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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings Fellow Firefighters

**Kenneth Hoover
President**



Schools are back in session and we are all winding down all of our summer activities. It has been a very busy summer for many of us.

It has been an extremely difficult year for me as I have had to say goodbye to many dear fire service friends. I had the honor of officiating at the funeral of my dear friend, Arthur "Shorty" Smith. Shorty was a true example of what a fire service leader is. Art sacrificed many times providing for numerous departments in this state and for numerous firefighters, by giving financially and of his time. I was proud to call Art a friend, my assistant chief, and a leader to all who knew him. There were many others that have passed this year as well and my thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.

I had the privilege of being at the State Fair Fire Department during the State Fair and seeing many old friends and the opportunity to make many new ones. It is always encouraging to see so many firefighters and EMS personnel from all over the state come together to serve the fair attendees. My personal thanks go out to each of you for your professionalism, commitment and faithfulness to FFAM. I believe this was the best fair for many years, the weather, the professional abilities and attitudes, and the willingness to put others before themselves. Great job everyone.

As president of FFAM, I want to thank each director and assistant director that came to the fair to work and give their time and talents, or to just visit and encourage everyone.

I also want to thank the Galt Fire Protection District crew led by Chief Terry Wynne, that comes faithfully every year to fry fish and all the fixin's for the hungry emergency service workers. I know they appreciate your efforts and it was excellent again this year.

We had the pleasure of having 17 new firefighters and EMS personnel this year. We also had several new juniors serving in the dispatch division. It is so encouraging to see the excitement that comes with new people. They come with the sincere attitude to serve others.

I need to personally thank Chairperson Monty Thompson for his leadership to the FFAM State Fair Fire Department Committee. Monty always does an excellent job demonstrating his patience, wisdom and knowledge to all of the personnel and his fellow commissioners. His many years of service to the State Fair are invaluable.

Chief R.B. Brown also did an excellent job again this year with his command staff and personnel, and his cooking abilities are not too bad either. Chief Brown has been asked to return as the 2015 Fire Chief of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department and he has accepted.

Joyce Thompson rose to the request of providing three full meals every day to over 100 people at each meal. She did a fabulous job leading her very capable crew and I commend them for their willingness to step up to the request. All of their food was exceptional.

The list just goes on and on so I am just going to thank each one of you that served in any way. We could not provide this

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Greg Carrell
Assistant Fire Marshal



Missouri Division of Fire Safety

It seems every time I write a cautionary note about dry summer weather, it rains. But as wet as it is in some areas, the rain in Missouri continues to be spotty with some portions of the state receiving little precipitation over the last few months. Additionally, wet summer weather brings high humidity and the dangers associated with working in those conditions. As we progress into the fall, please remain vigilant in monitoring those fire service responders working in our changing weather.

At the Division, this is the time of the year we work on next year's budget and legislative session. We will continue to seek funding for no-cost training opportunities for our firefighters and emergency personnel. If anyone has questions or concerns about legislative proposals, our budget, or any other Division related business, they are welcome to contact me to discuss those issues. We appreciate the support Missouri's fire service has shown the Division and will strive to be good stewards of that trust and support.

Our training vendors are hard at work scheduling training opportunities throughout the state. I encourage all fire agencies to take advantage of this no-cost training. If you are looking for a specific training opportunity or are not sure what may be offered in your region, please check out the Training and Certification Program's Facebook page. The Facebook page is a great way to interact with our certification staff, get answers to your training/certification questions, find the next regional test date(s) and just stay in the loop about training around the state.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the updated Firefighter I and II curriculum is now available. The curriculum has been revised to the 2013 NFPA standard. Our staff spent countless hours poring over the curriculum in order to provide our firefighters with the best possible product. I am proud of the work they do for fire service.

We also have a Facebook page for our Public Education/Fire Prevention

program. I was pleased to see an NFPA blog mentioning the interaction of our new *Sparky the Fire Dog* educational prop with visitors to the Missouri State Fair. My thanks to the State Fair Fire Department for allowing our staff to participate in their public education outreach during the fair.

As always, I and the Division are here to serve Missouri's fire service. We are your Division, so feel free to stop by the office or give us a call with any questions you may have.

Greg Carrell
Assistant State Fire Marshal

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President Kenneth Hoover called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to order at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 3, 2014 at the State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, MO.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District 1, Terry Wynne, Galt FPD; District 2, Greg Wright, Shelbina FD; District 3, Larry Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; District 6, Richard Gordon, Cole County FPD; District 7, RB Brown, Eureka FD; District 11, Monty Thompson, Kearney FPD; District 14, Rick Dozier, Southern FPD of Holt County.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

District 1, Janet Cain, Braymer FR; District 11, Roger Meyers, Concordia FPD; District 11, Ryan Miller, Norborne FPD; District 14, Glenn Dittmar, South Central Buchanan County FD.

GUESTS

Greg Carrell, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; David Hedrick, Gail Hagans, MU FRTI; Larry Jennings, Joe Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Donald Vaucher, Harriett Vaucher, Eureka FPD; Grant Oetting, Higginsville F&R; Blake Beahler, Dakota Davis, Cosby Helena FPD; Gordon Ekedahl, Madison West Monroe FPD.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

President Hoover asked for corrections or additions to the June 1, 2014 meeting minutes. No corrections were made. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the minutes as presented. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the May 2014 financial reports. Charlie Neubert moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

David Hedrick with MU FRTI reported that 115 classes have been scheduled so far for the upcoming fiscal year. MU FRTI has once again received funding assistance through the state.

The 2014 year-end report is being developed at this time. 13,958 students completed 74 different course topics and training was delivered to 1,306 agencies during the year.

The 2014 Instructor Conference will be held October 24-26 at Lake of the Ozarks. There is still space available.

Acting State Fire Marshal Greg Carrell with the Division of Fire Safety reported that proposals have been received from different vendors for class offerings and classes will be available soon.

\$200,000 allocated from the state for firefighter training is still being restricted by the Governor. The DFS is still reviewing their budget and working on legislative

measures pertaining to the fire service that will be upcoming.

Harriett Vaucher reported that over 30 states and more than 150 survivors were represented at the National Fallen Firefighters Survivors Conference held in Clayton, MO in May. 42 different classes were offered. \$70,000 was donated to the foundation to offset expenses.

There is new fund-raiser available to help benefit the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team. A maltese cross flower vase is available for purchase for \$50 without flowers and \$60 with flowers. \$10 from the sale of each vase will go to the NFFF and \$10 from the sale of each vase will go to the funeral team. The vases can be used as table centerpieces for banquets or other fire department events. They will be available for sale on the website soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Hoover thanked everyone involved with the funeral services for Art Smith as well as those that attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on FFAM jackets available for purchase by members. The Board advised Secretary Miller to select a design and proceed as necessary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

No report was given.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

1st Vice President Tim Bean advised that budget requests will need to be submitted to the committee by the October meeting.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report was given.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

David Hedrick reported that the National Federation of Fire Chaplains conference will be held October 17-23 in Annapolis, Maryland.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Richard Gordon reported he would be reviewing the contest site for the 2015 convention. He is taking suggestions for any additional supplies for the contest trailer.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The dates for the 2015 convention are May 1-3 at Tan-Tar-A. Larry Jones reported that reservations can now be made at Tan-Tar-A.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

No report was given.

PREVENTION COMMITTEE

R.B. Brown reported that the new theme is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives, Test Yours Every Month." Please get the word out about the poster contest to your local schools.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

No report was given.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

2nd Vice President Neubert reported the following membership counts: 412 Directors/Councilman; 261 Retired; 20 Associate; 12 Sustaining; 14 Corporate, 354 Departments; 7549 Active.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported that there are still no recommendations for open director positions. President Hoover advised he is working on filing the position in District 12.

NVFC COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported the Council is working on questions that have come up regarding department funding and grant opportunities. He will be attending the fall meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana in September and report back at the October meeting.



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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

No report was given.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Monty Thompson reported everything is ready for the start of the State Fair on August 7. The Car Club of Sedalia fixed the 1929 engine. It may soon be available for use throughout the state at parades and other events.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

No report was given.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next newsletter September 1.

HISTORIAN REPORT

No report was given.

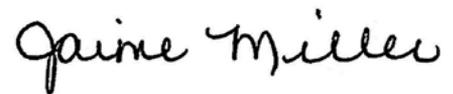
FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith reported that DVD's are now available for the May memorial service and can be purchased from him for \$15. Discussion was held on publishing the Foundation's meeting minutes in the

bimonthly newsletter. Charlie Neubert moved to publish the Foundation's meeting minutes in the FFAM newsletter. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved.

Anyone who has a fire service member death (former or current) in their department or community, please get the info to Keith Smith for the memorial.

Tim Bean moved to adjourn the meeting. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.



Jaime Miller, Secretary
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vital service without each of you. Thanks for volunteering your time and talents.

Many fall activities are approaching concerning the fire service, and I would like to remind everyone of the assistance that FFAM can provide. Mr. R.B. Brown of the Eureka and Union Fire Protection Districts heads up the Fire Prevention committee and is available to assist you with ideas or any other issues you may encounter.

As we head into the fall season, I ask each of you to use caution and practice safe response habits. We do not want to see or hear of any other tragedies from our brother and sister firefighters. It seems like every day we hear of someone being injured. Stay safe my friends.

Last but not least, as we approach September, let us never forget that horrible day of September 11, 2001.

Today, I say a special prayer for each firefighter, police officer and EMS personnel. I ask each of you to please do the same.

I will keep my article short this issue as I have asked several others to write, informing you of their activities and success these past few months.

As always, please contact me with any thoughts or issues you may have. You may contact me at 573-581-6235 or chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net

Kenneth Hoover

Kenneth Hoover, President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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Members noted there are several large cracks in the concrete and walkways of the stamped concrete portion that needs attention before the inclement weather months ahead. Doc will check with any local contractors or any other board member that can bring a proposal to the next meeting.

The flower wreaths used at the memorial for the LODD was discussed with newer wreaths needed before next ceremony.

Long term storage for future needs and fire truck. Bill and Keith will review.

Next meeting date: Keith Smith will inquire by an e-mail pole for a consensus for the next available date.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Bill Farr
Secretary



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Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 3, 2014

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Vice President Diane Hanes called meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Asked if there were any corrections or additions to the June 1st, 2014, meeting notes; there were none. Jessica Miller made a motion to accept the meeting notes as they are, and motion seconded my Pam Carsten, motion passed.

Theresa handed out and read the financial report. Beginning balance was \$4,351.77; income of \$60.00, and expenses of \$171.31 for a new balance of \$4,240.46. Pam Carsten made a motion to accept the financial report as read, seconded by Sherri Berendzen, motion passed. Theresa indicate a check for the quilt raffle at the convention still needs to be written.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed that we need to order more Angel pins. Pam Carsten suggested we have the year engraved on the back of the angel pins. Pam and Sheri need to order these pins as soon as possible.

Sherri indicated she has not found anyone for the logo on the canopy. Jessica will check with her contacts. Sherri suggested we set up a system for the canopy to be able to sit on the trailer for the games at the conventions or other venues. She will look into this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP None.

AUXILIARY MEMBER None.

POSTER CONTEST None.

NOMINATION None.

HISTORIAN None.

SERGEANT AT ARMS None.

MEMORIAL

The last memorial was great. Diane is ordering the ribbon soon for next year.

CONVENTION

Working on getting the rooms set up so membership can make reservations. Waiting to sign contract.

FUND-RAISING

Still have about 30-35 cups available. Discussed we need to increase our stock level. Theresa suggested we order the mugs without the "Auxiliary" on them; and leave the area where the word "Auxiliary" word is now leave it a white blank spot, for individuals to write their name on them. At convention we were told guys would buy them without "Auxiliary" on the mug. Jessica Miller made a motion to order 144 mugs with the word "Auxiliary" left off and a white blank spot in that area, seconded by Pam Carsten, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion at last meeting was we were not going to have the posting of the colors with the large flags. Need to have small table top flags available. Sheri indicated she is still looking for flags. Theresa suggested we use the maltese ceramic sculptures as a base for the flags on the table. Invited Harriet Vaucher to join us to inform us about the sculptures. They are \$50 each. Pam Carsten made a motion to purchase two sculptures to use for our

flags, seconded by Jessica Miller, motion passed. Jessica will check into the appropriate manner we must follow for posting of the colors.

Theresa started the discussion about the process of making donations in lieu of flowers per our by-laws. The current dollar amount is \$30. In the past we have not been consistent in making this donation. Discussed increasing the donation dollar amount or discontinuing making donations. Will table this discussion for the next business meeting.

Sherri indicated she is having a hard time finding some to make the table size flags: American, Missouri, and Auxiliary. She found the American flag for about \$12, but not the others.

Sherry Hover asked what were we going to donate to this year? After general discussion, Pam Carsten made a motion to donate \$1,500 to the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team. Motion was seconded by Ann Jones, motion passed.

Jessica Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ann Jones, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Cox
Secretary Treasure 2014-2015



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History's CORNER

A TRIBUTE TO OLD FRIENDS AND WELCOME TO THE NEW GENERATION

by Bill Westhoff

Since the last newsletter was published, two of my old and dear friends have answered their last alarm. This seems to be a trend in a person's life when you are reaching nearly three quarters of a century old. Many of the "fire service warriors" who built fire districts and other fire service organizations in our fine state are reaching or have passed retirement age. Others like the two featured in this article have gone on to their final reward. The beauty of this story about two of our fire service leaders is that they have in both cases provided another generation to follow in their footsteps.

CHIEF ARTHUR (ART) SMITH

In the 1960's and 70's it was fairly common for the Fire Training program at the University of Missouri to conduct regional fire schools around the state. These programs were normally done on weekends and done at the request of an individual fire department or regional organization. It was at one of these weekend schools in Lewistown that I worked with Art Smith. He was actually



Chief Arthur (ART) Smith

the driving force in that area of the state for many training sessions and was a great supporter of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. This regional school was unique because of Lewistown's distance from two adjoining states. Art was sure we could draw firefighters from those states. This school then became the first of several joint ventures with the University of Illinois and Iowa State Fire Training programs to conduct what became known as the "Tri-State Fire School". At the time two classmates of mine from Oklahoma State were working for those two agencies; Roger Sweet at Iowa State and Jerry Montigold at Illinois, so these schools were "old home week" for us.

Art Smith was always thinking of ways of improving the fire service. His "tri-state" concept was just one example of the input that made him a leader in the FFAM, the State Fair Fire Department and the local departments he held so dear to his heart. One of the many reasons I admired Art was his ability to accomplish many tasks and never be concerned about taking any of the credit for the accomplishment. The best example of his humility was his leadership in the development of the fire-fighters memorial at Kingdom City. He was not the least bit concerned who got the credit, he just got it done!

CHIEF FRANK FRANDBEN

We move to another area of the state and a person who had a huge impact on the fire departments around the Lake of the Ozarks. Chief Frank Frandsen was the "go to guy" in the lake area for decades for anything fire service related. He was born in Ballwin; served in the Navy during the Korean War and moved to the lake area in the 1960's.

My first experiences with Frank took place in the mid sixties and again as a result of planning for a program called the *Lake Ozark Regional Fire School*. The school was planned for the fall, after Labor Day and the slowdown of what locals call "the season". I remember it well because it rained like crazy the entire weekend and really screwed up lots of outside evolutions that we had planned. One of the local departments, I think Osage Beach, had acquired a well used ladder truck from some department in the east and wanted to do lots of training with it, in and around their new resort, Tan-Tar-A.

The lake area at the time had several good fire service organizations all suffering from the same problem. This was before the formation of fire districts in rural Missouri and I can remember working in the area where lots of used equipment was housed in some strange places like service stations and individuals garages because funding was not available to do anything else.



Chief Frank Frandsen

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Frank and many others in the area were the foundation of the now modern and well-equipped organizations presently serving the lake area. He was the chief of the Lake Ozark Fire Department in 1976 when it became a fire district. We had lots of conversations and meetings about that conversion to a district because I had gone through the same exercise in Boone County when the voters in that county voted to form a Fire District on July 11, 1970. Frank was a community leader and I am proud to have been able to call him my friend.

NOW ON TO NEW GENERATIONS

As I mentioned, my two friends in this article did a fine job in leaving family members who are present leaders in the fire service. This "like father, like son" tradition is alive and well in the fire service in our state and might be worthy for an article of its own on some future date. When the memorial in Kingdom City was built we purchased a section with an inscription "The Westhoff Family – four generations of Missouri Fire Service"

My grandfather was the first chief of the O'Fallon Volunteer Fire Company in the early 1900's and my dad served as fire chief in the 50's. Our son Doug is a chief officer of the Boone County Fire District and in charge of Missouri Task Force One. Daughter Donna has a Fire Protection and Safety Degree from Oklahoma State University and has her own business in Dallas and we are now moving to the fifth generation.

We were proud to attend the graduation recently of our grandson Dylan Westhoff from the U.S. Air Force Fire School at Goodfellow A.F.B., Texas. He has been assigned to Travis A.F.B., California and reports to duty this next Monday. That makes five generations of nuts in our



U.S. Air Force Firefighter Dylan Westhoff - Fifth Generation in the Westhoff Family of Firefighters

family that choose to run into burning buildings when everyone else is running out! God speed, Dylan. I am sure you will make us all proud.

Meeting was brought to order by Chairperson Keith Smith

ATTENDANCE

Keith Smith, Ken Hoover, Steve McLane, Don Wilmesher, Don Hahne, and Harriett Vaucher. Guests present: Ron Baker, Don Vaucher and Josh Biggers

Chairperson Smith advised that since we only have 7 board members present that does not consist of a quorum so any votes needed will be continued for approval by telephone or e-mail if needed. Several members had last minute changes and could not make the meeting. Doc Kritzer will be arriving late if possible.

Motion was made by Ken Hoover to accept the resignation of Randy Cole, 2nd by Don Wilmesher. Motion carried with a quorum of 7 members.

Keith Smith discussed the recent passing of his father, Vice Chairman Art Smith. Keith thanked the foundation members for the support and from the support of the funeral assistance team. The family is very grateful to all that were present and for the many long hours in preparation for the services. Chief Hoover advised the Memorial Board presented a memorial statute to the Smith family for the many years of dedication and service to the Memorial and to the entire family of FFAM.

Keith Smith advised there was a total of \$915.00 received from different family members recently for the memorial fund.

Treasurer's report had previously been distributed to all members. Ken Hoover made a motion to accept the report as read to be filed as is for the Audit, Don Wilmesher 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Josh Biggers with Little Dixie Fire Protection District was present. Josh presented some fund-raising ideas that

may help to enlighten the public about the museum project. Josh showed the members a large signage that had been used recently for the Audrain Ambulance District. This could be used with the architects building design to show the public what is being attempted for the building. He also spoke about putting some electrical outlets close to the outer sidewalk area so those that spend the night during the memorial and candlelight service can hook up the RV Camper. Since they do spend the night ensuring the setup and grounds are not tampered with. The board thanked Josh for his time and efforts.

Keith Smith will send a photo to Tony Duncan the architect for expenses for the large signage board.

There were other discussions about electrical issues in the flower planters due to rain and moisture problems with the electrical plugs. Bill Farr made a motion to have an electrician review what needs to be done to these electrical outlets, mainly to raise them out of the water danger. Motion 2nd by Don Wilmesher, motion carried. Motion was made by Don Wilmesher and 2nd by Don Hahne to have an estimate for the electrical connection for the RV outlet up to a 50 amp service. Motion carried.

Next item of discussion is the Honor Flight. As most know, the lights for the parking lot are left operating during the honor flight ceremony as hundreds of motorcycle groups meet at the memorial and escort the honor flight members to Columbia. This is a great benefit for the memorial recognition as well.

The discussion was about trying to have a board member present during this time to relay information about the memorial and the future museum project. Members advised that if dates could be determined someone would try to be there.

Member Doc Kritzer attended the meeting which does bring the board to a quorum. Don was briefed on all discussions and previous motions being in agreement of previous issues.

Ron Baker gave a report on any fund-raising activities. FFAM convention was very slow at the booth with less than \$100 raised for donations. The flag program during the memorial was less than last year with only 53 flags being sold. 13 flags were put up at the memorial during the July 4th holiday weekend. Ron has contacted several large corporations for the museum project with no response. Ron spoke of a conference with the National Fire Museum association and maybe some of the benefits to be learned. Motion was made by Ken Hoover and 2nd by Don Hahne to send Ron Baker to the conference in Indiana for up to \$500 in allowable expenses. Motion carried.

Consensus of the board is the flag that is being set up in memory of the LODD will be presented to the family members. All were in agreement.

Discussion on the fire truck storage for the winter was brought up. Ensure water is drained and anti freeze is good. Doc Kritzer has purchased automotive jack stands and lifted the truck up from the concrete pad so the tires do not touch minimizing tire damage. Storage of the truck will be an agenda item at next meeting.

Harriett Vaucher gave a report on the past National Fallen Firefighter conference in Clayton. 42 classes were taught with 32 states attending. 150 total survivors were in attendance with over \$75,000 raised for the survivors and the national foundation. Harriett showed the members a new flower planter she is making in the design of the fire department maltese cross as something to purchase. This would be something the memorial could also give

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to the survivors or sell as a fund raiser for the future. Motion was made by Bill Farr to purchase a dozen of these planters at \$50, 6 with flowers and 6 without, Steve McLane 2nd the motion, motion carried.

Doc Kritzer gave a report on the engraving of members' names on the wall. Presently he has 70 names to engrave, 40 on bricks and 30 on the walls. Doc advised that 8 statutes were sold as well as several bricks. All engraving was completed, still some issues with names on the list. Doc advised that the concrete pad poured for the fire truck display was accomplished with several donations at a lower cost to the foundation. He advised several volunteers assisted as well as two county commissioners and public employees assisted. There have been some issues with the parking lot lights, they have been repaired but no bill has been sent yet. Board members thanked Doc for all of his work at the memorial.

Insurance coverage was discussed and taken care of to including terrorism coverage.

2014 memorial and candlelight service DVD's are in and ready for purchase. Survivors will be sent a copy of the ceremonies.

Steve McLane will look into some ways of having conference calls for those that cannot attend the meetings.

An inventory of all items belonging to the foundation needs to be completed and a master plan developed.

Question about Light House uniform was discussed and answered.

Discussion was brought up about the appointment for a replacement from the State Fire Marshal's office. Motion was made by Ken Hoover and 2nd from Harriett Vaucher to allow a representative

to attend the meetings but no appointed would be made until the Governor has announced the next Fire Marshal. Motion carried.

With the recent passing of Art Smith, there is a position open that needs to be filled from the FFAM board. If there is someone in mind to fill this position please advise Keith to bring before the FFAM board. The nomination must be a current or retired FFAM member

Consensus of the board is that minutes of foundation meetings should be published to the FFAM newsletter. Motion by Harriett Vaucher and 2nd by Don Wilmesher to inquire with the FFAM board if the minutes could be sent and published in the future FFAM news letter. Motion carried.

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THE MUSEUM PROJECT

BY RON BAKER

Check Out The New
Museum Website!
MissouriFireFightersMuseum.org

First, I failed to share some information with you in my last column. I recently mailed an appeal to every Missouri State Representative and Senator along with the U.S. Representatives and Senators from Missouri. Unfortunately, the response was very limited. I do want to give a special thanks to Senator Doug Libla from Poplar Bluff and House Speaker Tim Jones from Eureka for making donations. Senator Libla sent \$343 in memory of 5 LODD firefighters whose names are on the wall at the Memorial. You might call their office and thank them. Also call the others and see if they will make a donation for the Museum Project.

On a recent trip to the Smoky Mountains, I saw a "Firehouse Golf", miniature golf in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. In the ticket office was a maltese cross with patches from all over. I am including a picture of it and hoping one of our creative fire fighters will volunteer to make me one

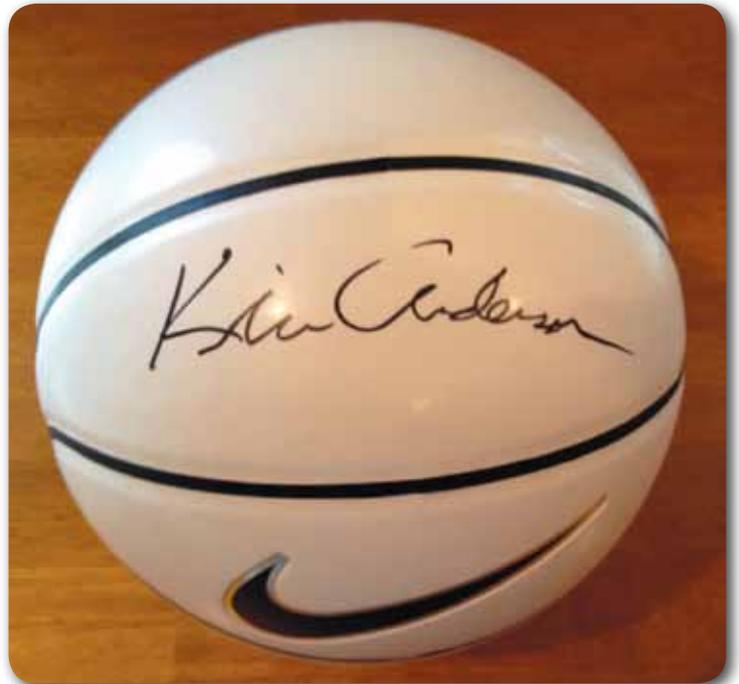
to display the patches I have received. If you are interested and willing please e-mail me at ffammuseum@gmail.com and I will give you more information.

Recently I attended the kickoff event for the Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign in Jefferson City. They talked to hundreds of state employee reps about our project and distributed over 500 brochures. In case you have someone in your family or circle of friends who would like to participate in this campaign, our ID number is 8065. They can get the info they need in their department.

New raffle items for September are: a basketball autographed by the new Missouri Coach, Kim Anderson and a child's lunch pail. Go to www.missourifirefightersmuseum.org and click on "fund-raisers". Buy your ticket(s) and win one of these items and help the fund raising effort.

Hats off to the Missouri State Fair Fire Department. I had a great day visiting them and talking to some of our state legislators. Thanks to Chief Kenny Hoover for his help with this visit. If you know of groups I can visit with, please let me know.

Dr. Ron Baker
Director of Development/Public Relations



2014 Missouri Emergency Medical Services Funeral Response Team



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WHEN: October 17-19, 2014

WHERE: Country Club Hotel And Spa
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REMEMBERING ARTHUR “SHORTY” SMITH

By Keith Smith

In the mid 1990's Dad had a vision and desire that Missouri needed a firefighters memorial and museum. At more than one convention Dad approached the presidents of FFAM with his request. Finally at the February meeting before the O'Fallon convention and after much intense discussion with then FFAM President Jim Barger, President Barger appointed Art Smith to a committee with the task of building a firefighters memorial. No surprise the memorial was important to Dad. Something he put countless hours into getting it started, getting it built and then keeping it going. He could always be found at the memorial just about every day weather permitting. Dad gladly took on the position of memorial ambassador. You could tell by his talks with anyone stopping by that his love was the fire service and the memorial. He would sometimes become discouraged with the fund-raising but he refused to ever give up. Because of his efforts and leadership, we now have one of the finest memorials in the United States. Besides keeping the weeds out of bounds with things, it was his honor in ringing the bell during the annual Sunday services. His example should encourage all of us to work diligently to complete the educational/museum complex. Dad is overlooking us as we strive to see that hope and vision eventually accomplished.



For Dad, the Foundation and FFAM was his recreation. There were times it was work, but loving what you do put a smile on his face and a kick in his step. Most people outside of Lewistown came to know and remember Dad for his fire equipment business, FFAM, State Fair Fire Department, and the Foundation. Those in and around Lewistown will also remember Dad and his brother Cliff starting an automotive garage, then John Deere dealership and farming. None of those three worked out, so he started punching a time card for 20-years, while starting a part-time Fire Equipment business that eventually became his dream come true. Although he still worked about the same number of hours per day at 12+ Dad did not feel his days were so much about work as they were enjoying people and what life had to offer.

His approach to customers was first selling of self, then ensuring a true trust in his word, and then the product; which was not always the low-low price, but fair and always serviced. Having already started his part-time fire equipment business, FFAM worked out well with meeting fire

departments in an area of Missouri that did not know a lot about FFAM in the early 70's. Although never mentioned until his passing, over 20 departments joined FFAM in the early 70's largely because Dad paid their department dues and they were only responsible for the individual membership. Nearly all stayed members after their first year seeing the obvious benefits. I have tried to follow in his footsteps where the FFAM is concerned, having held the office of a district director, vice president and finally president as my father did in 1979. Dad was president during our 25th Anniversary, and I during our 50th. The same in regard to the memorial only starting as a board member and now serving as chairman. I find myself frequently asking, what would you do?

Another fact few may know is how the contests came to the FFAM Convention. Dad was visiting an Iowa convention, yes, I was tagging along, and saw their contests for the first time. He brought the idea back to Missouri, presented it to the board and it barely passed. Some were against implementing what they called

ARTHUR M. (SHORTY) SMITH - CHAIRMAN

FIREFIGHTER'S MEMORIAL FOUNDATION OF MISSOURI

“Firefighter Games”. Concerned about the financial impact of something which may not be sustained, he arranged and paid for most of the equipment that was used that first year along with some incidental expenses. Looks like it was a good idea after all. Until 12-years ago, Dad also paid for and presented the over-all trophy.

Every year that he had a demo fire truck, it spent a tour of duty at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department. Times when he did not, he arranged his turn for one which just happened to occur during fair time. Over the years, it also included a few ambulances. Loose equipment for the fair was never a problem with Dad. New equipment came off the shelf, got used for 12-days and then sold at or below cost as demo equipment. Several departments over the years caught on to this and were calling a few days before or just after the fair for a bargain.

The Broom and Dust Pan was tagged to Dad from Lonny Lentz and Jim Sanders, “Art, when you get your send off, we are going to include a broom and dust pan so you don’t get bored up there, but good luck finding any dirt”. That was because as long as anyone could remember, anything going on at the State Fair Fire Station, Dad was either working on a task or cleaning something. Same back home.

As most people know, Dad spent his later years keeping the memorial and grounds looking as good as possible. The grass was never mowed well enough in his mind. It was cut too high, too wet, they did not throw it the right direction or take any time to clean off the cuttings. Keeping things watered was also an evolution of thinking outside the box. Meeting up with that first time visitor to the site made his day. As time took its toll on his memory, it was interesting to me that he could

provide details of a visitor, the flowers, THE GRASS, but not so much on other things that day. He loved people and loved the spirit of service to a cause.

EDITORS NOTE: I’ve had the pleasure of knowing Art Smith since I came to MU FRTI in 1989. One couldn’t find a better man than this. When I took the Winter Fire School Expo over as its coordinator in the late 90’s, I always noticed that Art was the first person to pop through the door, always a couple hours early, and always itching to get his truck on the expo floor. If I tried to tell him he had to wait until the room was ready for set-up, I was always promptly informed that he had a truck to clean! And just for the record, he usually got what he wanted. I’ve had the pleasure of working with him not only at the Expo, but at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department and most importantly at the Firefighters Memorial; that he so dearly loved. He always let me know I was doing ok at putting the paper together and only ever had one request. That was to make the



font just a little bigger for him. And it was done. From the time I’ve known this man he has always called me “Gayla”. I never corrected him. I’m pretty sure he knew better, because he always had a little grin when he said it, but to me, it was ok that he did. So Art, God speed. I know that you will be missed terribly, by your family, your friends, those visitors to the memorial and anyone that ever crossed your path. I know by now you’ve probably cleaned something while Lonnie, Jim and Joe let you! You just keep after it, as you would say, and thank you for all you’ve done before. Your “Gayla” – Gail Hagans, MU FRTI



ARTHUR “SHORTY” SMITH

March 16, 1926 — July 15, 2014



Arthur M. “Shorty” Smith, 88 of Mexico, formerly of Lewistown, died Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at Golden Living Center – Pin Oaks.

He was born on March 16, 1926 in Monticello, MO, the son of Harvey Milton and Mary Alice Smith. On May 16, 1945 he married Doris Rose Bross in Ewing, MO. She survives in Mexico.

He is also survived by a son Arthur Keith Smith and wife Jennifer of Warrenton, MO, a daughter Rosemary Stice and husband Greg of Urbandale, Iowa; grandchildren, Danielle Rothgeb and husband Chris of Republic, MO, Adam Keith Smith of Warrenton, Hope Stice and Laurel Stice of Urbandale, Iowa; and a great-granddaughter Keeley Rothgeb and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Park United Methodist Church in Lewistown, a charter member of the Lewistown Volunteer Fire Department, past member of the Ewing R-4 Fire Protection District, the retired Assistant Chief of the Little Dixie Fire Protection District in Mexico, Past President of the Firefighters Association

FRANK H FRANDBSEN

October 8, 1932 — August 22, 2014

Frank H. Frandsen, of Kaiser, Missouri, passed away Friday, August 22, 2014 in Osage Beach, Missouri.

Frank was born in Ballwin, Missouri on October 8, 1932 to Julius and Marian Frandsen. He was united in marriage to Audrey M. Mauer on June 4, 1960. Together they shared 54 years of marriage until his death.

Frank is survived by his wife Audrey of the home; son Scott and wife, Cheryl, of Camdenton, Missouri, daughter Sherl of Jefferson City, Missouri, son Stuart and wife, Renee, of Kaiser, Missouri; granddaughter Dr. Erin Frandsen of Union, Missouri; grandson Eric Frandsen of Camdenton, Missouri; brother Vaughn Frandsen and wife, Leola of Ballwin, Missouri; sister Betty Schmidt and husband, Bill, of Prescott, Arizona; and brother Bob Frandsen of Eureka, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents Julius and Marian Frandsen; one brother Paul Frandsen and one sister Elsie Rekart.

Frank served in the Navy during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in 1955. Frank moved to the lake area in 1960 and began a long and distinguished career in public service. Frank served as one of the first alderman for the City of Lake Ozark when the city was incorporated. He served for over 35 years on the Lake Ozark Fire Department. Frank served in many capacities for the fire department. He was the Fire Chief when the department became a Fire

of Missouri. He was past Fire Chief for the Missouri State Fair Fire Department and was chairman of Missouri Firefighters Memorial Foundation during its creation and construction. He was also a 50 year member of the Monticello Lodge 58 A.F. and A.M.



Protection District in 1976, he served as the district’s first full time Fire Marshal and was known and respected throughout the state fire service community. Frank worked for many years at the LO Gas Company and later owned and operated his own metal fabrication and welding company that manufactured fire apparatus and other items.

In his spare time Frank enjoyed working on old cars, refinishing antique fire apparatus and toys, working around the house, working in his shop and spending time with his beloved dog Buddy. Frank was a caring husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Edith Ward and two brothers, Edward and Cliff Smith.

Memorials may be made to the MO Firefighters Memorial Foundation in Kingdom City.

STEP UP AND LEAD

Fire Service Leadership Seminar

Featuring



Deputy Chief
Frank Viscuso

Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District

30 Porter Mill Spring Road

Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

October 8, 2014

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FRANK VISCUSO

Course Description:

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About Frank Viscuso:

Chief Viscuso is a career firefighter from Hudson County, New Jersey and co-creator of FireOpsOnline.com. He is a nationally recognized instructor and speaker, and the author of 5 books including industry bestsellers *Fireground Operational Guides* and *Step Up and Lead*. Over the past decade Chief Viscuso has spoken to audiences (in and out of the fire service) on many topics that include officer development, leadership, team building, and customer service. His seminars are designed to equip you with the necessary skills you will need to excel in your chosen field.

*This seminar is for firefighters of all ranks who are serious about becoming leaders and advancing their careers.

"No one anoints a leader. A person may be assigned to a position or a rank, but no one assigns a leader. Leadership is action, not position." Frank Viscuso

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For more information, contact: Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Criner (573) 374-4411 asstchief@sbfpd.org

AN UPDATE FROM THE



**1ST
VICE
PRESIDENT**

Tim Bean

Happy September! Wow what happen to August? I do not have much on my mind to share with everybody. I would like to do a shout out to all of our great members that attended and worked the Missouri State Fair. As you do year after year, you give up your time (some vacation!) to attend, serve, and protect the attendees of the fair. I also appreciate each department that donated fire trucks, ambulances, and equipment to make this state fair successful. I heard the cooks outdid themselves again, Thanks Joyce Thompson and crew!

All this is possible by the strong leadership of our President Chief Kenny Hoover, the State Fair command staff, and Chief R.B. Brown and staff. I'm sorry I was not available to be to share in your success!

Everyone stay safe, and enjoy the beginning of fall.

J. Tim Bean,
1st Vice President

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE REPORT

By Monty Thompson,
Director District 11

Well we have another fair gone by the way. It was a great fair. The weather; you could not have asked for anything better. If it would have been a week later, look what we would be contending with. Hot and dry! But maybe next year.

We had a new experience this year. We fixed three meals a day at the fire house. I would like to say thank you to whoever helped cook. If I tried to name all of you, I am sure I would leave someone out. But thanks again.

To Chief Brown and his staff, what do you say but great job! Well done. To the firefighters and EMS personnel, we could not do what we do without you. To the new people, I hope you enjoyed it. To the FFAM and State Fair Committee for your continued support. You make my job as chairman much easier.

Look for fair applications in the December newsletter. The dates of the fair are August 13-23, 2015.

Thanks again,
Monty Thompson, State Fair Chair
816-365-7187 or 816-628-41527

FROM THE STATE FAIR KITCHEN

Another great year! New people, new fire and EMS departments were in attendance. So glad to welcome everyone and hope to see each and every one back to the 2015 fair.

I had new people in the kitchen this year and they were a pleasure to work with. Angie Fields and Kathy Borgemeyer. I so appreciated my true and faithful. Larry and Ann Jones, Larry Eggen and Gordon Ekedahal. A big thank you to all that helped when needed or volunteered. We are a team.

This year we served three meals a day, which was a little nerve racking at first, but turned out very smoothly. We average 60-70 for breakfast and lunch, for dinner 80-100. The commissioners cooked and prepared Mr. Hoover's recipe brisket. R.B. Brown cooked and prepared pulled pork. Terry and Diane and the Galt group cooked fish for everyone. We thank each one of your for the wonderful food.

Angie Fields was with us the first five days with delightful desserts, cobblers, cherry cheese cakes, and breads. Everyone who brought goodies for everyone to munch on are greatly appreciated.

Donations of two hogs, hamburger, Mr. Dell's potatoes, spaghetti, macaroni and linguine were greatly appreciated.

This year the FFAM Fire Department purchased a corn dog machine which hopefully will be enjoyed by everyone for years to come.

Again, thank you to everyone for an excellent fair and all the work. This couldn't have been done without all of you. See you in August 2015.

Mama Joyce



Kansas City Chiefs

Season and Individual Game Ticket Offer

The Kansas City Chiefs will make their 2014 regular season debut on Sunday, September 7th vs. The Tennessee Titans! The Chiefs and the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri are teaming up to offer members a chance to be part of the action at Arrowhead Stadium. The 2014 home schedule is stacked with teams like the Patriots and Seahawks as well as divisional rivals Broncos, Raiders and Chargers.

To Obtain the Discounted Ticket PROMO Code e-mail Jaime Miller: ffam.jmiller@gmail.com

To Order Full Season Tickets or Pick 5 call 816-920-4893 and to order Individual Game Tickets visit: oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/chiefs/EN/promotion/home

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9/29 - 7:30 PM

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11/16 - NOON*

11/30 - 7:30*

12/14 - NOON*

12/28 - NOON*

HARVEST THE FUN! 2014 MISSOURI STATE FAIR FD

By Public Information Officer Joe Jennings

The service provided by the Missouri State Fair Fire Department (MSFFD) for 2014 has come to an end. For the 52nd year, the MSFFD provided service to the 400 acre Missouri State Fairgrounds and the average 30,000 to 50,000 daily attendees. The completely volunteer staff for the MSFFD consisted of members from agencies from throughout Missouri, with a diverse background of career and volunteer fire fighting personnel.

The 2014 Missouri State Fair presented an unusual weather pattern for August providing a decent amount of soaking rain and mild temperatures however, the cooler than usual weather pattern did not hamper the workload for the only 11 day fully operational fire department in the United States.

The MSFFD responded to a total of 132 calls for service in 2014 (142 in 2013). These calls for service included 91 medical or trauma responses, 3 transfers from the fairgrounds to Bothwell Regional Health Center, and 5 miscellaneous fire responses which included a motor vehicle accident with injuries and a carbon monoxide incident. The MSFFD also provided 33 standbys for special events. In addition to calls for service, the first aid station located in the firehouse treated 240 patients (186 in 2013).

The MSFFD responded to two major incidents which garnered attention in local media outlets, as well as international attention in the fire service.

The first major incident occurred Sunday, August 10. Two juveniles were injured after a pick-up truck collided with a camper where they were sleeping.

The accident occurred at approximately 9:00 p.m. in the campground utilized by fair patrons showing sheep. The pick-up truck driver's foot became stuck to the accelerator due to mud on his boots. The truck accelerated and struck a parked truck before travelling through a chain

link fence and colliding with a parked SUV, which then struck the camper where the juveniles were sleeping. The force of the collision threw the juveniles out of their bed.

The Missouri State Fair Fire Department arrived and provided medical treatment to the parties involved in the accident. The two juveniles were transported to Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia by Missouri State Fair Fire Department ambulances, both with minor injuries. The driver of the pick-up truck was not injured.

The second incident occurred at approximately 2:48 p.m., Tuesday, August 12. The MSFFD responded to the Mathewson Exhibition Center to investigate a report of possible elevated Carbon Monoxide (CO) levels during an antique tractor show.

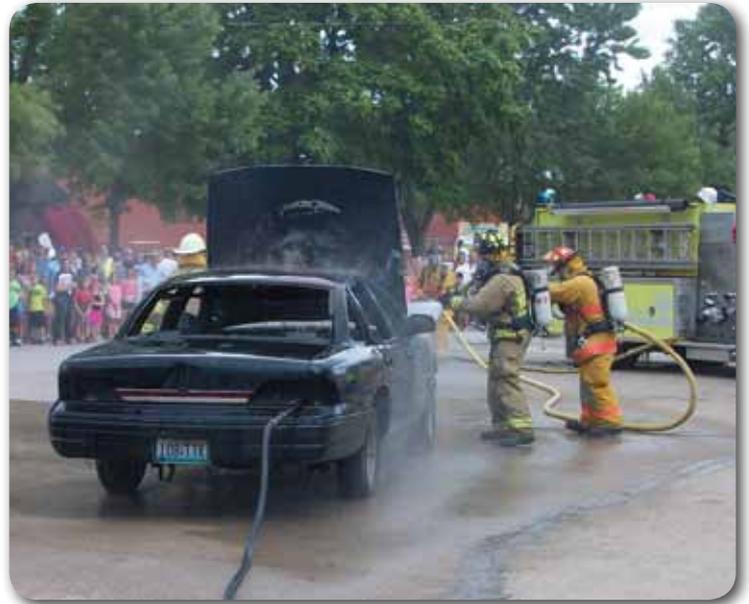
When the initial MSFFD engine company arrived and began to enter the large arena, a CO level of 140 ppm was present. The engine company donned PPE and SCBA and began an evacuation of the building. During the investigation at the arena, the highest reading of over 170 ppm was found. All four engine companies arrived to assist with evacuations and ventilation of the arena. Four of the five MSFFD ambulances were used as a mass casualty incident was declared and triage area established.

As a result of the high CO levels, over 20 individuals who had been in the arena were evaluated at the scene. Two patients were transported to Bothwell Regional Health Center with CO exposure symptoms. At 4:45 p.m. CO levels in the Mathewson Exhibition Center were determined to be safe and normal activities, without the antique tractors, resumed.

In addition to providing fire and medical service to the fairgrounds, crews conducted over 1,000 man hours of public relations activities. Personnel distributed hundreds of 9 volt and AA batteries, donated by Energizer Battery, to fair patrons for use in home smoke alarms. Crews provided two sessions of hands-on fire extinguisher training for the public as well as a vehicle fire demonstration, vehicle extrication demonstration and a vehicle extrication tools demonstration. The MSFFD in partnership with the Warrensburg Fire Department provided a fire sprinkler demonstration which was well attended.

Each year, the MSFFD provides exceptional fire and emergency medical service to the patrons of the Missouri State Fair. In addition to providing this service, the MSFFD serves as the face of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. The 11 days the MSFFD is in full service operating out of the small firehouse in Sedalia





is likely the largest interaction with the public for the FFAM. This is also a great opportunity for the FFAM to reach out and present a fire safety message to everyone who stops by the firehouse. Thank you to the FFAM for continued support of the MSFFD operations.

The Missouri State Fair Fire Department provides fire and medical response during the State Fair. The Missouri State Fair Fire Department is the only fully operational fire department in the United States that operates for only 11 days a year. The Department is staffed with dedicated volunteers 24 hours per day throughout the State Fair providing fire suppression and advanced life support emergency medical services.



Missouri State Fair Fire Department personnel were awarded for their outstanding work during the 2014 Fair. Those members are as follows:

- Dispatcher Kim Branscum, NER-IV, Dispatcher of the Year
- Dispatcher Braden LeMaster, Southern Stone County FPD, Junior of the Year
- Paramedic Andrew Sikes, Fredricktown FD, EMT of the Year
- Firefighter Koty Davis, Cosby-Helena FPD, Firefighter of the Year



The Missouri State Fair Fire Department would like to thank the following donors. Without the assistance from these donors, the Department would not have been able to operate.

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- Union Fire Protection District
- Southern Stone County FPD
- Jefferson City Fire Department
- Johnson County Ambulance District
- St. Clair EMS
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- Union Ambulance District
- Chillicothe Emergency Services
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**Firefighter Association of Missouri
Partner Ticket Pass - 2014 Special Offer**

The St. Louis Rams and the FFAM are partnering to offer members discounted tickets to all Rams home games in 2014

Tickets starting at \$54 per game - Savings up to \$25 per ticket
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A WORD FROM OFFICER 4, MO STATE FAIR FD

I would like to say thanks to everyone involved with the fair. This year was another huge success because of you. We had fairly good weather and no large problems. We had a few situations and you stepped up and made us look good. The 29 was a hit with the kids young and old. The firefighters all took their stand at P.R. in front of the station and all the training went very well according to the comments.

A salute to Chief R.B. Brown and his handpicked staff for performing so well in every situation. We had some very good cooking from several groups as well as the kitchen staff as always. We sold several extra shirts and I still have some for sale

if interested. Duty shirts, no pocket shirts to the public, and seconds of both. If you want some just give me a call.

I would also like to say thank you to the vendors around the state that helped me with the special gifts for the history drawings. Mike McNeal from Sentinel, Kevin Mochel from VFIS, Peggy Roberts from hmrisk.com, Chief Gyger of Southern Stone FPD and MO Pipeline Association.

We will have a change in procedure to get in the fairgrounds to work the fair next year so make sure you pay close attention to your acceptance letter and procedure letter when you receive them. Also pay close

attention to your application when you fill it out. Make sure you fill it out completely and legible so we don't make any mistakes with assignment and shirt orders

We had lots of new people at the fair this year and touched a lot of lives forever and next year we expect to have another large group of new folks that the new ones this year said they were going to bring. We are already getting ready for next year so to everyone that said they were bringing some one back, better get busy it will be here before you know it.

If I don't see you soon I will see you next year. — Steve Gentry

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL

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Saturday - September 27, 2014
10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Herculaneum City Park
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JOHNSON COUNTY FPD PROMOTIONS

The Johnson County Fire Protection District has had a Junior Fire Fighter program in place since 1999 and we have had the pleasure of having numerous young people pass through the program with many of them staying on as adult members. This announcement is testament to the hard work and dedication exhibited by two former Junior Firefighters who will now be serving the District at the Division Chief level.

Stephen Runyon began his service with the district in late 2000 in the firefighting area of the district where he still serves today. He has served as a firefighter, lieutenant and captain and has been serving in a dual captain's position spreading his time between his Station 5 duties and his captain duties with the Water Rescue Division. For the past several months Captain Runyon has also been serving as the interim lead of the Water Rescue Division. He has completed numerous hours of training in both the fire and water rescue areas and has also been certified as an open water diver.

Captain Runyon has now been promoted to the Division Chief-Water Rescue while still serving as the Station 5 Captain. Division Chief Runyon will balance his time and level of authority between the fire and water rescue branches of the District.

Ken Jennings began his service with the District in 1999 as one of the original Junior Firefighters. He has served as a firefighter, lieutenant and captain with his most recent assignment being with the District's Training Division. Captain Jennings is a state certified Fire Instructor II, Fire Investigator, Fire Officer I and holds many other certificates and training authorizations. He has been instrumental in the overall vehicle rescue training program conducted by the District and has played an important role in the acquisition of various rescue related tools and equipment. Captain Jennings has now been promoted to the Division Chief-Training.



Division Chief Stephen Runyon



Division Chief Ken Jennings

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30 Porter Mill Spring Road
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FORT OSAGE FPD

Thank you to the Department of Conservation grant that provided the Osage Fire Protection District with Indian Fire Packs, Motorola Pagers and Kenwood KSC 355 Radios.

Missouri Department of Conservation Resource Technician Michael Schulte and OFPD Chief Dennis Braun.



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PALMYRA RESPONDS TO LOCAL FIRE

Palmyra Fire was dispatched at 0634 to a report of a structure fire in the downtown business district of Palmyra. The building was home to a second hand store. Upon arrival, heavy fire was observed at the back of the structure at the B/C corner; as the building was unoccupied, a defensive attack was utilized. The primary concern was a law office on the D side of the building. Mutual aid assistance was requested from the Hannibal Fire Department in order to utilize their ladder capability to establish a “wall of water” between the two structures. The second hand store was a total loss, the law office suffered no damage. While the cause of the fire is not considered suspicious, it remains under investigation by the Missouri State Fire Marshall’s office.



Photo Courtesy of the Palmyra Spectator of a Structure Fire on May 25th

WEST PECULIAR FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

West Peculiar Fire sponsored the MU FRTI School Bus Rescue class on August 23 and 24. There were 15 participants from 3 different agencies. The class was funded by a grant from the Missouri Division of Fire Safety. The bus was provided by Easley’s Auto Auction in Orrick, MO and transported by GT Tow, both free of charge.

We will also be hosting the MU FRTI Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Techniques for Structural Firefighters course on Saturday, November 22 at West Peculiar Fire Station 1.



West Peculiar Fire will be hosting a Cass County Fire School with instructors from all over the Kansas City area on October 10 and 11. We will be offering lectures on Friday night and hands-on-training of Saturday. Check out our Facebook page for more information.



DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

David Hedrick
Director



University of Missouri Extension, Fire and Rescue Training Institute

Every day Missourians are aided by fire and emergency responders who have received training through the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI). Our students, in their career or volunteer roles as firefighters and emergency responders, are directly providing life saving measures and conserving property from fire and other disasters. Still, after 82 years playing a prominent role in firefighter training, MU FRTI is proud to continue providing exceptional training and education to our state and nation's emergency responders. With the knowledge and skills they learn in our courses, they truly are saving lives. That is why we believe that the Institute's motto, "we save lives," is as applicable today as it has always been.

Through the partnerships and assistance of Missouri's state agencies, associations, and organizations, elected officials, and you, our loyal constituents, MU FRTI has had another successful year in the delivery of training to our students. On behalf of the Institute's faculty and staff, we thank you for supporting and utilizing the Institute's training programs and resources. MU FRTI looks forward to continuing to provide quality fire and emergency service training programs for Missouri's emergency first responders.

In FY14, MU FRTI conducted 674 classes with a total enrollment of 13,958 students for the fiscal year. The training received by those students equates to 169,243 student instructional hours. Through MU FRTI's field extension program, the Institute reached students in 99% of Missouri's 114 counties in the state. To make training as accessible as possible at the local level, MU FRTI continued to deliver training directly to the student

with our instructors and mobile training props and support vehicles traveling over 387,000 miles. MU FRTI was honored to play this significant role in providing needed training across the state; and we look forward to continuing to serve you, the Fire Service of Missouri, in this next fiscal year.

As we reviewed some of the statistical data from the courses conducted in FY14, it was interesting to see that MU FRTI's student composition tracks similarly to fire training programs in other states. Approximately 87% of the Institute's students registered as being part of the fire service. Other emergency responders such as EMS and Law Enforcement accounted for 3% of our enrollment totals. The remaining 10% included employees from other categories such as local, state, and federal government, and industry. In addition, the data showed that emergency responders understand the importance of continuing education and training throughout their time as career or volunteer fire and emergency service responders. Based on FY14 student data, 10% of MU FRTI students had less than one year of in-service experience, while 47% had 1 to 10 years, 25% had 11 to 20 years, and 18% had over 20 years of in-service experience.

Although we are only two months into FY15, the Institute already has a significant number of courses scheduled with fire departments throughout the state. A current list of scheduled classes and locations is available on the MU FRTI website under "Training Schedule." As reported in the last FFAM Newsletter, MU FRTI was pleased to be the recipient of FY15 Firefighter Training Funds from the Division of Fire Safety and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory

Commission. Through this and other state and federal funding, MU FRTI provides no-cost training to the fire service. I encourage each fire department to contact your MU FRTI Regional Training Coordinator or our main office to discuss your department's training needs and see how the Institute can assist in providing courses to meet your training initiatives in FY15.

Last month on Legislative Day at the State Fair, I again had the opportunity to visit with the officers and personnel of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department (SFFD). I wish to extend my appreciation to the SFFD, Fire Chief R.B. Brown, and Fire Fighters Association of Missouri (FFAM) President Kenneth Hoover for the invitation and hospitality. As always, they did a great job of providing fire protection and medical services to the attendees and workers of the State Fair. Providing the management and staffing of the SFFD, is one of the many important services that the FFAM and its members provide.

The MU FRTI Annual Instructor Conference is scheduled to be held on October 24-26, 2014, at the Country Club Hotel and Spa at the Lake of the Ozarks. The conference is designed for those preparing and presenting training programs for fire, rescue and EMS personnel, and public fire education. The conference continues to provide learning opportunities for both new and experienced fire and emergency service instructors. Workshops for the conference include: "Fire Dynamics in Structures: Ventilation, Flow Paths & Exterior Attack," "Presentation is Everything: Mastering the Instructor's Tools of the Trade," and "The Instructor's Technology Toolbox." Also, again this year, MU FRTI will be providing Preconference



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09/17	Preparing for Initial Company Operations	Ozark	Jay Bradley	417-581-4436
09/19	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Alton	Eddie Johnson	417-270-1169
09/19	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Shelbina	Vernon Cash	660-651-9492
09/20	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Ravenwood	Bryan Soboka	660-582-1365
09/26	School Bus Rescue	Gainesville	Wendy Bales	417-274-3760
09/26	Preparing for Initial Company Operations	Seymour	Shawn Crump	417-464-4042
09/27	Rail Safety for Emergency Responders	Republic	Lynn Morgan	417-872-6512
10/01	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Moberly	Robert Creed	660-651-0371
10/03	Incident Safety Officer	Mountain Grove	Mark Bushong	417-259-0302
10/03	School Bus Rescue	Piedmont	Leo Glovando	573-223-2218
10/10	Mobile Water Supply Operations	Billings	Mike Moore	417-299-0129
10/10	Farm Machinery Rescue	Butler	Jim Henry	660-679-6323
10/10	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Jackson	Alvin Frank	573-979-3810
10/10	Outdoor Search and Rescue Practices	Fredericktown	Bill Starkey	573-783-2713
10/11	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Wardell	David Byrd	573-724-1168
10/17	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	West Plains	Wayne Cormier	417-293-4211
10/17	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Richland	Rick Hobbs	573-512-0066
10/17	Mobile Water Supply Operations	Urbana	Rod Ziggler	417-955-1425
10/17	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Theodosia	Ryan Trotter	417-839-5463
10/18	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Laurie	Ed Hancock	573-374-4442
10/18	Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations	Jackson	Alvin Frank	573-979-3810
10/18	Mobile Water Supply Operations	Jackson	Alvin Frank	573-979-3810
10/24	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Rolla	Chris Franklin	314-719-6220
10/30	Outdoor Search and Rescue Practices	Bolivar	Ken Witt	417-343-5141
10/31	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Alton	Mark Arnold	417-280-7055
11/01	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Glasgow	Jayce Olendorf	573-529-3007
11/01	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Cole Camp	Gregory Cole	660-221-4967
11/01	Courage To Be Safe So Everyone Goes Home	St. Robert	Shay Mason	573-512-0109
11/01	Leadership, Accountability, Culture and Knowledge	St. Robert	Shay Mason	573-512-0109
11/01	Firefighter Line of Duty Death and Injury — Why	Holden	Jaime Miller	660-747-5220

Train-the-Trainer classes in a variety of subject areas. Preconference participants will receive the curriculum and training that will enable them to deliver the selected class to their own agency as a MU FRTI Registered Program. To participate in the preconference courses the student must be a state certified Fire Instructor through the Division of Fire Safety. The Missouri Division of Fire Safety has approved 8 hours continuing education credits for Train-the-Trainer

courses and 12 hours for the weekend conference. For full conference information, go to our website at www.mufrti.org.

MU FRTI remains committed to the University's directive for the Institute of providing training and education that will develop and enable more competent and safer firefighters as well as safer communities for the citizens of Missouri and beyond. Thank you for your continued support of the Institute and the training

programs we provide. If the MU FRTI staff or I can be of assistance, please contact us at 800-869-3476 or 573-882-4735. For more information regarding the Institute, go to our website at www.mufrti.org.

David E. Hedrick

David Hedrick, Director
Fire and Rescue Training Institute
University of Missouri Extension

AN UPDATE FROM THE



2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Charlie Neubert

Well the 2014 Missouri State Fair is now in the history books. We had a good fair this year with perfect weather the whole time. I want to thank all of the command staff for all that they have done to make this year special. I also want to thank all of your membership that sign up and attended the fair. This is one of the biggest events where so many of your membership get to visit and work together as a team. It is truly remarkable how it all works.

A very special thank you to all of the departments that gave us equipment to operate this year's fair. I am only going to list the pumper and ambulance units in this article, Chief Brown and his staff will address the others.

FIRST THE EMS:

- Ray County Ambulance and Mac Rodger for the use of and ambulance and an EMS cart
- Chillicothe EMS and Darrell Wright for the use of an ambulance and an EMS cart
- Johnson County Ambulance District and Shane Lockard for the use of an ambulance
- Audrain County EMS and Kevin Cash for a EMS cart
- Union Ambulance District and Ken Koch for the use of an ambulance. Union has been sending us and ambulance for the fair for at least the last 25 years! Thank you so very much!
- St. Clair Ambulance District and Jamie Clayton for the use of an ambulance.

FOR THE ENGINE COMPANIES:

- Union Fire Protection District and Chief Hamilton for the use of a fire truck.
- Jefferson City Fire Department and Chief Turner for the use of a fire truck and public relations material. Jefferson City has been donating a truck for many, many years now. Thank you very much for your service to the MSFFD!

- Johnson County Fire Protection District and Chief Jennings. Chief Jennings is always a big help to us with a use of a pumper, burn props, and public relation props and materials. Chief, thank you!
- Southern Stone County Fire Protection District and Chief Gyger for the use of a pumper.

This list is not even close to being completed, we have so many people that donate so much. But like I said the Chief and his staff will have a complete list. We will be starting to put together equipment for the 2015 fair in the next few months so please if your department would like to donate equipment please contact me by e-mail at cneuber24@aol.com or at 636-262-2408.

The State Fair, I feel is one of the best tools the FFAM has for your membership to be active within your organization. I truly am proud to be part of the FFAM, the State Fair Fire Department and a firefighter!

Charlie Neubert,
2nd Vice President

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