Connie Sanders present Volunteer Firefighter Emmet Cox with the Jeff Sanders Memorial Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award.



Left to Right Back Row: MFPD Volunteer Firefighters Jake Hayward, Warren Hawthorne, Tim Wright, Chief Kris White, Assistant Chief Jeff Ryun, Captain William Soendker, and Travis Fricke. Front Row: Emmet Cox, State Fire Marshal Tim Bean, Corbin Ryun, and Allen Pierce.



Celebration and Brotherhood

Chief Kris White presents Volunteer Firefighter Allen Pierce with a challenge coin.



Chief Kris White presents Volunteer Firefighter Corbin Ryun with a challenge coin.



Left to Right Back Row: MFPD Chief Kris White, Corissa Hayward, Volunteer Firefighter Jake Hayward, State Fire Marshal Tim Bean, FFAM Assistant Directors Josh Koepke and Billy Smith. Front Row: Jake and Corissa's children, Addison, Mason, and Allie.



State Fire Marshal Tim Bean visits with Mayview Fire Protection District Volunteer Firefighter Tim Wright.



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By David E. Hedrick, Fire Service Director (RET)

The fire service in the United States has a long and glorious history stretching back to the early 1700s. Even in the early days of the fire service, the mission was the protection of life and property. With this noble desire and calling for a person to help their fellow man, it is easy to understand how this vocation has become an honored profession for over 275 years. Many times the Bible verse from John, Chapter 15:13 is quoted as an example of the conviction of firefighters, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." In the early 1900s, Chief Edward Croker of the New York Fire Department eloquently spoke about what it means to be a firefighter. He said:

Our proudest endeavor is to save the lives of men—the work of God Himself. Under the impulse of such thoughts, the nobility of the occupation thrills us and stimulates us to deeds of daring, even at the supreme sacrifice. Such considerations may not strike the average mind, but they are sufficient to fill to the limit our ambition in life and to make us serve the general purpose of human society.

Legend of St. Florian extinguishing a massive fire with only one bucket of water and saving a village from ruin.



Based on the willing service of so many and the perilous challenges they faced, a strong history and tradition developed over time as part of the profession of firefighting, whether career or volunteer.

Though many significant dates come to mind that contribute to this history and the subsequent traditions, one that comes to mind during May is the recognition of International Firefighters Day on May 4th. The significance of this date and how it came to be, has a special history.

May 4th is also known as the feast day of Saint Florian. Venerated as a saint in Christianity, St. Florian is the patron Saint of Firefighters. St. Florian was born in 250 AD in what is now Austria. He served in the Roman Legions. Even though Christianity was not tolerated by the Roman government at the time, Florian became a Christian. He refused to persecute Christians and was ordered put to death, originally to be burned to death, but the sentence was changed to drowning. Legend has it that during his life St. Florian put out a massive fire with only one bucket of water, saving a village from ruin. For this and his other protective acts and being martyred, he was canonized as a Saint. In artwork, he is often depicted pouring water from a bucket or chalice to extinguish a fire.

Legend of St. George slaying a fire-breathing dragon.



Though many firefighters may think of St. George as being the patron saint of the fire service because legend has it that he fought and slew a fire-breathing dragon, he is not. St. George has many different patronages as a saint and in some cases, these do include some fire departments and communities. Several fire departments in the United States are named after St. George or the community where they are located. I had the privilege of serving with the St. George Volunteer Fire Protection District in East Baton Rouge Parish in Louisiana during my tenure at LSU Fireman Training many years ago. The emblem on the department's patches and apparatus included a figure of St. George mounted on a horse extinguishing a dragon's fire.



So how did the Feast Day of St. Florian, the patron saint of firefighters, become an international day of recognition? Like so many traditions in the fire service, this one was based on a fire-related tragedy. It occurred on December 2, 1998, in the Linton Community of Australia. A large

brushfire was threatening the residents, and mutual aid was called to fight the fire. A five-member strike team was responding to the fire when a sudden wind shift drove the fire toward their vehicle engulfing it and causing the death of all five firefighters. In January of 1999, to create a remembrance to honor these Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) and all firefighters that continue to serve, a proposal was mailed throughout the world to establish May 4th, the Feast Day of Saint Florian, as International Firefighters Day (IFFD). It was quickly accepted in many countries and has continued to spread as a day of recognition for all firefighters.

The founder of IFFD, Lt. JJ Edmondson of the District 8 Headquarters Fire Brigade, Country Fire Authority (CFA) in Victoria, Australia, commented about the universal role of firefighters throughout the world:

The role of a firefighter in today's society, be it urban, rural, natural environment, volunteer, career, industrial, defense force, aviation, motorsport, or other is one of dedication, commitment, and sacrifice – no matter what country we reside and work in. In the fire service, we fight together against one common enemy, fire, no matter what country we come from, what uniform we wear, or what language we speak.

The IFFD is a day to reverently remember and honor those firefighters who have died in the line of duty, as well as celebrate the lives of those firefighters who continue to serve their communities each day throughout the world.

In addition to IFFD, the fire service in the United States have their days of remembrance at the national, state, and local levels. In the U.S. there is the National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial that normally takes place in October each year during the Sunday that falls within National Fire Prevention Week, which memorializes the date of the Great Chicago Fire that occurred October 8–10, 1871. The memorial weekend takes place at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where the National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial is located. It recognizes all U.S. firefighters who have died in the line of duty from the previous year.



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In Missouri, the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) and their Memorial Foundation conduct ceremonies normally in May each year to recognize firefighters who have fallen in the line of duty, as well as fire service veterans who have passed away during the previous year. This year because of the pandemic, the ceremony has been moved to October 9-10, 2021. The ceremonies are held at the Missouri Firefighter Memorial in Kingdom City, Missouri. For another fire service history lesson, visit the memorial off I-70 at the Kingdom City exit, and walk around behind the large kneeling firefighter statue and read the plaque which covers the history of the statue.

And finally, this year is the 20 anniversary of the terrorist attacks in the U.S. on September 11, 2001. This date is dedicated

each year to the memory of the people and firefighters/first responders that were killed during the attacks. President George W. Bush first proclaimed a day of mourning on September 14, 2001, as a “National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001.” It was later voted on by the U.S. Congress to establish an annual day of remembrance on September 11. This is commonly known now as Patriot Day. This year Missouri will be holding several events at the state capital in Jefferson City to recognize the 20th anniversary of this tragic event that occurred on U.S. soil. Please join firefighters, first responders, and Missouri citizens as we honor and remember those who served, and those who continue to serve to protect our citizens, communities, state, and nation.



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A Message From The 2nd Vice President



Grant Oetting

Greetings FFAM Membership. Spring has arrived! Everyone is busy this time of year with graduations, taking care of our yards, and started planning vacations as COVID restrictions are now being relaxed. The FFAM has been busy representing the Missouri fire service across our great state by attending banquets of our members, promoting the organization at various events, and assisting departments with training thru MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI).

On March 11th, I attended the virtual pinning ceremony of the Warrensburg Fire Department. The ceremony gave cadets and current personnel their badges either thru starting as a probie or being promoted thru the ranks of the department. Thanks go to Training Officer Matt Soer for sending me the link to attend this very special ceremony. I am glad I could be a part of this special event and appreciate the invitation.

Nine days later, I was invited to the Carrollton Fire Department annual ham and bean dinner. This event is a fundraiser for the department to raise money for life-saving equipment that the department might use shortly. Also in attendance was Assistant

Director Billy Smith. This invite was very special to me as this was the department where "Mr. FFAM" Joe Jackson was from. Thanks to Chief Lonnie Sensenich for the invite, Assistant Director Smith and I appreciate it.

Central Jackson County Fire Protection (CJCFFPD) has been a very busy department in the last couple of months. The department has purchased several new apparatus, including a new pumper and a new aerial device. Pictures are included. The department also saw the retirement of Jerry Witt. Jerry served CJCFFPD for 32 yrs. I had the privilege of working with Jerry for a couple of years at CJCFFPD. Jerry always had a smile on his face and was willing to go the extra mile for anyone. Jerry enjoy your retirement and as your brothers and sisters always say, the coffee is always on.

On May 16th, my travel will take me to the Missouri Public Safety Communications at the Lake of the Ozarks. At this conference I will be promoting the FFAM, to get more dispatch centers into our membership. I am also glad to tell the membership that we have our first dispatch center that has become a member. Congratulations to Monroe County 911 for becoming members and giving your members the benefits that they deserve. Thanks to Director Cory Putnum and Dispatcher Cy Fields for contacting me to become members. The FFAM appreciates your membership.

The Eighty-Ninth Annual Summer Fire School is right around the corner in May. The FFAM will have a booth at this conference as well. This is going to be a very unique experience as this Equipment Exposition is usually held during Winter Fire School. If you're in Columbia for classes, please come by the booth and say hello. There might be something for you to purchase that everyone might want for their collections. You will have to attend to see what the item is.

On July 16th, the FFAM will travel back to the Lake of the Ozarks for the Revolutionary Fire Tactics conference at Osage Beach. We will be at the conference promoting again and recruiting potential members. The FFAM is also the coffee sponsor for this conference. Thank You to David Woodard for the partnership into this conference, we greatly appreciate it.

In the first part of August, the FFAM will be traveling to St Charles to be a part of the Missouri EMS conference. This conference will be held at the Embassy suites. We will again be promoting the organization and we will also be presenters. Director Greg Wright and I will be presenting about LODD benefits for EMS personnel. If you have the chance to come by the conference please stop by and say hello.

The Missouri State Fair is going to be held August 12-22. This event is the biggest promotional for our organization. The

Carrollton Fire Department annual ham and bean dinner fundraiser for life-saving equipment.



people at the fair get to see what our organization is all about and what it has to offer. They get to see apparatus from all over the state, and how firefighters train daily, and what the Missouri Fire Service is all about. If you're interested in attending this event, applications are available in this magazine. The applications are due June 1st and all positions are available.

September is shaping up to be a busy month as well. The FFAM is looking at attending the Fire Marshall 911 day at the Capitol and also the Jefferson Engine Rally. The FFAM is hoping to have the 1929 pumper in these parades to promote the organization.

In October there will be the Annual Memorial Service in Kingdom City. The memorial committee has been busy planning this service around the clock so that we remember our members that have passed away due to natural causes, but also who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Please try to attend this special event as a lot of time and effort into this event.

As you can see the organization is very busy and continues to promote the Missouri fire service. If you would like the FFAM to attend your event, please contact me or the office and we will work with your director or assistant director to attend your event. As always we are here to serve you. I can be contacted at grant_oetting@yahoo.com or 660-229-4525. Until next time, stay safe my brothers and sisters.

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HOWELL COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE

We would like to recognize all our officers from the oldest to the newest. Pictured here on the front row are Fire Chief Joe Auffert and Assistant Chief William Willbanks. On the back row are Safety Officers Wesley Hendricks, Jerry Lewis, and Tim Dailey. All three safety officers were promoted from firefighter to safety officer within the last six months. All of our officers are very dedicated to the fire department and work very hard to maintain as safe of an environment as possible on all incidents we respond to and at the fire station.



Howell County Rural Fire District #1 recently donated \$350 to Cystic Fibrosis. We usually help out at the concerts they have every year for a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis research. This year they were unable to host the concert again due to COVID. We would like to challenge all emergency service organizations in Missouri or any individual that can to donate something if possible. Every little bit donated helps out and it all goes to Cystic Fibrosis research to help find a cure for that disease someday.



SOUTH CENTRAL BUCHANAN CO FPD

The South Central Buchanan County Fire Protection District recently put a new brush truck into service. The department has been without a devoted wildland fire vehicle for several years, using dual-purpose pickup trucks for natural cover fires. The Ford F350 was purchased through the Missouri Contract Purchasing program. The Heiman Fire skid unit as well as the radio and hand tools were purchased in cooperation with Missouri Department of Conservation grants. The Fire Protection District is in Northwest Missouri and covers 80 square miles with two firehouses in Buchanan County. It also covers calls on nearly 10 miles of Interstate Hwy. The District has strong mutual aid agreements with 8 surrounding fire departments and mutual aid calls add the District answering nearly 400 calls for service per year. The fire department members for the District are all volunteers.



COLE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROMOTIONS

During the past year, the Cole County Fire Protection District lost Senior Assistant Chief Galen Hammann and Assistant Chief Robbie Hammann. With their passing, the Fire District has made the following promotions as shown in the picture below. Pictured from left to right are; Assistant Chief Scott Kempker, Assistant Chief Jason Hammann, Captain Justin Braun, Fire Chief Wayne Hammann, Captain Adam Bashore, Lieutenant Mac Kennedy, and Lieutenant Bradley Kempker.



Meeting called to order by President Jessica Miller at 9:01 a.m. The Colors were present and the “Pledge of Allegiance” was said by all. The devotion, “Life of a Fireman’s Wife” was given by Ann Jones from Madison West Monroe.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; Sheri Berendzen, Cole County Fire; Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Carissa Thompson, Holts Summit FD; Joni Fields, Paris FD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FD; Robin Schrage, Jefferson R-7 FPD; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire & Rescue; Brenda Wright, Shelbina FPD. Attendee’s via zoom are Missy Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; Christina Loyd, Little Dixie FPD.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

President Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; 1st Vice President Diane Wynn, Galt FD (not present); 2nd Vice President Sheri Berendzen, Cole County Fire; Secretary/Treasurer Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Historian Carissa Thompson, Holts Summit FD; Sergeant at Arms Joni Fields, Paris Rural FPD.

MINUTES

Theresa Cox read the 2020 convention meeting minutes. Jessica Miller asked if there were any corrections, additions, or any discussion. Sheri Berendzen stated under Elections; Diane Wynne “FDS” needs to be “FD.” Carissa Thompson made a motion to make this change and second by Sheri Berendzen. Jessica Miller asked all in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

ROLL CALL

Sergeant at Arms Joni Fields took roll call resulting in 9 members present and 2 members participating via zoom for a total of 11 members present, with 10 departments represented.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Theresa Cox reported our beginning balance from December 6, 2020, was \$4,375.37. Since December income received was \$225.00. Our expenses were \$119.92. As of May 2, 2021, our current new balance is \$4,480.45. Sheri Berendzen made a motion to accept the treasurer report as read, Carissa Thompson seconds the motion. Jessica Miller asked for all in favor, no opposed, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS MEMBERSHIP

Sheri Berendzen reported we have 69 paid members, 11 honorary members. Theresa Cox shared the list of long-standing members and honorary members. She asked the members to look over the list and if they see any corrections, additions, or deletions please let her know. Robin Schrage informed us of the spelling for Marilyn Nagel’s last name is “Nengle.” This will be corrected. General conversations were if a member has not paid for the last year or two they need to be taken off of the list. This will be corrected.

CONTEST

Sheri Berendzen reported they moved the contest trailer to the museum, to protect it from possible vandals, and the weather.

HISTORIAN

Carissa Thompson is working with the media team to get the TV we purchased and installed in the bay for zoom meetings. The TV can be used during the state fair to promote information. She is also working on creating a private group for our zoom meetings and an easier way for members to join our zoom meetings. We discussed several issues with our Facebook page so Carissa will start a new Facebook page for us titled, “FFAM Auxiliary Members Group.”

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Joni Fields stated she is reviewing the Auxiliary bylaws for needed updates. She will have drafts ready for the meetings.

AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Jessica Miller read this year’s winning submission: This year’s award is being presented to a group that embodies the mission statement of the state auxiliary. They have been a great support system to their local department since their re-organization in 2006. They assist with fundraisers such as BBQs and soup dinners to help with the purchase of new equipment for the department, assist with boot drives for the burn camp for Jerry’s Kids and answer the call day or night to provide support to their firemen on fire calls. Not only do they support their local department, but they have also held other fundraisers to support the FFAM museum project. They also host the local poster contest and participate in the town’s holiday parade.

Since 2007 they have been active in the FFAM Fire Fighter Games at Convention, members have served as state officers for the FFAM Auxiliary, and individual members have been recognized as *Auxiliary Members of the Year*.

The Auxiliary Member of the Year Committee is pleased to present the 2021 Auxiliary Member of the Year Award to, the Little Dixie Fire Protection District Auxiliary. Accepting this award was Missy Erdel and Christine Loyd via zoom.

POSTER CONTEST

Review the information from the FFAM Magazine to get the full details for this year’s poster contest rules. Please reach out to Jamie Miller if you have any posters or questions.

OLD BUSINESS

Theresa Cox reported, for the auxiliary to open up a new bank account we had to meet certain government requirements, so the process is taking a lot longer than expected. We have the needed documents now and will open the account and get the debit cards as we decided in our last meeting. The Venmo account will be generated immediately and ready to be used as needed.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2021 Fire Fighters Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th, and Sunday, October 10th, at 10:30 a.m. Check the FFAM website for any unforeseen schedule changes.

Jefferson City will be hosting Patriot Day on the 9/11 weekend. There will be lots of fun activities for everyone. The 9/11 supporting Heroes Stair Climb is on this same weekend beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Larry Jones was working with the Washington Fire Department about hosting the 2022 Convention. More information to come as it is available.

Ann Jones presented us with a trivia game about the Auxiliary and the FFAM. You always have fun activities for us at our conventions, thank you so much, Ann.

State Fire Marshall Tim Bean joined our meeting and shared what is happening at the State level to support firefighters with

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED

Inter City Fire Protection District is looking for MSA Air Packs or MSA Air Pack parts (mask). If you have anything that could help us call Chief Jeff Jewell at 816-918-3082 or email Jefferyjewell@inter-city-fpd.org.



JOB OPENINGS

The City of Iola, Kansas, located one hour west of Nevada, Missouri, is accepting applications for Full-Time, Reserve (PRN), and Temporary (6-month contract) Firefighter / EMTs, Firefighter / AEMTs, and Firefighter / Paramedics.

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cancers. He encouraged us to check out the YouTube video about several firefighters who are battling cancer.

Carissa Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Sheri Berendzen. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD
FFAM Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer

6TH ANNUAL TUNNEL TO TOWERS 5K

By Tunnel to Towers Foundation

is your opportunity to challenge our past winners – Jefferson City FD and South Callaway Fire Protection District.

Registered participants will receive a Tunnel to Towers T-Shirt. All ages are welcome to participate and strollers are allowed, so this can be a family activity for you and your friends. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @t2tjefcity, or email jeffersoncity@tunnel2towers.org for more information. See you in September!



Born from the tragedy of 9/11, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation carries forward a legacy of courage and heroism. Built upon the mantra, "While we have time, let us do good," the Foundation supports our nation's fallen and catastrophically injured first responders, military heroes, and their families.

First responders, veterans, current service members, and citizens of Missouri will run and walk a 5K route in downtown Missouri, with the Start and Finish lines at the Missouri State Capitol. A Fastest Firehouse Traveling Trophy is awarded to the fastest team of three or more firefighters running in Turnout Gear, including air tanks. This



By Keith Smith

Normally by this time, the annual memorial services would have just concluded our May programs but we rescheduled in hopes of not having to limit numbers on site. It is never too early to send out a "Save the Date" reminder for the 2021 Candlelight Service. They have been moved to Saturday evening October 9th at 9:00 p.m. and the Sunday morning service to October 10th at 10:30 a.m.

We are planning to honor our line of duty death (LODD) families and departments in-person who were previously planned for the 2020 services in addition to those for this month in 2021 but have been moved to October. We will continue with the planning which goes into both services, gathering of the required information to be presented, and the logistical organization to move forward. While we are still reviewing and refining some details, one new addition for the Sunday service will be live streaming.

The new LODD support trailer with a custom-designed scaffolding system for a casket to hose bed assistance was delayed by the last report but very happy to confirm both are now into the delivery process. The next steps are setting up the trailer and lettering which has moved projected service availability to late June. Brian has put in numerous hours and many miles both by

air and car working out the best options in bringing this next operational asset dedicated to giving honors to our fallen. We all hope it will never be needed for the purpose intended but history does suggest otherwise.

The Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team is not recognized often enough for what they do. True to their core values they manage dozens of very important details very quietly deep in the background to keep the primary focus, emphasis, and honors on those who have served and passed.

Just in case you may have forgotten or did not know, Brian Zinanni approached the FFAM Board of Directors and delegates at the 2005 convention in Eureka with a very detailed written business plan for a funeral assistance team requesting \$2,500 for a trailer and the equipment that would be needed. It was approved, Brian was put in charge and the program was housed under the umbrella of the Firefighters Memorial Foundation as a logical home. One trailer quickly became two and over a few years grew to four and then five strategically located within the state.

Each of the original trailers has since been replaced with improved size to meet the required inventory of equipment and

heavier built due to a lot of hard miles by many different drivers. The new LODD Trailer becomes #6.

The Funeral Assistance Team today is comprised of 55 members and has responded to more than 450 calls for assistance since becoming operational with their first trailer in 2005.

While Brian does not talk about it, they became nationally recognized early on and the program has since been duplicated in several states which is one of the highest forms of validation regarding work well done. They have assisted in the surrounding states of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. When the 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots were lost in 2013, the Missouri team was the first called, responded with two trailers, and managed seven of the services. That request was recorded as a single response in the team records.

So much goes on outside of public view for the greater good and honoring of those who served their respective communities. That is how Brian envisioned it should be from the beginning and that is how each team member does it to this today.

2021 MEMORIAL SERVICES RESCHEDULED

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:

Saturday, October 9, 2021 • 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE:

Sunday, October 10, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.

Kingdom City and Live Streaming



NEW VOLUNTEER SAFETY TALK

New employees are at a higher risk for incident and injury. 40% of worker injuries are from new employees, injured within their first year on the job. There are many reasons why new employees are injured, including poor training and supervision, poor hiring practices, an overwhelming amount of new information, or a desire to fit in. Start new firefighters off right by discussing safety requirements on the first day of the job!

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CHAIN OF COMMAND AND POLICY REVIEW

- Describe the chain of command within the organization.
- Who is the new volunteer's supervisor?
- Who can the employee contact for a problem?
- Who can the employee contact to report a hazard or unsafe condition with a truck, equipment or tools?
- Provide important cell and after-hours phone numbers.
- Review the injury/incident reporting process.
- Review all fire district safety rules and procedures.
- Review the fire district drug-free workplace policy.
- Require volunteers to read, sign & date all safety policies.
- Review how new volunteers should respond to calls.

REVIEW COMMON HAZARDS OF THE JOB

- Discuss the major dangers and requirements of the job:
 - o Structural, vehicle fire scenes
 - o Roadside rescue scenes
 - o Emergency medical responses
 - o Wildland firefighting
 - o Slips, trips, falls and heavy lifting
 - o Emergency response driving
- Encourage the new volunteer to take personal responsibility for their actions and work safely.
- Discuss the training the employee will need on specific trucks and equipment like pumpers and rescue tools.

ISSUE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Provide volunteer with personal protective equipment that is clean and free of defects. Require its use.
- Describe the proper care and use of turnout gear, as well as its limitations. Keep all gear tidy and ready for use.
- Advise the employee how to obtain PPE if theirs is lost, damaged or worn out.
- Make sure the new volunteer knows that PPE is required on fire, medical and rescue scenes.
- Make sure the new volunteer knows that disciplinary action may follow when PPE rules are not followed.
- Turnout gear and helmet can prevent injuries on scene.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION TOPICS

- All volunteers are required to report injuries and incidents to their supervisor immediately or before they leave the station to go home.
- This is a drug and alcohol-free workplace. Please do not report for fire district duty with the aftereffects of illegal drugs, alcohol or illegally used prescription medication in your system. Do not respond to fire calls after consuming any amount of alcohol.
- A post-incident drug and alcohol screen will be required after incidents and injuries.
- Employees must use safety belts in fire department vehicles or on machines equipped with safety belts. Wear your seat belt and drive with due regard when responding in personal vehicles. Do not ride in the back of brush trucks, on tailboards or top-mount pump walkways.
- Get training on tools, equipment and trucks before use. This equipment can be dangerous without proper training and regular practice.
- Do not freelance on fire scenes. Follow commands provided by your commanding officer. Always follow chain of command.
- Keep the fire station clean. Keep floors clear of slip and trip hazards. Maintain workspaces and storage areas in a tidy and orderly fashion.



Always drive with due regard, wear your seat belt and minimize distractions.

These advisory materials have been developed from national standards and sources believed to be reliable, however, no guarantee is made as to the sufficiency of the information contained in the material and the Firefighter Association of Missouri assumes no liability for its use. Advice about specific situations should be obtained from a safety professional. 02/26/21 by MW



A Message From The 1st Vice President



Larry Jennings

This will be my last official rambling as the 1st Vice President. I have enjoyed sharing some thoughts with you over the past few years and I hope you have gained some additional perspective to use as you carry out your service to the citizens of Missouri and those passing through our great state. I appreciate the support I have received and the remarks provided concerning some of my musings.

This edition I want to visit with you about knowledge. We all likely have a pretty good understanding of the concept of what knowledge is so we won't consult the dictionary for a long definition. How much knowledge is too much knowledge? Does knowledge equate to power? How can knowledge help or hurt an organization? How do we handle the knowledge we have? I am not sure that any person or the members of any organization can ever have too much knowledge. At times an overload of knowledge can slow down a process and may initially inhibit a decision from being made, but in the end, making informed decisions leads to informed actions and is the ideal way to proceed. Many of us have been involved in what I will call "knee-jerk" situations when events happen or information is provided in limited amounts that cause decisions or actions to take place. I would venture a guess if we each thought back to these situations most didn't work out as planned or served the purpose we intended. Making new policies or other changes in an agency without as much knowledge as possible can often devastate the members and the organization over time. Gathering knowledge can be tedious and time-consuming, but being armed with the most knowledge available allows for better decision-making.

How many times have you either received a new policy or perhaps have seen the results of legislation that was enacted without

being based on the most detailed available knowledge? When these types of things take place the intended result may be overshadowed by the negative aspects that were not fully understood at the time of execution. If you follow the legislative process or even if you are part of your department's policy-setting process you will notice these normally do not get finalized "overnight". Many steps are taken during these processes in an attempt to get things right and to attempt to foresee the consequences. Unfortunately not every possible result can be predicted, but by gathering the available knowledge and then actually using it in the decision process many pitfalls can be avoided.

There has been much discussion throughout the years about sharing knowledge you or an organization may possess. For many, it appears that the concept that they have certain items of knowledge that others may not currently have positions them in a position of power. Being a realist, I certainly believe that all bits of knowledge may not be appropriate to share at all times, but at some point during the process or implementation, sharing that knowledge can both make the "product" better and stronger and can help provide a higher level of "acceptance" by those affected by the "product or change".

Unfortunately, there are far too many in this industry that horde bits of knowledge as a way of "maintaining power". I believe if this is your overall management plan then you should probably evaluate your impact on the fire service. This is true from the top down or the bottom up. Without an equal sharing of available knowledge, at the appropriate time, many "best-laid plans" end up in a miserable mass of despair and agony.

Knowing rarely is a bad thing for an organization, but not knowing can have dire results for any organization. Let's look at the example of a governing body, city council, a district board of directors, committees, etc., that is unprepared in the proper methods of conducting business.

Without the knowledge of the various statutes and regulations that govern most

public and some private governing bodies it only takes one miscue and fines, jail time, loss of public trust/support and general embarrassment can quickly flood in. This can also be the case on another level when our personnel is kept in the dark, but held to standards they were never aware of, or no knowledge concerning them has been shared. The most tragic piece of not knowing is the loss of the life of one of our own because actions were taken without the knowledge or complete understanding of the situation at hand. The knowledge gained from training, pre-plans, and discussion of past responses all go toward helping each of us return safely from incidents. So I recommend that no organization or any individual member pass up the opportunity to gain knowledge, put that knowledge to work, and share your knowledge.

So it comes down to how we handle the knowledge we each have. Do we "pool" it so we can all benefit or do we "compartmentalize" it so we feel a little "power" and have little regard for those around us that could benefit? I would hope that your reaction here would be to stand up and take a stance to gain and share knowledge and be as prepared as we can for this ever-changing industry. We must remember that knowledge is dynamic and even though you had some knowledge at some point, you are far better off keeping up with the changes and adjusting your knowledge bank regularly. For those that have been around "forever" remember you have had experiences and knowledge that the new member has only dreamed of. For you new members, you are bringing experiences and knowledge with you that can affect the industry, and many things you know of concerning technology and current trends may not be something others have. Neither group should shield their knowledge from others if we want this industry to stay vibrant and continue to prosper.

Seek out knowledge, use the knowledge, and above all share the knowledge. We will all be better at what we do by following this simple idea. As always, if I can be of assistance to you or your agency please contact me. Be Safe!





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Director's Comments

MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute



John Worden
Interim Director

Conference are already underway. The event will once again be held at Camden on the Lake Resort in Lake Ozark, Missouri. If you are looking for instructor certification or just need to re-certify or refresh your skills this

is a great opportunity. Information for this conference will be on our website soon so keep checking in for additional information. Stay Safe!

I hope this finds you all happy and healthy. As I sit here in Columbia on a rainy morning and think about summer being just a few weeks away I am excited for a return to some normalcy. A big normal is the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute's Eighty-Ninth Annual Summer Fire School. If you haven't heard, the school is a go and we are still taking registrations, but classes are filling fast. Be sure to visit our website to check on which classes still have openings. We are also happy to hold our annual equipment exposition. Due to COVID, this portion of our Winter Fire School was postponed. Restrictions have eased a little in Boone County. After working with the University of Missouri, Boone County, and the Holiday Inn Executive Center we were able to develop a plan to follow current COVID protocols and display the latest equipment and firefighting gear at the expo. The event will be one day only, so mark your calendars for Friday, May 21st from 12:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will have over 35 exhibitors ready to assist you.

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5/14	Basic Pump Operations	Ava	AJ Carmichael	417-543-6333
5/14	Water Supply Operations for Suburban and Rural Firefighting	St. James	John Douglas	573-263-0555
5/15	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Piedmont	Earl Mumper	573-712-4685
5/15	Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training	Mount Vernon	MUFRTI	800-869-3476
5/22	Killer in the Attic	Piedmont	Andrew Dickerson	573-712-7929
5/22	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Smithville	Jay Taggart	816-532-4902
5/24	Fire Officer I	St. Peters	Sean Webb	314-280-1120
6/3	Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking (Third in Series)	Columbia	Brad Fraizer	573-874-7391
6/4	Water Supply Operations for Suburban and Rural Firefighting	Bismarck	John Colwell	573-315-8718
6/11	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Clinton	Matt Willings	660-885-2560
6/12	Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training	Fair Grove	Debbie Clopton	417-830-7574
6/12	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	St. Robert	Mike Shempert	573-512-4999
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