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# PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

## Greetings Fellow Fire Fighters

**Kenneth Hoover  
President**



Here we are already starting a new year and I find myself thinking about all of the unfinished tasks of 2012. I sit here today with a heavy heart, just thinking about all of the tragedies that occurred in 2012. Things such as; several LODD's in the fire service here in Missouri, Law Enforcement officers killed while protecting citizens, the severe drought of 2012, the Connecticut mass killings, the New York fire fighters murdered while responding to the call for help, and many others that escape me at this time.

But, in light of all of the negative issues, we all have many things to be thankful for that gives us hope for a better 2013. Such as; our health, loving families, jobs

that provide the necessities we desire, good friends, and last but not least, our own safety that we many times take for granted. May we all strive to make 2013 a positive and productive year?

I would like to remind everyone of several important activities quickly approaching. Fire Department annual registration with the Fire Marshal's office, the FFAM Board meeting in Carthage, Missouri, Winter Fire School in Columbia, Missouri, Fire Chiefs Conference at Big Cedar, are just a few that many of you should take advantage of and attend if at all possible. All of these offer opportunities to enhance our education and services to the citizens we serve.

As we wrap up 2012, I would like to take the opportunity to say a big "Thank You" to all of the FFAM Directors and Assistant Directors, Committee Chairpersons and their members, Funeral Assistance Teams, the Executive Board and the FFAM Auxiliary for the services you all provide to the fire fighters of Missouri. All of you spend many hours and your own money traveling, attending meetings, talking, promoting membership, and supporting the efforts of FFAM.

The one item that I am asking everyone that has a connection to the fire service is to PLEASE, help make the final phase of the Fire Fighters Memorial Museum become a reality in 2013. I believe that each one of us can dig deep and find the money that it is going to require to fulfill the dream of so many great fire service leaders that have gone before us. There are so many opportunities to give; brick purchase, add a name to the service wall, Foot in the Door, Dr. Ron Baker's 343 Project, funeral memorials, and just the privilege of donating to those who have sacrificed so much protecting each of us. Please become involved.

With that thought in mind, please mark your calendars for the Annual Fire Fighters Memorial Services on May 18th and 19th, 2013 in Kingdom City, Missouri.

As always, I am available if you need to talk to me with ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call.

Kenneth Hoover, President  
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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Randy Cole  
Fire Marshal

# FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

## Missouri Division of Fire Safety



Sadness and sorrow always accompany the loss of a firefighter, but when the loss occurs just before the Christmas holiday such feelings are compounded especially as our thoughts and prayers are with family members. Both Chief Eddy Meador (Pattonburg Fire and Rescue Protection District) and Firefighter Jeffery Hudson (St. Louis Fire Department) passed away within 24 hours after responding to emergency calls from an immediate medical emergency.

On December 8th, after responding to several emergency calls including a vehicle fire and hazmat incident, Chief Meador fell ill and passed away from a cause yet to be determined. Chief Meador devoted 35 years of his life as a volunteer firefighter and served the past 12 years as Chief.

Four days later, December 12th, a short time after veteran firefighter Jeffery Hudson returned to the station from an emergency call, he was discovered deceased in his bunk at the firehouse. Firefighter Hudson served St. Louis Fire Department for 18 years with his last assignment being with Truck Company #36.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with Chief Meador and Firefighter Hudson, their family, friends and fellow firefighters.

Unfortunately Chief Meador and Firefighter Hudson's passing raises the line of duty deaths to three for 2012. On February 1st, Senior Firefighter Doug Haase, Sr. (St. Charles Fire Department) passed away at the firehouse within 24 hours after responding to emergency calls due to an immediate medical emergency. Prior to his tenure with St. Charles Fire Department, Firefighter Haase served two years as chief with Lincoln County Fire Protection District.

In May 2013, each will be remembered and honored at the annual Firefighter's Memorial Service in Kingdom City.

I too must once again praise the Firefighter's Funeral Assistance Teams for the tremendous assistance provided not only to the respective fire departments but to their families. Missouri is blessed to have such a dedicated and professional team to pay tribute not only in line of duty death incidents, but to all firefighters who pass before us. To learn more about these teams please visit their website [www.mofirefuneral.org](http://www.mofirefuneral.org).

The Division's redesigned website went live in early December and, if you have not already, we encourage you to take a look ([www.dfs.dps.mo.gov/](http://www.dfs.dps.mo.gov/)). One future aspect of the site will allow the Division to provide an entire training course calendar inclusive of all contracted training vendor courses by date and location.

On the topic of contracted training, the Division's FY13 budget retained the general revenue funds identical to the previous fiscal year in the amount of \$200,000. This funding, along with funds collected by the Division within the fireworks program, will be available beginning July 1st. Decisions as to the menu of training courses offered will be determined by the Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission in early spring. As in years past, the Commission's priority is the funding of courses which enhance firefighter safety.

As promised, a new level of certification for 2013 will be available. The Division has recently approved the first Hazardous Material Technician course for certification, submitted by Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) which

meets applicable nationally recognized standards. Two additional tech courses (MU FRTI and IAFF) are currently being reviewed by the Division and too will be available for delivery in early 2013 as well as the state certification test. Please see Deputy Chief Kim Becker's article for more Training Unit updates.

Due to the recent retirement of Training Tech Jim McKenney, I am excited to announce the Division's new employee. In January, Tommy Walker will assume the tech position within the Division's training and certification unit. Tommy comes to the Division after retiring from the Kansas City Fire Department (KCFD) after serving 37 years. The last 8 years with KCFD, Tommy served as Battalion Chief within the KCFD Training Academy. We are excited Tommy is joining the team and look forward to what he can bring to the Division with his exceptional background.

With the new year comes the beginning of the 2013 legislative session. To date, the following proposed fire service related legislation has been filed.

HB28 – will allow political subdivisions/county commissions in all counties to adopt order/ordinances or resolutions to issue burn ban.

HB45 – addresses code adoption by county commissions in all counties addressing building, electrical, and plumbing. If a county has not adopted such code(s) prior to August 2001, the commission shall not have the authority to adopt code(s) unless the authority is approved by voters. Exempt agriculture related structures.

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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, December 2, 2012 at the State Fair Fire Department, 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 – Eureka FPD; Secretary Treasurer, Jaime Miller – Johnson County FPD; Sergeant-at-Arms, Rex Reynolds – Southern FPD; Past President, Keith Smith – Warrenton FPD; Historian, Kay Asher.

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#### **GUESTS**

Joe Jennings, Larry Eggen, Larry Jennings – Johnson County FPD; Rick Johnson – Knob Noster FD; Steve Gentry – Little Dixie FPD; David Hedrick, Gail Hagans-Reynolds – University of Missouri, Fire

and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI); Greg Carrell – Missouri Division of Fire Safety; Donald Vaucher, Harriett Vaucher – Eureka FPD; Scott Olson – Alma FPD; Grant Oetting – Higginsville FD; Donnie Rogers – Chillicothe FD; Chris Thompson, Josh Estes – Carthage FD; Scott Christenson – Southern Stone FPD; Brian Zinanni – Funeral Team; Jared Jackson – LDFPD; Charlie Standiford – Tri C FR; Kenny Johnson – Boles FD; Dale Arnold – Central Jackson County FPD; Rob Schrage – Jefferson R7 FPD; John Dismar, Evertt Kelly – Department of Missouri Military Order of the Purple Heart.

#### **AGENDA**

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

#### **MINUTES**

President Hoover asked for corrections or additions to the August 5, 2012 board meeting minutes. RB Brown moved to accept the minutes as presented. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

President Hoover asked for a review of the July - October financial reports. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the financial report as presented. Ron Paubel seconded the motion and all approved.

#### **REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)**

David Hedrick with MU FRTI reported that 281 classes are scheduled for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. 153 of those classes have already been completed. Winter Fire School will be held February 8-10, 2013. Brochures will be mailed in the near future and the information is already on their website. January 23rd starts the Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program. MU FRTI will be relocating the

last week of March to; 1110 S. College, on the southeast end of the campus near the hospital. The new space will provide larger classrooms and meeting rooms. The Fire Service Instructors Conference was held October 19-21. Randal Ragan with Lincoln County Fire Protection District #1 was named Instructor of the Year. Through a partnership with the Iowa Fire Fighters Association, MU FRTI and the FFAM have received train-the-trainer classes on recruitment and retention. Hedrick, on behalf of George Oster with the Iowa Fire Fighters Association presented a challenge coin to the FFAM in appreciation for the new partnership.

Greg Carrell with DFS reported that the legislation is preparing for a new session with several issues relating to the fire service so everyone is encouraged to meet and get to know your area legislators. There are several new ones that have been elected. Fire department registrations are now due. The form has some changes that will better indicate what capabilities mutual aid resources have as opposed to just types of equipment. The DFS is also working on an internet program that will have the ability to better track mutual aid fire department resources.

Everett Kelly and John Dismar with the Military Order of the Purple Heart presented information to the board on their First Responder Program. The purpose of the First Responder Program is to honor Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters who are killed or wounded in the line of duty. Public Safety Officers killed or wounded in the line of duty are recognized with an MOPH memorial plaque.

Brian Zinanni, State Coordinator with the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team reported that Missouri will be host to the 2014 National Fallen Firefighters Survivors Conference. The conference will take place in Clayton, Missouri on

May 4-9, 2014. The cost for hosting the conference is estimated at \$500,000. The Team is seeking donations to help with the event including a "Help Patch a Broken Heart" donation campaign. Information will be made available in the upcoming newsletter.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Monty Thompson read a card that was received on August 20, 2012 from Helen Swartz giving thanks for assistance received by the fire department while at the State Fair.

Kenny Hoover read a card that was received on October 24, 2012 from Sevier Hoefler giving thanks to the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team for their help during a recent funeral for former Fire Chief Herb Fleischmann of Higginsville.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Larry Jennings advised that no news had been received regarding the application for a SAFER grant.

### NEW BUSINESS

President Hoover opened discussion regarding the 2011 pledge that was made by the FFAM to the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation for \$250,000. Discussion was held to clarify the motion made in 2011 as to whether the pledged funds are for the construction of a new building or if they may be used for the purchase of an existing building. Ron Paubel advised that the Memorial/Museum Committee has been discussing cost estimates for the construction of a new building as well as the possibility of purchasing the tourism building that sits adjacent to the memorial. No final decision has been made by that committee. President Hoover recommended to the board that the \$250,000 pledge be put on hold and be reevaluated should the funds be requested by the Memorial/Museum Committee. Terry Wynne moved that the funds pledged by the FFAM are intended for new construction only. Kay Asher seconded the motion and all approved. Tim Bean moved that should the funds pledged be requested by the Memorial/Museum Committee, the FFAM Board of Directors will reevaluate

our available funds to see if the request can be accommodated. The pledge is not to exceed \$250,000. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover advised that the District 8 Director position is now vacant. If anyone within that district is interested in serving on the board, contact him.

Tim Bean presented the 2013 budget. Discussion was held on the reimbursement of travel expenses for the Secretary/Treasurer who is tasked with getting FFAM items to Winter Fire School and the annual convention. Ron Paubel moved to pay for the Secretary/Treasurer's travel expenses when going to Winter Fire School and the annual convention. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved. Discussion was held on the disposal of surplus manuals and books that are in inventory. Tim Bean recommended that the books be sold on *Ebay* as a way to generate revenue. Rex Reynolds moved that Secretary/Treasurer Miller attempt to liquidate previous edition manuals on *Ebay* or to dispose of the books properly. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved. Secretary/Treasurer Miller presented a proposal to purchase an enclosed cargo trailer to house and haul FFAM equipment and merchandise to Winter Fire School and the annual convention. Tim Bean moved to approve a one-time purchase in 2012 for an enclosed cargo trailer not to exceed \$5,000. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved. Rick Dozier moved to approve the 2013 budget as presented. Charlie Neubert seconded the motion and all approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

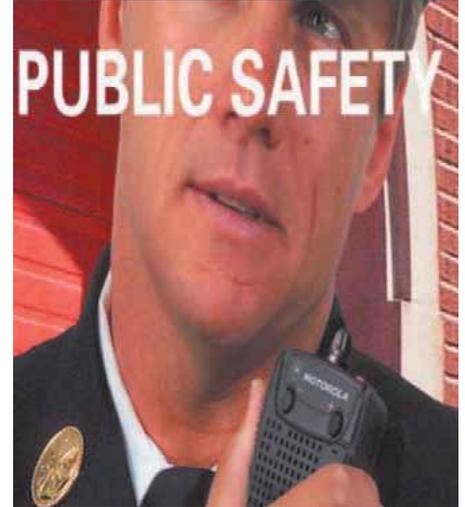
#### AWARDS COMMITTEE

Rob Schrage reported that award nomination forms are available on the website. The awards application deadline is February 28th. Donald Hahne will be recognized at the Washington city council meeting for his receipt of the Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award.

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report.

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### **BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

No report.

### **CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE**

David Hedrick reported that the National Federation of Fire Chaplains held their annual convention on October 22nd – 25th, which was hosted by the Boles Fire Protection District. Brian Menke has been named the new President of the organization. The new board is working on 2013 activities. Larry Jones moved that Brian Menke become the chair of the FFAM Chaplain Committee. Rex Reynolds seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding Menke's membership with the FFAM. The motion was tabled until the February meeting pending membership verification.

### **CONTEST COMMITTEE**

Richard Gordon reported that the pitot gauge has been received. The committee's 2013 budget includes the purchase of portable radios. The contest trailer still has no graphics but he will be attempting to get in contact with Bill Leasure regarding the signage.

### **CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Chris Thompson reported that the February 2013 meeting will be held at the Carthage Fire Department at: 401 West Chestnut. The convention banquet room and contest will be held on the same grounds. The banquet will be \$25 per person with convention registration \$10 per person. The vendor display will be Saturday only. Rob Schrage reported that the 2014 convention will be held May 2nd – 4th at the Best Western in Festus, Missouri.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Rick Dozier reported that he will be working with the Convention Committee regarding the Board of Directors training at the convention.

### **FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

RB Brown encouraged all departments to submit posters for the poster contest.

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Greg Brown reported that the Fire Service Alliance will be meeting December 13th.

If anyone has any topics they would like discussed, contact him or Tim Bean. Issued to be addressed include line of duty death benefits and blue light permits. April 23, 2013 is Fire Fighter Day at the Capital. Everyone is encourage to meet and talk with the new legislators prior to the new session. The SAFER and AFG grant funds have been appropriated again this year.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Charlie Neubert reported the following membership counts: 330 Directors/Councilman; 198 Retired; 5 Associate; 6 Sustaining; 8 Corporate, 318 Departments; 7644 Active. The committee advised they would hold a membership planning meeting after the February meeting.

### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

No report.

### **NVFC COMMITTEE**

Keith Smith reported that in 2017 the SAFER and AFG grants will sunset and will have to go back to legislation for approval. He attended the NVFC networking meeting. One state reported that as a membership benefit, each member of their association was allowed to purchase up to four tires per year via state bid. He would be following up and researching this type of benefit and if it would be an option for the FFAM.

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Grant Oetting reported that the discussion of a continuing education scholarship was tabled at the August meeting. Discussion was held regarding the \$4,000 budgeted to the committee for scholarships and whether those funds should be for high school senior scholarships only or to include a continuing education scholarship. Tim Bean moved that the Scholarship Committee be authorized to allocate the scholarship funds as they elected. The Sergeant-At-Arms advised he would clarify in the bylaws if the scholarship funds are designated only for high school seniors or if the funds can be designated for other scholarships. Tim Bean retracted the motion.

### **STATE FAIR COMMITTEE**

Monty Thompson advised that the remaining 50th anniversary challenge coins are available for \$5 each. The 2013 Missouri State Fair is August 8-18. Applications will be in the next newsletter and are due May 1st.

### **WEBSITE COMMITTEE**

Discussion was held on hiring a third party vendor to design and handle the FFAM website. Charlie Neubert advised he would get more information and present at the next meeting.

### **NEWSLETTER**

The deadline for the next newsletter is January 1st. Gail Hagans-Reynolds advised that there will be some new changes to the newsletter beginning in 2013 and everyone is encouraged to get their articles in.

### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Ron Paubel reported the last memorial meeting was held October 28th. Ron Baker will be helping promote a new program beginning in March to help generate funds for the memorial/museum and will be contacting departments help get the word out across the state.

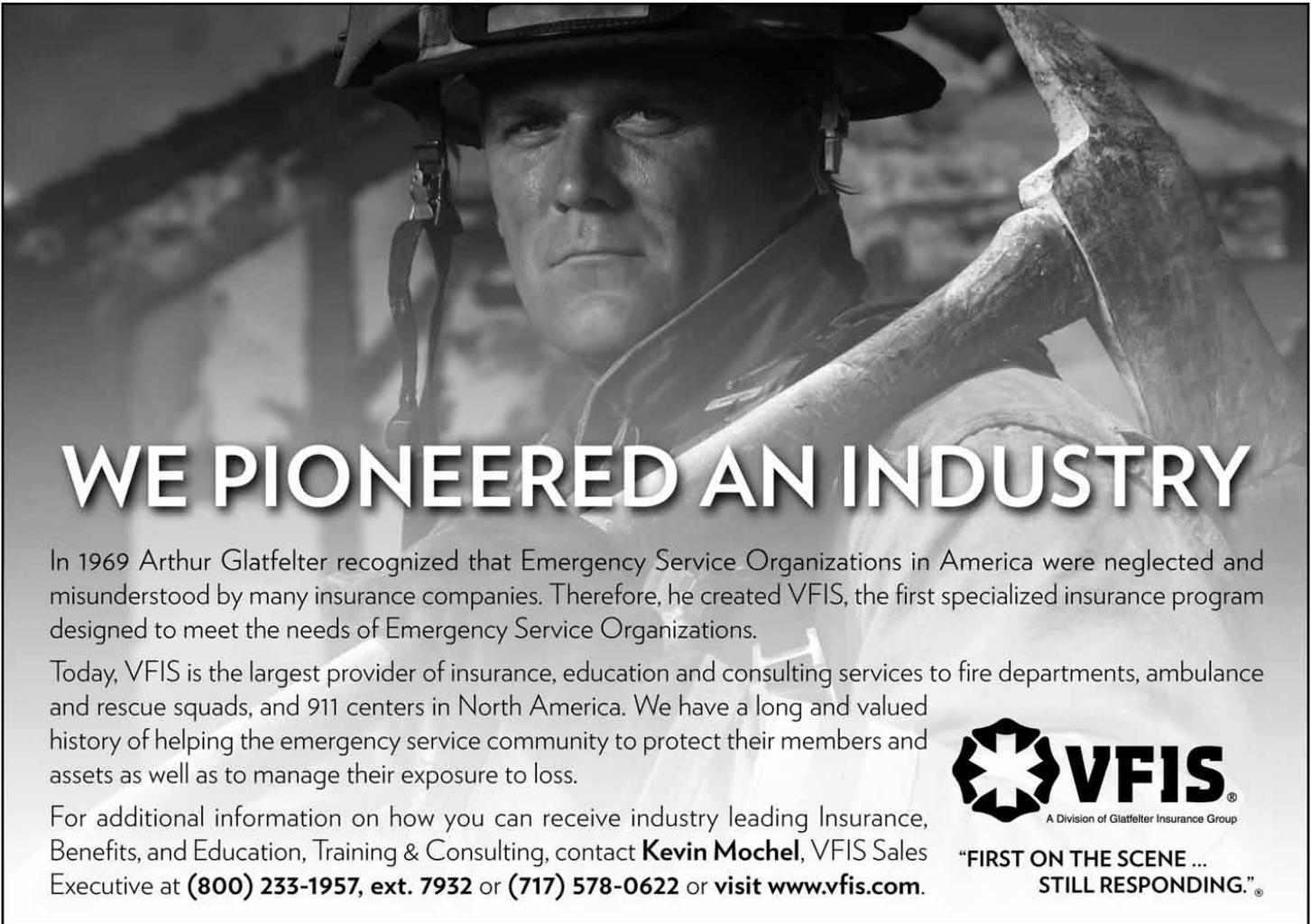
President Hoover advised that the next Board meeting will be held on February 3, 2013 at Carthage Fire Department.

Monty Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. RB Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Jaime Miller, Secretary





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## USFA WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOME

**T**he high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of woodburning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and manmade logs.

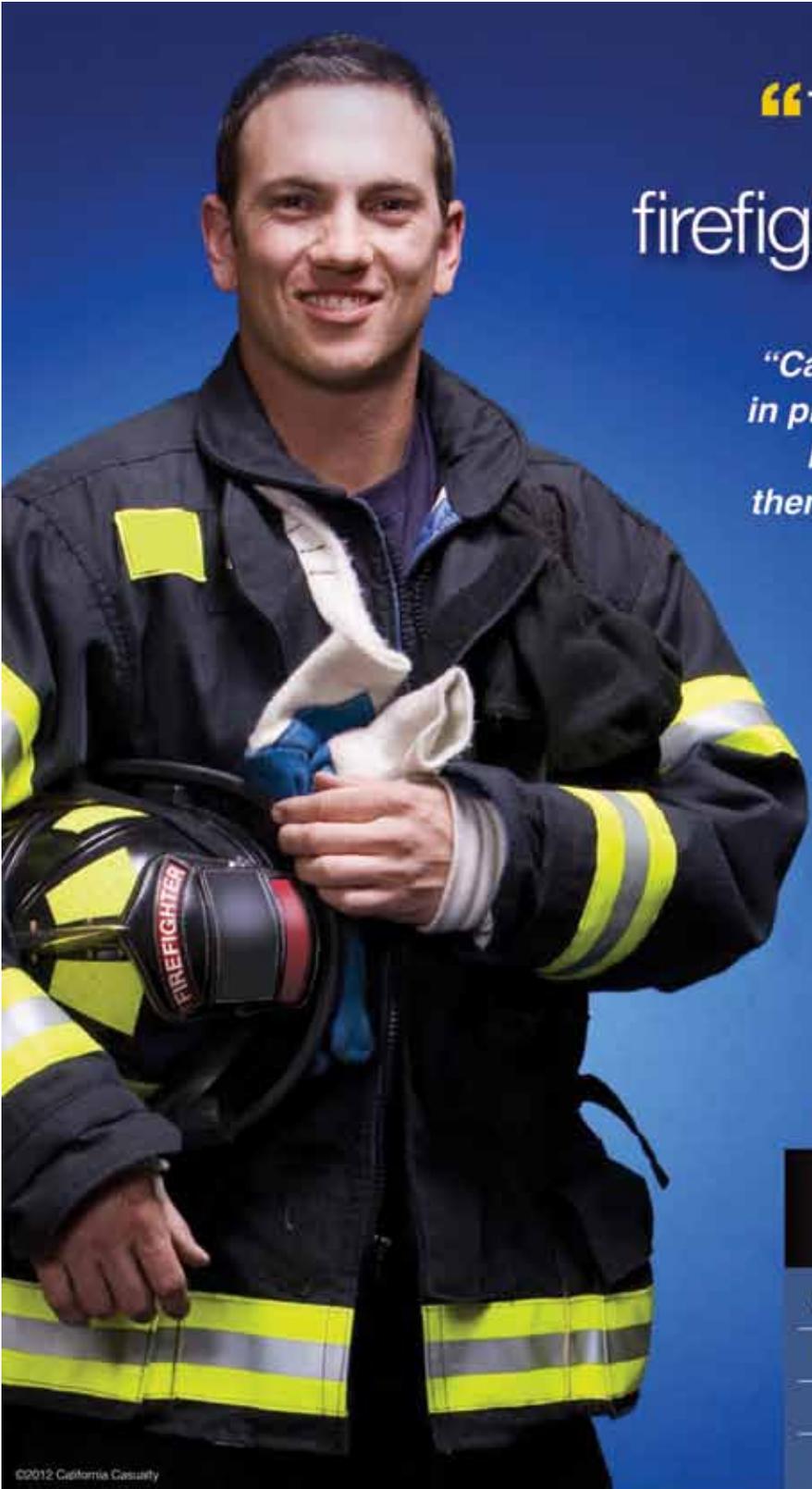
All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are, however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

### KEROSENE HEATERS

- Be sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.
- Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (coal, kerosene, or propane, for example) can produce deadly fumes.
- Use **ONLY** the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. **NEVER** introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type fuel.
- Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids stored in approved metal containers, in well ventilated storage areas, outside of the house.
- **NEVER** fill the heater while it is operating or hot. When refueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling.
- Refueling should be done outside of the home (or outdoors). Keep young children away from space heaters—especially when they are wearing night gowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.
- When using a fuel burning appliance in the bedroom, be sure there is proper ventilation to prevent a buildup of carbon monoxide.

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## EDDY WAYNE MEADOR

August 28, 1958 - December 8, 2012



Eddy Wayne Meador, 54, Pattonsburg, passed away Saturday, December 8, 2012 at a Trenton, Missouri hospital.

He was born August 28, 1958 in Bethany, Missouri, the son of Eddy Joe and Elnora (Salmon) Meador.

Eddy Meador was a life-long resident of Pattonsburg, Missouri. He was the Superintendent for the Water Department of the City of Pattonsburg. Eddy was a member of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, and was currently serving as Chief of the Pattonsburg Fire and Rescue Squad.

Survivors include his sons, Bryan (Bobbie) Meador and Chris Meador; Daughter, Whitney (Jesus) Ortiz, all of Pattonsburg, Missouri; mother, Elnora Smith, Albany, Missouri; brothers, Danny Meador, Long Beach, California and Randy Meador, Albany, Missouri; sister, Elizabeth Hoover, Pattonsburg, Missouri; half-sisters, Jenny Jo Paige, Wichita, Kansas and Felicia Meador, Brooklyn, New York; 7 grandchildren.

## DAVID H. LACY

March 11, 1937 - December 13, 2012

David H. Lacy, 75, of Moberly, passed away Thursday, December 13, 2012 at Boone Hospital in Columbia. Mr. Lacy was born March 11, 1937 in Bloomington, Illinois to Noah and Beatrice Johnson Lacy. His family relocated to the Moberly area when he was a young child and he considered this to be his home. In June of 1958 he married Gladys Laverne Weber and she survives of the home.

Mr. Lacy served his country honorably in the Navy and was one of the first crew to serve on the U.S.S. Saratoga. He began a career with the Moberly Fire Department in 1960 and was the Fire Chief for five years before retiring in 1998. Many of the men who served under him are still employed as Moberly firefighters.

He was a Mason and a member of the Firefighter's Association and the Moose Club. He liked to detail cars, and enjoyed traveling to Branson. He loved planes and Nascar and in later years became a "Nascar addict".



Those preceding him in death include his parents; a brother Larry Lacy, and a son-in-law, Harold Ames. He is survived by his wife Laverne; daughter Deborah Ames of Huntsville, son Ray Lacy of Moberly, sister Patricia Engle and husband Jon of Oceanside, California, and a sister-in-law Sherry Lacy of Hannibal, Missouri, as well as five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Moberly Fire Department, 310 N. Clark St. Moberly, Missouri 65270. Pathway Memorial Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

## RONALD RALPH ZIMMERLY

December 10, 1944 - November 12, 2012

Owensville resident Ronald Zimmerly, a retired captain from the Metro West Fire Protection District, was buried Thursday with full military and fire department honors at St. John's Lutheran Church near Drake.

Zimmerly, 67, a resident of the Owensville community for more than 20 years, spent 29 years with Metro West and was a Ballwin, Missouri, police officer for four years. A funeral procession to the country church included fire equipment from Metro West, Monarch, Eureka, Boles, Pacific and Union. Units from Beaufort-Leslie, Gerald-Rosebud and Owensville were also posted along the procession routes.



Ron also served in Vietnam in the Marines. Two Marines folded his casket flag and presented it to his widow, Barbara. Metro West firemen mingled after the graveside service beside a birdhouse which resembled the church. American Legion No. 218 of Washington and a Firefighters Highland Guard bag-piper also participated in the funeral.

## WOOD STOVES AND FIREPLACES

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard.

### TO USE THEM SAFELY

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36”) from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be laboratory tested.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 1530 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
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- If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. NEVER break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

### FURNACE HEATING

- It is important that you have your furnace inspected to ensure that it is in good working condition.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified. Inspect the walls and ceiling near the

furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.

- Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported and free of holes and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
- Is the chimney solid, with cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

### OTHER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.

- Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not

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# Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 12, 2012

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

President Chris Slaughter called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## ATTENDANCE

14 members present: Chris Slaughter – Warrenton FPD, Missy Erdel – Little Dixie FPD, Robin Schrage – Jefferson R-7 FPD, Jessica Miller – Norborne FPD, Melissa Dahmes – Beaufort-Leslie FPD; Susan Voss – Beaufort-Leslie FPD, Pam Carsten – Cole County FPD, Janet Smith – Cole County FPD, Sheri Bererdzien – Cole County FPD, Diane Hanes – Galt FPD, Ann Jones – Madison West Monroe FPD, Theresa Cox – Wentzville FPD, Katie Schowengerdt – South Metro FPD, Lily Schowengerdt – Metro FPD, Shelia Arnold Central Jackson FPD, Ashton Dahms – Beaufort-Leslie FPD.

## MINUTES

August 5th, 2012 minutes read by Theresa Cox. Pam Carsten made a motion to accept meeting notes as read, seconded by Sheri Bererdzien. Motion passed.

## TREASURER REPORT

Theresa Cox reported, beginning balance was \$2,848.95. Expenses of \$185.25 for Susan Voss to purchase angel pins. Leaving a balance of \$2,663.70. Income from sales of angel and auxiliary pins was \$105.00. New balance is \$2768.70. The bank statement indicates our balance should be \$2,723.70. The discrepancy between the checkbook and the bank statement is \$45.00. Theresa will find this discrepancy and report it at the next auxiliary meeting. Jessica made a motion to accept the treasure report as read and Susan Voss second the motion. Motion passed.

## OLD BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### MEMBERSHIP

Susan Voss reported we currently have 136 members and 23 departments, no change since last meeting. Susan is working on updating a list of the

long standing members and honorary members. Ann stated she has not seen a list of membership on the web. It was suggested the web should have a list of current members. Susan will speak to Rob Schrage to get the list put on the web site. Susan will generate a form to have members complete to get current membership information.

### AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Ann Jones reminded everyone the deadline is December 31st, 2012 for Auxiliary Member of the Year nominations for the 2013 convention. The form in on the web site.

### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Janet Smith had no new information to report. Ann Jones stated the committee is looking for new officers for the 2014 election year, let her know if anyone is interested.

### HISTORIAN

Sheri Bererdzien asked for pictures from the 2012 convention be forwarded to her. She wants to get the history books updated before the next convention. Several members indicated they had pictures which they would send her. Sheri also said she would take any pictures or articles from any event to add to the history books.

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Jessica Miller reported she has retyped the by-laws and will post them on the web. Jessica asked for a zip drive to keep the information she has compiled. Sheri Bererdzien indicated she has a flash drive she is using for the history information which is too small for what she needs. She suggested to give her flash drive to Jessica and purchase a new flash drive for the historical needs. Theresa Cox made a motion to let Jessica purchase a jump drive for the Sergeant at Arms. Sheri indicated we would need memory of 1 terabyte or more due to the quantity

of pictures. During the open discussion it was stated we need to get an external hard drive for the needs of the historian. Jessica then asked Theresa to withdraw her motion. Theresa withdrew her motion Pam Carsten indicated she felt we needed to purchase a hard drive for the historian to utilize, it is not that big of a cost. Melissa Dahms suggested we purchase an external hard drive to maintain the historical media. Pam made a motion for Sheri and Jessica to purchase a media storage drive (flash, jump, zip, external hard drive) to use for those positions. Melissa Dahms seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

### CONVENTION

Ann reported the next convention will be in Carthage, Missouri in April, 2013. The next FFAM Auxiliary meeting to be held there also. The Precious Moments Hotel host the convention events.

### GAMES

Pam Carsten reported Richard has pulled out the trailers recently, and not sure if the red thread chasers have been purchased yet.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### PINS

Jessica stated we only needed pins for the 2010-2012 outgoing officers. The pins will be purchased by the next meeting in February, 2013, not sure when they will arrive.

### MEDIA STORAGE SYSTEM

Theresa Cox suggested the need for an external hard drive for backing up all of the Secretary-Treasure documents we currently have and for future documents of the auxiliary. Melissa indicated she suggested the Historian and Secretary-Treasure each need to have an external hard drive to maintain. Jessica said each executive officer needs to get their media storage device to Sheri to put on the external hard drives. Sheri said she uses

# Murder ♥ Mystery ♥ Dinner

Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2013

6:30 PM

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entertained by  
Jest Murder Mystery  
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suspense.

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even be the killer!

Thank You to Professional Firefighters of Eastern Missouri & Valenti Catering for their generous support of this event!  
Proceeds to benefit the 2014 National Fallen Firefighters Survivors Conference, St. Louis Missouri.

a Neat Desk Scanner at work, which is very valuable. It is easy to use and very efficient, which would work for our needs. Jessica made a motion for Sheri and Theresa to get the best prices for 2 external hard drives and a Neat Desk Scanner, then purchase said items by the February meeting. Melissa Dahns seconds the motion. Motion passed. Anyone who finds any great prices let Sheri or Theresa know by January 15th. Discussion about any members who may be arriving on Thursday night at the convention should bring any media with Auxiliary business on it with them. We can get a good start on downloading information to the hard drives on Thursday night.

## AUXILIARY FLYER

Ann shared a flyer for the FFAM Auxiliary. This flyer was handed out at the State Fair's 50 year Anniversary event when we were honoring Joan Jackson for

being the only living charter member. It was decided to put this flyer on the FFAM website. We will have more flyers made up so we can send these to fire department auxiliaries which do not belong to the FFAM. The changes needed will be made and new flyers will be ordered. A huge thank you to Chris, Jessica and Melissa for creating the flyer. The entire membership thought the flyer was awesome and very professional.

## QUILT

Pam informed us her son is ill with leukemia, but she is still planning on making a quilt for the convention. Please forward pictures for the quilt to Pam as soon as possible. Chris Slaughter indicated some of the Warrenton ladies are possibly willing to make a quilt if Pam is not able to do her's.

## AWARD AND RECOGNITION

Susan Voss report Monday December 3, 2012, Schrage's will be coming to Washington Missouri to present Don Hahne the "Phil Sayer Award" and recognize him for his 60 years of service with the Washington Fire Department. Event to be held at the Washington City Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Jefferson street. Everyone is invited to attend.

Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jessica. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Theresa Cox,  
Secretary-Treasurer 2012-2013  
Wentzville FPD

# MO DFS – TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION UNIT

by Kim Becker, Deputy Chief

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS AND OPERATIONS CERTIFICATION TESTING ERG UPDATE

As many of you know, the DOT and the Missouri Emergency Response Commission has released the new 2012 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) for distribution to the state's emergency response communities (Fire, Police and EMA).

The Division has reviewed the new 2012 ERG and completely updated the hazardous materials certification test banks to reflect the reference material incorporated in the new 2012 edition.

To ensure all students are tested fairly, the Division will manage two separate versions of the written certification exams for the next several months. Students who completed Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations courses using the 2008 ERG will be given the certification exam correlated to the 2008 ERG. Likewise, students who used the 2012 ERG during their courses will receive the written exam correlated to the 2012 ERG. Most training partners have incorporated the new ERGs into their delivery format but a few others are still making the transition. Additionally, students have one year from their course completion date to meet all certification requirements (which includes passing the written exam) therefore we feel it's important to run both versions of the exams for a period of time.

The Emergency Response Community can obtain copies of the 2012 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) from the Local Emergency Planning Committee/District (LEPC/LEPD). The Missouri Emergency Response Commission has provided written instructions for the LEPCs/LEPDs on how to obtain their ERG's. The point of contact at the MERC is Patti Tye, 573-526-9249, e-mail: Patti.tye@merc.sema.mo.gov.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Hazardous Materials certification testing contact the Training and Certification Unit at 573-522-2426 or [training@dfs.dps.mo.gov](mailto:training@dfs.dps.mo.gov).

## DIVISION RELEASES NEW FIRE OFFICER I AND II CURRICULUMS

The Division of Fire Safety has released the Fire Officer I and II curriculums to meet NFPA 1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2009 Edition.

These courses are available at no charge to fire departments, fire training academies and colleges throughout the state. A copy of the curriculum on CD is available from the Division of Fire Safety by contacting Kim Becker at (573)522-2426. The CDs contain the instructors guide, student manual, PowerPoint presentations, Practical Skills Booklet, and Practical Skills Resource Booklet.

It is important that instructors for the course review the Division of Fire Safety's Fire Officer Certification Program Guide to become familiar with the requirements for course approval and certification testing eligibility for students. Instructors should contact the Division with any questions concerning this process.

The course, practical skills, and certification testing is strictly based on NFPA 1021-2009. The course references and uses as its textbook Fire Officer: Principles and Practice, second edition, Jones and Bartlett Publisher.

The Fire Officer I course is divided into five chapters: Fire Service Legal Responsibilities, Human Resource Management, Inspection and Investigation, Health and Safety, and Emergency Services Delivery, in order to meet the standard.

The Fire Officer II course is divided into four chapters: Fire Service Legal Responsibilities, Human Resource Management, Fire Investigation, and Emergency Services Delivery, in order to meet the standard.

To successfully complete either course, student attendance is mandatory for the entire course. Students who do not attend the entire course will not receive full credit for the course and will not be eligible to take the written certification exam. Also, each chapter includes a quiz which every student must successfully complete with a score of 70% or higher. Students may take the certification exam upon course completion but will not be issued certification until they complete and pass all practical skills.

In addition to successful completion of an approved course and practical skills, candidates must successfully pass the appropriate written certification examination prior to becoming certified under the new NFPA standard. Written certification tests questions for the new standard levels are referenced to the Division of Fire Safety's curriculum and the Jones and Bartlett's Fire Officer: Principles and Practice, second edition.

For further information or questions please contact Kim Becker at 573-522-2426 or [kim.becker@dfs.dps.mo.gov](mailto:kim.becker@dfs.dps.mo.gov) or Greg Landwehr at [greg.landwehr@dfs.dps.mo.gov](mailto:greg.landwehr@dfs.dps.mo.gov).

## DIVISION APPROVES NEW IFSTA INSTRUCTOR CURRICULUM FOR CERTIFICATION ELIGIBILITY TO 2012 NFPA STANDARD

The Division of Fire Safety has approved the new IFSTA Fire and Emergency Services Instructor curriculum as a prerequisite course for eligibility for Fire Service Instructor I and Fire Service Instructor II certification.

This certification will be to the new NFPA 1041, Standard for Fire Service Instructor Professional Qualifications, 2012 Edition.

IFSTA recently published both the new curriculum and the eighth edition of the course textbook, Fire and Emergency Services Instructor. Both are available from IFSTA.

The Division has developed a revised Guide for Lead Instructors for the new curriculum, which also contains all of the revised practical skills to meet the new NFPA 1041-2012 standard. Qualified instructors must submit "Request for Course Approval" to the Division as outlined in the Guide before teaching a course with the new curriculum. The Guide for Lead Instructors and approved skill sheets will be sent to the instructor upon course approval.

In addition, upon successful completion of an approved course and practical skills, candidates must successfully pass the appropriate written certification examinations prior to becoming certified under the new NFPA standard. Written certification test questions for the new standard levels are referenced to IFSTA's Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, eighth edition.

For further information or questions please contact Kim Becker at 573-522-2426 or [kim.becker@dfs.dps.mo.gov](mailto:kim.becker@dfs.dps.mo.gov) or Greg Landwehr at [greg.landwehr@dfs.dps.mo.gov](mailto:greg.landwehr@dfs.dps.mo.gov).

### **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION UPDATE**

The Division of Fire Safety has completed a review and approved the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) Hazardous Materials Technician course as meeting the NFPA 472-2008, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents for Hazardous Materials Technician. The MERC will be scheduling course deliveries for this approved curriculum.

Division staff is also reviewing two additional Hazardous Materials Technician courses received from the International Association of Fire Fighters and Missouri University Fire and Rescue Training Institute. The student practical skills book and testing procedure will be the same for all approved courses.

Written test bank questions will be referenced to all approved courses. This process is designed to ensure every student, no matter which course they complete, has the best opportunity to successfully seek certification as a Hazardous Materials Technician.

Certification testing will be available to qualified individuals once accreditation has been achieved. For additional information, contact our staff at [training@dfs.dps.mo.gov](mailto:training@dfs.dps.mo.gov).

### **DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY REGIONAL TESTING AND COURSE SCHEDULE**

- February 25-March 1 – Fire Inspector – Cottleville Fire Protection District, Cottleville
- March 18-22 – Fire Investigator – MCC Blue River, Independence
- May 6-10 – Fire Inspector – St. Joesph

Additional Fire Inspector, Fire Investigator and Certification Evaluator Course deliveries will be scheduled for calendar year 2013 which will be posted under the "Calendar of Events" on the Division's website at <http://www.dfs.dps.mo.gov>. Contact Kim Becker at 573-522-2426 or [kim.becker@dfs.dps.mo.gov](mailto:kim.becker@dfs.dps.mo.gov) for more information regarding prerequisites and registration for Division courses.

Certification Exams - Regional certification test dates and locations are scheduled to accommodate as many students as possible who have completed approved courses. Division staff monitors course registrations for all levels to determine test dates and locations. The Division's regional certification testing and course schedule is listed under the "Calendar of

## **AN UPDATE FROM THE**



## **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**Tim Bean**

First of all, I would like to wish a Happy New Year to each member of FFAM. I pray you have had a healthy and safe holiday season.

At the December board meeting we voted a balanced budget for 2013, which brings me to my point..... I want to say "Thank You" to the board for working with us on the 2012 budget, which it appears, is going to finish well under budget. To remind you we had approved a deficit budget for 2012.

I must reiterate that the FFAM budget is driven by membership. If we as a whole don't work towards making sure our departments renew and your neighboring departments as well, we as the organization, will not be able to continue to provide all the quality services that we do.

I challenge you, and myself also, to work towards making this great organization even better.

Keep up the good work.

Tim Bean,  
1st Vice President

Events" on our website at <http://www.dfs.dps.mo.gov>. Pre-registration is required for all Division exams and courses. Contact the Training and Certification Unit staff at 573-522-2426 for assistance.



# History's CORNER

## CIRCUIT CLASSES AND REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS

by Bill Westhoff

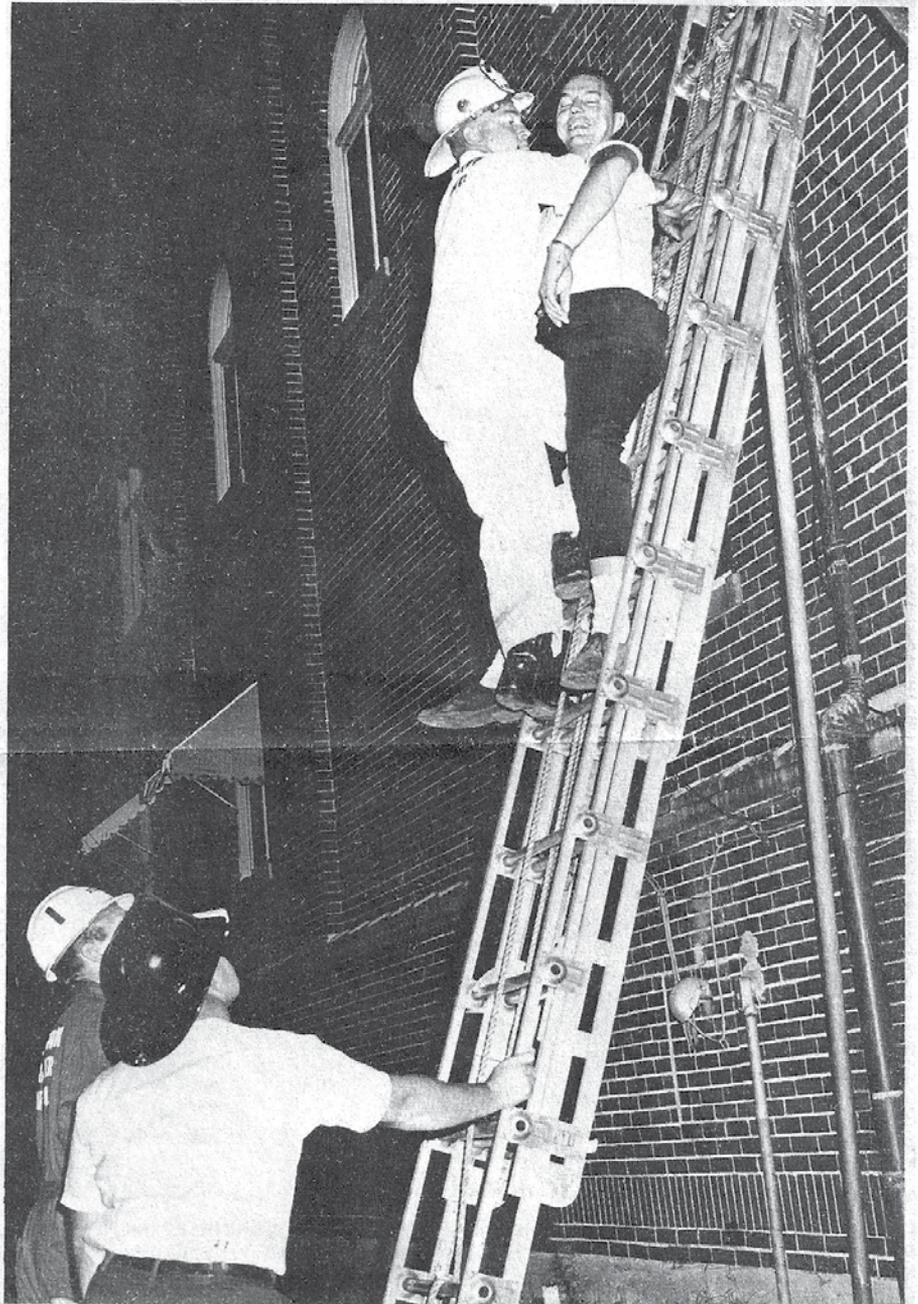
### CIRCUIT CLASSES

**B**ack in the dark ages when I came on board at the University Firemanship Education program at the University of Missouri, offerings and presentations were quite different from today's massive curriculum. The year was 1963 and I had just graduated from Oklahoma State University. My interest in OSU was actually generated by a visit to my home town fire department by a Firemanship Education instructor from MU. His name was Wesley G. Stapleton. He had joined the University after being in the U.S Army Fire Service and had been a fire chief in Korea. It was he who advised me of the fire program at OSU.

Until then I had no idea there was a university that offered a degree in Fire Protection. I had attended MU for a year with the intention of being a commercial artist. After a year, and taking art classes at MU I returned home. There were a couple of reasons for my return; money and the results of my art classes. Usually my still life paintings looked like nudes, and my nudes looked like still life drawings. I came back home and gave up on the art idea and was driving a concrete truck for Gollner Redi-mix in St. Charles.

When Chief Stapleton was in O'Fallon he was on a circuit class schedule. Then, the staff of Firemanship Education consisted of three people. Bush Walden was the Coordinator, Stapleton an instructor and Goldie Havens was the sole office coordinator.

Most of the instruction that was provided to the fire service came in the form of three hour evening classes presented to four communities at a time. When Wes was teaching in O'Fallon, he also had



### Firemen Train Here

A training session on techniques used by firemen was conducted here Monday night at the central fire station at the city hall. Instructor Bill Westhoff, Columbia, demonstrates a ladder rescue technique. His "victim" is Fire Chief Don Hahne, who seems to be getting a kick out of it! Members of the Franklin-Gasconade Fire Fighters Association attended the session.

Staff Photo.

classes in Wentzville, St. Peters and Cottleville. The instructor would leave Columbia on Monday morning and drive to the first location and teach class, stay in the area for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday classes and return to Columbia on Friday Morning. If you were really lucky and the class schedule did not include the bootheel, you could drive home on Thursday night after class.

I never did think the “circuit” approach was very efficient but when you are not the boss, you do and you are instructed. For one thing, there was a lot of down time on the road, usually in very small towns. If the local department requested it, we would do school and commercial building “courtesy” fire inspections or some fire prevention activities in the daytime before leaving for the next location for evening classes. I saw the inside of lots of dime stores, feed stores and anything in between during that time. I also gave me an opportunity to develop a true love for the state and to meet a lot of wonderful Missouri residents and some weird ones too!

The other down side to the “Circuit Riding” approach was that we were not covering the subjects or the area we needed to for the fire service. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that these four classes took a month to accomplish and with over eight hundred fire departments in the state, we were not efficient.

Usually, the class presented was “Basic Firemanship” which consisted of the following:

- First Three Hours – Fire Service History; chemistry of fire and the principles of water fog application.
- Second Three Hours – Hose loading and hose handling techniques.
- Third three Hours – Breathing apparatus.
- Fourth three hours - Ladder practices.

These classes were designed to allow for as many practical exercises as possible. An hour would be spent in a lecture mode and then for example with ladders, we would go to the downtown area of the community and ladder buildings till we were blue in the face. Normally it would become a community event with lots of town folks observing. We set off the alarm in the local bank one night because we were banging roof ladders on the top of the building. It was no problem however because the bank president and the local town marshal were both in the class.

As an example of how much fun this was, I spent a month in July and August of 1967 in Odessa on Monday, Higginsville on Tuesday, Waverly on Wednesday and Concordia on Thursday. Another adventure was had in October and early November of that year in Wright City; New Melle; Hermann and Montgomery city.

By the time you finished one of these you kinda’ felt like the old time circuit preacher that rode his horse around the Ozarks to spread the Lords word and work. Amazingly, I never tired of these schedules because you were always

assured that when you departed these communities, they were a little better prepared to handle emergencies that they were before you arrived.

## REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOLS

In addition to Circuit Class we also did Regional Fire Schools, normally sponsored by a regional or county association. These programs were always on weekends and consisted of several different class offerings. A local school would also provide facilities to hold classes.

My schedule book for 1967 shows September 9/10 – Jackson County Regional; September 16/17- Ozark Regional; September 23/24 -St. Louis County Regional; October 1- FFAM Board Meeting; October 7/8 – West Central Regional and October 14/15 – St. Charles County Regional. Yes, that’s five weekend in a row and yes, I was never home and yes, for some unknown reason I have kept all these schedule books for fifty years.

On Saturday evenings of most regional fire schools, we would come up with some kind of outside exercise that all



Chief Bob Palmer teaching a practical ladders class at Union Regional Fire School.

the class participants could take part in if they desired, and they all usually desired. Depending on the area and time of year, 150 was an average attendance.

For a while, we had a steel building about the size of an outhouse with a pipe “Christmas tree” inside. It folded up and could be assembled easily in a field or gravel parking lot. To the pipe on the Christmas tree was attached a delivery hose from the local fuel dealers truck and diesel fuel was pumped into the tree and burned. Crews then attacked the building with two 1 ½” hose lines, advancing under fog protection to close a valve at the base of the tree. This thing made one hell of a fire and lots of smoke. I am sure that it also created a number of potential “Superfund” sites around the state because of the run off created by this exercise. Fortunately, I could find no photos of these exercises, thus, no evidence. I know of one field in LaPlata that would definitely qualify.

I did find one photo of the John Sachen memorial Bulk plant that we would assemble each year for Summer Fire School. This was always built the weekend before fire school and removed as quickly. It consisted of several large steel storage tanks, 55 gallon barrels on racks and the metal building. It was



**The John Sachen Memorial Bulk Plant – This prop for John’s Flammable Liquids Class at Summer Fire School was always built and removed from the MU campus in a week. John Sachen, in my view, is and will always be one of the most dedicated instructors that we have in Missouri. His tireless efforts in teaching the properties of flammable liquids and the use of foam have without a doubt, saved many firefighters lives in our state.**

placed off the end of the parking lots behind the Livestock center on Ashland Gravel Road in Columbia. By then we had our own fuel trucks (Donated by MFA Oil Co.) and would “find” fuel from various sources including diesel, printers ink and other stuff that would burn to use for Johns Flammable Liquids classes. I

hope there is another building or at least more pavement over that area by now!

Later, as we developed the LP props that I discussed in the previous article, we used it in place of the diesel fuel contraption.

The regional schools were the only times when “part time” instructors were used in the program. These were usually “drill instructors” from departments in the area where the school was being held. We had not yet developed the instructor certification program and most of these guys did the instruction “our of the goodness of their hearts” – not paid.

### **GREAT DEVELOPMENTS**

**T**here has been lots of water under the bridge since these basic programs were presented throughout the state. Some of the highlights of the national and local scene that I have been fortunate enough to be part of are:

- The development by the National Fire Protection Association of standards of performance for Firefighters and Fire Officers.



**This is a test, this photo shows: A. How many firefighters can be stacked on a Union Pumper; B. A Chinese fire drill; C. A hose loading class at a regional fire school**



**This picture is of a circuit class that I am teaching somewhere at some time, but not sure where. Many of these classes were taught in very small towns in very small fire stations, some even had dirt floors and one electric plug to run a projector. Looks like this may have been one of those locations. What fun!**

- The formation of the National Fire Academy and the leadership it provides for training agencies.
- The production by the International Fire Service Training association of comprehensive training manuals that mirror the NFPA standards.
- The passage of legislation in Missouri to create a State Fire Marshal's Office that provides, among other things, a professional Certification program for many levels of personnel development for the fire service of the state.
- The creation of the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress at Oklahoma State University that provides international accreditation

of State and Provincial Training and Education programs around the world.

Without a doubt, the most important change in the state since those early days has been the expansion of the training and education delivery system. MU now has a rolling stock of props that makes the steel out house look like what it was, an out house. The staff has grown and so has their delivery of quality programs.

A number of educational institutions in the state have developed associate degree programs based on NFPA standards.

Emergency service agencies in our state no longer need to wonder where to get professional training. And as Martha would say..... "that's a good thing."

## PRESERVE OUR HISTORY NOW



**Kay Asher  
FFAM Historian**

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe year. This year has been very busy and full of many adventures.

As your Historian, I am reminding all FFAM members to dig through your personal or your fire department items to find any articles or historical memorabilia. Items such as fire caps, badges, newsletters, books, pictures, fire department shirts, etc. Our mission is to preserve these items as the history of our Association. When our Fire Fighters Museum is finished we want to display these items.

To capture the valuable and correct information please include names, dates, location on items you find. Do not throw anything away. I am willing to take all items, nothing is too small or too big for us to maintain. Any questions or ideas please contact me via e-mail at [cox.theresa@att.net](mailto:cox.theresa@att.net)

Thank you everyone who has given me items in the past. I am looking forward to serving as your historian this next year.

Respectfully,

Kay Asher  
FFAM Historian

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[www.FFAM.org](http://www.FFAM.org)**



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only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.

- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load.

TIP: Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.

- Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame, otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space. Use hot water or a laboratory tested device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.
- If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.

#### FINALLY...

- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.
- Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.
- Contact your local fire department for advice if you have a question on home fire safety

# The MUSEUM PROJECT

by Ron Baker



**H**appy New Year! They tell me that the older you get, the faster the years go by. I'm beginning to believe that. 2012 is history and 2013 lies before us. My wish for all our fire fighters in Missouri and all around the country is a safe and prosperous year. The more I am around all of you, my admiration grows by leaps and bounds. You are the cream of the crop and I appreciate all you do to keep lives and property safe. I appreciate all you do!

While the past year was not as productive as I had hoped in raising funds for a Fire Fighters' Museum, it did give me the opportunity to meet many of you and begin to lay the foundation for another year. We were able to do a couple of fund raising events, but there are more opportunities ahead. I want to thank those of you who contributed to the new "1000 X 343 X 3" campaign. Simply put, 1,000 individuals, businesses or organizations contributing \$343 a year for 3 years. If we reach this goal, we will have raised \$1,029,000 for the museum. The 343 is in recognition of the 343 fire fighters who lost their lives in the terrorist attack on 9/11. That figures to be less than \$1 per day (If a group of 30 individuals partnered together, that would be only \$1 per month). Will you make your pledge? Why not ask a friend to make a pledge as well?

Thanks to all who voted in the Master Tech Plumbing promotion in December. If we would have had the most votes (competing with two other charities) we would have received \$500. We fell short, but had a lot of people supporting us. That is encouraging. Keep spreading the word about our dream of a Museum for Fire Fighters!

This year, I will be making a new effort to go to communities and organizations to share our project. If you know people in Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimist, and Lions clubs or other community organizations, I would like to come and speak to them about the museum. All you need to do is send me a name and phone number and I will make the contact and set up an appointment. Please include your name and number so I can involve you when I come to your community. The more we get the word out, the more potential donors we find.

If you have suggestions or questions, you can contact me at 573-220-8344 or email me at [ffammuseum@gmail.com](mailto:ffammuseum@gmail.com).

Again, have a safe and wonderful 2013!

Dr. Ron Baker,  
Director of Development/Public  
Relations



# LONG TERM CARE SPRINKLER STATUS

by Ron Thompson, Deputy Chief Inspector

The deadline for long term care facilities housing more than 20 residents to install automatic sprinkler systems was December 31, 2012. Keep in mind there are two categories of facility in which the Division has inspection oversight, Residential Care (RCF) and Assisted Living (ALF).

On August 28, 2007, following a multi-fatality Residential Care Facility fire in Anderson, Missouri, the state legislature enacted the RSMo. 198.074, Convalescent, Nursing and Boarding Homes. This law imposed a requirement for all residential and assisted living long term care facilities to install an NFPA 13 R sprinkler system or meet the requirements of NFPA 101, Chapter 33 before December 31, 2012. If they did not install the 13R sprinkler system or meet the Chapter 33 requirements, they would be required to install a sprinkler system meeting the NFPA 13 specifications before December 31, 2013. It is expected that there will be facilities that have not met either of the requirements of the law, and will be required to install the more inclusive NFPA 13 sprinkler system.

Division inspection staff has been busy conducting "Chapter 33 verification surveys" in facilities who desire to meet the Chapter 33 requirements versus installing a sprinkler system. Many facility owners have discovered there is much more work required to meet the Chapter 33 exemption than expected. Owners too have been informed the initial Chapter 33 exemption is not a one-time solution. Staff and resident changes have an effect on meeting Chapter 33, and

ongoing evaluations may be required to ensure the exemption can remain in effect. The Department of Health and Senior Services, Division of Regulation and Licensure, is responsible for enforcement of this law and will address each facility individually as they become informed of their lack of compliance.

Many of you are familiar with the work we do, but there may be some who are not. The Division of Fire Safety's Inspection Unit has seventeen Field Fire Safety Inspectors, two Regional Chief Inspectors, a Deputy Chief Inspector and 1.5 clerical staff. We conduct approximately 14,000 inspection activities annually, including Fire Safety Inspections of Child Care Centers, Family Day Care Homes, Licensed Exempt Day Care Centers, Residential Care Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Veteran's Homes, Mental Health Group Homes, and a variety of other facilities. Our association with State agencies includes the Department of Health and Senior Services Section for Long Term Care Regulation and Section for Child Care Regulation; Department of Social Services Children's Division and Youth Division; Department of Public Safety's Veteran's Division; and the Department of Mental Health. In addition, we have launched a Public Fire Education Program, whereby we offer assistance to local fire departments by providing assistance in obtaining materials to be used at the local level and support for your activities when possible. We can be contacted at 573-522-6207 if you need more information about our services.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT



# 7

Robert B. Brown  
Director

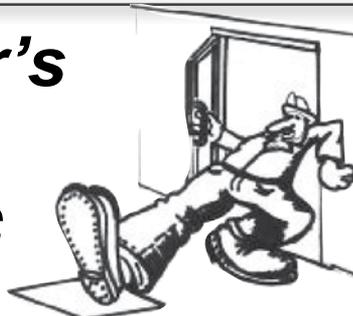
I hope each and every one of you had a very merry Christmas and brought the new year and new upcoming adventure in with a bang. 2012 is in the history book. So now we have to plan for the future and make history again. 2012 was an adventurous year in many parts of the state, busy with various situations, but we handled each and every situation with care and pride as a team does, each and every time they take the field. I'm going to borrow a saying from the district, I hope you don't mind. T.E.A.M. any idea what it may stand for? Together Everyone Achieves More.

It is the beginning of the new year and memberships are due. I'm asking each and every person that is a member of the FFAM to go and promote this organization that supports all paid professionals, non-paid professionals and union based professionals. Let them know that the FFAM is for every one from a one bay station to the big city station. Let them know what they are missing by not being a member how great it is and that they and their District or Department need to be part of the brother and sisterhood. Let them take pride and ownership of their home Department or District and the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. Each one of us as members should think of all the possibilities and new friends and family we can make. Lets set a goal and make 2013 the best year for the Missouri Service and the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri.

Robert B. Brown  
District 7

## The Fire Fighter's Museum

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# HELP PATCH A BROKEN HEART CAMPAIGN

by Brian Zinanni

When a firefighter dies in the line-of-duty, their loved ones are left with unique challenges as they begin to rebuild their lives. Finding others who can empathize with their loss can be a struggle in itself. Fortunately, survivors of fallen firefighters have a place to go each year to find support, comfort, and the resources they need as well as the chance to make friends and create memories that will last a lifetime.

In the spring of 2014, the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team, with cooperation from the City of Clayton Fire Department have been selected to host the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) annual Survivors Conference. This is truly an honor to be selected to showcase our wonderful city, region and state, and show the survivor families that; WE WILL NEVER FORGET.

This conference will bring hundreds of surviving family members of our Nations Fallen Firefighters to St. Louis, where they will share memories and find comfort

being among others who share their loss. They will also attend workshops geared toward taking those painful steps toward rebuilding their lives.

While official dates have not yet been determined, we are beginning our capital campaign, raising funds to offset the costs associated with hosting this conference. Over the next 15 months, we will be soliciting our fire service friends, businesses, corporations, along with our firefighters and fire departments to raise funds to offset many of the planned activities for that week.

To kick off our campaign, we are reaching out to our Fire Agencies with a simple sponsorship request: Help Patch A Broken Heart. For a suggested \$150 donation and 2 agency patches, your agency can sponsor a quilt spot featuring one of your patches. Sponsored patches will be sewn into quilts, which will in turn, be given as gifts to a survivor family. Funds raised through the Help Patch A Broken Heart campaign will be



used for the various activities associated with the conference. The other patch will be placed in gift baskets that will also be given to our survivor family members.

The Help Patch A Broken Heart sponsorship form is located under this article. I thank you in advance for supporting the families of our Nations Fallen Firefighters.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brian Zinanni  
State Coordinator  
MO Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team  
info@mofirefuneral.org

## Help Patch A Broken Heart

### Supporting the 2014 National Fallen Firefighters Survivors Conference, St. Louis Missouri

- Please register our agency as a supporting member of the 2014 National Fallen Firefighters Annual Survivors Conference.
- Enclosed, please find 2 patches along with a donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. (Suggested \$150 minimum donation)
- Our check is made payable to **NFFF SURVIVORS CONFERENCE**.
- Mail patches, form, and payment to:  
Clayton Fire Department  
c/o NFFF Conference  
10 North Bemiston  
Clayton, MO 63105

- We are unable to donate at the Help Patch A Broken Heart Campaign funding level, but please accept our donation to assist with this cause in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to the NFFF Survivors Conference and mail to the address shown above.

- Please contact me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_



# MUTUAL AID UPDATE

by Sherril Gladney, Mutual Aid Coordinator

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy and peaceful holiday season. Of course, though, it's back to work and those pesky beginning of the year tasks to be done. I'm hoping that at least close to the top of your lists is the Annual Fire Department Registration.

Besides being required by statute (see attached information box), the information provided on the registration form is vital to statewide planning. This includes not only mutual aid planning, but other pertinent projects as well.

For example, many of you have been working on a local Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment. The data gleaned from the assessment, along with that from the fire department registration forms, can be used to identify personnel, equipment and training needed to fill response gaps. Subsequently, state and federal grant officials will use that information to make decisions as to where funding may best be applied.

Many people are also not aware that applications for radio frequency sharing, and many grant requests, can be denied if the requesting agency is not current on registration.

While kudos go out to the many departments that update their information with our office, we finished 2012 with only 59% compliance on submitting registration forms. We would be thrilled to see a drastic increase in registration compliance for 2013.

The 2013 Annual Fire Department Registration Form and instructions – along with the 2013 K9 Team Mutual Aid Registration Form and SOG - may be found on our newly redesigned website at <http://www.dfs.dps.mo.gov/programs/resources/mo-fire-depts.asp> under Fire Service Resources.

Also on our website is the new and improved Radio Frequency Sharing Agreement. The most current version addresses narrow banding, and the new channel naming protocols. We encourage any department without an agreement, or with a previous version on file with the Division of Fire Safety, to submit the new agreement application.

While you are downloading forms, be sure to peruse the rest of the website and let us know what you think. Stay tuned for tweaks and additions as we hone the site to meet your needs.

Again, I'd like to wish you and yours a happy, safe and prosperous New Year!

Sherril

## **INFORMATION TO BE FILED WITH FIRE MARSHAL, BY CERTAIN FIRE PROTECTION ORGANIZATIONS- -WHEN--IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS.**

320.271. All fire protection districts, fire departments, and all volunteer fire protection associations as defined in section 320.300 shall complete and file with the state fire marshal within sixty days after January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, a fire department registration form provided by the state fire marshal. The state fire marshal may issue a fire department identification number to each registered fire protection district, fire department, or volunteer fire protection association based upon such registration. The state fire marshal may conduct periodic reviews of the information provided on each fire department registration form, and may deny or revoke a fire department identification number based upon the information provided.

# NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Roy Sims  
Coordinator

Greetings from Region 9. I hope everyone has had a happy and safe holiday. We have been busy with lots of training in our region lately. One class recently yielded students from seven of our nine county regions. On that note, if you are in Region G and need fire training, please let me know. One of the hats I wear is Regional Training Coordinator for MU FRTI. We here at West Plains are hoping to get construction on our new station #3 started soon. It is going to be a busy 2013. I would like to remind all the departments that 2013 FFAM dues are now payable and should be paid beginning January 1, 2013. I am expecting more articles of news from departments throughout the region and will send those in if received by the deadline.

Everyone stay safe and have a prosperous New Year!

Roy Sims  
Coordinator Region 9  
MU FRTI Region G Coordinator  
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## JOIN THE FFAM – BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

# LINN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – 86 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CENTRAL OSAGE COUNTY

August 12th, 1918 is one of the first recorded fires in Linn, Missouri and occurred when the General Store owned by Langedoerfer and Baumgartner burned. Chief John Case of the Jefferson City Fire Department went to Linn to help. By the time he arrived the store was on the ground. On October 30, 1922 an early morning fire destroyed the Osage County Courthouse at Linn. Again nothing could be done.

September 7th, 1926 the General Store and Filling Station was burning, the recently organized Linn Fire Department used their new Chemical Truck and Hose Wagon and successfully extinguished the fire.

March 27th, 1931 a School was burning in Freeburg, Missouri in south Osage County. 150 Children were evacuated and Linn Fire Department sent their Chemical fire engine. No injuries were reported in the fire but the school was lost.

In early 1947, the Linn Lions Club led by the Agricultural Committee wanted to re-organize the fire department into a formally trained and better equipped department to battle these fires. After months of research with the Missouri Inspection Bureau (today's ISO) and community meetings the Linn Rural

Fire Association and the City of Linn Fire Department was formed. Surplus apparatus and equipment was purchased through the Department of Defense at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis. The City passed a bond issue and built the first fire house, a two story, two bay station for \$2,292.00 and both rural and city operated out of this station. Both the city and rural departments were operated by the firefighters of the Linn Volunteer Fire Department. These three organizations operated as one department. The department hired a retired St. Louis Firefighter Charles Bowen to be the first Chief and he took command on July 11th, 1949. The new department responded to its first call on September 3rd, 1949 to the MFA Elevators in Chamois, Missouri. The *Unterrified Democrat* newspaper headlines reported "Chamois Elevator Burns With Loss Estimate of \$40,000.00, Prompt Arrival and Effective Work of Linn Fire Department Probably Saved the Town." According to one spectator, "the whole town might have burned if the Linn Fire Department hadn't proven so effective".

Being the only organized emergency services besides law enforcement in the county, the Linn Fire Department

responded to auto accidents and assist the local funeral homes that were trained in advanced First Aid, using their hearse as an ambulance to respond to the scene. Local wrecker services and skilled personnel would try and disentangle the patient as best as possible. Linn Fire Department trained diligently to find those techniques that worked best. In 1954 the Linn Fire Department was asked to provide extrication at the races at the Missouri State Fair. In 1980, the Linn Volunteer Fire Department (firefighters) sought donations and raised money to purchase the first Hurst tools in Osage County. A six-man team was formally trained and provided vehicle extrication for all the county plus parts of Gasconade and Maries County. The rural and city both shared in the purchase and maintenance of a rescue vehicle and the firefighters maintained the rescue equipment. The department has since expanded rescue to heavy rescue operations and is currently operating out of a 2002 Ford crew cab with a 12' rescue box.

September 20th, 1954 a tornado caused damage to the fire station, removing the second story and twisting the water tower on its legs causing one to be 2" shorter than to other, a repair still visible to this day.

March 3rd, 1956, Linn Fire Department along with the recently organized Westphalia Fire Department and Jefferson City Fire Department fought a large fire at the MFA Exchange in Argyle Missouri. Until this time the Linn Fire Department was the only organized department in Osage County.

December 18th, 1957 tragedy struck the Linn Fire Department when one of their members, Fireman Fred Otto, while working in nearby Jefferson City offered to help JCFD with a fire at the J.J. Newberry Department Store and suffered a fatal heart attack.

January 16th, 1965 the Rest Home in Linn burned. Although the fire was





confined to one room in the three story brick building, five lives were lost. The Linn VFD rescued forty two patients while Jefferson City Fire Department provided mutual aid to Linn.

In 1987 the Linn Rural Fire Department and the City of Linn Fire Department each took delivery of two new Grumman 1000 GPM Pumpers on International chassis.

In 1990 the need was felt to assist the ambulance service with trained First Responders on the department. Through documentation, writing letters and proving their value, the first First Responders class was held in Linn and graduated five new members in March 1993. Within the first 3 years, the First Responders Squad had two clinical saves. Classes were held for other departments and in 2004 the local ambulance service took over the management and training of the First Responders Program.

In 1992 the department took delivery of a new 1992 S&S mini pumper that was also used as the Heavy Rescue unit.

In 1997 the Linn Rural Fire Association built a new station between Bonnots Mill and Loose Creek on Hwy A. The station is a three bay station with living quarters and a large training room. Also in 1997, the department took delivery of a new 1997 KME 1000 GPM Pumper on an International chassis.

The Linn Fire Department is a charter member of the Fire Fighters of Missouri

Association and was a driving force in the formation of the Osage, Maries, Cole and Miller Firefighters Association in 1956. This organization not only provides fire support among these communities but also trains and plans as a group.

In 2001 the Linn Rural Fire Association built a smaller station on Hwy 89 north to support the mission to the east and was dedicated in May 2003.

During 2001 voters in the area approved a new Fire Protection District for Linn. The Linn Rural Fire Association donated all their equipment and apparatus to the new Linn Fire Protection District and the Linn Fire Department engine was purchased from the city.

In 2004, the Linn Fire Protection District, looking into the future and the hard time find suitable ground, the District

purchased property on the west end on Linn within the city limits. Also during this year with an agreement between the Fire District and the Osage Ambulance District, the fire department now has an engine on the east end of Linn for coverage. This arrangement is an unfunded agreement between to emergency service organizations that is there to serve the same customer.

In late 2005, Station 1, owned by the City of Linn, became too small with only three bays and an office. With the size and rent being paid to the city, the Board elected to proceed with building a new fire station. The location kept the station within the city limits for ISO and the location provided quick access to all the major roadway connections to include the new future Hwy 50. Ground was broken in Feb of 2006 and a pre-engineered structure 92' x 64' was built. The building was only constructed with walls, roof, heat and only the concrete under the apparatus bay floors concrete poured. This allowed the District time to pay off the building before finishing the interior. The design of the interior was done by the firefighters themselves, realizing "who better knows what works best for them". On 20 Aug 2006, through a decommissioning ceremony of the old fire station, a home for the past 57 years, Linn Fire Firefighters Honor Guard, lowered the US Flag, the Flag Bearer moving to the oldest apparatus in the fleet and the entire department moved to the new station one mile west where the flag was then raised over the new station.



In 2006, the Linn Firefighters raised money to purchase a 14' box trailer that carries the mass casualty equipment that was stored on an old open trailer for several years. All Hazmat and an air cascade system that is also carried on this trailer. The firefighters also raised money for a new Honda 4x4 ATV with foam water tank that is used for wildland fires.

In 2007, with the increasing number of water rescues on the Osage and Gasconade Rivers, the Linn Fire Department purchased a 14' fire boat with jet. This boat is small enough to carry to ponds or lakes anywhere it is needed. In 2009, an additional 18' G3 was purchased to assist in the growing rescue along the rivers.

2009 brought the first FEMA grant with the delivery of a 2009 Sterling, 3000 gallon vacuum tanker with 1250 GPM pump. 2010 a grant was awarded for the purchased of new bunker gear and in 2011 the department was awarded a grant for all new SCBA's.

After the initial phase of the building was paid off, the District moved to complete the interior with an area of 92' x 24' along the back wall consisting on a training room, workout room, kitchen and three bunk rooms. Upstairs portion of the station housed the Day Room, offices for Chief Ron Hoffman, the Battalion Chiefs, Captains, Training Officer and Mission Support, a board room and General Store for equipment.

By the summer 2012, Linn Fire is now fully operational in the new station with six bays. Much of the work on the interior was donated by firefighters with civilian expertise in those crafts needed, such as painting, block load bearing walls, plumbing, cabinets, concrete work, computer and technology wiring and preparation along with other minor details. The building came in under budget and at the end of 2013, our new fire station will be completely paid off.

2012 came in with the purchase of a new 2012 Chevy one ton with the firefighters building their own wildland bed. Later this year a donation of a 2008 ¾ ton Chevy extended cab pickup was donated by a local company allowing the District to retire their 1985 & 1986 Chevy MDC loaner trucks.

Currently the firefighters are completing their new Regional Training Center at Station 2 in Bonnots Mill. There they will be able to conduct live burn interior structural attach training, Class A fires, foam application training, propane burns, wildland burns and vehicle fire training.

The Linn Fire Protection District, a progressive leader, covering 175 square miles, 28% of central Osage County with four Fire Stations. US-50 divides the district and LFPD also provides fire protection for Linn State Technical College.

## AN UPDATE FROM THE



## 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Charlie Neubert

**H**appy New Year fellow Fire Fighters! As we start the new year I want to take just a minute to remind the Chief's and all your members to renew your membership. It is the first of the year so we all need to get that done. Also talk with your fellow fire fighters and departments and remind them to do the same.

On a whole separate issue, the State Fair Fire Department Commissioners have been working on the 2013 State Fair. If your department would like to show off a fire truck or ambulance at the state fair please contact me at 636-262-2408. We are looking for 4 pumpers fully equipped, and 5 ambulances. The State Fair Fire Department covers all insurance and fuel cost from the time it leaves your department until it is returned. The Fair dates this year are August 8th-18th.

Everybody Please stay safe this year!

Charlie Neubert,  
2nd Vice President



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[www.mofirefuneral.org](http://www.mofirefuneral.org)

# MILITARY ORDER of the PURPLE HEART

## Chartered by Congress

To all Missouri Fire Departments, Manned and Volunteered. The Military Order of the Purple Heart, First Responder Program.

This is a correspondence to introduce you to the Military Order of the Purple Heart and our First Responders Program.

The MOPH is an organization of combat wounded veterans who have been awarded and proudly wear the Purple Heart.

The purpose of the First Responder Program is to similarly honor Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters who are killed or wounded in the line of duty with a plaque of recognition. While they cannot receive the Purple Heart Medal, these distinctive plaques convey MOPH's respect and appreciation for each First Responder's sacrifice.

The program is administered by the National Public Safety Officer who is working with Department and Chapter commanders to expand the program throughout the nation.

There are two different plaques: One is a memorial plaque for a First Responder Killed in the Line of Duty. The other plaque is for a First Responder Wounded/Injured in the Line of Duty.

It is preferable that the award be presented within one year of the qualifying incident. First Responder plaques are limited to First Responders who are shot, stabbed, beaten, or those injured/killed during a criminal incident or fighting a fire.

The National program does not award First Responders for less direct circumstances, such as being killed or injured while responding to a situation or while, in case of police, in pursuit of a felon or, in case of firefighters, enroute to or returning from a fire.

Individual Chapters or Departments may present such awards to local Responders they wish to honor.

We are asking for your help in identifying qualified potential recipients of our MOPH First Responder plaques.

Information needed to receive an award is:

- Type of plaque: Killed in the Line of Duty or Wounded/Injured in the line of duty.
- Date of Incident:
- Recipient's Name:
- Title:
- Department:
- City or Area:

We would like any available press reports or other documentation of the Incident.



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#### MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

First Responder Program  
P.O. Box 5685  
Springfield, Missouri 65801



## WORD SEARCH

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| <b>Drift</b>    | <b>Scraper</b> | <b>Snowball</b> |
| <b>Flurries</b> | <b>Shovel</b>  | <b>Snowman</b>  |
| <b>Hockey</b>   | <b>Skate</b>   | <b>Snowshoe</b> |
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# NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Larry Jones  
Director

I hope the New Year of 2013 will be a great year not only for you but for the FFAM.

There are so many things going on that you will have to read this whole newsletter to follow everything. What you do need to see is all the forms that are included for the 2013 Convention that will be held in Carthage. Then you need to fill them out and mail them in.

We have already had Winter Fire School before the Convention. Right after Convention, we have the FFAM Legislative Day at Jefferson City. In May, the FFAM Candlelight and Memorial Service are held at Kingdom City. The list just keeps going for all the activities that FFAM members can be involved in.

Please be sure to fill out all of your paper work where we can see you at the 2013 FFAM Convention in Carthage on May 3-5, 2013.

Larry Jones,  
Director



## MISSOURI'S FIRST RESPONDERS WILL SOON LEARN HOW TO "KEEP HOPE ALIVE"

by Debra Simaitis

What happens when all exhaustive heroic efforts have been made in the field and still a life cannot be saved? That may be the time when emergency response professionals are able to give their patient a chance to save lives through organ donation. Soon, Missouri will offer an online educational video called "Keep Hope Alive." It was designed to instruct Paramedics, EMTs, Fire Fighters and certified First Responders about what happens behind the scenes when they have done everything they can to save the life of a severely neurologically injured patient and that patient goes on to become an organ donor. "Keep Hope Alive" is a 33-minute training video, developed by Sierra Donor Services in California, that also includes pre and post-test questions. When implemented, it will provide Missouri's First Responders with 1 hour of credit toward their license when they complete the course. Along with 1 credit hour, this training is free, it does not change protocols, it stresses the importance of run sheets, it can be used in the classroom or by the individual, it dispels myths about organ donation and it is voluntary.

When I first learned about "Keep Hope Alive," it reminded me of the two paramedics who raced to help our daughter, Laura, 11 years ago. Laura was in a one-car accident and these heroes did everything in their power to save her. They stabilized her in the field so she could be air-lifted to the closest trauma unit. They did everything right and because of their efforts, we were able to grant our daughter her final wish to be an organ donor. Several days after Laura's donations, my husband and

I visited the paramedics to thank them. They were terribly sad to learn Laura could not be saved but found a small measure of comfort learning that they had actually saved three people's lives that night. They never knew the full extent of Laura's donations, that her organs and tissues have helped 103 people.

After my husband retired, we moved to Missouri and became volunteers with the Lakeview Heights Fire Protection District. We premiered "Keep Hope Alive" with our District's First Responders and later with the Arrow Rock Fire Department. The response was extremely positive from both departments. I also shared "Keep Hope Alive" with my fellow members on the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee. In September our committee recommended "Keep Hope Alive" to the Department of Health and Senior Services, who quickly gave it their approval. The Bureau of EMS is now in the process of adding it to their list of accredited courses.

Today, more than 116,000 people in the United States are waiting for a life-saving transplant and the list grows every day. The good news is over 3 million Missourians have said "Yes" to donation through our state's Organ Donation Registry. The vast majority of potential organ donors arrive at the hospital via emergency services transport and it is important that First Responders understand how they may impact the possibility of donation. There is nothing more noble than saving lives and granting someone their final wish.

**THE FIRE FIGHTER'S MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**

**Show Your Support and SPONSOR A BRICK!**

## PUMPKIN CENTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are now housing 8500 gallons of water, 1 engine, 2 tankers, 2 brush and a cascade trailer. This is a long way from where we started in 1986 thanks for everything that FFAM has done!



## CITY OF ST. ROBERT FIRE AND RESCUE

Fire Chief Doug Cage and the St. Robert City Fire and Rescue is proud to announce the recent promotion of four firefighters.

Reymond Wright was a firefighter in Michigan before being hired full time by St. Robert City Fire and Rescue in January, 2011. Reymond was on C-Shift prior to his promotion to Lieutenant, August 13, 2012. Reymond, is now our Fire Inspector and works Monday through Friday in

addition to responding during his off hours to any alarms that we have.

Jacob Schwartze was a volunteer firefighter in Meta, Missouri prior to being hired as a fulltime firefighter with St. Robert in January, 2011. Jake was recently promoted to the rank of Engineer and works on A-Shift for St. Robert.

Scott Crider served as a volunteer for St. Robert Fire before accepting a full

time position with St. Robert Fire in August, 2011 and has recently been promoted to an Engineer on C-Shift. Scott maintains a 93% response to all St. Robert calls when off duty in addition to his responsibilities while working his shift.



Calandra Shay Mason began as a volunteer firefighter with St. Robert City Fire and Rescue in 1998 and started as a full time firefighter in 2001. Shay has served as a Lieutenant and shift leader on B-Shift and in 2012 was promoted to Captain. Shay has recently taken on additional responsibilities as the Department's Training Officer and served as lead instructor for most of our certification classes for the past year. Shay has again been promoted to Deputy Fire Chief on S.R.F.D. beginning January 1, 2013.

St. Robert City Fire and Rescue is very proud to announce the promotions of these four firefighters to their new ranks. Congratulations to Reymond, Jake, Scott and Shay on their continued commitment to service and their well deserved promotions.



From left to right: Scott Crider and Jake Schwartze are both now Engineers, Reymond Wright has been promoted to Lieutenant and is serving as our new fire inspector, Shay Mason is our new Deputy Chief, and Fire Chief Doug Cage.



# 2013 FFAM Convention

## CARTHAGE MISSOURI

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
Board Member Training Class ... Memorial Hall
- 9:00 a.m. - Noon**  
Exhibitor Setup ..... Memorial Hall
- 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
Registration Open ..... Memorial Hall  
Exhibits Open..... Memorial Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
Opening Ceremonies ..... Memorial Hall
- 8:00 p.m. - Midnight**  
Mixer ..... Memorial Hall

#### Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

- 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
Fire Fighters Contest .. Parking Lot of Memorial Hall
- 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
Registration Open ..... Memorial Hall  
Exhibits Open..... Memorial Hall
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
Banquet..... Memorial Hall
- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight**  
Dance..... Memorial Hall

#### Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m.**  
FFAM Annual Meeting..... Carthage FD  
FFAM Auxiliary Meeting ..... Carthage FD
- Church Service** ..... **First Christian Church**  
800 S Main, Carthage MO 64836
- Service Times** ..8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

**\*\*All events are located within or just outside of Memorial Hall\*\***

**CARTHAGE MISSOURI INFORMATION LINK:**  
[www.carthage-mo.gov](http://www.carthage-mo.gov)

#### EXHIBITORS

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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#### PLACE OF EVENT

Carthage Memorial Hall  
407 South Garrison  
417-237-7050

#### COST OF EVENT

Registration Fee – \$10.00 per person  
Banquet Fee – \$25.00 per person  
Registration and Banquet Fee after April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Registration Fee – \$15.00 per person  
Banquet Fee – \$30.00 per person  
Payable at the Door.

#### LODGING

**Best Western Precious Moments Hotel**  
2710 Hazel  
417-359-5900  
800-511-7676

**Carthage Inn**  
2244 Grand Ave  
417-358-2499

**Econo Lodge**  
1441 West Central  
417-358-3900  
800-55-ECONO

**Super 8**  
416 West Fir Rd  
417-358-9000

**Boots Motel**  
2701 Hazel  
417-310-2989

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417-358-4077

**Grand Avenue Bed & Breakfast**  
1615 Grand Ave  
417-358-7265  
888-380-6786

#### CAMPGROUNDS

**Coachlight Campground**  
5305 South Garrison Ave  
417-358-3666

**Big Red Barn RV Park**  
5089 County Lane 138  
417-358-2432

**Ballards Campground**  
13965 Ballard Loop  
417-359-0359

**Cubby Bear's RV Park**  
4000 Oak Hill Rd  
417-358-4877

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Josh Estes – [j.estes@carthagemo.gov](mailto:j.estes@carthagemo.gov) • Chris Thompson – [c.thompson@carthagemo.gov](mailto:c.thompson@carthagemo.gov)



# 2013 FFAM Convention

CARTHAGE MISSOURI

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013



## CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

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

Department \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size (circle one) S M L XXL XXXL

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet: YES NO

Please provide the following for any guest(s) who will be attending:

Guest Name	Title	T-Shirt Size						Banquet	
		S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	YES	NO
_____	_____							YES	NO
_____	_____							YES	NO
_____	_____							YES	NO

Registration \$10.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

REGISTRATION AFTER APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> PAYABLE AT DOOR, Registration \$15.00, Banquet \$30.00

Make Checks payable to: Carthage Fire Department FFAM Convention c/o Chief Thompson

Send Registration to: 2013 Convention Registration  
401 W Chestnut  
Carthage MO, 64836

If you have any questions please  
Visit website [www.FFAM.com](http://www.FFAM.com)  
or email [j.estes@carthagemo.gov](mailto:j.estes@carthagemo.gov)



# Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

## Delegate Registration

**2013 FFAM Convention Board of Directors business meeting**

**Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 9:00am**

**Carthage Fire Department, Carthage, 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) _____		



# Fire Fighters Association of Missouri



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Life Saving	<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heroic	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Fire Chief	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire Chief of the Year					
Meritorious	<input type="checkbox"/>	Meritorious Action					
Youth Program	<input type="checkbox"/>						

### Nominee must be a member of FFAM

Nominated Individual/Department : \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City, Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Person Placing Nomination : \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, Zip : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Reason this individual/department should be honored for the award marked above. Please include any substantiating documents to support your nomination. (i.e. news articles, fire report, witness statements, pictures, video, etc..)

Does the nominated individual/department plan on attending the annual convention :  Yes  No

Internet or official entry form must be included with the nomination (copies are acceptable). Please attach additional pages if necessary. All entries must be type or legibly written.

**To be considered for awards, the individual /department must be a current member of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri for the nominating year and the year preceding the nomination. Does the nominee comply with these requirements?**  Yes  No

### Entry Deadline February 28th

When completed, please forward to :

Rob Schrage  
Awards Committee  
226 North Fifth Street  
Festus, MO 63028-1911

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the following committee members :

Rob Schrage 226 North Fifth Street Festus, MO 63028 314-623-5564	Joe Vaughn 208 South Texas Street Archie, MO 64725 816-686-4315	Larry Jennings 122 West Young Warrensburg, MO 64093 660-624-1918
<a href="mailto:awards@ffam.org">awards@ffam.org</a>		

**Award Guidelines can be reviewed by visiting : <http://ffam.org/AWARDS.htm>**

**MISSOURI STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION**

**August 8 – August 18, 2013**

**DEADLINE FOR FILING APPLICATIONS MAY 1, 2013. MUST ALSO BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE FFAM BY MAY 1, 2013. SEND APPLICATIONS ONLY TO MONTY THOMPSON**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Dept) do hereby apply for the opportunity to participate of Operation State Fair as follows. Enter desired duty selection in the blank under the date(s) you will be available for duty. (See example) My home chief is \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_. **If you cannot attend after your application has been accepted, notify Monty Thompson as soon as possible.** There will be no substitutions in personnel unless approved **PRIOR** to the opening of the fair.

Example:	August 8 Kitchen <input type="checkbox"/>	August 9 Engine <input type="checkbox"/>	August 10 EMS <input type="checkbox"/>	August 12 PR <input type="checkbox"/>	
Wednesday August 7 <input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday August 8 <input type="checkbox"/>	Friday August 9 <input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday August 10 <input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday August 11 <input type="checkbox"/>	Monday August 12 <input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday August 13 <input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday August 14 <input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday August 15 <input type="checkbox"/>	Friday August 16 <input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday August 17 <input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday August 18 <input type="checkbox"/>

Positions available are as follows: **Adults-** Engine Co., Ambulance, First Aid, Dispatching, Inspection, Kitchen Duty and or Fire Safety Education. Other duties may be assigned. **Juniors** may only sign up dispatching. You will be expected to accept assignments willingly. **\*\*\*A copy of current FFAM membership card and current MISSOURI DRIVERS LICENSE IS MANDATORY or applications will be returned.**

Parent's signature if applicant is a Junior Fire Fighter  
Must be signed for applicant's under 18 years of age.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City, St., Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

SS#: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL,

Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

This signature indicates release from liability of all Agencies in the event of an accident while participating in Missouri State Fair activities. This release also grants permission for emergency treatment, in case of injury.

**APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1, 2013**

Monty Thompson, Chairman  
1908 S. Honeysuckle  
Kearney, MO 64060-8229  
816.628.4127 (Home)  
816.365.7187 (Cell)

**ONLY SEND APPLICATION TO MONTY THOMPSON**

**Application must be complete & readable OR will not be accepted.** In order to work at the Missouri State Fair Fire Dept. All applicants must be members of the FFAM. The Commissioners & the Chief will make assignment of Officers' positions from the applications received & accept. If no specific assignment is desired, please check the date(s) you will be available or write your request in the box under the date(s) you will be available. **Duty for all companies begins at 8:00 AM each day.** The minimum age for Junior Fire Fighters is 16 years of age. No more than two (2) junior members may attend from any one department. **APPLICANTS FOR EMS MUST BE A STATE LICENSED EMT OR PARAMEDIC. PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT LICENSE & A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT FFAM MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOUR APPLICATION. ALL OTHER APPLICANTS PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT FFAM MEMBERSHIP CARD.** Each worker will be issued a State Fair Fire Dept. shirt & will be allowed to purchase the shirt at a cost of \$10.00. Will you be interested in buying the shirt? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_. Please give shirt size in above information even if you do not wish to purchase a shirt. If the dates you have requested are already filled you will be contacted concerning alternate date (s). Due to staffing restriction the FFAM reserves the right to refuse any applications.

**SEND WITH APPLICATIONS CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARDS, EMS LICENSE,  
MISSOURI DRIVER'S LICENSE**

**ONLY SEND APPLICATIONS TO MONTY THOMPSON  
ALL OTHERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

# PHIL SAYER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award sponsored by Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services (VFIS, in conjunction with the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) annually honors an individual whose remarkable achievements in the fire service and community exemplifies outstanding performance. Nominated by their peers, the recipient is presented with an award and a place in FFAM history.

The following conditions should be considered when submitting a candidate's nomination:

- Individual selected must have given outstanding service to his or her state association in the fire service.
- This award is not for heroism.
- The Committee shall be comprised of :
  - The FFAM Awards Committee members
  - two representatives from VFIS
  - an individual nominated by the Sayer family
  - an individual nominated by the Division of Fire Service

The committee will review all names submitted for consideration.

If a name is submitted from a member agency and an individual from the same agency is on the committee, the President of the FFAM shall nominate another individual to replace the committee member.

*No more than one award shall be presented at the annual Convention.*

**DEADLINE -** Nominations must be received by February 28, 2013.

**ENTRY FORMS -** Submit this nomination form, along with the nominee's resume and letters of recommendation

**MAIL TO -** FFAM Awards Committee • Attention: Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award  
226 North Fifth Street • Festus, MO 63028-1911

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRE SERVICE HISTORY

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Joined : \_\_\_\_\_ Elected Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_  
Appointed Positions Held : \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Pertinent Department Information: \_\_\_\_\_

## ASSOCIATION HISTORY

State Level Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Local/County Level Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Pertinent Information: \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY HISTORY

Wife/Husband: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relatives/Siblings also in fire service: \_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER INFORMATION

Other Service to Community/State Government \_\_\_\_\_  
Council/Board/Commissions/Legislative Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of years in the fire service and/or fire prevention \_\_\_\_\_  
Religious Positions \_\_\_\_\_ Past Honorary Awards Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

## INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL FILLING OUT THIS FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Include as needed additional supporting documents.



# DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

David Hedrick  
Director



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

I hope all of you have had a safe and happy holiday season. Another calendar year seems to have quickly come and gone. The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) recognizes the potentially hazardous duty that you, Missouri's fire and emergency service first responders, face each time you answer a call. Thank you for your commitment and service, and we wish you a safe year in 2013. On behalf of the Institute's faculty and staff, we thank you for supporting and utilizing the Institute's training programs and resources.

The entire staff of MU FRTI was saddened to learn of two Missouri firefighter Line of Duty Deaths during December. Chief Eddy Meador of the Pattonsburg Fire and Rescue Protection District died on December 8th, 2012, and Firefighter Jeffrey Hudson of the St. Louis Fire Department died on December 12th, 2012. Our sincerest condolences go out to the families and fire departments for their losses.

Throughout MU FRTI's history the program has been housed in a number of locations on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia, Missouri. After 20 years of being located in the Heinkel Building, the Institute will be moving to a new location on the main campus. MU FRTI's new home will be located at 1110 S. College Avenue at the corner of College and Stadium. This building was formerly used by the Missouri Department of Conservation and has been acquired by the University. It is currently being renovated and will be an MU Extension exclusive building, housing Extension's MU FRTI, 4H, and Extension Technology and Computer Services (ETCS) unit. The move will

provide the Institute with a larger classroom, more accommodating office space, and on-site storage for equipment and supplies. This new location should also provide easier business and educational access when visiting or attending MU FRTI on-campus course offerings. The anticipated move date for the Institute is the week of March 25th. As renovations of the building progress and we finalize a moving date, we will send out notices. We look forward to you visiting the Institute in the new location this spring.

MU FRTI is in the process of finalizing the spring FY13 training schedule utilizing subsidized funding made available by the Division of Fire Safety (DFS) and the Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission. In addition to the subsidized courses, fire departments can also request additional fire training courses through fee-based classes. Please contact your MU FRTI Regional Training Coordinator, or our main office, to discuss your department's training needs and see how the Institute can assist in providing courses to meet your spring training initiatives.

The 32nd *Annual Winter Fire School* (WFS) along with the *Fire Equipment Expo* is scheduled for February 8th - 10th, 2013 in Columbia, MO. This year's annual fire school offers 25 new workshops and courses. All WFS courses provide the fire and emergency service first responders with opportunities to participate in workshops that will enhance the students' technical knowledge, safety, and leadership capabilities. A number of the workshops are being offered in cooperation with various partner agencies and organizations including the U.S. National Fire Academy. We appreciate the willingness and dedication of all the instructors

teaching in this year's WFS as they share their knowledge and expertise with Missouri's fire and emergency service responders.

Back by popular demand at WFS are the live webcasts. This year's webcasts are: *The Incident Commander's Inheritance: Assuming Command at Established Incidents*; *Smokey's Tips for Fire Attack*; and *Fire Service Management: Corps Business*. The webcasts over the internet to registered sites provides greater access to the WFS educational offerings for those fire departments and personnel that are unable to physically attend in Columbia. Additional information on WFS and other training opportunities can be found on the Institute's website at: [www.mufrti.org](http://www.mufrti.org) (select the Fire School link).

MU FRTI wishes to express our appreciation to the Division of Fire Safety and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission for providing scholarships to WFS for volunteer fire fighters and fire officers through the *Philip Sayer Memorial Scholarship Fund* again this year. To assist the scholarship winners in taking advantage of this training opportunity, MU FRTI will subsidize the cost of lodging to scholarship recipients for those residing beyond a 50 mile radius of Columbia. The selected qualifying scholarship recipients should contact MU FRTI directly to reserve and receive the subsidized lodging.

As part of WFS on Friday, February 8th, the world-class *Annual Equipment Exposition* will be held at the Holiday Inn Select Expo Center from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 9:00 p.m. There are more than 80 exhibitors scheduled to display the latest emergency response products,



# MU FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING INSTITUTE

## CLASSES OFFERED

For more information call (800) 869-3476

DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
01/17	Electric Vehicle Safety for First Responders	Bolivar	Ken Witt	417-343-5141
01/19	Trench Rescue: Awareness	Fayette	Brian Kunze	660-728-2241
01/26	Basic Spanish Expressions for Fire and EMS Personnel	Nevada	Robert Benn	417-448-2720
01/26	Recruitment and Retention	Jackson	Dwayne Kirchhoff	573-979-4657
02/01	Leadership II for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Personal Success	Hollister	Bruce Bjorge	417-224-5529
02/01	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Delta	Alvin Frank	573-979-3810
02/02	Highway Safety for Emergency Service Personnel	Gainesville	Robert Peat	417-616-1843
02/04	Preparing for Initial Company Operations	Republic	Lynn Morgan	417-732-3823
02/08	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Marionville	Shelby Berry	417-860-8605
02/08	Basic Pump Operations	Timber	Tim Hamilton	573-858-3011
02/16	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Hayti	Bob Turnage	573-359-1788
02/21	Leadership III for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Supervisory Success	Afton	MUFRTI	800-869-3476
02/23	Basic Spanish Expressions for Fire and EMS Personnel	Waynesville	Doug Yurecko	573-774-5449
03/01	Farm Machinery Rescue	Houston	Roy Sims	417-280-6882
03/01	Health and Safety Officer	Rogersville	Lynn Morgan	417-872-6512
03/01	Basic Pump Operations	Gainesville	Ed Doiron	417-712-1245
03/02	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Ellington	Michael Rennie	573-330-5427
03/02	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Boonville	Bill Hilden	660-537-0077
03/08	Outdoor Search and Rescue Practices	Butler	Jim Henry	660-679-6323
03/08	Mobile Water Supply Operations	Thayer	Eddie Johnson	417-270-1169
03/08	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Warsaw	Chris Cook	660-223-5003
03/09	Confined Space Rescue: Awareness	Lebanon	Sam Schneider	417-288-8317
03/09	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Viburnum	Robert Hicks	573-366-8792
03/15	Outdoor Search And Rescue Practices	Rogersville	Rob Talburt	417-839-7173
03/16	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Malden	Darren Dixon	573-281-9427

services, technologies and solutions. The Expo event is free and provides fire personnel the opportunity to review actual equipment and have their questions answered by professionals on apparatus, turnout gear, extrication tools, etc. Also on that same day of the WFS Expo, a number of state organizations will be conducting meetings at or near the Expo

site. Members of these groups should check with their organization for specific times and/or changes to their individual meeting schedules.

We appreciate the continuing support of the state's fire and emergency service organizations, and most importantly you, the fire service of Missouri. We look

forward to continue working together to improve the fire service of the state through education and training. If the MU FRTI staff or I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact us at (800) 869-3476 or (573) 882-4735.

*David E. Hedrick*



# 2013 Winter Fire School

## AND Equipment Exposition • February 8-10 2013

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# FASNY GIVES 50K GRANT TO NVFC VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TO HELP THOSE IMPACTED BY SANDY

by Kimberly Quiros, National Volunteer Fire Council – New York – 12/11/12

Every day, volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel put their lives on the line to protect their communities, but what happens when the tragedy strikes home? Many first responders are impacted each year by disasters such as hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes, and others. These men and women dedicate themselves to serving their communities. When their homes and families are affected by tragedy, they rely on the community to give back.

The National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund provides a stipend of \$250 to volunteer first responders whose homes have been impacted by a large-scale disaster. The stipend helps these firefighters and emergency personnel meet their basic needs in the aftermath of the disaster. However, the requests received in the wake of Super Storm Sandy exceeded the availability of funds.

The Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) has stepped up to support first responders in need by awarding a grant of \$50,000 to the NVFC Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund. FASNY joins the NVFC in asking others to help support the fund. According to

FASNY Director to the NVFC, David Jacobowitz, there are many unfunded requests currently awaiting donations. Help these first responders in need by contributing to the NVFC Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund.

"To date, the NVFC Volunteer Firefighter Support fund has helped over a hundred volunteer firefighters impacted by Sandy, totaling over \$31,000 in donations," said FASNY President Jim Burns. "FASNY felt that it was important to replenish the funds in order to help more volunteers that need support after the storm."

"We are grateful for FASNY's generous contribution and are thrilled to be able to continue helping volunteers who have been struck by a devastating tragedy such as Super Storm Sandy," said NVFC Executive Director Heather Schafer. "These volunteers need assistance to get back on their feet. We hope FASNY's contribution will inspire others to give as well so we can keep providing support to those who protect their communities every day."

The Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund was created in response to the devastation caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in

2005. Since then, the fund has assisted volunteer first responders impacted by flooding in New York and along the Mississippi River, tornadoes in different parts of the country, and other large-scale disasters. So far, over half a million dollars have been distributed to volunteer firefighters in need.

To qualify for assistance, individuals must be from an NVFC member state as an individual or department member of the state association; be an active volunteer firefighter, rescue worker, or EMS provider; live or have housing in a state- or federally-declared disaster area; and have incurred an uninsurable loss in excess of \$5,000.

The fund relies entirely on the support of individuals and organizations to assist volunteer first responders in need. The NVFC donates all administrative costs associated with the fund, so 100% of contributions go to help volunteer first responders impacted by disaster.

To make your contribution to the Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund please visit [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).

## Classified Advertisements

### JOB OPPORTUNITY:

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Chief Ed Hancock  
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