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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Welcome Fellow Firefighters

**Kenneth Hoover
President**



I believe the groundhog just might have been wrong this time. Spring is just around the corner and I am sure all of us are ready for its arrival. It has been a busy winter with many activities we all attended. I know I am ready for the season to change and for the life to return to the trees and grass and for things to come alive again.

Winter Fire School was a huge success thanks to MU FRTI's hard work. Thank you for the commitment to educate our emergency service personnel. I believe I saw and visited with many of you at the Expo on Friday.

Our annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial service is quickly approaching on May 20, at 9:00 p.m. for the Candlelight Service and May 21, at 10:30 a.m. for the Sunday morning services. Our speaker for Sunday morning will be a unique brother of the fire service.

Please consider this your personal invitation to participate in the honor guard, bag pipes, antique fire equipment, and any other task you desire. Just let me know, please. The commander for the honor guard this year is Fire Chief James Ludden of the Bolivar City Fire Department. All honor guards and color guards are invited to participate. Please contact Chief Ludden at 417-770-4312 or jludden@bolivar.mo.us if you are interested and that you will be attending.

I am looking for two (2) ladder trucks to fly the large flag at the Sunday morning services. If interested please let me know.

Missouri State Fair Fire Department is busy putting the final touches on our upcoming annual convention. If you have not done so please send your registrations in as soon as possible so they can plan accordingly.

Also if possible please send your contest registrations in to Captain Rob Erdel at roberdel@ktis.net so everything can be ready for Saturday morning. This will save the Contest Committee a lot of time preparing for the contest on Saturday morning. I hope there are many teams this year competing for the bragging rights as the best in the state. We all have so much fun competing and just being together as a big family.

Again, anyone wishing to participate or help with the Annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Service, please contact me at chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net or 573-581-6235.

I would like to congratulate Chief Tim Bean on his appointment as the new Missouri State Fire Marshal. Tim will be a good advocate and will do an excellent job. Chief Bean has served FFAM as our 1st Vice President for several years and always given 100% effort to every task assigned. Thank you my friend.

With that said, I also thank Fire Marshal Greg Carrell for all of his years of service to the fire service across our great state. Greg's heart is the fire service and I appreciate all he has accomplished while serving in the position of Fire Marshal. I also thank you as a friend.

Everyone have a great and safe spring. As always, your officers and board of directors of FFAM are always available if you have a need. Please contact one for assistance.

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

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal



Missouri Division of Fire Safety

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

In this life we recall a number of firsts. Well, for me this is a first as your newly appointed State of Missouri Fire Marshal. On January 8, at the St. Louis Fire Department headquarters, with the wind blowing and snow falling I was blessed with the position of State Fire Marshall and I'd like to take this time to thank God for opening this door in my life, and I look for his guidance while serving in this capacity. I appreciate and thank Governor Greitens for his faith in me to lead the Division of Fire Safety into the future.

My first day on the job was January 13, and I hit the ground running. I was so graciously welcomed by the thirteenth floor team. I have used the old saying several times, "It's like drinking out of a fire hose." I am very excited about the future of your Division of Fire Safety.

My first thirty days is going to be meeting each team member in the Division and putting names and faces together. I have spent several hours at the state capital meeting and greeting our state senators. In the near future, I will go before the senate for confirmation.

On Friday the 17th of February, Becky Trapani was promoted to Division Chief of the Training Division. We are excited for her, and what she and her team will do for education and training going forward. Greg Dickens was promoted the latter part of January to Division Chief of Inspections. Greg has been an inspector in the Republic area for the last twelve years. We feel Greg will do a good job with his new responsibilities.

We are very busy working with the legislative body each day. We would invite you to come to Jefferson City and join us as we work at the Capitol. It is a great learning experience, and will give you a better understanding on how your state government operates. Feel free to give us a call and we will set up a good time to visit or you can email me at tim.bean@dfs.dps.mo.gov.

This has also been a time of loss for our fire service. Our hearts go out to the Kansas City Fire Department with the loss of Battalion Chief Thomas G. Byrne, who passed away on February 11, after a battle with cancer. Our hearts also go out to the Galt Fire Protection District, on the loss of Cindy Gott, a personal friend of mine, and a great friend of the fire service as a whole. Keep those departments, families and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Firefighter Day at the Capitol is April 5, please plug that day into your calendars.

This is a great day to visit the state capitol and visit your Senators and Representatives. When you are done there, we would enjoy you coming and visiting our team on the thirteenth floor.

Another event to mark on your iphone or android is in June. We will be celebrating our 45th anniversary of the Division. We are in the planning stages now, but will very soon be coming up with a hard date. We would really like for you to attend and show your support of the Division. We plan on having a fun event.

J. Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal
Missouri Division of Fire Safety



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BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

FFAM JANUARY 29, 2017 MEETING • SEDALIA

Draft • Final Approval at Next Meeting

President Kenneth Hoover called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to order at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, January 29, 2017 at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, Missouri.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS

President, Kenneth Hoover, Little Dixie FPD; First Vice President, Tim Bean, West Plains FD; Second Vice President, Charlie Neubert, Highlandville Rural FPD; Secretary Treasurer, Jaime Miller, Johnson County FPD; Sergeant-at-Arms, Rex Reynolds, Southern FPD of Holt Co.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District 2, Greg Wright, Shelbina FD; District 3, Larry Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; District 4, Joe Vaughn, Pleasant Hill FPD; District 5, Terry Plumb, Southern Stone FPD; District 9, Roy Sims, West Plains FD; District 11, Monty Thompson, Kearney FPD; District 14, Rick Dozier, Southern FPD of Holt Co.

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District 2, Vernon Cash, Shelbina FPD; District 3, Rob Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; District 3, Steve Gentry, Little Dixie FPD; District 5, Shelby Phifer, Southern Stone FPD; District 7, Ed Kriska, Eureka FD; District 10, Greg Brown, Eureka FPD; District 11, Ryan Miller, Norborne FPD.

GUESTS

Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD; Greg Carrell, Brenda Carrell, Missouri State Fire Marshal; David Hedrick, Gail Hagans, MU FRTI; Larry Jennings, Larry Eggen, Kathy Eggen, Blake Rasmussen, Johnson County FPD; Grant Oetting, Higginsville FPD; Billy Smith, North Central Carroll FPD; Harriett Vaucher, Eureka FPD; Doc Kritzer, FF Memorial Foundation; Logan McCubbon, Holts Summit FPD; Holden Peel, Charlie Peel, South Eastern

Randolph FPD; Greg Harrell, Sedalia FD; Bill Westhoff, Lifetime Member; Donnie Rogers, Darrell Wright, Chillicothe FD.

AGENDA

President Hoover asked for additions to the agenda. President Hoover removed the Assistant Director item from the agenda. Rick Dozier moved to accept the agenda as amended. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover lead a prayer for the recent passing of Cindy Gott of Galt FPD and past board member Harris Fieselmann of New Haven Berger FD.

MINUTES

President Hoover asked for corrections to the December 4, 2016 meeting minutes. Terry Wynne moved to accept the minutes as presented. Larry Jones seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the November-December 2016 financial report. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

Director David Hedrick with MU FRTI reported that Winter Fire School will be held the following weekend. Enrollment numbers are about the same as last year. The equipment expo will be Friday from 12:00-9:00 p.m. Registrations are still being accepted.

Fiscal year 2017 has 443 classes scheduled and about half have been completed so far. 53,000 student instructional hours have been completed.

A new Assistant State Provost has been assigned to oversee MU FRTI.

The Fire Service Enhancement Leadership Program started last week with 28 students enrolled.

There was an Advisory Council meeting held last week which helped to identify some needs of MU FRTI. Rob Erdel is on the council and stated that he believes they are making progress to address needs in the fire service.

There will be possible funding cuts due to the state budget. The Governor has withheld some general fire revenue training funds.

Greg Carrell, Missouri State Fire Marshal, reported that fire department registrations are due now. Mike Lukemeyer with the Division is going through the registrations and contacting departments if there are questions.

The Division of Fire Safety is 80% funded by the state. Due to recent budgeted funds being withheld by the Governor, the DFS budget has been affected. Some fireworks allocated money has been carried over to cover next year's training. The hope is to not lose any funding but if they do, it may affect the training budget. The DFS training partners are working hard to provide training through the budget cuts.

He has met with the new Governor's team and Governor Greitens is very interested in attending events throughout the state to show his support to the fire service.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

First Vice President Bean and Secretary-Treasurer Miller presented a dues increase proposal to the Board. The presentation included a review of the membership and revenue decline and a proposal of new benefits and a dues increase for

department and active membership. Discussion followed. Greg Brown moved to present the proposal to the membership at convention. Larry Jones seconded the motion and all approved.

Discussion was held on storage for the historian. Theresa Cox presented information on behalf of Kay Asher. They, along with Doc Kritzer, have been working with the City of Kingdom City to obtain a small storage space in the basement of the city hall. The City would rent an approximated 300 square foot space for \$200 per month. The FFAM would need to build two walls and a door to enclose the space. The property would be strictly for the historian and not for the memorial. Concern was raised on whether the space would be completely secure. It was also addressed that this is a temporary storage situation until the museum is built as some point. Terry Wynne moved to proceed with renting space from Kingdom City in the city hall basement. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved. Theresa Cox advised she would proceed with arranging for the wall building and equipment to move the items from Kay Asher's home.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hoover advised that an inspection had been done at the Missouri State Fair fire station and the building was found to have extensive mold issues. A water leak last winter along with the continued roof leak have exacerbated the issue. Monty Thompson advised that the roof leak issue has been discussed with the Fair for over five years. Discussion was held on how to proceed with the issue. Greg Brown moved that President Hoover contact the Fair Administration and advise them that the FFAM will not staff the facility until the mold issue is addressed and to allow President Hoover the leeway to negotiate with the Fair Administration on behalf of the FFAM. Charlie Neubert seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover advised that all contacts to the Fair Administration by anyone other than him needs to stop immediately.

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Bill Westhoff presented a proposal to the Board to develop a new FFAM history publication that would incorporate his Histories Corner newsletter articles along with other information into a bound book that would be available for purchase. Discussion followed. The topic was tabled until the next meeting to allow the Board time to review the proposal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Larry Jennings advised that awards deadline is February 28.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Rex Reynolds advised he would be set-up Friday and Saturday during convention for delegate registration.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

David Hedrick advised that the Chaplain Corp would have a booth at Winter Fire

School for those wanting more information. Their annual convention will be May 1-2 in Arnold, Missouri.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Rob Erdel advised that the contest registration deadline is now the Wednesday prior to convention and not the Friday before contest.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Larry Jennings, chairman of the 2017 convention committee, advised that four classes will be offered on Friday of convention including the Board of Directors class, Recruitment and Retention, Introduction to Public Safety Officers Benefits and a Pipeline Safety class. The vendor expo will be on Friday and will be open through opening ceremonies. Monty Thompson challenged all Directors to place a \$25 business card ad in the convention book.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rick Dozier advised to contact the committee if you have any classes you

would like to see the FFAM host. There has been an increase in the number of participants registered in the Recruitment and Retention class at Winter Fire School.

PREVENTION COMMITTEE

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Brown advised that \$196k in firefighter training funding has been withheld due to the budget. The new Governor's budget will be out this week. Labor issues are moving rapidly through the legislation. There will be a hearing in the house on Wednesday. HB 303 establishes the offense for filing false documents with the recorder of deeds, HB 334 regarding changes in the laws pertaining to 9-1-1 communication services and HB 426 with modifications to the LODD benefit are all in the works.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Charlie Neubert advised that Secretary Miller is currently working on membership renewals so the current numbers are down. 199 Directors/Councilman; 147 Retired; 8 Associate; 7 Sustaining; 9 Corporate, 172 Departments; 2898 Active; 10 Educational; 21 Juniors.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Keith Smith advised that Districts 1, 3, 7, 11, 14 and the Executive Committee are up for re-election in 2017 and all current Directors have expressed intentions to seek re-election. Information pertaining to the Executive Committee positions would be provided at a later time.

NVFC COMMITTEE

Keith Smith advised he would be attending the spring meeting and visiting with state legislators.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Grant Oetting advised that scholarship deadline is February 28.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Monty Thompson advised that the 2017 State Fair is August 10 – 20. Applications are due May 1.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



2 **Greg Wright Director**

Hello from District 2. I didn't get a chance to thank the fire funeral team and members of the FFAM for all their help at the 2016 Heroes Tribute Gala that was held in October. Along with the law enforcement and EMS funeral teams we honored 14 fire, law, and EMS individuals that gave their lives in the line of duty, as well as all public safety individuals that gave their lives as well. Nearly 100 individuals attended the event.

I attended the Ewing and LaBelle fire departments annual pancake breakfast this year. Big crowd, great food and I got to see a lot of old friends. If you are in District 2 let me know of your event. I would love to come if the schedule allows.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Secretary Miller advised to contact her for any website additions.

NEWSLETTER

Secretary Miller advised the next newsletter deadline is March 1.

HISTORIAN REPORT

No report.

FUNERAL TEAM REPORT

Harriett Vaucher advised that two retirees passed away this week and the team assisted.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith advised that 30 will be

The Supporting Heroes, "Heroes Tribute Gala" was held March 4, in Louisville Kentucky. With the expansion of Supporting Heroes to Missouri, Missouri firefighters, law enforcement officers, and EMS individuals were honored. Very proud to have been able to attend the event and being a part of it.

Winter Fire School is in the books. Thanks for all that stopped by the FFAM booth. Great to see all of you at the school and expo again this year.

Congratulation to members of the Heartland and Newark fire departments on their completion of their basic firefighter program.

Please make sure you mark your calendar for May 20 and 21, as the 2017 Missouri Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service will be held in Kingdom City. Saturday night, the Candlelight Service and Sunday the Memorial Service. Please make plans to attend this very special event honoring our firefighter brothers and sisters that have gave the ultimate sacrifice as well as those that dedicated their lives to the fire service. Make sure you sponsor a flag to be placed at the memorial. \$35 can sponsor one. See the website or your FFAM newsletter for more information.

As always be safe. Till next time

honored during the memorial service May 20 – 21. The keynote speaker will be Brian Zianni. Engraving numbers are down with only 20 received so far. March is the deadline.

Charlie Neubert moved to adjourn the meeting. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Jaime Miller, Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri



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By Chief Jeffery S Jewell, Inter City Fire Protection District

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releasing any liability for equipment that your district contributes.

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- Bunker gear newer than 15 years old
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- Any extrication equipment
- Fire hose
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- Nozzles
- Storz different sizes
- Halogen tools
- Any M.S.A. mask or S.C.B.A. Equipment



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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

By Grant Oetting, Chairman

Hello FFAM members. I hope everyone is doing well, if you're like any other department in the state your department has been busy with grass fires.

The deadline for the scholarship has passed. The committee has started looking at the applications, and will be notifying the winners shortly. If the committee can be of any assistance or we can answer any questions please let us know.

Questions?

Contact Grant Oetting:
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A NOTE ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

By Keith Smith, Foundation Chairman

Time to save the dates for the 2017 memorial services. The Candlelight Service is Saturday, May 20, at 9:00 p.m. The Memorial Service is Sunday morning May 21, at 10:30 a.m. Weather permitting, both services will be at the memorial site in Kingdom City. Weather not permitting, they will be held 5 miles North, at the Auxvasse Elementary School Gym. Our keynote speaker this year is Brian Zinanni, founding member and director of the Missouri Funeral Assistance Team, State Director of Supporting Hero's, Memorial Foundation member, and

Regional Director of the National Honor Guard Commanders Association.

We will be honoring those which have passed in the line of duty and those which have served and passed from 2016. Those that passed in early 2017 are honored by choice of their family and anyone we may have missed from 2014 or 2015. If there is a line of duty we have missed regardless of date, they will be honored. As a point of fact, we have two being honored from the 1960's. Our next foundation meeting is Sunday, March 19.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Robert B. Brown
Director

Hello to all I hope to see many at the 2017 convention at the Missouri State Fairgrounds; it will be a grand ole time. I want to say thank you to all the members that have been working many hours behind the scenes to get the convention going.

With the convention around the corner, the Fire Prevention Poster Contest will be judged during the convention, so all poster entries will need to be in before the start of the convention. All posters will need to be given to the ladies' auxiliary. The ladies auxiliary will be judging the posters and a pre-thank you to all the ladies for doing a great job and who have the hard job of selecting the top three winners from each class. As a reminder, please attach the poster form to the back of your entries. This will help the Fire Prevention committee when contacting the winners to make arrangements. I hope we have many from each district and would like this year to be a record year.

Have a great Spring and see ya soon at the convention.

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Anyone can sue for just about any reason, and here are five examples from the list of most ridiculous lawsuits of 2016 showing why you need to be prepared:

5. A mother and son who sued the Educational Testing Service and the College Board over a typo that gave New Jersey students five extra minutes to take the SAT test.

4. A California woman who sued SoulCycle workout bicycles and the instructor for "gross negligence" after she fell off the stationary cycle at a gym. The woman claims she suffered catastrophic injuries from the pedals which continued to hit her in the ankle.

3. An Indiana man who sued over a printer he bought on Craigslist for \$40 because he claimed it was broken. The original suit was tossed out because the litigant had thrown away the printer. He refiled in March of 2015 requesting damages for fraud, breach of contract and emotional stress. A special judge ruled in his favor, awarding \$30,000. That ruling was eventually overturned by an appeals court because the man who sued is known to be a repeated, flagrant, and continuing abuser of Indiana lawsuit laws, but not before thousands of dollars in lawyer's fees.

2. A woman who filed and won a \$161,000 lawsuit after she walked into a bucket truck lift while texting. Video surveillance showed there were warning cones and she had walked past it three times before the incident. Phone records confirm that she was sending a message at the time.

1. A California woman who filed a suit against Fresh, Inc. over their Sugar Lip Treatment balm. She claimed the company conned consumers into thinking there was more balm in the tube than there actually was. The case was thrown out after the amount of balm measured up to what the package stated.

You can read the entire list of ridiculous lawsuits at <http://www.facesoflawsuitabuse.org/>.

While all of these are worst-case scenarios, lawsuits do happen and they could be costly. If someone were hurt because of an accident you caused, you could be sued for their medical bills, loss of income and other damages. These are real verdicts or settlements from recent cases:

- \$7.2 million settlement on behalf of three people injured in a collision with the driver of a pickup truck
- \$3.2 million verdict on behalf of a child killed when a man driving more than 60 miles per hour in a 25 mile per hour zone struck the family vehicle
- \$1.5 million for a man who suffered a back injury requiring surgery as the result of an automobile accident
- \$1.2 million settlement on behalf of a police officer hit by an underinsured driver while finishing paperwork at a traffic stop
- \$1.1 million on behalf of a 26 year old motorcyclist who was struck by a left turning automobile operated by a 16 year old driver.

You can also be sued if someone slips and falls at your home or your dog bites them.

All this goes to prove that you need to protect yourself. Your auto, homeowners or renters insurance provide some liability

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Larry Jones
Director

Come one, come all! To the FFAM 2017 Convention held at the Sedalia State Fairgrounds. The dates are Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 23. The opening ceremony, mixer, the exhibitors, contest, awards banquet and the business meeting will all be on the fairgrounds. Our volunteers for the Missouri State Fair Fire Department are hosting the event.

- It is a time for learning.**
- It is a time for fellowship.**
- It is a time for relaxing.**
- It is a time for competition.**
- It is a time for bonding.**

COME ONE, COME ALL!

protection from lawsuits. However, if you are a high earner, have a lot of assets, or have inexperienced drivers in the house, you should consider an umbrella policy, which can give you \$1 million or more of coverage.

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THE MUSEUM PROJECT

BY RON BAKER



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Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a picture and news release announcing a grant from the MFA Foundation to the Fire Fighters' Museum project in the amount of \$2,500. This grant is to purchase display cases for the museum when built. We are grateful for their generous gift and appreciative of this contribution.

However, if we are to raise sufficient funds, many more gifts of that type need to be discovered and received. I need your help in this. Perhaps there are organizations, corporations, or individuals in your community who might consider making similar grants or gifts to the museum project. You can help by making me aware of those you know about and working with me to file the necessary paperwork so that we might at least be considered for funding. I will gladly come to where you are or meet you halfway to discuss

this possibility. Your help is essential in raising the necessary funds.

A second request is fairly simple. In every community, businesses look for opportunities to assist organizations like ours with fund raising. In our area, I am aware of Wendy's, Pizza Hut, and Texas Roadhouse to name a few. With these businesses, all we need to do is promote a specific night and possibly have an individual or two present at the event and these restaurants will give a percentage of their sales to us.

My challenge to you, is to contact restaurants in your area and ask them to do a fund-raising event, and then split the proceeds between your department and the museum project. Simple math says such events would multiply and greatly assist our project. For example, if 50 departments were to raise \$500 in an



event, those departments would get 50% or \$250 each, but the museum project would receive \$12,500. Obviously, the more departments participating, the greater the result.

For additional information on how you can help, please contact me at 573-220-4977 or ffammuseum@gmail.com.

Thanks for all you do. It is an honor to serve along side each of you.



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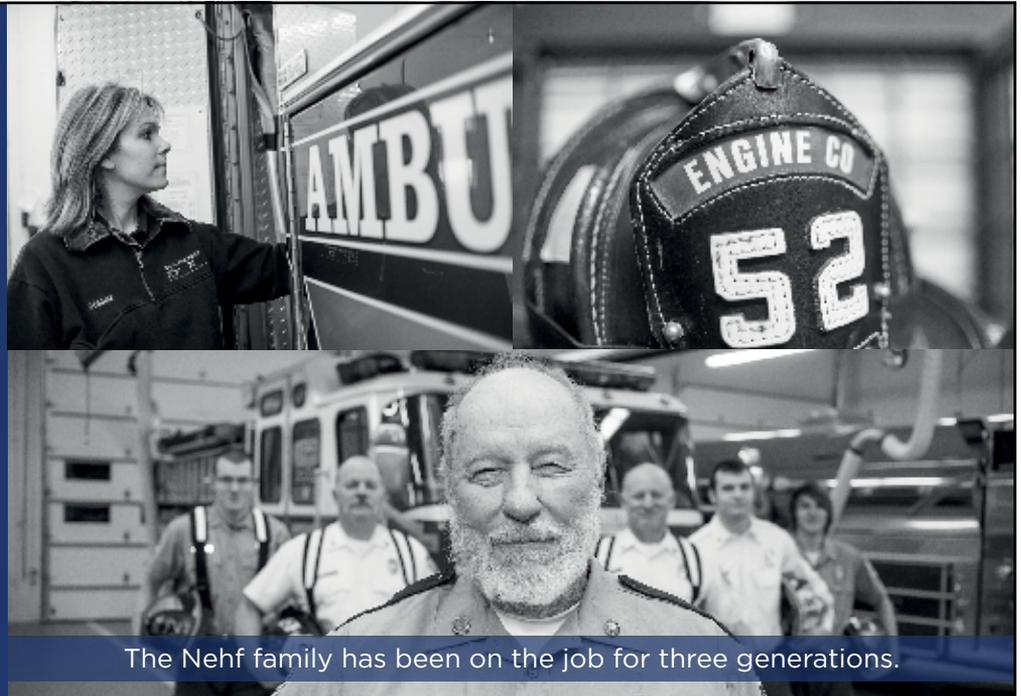
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MFA OIL FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT

By Tom May, MFA Oil Foundation

The MFA Oil Foundation has awarded a grant to the Firefighters' Historical Preservation Foundation to assist with purchasing display cases. The MFA Oil Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations that are working to improve communities where MFA Oil has a significant concentration of members and employees. Since it was established in 1998, the MFA Oil Foundation has awarded more than one million dollars in grants.

MFA Oil President and CEO Mark Fenner described the MFA Oil Foundation as “a program that allows our company to give support back to the rural communities that are the foundation of our business. The grants the Foundation awards help support many youth programs and organizations active in addressing and solving community problems and improving the quality of life.”



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History's CORNER

LET'S TRY TO KEEP SOME OF OUR "EPIC" TRADITIONS ALIVE

By Bill Westhoff

Anyone who has been in the fire service for any length of time knows that it is a profession that is filled with tradition. Many of the things that are done and have been done in the past date back to colonial days and as far reaching as biblical days. Our badges and symbols of rank reflect the use of the firefighters tools of historic days when the chief officers would direct operation with a device now only used as a retirement gift with inscriptions on it.

It is also well know that some of our rituals, such as hanging on the side or back step of a fast moving apparatus are things that need to be kept in our past or the gauge of a firefighters capability, was how much "smoke he or she could eat."

We also have a number of rights of passage that are very traditional. When a "rookie" or recruit moves from that status into a full fledged firefighting member of a fire department, we provide them with a different color helmet than was worn as a fledgling member. The same is true with each elevation in rank, and with that movement up in stature, a change in the color of helmet and badge designation.

Another custom in the American fire service that has survived and is alive and well in our state is the ceremony called a "new apparatus wet-down/push-in". This process dates back to the 1800's when horses pulled fire apparatus and the pumps were powered by steam.

It was common practice for the fire-fighters, upon returning from an alarm, to wet down the horses and the apparatus. They would then return the horses to the stable portion of the station and push the apparatus into the bay. Apparently horses did not have a reverse gear!

Wikipedia defines a "wetting down" as a christening of fire engines and a ceremonial water salute given to vehicles, including ships and airplanes.

It goes on to describe a wet down as a ritual celebrated by many fire departments in the United States in which squads of firefighters ritualistically commission a new fire apparatus by anointing it with water spray from the unit it is replacing.

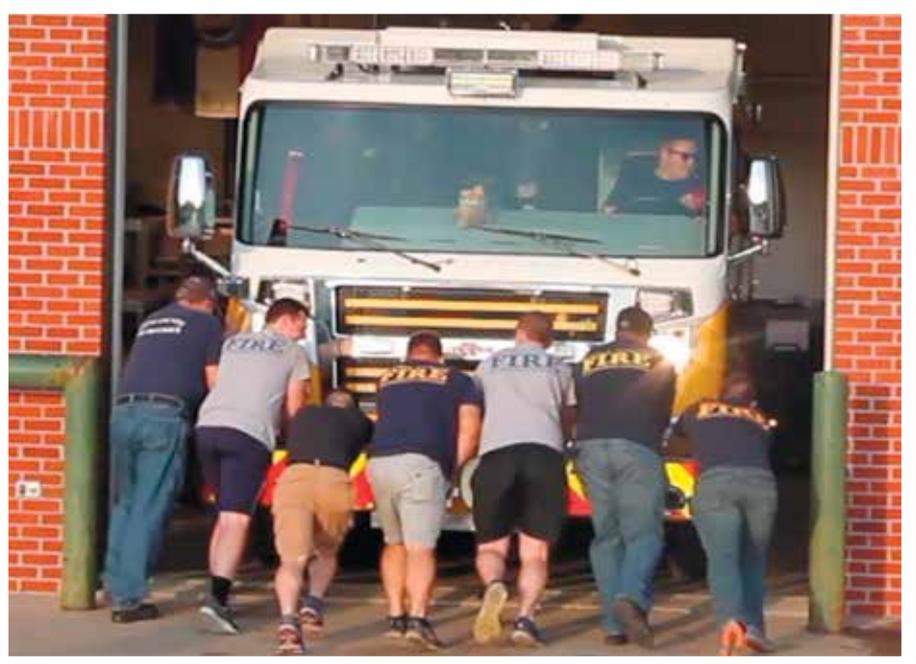
ALIVE AND WELL IN MISSOURI

I am happy to report that this time-honored tradition is alive and well in Missouri. Within the last couple of months, two departments have held such ceremonies. The Boone County Fire Protection District in Columbia recently received a huge order of over a dozen new apparatus and Station Eight is shown in this article doing their wet down/push in.

The other department who recently received new apparatus was the City of Branson, Their special day was in early January, when Chef Ted Martin announced the cities new \$595,000 engine would be dedicated at their fire station three with a wet-down ceremony. Leaders from the



The City of Branson's new engine on display at the Winter Fire School "Fire Expo" in Columbia.



Members of the Boone County Fire Protection District push-in their new Rosenbauer Engine into Fire Station Eight South of Columbia.

city of Branson, including Mayor Karen Best, firefighters from the area and a throng of interested citizen were all part of the ceremony. Everyone went outside for the wet-down and helped push in the new 2016 KME apparatus.

This was huge for the public relations of the department. It allowed many citizens to see the progress being made and each person in attendance received an official fire department towel used to dry the unit after it entered the station.



Citizens, Officials and Firefighters, all working together, pushing their new apparatus into Station Three at Branson.



Branson Fire Chief Ted Martin doing his part, drying the new engine.



The final act of the wet-down/push-in ceremony, the Blessing of the new rig.

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Parents signature for Junior Fire Fighters under 18 years of age

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Each member will be issued one Duty Shirt at no charge and may order extra shirts at \$10.00 each (\$2.00 extra for 2x and larger) Mark application if you want more shirts Yes or No . Please give shirt size above either way. If the dates you are requesting are full you will be contacted for alternate dates for you to attend. Due to staffing restrictions the FFAM reserves the right to refuse any application

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Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 29, 2017

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

Prior to the meetings, members participated in a group prayer for Cindy Gott a member of the Galt Fire Department, who passed away this morning. Our prayers and sympathy go out to her family and the Galt Fire Department.

Meeting called to order by President Diane Hanes at 9:04 a.m.

PRESENT

Diane Hanes, Galt FPD; Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; Missy Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire; Kerrie Mattox, North Central Carroll Fire; Barb Mattox, North Central Fire; Joni Fields, Paris FD; Angela Fields, Paris FD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussed meeting notes from December, no changes or additions. Theresa made a motion to accept the meeting notes, Joni seconded the motion, passed.

Financial report indicated we have a balance of \$3,680.71. Jessica made a motion to accept the financial report, Chris seconded, motion passed. Our account had been transferred to a bank in Jefferson City for Sheri, the Treasurer to handle. The financial audit was not able to be conducted today, this will be completed on Friday April 21 at convention.

MEMBERSHIP

Dues have been collected for over 100 members as of today. Send membership dues to Theresa Cox.

FUND-RAISERS

Sheri and Chris will sell our items at Winter Fire School. Sheri and Theresa will take inventory of items left and replenish stock for convention. Discussed we will order T-shirts, with the Auxiliary logo, to have for sale at convention. Shirts to be blue with white print.

AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Chris to follow up with Jenny from Warrenton.

POSTERS

Galt Fire Auxiliary will judge posters again this year.

CONVENTION

There is no parade this year, vendors will be available all day Saturday only. Jessica will order table cloths and LED lights. Joni shared examples of the centerpieces.

MEMORIAL

May 20 and 21 at Kingdom City. Galt is preparing about 400 ribbons.

CONTEST

Need to have applications in Wednesday April 19, prior to convention contest.

HISTORIAN

Bring last two years scrapbooks to convention. Discussed the need for a place to maintain (house) all of the history books and items each officer or members have for the Auxiliary.

BY LAWS

No updates at this time but changes are needed on some items. To be tabled till after convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Several items need to be updated on the FFAM website. Such as officers photo, officers positions and contact information, etc. Changes need to be sent to Jamie Miller.

Joni made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Missy, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Cox,
Wentzville Fire Protection District
2nd Vice President

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HOWELL COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1 DINNER

Howell County Rural Fire District #1 recently had a firefighter appreciation dinner. We honored those that had been with our department for five years or more. In the picture, first row from left to right are: Lieutenant/Head Safety Officer Lee Arthurs, 6 years of service; Captain Verlin Bunch, 8 Years of service; Assistant Chief Chris Wilbanks, 7 years of service; and Fire Chief Joe Auffert, 35 years of service. Back row from left to right: Administrative Officer Christel Cantrell, 15 years of service; Board Vice President Doyle Surritte, 15 years of service; Board President Joe Bean, 17 years of service; and Secretary Fern Welker, 5 years of service. We appreciate these men and women serving our community.



SOUTHEASTERN RANDOLPH FD RECEIVES GRANTS

It's an exciting time for the Southeastern Randolph Fire Department (SRFD). SRFD Fire Chief Vic Sharp said the department in Clark, Missouri, received a Community Reinvestment Grant of \$9000 and a Safe Community Grant of \$1000 from Enbridge Energy Company on October 6.

"The funding will go to constructing a thirty by thirty foot training building at the Clark station for all local fire departments, as well as the community to use," said Charlie Peel, who works with Enbridge and volunteers at the SRFD.

"The plans for the building so far include an open design, but the building will likely have garage doors to close when necessary," Peel said.

"The Clark firehouse is just two years old and is very similar to the station in Renick," Peel said.



Gathered for the Enbridge Energy Company donation to the Southeastern Randolph Fire Department shown from left: Richard McKenzie, Lafe Stone, Carols Cruz, Charlie Peel, Fire Chief Vic Sharp, Board President Kevin Thompson, Randolph County Presiding Commissioner John Truesdell, Commissioner Jerry Crutchfield, Mitchell Crony, Ann Farnen, Commissioner Wayne Wilcox; and Assistant Chief/Mutual Aid Group Coordinator Jim Wilson.

"Through community support, Enbridge is leaving a permanent footprint in Randolph County," Peel said.

SRFD has previously received a portable generator from the Missouri Department of Conservation for backup power.

A SRFD official at a brief meeting to present the donation check, said they appreciate the support of the Randolph County Community and that of the MDC. They concluded with a big thank you to Enbridge Energy.

CITY OF RIVERSIDE PRESS RELEASE



Since 2012 Greg Mills has held two different positions with the City of Riverside: as the Director of Public Safety, a position he assumed in 2005; and Riverside's City Administrator. In 1975 Riverside established the Department of Public Safety, which had police officers dual trained as fire fighters. No longer a safe or efficient model for providing for the public safety, in 2008 Riverside established a separate fire department, with Mills leading both police and fire. Over the next several months Mills will transition to retirement and in preparation for that Riverside's Board of Aldermen has eliminated the position of Director of Public Safety and has selected a Police Chief and a Fire Chief. These two people will be officially sworn in at the March 7th Board of Aldermen meeting, which begins at 7:00 pm at Riverside's City Hall.

To be appointed as Chief of Police is Riverside Police Major Chris Skinrod. Major Skinrod was hired as a Reserve Public Safety Officer in June of 1995 and became a full time officer in October of 1995. Since then he has risen through the ranks being promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2005, moved to

the Administrative Sergeant's position in 2008, and promoted to the position of Captain in 2009. In March of 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Major. Major Skinrod is responsible for the daily operations of the police division, including, budgeting, patrol, communications, and the Criminal Investigation Unit. He is a member of the Metro Squad and the Metropolitan Area Regional Radio System Committee.

To be appointed as the Riverside Fire Chief is current Fire Division Chief Gordon Fowlston. Chief Fowlston was hired as Riverside's Fire Marshal in 2007 and was promoted to Fire Division Chief in 2008. He has been responsible for the daily operation of the Fire Division and with this promotion will be the first Fire Chief of a standalone Riverside Fire Department. He has 26 years of firefighting experience and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Administration. Chief Fowlston is active in many national and local organizations, to include the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Missouri Fire Chiefs, the National Fire Protection Association and the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Team.



Fire Chief Gordon Fowlston.



Chief of Police Chris Skinrod.



RANDOLPH COUNTY AWARDS

On February 11 the Randolph County Fire Department's Second Annual Awards Dinner was held. This dinner is held to recognize Fire Fighters and Citizens of the communities that have a positive impact for the respective fire districts. There were approximately 240 people in attendance with the Little Dixie FPD Color Guard presenting the colors, also with an excellent meal provided by Poppa Rocks Catering. Guest Speaker for the nights event was Acting State Fire Marshal Greg Carrell. Also in attendance were State Representatives, Tim Remole, Chuck Basye, Cheri Toalson Reisch, Presiding Commissioner John Trusdale, Fire Fighters Association President Chief Kenneth Hoover, Fire Fighters Association District 3 Director Chief Larry Jones. Emcee for the nights events was Captain Charlie Peel, Southeastern Randolph FPD. Listed below are the award winners for each district.

EASTERN RANDOLPH FPD

Board of Directors Award, Sue Finnel. *Community Service Award*, Chris Hopper Family. *Fire Fighter of the Year*, Fire Fighter Randy Burke.

MOBERLY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Years of Service Pins: Captain Rob Berry, 25 years; Captain Ben Leathers, 26 years; Captain Bob Hardy, 27 years; Captain Jerry Washam, 27 years; Lieutenant Mike Smith, 27 years.

MOBERLY FIRE CHIEFS TEAM AWARD

1. Fire Chief Robert Creed (Ret)
2. Captains Ben Leathers, Robert Hardy, Jerry Washam
3. Lieutenant Mike Smith
4. Engineers Mark Cody, Stacy Brockman, Patrick Truesdell, Bobby Ballow
5. Fire Fighters Anthony Brake, Stephen Weise, Evan Brendel, Holt Landorf, Charles Wolverton, Kenneth Dutton, Cory Putnam

MOBERLY FIRE DEPARTMENT LIFE SAVING AWARD:

1. Captain Robert Hardy
2. Lieutenant Roy Holtkamp
3. Fire Fighter Nicholas Richards
4. Fire Fighter Evan Brendel

MOBERLY FIRE DEPARTMENT STATE REPRESENTATIVE RESOLUTION:

Robert Creed accepted by Davina and David Creed

NORTHEAST RANDOLPH R-4 FPD

Chiefs Award, Lieutenant John Ratley. *Community Service Award*, Eagle Scout Brodie Niemeier. *Fire Fighter of the Year*, Lieutenant Steve Scherbring.

SOUTHEASTERN RANDOLPH FPD

Chiefs Award, Assistant Chief Alan McCune accepted by Assistant Chief Jim Wilson. *Community Service Award*, Town of Renick, and Renick School District. *Fire Fighter of the Year*, Fire Fighter Lafe Stone. *Life Saving Award*, Assistant Chief Jim Wilson. *Life Saving Award*, Captain Charlie Peel.

WESTRAN FPD

Chiefs Award, Lieutenant Nick Burchett. *Community Service Award*, Westran Fire Board of Directors President Merl Riley. *Fire Fighter of the Year*, Fire Fighter Justin Skinner.

IBERIA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AWARDS



Iberia Rural Fire Protection District From Left to Right: Rick Duncan, 5 Year Service Award. Michael French, 35 Year Service Award. Assistant Chief Rob Murray, 2016 Firefighter of the Year, Fire Chief Greg Onstott.

BOLES FPD STARTS NEW TRADITION



On behalf of Boles FPD, we would like to thank our residents for passing *Proposition Safety* last April. Due to your generosity, we are able to hire twelve additional full-time career firefighters and will be able to bring on additional reserve firefighters.

As of January 22, 2017 we were able to staff all 4 stations with 2 members 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. With the additional staffing, we will cut initial response time's district wide.

With hiring additional career and reserve firefighters, many changes have taken place. We started a new tradition within our organization. We hosted our first pinning ceremony on February 15, 2017. During that presentation, 24 received new badges.

RESERVE FIREFIGHTERS

Jace Backs, Joe Fleming, Tyler Pruessner, Adam Schmitt, Nick Simpson, and Elizabeth Williams

CAREER FIREFIGHTERS

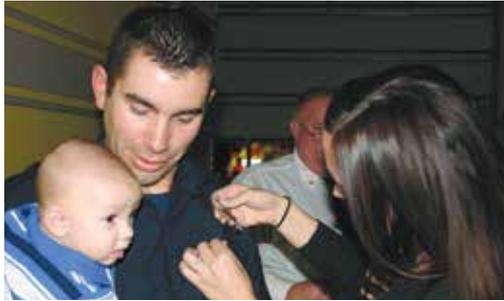
Jacob Broeker, Paul Hargis, Adam Huff, Greg Kriete, Dan Krull, Dan Milliken, Adrian Peterson, Matt Sleet, Clay Snodgrass, Kevin Stone, Anthony Wehmeyer, and Matt Woodruff.

CAREER LIEUTENANTS

Zeth Boyer, Ben Dudley, Don Fitts, Ben Hutchings, Sam Johnson, and Mike Wussow.

Boles FPD protects 70 square miles in Northeast Franklin County with stations in Gray Summit, Labadie, Villa Ridge and St. Albans. Boles FPD is a combination department made up of full-time and reserve firefighters. In 2016, Boles FPD answered 1,254 calls for service.

As always, feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, concerns or just stop in to welcome our new members or visit: www.bfpd.com.



ORILLA M MURRAY

May 11, 1936 - December 15, 2016



Orilla M. Murray, 80 years, 6 months, 4 days old, passed to Heaven on December 15, 2016 at her home with her family by her side. Orilla was born in Norwalk, CA on May 11, 1936 to Robert Milton and Bessie Jane (Shaw) Stoaks.

Orilla was a Registered Nurse and housewife. She graduated from Kansas City College and Bible School in 1955, and then entered nurses training at Trinity Lutheran Hospital where she graduated in 1957. Orilla was a Nurses Aid at Trinity Lutheran during her college years, and after obtaining her Nursing degree she went to work for Swedish Hospital in Englewood, CO (Denver area) as an RN until 1960. She then worked at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Kansas City, MO.

Orilla moved to Ava, MO to teach at Mt. Zion Bible School. It was there that she met the young man across the street named Delbert Murray and they were married September 15, 1962. They moved to St. Louis where Cynthia was born. They later moved to Wichita, KS where Orilla worked as charge nurse at Wesley Medical Center and the rest of their children were born. Later the family returned to Ava where she again taught in

RODGER JAMES CECIL

October 27, 1958 - December 16, 2016



Rodger James Cecil, age 58 of Butler, Missouri died Friday, December 16, 2016 at KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. He was born October 27, 1958 to William James and Mela Mae Dotson Cecil in Butler, Missouri.

the Bible School, served as school nurse for Mt. Zion, and continued rearing her family. With her husband, she joined the local camp of Gideon's as a part of the Ladies Auxiliary. When her husband became Chief of the Ava Rural Fire Department, she learned a new skill of dispatcher, a role she faithfully filled for many years as "Ava Rural Base 360." She loved teaching Sunday School, VBS, telling stories in preschool and kindergarten and Bible School. The last few years before developing ALS, she would research the background of Christian songs and tell the stories in church. Throughout her life, she invested herself in telling younger generations that "Jesus Loves Them," as her life's theme song says, through interesting storytelling.

Above all, Orilla loved the Lord, and she enjoyed teaching children about

Rodger grew up in Belton, Missouri and graduated from Belton High School. At age 15 he became a junior firefighter under Fire Chief Kirt Dinkler in Belton. He continued in the fire service as a volunteer most of his life--most recently with the Butler Fire Department for 8 years. On May 9, 2008 he was united in marriage to Brenda Faye King. Rodger worked as a union laborer in construction with Local 1290 most of his life. In 2008 he moved to Butler and worked as Animal Control Officer for the City of Butler. Rodger, along with wife Brenda taught the Missouri Department of Conservation Hunter Safety Course in Butler. He was a member of the Butler Masonic Lodge #254 and the Last Harvest Cowboy Church.

Rodger enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, carpentry and gardening. He always had several projects he was working on and had a great passion to help others. Rodger is survived by his wife, Brenda Cecil of Butler, Missouri; their dog, Sparky J. Cecil; a half-brother, Ed Ballard and wife C.J. of Amsterdam, Missouri; two brothers-in-law, Doug King and wife Meghann of Archie, Missouri and Raymond King and wife Gayle of Roseau, Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Christ. She also liked flower gardening, crocheting, and sewing. Most of all she loved being with her family who will miss her love, prayers, and guidance.

Orilla was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, James and Charles Stoaks, a sister, Louise Blackburn, and her father and mother in-laws, Chester A. and Iris M. Murray. Orilla is survived by her husband Delbert of the home, two sons, Norman Lee Murray and wife Sheila of Ashland, MO, and Delbert Lynn Murray and wife Sherri of Ava, two daughters, Cynthia Ann Murray of Columbia, MO, and Orilla Mae Crider and husband Michael of West Plains, MO, eight grandchildren, Dwight Murray and wife Audre, Nathaniel Murray, James Crider, Abigail Crider, Milton Crider, Calli Murray and Cooper Murray, as well as many other family and friends.

ROBERT E “BOB” FERGUSON

January 1, 1951 - January 12, 2017



Robert “Bob” E. Ferguson, age 66, of Versailles, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2017, at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City. He was born January 1, 1951, in Versailles, a son of Edward Lee “Bud” and Arlene (Bonine) Ferguson.

On April 29, 1989, at the Versailles First Baptist Church, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Robin (Shackelford) Ferguson.

Bob was employed at Mertens Oil Company for thirty years. For the last four years, he has been employed by GO Transportation.

Bob was a firefighter for thirty-nine years for the Versailles City Fire Department and was currently the Fire Chief. He gave many selfless years serving the citizens of Versailles. When not working or dedicating time to the fire department, he enjoyed spending time hunting and fishing with family and friends.

He was an active member of the Versailles First Baptist Church where he was in charge of the van ministry for many years.

CYNTHIA LYNN GOTT

February 25, 1961 - January 28, 2017



Cynthia Lynn Gott, a 55 year old, Galt, MO resident passed away at 10:48 p.m., Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, KS.

Cynthia Gott was born February 25, 1961 in Fort Worth, TX to Bob and Carolyn (Davis) Gott. She graduated from Grundy R-V High School in 1979

In addition to his wife, Robin, he is survived by his children, Clifton Parker and wife Dawn of Tipton, Missouri, Eric Riggs of Versailles, Missouri and Jenny Smith and husband Shelby of Mexico, Missouri; twelve grandchildren; his mother, Arlene Ferguson of Versailles, Missouri; sisters, Betty Metcalf and companion Carl of Gravois Mills, Missouri, Wanda Ferguson of Versailles, Missouri and Rita Garrison of Fredericktown, Missouri; sister-in-law, Shirley Ferguson of Versailles, Missouri and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Bud Ferguson, his infant sister, Jeannie Ferguson, his brother, James L. Ferguson and his mother-in-law, Patricia Ann Shackelford.

and remained a lifetime resident. Her mother ran the Galt diner and in 1995 she took over the business. Cindy was active in the Galt Community working as an E.M.T. and Fire Fighter with the Galt Fire Department, as well as being a member of the fire auxiliary and the Galt Christian Church. She will always be remembered for her contagious smile and laugh.

Surviving relatives include her father Bob Gott of Galt, brothers Ben Gott and wife Sherril of Galt, James Gott and wife Dennine of Galt, and Noel Gott and wife Ellen of Chillicothe, MO. A niece Angie Gott of Chillicothe, nephews Robbie Gott and wife Annaka of Macon, MO, Corey Gott and wife Amanda of Trenton, MO, Shawn Gott and wife Aimee of Trenton, Bryce Gott of Chillicothe and Brock Gott of Chillicothe, and five great Nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, maternal grandparents Noel and Dorothy “Granny” Davis and paternal grandparents Loren and Minnie Gott.

In lieu of flowers the family encourages memorial donations to the Cindy Gott Memorial to be used for a scholarship for students going in to Emergency Medical Services, Fire and Rescue, and Law Enforcement.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Rank: _____

Department: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Banquet: Yes _____ No _____

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR ALL GUEST WHO WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE:

Guest Name: _____ Title: _____ Banquet ___ Yes ___ No _____

Guest Name: _____ Title: _____ Banquet ___ Yes ___ No _____

Guest Name: _____ Title: _____ Banquet ___ Yes ___ No _____

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

Hotel: _____ Friday: _____ Saturday: _____

Hotel: _____ Friday: _____ Saturday: _____

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 17, 2017

Registration \$10.00 X _____ = _____ Banquet \$25.00 X _____ = _____ Total Due \$ _____

REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 17 PAYABLE AT THE DOOR; Registration \$15.00; Banquet \$25.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FFAM CONVENTION 2017

SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:

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P.O. Box 1153
Warrensburg, MO 64093

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

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EXHIBITOR DISPLAY BOOTH REGISTRATION

Missouri State Fairgrounds • Mathewson Exhibition Center • Sedalia, Missouri

Exhibition: April 21, 2017

Name of Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____ Fax: _____

1. Exhibit Times April 21st 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm ; Setup Time April 21st 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
2. **REGISTRATION IS DUE BY MARCH 31ST - PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.**
3. All upper level booths include cloth back walls and side rails.
4. Booths assigned by Expo Director.
5. Cancellations must be in writing 30 days before event for full refund after 30 day a 50% charge will apply. No shows will forfeit refund.
6. We request that each vendor supply door prizes if possible.
7. Please call or email for availability of inside vehicle spaces.

We invite you to be a part of this exciting event! If there is any way we can assist your company, please call convention committee chairperson Larry Jennings at 660-747-5220 or 660-624-1918.

BOOTH OR SPACE TYPE	PRICE	NUMBER REQUESTED	TOTAL DUE
8 Foot X 8 Foot	\$125 Per Area		
16 Foot X 8 Foot	\$250 Per Area		
Inside Vehicle	\$250 Per Vehicle		
Outside vehicle	\$75 Per Vehicle		
GRAND TOTAL			

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FFAM CONTEST FORM

Registration Deadline is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Department Name: _____ Team 1 Team 2

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Check One: Firefighter Division Female Division Junior Division

Must be an FFAM or Auxiliary Member to participate.

Hose Coupling: _____
(captain)

(alternate)

Extend a Line: _____
(captain)

(alternate)

Replace a Section: _____
(captain)

(alternate)

Water Fight: _____
(captain)

(alternate)

Bucket Brigade: _____
(captain)

(alternate)

Email Contest Registration and
Release of Responsibility form to:
roberdel@ktis.net

or mail to: Rob Erdel
19761 ACR314
Mexico, MO 65265



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FFAM CONTEST RELEASE

RELEASE OF RESPONSIBILITY

For Consideration of participation and privileged access to the convention contest area, where non-participants will be excluded therein, and for other valuable considerations, the undersigned hereby releases and agrees to discharge and hold harmless the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, it's members, officers, and contest organizers, and all other persons, firms, or corporations, who may be liable, or whom might be claimed to be liable, from all claims, demands, suits, or other causes of action which might be claimed for any injury resulting from voluntary participation in Contest Activities of the F.F.A.M. Convention Contest Events.

The undersigned hereby declares that the terms of this RELEASE have been completely read and are fully understood and voluntarily accepted for the purpose of facilitating participation in the F.F.A.M. Contest Events and for precluding forever any claims what so ever for accidents or damages arising there from.

By signing this form I, _____, have read and explained it's meaning and answered any questions from my team members and will be taking full responsibility by signing for all the members of my team whose name I have placed my initials by.

Team Leader : _____ **Signature :** _____

Witness : _____ **Signature :** _____ **Date :** _____

Contestant Name (PRINT)	Signature (or leaders initials)	Shirt Size
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SPONSORED LODGING RATES

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

660-826-4000
\$90 Per Room

- 50 Rooms
- 20 Doubles
- 30 Kings
- Breakfast
- Indoor Pool
- Fitness Center
- Business Center

COMFORT INN

660-829-5050
\$86 Per Room

- 35 To 50 Rooms
- 2 Queen Rooms
- Hot Breakfast
- Indoor Pool
- Business Center

BEST WESTERN

660-826-6100
\$84-\$94 Per Room

- 50 Rooms
- 35 Double
- 15 King
- Smoking And Non Smoking
- Restaurant
- Indoor Pool
- Breakfast Buffet

TRUMAN INN

660-826-8400
\$80 Per Night

- 116 Rooms
- 85 Doubles
- 30 Kings
- 2 Hot Tub Suites **\$120**
- Hot Breakfast
- Indoor Pool
- Fitness Center
- Mexican Restaurant/Bar
- Smoking / Non Smoking

MOTEL 6

660-827-5890

- 30 Doubles **\$70**
- 20 Kings **\$70**

- 33 Singles **\$65**
- No Breakfast
- Free Coffee
- Microwave and Fridge

MISSOURI STATE FAIR CAMPGROUNDS

- 30 Amp Spot **\$14**
- 50 Amp Spot **\$25**

CONVENTION BOOK SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING RATES

ADVERTISEMENT SIZE	RATE	NUMBER OF ADS	TOTAL DUE
Full Page	\$750 (Includes a banner during convention)		
One half (1/2) Page	\$375		
One quarter (1/4) Page	\$187.50		
Business Card Size (2" x 3.5")	\$25		
GRAND TOTAL			

Camera ready art is preferred.

For those wishing to assist with the convention with financial support but do not wish to purchase ad space, other

donations are welcome and donors will be listed in the book without specifically indicating a donation amount.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FFAM CONVENTION 2017

PAYMENT AND AD COPY DUE BY: MARCH 17, 2017

SEND ADVERTISEMENT AND PAYMENT TO:

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Email: FFAMCONVENTION2017@GMAIL.COM

POSTERS WANTED

CONTEST RULES

1. The Poster Contest should be conducted by a FFAM member agency in their local schools.
2. There will be three divisions:
 - a. Grade 1-2
 - b. Grades 3-4
 - c. Grade 5-6
3. Sponsoring departments may submit top three posters in each division
4. All posters must meet the following requirements:
 - a. All posters must be the work of only one child.
 - b. Posters must be on 11x17 inches white heavy paper.
 - c. All work must be original.
 - d. The child's name, mailing address, grade, school, county and sponsoring agency must be on the back of the poster
 - e. Posters must incorporate and state the theme determined by the NFPA Fire Prevention Week.
5. The winning poster in each division will become the property of the FFAM
6. The following prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division:
 - a. 1st place in each category will receive \$75.00
 - b. 2nd place in each category will receive \$50.00



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

12. The first place winners from each division will be announced during the Convention Banquet.

FFAM FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST

Artist Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

County: _____

Sponsoring Agency: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____

CONVENTION TIME!

By Larry Jennings

As you all are probably aware by now the 2017 FFAM Convention is just around the corner. Hopefully by the time you are reading this you have already submitted your registration, made your lodging reservations and have made plans to join us in Sedalia, April 21-23. We plan to have a great convention and it will only be better if you each can join us as we visit with old friends, make new friends,

take part in some friendly competition and conduct the official business of the FFAM.

We are offering four training opportunities this year so those attending can enhance their knowledge and skills. *Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training* and *Strategies of Leadership: Recruiting and Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers* will both be offered. Additionally, we are offering a four-hour *Pipeline Association of Missouri Emergency Response* training on Friday morning and a two-hour *Introduction to*

Public Safety Officer Benefits training on Friday afternoon. All you need to do is register for the training(s) of your choice and you will be good to go. All trainings are scheduled to end early enough to allow you an opportunity to visit the various vendors that will be present in the Mathewson Exhibition Center.

We all hope you have made plans to join us and we look forward to seeing each of you on the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia in April.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All Events Are Held on the Missouri State Fairgrounds

START	END	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, April 21			
8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	Pipeline Association of Missouri Emergency Response Training	TBA
8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	Certified Fire & Ambulance District Board Training	Lowell Moeller Assembly Hall
8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	Recruiting and Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers Training	Lowell Moeller Assembly Hall
9:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Set-Up	Mathewson Exhibition Center
12:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Vendor Exposition	Mathewson Exhibition Center
2:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Introduction of Public Safety Officer Benefits Training	TBA
7:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	Mathewson Exhibition Center
8:00 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	Social Mixer *Food and drinks provided	Lowell Moeller Assembly Hall
Saturday, April 22			
8:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	Fire Fighters Contest	Midway
1:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	Explore Sedalia *No scheduled activities but take advantage of the great restaurants and shopping available in Sedalia!	
5:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	Banquet and Awards Ceremony	Lowell Moeller Assembly Hall
9:00 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	Dance *Food and drinks provided	Lowell Moeller Assembly Hall
Sunday, April 23			
9:00 a.m.		FFAM Business Meeting and Closing Ceremonies	Lowell Moeller Assembly Hall
9:00 a.m.		FFAM Auxiliary Meeting	Lowell Moeller Assembly Hall

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Training Classes—if you plan to attend one of the scheduled training classes, please register ahead of time. Check out our website, ffam.org/committees/convention/2017-convention/, for more information.
- The campgrounds are available for lodging on a first-come-first serve basis. No reservations need to be made but be aware there is also a horse show on the fairgrounds the same weekend so space may be limited.
- A free shuttle will be available during the Social Mixer and Dance to take you to and from your hotel and fairgrounds.
- Food and drinks will be provided during the Social Mixer, Dance and Business Meeting.
- If your department would like to reserve tables for the banquet, you must contact Secretary Miller ahead of time to reserve your space. (660)429-1327 or ffam.jmiller@gmail.com

YOU CAN FIND ALL THE CONVENTION INFORMATION AT: ffam.org/committees/convention/2017-convention/



Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

Delegate Registration

2017 FFAM Convention
Board of Directors Business Meeting
Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO

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

An FFAM membership card may be required for membership verification.

Mail to: FFAM, PO Box 1153, Warrensburg, MO 64093

FFAM BYLAWS: ARTICLE VIII – DELEGATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2017 ELECTIONS FOR FFAM



PER ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by majority vote of the duly authorized delegates at the annual convention. Nominations for office must be submitted before the convention by March 1. As of March 1, 2017 the following nominations have been received and validated.

President – Ken Hoover
1st Vice – Larry Jennings
2nd Vice – Grant Oetting
Secretary/Treasurer Jaime Miller
Sergeant-at-Arms – Rex Reynolds

District 1 – Terry Wynne
District 3 – Larry Jones
District 7 – Robert Brown
District 11 – Monty Thompson
District 14 – Rick Dozier

FFAM BYLAW CHANGE, DUES INCREASE PROPOSAL 2017

By Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

MEMBERSHIP DECLINE 2012 - 2016

Active Members **DOWN:** 664

Lost Revenue FFAM: \$3,320

Lost Revenue Memorial: \$1,660

Department Only Members **UP:** 51

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS PROPOSED WITH DUES INCREASE

- One \$3,000 Department Grant for the purchase of equipment:

All member departments are eligible to apply for the grant. Grant proposals will be reviewed by the Awards Committee and awarded at the annual convention. Can only be used for the purchase of equipment. Not eligible to be used for personnel or operating expenses.

- Fire Fighter Assistance Program:

Any member who sustains a minimum \$10,000 fire loss in their primary residence will be issued a \$500 check to be used any way they need. Fire loss must be verified by an insurance agent and fire chief.

- MU FRTI Winter Fire School Scholarship:

All member departments will be placed in a random drawing to be held at the annual convention. Five (5) departments drawn at random will received funds for two (2) members to attend Winter Fire School the following year. Funds will cover the cost of the tuition and lodging for two nights at a hotel.

Total new benefits approximate cost \$8,550

Additional details regarding all programs will be outlined should dues increase take place



DUES INCREASE PROPOSAL

- Departments with individuals: \$50.00 department dues.

Based on 2016 membership figures, this would increase FFAM revenue by \$7,850.

- Department only: \$150.00 department dues.

Based on 2016 membership figures, this would increase FFAM revenue by \$8,000.

- Active Members: \$10.00 per person (\$7/FFAM; \$3/Memorial).

*Includes Educational and Junior Members.

Based on 2016 membership figures, this would increase FFAM revenue by \$17,465.

- Dues would not change for Associate, Corporate, Sustaining.

BYLAW CHANGE PROPOSAL

CURRENT BYLAWS:

ARTICLE VI - DUES

Annual dues shall be as follows:

Active Members - \$7.50;
Honorary Members – no dues;
Associate Members - \$15.00;
Retired Members – no dues;
Fire Departments - \$25.00;
Sustaining Members - \$15.00;
Corporate Members - \$50.00;
Educational Institutions - \$25.00;
Educational Members - \$7.50;
Directors/Councilman – no dues;
Junior Fire Fighters/Cadet Fire Fighters - \$7.50.

\$2.50 of each active member's dues will be designated to the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation and will be paid to the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation biannually.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN RED

ARTICLE VI - DUES

Annual dues shall be as follows:



LAKE OF THE OZARKS BACK TO BACK

June 25 - July 1, 2018
www.lakeozarkcanamgames.com

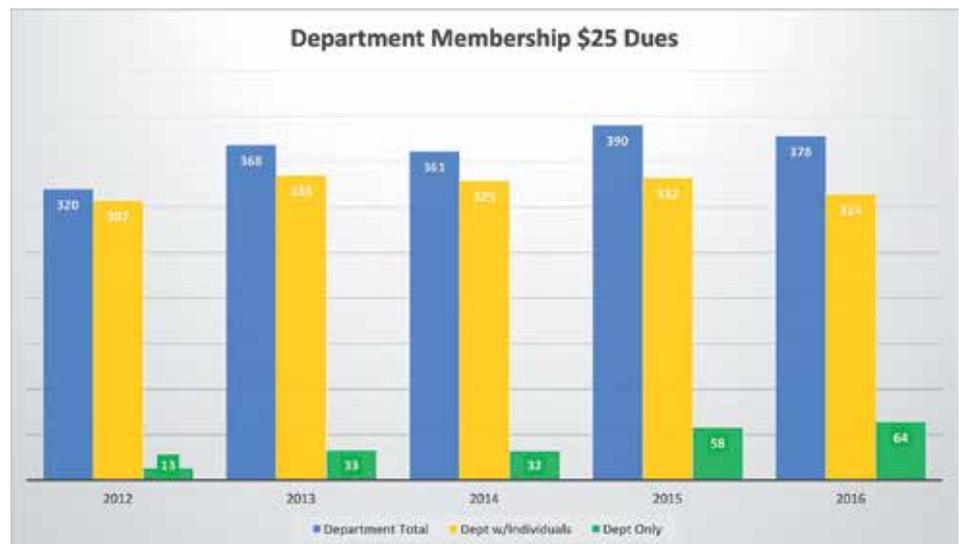


**Special
Olympics**
Missouri



- Active Members - \$10.00;
- Honorary Members – no dues;
- Associate Members - \$15.00;
- Retired Members – no dues;
- Fire Departments with individuals \$50.00;
- Fire Department Only - \$150.00;
- Sustaining Members - \$15.00;
- Corporate Members - \$50.00;
- Educational Institutions - \$50.00;
- Educational Members - \$10.00;
- Directors/Councilman – no dues;
- Junior Fire Fighters/Cadet Fire Fighters - \$10.00.

\$3.00 of each active member's dues will be designated to the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation and will be paid to the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation biannually.





DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

David Hedrick
Director

University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute



The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) is conducting a statewide survey to assess the training needs of Missouri's fire service. The information obtained in this survey will assist MU FRTI in planning and developing training initiatives designed to meet identified training needs. We want to recognize the MU FRTI Advisory Council for their direction and assistance in developing this training needs survey. The survey uses an online web-based survey tool called "Survey Monkey". The survey will be conducted through March 31, 2017. Your department's participation in this survey is essential to the accurate assessment and the development of a training plan for the fire service. You will be able to access the survey on-line using the following link in your web browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fire-servicetrngsurvey>. Only one response per department is needed. The person who completes the survey should reflect the views of the administrative or governing body of the department.

On January 9, 2017, Eric Greitens was sworn into office as Missouri's new governor. That morning in a special ceremony, he recognized Missouri's current and past veterans and emergency service first responders for the job they perform in protecting our state and nation's citizens. In his inauguration address, he again spoke of the important role these responders have in daily service to Missouri citizens. The fire service of Missouri can take pride in this prominent recognition provided by the Governor. During his recent weeks in office, Governor Greitens has made a number of new state agency appointments. Among those related to the job emergency responders perform are: Drew Juden as Director of

Department of Public Safety and Greg Favre as Deputy Director of DPS; Ernie Rhodes as Director of State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA); and Tim Bean as State Fire Marshal/Director of Division of Fire Safety. I am certain these individuals will work hard to fulfill their state office duties and continue to support the fire and emergency responders of the state. We look forward to the opportunity to work with these officials in the future on fire service training initiatives. MU FRTI also wishes to thank Greg Carrell for his service to the state as Interim Fire Marshal these past three years, and appreciate his working with the Institute on training initiatives.

In January, State Budget shortfalls required the administration to sweep available state funding allocations. This included the state budgeted General Revenue appropriation for fire training. Division of Fire Safety (DFS) and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission met and prioritized remaining training funds to minimize the impact of the loss of funding as much as possible throughout the state. MU FRTI is extremely grateful for the actions and assistance of DFS and the Fire Education Commission to support scheduled training deliveries. The fire service needs to be good stewards of the remaining fire funding by making sure your fire department maximizes the number of students in the remaining classes this year.

Regarding the General Revenue Fire Training Fund, which is part of the state budget for FY18, a number of Fire Chiefs, the Fire Education Commission and I had the opportunity to testify before the House Appropriations Committee for Public Safety in January on the importance of this training fund.

Missouri had moderate weather again this year for the 35th Annual Winter Fire School (WFS) and Fire Equipment Expo that occurred February 3-5, in Columbia. We had great attendance at the Fire Equipment Expo on Friday and we appreciate all the exhibitors for supporting the event and sharing the latest in fire apparatus and equipment. WFS provided 100 class sessions with over 2,300 enrollments. As always, the success of WFS is due not only to the experienced instructors, effective Command Team, dedicated staff, our fire service partners and supporters, but most especially to the fire departments and individual student participants. We must express our deepest appreciation to you, our students and participants, for your continued support of this important training event.

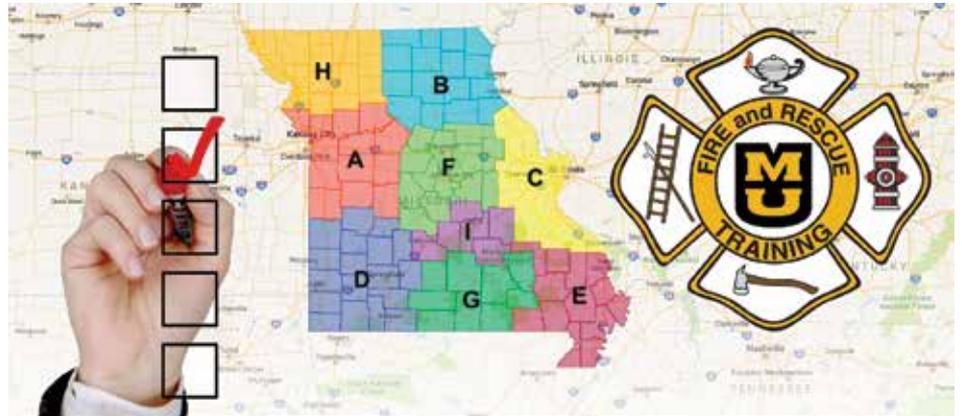
In addition, I want to mention our appreciation to the FFAM on the partnership program designed to aide volunteer fire departments in recruitment and retention of firefighters. The FFAM provided the *Strategies of Leadership: Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers*, and *Strategies of Leadership: Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers* courses at no cost as a pre-conference offering on Friday of the WFS Expo. Both classes were well attended, and garnered high positive feedback from the students. Additional courses are currently being scheduled throughout the state. I encourage your department to take advantage of this training. If you are interested in these classes, please contact MU FRTI or the FFAM.

The Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs (MAFC) held their Annual Conference in Ridgedale, Missouri, in February. The program included informative updates and workshops, including an excellent

presentation by Ret. Chief Jeff Johnson and chief executive officer (CEO) for the Western Fire Chiefs Association, on “The Lead, The Herd, and The Drag.” MAFC held officer elections and we congratulate their newly elected and re-elected officers: Treasurer John VanGorkom, Secretary Bryan Newberry, Region D Duane Compton, Region E Rick Ennis, and Region F Jason Turner. The Institute looks forward to the continuing partnership and program initiatives with the MAFC.

MU FRTI is pleased to announce general course information is available for this year’s Annual Summer Fire School (SFS) scheduled for June 7-11, 2017. This year will mark the 85th anniversary of Summer Fire School, the oldest annual fire training event in Missouri. It is with great disappointment that our partners, the Big Rivers Forest Management Compact, will not be with us at SFS due to lack of federal funding support. We appreciate the 14-year partnership with the Big Rivers Compact and their support of SFS. In an effort to ensure wildland training is available, we will be collaborating on a smaller scale to make wildland specific classes available. SFS has both classroom and live fire and rescue courses scheduled for the event. Each year MU FRTI continues to review the educational opportunities and cost effectiveness of fire school programs. This year we have reduced the number of courses to concentrate on delivering the most prevalent courses, while continuing to provide new and innovative training opportunities. Please mark your calendars for this training program and come be a part of the commemoration of Missouri’s historic Summer Fire School, and help ensure the continuation of this important annual training event.

We are looking forward to the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) 62nd Annual Convention to be held at the State Fair Grounds in Sedalia, Missouri, April 21-23, 2017, hosted by the State Fair Fire Department. The FFAM in partnership with MU FRTI will be conducting several training classes as part of the convention on Friday, April 21. The scheduled classes include: *Certified*



Take the Missouri Fire Service Needs Survey

The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) is conducting a statewide survey to assess the training needs of Missouri’s fire service. The information obtained in this survey will assist MU FRTI in planning and developing training initiatives designed to meet identified training needs. The survey will be conducted online using a web-based survey tool called Survey Monkey. You will be able to access the survey using the link provided below.

As you move through each page of the survey, your answers will be saved from the previous page. Once you have submitted the survey (by selecting the final “Done” button on the last page), you will not be able to reenter to change your answers. If you need to change any data you supply in the survey after you have submitted, please email frti@missouri.edu (be sure to include “2017 Survey” in the subject) and either provide corrected answers, or simply ask to be contacted to amend your responses.

To Access The Survey, Please Go To:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fireservicetrngsurvey>

The survey is now open through **March 31, 2017**. Your departments participation in this survey is essential to the accurate assessment and the development of a training plan for the fire service.

If you have questions that arise while taking this survey, please contact MU FRTI. You will receive a response within 1-2 business days.

Contact Information:

When sending an email, be sure to include “2017 Survey” in the subject to frti@missouri.edu or call **800-869-3476** or **573-882-4735**.

Thank you for participating in this important survey.



Fire District Board Training; Strategies of Leadership: Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers; and Strategies of Leadership: Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers. Please check for convention and registration information in this edition of the FFAM Newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of MU FRTI. The MU FRTI staff and I look forward to continuing to provide quality fire and emergency service

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DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
03/10	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Concordia	Chris Maggert	660-463-7900
03/11	Strategies of Leadership: Retaining & Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers	Dexter	Don Seymore	(573) 820-0019
03/11	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Jamestown	Steve Borts	(573) 808-0010
03/11	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Houston	Joey Moore	(417) 217-0230
03/11	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Malden	Charles Cooper	573-276-8950
03/11	Swiftwater and Flood Rescue: Awareness	Lebanon	Jeff Stokes	417-664-1225
03/11	Structural Collapse Rescue: Awareness	Lebanon	Jeff Stokes	417-664-1225
03/13	Leadership I for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Company Success	Rogersville	Rich Stirts	417-839-5697
03/14	Leadership II for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Personal Success	Rogersville	Rich Stirts	417-839-5697
03/16	Trench Rescue: Awareness	Salem	Jeffrey Stokes	(573) 247-9183
03/17	Water Supply Operations for Suburban and Rural Firefighting	Marshfield	Mary Schiman	(417) 866-8664
03/17	Water Supply Operations for Suburban and Rural Firefighting	Hayti	Glenn Whitener	(573) 740-8644
03/18	Responding to Utility Emergencies	Goodman	Keith Estes	(417) 489-1408
03/18	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Troy	Mike Cherry	(636) 528-8567
03/18	Highway Safety for Emergency Service Personnel	La Grange	Mark Tanner	573-470-9397
03/18	Handling LP Gas Emergencies	Wardsville	Barry Gipe	573-291-7981
03/22	Leadership III for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Supervisory Success	Rogersville	Rich Stirts	417-839-5697
03/23	Decision Making for Initial Company Operations	Barnhart	Mike Arnhart	314-478-6409
03/24	Basic Pump Operations	Steelville	Joe Smart	(573) 259-5490
03/25	Handling LP Gas Emergencies	Piedmont	Earl Mumper	573-712-4685
03/25	Strategies of Leadership: Retaining & Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers	Iberia	Matt Gruber	573-286-4618
03/31	Leadership III for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Supervisory Success	Jackson	Gene Kerns	573-450-4174
03/31	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Linn	Ron Hoffman	573-291-8597
03/31	Shaping the Future	Willard	Jeremy Bumgarner	417-872-5674
04/06	Firefighter Friendly Thermal Imaging	Lake Ozark	David Woodward	(573) 723-2039
04/06	Preparing for Initial Company Operations	Barnhart	Mike Arnhart	314-478-6409
04/07	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Salem	Jeffrey Stokes	(573) 247-9183
04/07	Shaping the Future	Raytown	Ty Helpfrey	816-737-6034
04/08	Handling LP Gas Emergencies	Lebanon	Jeff Stokes	(417) 664-1225
04/14	Lost Person Search and Rescue	Marshfield	Mary Schiman	(417) 866-8664
04/20	Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations	Barnhart	Mike Arnhart	314-478-6409
04/21	Structural Fire Fighting Techniques	Gower	Brian Pflugradt	(816) 341-6022
04/21	Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training	Sedalia	MUFRTI	800-869-3476
04/21	Strategies of Leadership: Retaining & Recruiting Emergency Service Volunteers	Sedalia	MUFRTI	800-869-3476
04/29	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Freeman	Jason Honderick	816-899-2550
05/06	Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue	Cameron	Daniel Praiswater	816-261-6233
05/11	Structural Fire Fighting Techniques	Troy	Robert Shramek	(314) 565-0141
05/13	Handling LP Gas Emergencies	Drury	Chris Hammett	417-259-0954
06/03	Handling LP Gas Emergencies	Troy	Robert Shramek	314-565-0141



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