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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

**Kenneth Hoover
President**

Greetings Fellow Firefighters



First and foremost, please check out our brand new FFAM.org website. It looks great and is very user friendly. Thanks to everyone that worked so hard to get it designed and up and running.

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather. This has been the nicest fall that I can remember for many years and we are finally receiving some much needed rain. But the nice fall weather has also brought the normal fall activities we all can expect.

The fall season also brings the traditional turkey and deer hunting season. I wish all

of you the best of luck with your search for those trophies and again, practice safe habits, and please be careful.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Halloween will have passed and Thanksgiving and Christmas will be quickly approaching. The holidays are always a special time for many of us to get together and give thanks for the year and to share our blessings with one another. There are many friends I have had the pleasure of meeting during my 39 years in the fire service, and each one holds a special place in my life. Life passes so quickly it seems, so please take

the time to fellowship and to cherish each others friendship.

Speaking of Christmas, all of our spouses are always asking what we would like for Christmas, well, I have a suggestion. Don Wilmshire, from the Fire Fighters Memorial/Museum Foundation still has "Foot in the Door" raffle tickets for sale that will help build the museum in Kingdom City. They are \$100 each and have a cash prize for three winners and you will also receive a lifetime pass to the museum. Please contact Don, or any of the memorial foundation board members for tickets. Remember, it will be up to each one of us to do our share to insure that the museum gets built. If you would like tickets to sell, Don can also help you in that area too. Don can be contacted at 314-974-5497.

I would like to report that all of the FFAM Committees have been meeting and working hard to serve the membership of FFAM. Please check the committee deadlines for applying for awards and scholarships. I would like to thank each chairperson and their committee for all of their hard work and efforts. Please remember, if you need anything at all from the committees, do not hesitate contacting them.

I would like to remind all committee chairpersons that your budget request for 2014 are due to 1st Vice President Tim Bean before the December 1, 2013 meeting. Again, I do not want to just see a number, but your detailed request showing your plans for 2014. We will be voting on the budget request in December at Sedalia. Remember, we will be meeting in the National Guard building downstairs on the west side.

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Randy Cole
Fire Marshal

FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Missouri Division of Fire Safety



Six months after (11) firefighters representing five local area fire departments were killed in the April 2013 fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas; EPA, OSHA and ATF have issued an advisory on storage, handling and management of ammonium nitrate. This is part of an ongoing federal effort to improve chemical safety regarding ammonium nitrate in relation to proper building design, storage containers and fire protection at facilities. I encourage all, but especially those of you who have primary response to chemical facilities within your jurisdiction to ensure your emergency response plans are up to date and maintained. More information related to this advisory can be viewed via www.epa.gov/oem/docs/chem/AN_advisory.pdf.

In the January/February 2013 FFAM newsletter, an article, "Keep Hope Alive" was featured which highlighted the impact first responders have on potential organ donation viability when their patient cannot be saved. The article written by Debra Simaitis, mother of an organ donor and a member of the Governor's Organ Donation Advisory Committee, mentioned a future training program targeting first responders and actions they can perform to ensure organ donation can remain viable. The training is now available online and those successfully completing the training are eligible for one hour of CEU toward their EMS certification. Go to www.health.mo.gov/organdonor. Click on the link to "Keep Hope Alive" training and register to participate. Your participation may allow you to save multiple lives by taking the appropriate action at fatal accident scenes. Whether you need CEU's or not, I recommend all first responders take 30 minutes and watch the training video.

Earlier this year the Missouri Association of Fire Chiefs (MAFC) established a Fire Sprinkler Coalition for the purpose of coordinating educational and advocacy efforts to promote fire sprinklers in Missouri. As you recall during the 2011 legislative session, legislation passed prohibiting local jurisdictions from including residential sprinkler installation requirements contained within the International Residential Code (IRC) until 2019. This past legislative session a proposed bill sought to remove the December 31, 2019 date thus making mandatory residential sprinkler installation a permanent prohibition for local jurisdictions. In an attempt to curtail future legislative efforts to prohibit mandatory residential sprinkler installation in new residential construction, MAFC is taking the lead by forming the coalition to be inclusive of all possible stake holders, to include Home Builder's Association. Raising the level of awareness not only to law makers and the public, but to the fire service as well as to the benefits and effectiveness of residential sprinkler systems will be a huge factor in our success. Stayed tuned for more information as MAFC continue to move forward with these efforts. I encourage you to think about enhancing public awareness to residential fire sprinklers in your local areas. If you need further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. The Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition website (www.homefiresprinkler.org) has great educational information as well.

In relation to residential sprinklers, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) released an update on home fire sprinkler cost assessment. The assessment purpose was to review current costs against the 2008 benchmark study so as

to better understand how the increased widespread adoption of sprinkler ordinances impacts system costs. Cost is an issue MAFC is also including in their discussions. The NFPA study can be viewed via www.nfpa.org/research/fire-protection-research-foundation/reports-and-proceedings/suppression/home-fire-sprinklers/home-fire-sprinkler-cost-assessment-final-report.

At last some good news from our leaders at the National level! The 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) application period is now open. The period opens on November 4th and closes on December 6th. This fiscal year funding level will provide nearly \$321 million, less 10% of that funding to be set aside for the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant program.

Grant guidance for these programs is available at www.grants.gov. Also, the "Get Ready Guide" is available at www.fema.gov/pdf/firegrants/Get_Ready_Guide.pdf, which may be useful to applicants and is provided to answer questions to help prepare grant applications.

None of us want to imagine having to experience a response to an active shooter/intruder, but unfortunately too many such incidents are occurring across the U.S. including here in Missouri. The U.S. Fire Administration has recently released a guide, "Active Shooter and Mass Casualty Incidents" which may be a resource for fire and EMS used to support planning and preparation for these types of incidents. Stakeholders involved in the development of the guide included fire, pre-hospital EMS, law enforcement, hospital medical and trauma care personnel.

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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 AM, Sunday, October 6, 2013 at the Woman's Building, Missouri State Fairgrounds 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 2, Greg Wright – Shelbina FD; District 3, Larry Jones – Madison West Monroe FPD; District 5, James Kelbaugh – Southern Stone FPD; District 6, Richard Gordon – Cole County FPD; District 7, RB Brown – Eureka FD; District 11, Monty Thompson – Kearney FPD.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS:

District 1, Janet Cain – Braymer FR; District 3, Rob Erdle – Little Dixie FPD; District 6, Gary Berendzen – Cole County FPD; District 11, Roger Meyers – Concordia FPD; District 14, Glenn Dittmar – South Central Buchanan County FD.

GUESTS:

David Hedrick – MU FRTI; Larry Jennings, Joe Jennings, Larry Eggen – Johnson County FPD; Donald Vaucher, Harriett Vaucher – Eureka FPD; Steve Gentry – Little Dixie FPD; Cy Fields – Paris Rural FPD; Ben Wolverton – Eastern Randolph Rural Fire; Ricky Nesmith, Shannon Wenkel – Southern Stone FPD;

Joyce Thompson – Kearney FPD.

AGENDA:

President Hoover asked for additions to the agenda. RB 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 August 4, 2013 board meeting minutes. Larry Jones moved to accept the minutes as presented. Glenn Dittmar seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

President Hoover asked for a review of the August/September 2013 financial reports. RB Brown moved to accept the financial report as presented. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S):

David Hedrick with MU FRTI reported that October 11-13 will be the Instructors Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks.

This week is Fire Prevention Week. The theme is Prevent Kitchen Fires.

February 7-9, 2014 is Winter Fire School. Information will be out soon.

The 2013 MU FRTI annual report is now available in hard copy and online. 597 classes were delivered in the fiscal year with more than 13,000 students and more than 1,000 fire departments and agencies serviced. Contact your regional coordinator if interested in any hosting a class.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary Miller reported that thank you letters were received from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for donations from the FFAM and Missouri State Fair Fire Department for their National

Fallen Firefighters Survivors Conference in 2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chief Jennings reported that no new information has been received regarding the grant.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hoover reported that the National Weather Service will hold their presentation in December. The topic was tabled.

Secretary Miller reported that there are currently 955, 50th Anniversary books and 235, 25th Anniversary books in inventory. Discussion was held on distribution of the remaining books. Rex Reynolds moved that Secretary Miller disseminate the books as necessary. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

Pam Carsten with the Auxiliary requested t-shirt donations for a t-shirt quilt that the Auxiliary will make and raffle at convention. Those with t-shirts to donate can bring them to the December meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

Larry Jennings reported that the awards forms have been updated and will be available on the website. The deadline is February 28.

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Tim Bean reported that budget will be finalized at the December meeting.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

Rex Reynolds reported that a report will be given in December. President Hoover advised that he would like to appoint Ryan Miller and Jonathan Evans to the Bylaws Committee. Discussion followed. Charlie Neubert moved to appoint Ryan Miller and Jonathan Evans to the Bylaws

Committee. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE:

David Hedrick reported that the Federal of Fire Chaplains conference will be October 27-30, in Seattle, Washington. The National Fallen Firefighter Survivors Conference will be held May 4-9, 2014 in Clayton, MO.

The board and guests held a moment of silence to recognize those being honored at the National Fallen Firefighters ceremony.

The chaplain with Marshfield Fire Protection District will be one of the guest speakers at the annual memorial in May.

CONTEST COMMITTEE:

Richard Gordon reported that a few more items have been purchased for the contests.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE:

Larry Jones reported that there are two departments interested in hosting convention in 2015 and 2016. He will advise once proposals have been received.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

No report was given.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE:

RB Brown reported that he has received lots of contact regarding the poster contest. The deadline for posters is the Friday night of convention.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

No report was given.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Charlie Neubert reported the following membership counts: 435 Directors/Councilman; 231 Retired; 11 Associate; 7 Sustaining; 11 Corporate, 360 Departments; 7884 Active.

Discussion was held on a retirement plan for members. Tim Bean moved to proceed with research on a retirement plan and for a presentation to be held at the December meeting. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

Charlie Neubert reported that the FFAM

would be placing a half page ad in the American Legion Boys State annual yearbook which promotes the FFAM and fire services membership throughout the state.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

Keith Smith reported that there have been no nominations for the District 8 or 12 positions. President Hoover advised that he has been in contact with an individual who may be interested in filling one of the vacant positions.

NVFC COMMITTEE:

Keith Smith reported there is no new information dealing with legislation however the NVFC is currently working on exceptions to the Affordable Health Care Act as it pertains to departments with 50+ employees who are volunteers.

Keith Smith reported that he and Rob Erdle will be attending the fall NVFC meeting in College Station, TX. Discussion was held on the FFAM sponsoring a Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation statue at the annual auction.

The Iowa multi-state networking meeting will be held in November. If anyone is interested in attending on behalf of the FFAM, contact him.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Larry Eggen reported that the Continuing Education Scholarship proposal is in each packet and asked that the board review it for consideration for approval in December.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE:

Monty Thompson reported that 2013 fair was very well attended. The state of Missouri has agreed to allow Pettis County Ambulance District to rent the State Fair Fire Department building until January while their new facility is being constructed. The FFAM will receive \$250 per month as reimbursement of some facility expenses.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

Secretary Miller reported that the new website should be up and running within the next two weeks.

NEWSLETTER:

The deadline for the next newsletter is November 1.

HISTORIAN REPORT:

Kay Asher reported that she has received several shirts and badges from "retired" departments.

FOUNDATION REPORT:

Keith Smith reported that Dr. Baker, who has been handling fundraising for the foundation, now has a revised contract and will be receiving 8% commission on any amounts raised.

The Foundation website is now finished and available.

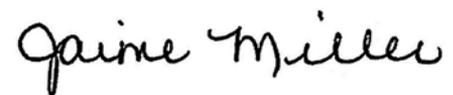
He reported that the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team that responded to assist in Arizona was recognized as a lead group for several key aspects of the funeral services for the fallen firefighters.

Harriett Vaucher reported they are still looking for sponsors for the 2014 National Fallen Firefighters Survivors Conference in Clayton, MO May 4-9. A list of fundraising activities is available on www.mofirefuneral.org.

President Hoover advised that the December 1 meeting will conclude with lunch at Golden Corral. All those attending need to advise Secretary Miller so that a proper head-count can be given to Golden Corral.

The next meeting will be held in the Mathewson Exhibition Center – National Guard Room on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

Charlie Neubert moved to adjourn the meeting. Glenn Dittmar seconded the motion. President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:25 AM.



Jaime Miller, Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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The guide can be downloaded at no cost from: www.usfa.fema.gov/fireservice/ops_tactics/disasters/.

In October, Governor Nixon recognized Missouri's LAST Team (Local Assistance State Team) by issuing a Governor's Proclamation for their assistance provided to the Prescott Arizona Fire Department in July when 19 firefighters were killed in the Yarnell Hills wildfire. Missouri LAST team members included; Harriett and Don Vaucher, Kate Moore, Gordon Fowlston, John Hesson, Greg Harrell, Paul Nordin, and team leader Brian Zinanni. The team was tasked with planning, coordinating and carrying out seven full-honor funeral services in just four days. I know I am speaking for the team, but I assure you it was a tremendous honor for the team to assist our fallen brothers who gave their lives in the line of duty. Being requested to assist in such an honorable event truly validates the respect and recognition Missouri's teams have at the National level. I, along with Missouri's fire service, am proud to support the teams. The team was presented with the Governor's Proclamation during the Greater St. Louis Fire Chief's Association Awards Ceremony.

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The Division's Fire Safety Inspection Unit has revitalized our efforts to assist local departments, businesses and communities in enhancing fire safety education and awareness. Our Public Fire Safety Education Specialist, Inspector Lianne Stone, along with support from two of our fire safety inspectors, is making public fire safety/awareness educational presentations upon request in an attempt to reach as many citizens as possible. Funding to support these efforts is provided largely from the Division's Fire Safe Cigarette Program. Statutorily, funding generated by this program is directed toward fire safety educational training. By no means are there unlimited funds, but this avenue has provided



Governor's Proclamation presented during the St. Louis Fire Chief's Association Awards Ceremony on October 28th to Missouri's LAST team members who supported LODD services for 19 Arizona firefighters killed in the Yarnell Hills fire.

the Division with educational material support for distribution at many community events throughout the state. If your department has a need for assistance in delivering fire safety education/awareness programs, please contact Deputy Chief Ron Thompson and we will work to facilitate fire prevention efforts in your community.

On October 2nd, Governor Nixon presented the Missouri Medal of Valor to nine public safety officers from across the state for their exceptional bravery and heroism in efforts to save lives and protect the public during 2012. Eight of those recognized were from law enforcement agencies with the other representing the fire service; Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Bacon, West County EMS and FPD.

On July 29, 2012, Firefighter/Paramedics Bacon and Cody Jennemann responded to a vehicle crash in which an SUV ran off the highway, rolled, and ended up overturned and on fire in the backyard of a residence. Bacon went to the aid of the driver as Jennemann went to the front of

the house to direct incoming firefighters with the necessary equipment. The driver was partially ejected and trapped under the vehicle as the fire encroached on the passenger compartment. The driver had no pulse and was not breathing. The fire was growing larger and time running out. Bacon, without regard for his own safety, entered the extremely hazardous fire area, managed to lift the overturned vehicle from the victim and roll it onto its side. Bacon then pulled the patient away from the fire. Bacon and Jennemann began advanced life support intervention, resuscitating the patient. He was transported to a hospital and, amazingly, made a complete recovery. Firefighter/Paramedic Bacon's heroic efforts undoubtedly saved the man's life.

It seems the call to duty runs in the Bacon family. Ironically, Kevin's brother, Tom, with Pattonville FPD, was a recipient of the 2012 Medal of Valor related to a 2011 incident in which Tom was instrumental in saving the lives of five individuals in a vehicle when the vehicle was overturned in front of the firehouse by an EF4 tornado.

“Congratulations to Kevin and once again to Tom for their life saving actions!”

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On November 3rd during the annual Missouri Association of Mutual Insurance Companies luncheon, the Jamesport Fire and Rescue was recognized as the association's Fire Department of the Year Award. Over the course of 15 years, Jamesport Fire and Rescue has dramatically improved the level of fire service provided to their community and touts an ISO rating of 6. This year a new fire station was constructed due to local community fund raising efforts to the tune of approximately \$160,000. Since 1999, the department has also been successful in attaining Federal funds to support enhanced communications, traffic safety equipment, and firefighting equipment. This award validates this department's progressive efforts to provide their community with the best emergency response possible. Congratulations!!

Once again, as we approach the Christmas season, as you are looking for the perfect gifts, I would like to encourage you to consider purchasing items that benefit the future Firefighter's Museum to be located in Kingdom City. A memorial Statue, foot in the door, t-shirts, brick, etc., are just a few examples of items available with proceeds going toward museum fund-raising efforts. Help out the cause, give a great gift and avoid the Christmas crowds!

On behalf of myself and the entire Division of Fire Safety staff we wish you and your family a very safe and happy holiday season!

Be safe!



Randy Cole,
Fire Marshal

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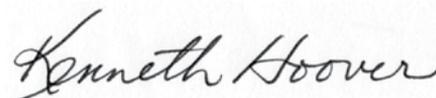
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The FFAM Board of Directors is currently looking at a life insurance benefit that might be added to your annual membership. I will keep you informed as we progress on this issue. I appreciate all of the FFAM officers and directors/assistant directors that attend meetings and participate in discussion and offer their expertise to better equip and educate the fire service in the State of Missouri.

As always, I am available if you need anything, do not hesitate to contact me at 573-581-6235 or at chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net.

Stay safe my friends, I hope you have a wonderful holiday season. God bless each and every one of you.



Kenneth Hoover, President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

by Grant Oetting

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce that the FFAM is offering four scholarships to High School seniors for this coming school year. The Association's commitment to education extends beyond the fire service. The FFAM makes available up to \$1000 in scholarships to the members and/or their dependents. Preference is given to first year college students and is based on the students need. Applications for scholarship fund may be obtained from the Scholarship Committee, Secretary-Treasurer, any of the FFAM Board of Director, or any of the FFAM Assistant Board of Director. Applications should be submitted to the scholarship committee on or before February 28th. Scholarships will be presented at the annual FFAM Convention. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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**Robert B. Brown
Director**

Hello to all and I hope all is well in your area of the state. Time seems to be flying as October has come and gone, which has brought an end to Fire Prevention Week. With all of the calls and e-mails I have received recently I expect the judging of the poster contest to be a challenge with the high number of entries. I continue to challenge Directors to have posters entered from each District.

As a reminder, all poster contest entries must be submitted by 7:00 PM on the Friday of the 2014 Convention in Festus. An early thank you to the FFAM Auxiliary for assisting in judging the poster contest again. The Auxiliary has done an excellent job in years past in judging the masterpieces submitted for the contest.

With the nip in the air it means Jack Frost is just around the corner. Remember to make sure your automobiles and apparatus are ready for the frozen precipitation that may be in the near future. Ensure your wipers are in good shape, tires are at their proper pressure with safe tread depth and all of the vehicle fluids are ready for the cold temperatures. Remember to have an ice scraper and extra blankets with you.

Take care, be safe, and until we meet again.

Robert B. Brown
District 7 Director

BEREAVEMENT UNIFORM PROGRAM

'Taking Care of Those Who Took Care of Us'



After fifteen years, the Lighthouse Uniform Company's Fallen Fire Fighter Dress Uniform Program has dropped the LODD requirement and is making a dress uniform for burial purposes available to any family wanting one. The new program is called the Bereavement Uniform.

It is a collaborative effort between the Fire Service and the Lighthouse Uniform Company. It calls for departments and firefighters to check their 'closets' for dress uniforms 'surplused' or no longer fitting and to send them in to the Lighthouse.

"Truly one of the most important ways to honor our departed member's courage, sacrifice and devotion to our departments and the fire service" — Chief Troy Shoemaker, President Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association

The Lighthouse cleans, refurbishes, reconfigures to rank and makes them available to any family requesting one for burial purposes, at 'no cost' to the family. The only charge is for freight which will be billed to the affiliated department.

The Bereavement Uniform Program (BUP) does not live on the Lighthouse website and a dedicated BUP webpage has been built to insure easy, timely access for all and from all indications,

the long term viability of the program is directly related to staying in a department's 'line of sight'.

To that end, please link the program to your department website.

When you do, the members of your department, active and retired, and their families will have easy, timely access, anonymity if so desired, and your linking will help keep the Bereavement Uniform Program at the top of internet searches.

<http://bereavement.lighthouseuniform.com>

If you need any help, have any questions, would like to engage the Bereavement Uniform Program, either to donate or receive, please don't hesitate to call. There is, of course, neither cost nor obligation, only the satisfaction of 'taking care of those who took care of us'.

Very best regards,

Steve Cohen, Pres.
Lighthouse Uniform Company



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History's CORNER

FIRE AND ARSON INVESTIGATION

EDUCATION OVER THE YEARS - PART 2

by Bill Westhoff

In the last issue of the newsletter we began a discussion of the organizations and agencies that supported the formation of the Fire Marshals office and fire investigation. This movement brought about lasting working relationships and many friendships as well. Another interesting benefit was the bringing together of law enforcement, fire and rescue agencies and insurance investigators for a common cause.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ARSON INVESTIGATORS MISSOURI CHAPTER

The I.A.A.I Missouri chapter continues to be a leader in the state to provide educational opportunities to all who fight the battle against arson and related crimes. Their mission is to unite for mutual benefit those public officials and private persons engaged in the investigation of the origin and cause of fires and the control of arson and kindred crimes; to provide technical information and encourage cooperation between agencies. Their annual educational conference for 2014 is scheduled to take place at Port Arrowhead Resort on June 20th thru 22nd.

P.F.F.I.A

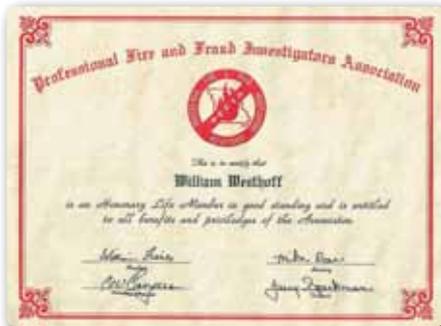
The Professional Fire and Fraud Investigators Association is a non-profit, professional association organized under Missouri law and has approximately 400 members throughout Missouri and surrounding states. Membership includes fire service, law enforcement and private industry. The Association's primary activities involve providing training for investigators as well as basic arson recognition training for emergency responders to fires and explosions. Additionally, P.F.F.I.A strives to provide a means

for communications and to exchange information between investigators and investigative agencies.

P.F.F.I.A also conducts an annual seminar. At their seminar, the association recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of fire investigation and arson prosecution through two awards given by the organization.

The Harry Hanson award recognizes individuals who have made significant contribution toward advancing fire investigation in the state of Missouri. (Harry Hanson's profile was in the previous article)

The Prosecutor of the year award recognizes individuals who realize the impact arson can have in the community and has worked to bring those responsible for the act of arson to justice.



FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI

The stated goal of this important state-wide organization is to unify the fire service of Missouri, as well as supporting industry into a group with similar goals; professional standards and ethics. With membership from every corner of the state, their mission is a simple one, "to

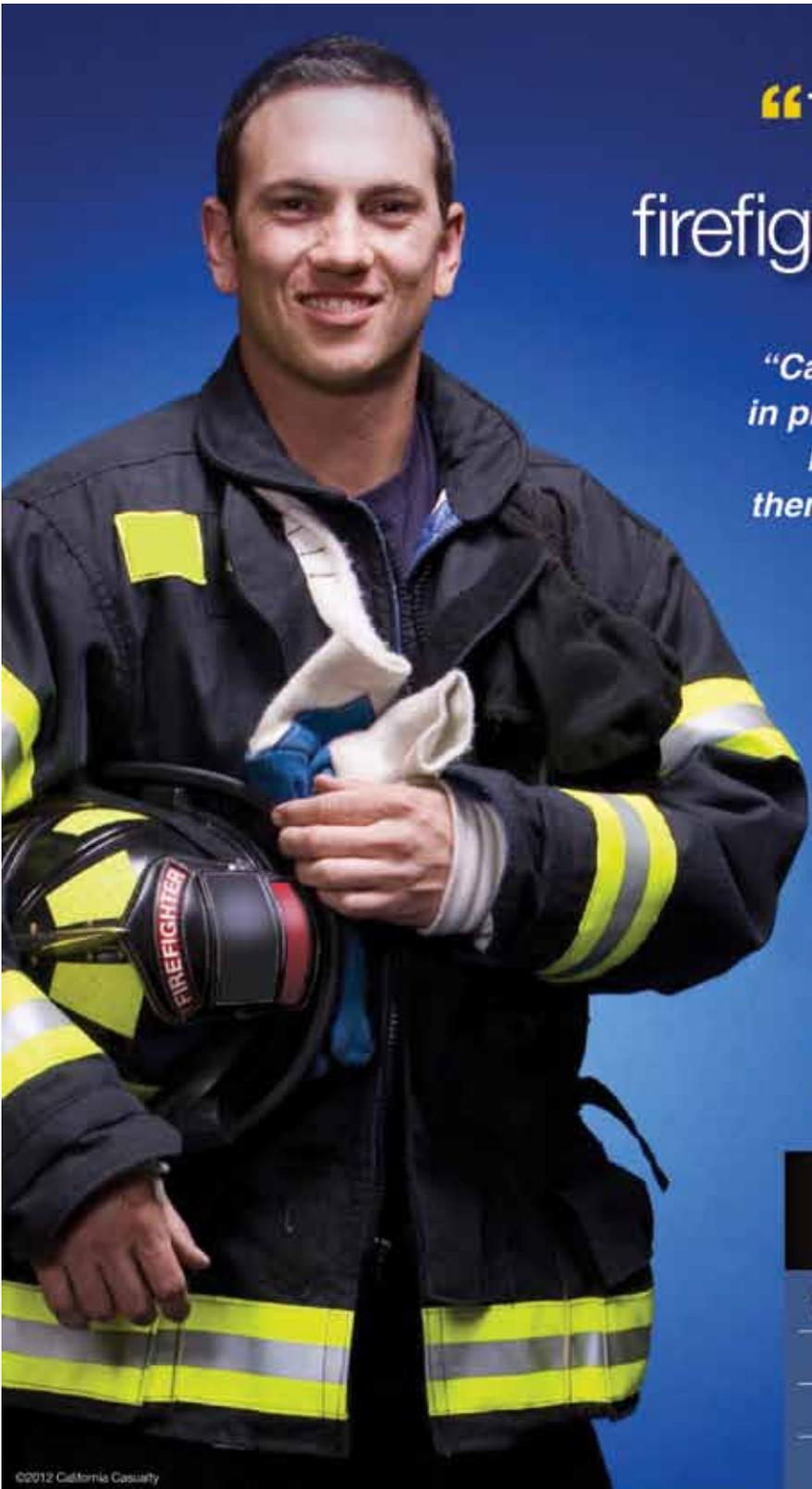
improve the quality of life throughout our great state". They seek to accomplish this through promoting a fire safe atmosphere and educating the public through the enforcement of building and fire codes.



COOPERATION

All of these professional organizations share the same goal as the lead organization of our state, the Missouri State Fire Marshal's office. That goal is to reduce the impact of arson activities in Missouri and make it a safer place for all of us to live. Arson is a heinous crime and puts us as firefighters in dangerous conditions, from the time we start our response till the fire control activities are completed. It also has a financial impact on every citizen of Missouri. The cooperation of all these organizations working together with the very professional staff of our Fire Marshal's office makes us all safer on the job. God speed- and continue your important task, for the good of all firefighters and the citizens of Missouri.





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BY RON BAKER

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Museum Website!
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In the last newsletter, I asked if anyone had an old fire truck that we could place on the site where the museum is planned. Good news! The Fruitland Fire Protection District is donating a 1964 Chevrolet truck for us to use. It will be trucked to our area in November and placed as soon as the board answers questions as to maintenance and policies. Thank you to the Fruitland FPD and to Tony Kelly for trucking it up here. A thank you also to David Kern of Fulton for providing temporary storage for the truck. We will be putting a banner on the truck saying "Future Home of the Missouri Fire Fighters' Museum", we have also have other offers that we may consider in the future. Thanks to all!



We received help from some of you during the last couple of months. Thanks to Brad Campbell and Lance Boyd of Dade County R4 RFPD for organizing a motorcycle ride on September 7th. They had 30 riders and contributed \$317 to our project fund. Also, there was a run in the St. Louis area on October 6. We tried to have volunteers at several locations to seek donations but were not able to fully staff this event. There were about 3,000 riders total. However, Rick Pender of the Riverspointe Fire Protection District was able to collect \$45. Thanks, guys and gals for your help. I would like to encourage other districts to do fund raising events like this. Every little bit helps. I would be willing to work with you in putting events together.



We raffled off a couple of items in our on-line raffle last month. Mary Schroeder of St. Joseph was the winner of the precious moments fire fighter figurine and Jill Onka of Independence won the Gary Pinkel autographed football.

For November, we are offering three items for you to consider. First, for those who like to eat, we have a "Diner's Bonanza" consisting of a gift package from Starbucks; coffee, tea, mug, other assorted items. Also included are gift certificates and appetizer coupons from Outback Steakhouse, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Chili's, and T.G.I. Friday's.



We also have a child's pedal fire truck. This is in really good condition and has all the working parts. Would make a great Christmas gift for a child.



Last, we have a firefighters' uniform for a child, size 3-6. Includes coat, helmet, bullhorn and fire extinguisher. Sorry it is too late for Halloween, but perfect for play time.



All raffle items are \$5 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$10. I encourage you to purchase your ticket(s) and pass the word to your friends. Items can be found at our website: www.missourifirefighters-museum.org. Click on "fund-raisers" and make your selection.

I appreciate all of your help in this endeavor. It is a daunting task, but one that is achievable if we all work together. Thanks for your support and encouragement.

NEWS FROM OFFICER



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Steve Gentry
State Fair FD

Once again we need to start planning for the State Fair, and all the things we have to do. The State Fair Fire Department Application is in the newsletter this month so if you would like to work the fair, fill it out and send it to Monty Thompson. Be sure you look it over because we have made some changes to it. We need detailed information on you to help our process and we need the entire form filled out legibly. If you need extra uniform shirts or even one for the kids, just let me know on the application and we may also be offering some for sale to the public. Without a doubt we are planning on just as good of a fair in 2014 as we had in 2013.

I still have lots of the State Fair Fire Department Anniversary Coins for sale for \$5.00 each. These would make good stocking stuffers. I will bring them to the December FFAM Meeting in Sedalia. Speaking of the holidays I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and to have a Merry Christmas.

See you at the Fair,
Steve Gentry, Officer 4
steve.gentry52@gmail.com



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FROM THE STATE FAIR KITCHEN

By Mama Joyce

A great fair, the weather was spectacular. I want to say "Thank you" to all who helped feed our firefighters, EMS, D-Mat, Sedalia firemen, and State Patrol. I so appreciated all the help Larry and Ann Jones, Gordon, all the firefighters, EMS, and officers gave.

Again, Monty and I celebrated our anniversary at the fair. Thank you for the camping weekend at Pony Express for Labor Day, it was greatly enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone who donated food items. If I name names, I'll forget someone - you know who you are. Thank you.

I hope that there was something prepared that you liked. Rice Krispie treats are a favorite along with cookies and vanilla and chocolate pudding.

Our Bar-B-Quers are the best. A big thanks to MFA/Larry Eggen for the propane grill. It makes my life a whole lot better. Again, thank you, Larry Eggen, Larry Jones, RB Brown, Roger Mattox, Rick Dozier, Mike Nelson, Chuck Heiss. If I missed someone I apologize - you were appreciated.

To the 2013 Officers - great job!!!

Hope to see all of you in 2014.

Be Safe,
Mama Joyce



FIRE DEPT ANXIOUS TO MOVE INTO DETENTION CENTER

By Matt Barba — Bolivar Herald Free Press

Walking through the 30th Judicial Circuit Youth Services Facility, Fire Chief Jim Ludden is not focused on what the former detention center used to be but what it can be.

The Bolivar Board of Aldermen approved the purchase of the juvenile detention center at its Thursday, Oct. 24, meeting with the intent of converting it into a fire house for the Bolivar City Fire Department and a police station for the Bolivar Police Department.

While no plans for renovating the station have been approved, city staff, including Ludden, have been touring the building to realize its potential for the city's future.

THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR

Depending on how the detention center is split up, visitors entering will have access to both fire and police personnel through two separate areas.

"Right now, we're thinking it's going to be split right down the middle, with the police taking the detention side and fire taking the shelter side," Ludden said.

Under one proposed idea, Ludden said the reception area would most likely belong to the police department, while his department's offices would be located

through the doors that formerly led to the center's visitation rooms.

Ludden said the fire department would utilize existing office space for its training, public information and building inspection officers. The center's kitchen would give firefighters a place to prepare meals, but it would also serve a secondary purpose in the event of emergencies.

"It's possible that sometime down the road a portion of this [building] could be converted to a disaster shelter and the kitchen would allow us to prepare food for people here," Ludden said.

A multi-purpose room that separates the two sides could be renovated into a training room, Ludden said, that would be utilized by both departments.

Beyond the multi-purpose room, the rooms that were used for the center's shelter, which housed youth who were removed from their homes, could be converted to sleeping bunks for firefighters.

Each of the rooms on the shelter side had two single beds. Ludden said the plans for the facility would be to widen the beds and include a desk in those being used by the department to give it more of a feeling like a dormitory.

Ludden said he would also like to see the department implement a residency program that would allow firefighters the chance to receive room and board in the fire house while working their regular shift. Similar programs have seen some success in other departments and Ludden said he could see it being implemented locally, although no plans have been developed at this time.

On the detention side, the cells each have a bed, two shelves and a combination sink and toilet. It is not clear what plans, if any, the police department has for renovating those rooms when the department moves into the building.

Another bonus to locating the fire department in the former detention center, Ludden said, is a garage structure where the department's pickup truck, used for a majority of calls, can be housed when not in use. In the event of a structure fire or rescue, on-shift firefighters would take the truck to the Springfield Avenue fire station to crew an engine before heading to the scene.

The building's basement contains two finished rooms, plans for which are still being discussed, and a large unfinished space.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



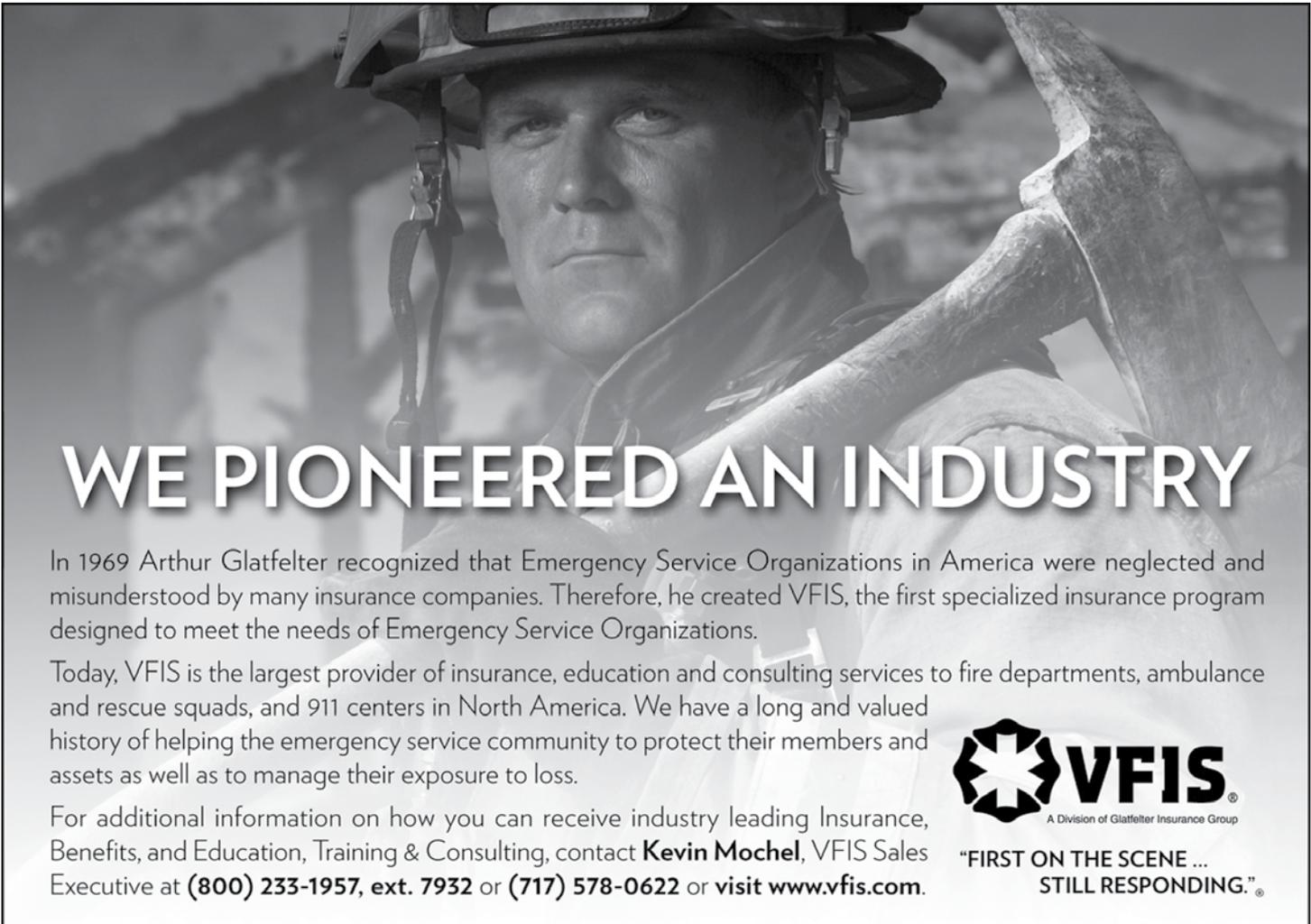
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Monty Thompson

The 2013 Missouri State Fair is history. And what history! The weather at this year's fair was just more than a person could ask for. While I was not there the first couple of days, it was one of the best fairs I believe in a long time. I would like to thank everyone that worked at the fair, who graciously gave of their time. Thank you to all the people who donated food, equipment or anything. To Chief RB Brown and his staff – hats off to a job very well done. RB Brown will again be Chief for the 2014 fair. The fair dates are August 7-14th for 2014.

It seems the seasons are confused this year. But we will take it. My wish is for everyone to have a great finish for the year 2013. I know everyone has been busy this year. As we head into the holiday season, let's not forget those who have made the great sacrifice for others' lives and property.

If I can be of service to anyone feel free to give me a call. See you in Festus for Convention.

Monty Thompson, State Fair Chair
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CEDAR HILL FPD IS ACCEPTING BIDS

RADIO EQUIPMENT

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Directors of the Cedar Hill Fire Protection District, Cedar Hill, Missouri for the sale of used radio equipment all of which are narrow band compliant and accessories. All equipment will be sold "as is" with no guarantees or warranties.

BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Directors of the Cedar Hill Fire Protection District, Cedar Hill, Missouri for the sale of a used Breathing Air Compressor. The equipment will be sold "as is" with no guarantees or warranties.

DETAILS

Specifications may be obtained at the District's Administrative Office at Station

#1 in Cedar Hill, Missouri between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday or by mail upon request to the District whose address is 6766 Cedar Hill Road, Cedar Hill, MO 63016 and whose phone number is 636 285-3345.

Bids should be delivered, sealed, to Station #1 in Cedar Hill, at the Administration Office, Cedar Hill, Missouri, not later than 7:00 pm on January 13, 2014, and will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:00 pm on that same date at Station #1, in Cedar Hill. Bids shall be marked "Used Radio Bids" or "Breathing Air Compressor" on the outside of the sealed envelope.

Terry C. Soer, Chief

Classified Advertisements

KNOB NOSTER FD

RADIOS FOR SALE

Knob Noster Fire Dept. has several portable and mobile radios for sale. There are also several pagers for sale as well. If you are interested in what we have for sale send an email to rdj@iland.net with the subject line Radios. And I will be glad to forward a list of the equipment we have for sale.

Chief Johnson
Knob Noster Fire Dept.

Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 6TH 2013

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

President Chris Slaughter called meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

ATTENDANCE:

9 members present: Chris Slaughter - Warrenton FP, Jessica Miller - Norborne FPD, Theresa Cox - Wentzville FPD, Sheri Berendzen - Cole County FPD, Susan Voss - Beaufort Leslie FPD, Pam Carsten - Cole County FPD, Missy Erdel - Little Dixie FPD, Ann Jones - Madison West Monroe FPD, Kimberly Voss - Beaufort Leslie FPD.

MINUTES:

Chris asked if there were any changes to the minutes from last meeting. Pam requested Richards last name of Carsten be changed to Gordon. Jessica made a motion to accept the minutes and corrections noted. Seconded by Susan. Motion passed. Theresa made a motion for each member to read the meeting notes via the newsletter or website, any changes to be made they send the request to Theresa via email or phone or call (cox.theresa@att.net or 636-357-0939). Theresa will make these changes available at the next meeting. Pam 2nd the motion, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT:

Theresa reported beginning balance was \$2,277.59. Income was \$19.95, this is from a correction of the \$45 deposit error which was not made, the \$45 was cash, \$25.05 was used as payment for printing needs, leaving the remaining \$19.95. A check was written and now deposited. No expenses for the two months. New balance as of October 4th, is \$2,297.54. Susan made a motion to accept the treasurer report as read, seconded by Sheri. Motion passed. Pam inquired is there a minimum amount we sent to keep in our general fund? Consensus was it was about \$2,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP:

Susan provided list of Honorary Members, FFAM Auxiliary Past Presidents, and the FFAM Auxiliary Officers (Past and Present). Susan reminded everyone membership dues are due in December.

POSTER CONTEST:

Missy verified Little Dixie will handle the handle the poster contest at the 2014 Convention.

NOMINATION: No report.

BY-LAWS: No report.

HISTORIAN: No report.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: No report.

CONVENTION: Chris reported for Robin Schrage there is 646 registered for the 2014 convention. Convention plans are a work in progress. Announced Rob Schrage was honored as Fire Fighter of the Year and his brother Mike Schrage was honored as Fire Chief . Congratulations.

CONTEST:

Pam reported the purchase of the blue hoses, checking on the thread chaser. Next year hope to check out other states games for new ideas. Informed us the generator was stolen out of the contest trailer. Has been replaced.

OLD BUSINESS:

Last meeting discussed looking into the cost of getting a canopy for the Auxiliary. Size should be at least a 12 by 12. Pam said she would check with the surplus store. Members please check if you know of good place to purchase a canopy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Winter Fire School is in February 2014. Chris and Pam volunteered to be there Friday night to sell pins and other products we have.

Theresa presented some jewelry for fund raising. Sheri presented a tumbler cup for fund raising. After some discussion it was decided to make a Fund raising Committee. Jessica made a motion for Theresa to chair the Fund Raising Committee with Sheri and Pam on the committee. They will be responsible for bringing a proposal to the next meeting in December. The membership will then vote on the proposal. Motion seconded by Pam, motion passed. Our goal is to have items available for Fire school in February. If any member has ideas please share.

Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Pam, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.

2014 is an election year, nominations for Auxiliary officers positions are due in December.

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa Cox,
Secretary-Treasurer 2012-2013
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A LIST OF BENEFITS IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.FFAM.ORG

ALMA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT — NEW ARRIVAL

In October, the Alma Fire Protection District put in service their new pumper. It was purchased from Deep South Fire trucks in Mississippi. The pumper is a 2011 Kenworth with a 1,250 gpm pump and 1,000 gallon tank. An extra feature on this pumper is the secondary pto pump for pump and roll capability with two booster reels with forestry hose for larger natural cover fires.

The pumper is housed with the rest of the fleet consisting of a 2005 Kenworth, five man cab 1250 pumper, 2003 Kenworth, 3000 gallon tanker and a 2008 Ford F-350 dually extended cab brush truck/first responder vehicle.

The Alma Fire Protection District covers 40 square miles out of one station with 30 personnel.



FREDERICKTOWN FIRE DEPT FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Fredericktown Fire Department participated in fire prevention week with two events.

We teamed up with Domino's and Pizza Hut to deliver pizzas. Our goal was to inspect or install alarms, if they had working alarms the pizza was free or

we installed a new smoke alarm for the residence. A new program for us that went well.

On Friday we visited the schools and talked to over 450 kids about fire safety and gave them an opportunity to crawl through the smoke tunnel.

We also were able to participate with the kids and grown-ups during Halloween with the local witches brew be held at the station.

A very busy but well worth it month for our department.



HOLDEN FD RECEIVES GRANT

Holden Fire Department received a \$1,000 grant from Enbridge Energy Company, Inc.'s Safe Community Program. The grant will go towards the purchase of a trench rescue and confined space rescue enclosed trailer.

Through the Safe Community Program, Enbridge proudly supports emergency responders in their areas of operations throughout the United States and Canada. Enbridge also supports its neighbors through its philanthropy and the active involvement of employees in those programs in their



host communities that focus on health and safety, education, environment, and culture and community.



JOHNSON COUNTY FPD HALLOWEEN

Each year, the City of Warrensburg hosts a downtown Halloween trick-or-treat activity night and for the 14th year, the Johnson County Fire Protection District participated in the event at their Station 11. The District hosted a station open house and apparatus tour during the Halloween activity night. Along with the station and apparatus tour, firefighters held a cookout and gave away hotdogs to all trick-or-treaters. In 2006, the District began combining the Halloween activity night with the Energizer Change Your Clock Change Your Battery program. The District uses the program and donations from Energizer and the American Red Cross to distribute smoke detectors and 9 volt batteries to those in need. The trick-or-treaters were also given

activity pages and home fire escape grids and a multitude of fire prevention pamphlets were made available for the parents. The event has been a huge success in years past and has grown substantially. During the first year, 200 hotdogs were handed out and this year, record numbers of children and adults participated in the event with more than 3,000 in attendance and more than 1,500 hotdogs enjoyed!



LOTAWANA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Lotawana Fire Protection District extends a hearty congratulation to Dr. David R. Gustafson, D.O.

On July 31, 2013 Dr. Gustafson received the award as Medical Director of the Year. The award was presented by the Missouri Emergency Medical Services Association at the combined clinical Conference held in Branson, MO.

Dr. Gustafson serves as the Medical Director for the Lotawana Fire Protection District, overseeing and approving the medical protocols that regulate procedures, equipment and medications used in the treatment of all patients. He also reviews all reports submitted by the paramedics regarding patient treatment, as well as quarterly meetings with Chief Large and Captain

Sanchez for review of emergency medical services operations.

The Lotawana Fire Protection District is honored to have Dr. Gustafson as our Medical Director, ensuring that we continue to provide the highest level of care to the residents of our district.

20TH ANNUAL JEFFCO FIRE ENGINE RALLY

Over sixty-five fire trucks and ambulances ascended on the Herculaneum City Park on Saturday, September 28th to take part in the 20th Annual Jeffco Fire Engine Rally sponsored by the Jefferson County Firefighters Association. The fall weather was absolutely gorgeous and the event attracted firefighters, children and festival-goers from across the state. The 20th rally followed in the footsteps of its predecessors by once again being a very successful event.

As in the past, this year's rally kicked off with a parade of emergency apparatus traveling from Crystal City to the city park in Herculaneum. Following the parade, an opening ceremony was held that includes a memorial service honoring the men and women associated with the Jefferson County fire service who passed away during the previous year. The memorial includes the reading of the individual's name, their years of service and department followed by a single ring of the memorial bell. Individuals honored this year included: Donald Herbert Anderson, Hematite Fire Protection District, David J. Besand, Festus Fire Department, Hillsboro Fire Protection District and Dunklin Fire Protection District, Chief Steve Davis, High Ridge Fire Protection District, Donald Hurtgen, Sr., Hillsboro Fire Protection District, Christopher Ireland, Goldman Fire Protection District, Phyllis Keller, Goldman Fire Protection District, Joseph Peters, Goldman Fire Protection District and James G. Walker, Herculaneum Fire Department. A moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001, is also included in the memorial. Members of the Ozark Firefighters Association provided the Color Guard for the fire engine rally.

During the opening ceremony, the annual Jefferson County Awards are presented to those individuals and departments who are selected by an awards committee from the nominations that are submitted.

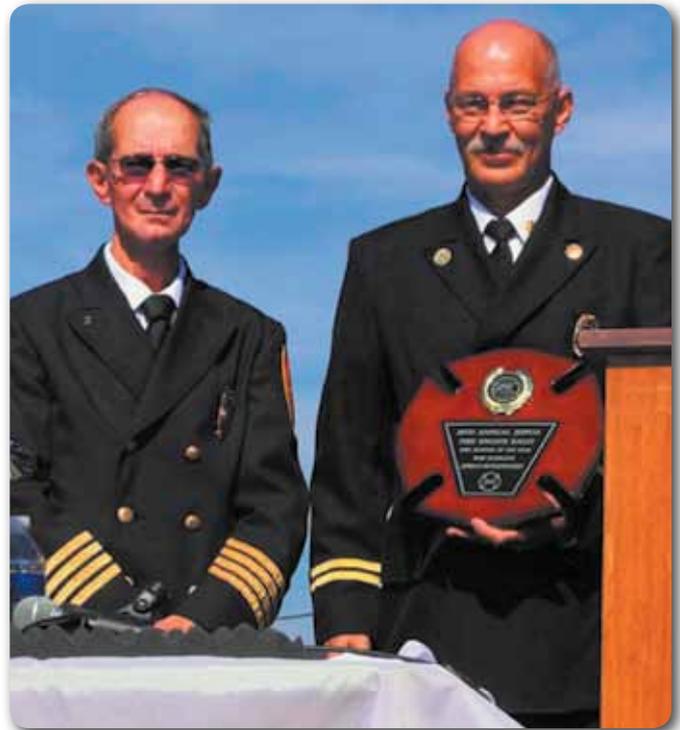
For the first time in the history of the rally, awards were presented to the

Jefferson County EMS agencies. The first awards were presented as follows: Paramedic of the Year – Gary Stefan, Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District; EMS Chief of the Year – Jesse Barton, Valle Ambulance District and EMS Department of the Year – Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District.

The annual firefighter awards were presented as follows: Life Saving – Technical Award – Goldman Fire Protection District; Firefighter of the Year Award – Rob Schrage, Jefferson R-7 Fire Protection District; Fire Chief of the Year Award – Assistant Chief Mike Schrage, Crystal City Fire Department and the Fire Department of the Year Award – Jefferson R-7 Fire Protection District

The opening ceremony also includes the introduction and presentation of plaques to the rally Grand Marshal and Junior Grand Marshal. Fire Chief Bill Haggard of the Herculaneum Fire Department was honored as Grand Marshal and Scott Goymerac of the Jefferson R-7 Fire Protection District represented the Missouri Burn Camp and Burns Recovered Support Group of St. Louis in place of a Junior Grand Marshal.

The annual rally features numerous demonstrations each year and the 20th rally was no different. The Herculaneum



Mike Schrage, left, and his brother, Rob Schrage, won awards at the Jeffco Fire Engine Rally. Photo by Brandi Schrage Sauer

Fire Department and the Crystal City Fire Department along with Survival Flight presented a demonstration involving the extrication of a patient from an automobile accident and the transport of the patient by a helicopter. The Jefferson County Haz-Mat Team demonstrated the decontamination of victims from a hazardous materials incident.

Winners of the fire department competitions were as follows: Firefighter Challenge – Hillsboro Fire Protection District; Bucket Brigade – Goldman Fire Protection District and the Water Fight (Barrel on a Cable) – Union Fire Protection District. The overall competition winner was the Hillsboro Fire Protection District.

“The Herculaneum FD and the Crystal City FD along with Survival Flight presented a demonstration involving the extrication of a patient from an automobile accident and the transport of the patient by a helicopter.”

Other awards presented at the rally included the following apparatus winners:

Best Overall Antique:
Todd Mahn, DeSoto, Missouri

Newest Apparatus in Service:
Marthasville Volunteer FD

Oldest Apparatus in Service:
Park Hills Fire Department

Best Overall – Current Apparatus:
High Ridge Fire Protection District

Best Aerial Apparatus:
Festus Fire Department

Best Pumper Apparatus:
Herculaneum Fire Department

Best Overall Ground Cover Apparatus:
Hematite Fire Protection District

Best Rescue Apparatus:
Marthasville Volunteer FD

Best Tanker Apparatus:
Hematite Fire Protection District

Best Lettering and Detailing:
Valle Ambulance District

Best EMS Vehicle:
Rock Township Ambulance District

Heritage Apparatus Award:
O'Fallon Fire Protection District

Farthest Traveled:
Marion County Ambulance District

Judge's Award:
Warrenton Fire Protection District

Award winners of the Dalmatian show were: Best Trick – Crystal owned by Kelly Dorsey; Best Costume – Indy, owned by Kathryn Ryan, Largest Dalmatian – Blaze, owned by Gene and Barb Robertson and Smallest Dalmatian – Crystal, owned by Kelly Dorsey.

As in the past, this year's rally included numerous activities for the children including a bounce house and an inflatable



slide, a children's firefighter challenge, face-painting, firefighter themed games, a scavenger hunt and a "I Want to Be A Firefighter Dress-Up Show" that attracted eight children dressed as a firefighter or EMS worker. Visits with Smokey Bear and the inflatable firefighter were available to the children.

The Jefferson County Firefighters Association thanks all of the vendors, equipment sales and food vendors for participating at this year's rally. A big thank you goes out to the sponsors of the event and to those who attended.

Mark your calendars! The Twenty-First JeffCo Fire Engine Rally will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014, in Herculaneum.





Fire Fighters Association of Missouri



AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

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Check only one appropriate nomination:

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

Nominee must be a member of FFAM

Nominated Individual/Department : _____

Department Affiliation: _____

Address : _____

City, Zip : _____

Phone : (____)-____-____ Email: _____

Person Placing Nomination : _____

Address : _____

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Phone : (____)-____-____ Email: _____

Department Affiliation : _____

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

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

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

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

Entry Deadline February 28th

When completed, please forward to :

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

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

Rob Schrage 226 North Fifth Street Festus, MO 63028 314-623-5564	Joe Vaughn 208 South Texas Street Archie, MO 64725 816-686-4315	Larry Jennings 122 West Young Warrensburg, MO 64093 660-624-1918
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Award Guidelines can be reviewed by visiting : <http://www.ffam.org>

PHIL SAYER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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

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

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

The committee will review all names submitted for consideration.

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

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

DEADLINE - Nominations must be received by February 28, 2014.

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

MAIL TO - FFAM Awards Committee • Attention: Phil Sayer Lifetime Achievement Award
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Nominee: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone/Fax: _____

FIRE SERVICE HISTORY

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

ASSOCIATION HISTORY

State Level Service: _____ Local/County Level Service: _____
Other Pertinent Information: _____

FAMILY HISTORY

Wife/Husband: _____ Children: _____
Relatives/Siblings also in fire service: _____

OTHER INFORMATION

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

INFORMATION FOR INDIVIDUAL FILLING OUT THIS FORM

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

Include as needed additional supporting documents.

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SIXTIETH ANNUAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

MAY 2ND - 4TH, 2014

ALL CONVENTION ATTENDEES MUST BE REGISTERED

NAME : _____ TITLE : _____

DEPARTMENT : _____

ADDRESS : _____

CITY, ZIP : _____ PHONE : _____

EMAIL : _____ BANQUET : YES NO

ONE SHIRT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH PERSON PRE-REGISTERED
ENTER THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SHIRT SIZES NEEDED :

S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X ___ 4X ___ 5X ___ 6X ___

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

GUEST : _____ TITLE : _____ BANQUET : YES NO

LODGING LOCATION : _____

DISCOUNTED PRE-REGISTRATION DUE BY APRIL 1, 2014

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MISSOURI DFS – TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION UNIT

by Kim Becker, Deputy Chief

On behalf of the Division of Fire Safety, Training and Certification Unit, it is our privilege to provide the Division's Fiscal Year 2013 (FY 13) report. The FY 13 report contains data reflecting courses that have been registered and delivered, as well as certifications issued, by the Division from July, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

The Division requires registration for all courses eligible for certification and for specialty courses which are offered through the Division. In FY 13, the Division's Training and Certification Unit registered 345 courses for Missouri's fire and emergency response personnel.

The following is a breakdown of courses provided in FY 13 throughout the state. Instructors certified through the Division delivered these courses at fire departments, colleges, career technical centers, secondary schools and academies. Most of these courses were delivered using no state funds.

- Basic Fire Fighter - 37 classes
- Hazardous Materials Awareness - 73 classes
- Hazardous Materials Operations - 66 classes
- Hazardous Materials Technician - 2 classes
- Fire Fighter I&II - 73 classes
- Driver Operator - 20 classes
- Fire Service Instructor I - 20 classes
- Fire Service Instructor II - 5 classes
- Fire Officer I - 14 classes
- Fire Officer II - 6 classes
- Fire Investigator - 4 classes
- Fire Inspector - 4 classes
- Meth Lab Awareness - 2 classes
- Certification Evaluator - 7 classes
- Fire Cause Determination - 12 classes

The commitment and dedication to Missouri's citizens is evident in the continued training and education of Missouri's first responder community. However, in order to provide training

of this magnitude, it takes the efforts of many dedicated and qualified instructors. These instructors make it possible for Missouri's Fire Service to be one of the nation's leaders in first responder training.

In FY 13, the Division issued an additional 3,992 accredited certifications at multiple levels. Current records indicate that 30,351 individuals have received training and/or certification through the Division's Training and Certification Unit since the inception of the program in 1986. The certifications listed below were issued only when students met specified requirements and, in most cases, have passed required written and practical skill exams. As of this date, a total of 75,288 certifications have been issued by the Division of Fire Safety.

- Basic Fire Fighter – 2,248
- Hazardous Materials Awareness – 18,183
- Hazardous Materials Operations – 12,910
- Hazardous Materials Technician – 9
- Fire Fighter I – 15,117
- Fire Fighter II – 12,644
- Fire Officer I – 2,273
- Fire Officer II – 870
- Fire Department Instructor – 345
- Fire Service Instructor I – 4,264
- Fire Service Instructor II – 800
- Fire Service Instructor III – 93
- Fire Service Instructor IV – 33
- Driver Operator – 1,227
- Fire Investigator – 2,271
- Fire Inspector – 1,071
- Lead Evaluator – 398
- Assisting Evaluator – 532

Of these 75,288 certifications, the following classifications (job type) were documented:

- Academy or Student: 15%
- Fire Dept affiliation: 63% (Paid FF: 36%; Volunteer FF: 27%)
- Private Sector Employers: 3%

- Local/State/Federal Government: 15% (Local/State/Federal category examples: ambulance districts, local public works and police, county EMAs and Sheriff's departments, any state offices, federal offices including: ATF, FBI, DOD and National Guard).
- Undetermined type: 4%

The Division also issues successful completion or course attendance certificates to individuals who complete the following Division developed programs. These programs are delivered by Division staff or are registered and approved for delivery at the college, academy or local level.

- Fire Investigator
- Fire Inspector
- Fire Officer I
- Fire Officer II
- Meth Lab: First Responder Awareness
- Fire Cause Determination
- Missouri Youth Fire Safety Coalition Course
- Arson for Prosecutors
- Bomb Threat Management

The Division is an approved Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) provider and issues certificates for continuing education credit to POST licensed Peace Officers. The Division also issues course attendance certificates for various nationally recognized training and educational programs hosted by our agency which often meet recertification requirements for Fire Service Instructor, Fire Inspector and Fire Investigator.

The Division's training and certification programs are offered by authority of Missouri Revised Statute 320.202 which states: The fire marshal and the division shall be responsible for: (1) The voluntary training of firefighters, investigators, inspectors, and public or private employees or volunteers in the field of emergency response, rescue, fire prevention or preparedness; (5) Establishing

and maintaining a voluntary training and certification program based upon nationally recognized standards.

Additionally, the Division is internationally accredited through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board).

I would like to thank my Training and Certification Unit team, Becky Trapani, Greg Landwehr, Ian Graham and Dee Dee Edwards, for their dedication and commitment to Missouri's Fire Service and the training and certification system. Their continued devotion and support of the fire service are instrumental in maintaining the credible and progressive reputation of the Division of Fire Safety's Training and Certification program.

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 "Training and Course Calendar" on the Division of Fire Safety website at www.dfs.dps.mo.gov/. Preregistration for all courses is required.

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

FIRE EDUCATION/ADVISORY COMMISSION CONTRACTED COURSES

Courses contracted to training vendors by the Fire Education/Advisory Commission for FY14 will be posted under the "Training and Course Calendar" on the Division of Fire Safety website at www.dfs.dps.mo.gov/. To register for these courses contact information is provided in the details of each event on the calendar.

AN UPDATE FROM THE



1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Tim Bean

As Phil Robertson would say "Happy, Happy, Happy" Fall/Thanksgiving! It's here, and we are in the throes of Winter already. And by the way if it matters, I hate cold weather!

My thoughts for my article came to me while I was sitting in past president Jerry Miller's mother's funeral last week, and the minister was telling different stories about her life. She was a great cook! That made me want to challenge all of us to take time to slow down and be appreciative of what we have, who we have, and take time this Thanksgiving month to show some kindness to each other. I've found over the years that you just never know when it might be the last time you see that family member, friend, fellow worker, or acquaintance, and that you give a pick me up that helped them through that moment, on that day. So let's try to tell or show one person a day for the months of November and December that we care by a smile or a hello, a how are you today, a pat on the back, buying lunch, writing an e-mail, text...you get the picture.

In closing, I'll start by saying, I appreciate every member that makes up the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. Thank you for attending training, drills, and responding night and day to the needs in your communities. We are blessed in Missouri to have you.

On a final note, I would like to commend my parents Joe and Juanita for 60 years of marriage. Love you both!

Happy Holidays to you all!
Tim Bean, 1st Vice President

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DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

David Hedrick
Director

University of Missouri Extension, Fire and Rescue Training Institute



The University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) faculty and staff continue to schedule training opportunities throughout the state. The Institute still has some subsidized training funds for no-cost courses during this fiscal year, so I encourage you to contact your MU FRTI Regional Training Coordinator or our office to see how we can assist you in meeting your department's training needs.

I am sure many of you have heard of Billy Goldfeder, Deputy Chief of Loveland-Symmes (OH) Fire Department and Director of the IAFC Safety Health and Survival Section. He may be better known for his articles in various fire service publications and as a host and sponsor of the electronic listserv "The Secret List" on FirefighterCloseCalls.com. Billy has been a leader in promoting safety and training, as well as providing insightful commentary on fire service issues. I recently came across one of his thought provoking comment: "Beware of the firefighter who 'doesn't need any more training.'" Sometimes experienced firefighters may reach a point where they feel they have "seen and done it all" and therefore no longer look for or participate in training opportunities. Perhaps all of us know some not-so-experienced firefighters that think they have had enough training as well. New equipment and techniques, along with the changes in the fire environment for new construction design, materials, and new hazards, necessitate that fire departments continually train and prepare for current and future hazards. MU FRTI statistics indicate that many firefighters do understand the importance of training throughout their time as a career or volunteer firefighters as reflected by a fairly even distribution of years of service

attending our classes. Please contemplate Chief Goldfeder's comment and place a priority on continuing training for yourself and your fellow firefighters. Through training, you improve safety and competency in your role as firefighters. Following the lead of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation life safety initiatives, all of us can help adopt a culture of safety which will ensure that when emergency operations are over, "everyone goes home."

MU FRTI's Emergency Management Specialist, Eric Evans, has left the Institute to take a position as the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with the University of Missouri Police Department. Eric has been with MU FRTI since 2000, and was instrumental in establishing the Emergency Management component of MU FRTI's programming. He collaborated with the College of Agriculture's Extension Community Development Program and the Institute on emergency management and Community Emergency Preparedness initiatives. His expertise in Emergency Management and Community Emergency Management Preparedness (CEMP) has been a great resource for Extension. Specialist Evans' last day with MU FRTI was Oct. 25, 2013. The responsibilities for the MU FRTI Emergency Management Program and joint CEMP will be handled in the interim by MU FRTI's Emergency Exercise Specialist, Conne Burnham.

The MU FRTI Annual Instructor Conference was held October 11-13, 2013 at the Country Club Hotel and Spa at the Lake of the Ozarks, MO. This year's attendance was excellent with over 220 students and instructors participating. I wish to express the Institute's appreciation to all of you who attended

the annual instructor's conference and our guest instructors for sharing their knowledge and expertise. Again at this year's conference Volunteer Fire Insurance Services (VFIS) partnered with us to provide "Trailer Operations & Emergency Services UTV/ATV Safety" courses as part of the preconference Train-the-Trainers. Also the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) partnered with MU FRTI to deliver their "Leadership Accountability, Culture, and Knowledge" (LACK) course as a hand-off to instructors. We sincerely appreciate the strong partnership with VFIS and NFFF that provided these important training opportunities for Missouri Fire Instructors.

The MU FRTI Fire Service Instructor of the Year for 2012-2013 awards were presented during the Annual Instructor Conference. This year's recipient of the MU FRTI Instructor of the Year award was Jim Weaver Battalion Chief with the Columbia Fire Department in Columbia, MO. Battalion Chief Weaver has been an adjunct instructor with the MU FRTI program since 1994. Weaver began his fire service career in California in the 1990s and joined CFD in 1993. Jim holds a variety of state fire certifications including Fire Instructor III, and is responsible for CFD's training program. He has been the recipient of the MU FRTI Highest Course Instructor Performance Rating multiple times as an adjunct instructor and was a First Runner-Up for Fire Instructor of the Year in 2004. Battalion Chief Weaver exemplifies excellence in fire service instruction; we look forward to his continued service with the Institute as an Adjunct Instructor. In addition to presenting the award to Battalion Chief Weaver, MU FRTI recognized the first and second runners-up for



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11/29	Structural Fire Fighting Techniques	Shelbina	Vernon Cash	660-651-9492
12/02	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Jefferson City	Jerry Blomberg	573-653-7017
12/03	Courage To Be Safe So Everyone Goes Home	West Plains	Wayne Cormier	417-246-2424
12/06	Fire Department Medical First Responder	Pierce City	Larry Eden	417-669-7600
12/06	Basic Pump Operations	Richland	Eric Price	573-512-0265
12/06	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Malden	Charles Cooper	573-276-4514
12/06	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Trimble	Rod Deckman	816-790-3476
12/07	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Piedmont	Leo Glovando	573-223-2218
12/07	Courage To Be Safe So Everyone Goes Home	Marshall	Tony Day	660-886-2850
12/07	Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Techniques for Structural Fire Fighters	Eldon	Randy Vernon	573-392-9111
12/12	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Iberia	Will Humphrey	573-793-6937
12/13	The Instructor and Lesson Plan Preparation	Sugar Creek	Adam Kelsey	816-252-7058
12/13	Structural Fire Fighting Techniques	Gorin	Kenneth Hoover	660-216-9643
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12/14	Confined Space Rescue: Awareness	Webb City	Andrew Roughton	417-673-2254
12/14	Courage To Be Safe So Everyone Goes Home	Waynesville	Doug Yurecko	573-337-0445
01/08	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Jefferson City	Jerry Blomberg	573-353-7017
01/10	Fire Service Instructor I	Dexter	Don Seymore	573-820-0019
01/14	Fire Cause Determination and Arson Awareness	Jefferson City	Jerry Blomberg	573-353-7017
01/17	Leadership I for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Company Success	Richland	Rick Hobbs	573-512-0066
01/22	Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program	Columbia	FRTI	800-869-3476

the Instructor of the Year. Bruce Piringer, adjunct instructor and former director with the Institute, was First Runner-Up and Fire Chief Jon Trent, with Nixa Fire Protection District in Nixa, MO, was Second Runner-Up. Both of these individuals have been previous recipients of the Instructor of the Year award in past years.

As part of the Instructor Awards ceremony, three of the Institute's adjunct instructors were recognized for demonstrating the highest standards of instruction by achieving the Highest Course Instructor Performance Rating in 2012-2013. These ratings are based on the evaluation forms that are completed by the students in each class and include sections on classroom conditions, course materials, and the instructor. The honorees

for this award were: Richard Kuhn of Rogersville, MO; Ron Walters of Troy, MO; and Lynn Morgan of Republic, MO. Adjunct Instructor Morgan had the distinction of receiving the high course performance rating three times during the year. These recipients demonstrated exceptional performance and exemplify the pursuit of instructional excellence in the courses they taught during FY13. MU FRTI has an instructional cadre of over 160 Adjunct Instructors and the Institute is appreciative of the job that they all do in providing the very best in instruction for Missouri's firefighters and emergency responders.

In early October, I attended the annual meeting of the North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD), hosted by the Nova Scotia Firefighter's School. The

conference included a tour and briefing on their training facilities and operations. During this meeting of training directors from the United States and Canada, we discussed current fire service issues and initiatives. I have had the pleasure of serving on the NAFTD's board for the past six years, and was honored to serve in a national leadership capacity for fire service training. Through the auspices of the NAFTD, our sister states and MU FRTI continue to provide input at the federal level regarding fire service issues and training.

Coming up this winter will be the 33rd Annual Winter Fire School (WFS) along with the Fire Equipment Expo. The event is scheduled for February 7-9, 2014.

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REMINDERS FOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS

by Susan Voss

It is time to submit your nominations for Spouse(s) of the Year for 2014. All nomination needs to be in writing and sent to a committee member. It should state the particulars the nominator has indicating explaining why the nominee(s) are deserving of the award. The award will be given to an individual or group of individuals who have had a significant contribution to either their home department, the FFAM, or it's auxiliary. All nominations will be kept as confidential as possible so the award will be an unexpected pleasure to the recipient. The nominations are due by December 31st, 2013.

We know there are worthy auxiliary members(s) which deserves this award. Think about who does the work in your auxiliary, who helps out the firefighters all the time, who volunteers for all those jobs no one wants to do, and let us know about this special person(s). They are out there so let us know who they are. This is a great opportunity for a behind the scene hero to receive the recognition they truly deserve. What better way to show them than nominate them. Send your nominations to one of the following committee members by December 31st.



2013 Spouse of the Year – Jenny Smith

Spouse of the Year Committee Members:

Missy Erdel, merdel@ktis.net
Dolores Owenby, daowenby@gmail.com
Jenny Smith, jkda.smith@yahoo.com

RENEW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your Auxiliary Memberships. To renew your membership visit the FFAM website, FFAM.org for membership guidelines. Under the Auxiliary tab, you can locate the Membership form. Please complete this

form and have your dues to Susan Voss by January 1st. The dues are \$5.00 for the year. Make checks payable to the "FFAM Auxiliary".

Send your name, department affiliation, address and \$5.00 dues by January 1st to :

Susan Voss,
Auxiliary Membership Officer
FFAM Auxiliary
722 Cedar Street
Washington, MO 63090
573-619-8390

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Conference information and a listing of courses will be available through MU FRTI's website in the near future. WFS is the largest single fire service training event in the state. The MU FRTI fire school staff has developed another great line-up of classes this year. I encourage you to register early for this exceptional training event.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency opened the application period for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program for 2013. The deadline for fire departments

to apply for these grants is Dec. 6, 2013. Please check the AFG website at www.fema.gov/assistance-firefighters-grant for further information on how to apply. These grants have provided a significant opportunity for fire departments to improve or increase their emergency response capabilities through the funding of critical equipment. We hope that each department in the state will take advantage of the opportunity to apply for a grant, and we wish each of you good luck in this year's grant process.

As the holiday's season approach, I wish all of you a safe and joyous holiday season. Again, thank you for your continued support of the University of Missouri's

Fire & Rescue Training Institute. The MU FRTI staff and I look forward to continuing to provide quality fire and emergency service training programs to Missouri's emergency responders. If the MU FRTI staff or I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact us at (800) 869-3476 or (573) 882-4735. For more information regarding the Institute, go to our website at www.mufrti.org.

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