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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Kenneth Hoover
President

Greetings Fellow Firefighters



I stand amazed at Missouri weather. Here it is May 1st and we are still having snow flurries one day, 85 degrees another, a few days of sunshine, then a few days of rain, and some flooding. We are just about having everything Mother Nature can throw at us. I guess we should not complain. We need to remember the last two years of drought and then become content with our present circumstances.

By the time you read this we will have completed our annual FFAM Convention in Carthage, Missouri and have honored our fallen brothers and sisters at our annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial

services in Kingdom City on May 18th, and 19th, 2013. I will speak more on the Memorial in our next FFAM Newsletter.

What is there to say about the 2013 FFAM Convention in Carthage, Missouri? Where do I start? This is the first convention that I have attended where we had to deal with rain, sleet, snow, and cold temperatures on the contest field. We may have had to encounter all of the above, but a great time was had by all, and the spirit never declined. Good job everyone.

I would like to thank Carthage Fire Chief Chris Thompson, Josh Estes and all of

their crew for a great convention. They stepped up to the plate in every aspect and are to be commended. The banquet was well attended and the evening speaker was of exceptional talent and well received. Hope to see everyone in Festus in 2014.

Our annual Fire Fighters Day activities at the Capitol in Jefferson City were dampened by the weather but the spirit was alive and well. Many valuable contacts with Senators and Representatives were made and the needs of the fire service were well received.

Plans are well under way for the Missouri State Fair Fire Department activities. The fair this year is August 8th – 18th, 2013 in Sedalia. The application deadline was May 1st, 2013 and many applications were received. Again, the State Fair Committee will review all of the applications and try to invite as many new fire fighters as possible. It is a great time of service for the people of Missouri and a good time of renewing old friendships and creating new ones. Thanks to everyone that has taken the time to apply and serve.

As always, if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to e-mail or call me.

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Randy Cole
Fire Marshal

FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Missouri Division of Fire Safety



The 58th annual FFAM Convention is now history. Thanks goes out to Carthage Fire Chief Chris Thompson and all his personnel for making the convention a huge success. Not only were a few contest records broken, but I suspect poor weather conditions also broke a record. Sleet in May! Really?!

Congratulations to all contest and award winners and a special recognition goes to West Plains Fire Department for being selected as Fire Department of the Year and to Chief Larry Jones for being tagged as Fire Chief of the Year. I also want to give special recognition and congratulations to the Joe Jackson family for being this year's recipient of the Phil Sayer Life Time Achievement Award. It was a true honor to be asked to participate in the presentation of this prestigious award and there is no doubt both Phil and Joe were looking down on us during this presentation giving each other a high five!

Next year FFAM Convention will be held in Festus, Missouri!

By the time this newsletter reaches you the 2013 legislative session will be history. Over the past few weeks proposed cuts to the Division's budget has been the most pressing issue. I truly appreciate the extensive support we have received from several Representatives during our budget process. The House proposed budget included an additional \$200,000 for firefighter training, much needed funding to purchase new vehicles for field staff and an additional staff position within the Training and Certification program. The House budget was then sent to the Senate where proposed cuts occurred. When differences exist between the House and Senate, these differences are addressed by a Conference Committee composed

of both House and Senate members. Having no crystal ball, as of this date we of course have no visibility on a final outcome. However, thanks to a number of key fire service allies and conversations I have had with various legislators both on the House and Senate side, I am hopeful the Division's budget will have a positive outcome. I truly thank those who have provided support behind the scenes again this year!

The same holds true with the legislative proposals filed this session, we obviously do not know what bills will finally pass. There has been positive movement relating to the enhancement of Missouri's 911 systems via the establishment of a fee on cellular telephones (HB653). Another bill (HB335), basically being referred to as the omnibus public safety bill, deals with various issues and may be successful. Other proposed bills impacting the fire service include county burn ban (HB28) which contained amendments relating to fireworks, (HB981) which would allow for the discharge of fireworks within 600 feet of a church upon approval of the church's board, and (SB272 and HB384) dealing with sprinkler contractor registration. Several bills (SB24, HB938, HB45) all address, in some fashion, building code adoption.

As is common practice via the legislative process, amendments may be added to bills as they proceed forward. An amendment added to SB24 totally would remove the ability of a local governmental entity from adopting a code or ordinance which would require automatic sprinkler systems within a one or two family dwelling/townhouse. Current law, RSMo. 67.281, does allow such an adoption after December 31, 2019.

The legislative session ends on Friday, May 17th!

In anticipation of the successful passage of the Division's budget, the Fire Safety Education and Advisory Commission is scheduled to meet on May 16th and 17th for their annual review of training proposals submitted to the Division. This year 18 training vendors submitted proposals for review by the Commission, totaling \$1.3 million in requests for the potential \$620,000 available this next fiscal year. The Commission's task is to review all proposals and identify the training courses to be available beginning in July. Missouri's fire service is blessed with the training options being made available via this process, which has proven to be successful over the past several years. Once the new training contracts have been established, the Division will post information on our website to inform you of your various no-cost training options.

One "white elephant" that seems has no legislative fix is worker's compensation insurance. Increases in these premiums are resulting in departments being forced to cut volunteer firefighters from their rosters. However, this issue is not limited to volunteer departments as career departments are seeing these increases as well. In an attempt to identify potential options, I brought this issue to the Fire Service Alliance a couple years ago. Chief Larry Boyle with Fenton Fire Protection District stepped up and tasked himself to explore potential options.

Recently a possible avenue was identified with the goal in mind to reduce worker's compensation premiums. The

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OPENING SESSION

President Kenneth Hoover opened the 58th Annual FFAM Convention by ringing the bell on Friday, May 3rd, 2013 at the Memorial Hall, Carthage, Missouri.

The Carthage Police Department Honor Guard posted the colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Elliff the Director of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, presented the invocation.

Carthage Fire Department Chief Chris Thompson welcomed all attendees to Carthage and to the convention.

President Hoover welcomed all attendees to the convention and thanked Carthage Fire Department for their hard work in hosting the convention. He then introduced the FFAM Officers and Directors to the audience.

Past President Keith Smith presented the Nominating Committee slate for the 2013 FFAM officer elections. Executive Committee positions for reelection are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, District 2 Director, District 6 Director, District 8 Director and District 12 Director.

Ken Hoover is seeking reelection for the position of President; Tim Bean is seeking reelection for the position of 1st Vice President; Charlie Neubert is seeking reelection for the position of 2nd Vice President; Jaime Miller is seeking reelection for the position of Secretary Treasurer; Rex Reynolds is seeking reelection for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms; Greg Wright is seeking reelection for the District 2 Director; Richard Gordon is seeking election for the District 6 position. A nomination for Dale

Arnold, Central Jackson County FPD was announced for the 2nd Vice President position. The District 8 and District 12 Director positions had no nominations. The 1st call for nominations was held. The 2nd call for nominations was held. The 3rd and final call for nominations was held with no further nominations made. Doug Christ moved to cease nominations. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover introduced the Ladies Auxiliary members.

President Hoover closed the opening session for the social mixer at 7:16 p.m.

AWARDS BANQUET

Welcome to all in attendance to the 58th Annual FFAM Convention by Carthage Fire Department Chief Chris Thompson. Head table introductions were made.

The Carthage Fire Marshal gave the invocation followed by the meal.

Guest speaker Cindy Dagnan gave a motivational speech to the audience.

Scholarship Committee Chair Grant Oetting announced the 2013 scholarship recipients. Rachel Young – Monett Fire Department; Summer Welty – Salisbury Fire Department; Cole Wodrich – Alma Fire Protection District; Jordan Engel – Dearborn Area Fire Protection District.

Fire Prevention Committee Chair RB Brown announced the 2013 poster contest award winners.

1ST AND 2ND GRADE DIVISION:

1st Place – Vanessa Graham, Beaufort-Leslie FPD; 2nd Place – Emmett Panhorst, New Haven-Berger FPD; 3rd Place – Aubrey Witte, Washington VFD.

3RD AND 4TH GRADE DIVISION:

1st Place – Elizabeth Simily, Union FPD; 2nd Place – Ella Weber, Washington VFD; 3rd Place – Anah Barthle, Marthasville VFD.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE DIVISION:

1st Place – Christian Paterson, New Haven-Berger FPD; 2nd Place – Julia McIntyre, New Haven-Berger FPD; 3rd Place – Mikayla Maloney, New Haven-Berger FPD.

Contest Committee Chair Richard Gordon announced the 2013 convention contest winners.

FIREFIGHTER DIVISION CHALLENGE**2 PERSON HOSE COUPLING**

1st - Madison West Monroe
2nd - Little Dixie #1
3rd - West Plains #2

REPLACE A SECTION OF HOSE

1st - Little Dixie #2
2nd - Madison West Monroe #1
3rd - West Plains #1

EXTENDING A LINE

1st - West Plains #2
2nd - Cole County
3rd - Madison West Monroe #1

WATER BARREL FIGHT

1st - Madison West Monroe #1
2nd - Beaufort Leslie
3rd - Little Dixie #2

BUCKET BRIGADE

1st - Madison West Monroe #1
2nd - Little Dixie #1
3rd - Eureka #1

OVERALL

1st - Madison-West Monroe #1

FEMALE DIVISION CHALLENGE

2 PERSON HOSE COUPLING

- 1st - Little Dixie #1
- 2nd - Southern Stone #1
- 3rd - Little Dixie #2

REPLACE A SECTION OF HOSE

- 1st - Southern Stone #1
- 2nd - Little Dixie #1
- 3rd - Madison West Monroe #1

EXTENDING A HYDRANT LINE

- 1st - Southern Stone #1
- 2nd - Little Dixie #1
- 3rd - Southern Stone #2

WATER BARREL FIGHT

- 1st - Little Dixie #1
- 2nd - Madison West Monroe #1
- 3rd - Madison West Monroe #2

BUCKET BRIGADE

- 1st - Little Dixie #1
- 2nd - Southern Stone #1
- 3rd - Madison West Monroe #1

OVERALL: 1st Little Dixie #1

JUNIOR DIVISION CHALLENGE

2 PERSON HOSE COUPLING

- 1st - Winfield Foley
- 2nd - Galt #1
- 3rd - Southern Stone #1

EXTENDING A LINE

- 1st - Galt #1
- 2nd - Southern Stone #1
- 3rd - Eureka #1

WATER BARREL FIGHT

- 1st - Galt #1
- 2nd - Southern Stone #1
- 3rd - Galt #2

OVERALL: 1st - Galt #1

Award Committee Chair Rob Schrage along with committee members Larry Jennings and Joe Vaughn presented several awards as follows:

LIFE SAVING AWARDS TO:

Chris Bell, George Milligan, Aaron Burke, Nick House, Wayne Cormier,

Corbin Thompson, Bud McMillian, Shawn Bice – West Plains FD.

Brian Beissenhertz, Bryce Ehlert – Wellington Napoleon FPD.

Bill Friday, Brian Stone, Joshua Loyd – Little Dixie FPD.

Youth Program of the year presented to Sullivan Fire Protection District.

Fire Department of the Year presented to West Plains Fire Department.

Firefighter of the Year presented to Joshua Loyd from Little Dixie Fire Protection District.

Fire Chief of the Year presented to Larry Jones from Madison West Monroe Fire Protection District.

Randy Cole along with Kevin Mochel of VFIS presented the Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award to the Joe Jackson Family.

President Hoover gave closing remarks. The banquet was followed by the dance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

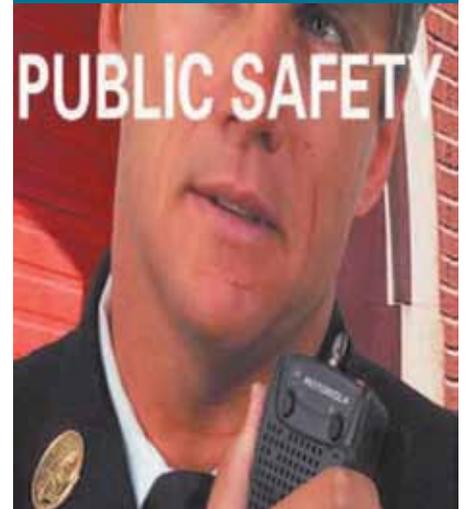
President Kenneth Hoover called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to order at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, May 5th, 2013 at the Memorial Hall, Carthage, Missouri.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

OFFICERS:

Kenneth Hoover – Little Dixie FPD; First Vice President Tim Bean – West Plains FD; Second Vice President Charlie Neubert – Highlandville Rural FPD; Secretary Treasurer Jaime Miller – Johnson County FPD; Sergeant-at-Arms Rex Reynolds – Southern FPD of Holt County; Past President Keith Smith – Warrenton FPD; Historian Kay Asher – Wentzville FPD.

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ASSISTANT DIRECTORS:

District 1, Janet Cain - Braymer FR; District 3, Rob Erdle - Little Dixie FPD; District 4, Jonathan Evans - Lincoln FD; District 6, Richard Gordon - Cole County FPD; District 10, Greg Brown - Eureka FPD; District 11, Ryan Miller - Norborne FPD; District 14, Glenn Dittmar - South Central Buchanan County FD.

GUESTS:

Larry Eggen, Larry Jennings, Joe Jennings - Johnson County FPD; Randy Cole - Missouri Division of Fire Safety; Donald Vaucher, Harriett Vaucher, Greg Light - Eureka FPD; Chris Thompson, Josh Estes, Roger Williams, Mathew Fasano, Josh Roberts, Kendall Terry - Carthage FD; Todd DeOrnellis, JoAnn Nengel, Jack Nengel, Kory Smith, Bobby Tanner, Joshua Loyd, Jarrod Schutte, Brian Stone, Bill Friday, Steve Gentry - Little Dixie FPD; Dale Ransdell, Gordon Ekedahl - Madison West Monroe FPD; Michael Webb, Victor Tannell, Erik Jackson, Eric Gann, Brian Smiley, Destin Gann, Leigh Ronayne, Avery Webb, Zach Stephens, Tanner Clem, Alex Webb, Stuart Eller, Bryson Gann, Cindy Gott - Galt FD; Tom Loesing, Gina Loesing - Prairie Home RFPD; Brian Schowengerdt - South Metro FPD; Dale Arnold, Lorn M. Dennis - Central Jackson County FPD; David Hedrick - MU FRTI; James Peffermann, Pat Placke - Washington FD; Jim Brockett, Tyler Rettke - Southern Stone FPD; Gary Berendzen, Donnie Braun, Gary W. Smith, Alan Braun - Cole County FPD; Richard M. Hammon, Ethan Leisenring, David Masterson - West

Plains FD; Jennifer Johnson - Norborne FPD; Kristina Dozier - Atchison Holt Ambulance; Joyce Thompson - Kearney Fire and Rescue; Rob Schrage - Jefferson R7 FPD; Ken Ramsey - Vichy Vol FD; Scott Olson, Josh Meyer - Alma FPD; David Miller - Johnson County FPD #2; Emily Misel, Jeff Misel - Cowgill FD; Donnie Rogers - Chillicothe FD, Gail Hagans Reynolds - MU FRTI, Grant Oetting - Higginsville FD.

AGENDA:

President Hoover asked for additions to the agenda. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the agenda as presented. Joe Vaughn seconded the motion and all approved.

MINUTES:

President Hoover asked for corrections or additions to the April 2012 convention board meeting minutes. Joe Vaughn moved to accept the minutes as presented. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover asked for corrections or additions to the February 3rd, 2013 board meeting minutes. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the minutes as presented. Joe Vaughn seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Hoover asked for a review of the February, March, April 2013 financial reports. Rick Dozier moved to accept the financial report as presented. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S):

David Hedrick with MU FRTI reported that the 81st annual Summer Fire School will be held June 5th - 9th. Registrations are up but there are still spots available.

MU FRTI has relocated to 1110 South College Avenue in the former Missouri Department of Conservation building. They will be hosting an open house in the near future.

A training funding request has been submitted to the state and will be

reviewed later in May in connection with the state training budget allocated for the next fiscal year.

Randy Cole with Division of Fire Safety reported that Firefighter Day at the capital was held on April 23rd. Despite the weather, there was a good turnout.

The legislative process to discuss training funding will begin this week. The conference committee will begin reviewing the budget, which is requested at \$620,000. On May 16th - 17th, the Fire Education Commission will begin meeting to review the \$3 million in training proposals that have been submitted.

Workers compensation premiums are increasing. A survey has been sent out to all fire departments so that the Division can work with the insurance companies for a way to reduce future increases. Everyone is encouraged to return the surveys.

DFS has gained additional space and will be expanding throughout the 13th floor of their existing location.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Larry Jennings reported that the FFAM did not receive the SAFER grant.

NEW BUSINESS

Sergeant-at-Arms Reynolds reported that 29 departments with 63 delegates were represented at the meeting. Terry Wynne moved to accept the report. Roy Sims seconded the motion and all approved.

Keith Smith reported that seven positions are up for election and no new nominations were received. The nominations are Ken Hoover, President; Tim Bean, 1st Vice President; Jaime Miller, Secretary Treasurer; Charlie Neubert, Dale Arnold 2nd Vice President; Rex Reynolds, Sergeant-at-Arms; Greg Wright, District 2 Director; Richard Gordon, District 6 Director. No nominations were received for the District 8 or District 12 Director positions. Charlie Neubert and Dale

Arnold both addressed the delegation. Rob Schrage moved to elect by acclamation Ken Hoover, President; Tim Bean, 1st Vice President; Jaime Miller, Secretary Treasurer; Rex Reynolds, Sergeant-at-Arms. Steve Gentry seconded the motion and all approved. Jeff Misel moved to elect by acclamation Greg Wright, District 2 Director; Richard Gordon, District 6 Director. Brian Schowengerdt seconded the motion and all approved. An election was held for the 2nd Vice President position. Sergeant-at-Arms Reynolds reported that Charlie Neubert received the most votes and would be the 2nd Vice President for another term.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Rob Schrage congratulated the winners once again and thanked those that submitted applications. Thanks was also given to the Awards Committee for their help in the process.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Tim Bean reported that budget requests will need to be submitted to the committee by the August meeting.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

No report was given.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE:

David Hedrick reported on behalf of Missouri Fire Chaplain Corp President Bryan Menke that in October, the MFCC assisted Boles FPD in hosting the Federation of Fire Chaplains annual conference in Eureka. Approximately 130 chaplains attended along with 40 spouses. The week long event featured trainings, meetings and ceremonies. New officers were also elected at the conference which included Bryan Menke as President and Harvey Dubbs as Secretary/Treasurer.

The annual meeting/training for 2013 will be on May 6th - 7th in Arnold, Missouri. Twenty chaplains are registered to attend.

Chaplain Ed Golden will represent the MFCC as the chaplain on the annual Firefighters Memorial service on May 18th in Kingdom City.

CONTEST COMMITTEE:

Richard Gordon reported he would like to add another person to the committee. The Board advised they would take it under advisement and make a decision at the June meeting. Gordon also reported that he had over 40 assistants during the event. Seven junior teams participated and three new records were set. Grimco Sign Company donated materials to decal the contest trailer and Bill Leasure donated the labor to put the decals on the trailer.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

Larry Jones reported that the 2014 convention will be hosted by Jefferson R-7 Fire Protection District in Festus. Rob Schrage reported that the convention will be May 2nd - 4th, 2014 at the Best Western in Festus. Randolph Mantooth will be the guest speaker.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Rick Dozier reported that 22 people attended the Certified Board Member training class on Friday. Any training requests can be submitted to the committee.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE:

RB Brown reported that the 2014 poster contest theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires". All members are encouraged to contact their local schools to participate.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Greg Brown reported that there are two weeks left in this legislative session and that the budget bills are now in conference. The fire training budget and Division of Fire Safety funding are being reviewed.

A 911 legislation bill has passed the House and is awaiting Senate Committee assignment. The bill would allow counties to impose a 911 cell phone tax for the purpose of funding 911 services in the county.

Two bills are moving which incorporate first responders including firefighters into a law that increases penalties for speeding while passing such personnel while they are working.

There is also discussion regarding a line-of-duty death bill which is proposing to stretch the time frame to three weeks for a LODD classification. There is also an amendment to a Senate Bill which deals with residential sprinklers and a House Bill which would allow county commissions to issue burn bans.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

2nd Vice President Neubert reported the following membership counts: 420 Directors/Councilman; 231 Retired; 10 Associate; 6 Sustaining; 9 Corporate, 345 Departments; 7723 Active.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: No report.

NVFC COMMITTEE:

Keith Smith reported that the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant programs are currently proposed at \$335 million in FY 2013, down from an initial appropriations of \$337.5 million which is down from \$405 million in FY 2011. Preserving AFG and SAFER is critical in sustaining firefighter safety and readiness for large and small departments alike. It is also a major benefit to our economy being estimated that for every \$100,000 spent through AFG creates 1.2 full-time manufacturing jobs, that is over 4,000 jobs.

In addition to the reduction from \$405 million in FY 2011 to our best possible option of \$337.5 million in FY 2013, there is also the automatic sequester issue because AFG is discretionary appropriations. Example, sequester would reduce AFG by 5% plus a .1 percent recession factor (5.1%) and rescind just over \$17 million to the Treasury. If we actually receive the \$337.5 million, we are reduced to \$320 after the sequester factor, but what most people do not realize is it applies in FY 2014 and forward unless congress reaches a plan. If nothing is done, the math takes AFG to just \$200 million by FY 2023 if appropriations remain unchanged as is and maybe nothing if not re-authorized next year because of the sun-set placed on AFG and SAFER last year. Sequester may be the least of our worries.

Fire Police Fairness Act is a request to bring Fire Police into PSOB. They are currently not eligible, but they serve in the line of duty and in harms way of traffic on fire scenes. Fire Police is used with some frequency in the east and northeast. While line of duty is rare, it has occurred.

The Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act -VESRRA (S.506 and HR 1009) involves tax reform of Length of Service Award Programs (LOSAP's) because of unfair, burdensome and confusing IRS requirements. The IRS over time has created unnecessarily difficult rules and issues in administer of retirement plans and benefits for volunteer emergency personnel. It addresses three very specific problems in the tax code and LOSAP's.

Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program is a 50/50 grant process for rural fire departments to pay for training, equipment and protective clothing related to Wildland Fires. VFA is administered by the U.S. Forest Service and funds distributed by state forestry agencies. In FY 2012, VFA assisted 10,200 communities and provided training to 27,865 firefighters. Previous funding was \$16 million; the President's budget cut it to \$13 million for FY 2013 and drops it to \$11.2 million in FY 2014. With the increase in the number of Wildland Fires, NVFC proposes minimum funding of \$16 million. If a Missouri department has responsibility for a National Forest in their area, they can apply for assistance with VFA.

Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Reauthorization Act – VRIPRA (S. 501 and HR to be introduced) would exempt property tax benefits up to \$600 per year and other types of incentives for volunteer emergency responders. A similar exemption was enacted in 2007, but lapsed in 2010 and as a result, volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel pay higher taxes on the modest benefits they receive. Most volunteers pay vehicle, fuel and repair expenses related to calls out of pocket plus clothing and some equipment. There is also an IRS position that

volunteer benefits do not generally meet the IRS definition of “Reimbursement” because of some language in the tax code.

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) has a proposed reduction in funding of from \$44 million to \$41.3 million for FY 2014. To put this in greater perspective, since 2002, USFA'S budget has already been cut 35%. Past funding reductions have resulted in delays in development of new courses, cancelling courses, reductions in available curriculum and facility maintenance. NVFC proposes sustained funding at \$44 million.

NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg, sent a letter to President Barack Obama thanking him and the First Lady for attending the memorial service in Texas and meeting with families. Chairman Stittleburg also reminded President Obama the proper use of terms related to Career and Volunteer.

Neither of the Missouri NFVC representatives (Keith Smith or Rob Erdel) will be able to attend the full schedule of the Spring meeting in Washington DC on May 9th - 11th. Only attending part of the meeting would not be good use of funds. This was discussed with President Hoover and concluded to save FFAM this expense and attend the fall meeting in Texas this October. There was also the concern if our elected officials would seriously be listening to firefighters with all the other stuff they are currently involved with.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Grant Oetting congratulated the scholarship winners and thanked those on the committee who assisted in the process.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE:

Monty Thompson reported that the fair will be August 8th - 18th. State Fair Fire applications were due May 1st so the committee will begin making the selection process. Work weekends will be June 1st - 2nd and July 12th - 13th.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

Secretary-Treasurer Miller advised the committee met regarding the

website proposal received. At this time the committee doesn't recommend proceeding with the proposal but will work on redoing the website in-house through the committee.

NEWSLETTER:

The deadline for the next newsletter has been extended to May 6th. All convention articles and pictures are due by the end of the day. Departments are encouraged to send in articles.

HISTORIAN REPORT:

Kay Asher reported that she has added two new file cabinets. She is working on organizing items and encourages anyone with items they would like to donate to contact her.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

Ron Paubel reported the annual memorial service is May 18th at 9 p.m. and May 19th at 10:30 a.m. in Kingdom City. They will have a special guest speaker on Sunday. Paubel also advised that he is stepping down from the memorial foundation after the memorial services since he has retired. Keith Smith will be taking his place on the committee and the engraving will now be handled by Doc Kritzer.

President Hoover thanked Ron Paubel for his many years of service to the FFAM as a member and Director.

1st Vice President Tim Ben read and presented Chief Thompson and Carthage FD with a resolution on behalf of the FFAM for hosting the annual convention.

Washington Volunteer Fire Company and Cole County Fire Protection District retired the colors.

Keith Smith moved to adjourn the meeting. Glen Dittmar seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Jaime Miller,
Secretary

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During a recent Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs (MAFC) Board of Director meeting, a discussion was held concerning membership. One of the questions asked was, "Why do we have so few volunteer chief officers as members of our organization?" As the group's Secretary, I was asked to do two things. First, introduce our organization and explain our role in the State's Fire Service. The second is to invite you to become members and get actively involved.

Who is the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs? We are a group of involved volunteer and career chief fire officers whose mission is to bring Fire Chiefs from all over the State of Missouri to a forum of communication, camaraderie, and professionalism. We hope to accomplish this mission through a statewide network of Missouri's fire chiefs acting as an outlet to

ask questions, find answers, and provide assistance when possible. Camaraderie and professionalism will continue to be built and strengthened through low cost seminars and regional training opportunities. The MAFC is in the planning stages of offering quality regional programs on leadership, firefighter safety, and strategies and tactics.

The MAFC is a member in good standing of the Missouri Fire Service Alliance. The Alliance is the fire service's political arm in Missouri. Other members of the Alliance include: the Firefighters Association of Missouri, Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association, The Missouri Association of Fire Protection Districts, Fire Marshals' Association of Missouri, Missouri Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators, and the St. Louis Metro Fire Department

Association. The Alliance along with the MAFC is working tirelessly to promote residential sprinklers, improved 9-1-1 service, and additional fire education funding, to name a few.

The MAFC is asking all Chief Fire Officers in Missouri to consider joining our organization. For the volunteer members the cost is \$10.00 a year for your entire department. Yes, \$10.00 is the correct amount. If you have any additional questions concerning membership, I have attached contact names and numbers for the MAFC Director in your area. Please, do not put it off. Membership applications are available on our website. Simply go to: www.mochiefs.org.

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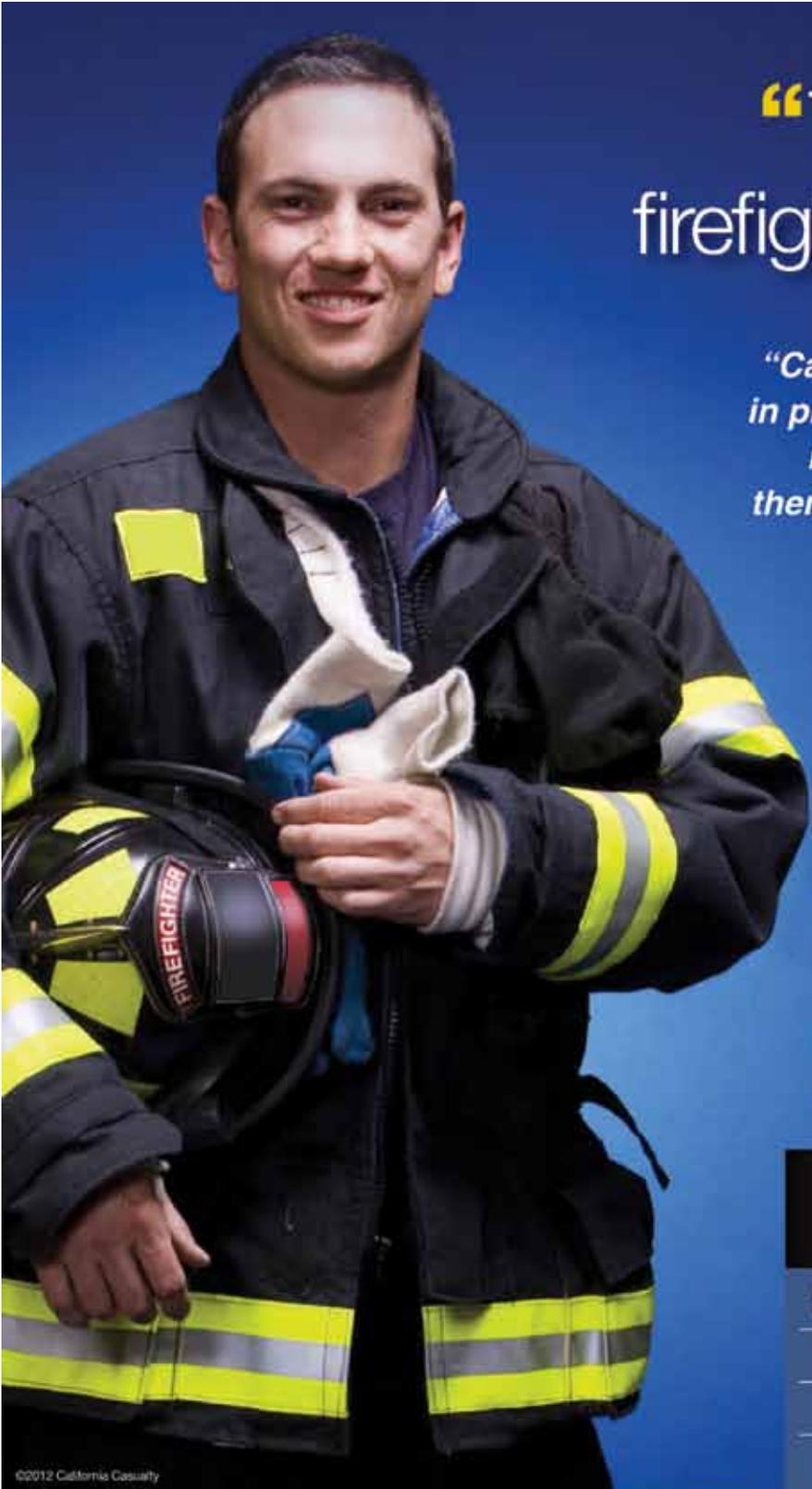
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HOWELL COUNTY RURAL FD #1 GETS ISO UPGRADE

by West Plains Daily Quill

Howell County Rural Fire District No. 1 has received official notification from the Insurance Services Office (ISO) of an upgrade to the district's public fire protection classification grade.

Fire Chief Joe Auffert said, "We are proud to be able to let our community know about this achievement. This could save our taxpaying citizens some money on their insurance premiums."

He said Howell Rural was surveyed by ISO in May and based on that the department was given a 6/9 split classification that went into effect March 1st. The Class 6, which is new for Howell Rural, applies to properties within five road miles of the station on K Highway, West Plains, and within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant or alternate water supply.

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Class 9 is not new to the district. It has been and continues to apply to properties beyond 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant but within five road miles of the station on E Highway in South Fork. The district covers a total of 186 square miles west and southwest of West Plains.

In a news release, fire department officials said, "This is the first time in the department's history that this classification has been achieved, and state statistics from 2011 show 242 communities statewide achieved the Class 6 rating and a total of 642 communities achieved the Class 9 rating."

DEFINING ISO

ISO is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments, insurance regulators and others by providing information about risk. ISO's expert staff collects information about municipal fire suppression



efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities ISO analyzes the relevant data and assigns a Public Protection Classification - a number from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents an exemplary fire suppression program, and Class 10 indicates that the area's fire

construction, mortgage and other factors. Individuals should consult their insurance company for specific information and report the new ISO rating change to their agent.

CATEGORIES THAT MAKE UP THE FINAL SCORE

The ISO review is broken into separately evaluated categories, which are totaled to reach the final score. They are as follows.

suppression program does not meet ISO's minimum criteria.

Savings on insurance premiums is dependent on the type of insurance, type of

FIRE DEPARTMENT: This accounts for the largest part (50 percent) of the total classification, which focuses on items such as engine companies, ladder or service companies, distribution of



fire stations and fire companies, equipment carried on the apparatus, pumping capacity, reserve apparatus, department staffing and training.

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM: This is the second major portion (40 percent) of the total classification highlighting the water supply a community uses for fire suppression. This includes condition and maintenance of hydrants, alternative water supply operations and a careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 gallons per minute.

FIRE ALARM AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS: This is 10 percent of the final grade and includes telephone systems, telephone lines, staffing and dispatching systems. Howell Rural is dispatched through Howell County 911.

NEEDED FIRE FLOWS: These are representative building locations used to determine the theoretical amount of water necessary for fire suppression purposes.

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENTS

Auffert stated, "One thing that has really helped us as well as our neighboring fire departments is the automatic aid agreements that we have in place with each other. On June 1st, 2012, there was an automatic aid agreement that went into effect with the city of West Plains and it has proven to be a great asset to both the communities that we serve."

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK

"We would like to thank our community for standing behind us. Without you we would not have been able to purchase all the needed equipment to get this new classification. We also want to thank our firefighters and our board of directors. Without them we would certainly not be where we are today. If anyone has any questions on the new ISO classification we have achieved call 257-1270," Auffert said.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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**Richard Gordon
Director**

I appreciate the opportunity to serve, and I will do my best to uphold the ideals of this organization. While remembering the history of the FFAM, I hope to focus my efforts on the future of the organization by working to grow the membership and look after the wellbeing of the members in my district. If I can do anything to help an individual or department in my area feel free to contact me. I will do my best to address any concerns.

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first step toward this goal was to establish a baseline of worker's compensation premiums currently being paid by departments. A short survey was developed to attain preliminary information and has been distributed statewide to Missouri's fire service. Information gleaned from this survey will dictate the next step in the process which would entail a feasibility study. Ultimately, the goal is to establish a fire service trust comprised of various fire departments pooling resources so as to garner lower worker's compensation premiums. Without your assistance in

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this process this exploration will not be possible. I encourage all of you to ensure your department has submitted the survey so a potential option may be identified to the increasing premium costs being experienced today and no doubt into the future. Please contact our office if you did not receive a survey and we will gladly send one to you. I appreciate your time!

The April 15th terrorist bombing in Boston captured our Nation's attention and will so for many years to come as this attack will be yet another one that is not easy to forget. The level of media coverage proved to be an asset in bringing the situation to a quick ending due to the public's assistance; however, sadly it overshadowed another tragic event which took the lives of ten fire service/EMS personnel when an explosion rocked the community of West, Texas.

Although specific details of the investigation have not been finalized, the question on your mind as a first responder is, "Can this happen in Missouri?" With Missouri being well-established as an agriculture state, there is no doubt the risk is present for similar such incidents. This type of incident drives home the importance for data collection and reporting in conjunction with emergency planning and response. It is too easy to become complacent and this incident should serve

as a reminder to all of us. Information collection and planning alone is not acceptable. Training, not only with this type of incident in mind, should not be ignored and must be established as a priority. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the community of West, Texas.

The following is a "fact sheet" link provided by The Fertilizer Institute: www.tfi.org/sites/default/files/documents/fact_sheet_west_fertilizer_-_april_20_-_kom.pdf

In light of the various school tragedies, with the most recent being Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut

where 20 children were killed, much attention is being focused on school safety and security procedures. These procedures involve multiple disciplines such as law enforcement, fire service and school administrators and it is important to ensure consistent training and procedures are known and accepted by all. We realize one process or procedure is not reasonable for all schools, nor is there a one-size-fits-all solution. We also realize every threat or violent incident cannot be

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prevented, however, planning and establishing "best practices" can certainly reduce the risk of injury or death to occupants during such an incident.

During the upcoming annual Fire Marshal's Association conference, a four hour "round table" discussion is scheduled relating to school safety and security issues. The conference is scheduled for July 29th - 31st at Tan-Tar-A Resort, with the school session being on Wednesday, July 31st from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. This session will be facilitated by Louisiana State Fire Marshal Butch Browning.

Fire Marshal Browning serves as chair of the National Association of State Fire Marshal's sub-committee on school safety/security.

School safety/security is a complicated issue and presents various challenges. Bringing together officials from these diverse disciplines is intended to establish better communications and identify consistent best practices so as to lessen challenges created by these situations. I encourage you to attend the entire conference, but if you only have an interest in the school safety/security issues, the cost to attend will only be \$50.00. To register for the conference please online to: www.mofiremarshals.org/files/Download/conf%20reg%20form.pdf

On Friday, April 12th Missouri's fire service said a final farewell to Assistant Chief Harold Hollingsworth. On Sunday, April 7th Chief Hollingsworth was responding to a reported structure fire when he lost control of his vehicle on wet pavement leaving the roadway striking a tree. For the past sixteen years he had been employed with the Osage Fire Protection District and was previously employed with the Lexington Fire Department. Chief Hollingsworth was very active within his community and will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chief Hollingsworth, his family, friends and fellow firefighters. Chief Hollingsworth was the first LODD in Missouri for 2013. Hats off once again to Missouri's funeral assistance team for their assistance to the family and department!!

Be Safe!!!



Randy Cole,
Fire Marshal



MO STATE FAIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY COINS

Steve Gentry
Officer 4
State Fair FD

Hello to all the fellow fire fighters in this crazy weather state. Snow at convention, that's different. Well that means we will have good weather at the fair, right?

Now that the convention is over and a good one it was, it's time to get started concentrating on the Missouri State Fair, August 8th thru the 18th. We have lots of applications to choose from and hey we have several new applications this year wanting to come and help out. That's exciting and we should all try to promote this to at least one new friend this year and get him or her to come try out the fair next year. Remember the work weekends are June 1st - 2nd, July 13th - 14th and we have lots to do there so we will need help for that.

Remember to watch for your acceptance letters and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there. We are going to have a good fair this year and it looks good on this end.



One more thing, I still have several of the 50 year commemorative coins from the fair if anyone is interested in purchasing them they are \$5.00 each.

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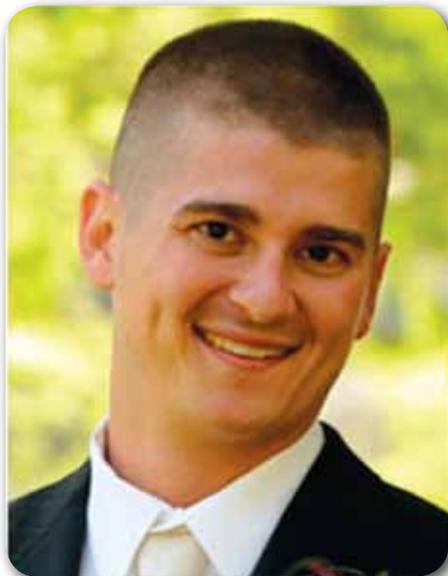
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Monty Thompson

Greetings, it seems like winter will never release its grip. But as we look forward to spring, it seems like everything shifts into a higher gear. If your calendars look like mine, there appears to be no open weekends until late summer. It won't be long before we will be back at it. I hope everyone has a good and late spring.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

The fair is fast approaching. We have a couple of work weekends set for getting the facilities ready for the event. June 1st - 2nd will be the first weekend. June 2nd will also be the scheduled board meeting. The second work weekend will be July 13th and 14th. Then before long it will be fair time. The committee has been active working on improvements. The equipment is lined up and we believe we are ready to go.



MATTHEW YOUNG

December 30, 1985 — May 3, 2013

Matthew L. Young, 27, of Pleasant Hill, Missouri passed away May 3rd, 2013. He was born December 30th, 1985 to Terry and Joy (Hart) Young in Kansas City, Missouri. On April 21st, 2012 he was united in marriage to Claire Markey and she survives of the home. Matthew was a fire fighter for the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District and the Pleasant Hill Fire Department. He was a Baptist by faith. He was a member of International Fire Fighter's Union #3133, and a founder of Paul M. Busch Foundation for the Outdoors. He

was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Ralph Young, and maternal grandparents, James and Joyce Hart.

In addition to his wife, Claire, he is survived by his parents, Terry and Joy Young of Pleasant Hill, Missouri; paternal grandmother, Nona Young of Raytown, Missouri; sisters, Jacki Scott and Husband Ryan of Savannah, Missouri, Rachel Wall and husband Bryan of Rosendale, Missouri, and Sarah Buchanan and husband Andrew of Republic, Missouri; nieces and nephews, Rylee, Seth and Adryan Scott, Jayden and Ashtyn Wall, and Zachary Buchanan.

HAROLD HOLLINGSWORTH

October 6, 1965 — April 07, 2013

Harold Bernard Hollingsworth, 47, of Lexington, Missouri passed away on Sunday, April 7th, 2013 while serving in the line of duty. Funeral services were held at the Lexington High School and he was laid to rest in the Machpelah Cemetery in Lexington, Missouri. In lieu of flowers memorials are strongly suggested to the Lexington Wrestling Program or the Fire Fighters of America Memorial Program. Condolences for the family may be left at: nadlerfullerfh.com.

Harold was born on October 6th, 1965 in Lexington, Missouri to Harold and Charlotte F. (Patton) Hollingsworth. He was a graduate of the Lexington High School. After high school Harold earned his Associates Degree in Fire Science. On November 17th, 1990 he married Allison Duvall in Lexington, Missouri, who survives of the home. Harold and Allison are members of the Lexington United Methodist Church. For the past 16 years Harold has been employed with the Fort Osage Fire Protection District and currently held the position as Assistant Fire Chief. Previous to working at Fort Osage he was employed with the Lexington Fire Department. He was active in the Warrior-Tribe-Of-Mic-O-Say, Fort Osage. Harold was a former member of the Lexington School Board, the head coach for Lexington Little League Wrestling and he helped with Little League Football.



Harold is survived by his wife, Allison of the home, two sons, Matthew and Nathan Hollingsworth of Lexington, Missouri; a brother Larry Hollingsworth of Lexington, Missouri and twin brother, Charles Hollingsworth and wife Christy of Lexington, Missouri; a sister, Terri (Hollingsworth) Fletcher and husband Jay of Blue Springs, Missouri; father in law and mother in law, Mike and Louise Duvall of Lexington, Missouri; and several nieces and nephews. Harold was preceded in death by his mother, Charlotte Patton and a brother, Clay Hollingsworth.

BOBBY STODDARD

January 31, 1945 — April 16, 2013

Bobby Lee Stoddard, 64, of Wellsville, passed away at 5:17 p.m., Tuesday, April 16th, 2013 at his home, with his family and friends by his side, after a strong and courageous battle with cancer.

Mr. Stoddard was born January 31st, 1949, in Macon, Missouri, a son of Robert Dewayne and Clara Louise Dorr Stoddard.

He was a 1967 graduate of Wellsville-Middletown R-1 High School. He continued his education, completing 3½ years at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar.

On April 27th, 1974 at the Hopewell Baptist Church, in Wellsville, he married Patricia Sue Clark, sharing over 38 years together. They have lived in their home on West Street since October 30th, 1979 and Bobby has lived in Wellsville since 1960.

Bobby went to work for Wellsville IGA Super Save, in August of 1971 as a produce manager. He later became co-manager of the store, working there for 38½ years before it closed. Bobby then took EMT classes in Montgomery City in 2007. After completion, he began working for the Van-Far Ambulance district as an EMT in 2009, continuing until a few weeks ago.

He has been a member of the Wellsville Fire Department since 1972, where he became Assistant Fire Chief, volunteering almost 41 years. Bobby was one of the pioneers of the First Responder Program that began in 1992. He had been a member of the Montgomery County Ambulance Board since September 11, 1997. Bobby was a member of the First Baptist Church in Wellsville and also a former member of the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce.

Bobby enjoyed hunting, deer and quail. He also liked fishing, especially crappie.

A purple shield-shaped logo with a fire helmet in the center. The text "MISSOURI FIRE SERVICE" is at the top and "FUNERAL ASSISTANCE TEAM" is at the bottom.

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TERRY AND SUSAN JONES

Couple Was Married for 37 Years



A true hero and friend to so many, Bobby dedicated his life through the service and commitment he provided to his community. Always giving of his time, he went on countless fire department calls as well as first responder calls. He was always there with a helping hand and so many that knew him will remember the smile he always had. A genuine man will be missed by all.

Bobby is survived by his wife, Patricia Sue Stoddard, of the home in Wellsville; son, Barry Lee Stoddard and girlfriend, Krista Newby, of Columbia; father, Robert Dewayne Stoddard, of Wellsville; brother, Billy Don Stoddard, of Revere; sister-in-law, Ruth Oligschlaeger, of Wellsville; brother-in-law, Robert "Butch" Clark and wife, Jane, of Fulton; in addition to nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Clara Louise Stoddard; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Allen (Benny) and Mary Clark and brother-in-law, Ambrose Oligschlaeger.

Memorial contributions were suggested to the Wellsville Volunteer Fire Department or Wellsville First Baptist Church c/o Myers Funeral Home, 203 East Bates Street, Wellsville, Missouri 63384.

Terry and Susan (Parr) Jones, of Gravois Mills, passed away Sunday, April 14th, 2013. Terry was born December 22nd, 1955, in St. Louis, Missouri, a son of Bart J. and Barbara J. Johnson Jones. Susan was born April 13th, 1957, in St. Louis, Missouri, a daughter of Donald B. and Joan M. Blurton Parr.

Terry and Susan were married on August 16th, 1975, in St. Louis, Missouri.

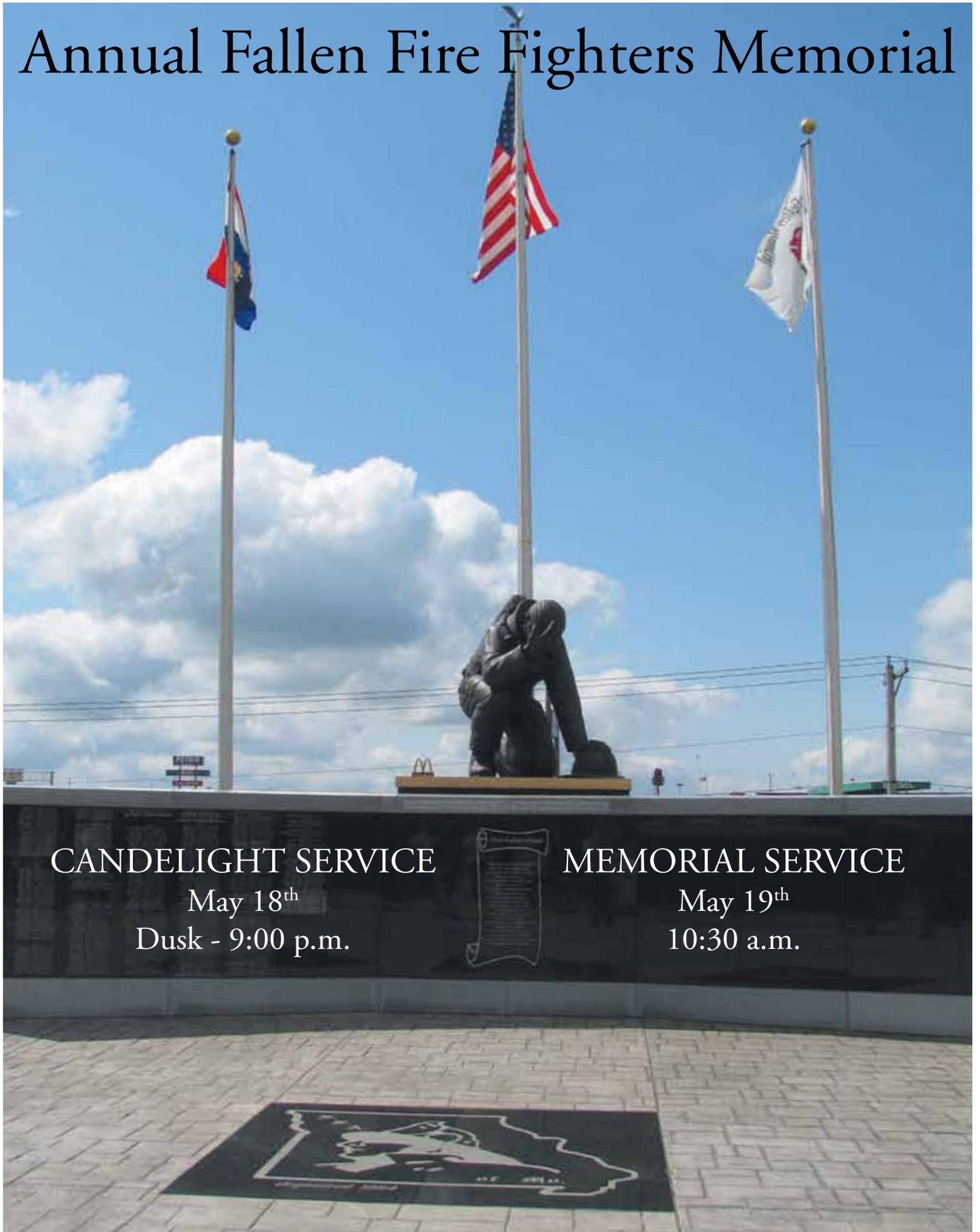
Terry was a retired United States Navy veteran serving in submarine service. He was currently working for CSC at Fort Leonard Wood, in simulator training 88M. Susan was currently the Senior Teller for the Laurie branch of Central Bank.

Terry was a nationally registered EMT and was a volunteer firefighter for the Gravois Mills Fire Protection District for the last 15 years. He was a member of the American Legion Zack Wheat Post 624 in Sunrise Beach, a member of the Patriot Guard and the Wind and Fire Motorcycle Club. He and Susan were both members of the Harley Owners Group Ozark Chapter of Lebanon where they both held various offices. Susan was also a member of Ladies of Harley.

They enjoyed riding their Harley together and were affectionately known as the "Worlds Greatest Grandparents" by their biggest fans, Meckenzie and Kendyl, whom they loved dearly.

Terry and Susan are survived by their children, Jennifer Jones of Kodiak, Alaska, Jason Jones of Boonville, Missouri and Sarah Johnson of Eldon, Missouri; and granddaughters, Meckenzie Grace Jones and Kendyl Mareeann Jones. Also surviving are Terry's parents, Bart and Barbara Jones of Greenview; his brothers, Joe Jones and wife Bobbi and Todd Jones and wife Deena both of St. Louis, Missouri; his sister, Debbie Flannigan and husband Dan of Alton, Illinois; Susan's father, Donald B. Parr of Gravois Mills, Missouri and her brothers, James Wesley Parr and wife Cathy of Lebanon, Donald Arthur Parr of Gravois Mills, Missouri, Joseph Edward Parr and wife Diane of Gravois Mills, Missouri, Gerald Michael Parr of Florissant, Missouri, William Steven Parr and wife Linda of Barnhart, Missouri, John Kevin Parr of Denver, Colorado and David Scott Parr and wife Linda of St. Louis, Missouri; and many other relatives and friends. They were preceded in death by Susan's mother, Joan M. Parr, and Terry's grandmother, Josephine Johnson his sister, Diana Ritter and his nephew, Bobby Jo Flannigan.

Annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial



CANDELIGHT SERVICE

May 18th

Dusk - 9:00 p.m.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

May 19th

10:30 a.m.



THE MUSEUM PROJECT

BY RON BAKER

As I write this, I am preparing to join many of you in Carthage for the state FFAM convention. I am looking forward to meeting and talking to you about the dream FFAM has had since 1998 to build a fire fighters' museum next to the memorial. While the work is going slow, I am encouraged by some possibilities.

A few months ago, I wrote about "Project 343" – the concept of having 1000 individuals or businesses contribute \$343 for a period of 3 years. As I mentioned, if we were to enlist 1000 people, in 3 years we would realize \$1,029,000. Sadly, we are not close to this goal, however, I am in the process of preparing a new mailing and have others planned. Have you considered joining this endeavor? It figures out to be less than \$1 per day for a year. Let me encourage you to join this venture now. If you have questions, feel free to e-mail me at ffammuseum@gmail.com or call me at 573-220-8344.

Last issue of the newsletter offered the opportunity to purchase a flag in recognition of fire fighters or veterans. These flags will be posted the week of May 13th and remain posted until after Memorial Day. Our goal was 300 flags. As I write this, it appears we will have between 75 and 100. By the time you receive this, the deadline will have passed, but I want to thank all who have participated.

Very shortly we anticipate having a web site created for the memorial and museum. One page of that site is to have fund raising possibilities, such as an online raffle of various items. The hope is that by using the internet and social media (such as Facebook and Twitter) we can reach a broader audience and raise significant funds. Some of the items we already have are: a genuine fire helmet

(donated by Franco) with NASCAR driver Carl Edwards' autograph; a framed print of an oil painting of a tiger (donated by Fulton artist, Jamie; a framed poster with a fire helmet and "343" on the shield; a framed poster of the fire fighters raising the flag at The World Trade Center on 9/11; a limited edition metal statue of the "Kneeling Firefighter" with a solid walnut base; a framed Dallas Cowboys football jersey of Marion Barber, also autographed. We will be acquiring other items for the online raffles. They will not be all offered at the same time, but spread out over a period of time. If you know of items we might provide, contact me at the above locations.

Kay Asher was the winner of the raffle for the fire fighter statue at convention. She then donated it back to us to use in a future raffle. We had a total of \$201 earned in that raffle.

I have also submitted paperwork for state employees to contribute to our project through MSECC. Tell your friends about this. Also, I have submitted a proposal to the Edward Jones Charitable Foundation for a major contribution to the museum project.

Thank you to all Missouri fire fighters for all you do to protect lives and property in the communities where you serve – you are the real heroes!

Dr. Ron Baker,
Director of Development/Public Relations for the Fire Fighters' Historical Preservation Foundation of Missouri

PRESERVE OUR HISTORY NOW



Kay Asher
FFAM Historian

HELLO FELLOW MEMBERS

As your historian I am always looking for new ways to preserve the history of the FFAM. The FFAM is a good organization but what makes it great, is the people who have belonged and currently belong.

We need to preserve the history about the people who are the network of this great organization. What I am looking for is photos of past Chiefs, present Chiefs, group photos, and event articles from your departments. Do you have photos of your fire fighters who attended fire school or competed at the games at the convention? We can add them to our items for the museum. Please include the names, dates and such, on everything you send me. Don't forget to ask all of your fire departments members (past and present), someone might have what we are looking for. Let's share who makes us a great organization.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in May at our convention.

Respectfully,

Kay Asher
FFAM Historian 2012-2013





History's CORNER

by Bill Westhoff

MISSOURI NEEDS A STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Randy, don't worry about the title of this article. We all know that we now have a fabulous State Fire Marshal and an office full of very dedicated folks. I selected the title because that is the wording on a bumper sticker that was widely circulated in the state in the early 1970's by the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri in a effort to form your office.

On November 18th, 1971 (my birthday, by the way – but not 1971!) a meeting was held at the Ramada Inn, in St. Joseph, Missouri hosted by Chief Kenneth Corn of the West Central Fireman's Association and Chief Joe Jackson of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. The purpose of the meeting was not to celebrate my birthday, but to form a strategy for the formation of a Fire Marshal's office for the State.

Thirty-six people attended, including Senator Truman Wilson and representatives from six insurance companies, five fire associations and the University of Missouri. After that meeting, a state wide campaign started that involved all the fire service agencies and others to get the legislation accomplished. The following is an article by the fire marshal's staff that was put together for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the office.

25TH ANIVERSARY OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

The Office of the Missouri State Fire Marshal was established in 1972 by the 76th General Assembly following extensive lobbying efforts by members of the fire service and fire service organizations around the state including, the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, West Central Firemen's Association, the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Missouri Arson Association.

Senate Bill No. 487 was introduced in the 1972 session by Senator Truman E. Wilson (D-St. Joseph). It provided for hiring a fire marshal, a deputy, four investigators, and a secretary. The fire marshal and his staff were tasked with three basic responsibilities: assist police, fire departments, and insurance investigators in cases of suspected arson, establish a central records file on suspicious fires, and develop programs to train local departments in the collection and preservation of evidence. Funding for the position and staff did not pass until 1973.

On May 15th, 1973 Robert Morrison took office as the first State Fire Marshal. Nominated by Governor Christopher Bond, and confirmed by the Senate, the former Lee's Summit Fire Chief set the groundwork for the primary duties performed by this office even today. His insight into the direction of the future needs of the fire service and the safety of the public were instrumental in the security of the office. In a statement made by State Fire Marshal Morrison he said, "I feel like this shouldn't be considered a political job because it's a public safety job and that's the way it will operate."

Richard Dyer, then Assistant Chief of the Fort Osage Fire Protection District and an underwriter for the Continental Casualty Insurance Company in Kansas City, was named State Deputy Fire Marshal, on June 1st, 1973. Dyer's fire service experience began at age five when he was named the Buckner Volunteer Fire Department's mascot.

State Fire Marshal Morrison divided the state into five districts and appointed

four fire investigators to assist departments with fire investigations. The first arson investigators hired by the Office of the State Fire Marshal were Jack Caparoon, a former member of the Kansas City Fire Department, Thomas Behrendsen, from Liberty, Richard Lehmann, from St. Peters, and Louis Gray, from Hermann. Morrison and Dyer also supervised a 15-county area around Jefferson City. Robin Alders served as the first secretary to the State Fire Marshal in an office at the corner of Missouri Blvd. and U.S. 50, two blocks southwest of the capitol.

By November of 1973, State Fire Marshal Morrison had personally contacted over 450 fire departments and held 45 area meetings with local fire officials acquainting them with the newly established office and the services it would provide for them.

In 1974 the State Fire Marshal's office was transferred to the Department of Public Safety by the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974.

Under the Reorganization Act, the Inspection Unit was established to conduct fire safety inspections of facilities regulated by the Department of Health, Department of Mental Health, Division of Aging, and the Division of Family Services. Inspectors previously under the Department of Health were transferred to the State Fire Marshal's office.

In 1984, the Division of Fire Safety was assigned the task of enforcing House Bill 1060 which mandates the inspection and issuance of certificates of inspection

of all non-exempt boilers and pressure vessels in Missouri. This created the Boiler and Pressure Vessel Unit. The unit enforces rules set forth by the Board of Boiler and Pressure Vessels Rules which was appointed by the Governor.

In 1985, the 83rd General Assembly enacted legislation which gave the State Fire Marshal's Office responsibility for implementing and enforcing legislation pertaining to the fireworks industry.

House Bill 230 also tasks responsibility of the tabulation of state fire incident reports which gathers information regarding fire losses in the state and provides statistical data to the Division.

The Federal Hotel/Motel Safety Act, enacted in 1990 under Public Law 101-391, was assigned to the Division of Fire Safety. The federal law is designed to save lives and protect property by promoting fire and life safety in hotels, motels and other places of public accommodation.

With the passage of House Bill 1035, in 1994, the Elevator Safety Act was established and awarded to the Division of Fire Safety to implement. The Elevator Safety Board was appointed by the Governor to promulgate rules regarding this act.

In 1998, the Division was given the responsibility of the investigation of accidents involving amusement rides. Currently the Division is in the process of promulgating rules to be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

Over the past 25 years, the responsibilities, duties, and personnel of the Division have grown significantly, due to the

The first Fire Marshal of the State of Missouri Robert "Bob" Morrison. Bob was appointed to the post of State Fire Marshal in 1973 by Governor Christopher "Kit" Bond. Born on a farm near Carrollton, he was the Fire Chief in Lee Summit when he was appointed to the Fire Marshal's post. He was very active in the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri and served as a commissioner of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department for a number of years. According to an article in the Kansas City Star in April of 1973, Glen Johnson, the Fire Chief of Grandview and the President of the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs, said that Bob was the choice of that organization for the job.

quality of its leadership and the ongoing effort to create a safer environment for all citizens.

PAST STATE FIRE MARSHALS

FIRE MARSHAL ROBERT MORRISON, 1973-1977: Robert Morrison was appointed as the first State Fire Marshal by Governor Christopher Bond. Morrison took office on May 15th, 1973. Prior to his appointment, Fire Marshal Morrison, had served as Fire Chief of the Lee's Summit Fire Department since 1955.

FIRE MARSHAL JAMES J. HELBIG, 1977-1985: James J. Helbig was appointed State Fire Marshal effective April 15th, 1977, by Governor Joseph Teasdale. He had 18 years fire service experience before his appointment as State Fire Marshal, serving as a fire fighter with the St. Louis Fire Department, Fire Chief of the Crestwood Fire Department, and fire marshal with St. Louis County.

FIRE MARSHAL JOHN H. COBURN, 1985-1993: John H. Coburn was appointed to the position of State Fire Marshal on March 25th, 1985, by Governor John Ashcroft. Coburn took office after 36 years with the St. Louis Fire Department. Fire Marshal Coburn worked his way up through the ranks of the department, serving as fire fighter, Fire Captain, Fire Academy Assistant Chief Instructor, Battalion Chief, and Deputy Chief.

FIRE MARSHAL GAIL CHATFIELD, 1993-1995: Gail Chatfield was appointed Missouri State Fire Marshal by Governor Mel Carnahan on March 4th, 1993, following eight years as House Representative for the State of Missouri. Chatfield had served 22 years as fire fighter for the St. Louis Fire Department from 1957 until 1979. He then worked for nearly 15 years with the St. Louis Labor Council and the St. Louis Job Corps.

FIRE MARSHAL EDWARD C. VINEYARD, 1995: Edward Vineyard was appointed as Acting State Fire Marshal by Governor Mel Carnahan in March of 1995. Vineyard had been with the Division for nine years, serving as Assistant State Fire Marshal and Deputy Chief of Training and Inspections.

Vineyard served 24 years with the St. Louis Fire Department prior to his employment with the Division, moving through the ranks from Private, Captain, and as Fire Academy Instructor.



FIRE MARSHAL WILLIAM L. FARR, 1996-2005: On May 1st, 1996 William L. Farr was officially named as State Fire Marshal. Farr assumed the position of Fire Marshal following the death of Ed Vineyard, from the position of Deputy Chief in charge of Investigations and Fireworks. Farr was an employee of the Division since 1986, starting out as an Investigator in the Greene county area.

PRESENT STATE FIRE MARSHALS

Before joining the Division of Fire Safety, Farr served as Fire Chief of the Brookline and Republic Fire Departments and as a police officer for the City of Republic.

As everyone knows, Fire Marshal Randy Cole followed Bill Farr in the succession of State Fire Marshal's in 2005 and has done an outstanding job. The office responsibility has expanded to include so many different activities that it is difficult to define them all.

In my judgment, one of the agencies activities that really has had a huge impact on the states firefighters is the Certification program. I was fortunate enough to be the first Manager of the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress at Oklahoma State University when Missouri was being accredited. At that time two quality individuals represented the Missouri program, Fire Marshal Ed Vineyard and Sherry Hoelscher. It was a joy to work with them both.

I worked with lots of agencies in the U.S and Canada then and the Missouri State fire Marshal's office is second to none!

STATE FAIR TO DISPLAY PHOTOS OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

The Missouri State Fair is collecting amateur photographs of women engaged in agricultural-related activities for a new Faces of Missouri Women in Agriculture Photo Tribute Display. Fair Director Mark Wolfe said the display will be showcased at the State Fair to be held August 8th - 18th in Sedalia.

"The display will be among one of the gestures offered at this year's Fair, in acknowledgement of the important contributions women have made to our state's leading industry," Wolfe said.

The Fair is seeking a diverse representation of photographs from past to present, depicting Missouri women participating in agriculture. The photographs may include children and men, though the focal point in the image should be of a woman or women. A brief description should also accompany each photograph, and include the names of all those appearing in the image.

Other activities that may be of particular interest to women at the 111th Missouri State Fair include free gate admission for women Thursday, August 15th, and



the First Lady's Pie Contest. The Fair will also host a trade show called A Celebration of Women, sponsored by the Missouri Travel Council, that day as well.

The Missouri State Fair will be held Aug. 8th - 18th in Sedalia. Visit mostatefair.com for more information and follow the Fair on Facebook and Twitter.

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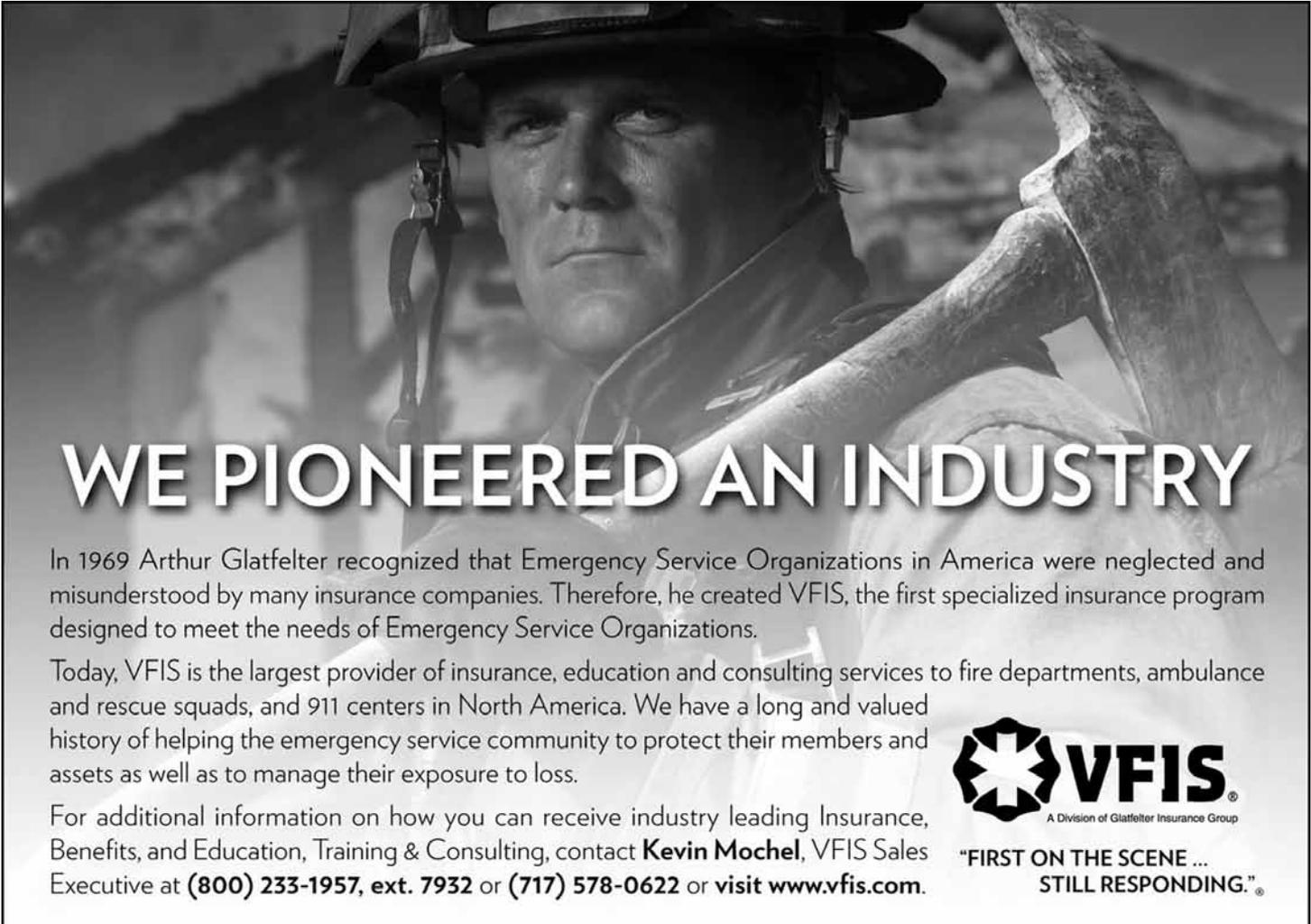
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CONTEST COMMITTEE - THANKS YOU

by Rich Gordon

I would like to start by thanking the Carthage Fire Department and the community of Carthage for their support with personnel and great facilities for the challenge. The chief and his people were there for us every step of the way.

The committee members and all those that volunteered, from set up to tear down made the whole operation a success. There was never any doubt in my mind, after all we're working with firefighters!

Not everyone knows, but a lot of the work takes place off the field. Wives, significant others, and auxiliary members do a lot of the paperwork and scoring after the equipment is set up then again after everyone has left the field to rest

and prepare for the banquet. Missy Erdel, Janet Cane, Kim Voss, Jessica Miller and Pam Carsten have kept us on track for many years and it is much appreciated.

In spite of the weather or maybe because of it the contest was a great success. Three new records were set and I speculate it may have been because the competitors were in a hurry to get done and get inside. For whatever reason the competition was intense. Coordination between the officials and competitors was key to the timely completion of the competition. Once again the firefighting community got it done. Thank you all!

I hope everyone saw the new signage on the contest trailer. Bill Leasure from

Owensville was able to get GRIMCO Sign Company to donate the signs and Bill applied them for us. I was very pleased and impressed with the job they did. If you have the opportunity to send them some business or stop in and thank Bill, please do so.

Several departments took advantage of the online forms to register for the contests and fill out their release forms. Thanks to Rob and Jaime for making this possible and hopefully many more will use it in the future.

I hope I haven't left anyone out and certainly apologize if I have. We couldn't do it without all of you. Everyone rest a week then start practicing for next year.

For the entire committee,
Thank You Again,
Rich Gordon



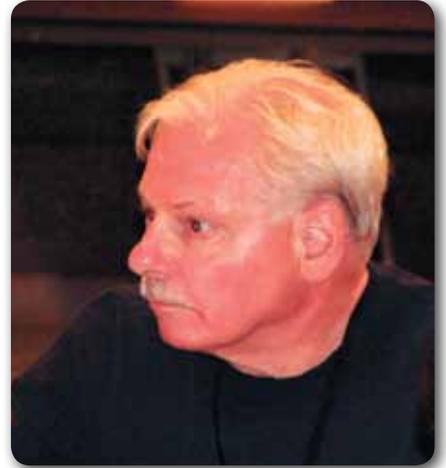
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AWARDS COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS AT CONVENTION

by Rob Schrage, Joe Vaughn and Larry Jennings

The Awards Committee made presentations on Saturday May 4th at the annual convention in Carthage, recognizing several individuals and agencies.

The Awards Committee would like to thank the President and Directors for allowing us to serve as members of this special and rewarding committee. We also thank those individuals that spent the time in submitting nominations. Although not every nomination can be accepted, the committee appreciates and recognizes the importance of each submission. The nominations received made the selection process difficult.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS:

Chris Bell, George Milligan and Aaron Burke of the West Plains Fire Department.

Recognized for a response to a subject not breathing. Through an extended course of C.P.R., these firefighters brought a heart-beat to a patient upon arrival to the hospital.

Nick House, Wayne Cormier, Corbin Thompson and Bud McMillan of the West Plains Fire Department.

Recognized for a response to a subject not breathing. These individuals performed the necessary medical protocols to resuscitate the individual.

Shawn Bice and Bud McMillan of the West Plains Fire Department.

Recognized for a response to a subject not breathing. These individuals performed the necessary medical protocols to resuscitate the individual before transport to a local medical facility.

Brian Beissenhertz and Bryce Ehlert of the Wellington Napoleon Fire Protection.

Recognized for their quick response to a fellow firefighter suffering from cardiac arrest. Performing the necessary medical protocols, these individuals were

successful in the resuscitation of a fellow comrade.

Bill Friday and Brian Stone of the Little Dixie Fire Protection District.

Recognized for their response to a subject that fell into a well. With their quick actions, these individuals were successful in the rescue of an unconscious male from the seven foot well.

2013 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR:

Joshua Loyd of the Little Dixie Fire Protection District.

The firefighter of the year is presented to an individual that began a career in the fire service in 2001 as a cadet. This individual quickly developed a passion and dedication for the fire service and was always doing the best to be involved. This individual received the department senior cadet award in early 2003, and was introduced as a full-time volunteer the same year.

With hard work and dedication, this individual was one of the youngest members to be promoted to the rank of lieutenant, while attaining a paramedic license shortly thereafter.

This individual: completes the monthly first responder schedule, teaches a first responder course, is a member of the department Honor Guard, assists in the departments "Help Us Help You" campaign, assists in fund raising for the cadet program, and is the co-record holder for the FFAM two man hose coupling.

2013 FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR:

Larry Jones of the Madison West Monroe Fire Protection District.

The fire chief of the year is being awarded to an individual that has spent the past nine years in the chief position.

This individual continued the mission of the department to continually improve the equipment and training program. To encourage the youth to become involved in the fire service, and this individual instituted a cadet program shortly after becoming chief. This individual is active in local, county and state levels, ranging from the local planning commission to a director with this organization.

YOUTH PROGRAM OF THE YEAR:

Sullivan Fire Protection District.

The newest award was established to increase the awareness and honor the younger generation for their interest in the fire service.

The first recipient of this award was presented to a program stated in 1978 and now has over 20 active individuals.

The members are dedicated to their organization and the community, and are aggressive in their duties and the training program. The members of the program are respectful to senior members, and their loyalty is amazing. The members assist in an annual safety day and provide their own demonstrations, provide safety talks at the school career day and recruit new members.

The program has its own rank structure and handles most problems within their own ranks before going to an advisor if the situation warrants. This program hosts a fire academy each year with more than 40 participants attending from across the state last year. This program entailed 65 hours of hard core training.

The members of this program show all traits of what it takes to serve the community and the organization. Their passion, dedication, commitment, and pride for the job show why they stand out.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR:

West Plains Fire Department.

The fire department of the year was presented to a department active on a local, regional, and state level. The department stands out for their commitment and dedication to service, and their challenge to constantly strive for new, better, safe and efficient ways to meet their mission. Excellence. Readiness. Dedication. Service. Those are just some of what defines this department.

The motto, 24/7 excellence never rests, is a true testament of the dedication each firefighter gives to this department. The department is made up of 9 full-time and over 10 paid-on-call firefighters. The fire department is the regional all hazard response team for their region, has a phenomenal response time.

The community sees the department members as heroes and supports all aspects of the firefighter's lives. The fire department sees it necessary to be involved in the community through different civic organizations. Firefighters are part of the American Red Cross, Optimist, Kiwanis, and various churches.

Public relations is a very important key to showcase the success of the department by encouraging schools, civic groups, and families to come in, tour the stations, visit with firefighters, ask questions, and even host birthday parties.

During fire prevention, the department sees over 1,000 children during a host of either station visits or on-site visits with the ladder truck, Spot the dog, and the safety trailer that educates children and adults about fire safety in the home.

The department has created a relationship with the community and will continue to educate people to know that firefighters do more than fight fires and create a sense of awareness for the department. The community knows they can count on the department when needed.

PHIL SAYER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

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This year's honoree has spent numerous years supporting firefighters across the state in various capacities and has helped numerous firefighters in finding the resources to meet the diverse and changing demands in the fire service today. The years provided by this individual of outstanding service, performance and achievement exemplify the standard that give true meaning to the Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award.

Phil Sayer will always be known as a leader and a forward thinker in the Missouri Fire Service. Our honoree's efforts and attention to detail in everything affiliated with the Missouri Fire Service is the perfect example of the legacy passed on by Phil to every one of us. This recipient had a positive influence on Missouri's Fire Service and the recognition is well deserved.

One of the recipients was known throughout Missouri as Mr. FFAM. Among items accomplished are: Principle organizer of the FFAM instrumental in the organization of several fire service organizations which are now mainstays of the Missouri fire service. Past president of the FFAM. Establishment of the Missouri State Fire Marshal's Office. Establishment of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department. The establishment of the firemen's blue light law. Decorated World War II veteran receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star of Valor. Former Fire Chief. Former Training Officer. Represented Missouri with the National Volunteer Fire Council.

With his wife of 60 plus years, who also served as President of the Auxiliary, they were known by many individuals both



2013 Fire Chief of the Year - Larry Jones - Madison West Monroe Fire Protection District

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The Awards Committee congratulates each of the recipients on their achievement and extends our appreciation to the individuals taking the time to submit nominations. A special thanks to Terry Wynne and Randy Cole for providing their assistance in the selection process.

Rob Schrage, Chairperson
Joe Vaughn, Member
Larry Jennings, Member

CONVENTION CONTEST WINNERS

2013 FIREFIGHTER DIVISION CHALLENGE RESULTS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
2 Person Hose Coupling	Madison West Monroe	Little Dixie #1	West Plains #2
Replace A Section of Hose	Little Dixie #2	Madison West Monroe #1	West Plains #1
Extending A Line	West Plains #2	Cole County	Madison West Monroe #1
Water Barrel Fight	Madison West Monroe #1	Beaufort Leslie	Little Dixie #2
Bucket Brigade	Madison West Monroe #1	Beaufort Leslie	Little Dixie #2
OVERALL WINNER	Madison West Monroe #1		

2013 FEMALE DIVISION CHALLENGE RESULTS

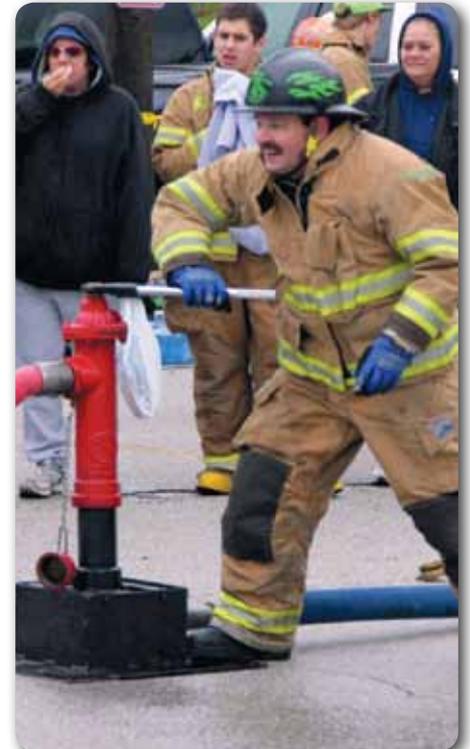
Event	1st	2nd	3rd
2 Person Hose Coupling	Little Dixie #1	Southern Stone #1	Little Dixie #2
Replace A Section of Hose	Southern Stone #1	Little Dixie #1	Madison West Monroe #1
Extending A Hydrant Line	Southern Stone #1	Little Dixie #1	Southern Stone #2
Water Barrel Fight	Little Dixie #1	Madison West Monroe #1	Madison West Monroe #2
Bucket Brigade	Little Dixie #1	Southern Stone #1	Madison West Monroe #1
OVERALL WINNER	Little Dixie #1		

2013 JUNIOR DIVISION CHALLENGE RESULTS

Event	1st	2nd	3rd
2 Person Hose Coupling	Winfield Foley	Galt #1	Southern Stone #1
Extending A Line	Galt #1	Southern Stone #1	Eureka #1
Water Barrel Fight	Galt #1	Southern Stone #1	Galt #2
OVERALL WINNER	Galt #1		

2013 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Name	Department
Rachel Young	Monett Fire Department
Summer Welty	Salisbury Fire Department
Cole Wodrich	Alma Fire Protection District
Jordan Engel	Dearborn Area Fire Protection District



POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

by RB Brown

The Fire Prevention Committee would like to thank all participants in the Poster Contest this year. The winning posters will be displayed on the FFAM website as well as the Division of Fire Safety's website. The 2013 contest included 130 posters. The FFAM challenges all agencies to increase participation throughout the state for the 2014 contest. The 2014 theme is "Prevent Kitchen Fires".

The winning posters include:

Place	Name	Fire Department
1st & 2nd Grade		
1st	Vanessa Graham	Beaufort-Leslie FPD
2nd	Emmett Panhorst	New Haven-Berger FPD
3rd	Aubrey Witte	Washington VFD
3rd & 4th Grade		
1st	Elizabeth Simily	Union FPD
2nd	Ella Weber	Washington VFD
3rd	Anah Barthle	Marthasville VFD
5th & 6th Grade		
1st	Christian Paterson	New Haven-Berger FPD
2nd	Julia McIntyre	New Haven-Berger FPD
3rd	Mikayla Maloney	New Haven-Berger FPD

Thank you for your commitment to fire prevention.

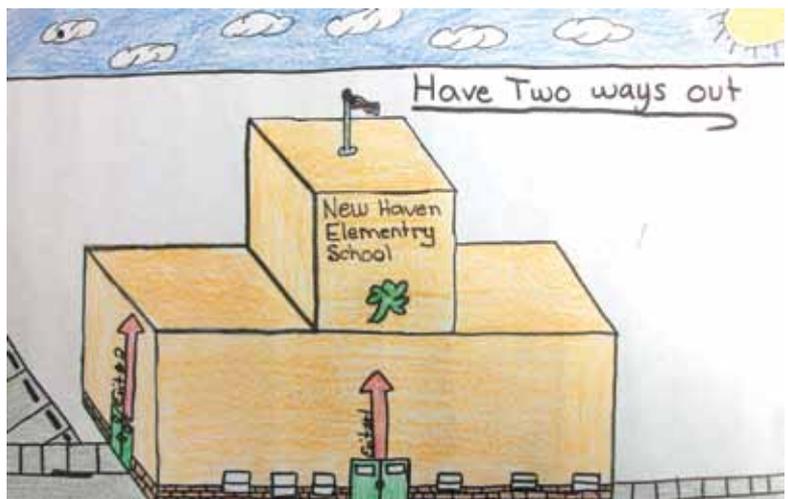
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Vanessa Graham - 2nd Grade - Beaufort-Leslie FPD



Elizabeth Simily - 4th Grade - Union FPD



Christian Paterson - 6th Grade - New Haven-Berget FPD

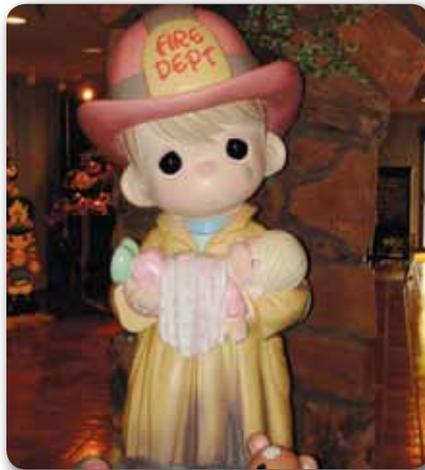




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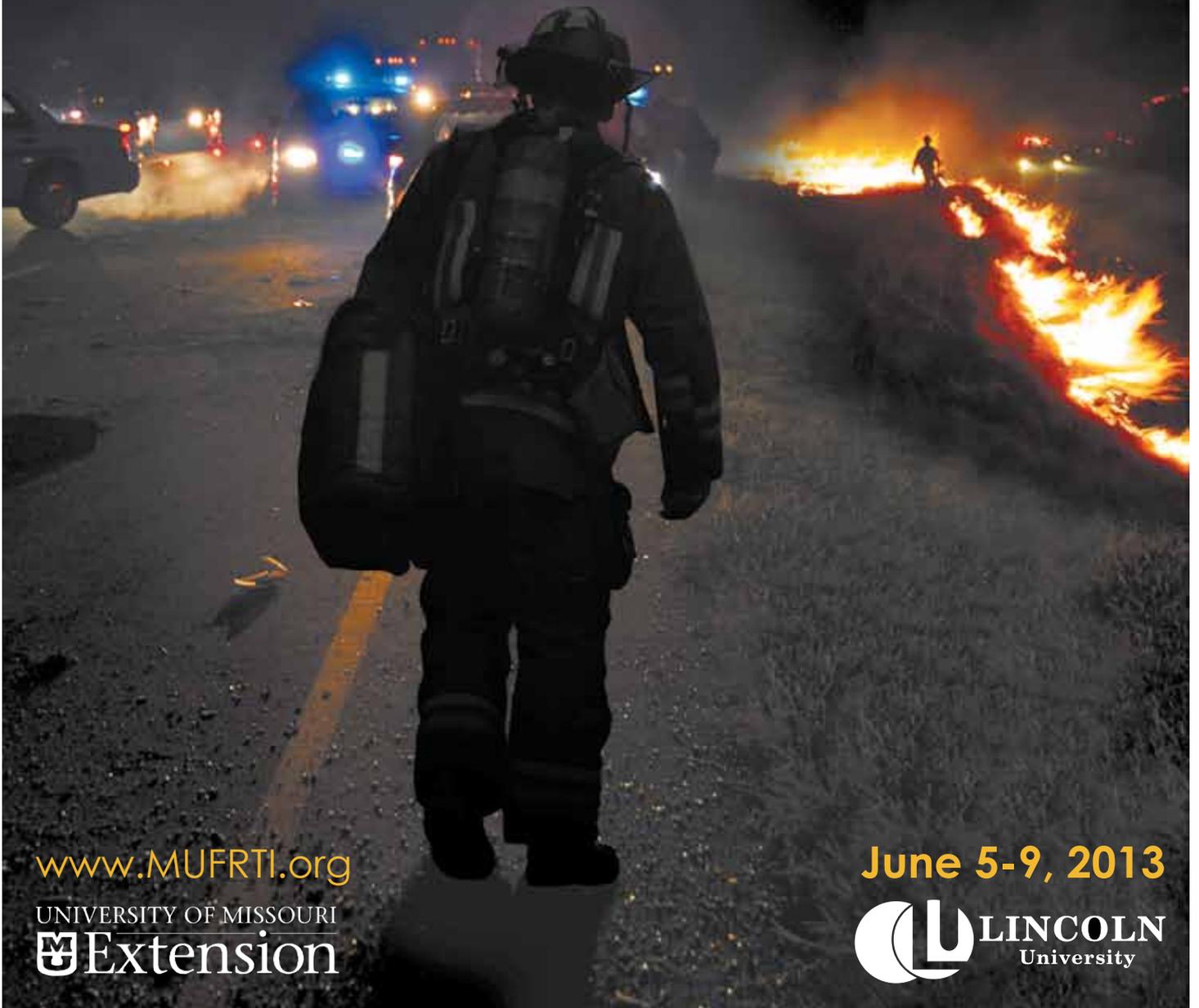




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FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR - WEST PLAINS

This year West Plains Fire Department has been honored as the Fire Department of the year. A few of their achievements include the convention contest: First place in two man extending a line, third place two person hose coupling, third place replace a section. They also have three Livesaving Awards, the following recieved awards: First; Bud McMillian Shawn Bice. Second; Wayne Cormier, Corbin Thompson, Bud McMillian and Nick House. Third: George Milligan, Aaron Burke and Chris Bell. All three awards were for non breathing, performed CPR to resuscitation, then were transported to medical facility.



From Left to Right: Front Row; Ethan Leisenring, Captain Kurt Wilbanks, Aaron Burke, Back Row; Dave Masterson, Fire Chief Tim Bean, Assistant Chief Roy Sims, Richie Hammon

KNOB NOSTER AWARDS

In an effort to maintain attendance and interest in the Fire Department activities, KNFD kept records of all public relation events, responses, and training activities. This award is presented to the top 3 members in the department that show dedication and commitment to all events in 2012. This years Top 3 Award was presented to: Firefighter/EMT James Curts, Firefighter/EMT Ben Fundaburg, Firefighter/EMT Chris Morris.

KNFD also presented a Life Saving award to two members of the Department: Firefighter/EMT Chris Morris, Firefighter Bryan Simmons. FF/EMT Chris Morris and Fire Fighter Bryan Simmons responded to the report of a 2 year old that was down with a possible head injury and CPR in progress.

EMT Morris and Fire Fighter Simmons continued their First Responder care

checking vitals and making note of other symptoms that pointed to a severe head injury, until Johnson County Ambulance Units arrived on scene. The patient was then packaged and transported to a Landing Zone and flown to Columbia, Missouri.

KNFD presented these awards on March 28, 2013.



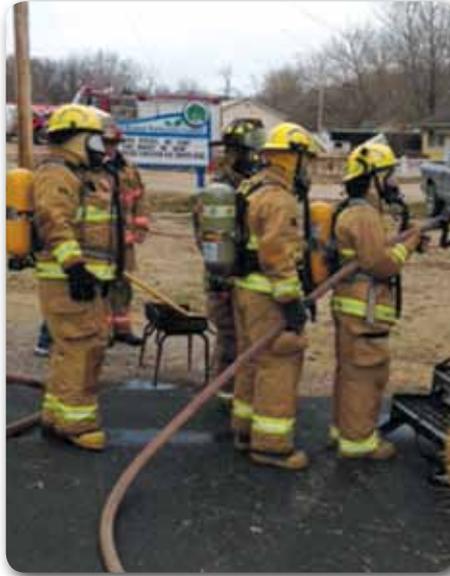
Top 3 Award, from Left to Right: Chief Rick Johnson; FF/EMT Ben Fundaburg; FF/EMT James Curts; and Lt. Jesse Merrill. NOT Pictured but also a Top 3 Award recipient FF/EMT Chris Morris.



Life Saving Award: FF Bryan Simmons, NOT pictured FF/EMT Chris Morris.

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRAINING

Eighteen firefighters from Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department, along with Garwood Volunteer Fire Department, Grandin Volunteer Fire Department and Little Black Volunteer Fire Department completed a Three Rivers Community College Structural Firefighter Training instructed by Local Emergency Training Specialists on March 2nd at Van Buren. A classroom portion was completed during the morning with practical exercises, including training in a burn trailer prop, completed in the afternoon.



WEST PLAINS FIREFIGHTERS CLASS

West Plains Fire Department begin a State Firefighter 1-2 class on January 14th, 2013 finishing the course on April 8th, 2013. The following firefighters dedicated themselves to three nights a week and every other Saturday to complete the course in an timely manner. Instructors were used from West Plains, Peace Valley-White Church, and Gainsville fire departments. It took teamwork from each and everyone to make the class a success. I appreciate the dedications of each and everyone that assisted in the course delivery. I also want to thank Fire Chief Mark Arnold, Jerry Miller, and Fire Chief Steve Gleghorn for donating there time in the Comprehensive testing of the students.



From Left to Right: Asher Ramsey - Mt. Grove, Brandi Roberts - Moody, Nick House - West Plains, John Braun - Howell Rural. SECOND ROW: Mona Mattes - Lanton, Eric Woesley - Fire Chief Moody, Bobby Mattes - Lanton. THIRD ROW: Ethan Leisenring - West Plains, Jeff Bates - West Plains, Wade Gordon - Peace Valley - White Church, Jeremiah Jones - West Plains, Blake Bowers - Fire Chief Lanton.

MISSOURI DFS – TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION UNIT

by Kim Becker, Deputy Chief

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS AND OPERATIONS CERTIFICATION TESTING - ERG

Beginning July 1, 2013, for certification purposed the Division will only approve Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations courses which have been updated and use the 2012 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG) during course delivery. No courses will be approved by the Division for certification unless the curriculum has been updated to use the 2012 ERG. Students who have taken a MERC or MUFRTI class, including the MU FRTI online Awareness course, through June 30th, 2013 will use the 2008 ERG for certification testing. All Division approved IFSTA Essentials of Fire Fighting and Fire Department Operations courses have been using the 2012 ERG since October 1st, 2012.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Hazardous Materials certification testing contact Tommy Walker with the Training and Certification Unit at 573-522-2426 or Tommy.Walker@dfs.dps.mo.gov.

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, 8th edition, 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 8th 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 this new curriculum, which also contains the revised practical skills to meet the new NFPA 1041-2012 standard. Qualified instructors must submit a "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. Starting July 1st, 2013, the Division of Fire Safety will only approve fire service instructor courses delivered with the IFSTA's Fire and Emergency Services Instructor, 8th edition.



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, 8th edition.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact Kim Becker at 573-522-2426 or kim.becker@dfs.dps.mo.gov or Greg Landwehr at greg.landwehr@dfs.dps.mo.gov.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION

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 of this approved curriculum.

The Division developed a student practical skills book which will be completed during each course delivery. The students will be taught each skill during the course and should be given the opportunity to practice these skills in order to prepare for the practical skill certification exam. This is similar to the student practical skills book and testing procedures the Division developed for Fire Fighter I and II course deliveries.

The written certification exam is referenced to the approved course and all practical skill certification exams will be scheduled by the Division of Fire Safety. IFSAC and Pro Board Accreditation is in the process and should be completed soon. Certification will then be available to qualified individuals.

The Division has been asked to review two additional Hazardous Materials Technician courses which are pending approval at this time.

For additional information, contact our staff at training@dfs.dps.mo.gov.

THE DIVISION OFFERS SEVERAL BASIC COURSES FOR IN-HOUSE DELIVERIES

The following courses have been developed by the Division of Fire Safety staff in order to provide cost free training intended for delivery at the local level.

These courses are provided on CD free of charge. To request any of the following courses free of charge contact the Division of Fire Safety Training and Certification Unit at (573)522-2426 or training@dfs.dps.mo.gov.

The 36 hour Basic Fire Fighter Course is designed to be delivered at the department level with an instructor approved by the department's chief. Instructors for Basic Fire Fighter do not need to be a certified Fire Instructor I. This course is designed to give the new fire fighter core education and skills to perform most duties of a fire fighter. Upon completion of the course, students will receive a certificate of completion from the Division of Fire Safety.

The Meth Labs: First Responder Awareness Course is designed to provide First Responders with an awareness of the potential hazards and dangers associated with clandestine methamphetamine labs. This three hour course will also give First Responders information on what the precursors are to determine if they have come upon a currently working or aban-

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doned methamphetamine lab as well as health risks associated with these labs. This course also is approved for three hours of CEUs for Fire Inspector and Fire Investigator. Instructor requirements to deliver this course is a current certification as Fire Service Instructor I or higher.

The Fire Cause Determination Course was updated to meet the needs of individuals, who are not currently certified at Fire Fighter I and II, and are seeking to attend a Division delivered Fire Investigator course. This eight hour course educates the student in Fire Cause Indicators, Fire Scene Security, Fire Scene Investigation, Accidental Fire Causes, and Incendiary Fire Causes. Instructor requirements to deliver this course are current certifications as Fire Service Instructor I or higher and Fire Investigator.

DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY REGIONAL TESTING AND COURSE SCHEDULE

FIRE INVESTIGATOR AND FIRE INSPECTOR COURSE SCHEDULE

The Fire Investigator and Fire Inspector course schedules for Fiscal Year 2014 will be posted under the "Calendar of Events" on the Division of Fire Safety website at www.dfs.dps.mo.gov/ around June 1st, 2013.

CERTIFICATION EXAM EVALUATOR COURSES SCHEDULED

May 7, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. - Sullivan
June 5, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. - Jefferson City
June 24, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. - Branson

Preregistration is required. For more information regarding the Certification Exam Evaluator Course and course application go to: www.dfs.dps.mo.gov/programs/training/exam-evaluator.asp. Contact Kim Becker at 573-522-2426 or 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 Events" on our website at 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.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Larry Jones
Director

Where has the year gone? By the time you read this, the 2013 FFAM convention will be over and Festus will be working on theirs for 2014. The 50 years between their last one in 1964 and this one in 2014 will bring all of us a lot of changes. It might just be all new memories since we have lots of younger members, which is great!

Having a convention takes lots of work and dedication to pull it off! We have been having conventions since 1955 in Columbia to the present date. If you go on the FFAM website you will find some very interesting and informative information on them. By going to www.ffam.org/convention.htm, you will arrive at all types of convention information. There it lists 11 different guidelines that the committee chair and two additional members will be doing. There is also a page that gives information about what happens at the convention and some pictures from convention. But, you really can't experience convention through words or pictures, you need to be there. This webpage has FFAM Convention Sites, not only listed by the date and place but has a map of Missouri to show where they have been held.

Please take some time and look over this part of our FFAM website, and you'll see what I'm talking about. Hope to see you soon at one of our many events coming up the rest of this year.

Have a great summer!
Larry Jones
Director of District #3

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
Missouri 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: _____



SURVIVOR CONFERENCE – MAY 4 - 9, 2014

Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to lead a nationwide effort to honor America's fallen firefighters. Since 1992, the non-profit Foundation has developed and expanded programs that fulfill that mandate. Our mission is to honor and remember America's fallen fire heroes and to provide resources to assist their survivors in rebuilding their lives.

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This is a huge financial endeavor and all the members of our state team are trying to raise donations for this very honorable cause. As our promise to assist the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, several fund raisers are being held to help offset the cost of the conference. Golf is what I know and with your assistance as a sponsor, we can make this a memorable moment for all of these families. Below is a listing of all the upcoming events.



UPCOMING FUND RAISERS



HELP PATCH A BROKEN HEART CAMPAIGN

The help patch a broken heart campaign is a way a department can help sponsor the conference. A minimum \$150 donation will allow your agency's patch to be sewn into our survivors quilt. Those quilts will be displayed, letting the survivors know the agencies who have supported them. The quilts will then be given away to a survivor as a gift from those supporters. Fill out the sponsorship form located on the opposite page.

AVENUE "Q"

May 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 - Take Two Productions will be performing the production of Avenue 'Q'.

www.facebook.com/pages/Take-Two-Productions/51219997690

TASTE OF CLAYTON

June 1st, Clayton firefighters will sponsor a food booth at the Taste of Clayton to benefit the Survivors Conference. Stop by and support our cause.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us on July 15th at Old Hickory Golf Course, St. Peters, Missouri for our golf tournament to raise funds for the survivors conference. Details on our Facebook page.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

With the success of our first Murder Mystery Dinner Theater, we will be hosting another one in Riverside, MO to benefit the conference. Save the date of August 24th and watch our Facebook page for final details which are coming soon!

ALSO WATCH FOR ANOTHER ONE TO BE HELD IN THE FALL OF 2013 IN ST. LOUIS!

5K FOAM RACE

Save the date of September 7th, 2013 as we host a 5K Foam Race. Details will be posted soon on Facebook.

9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

September 8th, 2013, climb 110 stories in honor and memory of the New York Firefighters who lost their lives that fateful day. This link will take you to the Clayton, Missouri stair climb website for full details.

www.claytonstairclimb.com

www.facebook.com/2014StlNfffSurvivorsConference

GOLF TOURNAMENT

NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION

July 15th, 2013 • All Proceeds to Benefit the 2014 Survivors Conference



When: Monday, July 15th, 2013
Registration at 8:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Old Hickory Golf Club
#1 Dye Club Drive,
St. Peters, MO

Three Man Scramble / \$100 per Golfer:

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Teams
- Lunch on course / Dinner at Firefighters Union Hall
- Hole One In Prizes on (All Par 3's)
- Skins Game \$15 per team, All Skins Money Paid to Winner
- 50/50 Raffle - Putting Contest

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

THREE MAN TEAM

Team Captain: _____ Phone/E-mail: _____

2nd Player: _____ 3rd Player: _____

HOLE SPONSORS \$50.00 / YOUR COMPANY NAME ON TEE BOX

Name (as shown on sign): _____

Phone / E-mail: _____

SPONSORS / DONATION INFORMATION

Business Name: _____ Company Logo: Must be – Vector Art / AI or EPS File

Business Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone or E-Mail: _____

Authorized by: _____ Title: _____

Please Check One: Level One Sponsor _____ Dinner Sponsor - \$500 _____ Lunch Sponsor - \$250 _____ Beer Cart Sponsor - \$250

Level Two Sponsor _____ Hole Sponsor - \$50 (Company Name on Tee Box) _____ Team Cart Sponsor \$25

Private Donation _____ Check _____ Total Amount \$ _____

Donation of Raffle Items: _____

Total Item Count: _____ Dollar Value \$ _____ Product Donation: _____ Total Product Count: _____

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: MO Fire Funeral Team

Funds must be received by June 22nd, 2013
Please print "GOLF" in memo field of check

MAIL TO: Dale Hart - 336 Rachel's Trail, St. Peters, MO 63376
Questions: Dale Hart @ (Hm) 636-939-9787 (cell) 314-420-0825
or e-mail: dhart514@att.net



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IAFF Local 2665



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Maryland Heights MO 63043
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#1 Dye Club Drive, St. Peters
636- 477- 8960
"A Golfers Dream"

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CLAYTON 2013 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

Registration is open and filling fast!!

Climb is Sunday – September 8, 2013

When: 10:00am or 1:30pm

Where: 7733 Forsyth Blvd. Clayton, MO

Registration: \$25 plus processing fee

All participants are encouraged to obtain a minimum of \$55 in donations and pledges to benefit the programs of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation



Climb 110 stories to honor the Firefighters of the FDNY that made the supreme sacrifice during the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The event will be capped at only 343 participants.



Visit www.claytonstairclimb.com for more information or scan the barcode to register for the event.

Have questions? Contact Jason Hildebrandt at jhildebrandt@claytonmo.gov



Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

MAY 5TH 2013

CARTHAGE, MISSOURI

FFAM AUXILIARY CONVENTION SUNDAY MORNING BUSINESS MEETING, CARTHAGE MISSOURI MAY 5TH, 2013

President Chris Slaughter of the Warrenton Fire Protection District, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The colors were posted and pledge of allegiance was said by all. Invocation, "I am a Fireman's Wife" was read by Pam Carsten.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

President Chris Slaughter, Warrenton Fire Protection District; 1st Vice President Diane Hanes, Galt Fire Department; 2nd Vice President Susan Voss, Beaufort-Leslie Fire Protection District; Secretary-Treasurer Theresa Cox, Wentzville Fire Protection District; Historian Sheri Berendzen, Cole County Fire Protection District; Sergeant at Arms Jessica Miller, Norbourne Fire Protection District; Past President Kim Voss, Beaufort-Leslie Fire Protection District.

PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Voss, Beaufort-Leslie Fire Protection District; Janet Smith, Cole County Fire Protection District; Sheila Arnold, Central Jackson County Fire Protection District; Joan Hahne, Washington Volunteer Fire District.

Eli Maples from Carthage Fire Protection District accepted the 2013 Convention Resolution.

Chris Slaughter announced that there are two cards available for members to sign. One is a sympathy card for the Arnold family for the loss of Dales mother, (mother-in-law, and grandmother and great grandmother). The second card is for Rosalyn Sanders O'Fallon Fire Department, who had surgery this week.

Chris Slaughter also announced in June our charter member Joan Jackson will

be celebrating her 94th birthday. Chris will have her address available if anyone wants to send her birthday wishes. Roberta Sayer of the Galt Fire Protection District reported Joan is in good health, still living by herself, enjoying her hobbies and family.

BUSINESS MEETING

The 2012 Sunday meeting notes were read by Theresa Cox of the Wentzville FPD. Friday night business meeting notes were handed out, but not read due to no Friday night meeting this year. Corrections to be made to the spelling of Norbourne and the Memorial Service dates are Saturday and Sunday not Friday and Saturday. Ann Jones from Madison West Monroe FPD made a motion to accept the meetings notes and seconded by Roberta Sayer from Galt FPD. All in favor (delegates only), no oppositions/no abstentions, motion passed.

ROLL CALL OF DEPARTMENTS

Completed by Jessica Miller, 14 departments and 37 members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Handed out and read by Theresa Cox from Wentzville FPD. Theresa stated the beginning balance was \$6,081.26 and the ending balance to date is \$2,474.24. A correction to the treasurer report was noted, the March 2013 expenses and income information was placed in the wrong columns (typo error) only. The totals are correct. Linda Baker of Holt Summit made a motion to accept the Treasurer report, Roberta Sayer of Galt seconded. All in favor (delegates only), no oppositions/no abstentions, motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP

Susan Voss from Beaufort-Leslie FPD reported we currently have 129 members and 20 departments. We have 10 Honorary members: Rita Lentz, Compton Junction Volunteer FD; Diane Holtmeier, Washington FPD; Kay Asher,

Wentzville FPD; Kathy Wulff, Warrenton FPD; Patricia Fromme, Osage FPF; Joan Jackson, North Central Carroll FPD; Rosalyn Sanders, O'Fallon FPD; Sharon O'Dell, O'Fallon FPD; Maxine Davis, Iberia FPD; and Roberta Sayer, Galt FPD.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Sheri Berendzen reported the history books were on display Friday. Recently the Auxiliary purchased the Neat Desk Scanner and a hard drive to preserve the history of the organization. The desk scanner does not scan as well as a flat bed scanner on pictures. She has begun preserving onto the new media. Sheri presented the idea, the auxiliary purchase a projector to provide a slide show at the convention of all of the past pictures and such. She priced a nice one for under \$500. Roberta Sayer from Galt FPD graciously offered to pay for the purchase of a projector for the Auxiliary. A standing ovation from the membership for our gratitude for her generous donation. Theresa Cox from Wentzville FPD asked that the slide show/projector be made available at appropriate events during the year to promote the FFAM Auxiliary. Membership agreed. Sheri asked if anyone has pictures taken at this convention or any past pictures to please share with her, she has made her information available on the FFAM website. Please include names, dates, location, etc. Sheri said she did not have a list of past officers, convention sites and Auxiliary member of the year per her bylaw duties. Members said no one has ever had this. Sheri will start this for going forward.

BYLAWS

The Bylaws are available on the FFAM website now. Jessica Miller from Norbourne FPD reported there are no changes to be announced.

Auxiliary Member of the year, Ann Jones from Madison West Monroe FPD reported the "2013" recipient was

Jenny Smith from Warrenton FPD. Ann requested nominations to be sent to the committee members (Jenny Smith, Missy Erdel, or Dolores Owenby) for next years convention. Roberta Sayer from Galt FPD reminded us an Auxiliary can be nominated also.

POSTER CONTEST

Posters were judged by Delores, Pam and Theresa on Friday night. Pam Carsten of Cole County FPD announced we had 130 posters from 8 departments. Looking for three members to judge the next year.

CONVENTION CONTEST

Contests this year were played in the cold, rain, sleet, snow and sun. Pam Carsten of Cole County FPD asked if anyone learns about a new game to be played please share with Richard. The new trailer was at the games this year.

AUDIT

Completed by Pam Carsten of Cole County FPD and Diane Hanes of Galt FPD at the February 13th, 2013 board meeting. Found no discrepancies.

Susan Voss read a list of Charter and Long Standing Members, listed below.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Susan Voss of Beauford Leslie FPD presented past officer's with pins / charms for their service: Kim Voss - President; Pam Carsten - 1st Vice President; Missy Erdel - 2nd Vice President; Chris Slaughter - Secretary Treasurer; Katie Schowengerdt - Historian; Helen Christensen - Sergeant at Arms

If you would like to receive a newsletter please contact Jessica Miller, her

information is available on the website. She suggested sharing your newsletters with fire department members or other auxiliary members.

NEW BUSINESS

Fund raisers this year were the 50/50 raffle and the Silent Auction. The 50/50 raffle raised \$534 for a profit of \$267. The Silent Auction raised \$843. For a total of \$1,110. Danielle Arnold of Central Jackson County FPD made a motion to give the Silent Auction monies to the Museum Fun. It was then decided the board can decide where to disperse the monies at their next board meeting. Danielle Arnold of Central Jackson County FPD then withdrew her motion.

The 2013 Memorial Service this year will be held in Kingdom City, Missouri on Saturday, May 18th candle light service at dusk and Sunday, May 19th starting at 10:00 a.m. Little Dixie is making the ribbons to be handed out.

Next years convention is May 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2014 in Festus, Missouri. Robin Schrage of Jefferson R-7 FD stated the banquet will begin a half an hour earlier at 5:30 p.m. She had hotel flyers available.

Pam Carsten of Cole County FPD announced she will attempt to make her quilt next year.

Chris Slaughter of Warrenton FPD asked if any department or individuals would do the posting of the color for next years convention. She will continue to ask.

Chris Slaughter also asked if anyone was interested in chairing the Silent Auction next year. She will continue to ask.

LONG STANDING MEMBERS

Joan Jackson 1956 55 years
 Joan Hahne 1961 51 years
 Kay Asher 1968 49 years
 Sandi Bjerrum 1963 45 years
 Pat Peters 1974 44 years
 Mailyn Nengel 1975 43 years
 Sharon O'Dell 1976 44 years
 DeeLynne Braun 1983 32 years
 Maggie Sheppard 1977 37 years
 Sheila Arnold 1982 36 years

Virginia Pratt 1974 35 years
 Francis Barger 1974 35 years
 Rosalyn Sanders 1980 34 years
 Robin Schrage 1983 33 years
 Roberta Sayer 1983 33 years
 Janet Smith 1983 32 years
 Katie Arnold Schowengerdt 1983 31 yrs
 Rita Lentz 1983 30 years
 Kim Voss 29 years
 Sheri Berendzen 28 years

Ditty Bags were discussed. The consensus was to never have ditty bags again going forward. Susan Voss of Beaufort-Leslie FPD made a motion to do away with Ditty Bags forever. Jenny Smith of Warrenton FPD seconded the motion.

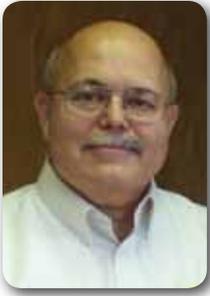
All in favor (delegates only), no oppositions/no abstentions, motion passed.

Sheila Arnold of Central Jackson FPD was asked to explain to the membership what the White Elephant and Door Prizes were about. It was a way to have fun and draw members into the Auxiliary. The door prize is \$5-15 dollar gift that each member would bring to the meeting on Sunday, wrapped nicely. The White Elephants are items members would bring wrapped however, they were gently used items you thought others would like that you no longer used or wanted. Members would bring at least one or as many as they wanted. The bringer of the White Elephant placed a price on the item, usually \$1.00 or so and under. The members would purchase the White Elephant items with the monies going into the general auxiliary fund.

Retiring of the colors.

Jenny Smith of Warrenton FPD made a motion to adjourn the meeting Janet Smith from Cole County FPD seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Theresa Cox
 Wentzville Fire Protection District
 FFAM Secretary / Treasurer 2012-2013



DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

David Hedrick
Director

University of Missouri Extension, Fire and Rescue Training Institute



The coordination and delivery of training programs by the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) is in high gear as we approach the end of the fiscal year. MU FRTI is projecting that by June 30th we will have conducted over 600 courses providing important training for the state's fire and emergency services. We look forward to continuing to be your department's resource in meeting your training needs.

Recent tragic national events have once again brought the focus on the need for emergency response all hazard planning that includes protocols for the protection of the first responders. The taking of Firefighters as hostages in Georgia, the Boston Marathon bombing, and the fire and explosion in West Texas, have

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dramatically illustrated some of the wide range of extreme hazards and violence that firefighters and first responders face. Our heartfelt prayers go out to the victims and families affected by these traumatic events. Unfortunately these events show that no community, big or small, is immune to the potential of these types of situations. Even typical emergency calls can deteriorate into a violent incident. Though it would be impossible for a fire department to address every conceivable response situation they could encounter, training and the development of response guidelines designed to address these types of incidents can help prepare and increase the safety of your firefighters.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's (NFFF) firefighter life safety initiative program has tools and resources available to assist fire departments in addressing operational safety of their personnel. The "16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives" advocates operational safety should be embraced at all levels from individual responsibility through management. In the NFFF "Firefighter Life Safety Initiative 12 Final Report," there are specific recommendations and strategies for addressing response to violent incidents. This report and other information are available on the Everyone Goes Home website at: www.everyone-goeshome.com/. I encourage you to take a look at the information and utilize it to ensure that your firefighters, fire department, and community are better prepared for tomorrow than they are today.

I and the MU FRTI staff were saddened to learn of the Line of Duty Death in April of Assistant Chief Harold Hollingsworth of the Osage Fire Protection District. He died in a line of duty accident on April 7th, 2013. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and fire department for their loss.

As we mentioned in previous editions of the FFAM Newsletter, MU FRTI was changing building locations on the MU Campus. I am pleased to report that the move is complete and the Institute has a new home on the Southeast end of the University's main campus. Our new mailing address is 1110 South

College Avenue, Room 232, Columbia, MO, 65211-3410. Contact information including phone numbers and e-mails, will remain the same. Though there were some delays and minor issues during the move, the staff worked hard to return phone calls and keep regular business going. The staff is still settling in, and although a new 48-seat classroom is still under construction, it already feels like home. Another feature of the new location is that we have on-site storage for equipment in support of the programs mobile trailer fleet and props. The building is an Extension-exclusive building housing MU FRTI, 4H, and Extension Technology and Computer Services (ETCS). We are looking at hosting an open house this summer once the large classroom is finished, but if you are in the area please stop by and visit the Institute's new office space on the second floor.

The University, MU Extension, and MU FRTI budget planning process for fiscal year 2014 (FY14) is currently underway. The Institute continues to work to make sure our training courses remain cost accessible while addressing rising operational costs. In May, MU FRTI will be making its annual presentation to the Division of Fire Safety and Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission for state fire training funds for subsidized "no-cost" training opportunities to the state's fire service through the Institute. We appreciate the continuing partnership with our state agencies and the support and assistance provided by Missouri's fire service for the Institute's training programs.

Coming up this month on May 18th and 19th, the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri will hold the *Annual Memorial Service* at the Missouri



DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
05/14	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Mansfield	Garland Fitzhugh	417-413-7922
05/17	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Sparta	Brian Loula	417-234-2136
05/17	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Houston	Joey Moore	417-217-0230
05/18	Certified Fire District Board Training	Winfield	Mark Peter	636-566-8406
05/28	HMIR: Technician Refresher – Incident Management	Bridgeton	KJ Spurlock	314-393-7062
06/01	Certified Fire District Board Training	Gordonville	Shawn Morris	573-986-8435
06/21	Certified Fire District Board Training	Osage Beach	Larry Boyle	636-343-4188

Firefighters Memorial in Kingdom City, Missouri. On Saturday evening, May 18th, a Candlelight Service will be held beginning at dusk to honor members of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri who passed away during the previous year. The service on Sunday morning, May 19th, will honor three Missouri Firefighters who have died in the Line of Duty this past year. I would encourage all of you to attend this memorial tribute to honor our state's fire service.

The first part of May I had the opportunity to attend the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri's (FFAM) 58th *Annual Convention* hosted by the Carthage Fire Department. I want to congratulate the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, Carthage FD, and Carthage Fire Chief Chris Thompson and his Convention Committee on a successful and enjoyable convention. In addition to the many contest awards given out at the annual convention, the FFAM presented Chief Larry Jones of the Madison/West Monroe Fire Department the *Fire Chief of the Year Award*, Lieutenant Josh Loyd of the Little Dixie Fire Department the *Firefighter of the Year Award*, and West Plains Fire Department as the *Fire Department of the Year Award*. Also, Joe Jackson was given this year's *Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award* posthumously. MU FRTI congratulates the award and contest winners at this year's convention.

We wish to congratulate FFAM President Kenneth Hoover on his re-election as President of the association. Also congratulations to Tim Bean as 1st Vice President and Charlie Neubert as

2nd Vice President. We look forward to continuing to work with Kenny and the FFAM officers and directors on fire service issues and training in the state.

As a reminder, the 81st *Annual Summer Fire School (SFS)* and the *Midwest Wildfire Training Academy* is scheduled for June 5th – 9th, 2013, in Jefferson City. MU FRTI has both classroom and live fire and rescue courses scheduled for the event. In addition to the excellent training available, attendees will gain valuable insights from networking opportunities with firefighters from across the state and mid-west region. The Division of Fire Safety (DFS) and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission are again providing scholarship opportunities at SFS through the *Philip Sayer Memorial Scholarship for Volunteer Fire Fighters*. We appreciate their continued support of scholarships to SFS.

The major national fire service organizations will promote firefighter safety and wellness initiatives again this year by supporting the *International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week*. Safety Week is a joint initiative of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Volunteer Fire Council. The event will be held June 16th – 22nd and the theme this year is "Saving our Own, An Inside Job." This year's theme focuses on behavioral health. MU FRTI encourages all fire departments to continue working to implement a "safety culture" initiative in your department and make safety and health a priority all year long. More information on the 2013 Safety Week can be found at <http://safetyandhealthweek.org/>.

We appreciate the continued support of our state partners and agencies in the delivery of fire and emergency service training. The Institute's mission remains focused on providing the very best and safest training for our students, and Missouri's fire and emergency service first responders. If the MU FRTI staff or I can be of assistance, please contact us at 800-869-3476 or 573-882-4735 or for more information regarding the Institute go to our website at www.mufrti.org.

David E. Hedrick



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AN UPDATE FROM THE



1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Tim Bean

Hope everyone has blown your nose as much as I have with all this allergy stuff going around, but for what it is bringing, I don't mind it a bit, So, "Happy Spring."

I attended a meeting the other day in Columbia in reference to residential sprinklers. I will be setting on a board which has began working on educating and promoting legislation to strengthen residential sprinklers within the state of Missouri. Our committee will be coming forward with information in the near future.

I came home after that meeting and got on my computer to educate myself on this topic. I found some very interesting information, so I'd like to share a little of this with you, and challenge you to educate yourself and others within your departments, (maybe on a training night) reference residential sprinkler systems.

I'm pulling my information from the following website: homefiresprinkler.org

In the United States there is a fire every 76 seconds, causing over 3000 deaths, destroying 8 out of 10 homes, and causing over \$6 billion in damage and loss.

Most fires start during the day, but most fire deaths occur at night, with the largest numbers being children and the elderly. 80% of all fire deaths occur in residential homes.

Fire becomes deadly within three minutes, with the average fire department response time over 7 minutes.

Once on-scene our fire hoses are capable of pumping between 100 to 200 GPM sometimes pouring 1000's of gallons of water onto the fire causing on the average of \$45,000 in damages.

With a residential sprinkler system that cost could be as low as \$2000 with a similar situation. Each residential sprinkler head covers approximately a 12' x 12' area and is activated by heat.

The average cost to install a residential sprinkler system is figured around \$1.61 per square foot. Guidelines can be found in NFPA 13-D.

Hopefully this will shed some light on what residential sprinkler systems can do. Again I challenge you to educate yourself, explore other web sites out there and lets all work together as we promote this topic across the state.

Stay Safe,

Tim Bean,
1st Vice President

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The truck can be viewed by appointment by contacting City Hall at 641-755-2164.



CLASS OF 1978

Attention all living members of the St. Louis Department of Public Safety and St. Louis Fire Department graduating class of the St. Louis City Fire Academy Class of 1978 the Captain Roy Simpson classmates fireman class; all those interested in a proposed 35 year reunion contact retired Kinloch Fire Protection District of St. Louis County Chief Fire Marshal Theodis Ted Brown Sr, member of the Metropolitan Fire Marshal Association in good standing 2013 and original alumni union member Local 73 fireman IAFF goodstanding.

CONTACT INFO: 314-619-1412 or e-mail; castlepointfiredept@yahoo.com

BUST SOME CLAYS FOR MDA

Stafford Fire Protection District – 1st Annual Sporting Clay Tournament For MDA



AUGUST 24, 2013

The Stafford Fire Protection District will host the 1st Annual Sporting Clay Tournament for MDA on Saturday, August 24, 2013. The proceeds from the event held at Ozark Shooter Sports Complex in Walnut Shade, Missouri will help the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



- Free Lunch
- Door Prizes
- Raffles
- Team Awards
- Individual Awards
- Battle of the Badges

* All shooters must wear eye & ear protection. * Shooters will provide their own gun, ammunition, and eye & ear protection.
* Individual shooters are welcome. Shooters registering individually will be assigned to a team.

TEAM REGISTRATION

Shooter #1 (Lead contact for the team)

Name: _____ Male Female
Team Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Shooter #2:

Name: _____ Male Female

Shooter #3:

Name: _____ Male Female

Shooter #4:

Name: _____ Male Female

Shooter #5:

Name: _____ Male Female

\$ _____ **SHOOTER REGISTRATION:** Individual or Team Registration fees, \$85 per person

Make payment out to **Stafford Fire Protection District**

For more information contact:

Fred Osbourn or Jake Agee
Office: 417-736-3679
Cell: 417-299-4804 or 417-894-4955
Email: chief@staffordfire.org
jacob.agee@staffordfire.org

Mail or Fax registration to:

Stafford Fire Protection District
207 W Stan Harriman Blvd
Stafford, MO 65757

**Advance registration is due by July 24th, 2013. Entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. Entry fees may be transferred by you to another party of your choice at any time prior to the start of the sporting clay shoot.



Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Insurance Total _____

Department Dues = \$25.00 NA

Total Amount Due = _____

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Renewal Date: _____ Chief: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Department Website: _____

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* Department dues \$25.00 plus \$7.50 per name listed. If you are joining as an individual and your department is not a member, your dues are \$12.50. Membership is non-transferable.

* You may list Directors/Councilman at no cost - indicate with a D or C in the box next to the name.

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