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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

**Kenneth Hoover
President**

Greetings Fellow Firefighters



What a beautiful beginning to our fall season. Cool, crisp air in the mornings and the brilliant colors of the fall foliage remind us of the changing of the life cycles of Mother Nature.

This is a very busy time of the year for many of us, Fire Prevention Week is just ending, deer season is just beginning, Halloween is in just a few days, Thanksgiving is quickly arriving, and then the Christmas holidays will wrap up the year. If that does not fill up your calendar, I don't know what will.

I would ask everyone to please remember Chief Paul Berardi and the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department as they have lain to rest two of their firefighters who gave the ultimate sacrifice at a building

collapse in early October. Thanks to each one of you that were able to travel to Kansas City to pay your respects.

On behalf of the FFAM, I attended the annual EMS Funeral Team Awards Banquet in October at the Lake of the Ozarks and accepted an award recognizing FFAM's support and donation supporting their funeral team. The donation was made through the FFAM's State Fair Fire Department Committee. Thank you Greg Wright and the entire EMS Funeral Team for the award and to the FFAM State Fair Fire Department for your generous donation.

At a recent Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation meeting, a vote was taken to break ground and move forward with the

construction of the museum/educational facility. A date will be chosen soon and we will announce it to everyone. Please continue to support this effort by raising funds and continuing with your donations. It will take all of us to complete this project.

FFAM annual dues were sent out this week. All membership renewals are due January 1, 2016. Secretary/Treasurer Jaime Miller has included in the notices a list of membership benefits. FFAM offers the largest amount of benefits compared to any other state fire organization, all for \$7.50 a year and \$2.50 of that goes to the Fire Fighters Memorial in Kingdom City. The FFAM Board of Directors continue to look for additional benefits for its members. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact your district director.

The FFAM Directors are currently working on the 2016 budget and I want to remind all directors and committees that your request for funding is currently due to First Vice-President, Chief Tim Bean. We will be voting on the 2016 proposed budget at the December 6, 2015 board meeting in Sedalia at 9:00 am at the fire station.

Other items that are due for submission soon are the nominations for awards and scholarships. You can find the applications on the FFAM website. Please take the time to nominate deserving individuals for these important awards. These are just a few of the excellent benefits I was talking about earlier.

I would like to remind all committee chairpersons, to please meet and discuss your assignments and forward me the results of your meetings. I encourage all FFAM members, if you have input, please contact the appropriate committees or

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Greg Carrell
Acting State Fire Marshal



Missouri Division of Fire Safety

You have heard me speak, endlessly it seems, on our need to grow, to evolve, to continue to move forward to ensure Missouri's fire service is well trained and prepared for whatever is thrown at them.

As part of that evolution, an idea which started 10 years ago and became a vision in the last 4 years - that of the State Fire Marshal's office becoming the State point of contact for the National Fire Academy (NFA), has finally come to fruition.

Based upon our statutory authority, the growth of the programs and the oversight of the State Fire Marshal's office, the United States Fire Administration recently recognized our office as the state representative to the Academy.

This change was driven by not only my desire to have the State Fire Marshal's office as the state point of contact, but also by our fire service partners and Missouri's community colleges.

We are working closely with the University of Missouri Extension Fire

and Rescue Training Institute to make a smooth transition to this position. The end-users of the programs should see little change initially as it was a joint agreement since courses and programs were already scheduled and the grant to operate those programs was already in place, there was no compelling reason to make immediate operational changes.

I know there are rumors floating around about what this means to our state, however, as I have spoken in numerous meetings about my desire to make the change, my goal has always been clear - this is something I believe belongs within the State Fire Marshal's office based upon our role and responsibility as the state agency charged with the training and certification of Missouri's fire service.

I also want to make it very clear we will not limit nor restrict any quality training offered in our state. In fact, it is my goal to expand the training offered throughout Missouri while better allowing all our training partners to benefit from the opportunities provided by our office being the NFA point of contact.

I am available to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding this.

Finally, I am sure you are aware that in October, we lost two Kansas City Firefighters. I was privileged to attend the memorial service and the funerals for both of these men. I learned much about them and what drove them to become members of Missouri's fire service. They exemplified the type of individuals we should all strive to be. They served their community, not only as firefighters, but also as solid family men, caring neighbors and good friends to all those who knew them. Their loss will be felt for a very long time and my thoughts continue to be with their comrades and families in this most difficult of times.

Greg Carrell
Acting State Fire Marshal

director with your thoughts, and opinions. This will insure state wide participation and fairness to all our members. If you experience any difficulties, please contact me. FFAM's success depends on the efficiency of the committees.

Being that this edition of the newsletter will be the holiday edition, I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. All of us have so many things to be thankful for. May joy and happiness follow you all the days of your life!

If there is anything you need from the FFAM, please do not hesitate to contact one of the officers or directors. We are here to serve.

God Speed,

Kenneth Hoover, President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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AN UPDATE FROM THE



**1ST
VICE
PRESIDENT**

Tim Bean

I hope to find everyone enjoying the opening of fall. I have enjoyed watching the changing of the trees during my travels. I just returned from the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute's Instructor Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. I must say it was one of the best conferences I have attended. Good job Dave, Kevin, and staff, I appreciate you maintaining a professional and user friendly training institute. Thanks for blazing a trail for us all, for the past forty-eight years!

A huge congratulations to Mark Arnold from Thayer Fire Department for winning the 2014-2015 Instructor of the Year award. I am happy to have worked with Mark over the years and this is well deserved.

We at West Plains Fire Rescue under the hard labor of Firefighter Paul Bradshaw Jr. found a company that will take your old obsolete turnout gear and recycle it into, backpacks, purses, carrying bags, and numerous other items. I personally have a backpack made from of our gear, which is awesome. It's a great way to get rid of your old turnout gear, and help recycle. Here is the company we used, www.firefightersturnoutbags.com, visit the site, I think you will enjoy it.

Everyone stay safe and enjoy your families and friends throughout this Thanksgiving season.

J. Tim Bean
First Vice President (In God we Trust)

10 MUST DO'S TO PROTECT YOURSELF ON CYBER MONDAY

By California Casualty

This is the season of joy, shopping, and unfortunately, cyber thievery. While millions of us will be looking online for Cyber Monday bargains, crooks will be trying to steal our money, personal information and identity. In fact, a recent survey found identity fraud increased by more than one million victims in 2012, with criminals stealing \$21 billion from almost 13 million consumers. Every three seconds, a person's identity is stolen.

So how do you avoid the "bad Santa's" lurking on the internet? To help keep this the most wonderful time of year, we've assembled these 10 tips from the Better Business Bureau, the National Retail Federation and our identity theft prevention partner, IDT911, to add to your holiday list:

1. Only shop on secure sites – look for "https" in the URL and a locked padlock symbol
2. Install the latest security software to block the crooks
3. Never give personal information, especially social security numbers or passwords
4. Use a credit card, not a debit card, for payment (you might consider purchasing a prepaid gift card to use for online shopping)
5. Click out of suspicious links immediately (AVG has a free LinkScanner that checks sites legitimacy for you)

6. Beware of Santa scammers who promise to send a letter to your child; often they are collecting personal data for ID theft
7. Don't buy used electronics; many are preloaded with malware that can steal personal information and passwords
8. Avoid downloading online coupons in your email and from websites you are not sure of
- 9 Use unique passwords for every site
10. Forget that cute puppy via the Internet – scammers use the holidays to take money for puppies that don't exist, often using the ruse to get banking and personal information

The quicker you catch a possible breach, the better. Credit experts like IDT911 advise all of us to check our credit card and bank statements weekly, request a receipt for any purchase you make and run a free credit check annually.

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PROPANE RESPONDERS CONFERENCE

By Larry Eggen

The Fire Fighters Association of Missouri and the Missouri State Fair Fire Department (MSFFD) hosted a no cost, two day training in cooperation with the City of Sedalia Fire Department, Pettis County Fire Protection District, Pettis County Ambulance District, and the City of Higginsville EMS. The National Propane Education and Research Council, the Missouri Propane Education and Research Council, the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute, and the State of Missouri Fire Marshall's office coordinated the operations for the benefit of these firefighters at the Missouri State Fairgrounds on September 12-13, 2015.

The instructors provided eight hours of classroom training on how to handle propane emergencies to assist the firefighters on scene and an additional eight hours of hands-on firefighting skills

dealing with propane fires and vehicles. The transport delivery vehicle and bobtail delivery vehicles were used for vehicle familiarization if an emergency occurred.

Live fire props of a domestic propane tank and bobtail were used for live fire training. Basic propane equipment and parts were used to assist in building firefighter knowledge and awareness when arriving on scene. Several industry experts were on hand for questions and instruction during the evolutions of live fire training.

The FFAM and MSFFD provided lodging and all the meals for the attendees for no cost to the participants for the weekend. The funds for training were provided by the National Propane Education and Research Council. These funds are provided to assist in the safe handling and propane training around the nation. The

FFAM is honored to be able to be a part of the training in the State of Missouri.

Firefighters from the following departments were in attendance: California FD, California Rural FPD, Chaffee FD, Chillicothe FD, Chula Rural FD, Cooper County FPD, Eureka FPD, Jefferson City FD, Johnson County FPD, Johnson County FPD #2, Kansas City FD, Lebanon Rural FPD, Little Dixie FPD, Lowry City Volunteer FD, Madison West Monroe FD, Marshfield FD, Monett Rural FD, Moreau FPD, North Central Carroll County FPD, Northeast R-IV Rural Fire Assoc., Pleasant Hope FPD, Republic FD, Rocky Mount FPD, Salisbury City & Rural FD, Savannah FD, Southern FPD of Holt Co., Southern Platte FPD, St. James FD, West Plains FD, Willard FPD and Wright City FPD.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Rick Dozier
Director

I hope I am finding that everyone had a great summer. I would like to say that this year's Missouri State Fair was another great one as in the past! I would like to thank Chief RB Brown and his staff for another great year and as Chief Brown goes out as chief and newly appointed Chief Donnie Rogers comes in, I am confident he and his staff will do a great job as well.

As well as the state fair going well this year, so did the Propane First Responder Conference that was held in September at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia. We had 58 students from 29 different departments from around the state. It was a great two day training without any cost to the students. I would like to thank the Missouri Propane Association as well as all other vendors who helped make the conference a success! I would also like to thank the FFAM and the wonderful cooking staff for all their help too. We are already planning a class at the same location in September 2016 so be looking for more information down the road.

I would like to thank President Hoover and the rest of the State Fair Fire Commissioners for nominating me to be on the State Fair Fire Committee. I appreciate the confidence you have in me of doing the job. If I get voted in by the Board of Directors, I assure you I will give one hundred and ten percent.

On a sad note, we lost a great man and fire chief in my district this past month. Steve Hunziger of Northwest Holt and Craig, MO passed away unexpectedly at his home. He was a long time member of the department and had been promoted to chief a couple years ago.

I grew up around Steve when I was a young boy. He was born and raised in Oregon, Missouri where I am from, then he moved to Craig later in life where he married his wife Rhonda. Steve was also a past EMT. He always liked to help people and he will be greatly missed.

I hope everyone stays safe and has a great fall season.

Always feel free to contact me if anyone needs anything thanks.

Rick Dozier
Director District 14

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL FALL MEETING

By Keith Smith

The fall meeting of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) took place in Concord, NC on October 21-23 with 40 States attending, 37 directors and 25 alternates. NVFC is now partners with Shell Pipeline, Penske Racing and the Pennzoil 22 car. Shell Pipeline is partners with NVFC for the deck plate, which has the NVFC logo and “Find the Fighter in You” and MakeMeAFirefighter.org.

That website will start initiate process of matching someone interested in becoming a firefighter with a department, with an emphasis on volunteer departments but a fire department close to them regardless. There have been 2,800 website hits so far and growing.

A key focus of this meeting was cancer in the fire service and more evidence is showing it to be worse than expected, although suspected as such for many years. Clinical evidence is now beginning to validate what many in political circles have tried to dismiss and ignore hoping it would go away including insurance carriers. Just the opposite is now moving ahead with strong evidence that continues to build reaching and validating many conclusions backed by clinical studies and science.

Career groups are way out in front on this topic with one key screening factor. It starts at the initial exam when the question is asked, what is your occupation? For career firefighters, listing firefighter as their occupation links medical results and more specific data to proximate a cause by adding daily to the building evidence of high cancer rates for firefighters. The issue for volunteers goes back to the same screening question of, what is your occupation? The answer often comes back as carpenter, electrician, plumber, truck driver, mechanic, retail and on and on. This poses many challenges with data collection and analysis on the volunteer side to prove the same cancer’s that are manifesting in all firefighters, men and women, career and volunteer.



A highly troublesome development discovered in this review is that while lung cancer has been linked as a probable proximate cause with breathing smoke, they have discovered absorption and ingestion may be equally or more significant in cause factors. Compared to most the body, absorption rates around the neck and jaw area is 100% greater and that leads to a protracted discussion on hoods. Protective hoods which we pull down around our neck many times during a fire versus removing it and putting it back on. Hoods that do not get washed after every fire may be a link to cancer. One department is already dumping every hood into a five gallon bucket after every fire then issuing a clean hood to everyone on the scene. Absorption rates for the groin area are 300% higher and how many times do we drop bunkers and place hood, gloves, mask or helmet there? Then there is the question on gloves, how often and how well do they get washed?

The quick answer is not nearly often or well enough. Eating on scene in our gear without washing hands is now a link. Do we really think we can get that cap off the top of the bottled water with leaving something behind and then store what is left in our bunker gear for later. Hauling gear in your personal vehicle has a page of issues unto itself which takes all that stuff home and exposes the family.

What we are working with currently is not only the tip of the iceberg but the upper half of that tip. The volume of information and awareness could take the space of this entire newsletter, so there will be more to come in future articles. For most reading this article the damage, if any is already done and the two control elements going forward is to immediately change how we do business with PPE and getting detailed annual medical screenings including those procedures that are highly disliked.



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By California Casualty

It has occurred in California, Mississippi, Maryland and numerous times in Georgia: the vehicles of firefighters responding to emergencies have been targeted by thieves.

In the latest incident, personal items including laptops and a firearm were taken from vehicles while Atlanta, Georgia fire crews responded to a false report of a downed tree. This is the second time vehicles parked at the station have been burglarized this year.

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Lincoln County Fire Protection District #1 announces the promotion of Robert Shramek, Jr. to Assistant Chief/Training Coordinator. Chief Shramek has served 15 years with the district as a crew captain.



NEW APPARATUS - BOLIVAR CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bolivar City Fire Department is both thankful and blessed as they took acceptance of two new fire apparatus this year. Both apparatus were custom built by Ferrara Fire Apparatus. Engine 11 and Ladder 12 are both built on the Cinder MVP chassis and are powered by Cummings ISL 9 450 HP Engines. Engine 11 utilizes a 1750 gpm pump, while Ladder 12 bumps up to 2000 gpm. With both apparatus built on the MVP platform they boast significant storage capacity with the ability to store response equipment to various call types. These apparatus will increase the safety and security of BCFD staff during operations and the safety and security of the Bolivar community as they replace a 1981 engine and a 1983 ladder truck respectively. The older apparatus had continual mechanical, electrical, and structural integrity concerns and with their replacement they support the BCFD mission statement "Our Family Helping to Serve and Protect the Lives and Property of Your Family." Both apparatus were traditionally dedicated into service with a wet down and push in dedication ceremony. This age old tradition honored those that helped form the fire service in its earliest years and BCFD continues many of those traditions while forging forward with leading edge technology, apparatus, tools/equipment, and education to be effective and efficient in today's fire service. See more photos and information by liking us on our facebook page and checking out our website www.bolivarcityfire.com.



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BOLIVAR CITY FD PARTICIPATES IN NYC STAIR CLIMB

By Bolivar City Fire Department

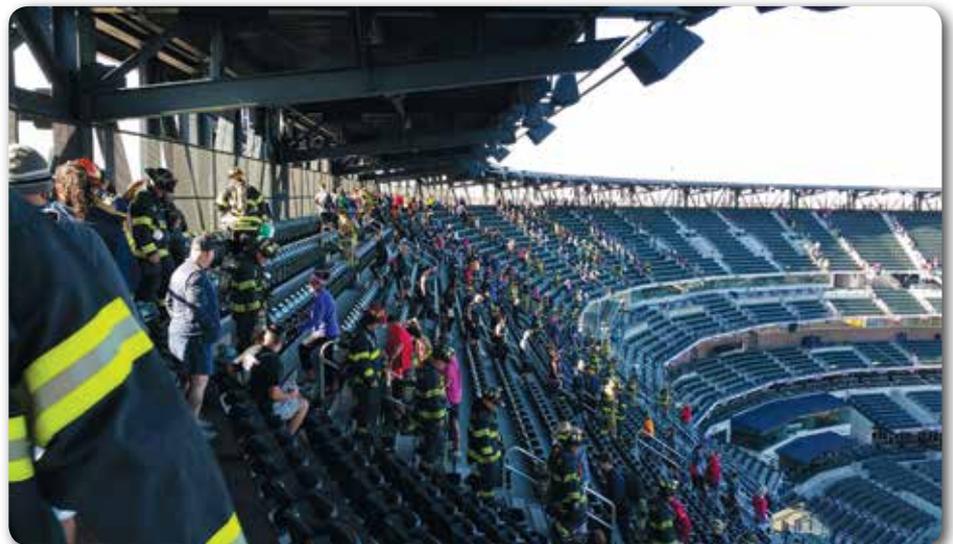
Bolivar City Fire Department members traveled to New York City to participate in the very first City of New York Fire Department (FDNY) sponsored stair climb.

Each participant paid tribute to a FDNY firefighter by climbing or walking the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center, 2200+ stairs. Each individual tribute not only remembered the sacrifice of an FDNY brother, but symbolically completes their heroic journey to save others.

Through firefighter and community participation we can ensure that each of the 343 firefighters are honored and that the world knows that we will never forget.

The proceeds of these events help the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation create and maintain programs that support fire service survivors. The support of the 9-11 Memorial Stair Climb events provides assistance to the surviving families and co-workers of the 343 firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001.

To learn more visit www.firehero.org/ and find ways that you can also support the National Fallen Firefighter Foundation.



AN UPDATE FROM THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT



Charlie Neubert

I want to first express my deepest sympathy for our lost brothers who answered their final call with the Kansas City Fire Department (KCFD). My heart fell when the news came on with the report of the fire and the wall that collapsed on four firefighters. My eyes started to water thinking of how, without a second delay, the guys went after their brothers. Having seen something similar when a wall fell on an engine company trapping a man in the jump seat. Your heart stops, then all you want to do is get to them as fast as possible, do everything possible, thinking of nothing but getting them out. My prayers to the families, the entire Kansas City Fire Department, and especially to the men and women on the scene that night. God be with you all!

Changing focus to a completely different spectrum, the State Fair is over and with the blink of an eye the holiday season is here! Time really does fly by! I realize that it has been said many times but I do want to thank everybody that gave their time and vacations to work this year's fair. It always is impressive how everybody works so well together regardless of what part of the state they come from. I want to add a special thanks to the command

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staff for all the hard work that they do. Many of these guys help me out in a big way by getting equipment to use during the fair. Items such as pumpers, ambulances, EMS carts, EMS supplies, heart monitors, rescue tools, etc. Lots and lots of equipment, that with the work from the staff, and the huge help from fire departments, ambulance districts, and equipment companies that supply these at no cost for us. Thank you!

Now looking at Thanksgiving and Christmas, I want to first say that I am thankful for all the friends I have in the fire service. Those that I have worked with in my department, FFAM, and

the many departments that I have had the pleasure of visiting and the fellow firefighters around the state. Thank you for being a part of my life in good and bad. For Christmas I wish that everybody stays safe, keeps their families safe, and like we always do, helps those in need.

As a reminder, the end of the year is less than sixty days away. Remember to renew your membership!

Happy Holidays to all.

Charlie Neubert
 2nd Vice President

BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

FFAM BOARD MEETINGS • SEDALIA, MISSOURI Draft • Final Approval at Next Meeting

NO MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE THIS MONTH DUE TO THE MEETING BEING CANCELLED

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Larry Jones
Director

Greetings from District 3. The year 2015 is almost ready for the books. It has been filled with local fire department runs and events.

We have also had a busy FFAM year. If you didn't do an FFAM event in 2015, do it in 2016.

Our upcoming events include: Winter Fire School on February 5-7, 2016 in Columbia, FFAM Convention on April 29 - May 1, 2016 at the Lake of the Ozarks, the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service at Kingdom City, and the Missouri State Fair in August. You will be finding out information about all of these events in upcoming FFAM newsletter. If you haven't attended some of these events, please try them in 2016.

All of us from District 3 wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Larry Jones
Director of District 3

AIRMEDCARE NETWORK HAS A DISCOUNTED RATE FOR MEMBERS

By Roy Woolsey, AirMedCare Network

As a member of FFAM, AirMedCare Network is pleased to offer you the opportunity to join AirMedCare Network's Membership Program at a special "members only" discounted rate!

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FUNERAL TEAM UPDATE

by Brian Zinanni, Team Coordinator, Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team

Working in public safety we all know that, to a degree, we must distance ourselves from the event which we are called to respond to. It's not our emergency, but someone else's, and they call on us to assist them in handling it. By depersonalizing the incident, it allows us the ability to maintain an objective perspective so we can make appropriate decisions based on facts, standards, and guidelines, versus emotion.

Today I want to talk to you about a very difficult topic, honoring our public safety officers. When a tragedy occurs within our own organization, maintaining objective decision making abilities is extremely difficult because this is now "our" emergency. We often act on emotion versus those facts, standards, and guidelines we employ when making objective decisions for someone else's emergency.

Before we get too much further into this topic, I want to ask you a few questions: Have you ever seen a Military honors funeral ceremony? Have you had the opportunity to see honors provided to a hero who was killed in action while actively serving this great nation? How about the veteran who faithfully served, but then died later on in life from a cause that was not related to their service? Are the honors in these examples the same honors? The answer is no, they are not. The military takes great pride in honoring all who have served, but those who make the ultimate sacrifice are given ultimate honors.

Why have we had such a hard time grasping this concept and applying it to public safety? Within the military, specific guidelines outline what honors are appropriate for the type of incident being considered. These honors are provided by specialty teams who, other than through the brotherhood of service, do not have a direct personal connection. Organizations exist in public safety that can assist you with planning a service for one of your members. But, in general, it is the department who has faced a loss

that is directly involved in the planning process. It is personal, and it hurts! This is the point where I feel we in public safety derail.

Pre-planning our response to incidents in our communities is very common. We evaluate certain target hazards that we face and come up with a coordinated plan to address them. Pre-planning these incidents affords us to objectively evaluate our resources, identify our needs, and outlines a standardized response. This gives us the ability to apply our plan consistently every time we face this target hazard.

How many of you have a plan in place that guides your response to the loss of a member of your organization? It is imperative that every organization develops a funeral guideline for their respective organization. For the same reasons that we preplan our target hazards, consistent application of a funeral plan is vital to your department. This may seem a little far-fetched, but how your organization responds to the death of one of its members will become an expectation for families in the future as well as scrutinized by families of past.

Without a formalized preplan to guide your actions, many agencies react out of shock and emotion versus the objective perspective we maintain for everyone else's emergencies. Many agencies work very hard to justify why every honor should be afforded to a member, regardless if the member died a hero in the line of duty or not. I fielded a call from an organization asking us to provide full honors to a member who died in an off-duty accident, stating "well, he was special to us and he deserves it." When asked to identify which members were not special and should not be afforded such an honor if they die off duty, the phone was silent as the realization set in.

One of the best articles I have ever read that relates to this topic is titled,



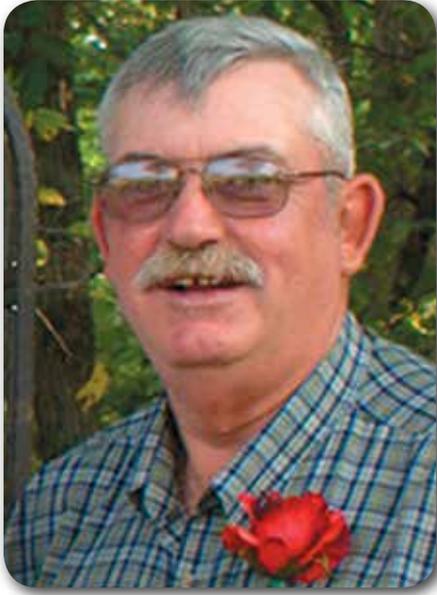
When Emotions Take Over: Planning a Fire Department Funeral. This article, authored by Chief Dan Jones, was published in *National Fire and Rescue* magazine. The most compelling quote in the article states: "If you provide a full-honors fire department funeral for a member who is lost off duty, and you use all of the traditions that you know of and can provide, what will you do should a member of your department be lost in the line of duty at a later time?"

I encourage you to think about this message. Think about how the military provides honors to all members and how those honors are appropriately scaled to preserve the sanctity of the honors, so as to not dilute their value. If we place every firefighter on top of the fire truck for a procession to the cemetery, no longer will there be any power in that tradition for those who pay the ultimate sacrifice. By implementing a funeral guideline that outlines honors that will be afforded to a member in relation to the manner of death, line of duty, active duty, or retiree, you will be consistent in your application of those honors, serve as good stewards protecting the value of certain LODD honors, and reduce some of the stressors you will face due to the loss of a member of your organization. Remember, what you do today becomes an expectation for tomorrow.

Please visit our website at www.mofire-funeral.org, under the protocol and documents tab, you will find a copy of the article by Chief Jones as well as a very basic funeral guide your organization can consider. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns

STEPHEN HUNZIGER

January 9, 1951 - October 2, 2015



Stephen Hunziger, Chief of the Northwest Fire Protection District of Craig, Missouri, passed away on October 2, 2015. He was a member of the fire department for 24 years. Five of those as the assistant chief, and the last two years as fire chief.

Steve served as a first responder for 13 years in Holt County.

In 2005 Steve was presented a plaque for appreciation of courage for his assistance in a water rescue on the Missouri river.

Steven was a friend to whomever he met. He knew no strangers, and would talk to anyone for five minutes or an hour. When they parted ways they were friends. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him!

Stephen Thomas (Steve) Hunziger, the son of Thomas and Shirley (Grimes) Hunziger, was born January 9, 1951, in St. Joseph, Missouri. He attended South Holt High School, in Oregon, Missouri, graduating in 1969. He then attended two years of drafting school at Platte College in St. Joseph. On March 4, 1971, Steve entered the Kansas United States Army National Guard and served his country

for 23 years, before retiring in 1994. On May 17, 1972, Steve was united in marriage to Christena Stein and they became the parents of five children, Daniel, Amy, Chester, Joanne and Timothy. They later divorced. On September 9, 2000, Steve was united in marriage to Rhonda Resler in Oregon, Missouri and he became a caring step-father to Rhonda's daughter, Amanda. They made their home in Craig, Missouri, where they lived to the present time.

Steve was employed by Mead Products for nearly 25 years until its closing in 2004. He then was employed by Cunningham Farms and Supply and Craig Grain to the present time.

Steve was Chief of the Craig Volunteer Fire Department, an EMT and a First Responder. He was a member of the Story-Hardin American Legion Post #164, Craig, and a website community, called the Q Joint Smokers Meat forum. Steve passed away Friday, October 2, 2015, at his home in Craig at the age of 64.

Steve was preceded in death by an infant sister, his grandparents and aunts and uncles. Survivors include wife, Rhonda Hunziger, Craig; six children, Daniel Hunziger and wife, Contessa, Oregon, Amy Ensz, Rosendale, Missouri, Chester Hunziger and wife, Mindy, Rosendale, Joanne Estes and husband, Brian, Maysville, Missouri, Timothy Hunziger and wife, Amelia, Kansas City, Missouri, and Amanda Driskell and husband, John, Tarkio; parents, Thomas and Shirley (Grimes) Hunziger, Oregon; nine grandchildren, Chenoa, Jacole, Cloe, Wade, Sophia, Blake, Baelin, Wyatt and Madison; five siblings, Russell Hunziger and wife, Sharon, Forest City, Missouri, Alvin Hunziger and wife, Marcia, Atchison, Kansas, Edward Hunziger, Forest City, Lori Holliday and husband, Ron, St. Joseph, and Patty Schoonover and husband, Bryce, Mound City, Missouri; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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JOHN V. MESH

August 8, 1976 - October 12, 2015



John V. Mesh, age 39, was a Kansas City, Missouri Firefighter/EMT who died tragically in the line of duty on October 12, 2015.

John was born August 8, 1976, to Michael Joseph and Barbara (Taylor) Mesh. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Felicia (Mora) Mesh; daughters, Adriana Nikole (17), Alyssa Marie (16), Alexandria JoLynn (13), Alicia Lynette (10); mother, Barbara K. Mesh; brothers, Michael T. Mesh (Sherri), Mark A. Mesh (Rosealyn), James J. Mesh (Laura); sisters, Jena Oliver (Todd), Christine Kimzey (Brian), Sherri Caponetto (Ross); father-in-law and mother-in-law, Felix and Mella Mora; brother-in-law, Anthony Mora (Tina); and sister-in-law, Staci Reed (Jake). He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews as well as many extended family members, friends, and fellow firefighters. He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Joseph Mesh; and brother, Joseph Anthony "Tony" Mesh.

John was everything to his family and they were most important to him. He was extremely proud of his girls and was a very active participant in all their sports, functions and events. He was an avid



hunter and was passing this tradition to his daughters. He was a graduate of Holy Cross Grade School and St. Mary's High School.

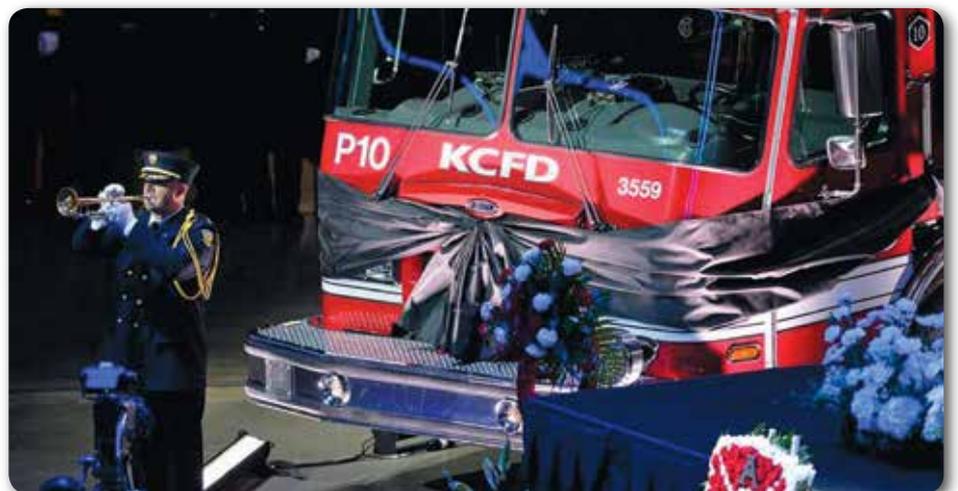
John was a 13 year veteran of the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department, and was passionate about his career as a firefighter/EMT. He was serving with his fellow firefighters on Pumper 10 when he was called for his Last Alarm in Old Northeast.

Visitation began with the Rosary at 2 p.m. and continued until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 3736 S. Lee's Summit Rd., Independence, MO 64055. The Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, October 21, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, followed by the burial in the Legacy Garden of Mount Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to a fund to support the fallen firefighters families c/o IAFF Local 42, 6320 Manchester Ave., Suite 42A, Kansas City, MO 64133. A public memorial service, hosted by IAFF Local 42, took place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, MO.

Pallbearers: Mike Mesh, Mark Mesh, Jim Mesh, John Oliver, Rocco Sapenaro, T.J. Hertzog, John Sirna.

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LARRY J. LEGGIO

June 25, 1972 - October 12, 2015



Larry J. Leggio, age 43, was a Kansas City, Missouri Firefighter who died tragically in the line of duty on October 12, 2015.

Larry was born on June 25, 1972, to Angelo and Mary Lynn (Donnici) Leggio. He is survived by his wife, Missy (Gentile) Leggio; mother, Mary Lynn Leggio; brother, Joe Mike Leggio (Michelle); sister, Angela Emmick; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joe and Marcia Gentile; brother-in-law, Tim Gentile (Trina); and sister-in-law, Tina Gentile. He was the beloved uncle to Nina and Nicole Emmick, Joseph and Marissa Leggio, and Oriana, Grayson, Brandlyn and Noelle Gentile. He also leaves behind his little buddy Fritzzy, as well as many extended family members and countless friends and fellow firefighters. Larry was preceded in death by his father, Angelo L. Leggio.

Larry was a 17 year veteran of the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department. From the time he was a little boy, Larry dreamed of following in his Father's footsteps as a firefighter. That dream became a reality in May of 1998. He started his career at Station number 23, located in Old Northeast, where he was born and raised.



Larry was passionate in life and he brought that passion to his beloved fire department. He loved riding his Harley and was active in supporting charity rides such as the one for his longtime friend and fire department brother, Bill Dady. Larry most recently participated in a ride to Colorado Springs to support the Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Larry's other passion was his family, especially his soul-mate Missy who he married in 2011.

On his days off, Larry enjoyed fishing and hunting with his fellow firefighters and extended family, especially trips to Arkansas for duck hunting and to Lake Taneycomo for fishing. His nieces and nephew loved having Larry and Missy with them on summer trips to Table Rock Lake in Branson. Larry also loved trips to the beach with Missy where they always made new friends. None of these trips will ever be the same without our Larry.

Later in his firefighting career, Larry was promoted to Fire Apparatus Operator and moved to Truck number 2, "the Deuce", in Midtown Kansas City. He was a loving son, brother, uncle and friend to so many and touched all with his infectious smile and approach to life. Larry was serving with his fellow firefighters on Truck 2 when he was called for his Last Alarm in Old Northeast.

Visitation was at 2-7 p.m. Sunday, October 18, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1357 NE 42nd Terr., Kansas City, MO 64116. The Mass of Christian Burial was at 11 a.m. Monday, October 19, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, followed by the burial in the Legacy Garden of Mount Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to a fund to support the fallen firefighters families c/o IAFF Local 42, 6320 Manchester Ave., Suite 42A, Kansas City, MO 64133. A public memorial service, hosted by IAFF Local 42, took place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, at the Sprint Center in Kansas City, MO.

Pallbearers: Jason Stockbauer, John Pace, Matt Vela, Jimmy Baker, Tommy Agrusa, Mark Smith

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22ND JEFFCO FIRE ENGINE RALLY AWARD WINNERS

By Jefferson County Firefighters Association

Over sixty-five fire trucks and ambulances ascended on the Herculaneum City Park on Saturday, September 26 to take part in the 22nd 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 attendees from across the state. The 22nd 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 remembered this year included: Terry Bouska, Goldman Fire Protection District; Farris H. Hamlyn, Sr. High Ridge Fire Protection District; Daniel E. Marler, Herculaneum Fire Department; Dennis W. Marler, Herculaneum Fire Department; Joseph F. Peery, Sr. Jefferson R-7 Fire Protection District; Anthony A. (Tony) Picarella, Crystal City Fire Department; Richard Saller, Antonia Fire Protection District; Stephen F. Siracusa, Crystal City Fire Department and Wayne Weber, Cedar Hill Fire Protection District. 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.



The annual Jefferson County Firefighter and EMS awards were presented as follows: Fire Life Saving, Festus Fire Department; Firefighter of the Year Award, Kevin Baker, Herculaneum Fire Department; Fire Chief of the Year Award, Assistant Chief George Keller, Jr., Goldman Fire Protection District; Fire Department of the Year Award, Goldman Fire Protection District; EMS Meritorious Action Award, Kevin Dennis, Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District; EMS Paramedic of the Year, Tim Todd, Joachim Plattin Ambulance District; EMS Chief Officer of the Year, Captain Mike Cage, Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District; and EMS Department of the Year, Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District.

The opening ceremony also includes the introduction and presentation of plaques to the rally Grand Marshal and Junior Grand Marshal. Assistant Chief George Keller, Jr. of the Goldman Fire Protection District was honored as Grand Marshal and Isaiah Buggs of Florissant, Missouri, represented the Missouri Burn Camp and Burns Recovered Support Group of St. Louis as the Junior Grand Marshal. The

O'Fallon Fire Protection District provides transportation for the Grand Marshal and Todd Mahn of DeSoto provides transportation for the Junior Grand Marshal.

The annual rally features numerous demonstrations each year and the 22nd rally was no different. The Crystal City Fire Department and Sentinel Emergency Solutions demonstrated various hose streams and hose appliances; the Hematite Fire Protection District and Weber Fire and Safety demonstrated the use of home fire extinguishers; the Herculaneum Fire Department and Sudden Rescue conducted an air bag demonstration and Ameren Missouri demonstrated a Power Line Safety demonstration. Children's Hospital, St. Louis, ARCH Air Rescue, Survival Flight and Air Evac all had rescue helicopters on display at the rally.

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

Best Overall Antique: Todd Mahn, DeSoto, Missouri

Newest Apparatus in Service: Rock Community Fire Protection District



Oldest Apparatus in Service: Park Hills Fire Department

Best Overall Current Apparatus: Dunklin Fire Protection District

Best Aerial Apparatus: Dunklin Fire Protection District

Best Pumper Apparatus: Hematite Fire Protection District

Best Overall Ground Cover Apparatus: Mapaville Fire Protection District

Best Rescue Apparatus: Herculaneum Fire Department



Best Tanker Apparatus: Antonia Fire Protection District

Best Lettering and Detailing: Valle Ambulance District

Best Overall EMS Vehicle: Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District

Heritage Apparatus Award: Cedar Hill Fire Protection District

Farthest Traveled: Irondale Fire Protection District

Judge's Award: DeSoto Fire Department

As in the past, this year's rally included numerous activities for the children

including a rock climbing wall, bounce house and an inflatable slide, a photo booth, face-painting, firefighter-themed games, a fire safety house and a scavenger hunt.

The Jefferson County Firefighters Association thanks all of the vendors, equipment sales and food vendors for participating at this year's rally. The 22nd rally had the largest number of vendors in the history of the rally. A big thank you goes out to the sponsors of the event and to those who attended.

Mark your calendars! The twenty-third Jeffco Fire Engine Rally will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016 in Herculaneum.





History's CORNER

By Bill Westhoff

MY MOST AWESOME MEMORIES OF TWO INDIVIDUALS AND SOME OTHER THOUGHTS

Well, here we are again, starting the holiday season all over again. I consider myself blessed that I am now about to embark on my seventy-sixth holiday season and all the blessings that go with it. At this time of year we all find ourselves reflecting on things we have done and folks we have known. We also look forward to interaction with family and friends, individuals we have known and loved and ones we continue to love.

We also look around us to review the changes we have found in our communities and our surroundings. The news today, as an example, headlined the fact that today was the 50th anniversary of the opening of the St. Louis Arch! Fifty years ago, the arch was opened to the public and was dedicated to the memory of Thomas Jefferson. Since I grew up in the shadows of the construction of the arch in St. Charles County, the building

of it is clear in my memory. The thing I do not understand about the arch is why we waited 189 years to honor such an American icon and founder father with this structure, since he was the second President of the United States and a principal author of the Declaration of Independence! President Jefferson died in 1826 in Charlottesville, Virginia. There will be more about that subject later in this article.

My most awesome memories of two individuals centers around two of my dearest associates in the Missouri fire service who, like Thomas Jefferson, have gone to their final fire station in the sky. Unlike President Jefferson, both guys are with me almost daily in my thoughts because of the tremendous respect I have for both of them. Very few people in your life have that kind of impact on you daily thought process but these individuals have and

will continue to until I join them at the great fire station.

JOHN WILSON

Many of the members of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri and the fire service in general will remember John. He was the kind of guy you did not forget because of his friendly smile and his down home way of dealing with people. If you ever took a farm extrication or school bus rescue class from the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute anywhere in the state, John and Phil Sayer would be there and instructing the course. Phil, of course, is the other individual I am writing about in this article.

John was from Houston, Missouri, and when you spoke with him you immediately knew he was from South Missouri. For years, he worked for the Fire Department



at Fort Leonard Wood and was very active in the FFAM. We also used him at the university all those years as what we called an “associate” or part time instructor. After he retired from government service and we got our first Highway Safety grant from the State to do vehicle extrication classes, he became a full time instructor and traveled to every county, doing vehicle extrication classes. He was so well known in the field and so good at it that “Life Flight” units in that area of the state have been known to “drop out of sky” at his house in Houston at all hours of the day and pick him up to be flown to major vehicle incidents to assist the local fire service with a difficult extrication!

He was my fishing buddy and my friend, as well as a dedicated instructor. He will forever be in my thoughts.

PHIL SAYER

I doubt that anyone who receives this newsletter or has been in the fire business any length of time doesn't know the name or has not met my friend Phil Sayer. He is without any doubt, the most dedicated person I have ever known in this business, and I know lots of people in the fire service. He's the guy you hear about and always aspire to be like, that would give you the shirt off his back or the last

dollar he has in his pocket. He served his community with pride as the Chief of the Galt Fire Department most of his life and that, along with his family, was his passion. He made sure his community had the best of equipment and training, even if he had to pay for it himself, which he did in many cases.

His passion for the fire service did not end at the Grundy County line. In fact, it not only extended across the State of Missouri, but across our entire nation. Phil and Joe Jackson, another of my hero's, represented the FFAM at hundreds of meetings of the National Volunteer Fire Council for decades and were well known in those circles.

Phil was an avid supporter of training and quite effective as a political activist when it came to anything taking place in Jefferson City that had anything to do with the fire service. He taught hundreds of classes in vehicle extrication, farm equipment and school bus rescue, and grain bin safety, and to my knowledge, never took a dime for teaching the classes or travel expenses. John Wilson was always his co-instructor.

I was blessed for several years to be the Fire Chief at the Missouri State Fair Fire

Department in the very early days of that operation. The first year I was there we operated out of a single bay brick fire station down the street from the present facility that I think is now a BBQ restaurant. The few firefighters who came slept in tents and campers behind the fire station and it was very primitive, to say the least. Many of the early folks involved in that operation were from Galt and of course Phil was there. I often wondered if there were still guys and gals at home to run calls because of their numbers at the fair.

It would take a number of extra pages in this newsletter to tell all the John Wilson/Phil Sayer stories I have stored up in my memory. Phil and his brother Paul and their families co-own a gold mine in Alaska and Elaine and I were some of the few folks that were ever able to visit that location with the Sayer family. That trip alone could fill several pages of a book that I plan to start sometime when I get old and the kids take my truck keys away!

I never had a brother, but these two guys are as close to having one as I can get. They are always with me in my thoughts. I know I already said that once, but it needed to be repeated.

Here is my final idea for this article and you need to go back to the beginning of it for the final concept. Why did we wait 189 years to honor Thomas Jefferson with the construction of a 630 foot tall arch in downtown St. Louis? Why did the FFAM wait till an icon like Chief Joe Jackson was no longer around to honor him with the Phil Sayer award for Lifetime Achievement?

Everyone who reads this article knows someone who they respect and idolize! Pick up the phone and call them and let them know how you feel. We spend so much time thinking and talking about the negative things we see in our jobs that we forget the common practice of complimenting someone for something good! Send them a greeting card in the mail or at the very least send them a text. You will feel better and so will they. Have a blessed and safe holiday.





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Department _____ FDID _____

Delegate (PRINT)

Alternate (PRINT)

1. _____

1. _____

2. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. _____

Chief (print) _____

Chief (signature) _____

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Ever stop and wonder what your benefits are as an FFAM member?

ANNUAL DUES

Low cost membership dues. Dues have not increased since 1977.

FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

\$2.50 of the member dues goes to the Fire Fighters Memorial in Kingdom City.

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A bi-monthly newsletter detailing a large variety of fire service issues, training schedule of regional and state fire schools, featured articles, equipment sales postings and status of political issues.

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A low cost Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance is available to members. Coverage up to \$50,000.

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\$1,000 LODD benefit to the member's beneficiary from the FFAM.

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Representation with the National Volunteer Fire Council

Liaison between members and the Missouri State Fire Marshal, the political front and other state agencies.

The FFAM serves as an organized voice on important annual fire service legislation.

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Training classes available including certified board member training and other various topics

IFSTA TRAINING DISCOUNT

10% discount on all IFSTA training materials.

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Available at no cost to the department.

LEARNING PARTNERS

Tuition and textbook discounts through our learning partners agreement with Columbia Southern University and Waldorf College's online programs.

ANNUAL CONVENTION

Includes a vendor expo, competitive firefighter contest, parade, awards banquet, dance and business meeting.

MISSOURI STATE FAIR FD

Members can volunteer to work at the MSFFD which provides fire, EMS and first aid to fairgoers each year. It is the only fully operational fire department in the United States that operates for only 11 days a year.

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Assistance with the repair of broken or lost eyeglasses while at a scene — up to \$200.

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Spouses of members may join the FFAM Auxiliary which provides support to the

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Stay up-to-date with important announcements on our Facebook page.

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MISSOURI STORM SHELTERS

Individual and department members received a \$250 discount plus other special discounts throughout the year.

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Individual members receive a discount off selected medical screenings and will be contacted when the services are available in their area.

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WORLDS OF FUN/OCEANS OF FUN

Discounted tickets available.

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Discounted individual and season tickets.

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The Board of Directors is always working for the membership and trying to find great benefits to pass on to the individuals and departments.

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Say THANK YOU to our Corporate Members by visiting them for your specialty needs!



Contact Secretary Jaime Miller at ffam.jmiller@gmail.com for more information



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FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FORM

Associate Membership Dues: \$15.00 Annually

- Associate membership requires the individual to show proof of active membership in good standing with any FDID registered fire department or EMS service in the State of Missouri and pays dues as required.
- Members shall have all benefits of an active member except voting and holding an elected office. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors.

Date: _____ Name _____ Department name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Need to include proof of active membership with department (current ID card, paystub, letter, etc.)

Return membership application and payment to: **FFAM, PO Box 1153, Warrensburg, MO 64093**

OR email your membership application to: ffam.jmiller@gmail.com and call **(660) 429-1327** with your credit card information



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Company Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

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Sustaining Membership Dues: \$15.00 Annually

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Individual/Organization/Company Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

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FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI

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An Individual Membership Benefit

****Rate Change****

\$2.00 per \$1,000 coverage

To purchase insurance, include the amount you would like on the line behind your name and include payment for the insurance with your dues. You need to list a beneficiary, even if you don't purchase additional insurance.

****Note: This insurance is separate from your membership dues.****

****There is \$1,000 insurance provided with your dues.****

If your department places some coverage on your personnel and a member would like more coverage, just add the amount with your dues to cover the increase in coverage.

A maximum of \$50,000 is allowed per insured.

Coverage amounts available... **DO NOT** choose a different amount for coverage not listed below.

\$1,000 coverage: Cost \$2.00
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\$3,000 coverage: Cost \$6.00
\$4,000 coverage: Cost \$8.00
\$5,000 coverage: Cost \$10.00
\$6,000 coverage: Cost \$12.00

\$8,000 coverage: Cost \$16.00
\$10,000 coverage: Cost \$20.00
\$15,000 coverage: Cost \$30.00
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\$50,000 coverage: Cost \$100.00

This coverage is in effect 24 hours a day and the cause of death does not have to be fire service related.

The dismemberment coverage is for the loss of a limb and pays on a percentage of loss assessed.

Heart attacks, strokes and cancer are not considered accidental death and are not covered in this program. There are no age limits with this policy.

There are a few standard exclusions: suicide or any attempt to injure person, infection except pyogenic infection caused wholly by a covered injury, death while at war or any act of war or while in the military service, injury during organized athletic activity, injury while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or if injured is piloting a plane or skydiving. Exclusions not withstanding changes in the policy are listed here.



For questions, contact FFAM Secretary-Treasurer Jaime Miller
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RADIOS FOR SALE

The Asbury Fire Protection District has for sale the following radios.

MOBILE

- 6 Vertex VX-2200-Do-50
- 3 Vertex VX-3200V
- 1 Kenwood TK 7150
- 1 Kenwood TK 7160H

PORTABLES

- 9 Kenwood TK 2180

Contact Assistant Chief Joe Lair
417-317-0037



The Board of the Cole County Fire Protection District has declared the following item for surplus:

1991 FORD F250 BRUSH TRUCK

250 gallon with 11 HP Briggs and Stratton; Hale Pump and Light Bar.
Minimum bid of \$1,500

1977 CHEVROLET C65 PUMPER TANKER

1800 gallons with 1000 GPM with Hale Pump.
Minimum bid of \$1,500

All interested bidders may examine the surplus by contacting administration at 573.634.9011. Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The district disclaims any warranties, either expressed or implied. Surplus will be sold as is.

The bids are due by 10:00 a.m. on December 21, at 5206 Monticello Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109. The bid opening and awarding will take place by the administration at 8:30 p.m. on the same day.

1986 FORD RESCUE MEDIUM DUTY RESCUE TRUCK

31,854 miles, Cat diesel engine, Allison Automatic Transmission.

Overall length is 25 Ft, 8 inches, GVWR 33,200 lbs., Body material is aluminum, Seating for 5 Firefighters, 2 front and 3 rear. Items included: 6- 3600 psi air storage cylinders with cascade system, 12 KW Onan diesel generator, 2 - Hannay 200 ft electric cord reels w/electric rewind, 1- Hannay 100 ft hydraulic line reel w/electric rewind, 1- Hannay 200 ft air line reel w/electric rewind, rear mount electric winch w/remote control, 2 - 500 watt quartz telescopic lights, 2 - 1500 watt quartz telescopic lights, 5 position Firecom headset system with ports at cascade and rear steps.

Unit is in good condition and just replaced with a newer apparatus.



For further information please contact:

Chief John Clark
Work: 573-783-3391
Cell: 573-783-9338

Mail bids to:

Fredericktown Fire Department
202 West College
Fredericktown, MO 63645

Bids deadline is November 18, 2016.

The Fredericktown FD reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

RECRUIT FIREFIGHTER - CITY OF SEDALIA FD

The Sedalia Fire Department (SFD) is currently recruiting highly trained and motivated individuals with exceptional customer service skills who are interested in becoming a Firefighter/EMT. SFD anticipates filling 3 positions and the establishment of an eligibility pool through this process. Vacancies to be filled in late fall 2015. The successful candidates will perform duties in a manner consistent with the stated values of the organization.

The City of Sedalia is a growing, stand-alone community of 22,000 located in beautiful west central Missouri. SFD consists of 41 full-time employees performing the challenging work of emergency medical care, fire suppression, fire prevention, and rescue. The fire department operates a 24/48 hour shift schedule. In 2014, the department answered over 2,400 calls for service.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

21 years of age at time of application, Missouri Firefighter I & II certification, State of Missouri or National Registry EMT-B or be currently enrolled in an approved EMT-B course, current CPAT certificate, a valid driver's license, and a high school diploma or GED.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process includes a written aptitude test and an oral interview board. Post offer exam includes a complete background investigation, a medical exam, and a drug screen.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

Starting salary of \$30,755 increases to \$31,370 after six month probationary period. Benefit package includes health and life insurance, a non-contributory pension plan, 9 paid vacation days, 10 paid holidays, 130 hours of sick leave annually, and a tuition assistance program.

TO APPLY

Applications to print may be found on line at www.cityof-sedalia.com. You may also obtain an application at the Personnel Department in the Municipal Building, Suite 204. When submitting the completed application to the Personnel Department of the City of Sedalia, a detailed resume, copies of all required certifications need to be attached. The application process for this position will remain open until the position is filled.

Applicants meeting all requirements will be advised of testing date and location. Additional information can be obtained by emailing jrice@cityofsedalia.com or calling the Personnel Office at (660) 827-3000.

A complete job description is available online at www.cityof-sedalia.com/jobs.

The City of Sedalia is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug-Free Workplace.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT - FORT OSAGE FPD

The Fort Osage Fire Protection District is accepting applications for the position of Firefighter Paramedic and Firefighter EMT. The Firefighter Paramedic and Firefighter EMT will work as a team member in the functions of emergency medical services and fire suppression operations, in both emergency and non-emergency operations. Individuals hired shall be able to work as a driver/operator for both fire and ambulance type apparatus.

Responsibilities include daily support of shift operations, in relation to building, grounds, equipment, and apparatus maintenance, directing personnel in the assessment and treatment of sick or injured people, and assisting with Community Risk Reduction programs, along with other members of the company. Work shift: 24 on / 48 off.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be 18 years of age at time of employment
- Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license
- Must possess and maintain Missouri Paramedic or Missouri EMT License
- State Certification of Firefighter 1 & 2
- State Certification of Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations
- Must possess current Certified Physical Abilities Test (CPAT)

Fort Osage Fire Protection District provides fire, emergency medical and rescue services to approximately 14,000 citizens within the Cities of Buckner, Sibley, Levasy, Village of River Bend, and the surrounding unincorporated area of Northeast Jackson County. This progressive district serves an area of 110 square miles from two staffed stations and one satellite station.

Applications are available on our website www.fortosagefire.org. Please send resume, professional references and supporting certifications along with completed application. Your application must be postmarked by November 30, 2015 and sent to: Fort Osage Fire Protection District P.O. Box 287 Buckner, MO 64016. You may contact (816) 650-5811 with any questions or concerns.

The District has the right not to hire any of the applicants for the position, or to terminate the hiring process at any time, in its sole discretion. Fort Osage Fire Protection District is an EOE. Successful completion of post-offer criminal background screening, drug test, and medical physical are required.

STARTING PAY:

Firefighter/Paramedic - \$37,000 plus overtime. Firefighter/EMT - \$33,800 plus overtime. The District provides a progressive benefit package to include educational incentives and retirement.



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. 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.

The MU FRTI staff and I were saddened to learn of the Line of Duty Deaths on October 12, 2015, of Kansas City Fire Department firefighters Larry Leggio and John Mesh. MU FRTI has a long history of working closely with KCFD and has had strong support through the years from former KCFD Chief Smokey Dyer and current Fire Chief Paul Berardi. A number of our adjunct instructors are current members of KCFD. We stand beside the dedicated personnel and extended families of the KCFD as we grieve these deaths. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and Fire Department in their time of loss.

Some recent changes at the federal and state level have occurred related to the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) and the National Fire Academy. The United States Fire Administration (USFA), that oversees the National Fire Academy (NFA), received a request from the Missouri Fire Marshal's Office/ Division of Fire Safety (DFS) to change the NFA State Training Partner designation from MU FRTI to DFS. Based on USFA legal review, the USFA has granted the NFA designation to DFS.

DFS and MU FRTI administrations have met on the transition of the NFA duties, and had a positive discussion. Both entities will be working together to ensure NFA state training opportunities that will

benefit Missouri's fire service. MU FRTI has been the NFA State Training Partner since the inception of the program over 30 years ago, and is proud of the training that has been provided to Missouri's firefighters through this program. MU FRTI looks forward to working with DFS to continue NFA training opportunities in the state.

As a student of fire service history, I enjoy learning about our firefighting heritage and traditions. During my tenure as the Director of MU FRTI, I have had the opportunity to learn a significant amount of Missouri's fire service history through self-study, great friendships like former director William (Bill) Westhoff, Jr., and the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri's History Preservation Project. It is fascinating to see the significant impact Missouri firefighters and leadership have had on the United States fire service through innovative developments.

The Pompier ladder or scaling ladder was invented in Germany in 1828. It was introduced in the U.S. by St. Louis Fire Department's Fireman Christian Hoell in the 1870s when he began training the personnel on using the ladder. His training was so successful that he was granted leave to train the New York City FD on properly using the ladder. This training set the standard for high rise fire and rescue techniques until the invention of motorized ladder trucks.

There were some famous fires in the state as well. Missouri's state capitol building in Jefferson City burned twice in the past; first in 1837, and a second time on February 5, 1911, when a bolt of lightning struck the dome. The 1911 fire was the first recorded use of mutual aid when

Sedalia FD commandeered a train and loaded on a pumper and hose wagon to send to JCFD to help fight the fire.

These examples are just some of the rich fire service history of Missouri. I encourage you to take the time to learn more of Missouri's fire service past and pass it on to our next generation of firefighters. The history and traditions of the fire service help define the profession and who we are.

The MU FRTI annual *Emergency Services Instructor Conference* was held October 23-25, 2015, in Lake Ozarks, MO. There were over 200 registrations at this year's conference and pre-conference events. I wish to express the Institute's appreciation to all who attended the annual instructor's conference and our guest instructors for sharing their knowledge and expertise. Again at this year's conference, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) partnered with MU FRTI to deliver their "Leadership So Everyone Goes Home" and the new "Stress First Aid for Fire and Emergency Services Personnel" courses as a hand-off to instructors. We sincerely appreciate the strong partnership with NFFF that provided this important training opportunity for Missouri Fire Instructors.

The MU FRTI *Fire Service Instructor of the Year* for 2014-2015 awards were presented during the annual *Instructor Conference*. This year's recipient of the MU FRTI Instructor of the Year award was Mark Arnold, Fire Chief with the Thayer Fire Department in Thayer, MO. Chief Arnold has been an adjunct instructor with the MU FRTI program since 1999. Arnold started in the fire service in 1988 as a firefighter. He then



MU FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING INSTITUTE

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DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
11/12	Leadership I for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Company Success	Sunrise Beach	Jeremy Criner	(573) 374-4411
11/16	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Willard	Jeremey Bumgarner	(417) 862-1738
11/20	Leadership I for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Company Success	Willard	Jeremy Bumgarner	(417) 862-1738
11/20	Farm Machinery Rescue	Pomona	Randall Dennis	(417) 293-0889
11/23	Traffic Incident Management	Houston	Joey Moore	(417) 217-0230
12/01	Fire Service Safety Culture: Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters?	Kansas City	MUFRTI	(800) 869-3476
12/02	Building Organizational Support for Community Risk Reduction	Springfield	MUFRTI	(800) 869-3476
12/04	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	California	Kurt Bleich	(573) 353-8041
12/04	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Gainesville	Al Davidson	(417) 679-2252
12/05	Rail Safety for Emergency Responders	Willard	Jeremey Bumgarner	(417) 693-0501
12/07	Traffic Incident Management	Dexter	Don Seymore	(573) 820-0019
12/11	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Gainesville	Robert Peat	(417) 712-1095
12/11	Trench Rescue: Awareness	Columbia	Steve Potter	(573) 874-7644
12/11	Basic Pump Operations	Sparta	Brian Loula	(417) 234-2136
12/11	Basic Pump Operations	Westphalia	Jim Roark	(573) 680-9154
12/12	Rail Safety for Emergency Responders	Chaffee	Sammy Glency	(573) 466-0038
12/15	Traffic Incident Management	Cape Girardeau	Dwayne Kirchoff	(573) 979-4657
01/05	Shaping the Future	Columbia	MUFRTI	(800) 869-3476
01/07	Leadership II for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Personal Success	Sunrise Beach	Jeremy Criner	(573) 374-4411
01/08	Leadership II for Fire and EMS: Strategies for Personal Success	Willard	Jeremy Bumgarner	(417) 862-1738

had added duties as Safety and Training Officer. He earned his Firefighter 1 and 2 and his Instructor III in 1999. The next year he was appointed Assistant Chief, then in 2011, Fire Chief of the Thayer Fire Department. Instructor Arnold exemplifies excellence in fire service instruction, and we look forward to his continued service with the Institute as an Adjunct Instructor. In addition to the award given to Chief Arnold, MU FRTI recognized the first and second runners-up for the Instructor of the Year. First runner-up was David Nichols, retired Fire Marshal from the Monarch Fire Protection District in Chesterfield, MO, and MU FRTI adjunct instructor. Chief Michel Arnhart with the High Ridge Fire Protection District in High Ridge, MO, was Second Runner-Up. Chief Arnhart was the 2014 recipient of the Instructor of the Year.

As part of the Instructor Awards ceremony, nine of the Institute's adjunct instructors were recognized for demonstrating the highest standards of instruction by achieving the *Highest Course Instructor Performance Rating* in 2014-2015. 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: Les Crews, Brad Dillow, Dean Lynn, Ron MacKnight, Roger J. Meyers, Lynn Morgan, Mike Noonan, Paul Spain, and Larry Young. In addition, Instructor Randall Ragan was recognized for having the distinction of receiving the high course performance rating multiple times during the year. These Adjunct Faculty members demonstrated exceptional performance and exemplified instructional excellence in the courses they taught during FY15. MU FRTI has an instructional cadre of over 130 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.

Coming this winter is the 35th annual *Winter Fire School (WFS)* along with the *Fire Equipment Expo*. The event is scheduled for February 5-7, 2016, in Columbia, MO. 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 14th annual *Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program* schedule has been set for 2016. The first session begins

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January 20-21, 2016. This program is a joint activity conducted with the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs, and provides executive leadership training for current and future fire chiefs. Enrollments are limited for this unique program so those who are interested should register early. Additional information can be found about these and other training opportunities on the Institute’s website at www.mufrti.org.

As the holiday season approaches, I wish all of you safe and joyous holidays. 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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IN NEED OF DEPARTMENT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS T-SHIRTS

The State Fair Fire Department will be making a t-shirt quilt that will be on display at the 2016 FFAM Convention to be raffled off. We will be drawing the winner at the end of State Fair 2016. All proceeds will go to the State Fair Fire Department!



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