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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings Fellow Firefighters

Kenneth Hoover
President



This newsletter article brings me to the annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Services held on May 14, and 15, 2016 in Kingdom City. I believe this is the most important activity I am involved in every year and will commit a large portion of my article to the memorial.

As they have done for many years, I thank Chief Greg Lubbert and the Central Callaway Fire Protection District that spent many hours cleaning all of the granite walls and other tasks the Thursday night prior to the services. Chief Lubbert has faithfully done this year after year.

A special thank you to Lt. Steve Nichols from the Little Dixie Fire Protection District for overseeing the maintenance on the Memorial again this year. Lt. Nichols always has everything looking

good for the annual services. There are many people that helped Steve with this task, Doc Kritzer, Greg and Brenda Carrell, Josh Biggers, and there are others that I am not aware of. A special thanks to each of you.

Many hours were also given for the Candlelight Service and the Sunday morning services. Keith Smith from the Warrenton Fire Protection District, Bill Albus from the Little Dixie Fire Protection District/MO State Fire Marshal office, and Linda Coleberd from Hannibal, worked many hours gathering information and developing the programs for both services. I thank each of you!

The Candlelight Honor Guard was provided by the Little Dixie Fire Protection District. Jim Cummings,

Chaplain for the Southern Stone Fire Protection District did an excellent job with the message to over 200 attendees at the Candlelight Service. To Blue Ice Productions and Chairman Keith Smith from Warrenton, Missouri who provided all of the recording and video services for the entire memorial, as they have done for many years at no charge to the Memorial Foundation. Many, many thanks to Greg and Rose Rosebrock.

Each year our history is documented by Don Vaucher. Don is at every event and photographs all activities and provides FFAM with prints and CD's and never asks for recognition or payment for his services. Thank you Don and Harriett.

This year we were honored to have Mr. Lane Roberts, Director, Department of Public Safety, for the State of Missouri attend and presented proclamations to the 2015 Line of Duty Death family members assisted by State Fire Marshal Greg Carrell.

Harriett Vaucher was our keynote speaker at the Sunday morning memorial service. I heard many compliments and I believe Harriett had a very heartfelt message. Thank you.

David Hedrick, Director of the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute gave our opening invocation and as always did an excellent job. David always accepts my request to help and I appreciate his involvement with the state chaplains organization.

Our Honor Guard Commander this year was Captain Pat Furlong from the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District. Commander Furlong did an outstanding job coordinating honor/color guard and

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Greg Carrell
Acting State Fire Marshal



Missouri Division of Fire Safety

As I write this, we are headed into a long 4th of July weekend. Dry conditions exist throughout the state. I wanted to take a moment to remind all responders this is a dangerous time of the year.

Hot dry conditions usually equate to many (and multiple) grass and brush fire responses. I ask that you take a few moments to think about your own personal safety. Be sure to take all the precautions to avoid heat-related illnesses and be ready to recognize those same symptoms in those who serve alongside you.

Think about your driving habits as you respond to these calls. Is a wildland fire really worth being involved in a motor vehicle accident? Have you taken the time to make sure you and all your crew are buckled in?

We all have families who expect our return at the end of the day. A few moments of thought goes a long way in ensuring that occurs.

The Division has just finalized this year's training contracts with our various training providers across the state. Through the Fire Education/Advisory Commission, we were able to award contracts to provide no-cost training to Missouri fire service. This training includes several of the new certification levels.

This training should be underway shortly, so look for the classes in your area and plan on attending. If your department wants to host a class, please get with the Division and we will put you in touch with a training provider.

It is only through the support of the fire service that this funding is made possible, so please use it to your advantage.

In the last week, I was honored to be invited to attend a graduation of the St. Louis Fire Department's fire academy recruit class. I watched the recruits walk proudly across the stage after receiving their helmets and badges. I then listened to Chief Jenkerson's remarks to those recruits about being part of the department, being well trained and ready to respond while still holding onto the sense of community, the brotherhood within the department. The event served to remind me our fire service family continues to grow into the future while still maintaining the traditions so important to us all.

I look forward to attending a fire academy class graduation on July 23rd in Hannibal. These graduates are from

the Moberly Area Community College. A smaller event to be sure, but no less important to me. Firefighters serve their communities, no matter the size. They all strive to honorably represent one and all who belong to the fire service family.

And I find it easy to be proud, not only of them as individuals, but as a whole that each of them has chosen to serve and be part of the tradition.

Stay safe!

Greg Carrell
Acting State Fire Marshal

Missouri Division of Fire Safety 2016 Annual Fire Department Registration

Per Missouri statute **RSMo 320.271**, all Missouri fire departments, fire protection districts and volunteer fire protection associations must file annual registrations using a process provided by the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The process provides valuable information including information about resources that could potentially be utilized for mutual aid responses.

Fire department registration is now a completely online process, and can be found on the Division of Fire Safety website at www.dfs.dps.mo.gov. A valid Fire Department ID (FDID) is needed to begin the process.

For questions, the Division may be contacted at mutualaid@dfs.dps.mo.gov or (573) 751-1601.

President Kenneth Hoover called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to order at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, June 5, 2016 at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, Missouri.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

Kenneth Hoover, Little Dixie FPD; 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

District 1, Terry Wynne, Galt FPD; District 2, Greg Wright, Shelbina FD; District 3, Larry Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; District 5, Terry Plumb, Southern Stone FPD; District 6, Gary Berendzen, Cole County FPD; District 7, RB Brown, Eureka FPD; District 11, Monty Thompson, Kearney FPD; District 14, Rick Dozier, Southern FPD of Holt County.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

District 1, Janet Cain, Braymer FR; District 3, Rob Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; District 4, Jonathan Evans, Lincoln FD; District 5, Shelby Phifer, Southern Stone FPD; District 10, Greg Brown, Eureka FPD; District 14, Glenn Dittmar, South Central Buchanan County FD.

GUESTS

Past President, Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD; Greg Carrell, Brenda Carrell, Missouri State Fire Marshal; Gail Hagans, MU FRTI; Larry Jennings, Larry Eggen, Joe Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Grant Oetting, Higginsville FPD; Darrell Wright, Chillicothe FD; Billy Smith, North Central Carroll FPD; Blake Beahler, Salisbury FD.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve. The 2016 convention meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the 2017 convention.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the April-May 2016 financial report. Larry Jones moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Charlie Neubert seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

Gail Hagans with MU FRTI reported that Summer Fire School will be this week. There are several new classes being offered however, registrations are down.

Greg Carrell, Missouri State Fire Marshal, reported that the Driver Operator certified course is new to Summer Fire School this year. The Fire Marshal's office is preparing to review training proposals. There are several interested vendors and his staff will work harder to get the available trainings on their website. Kim Becker will be retiring July 1 which will leave another vacancy in the agency but everyone is working hard to ensure everything continues running smoothly. There will be state representation at the Missouri State Fair and the agency does have extra funds available to assist the Missouri State Fair Fire Department with purchasing promotional giveaways.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Miller advised that she is still housing the large old display that was previously used for trade shows. Discussion followed regarding the future use of the display. Monty Thompson moved that the display be disposed of as necessary. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved. Rob Erdel advised that he has old FFAM logo decals, banners and other miscellaneous items that were being stored in the contest trailer that have no future use and are available to anyone who might need them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Larry Jennings advised that nominations are being accepted until February 28.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No report.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

It was reported that the Missouri Fire Chaplain Corp conference was held May 2-3 in Springfield. Jim Cummings has been appointed as the new state director.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

Rob Erdel reported that everything went well with the contest and no funds were spent. The committee is currently working on scoring changes.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Larry Jones advised he has not yet received a report from the Lake Area Emergency Services Association. Chief Darrell Wright with Chillicothe FD presented a proposal to the board to host the 2018 convention. Their department is open to dates and will try to be cost effective so more can attend. The convention committee has read the proposal and

recommends its approval. Larry Jones moved that the 2018 convention be hosted by the Chillicothe FD. Terry Plumb seconded the motion and all approved. The final approval will go before the delegates of the 2017 convention. Larry Jennings, chairman of the 2017 convention committee, advised that the 2017 convention committee will be having a planning meeting after today's business meeting. For anyone interested in advertising, pricing will be out this week.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Rick Dozier reported that the board of directors class held at convention had 32 participants. He requested a one-time approval of an additional \$1,000 to pay for the class. Monty Thompson moved for a one-time \$1,000 be approved for the education committee to pay for the board of director's class. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

PREVENTION COMMITTEE

RB Brown reported that the poster winners have been notified and will be notified again when dates are available for them to attend the state fair.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Brown reported that they are still waiting on the Governor to sign the bill releasing \$40,000 of additional fire training funds. SB732 is still moving through legislation which includes language that would allow ambulance services to recoup more money from Medicaid. It also allows first responder agencies to bill Medicaid as well. There is also legislation in the works that would require mandatory elder abuse reporting requirements. There are bills introduced that would make it a misdemeanor to interfere with law enforcement on traffic stops. A bill to remove the sunset on the use of mandatory residential sprinklers is being discussed. LODD language did not pass and a 911 cell phone tax did not pass. There are also proposals regarding tax deductions for training for volunteer firefighters.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported that there are still two open director positions with no new nominations.

NVFC COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported that the NVFC is working on insurance process and they are also working on having a greater presence at national trade shows.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

No report.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Monty Thompson reported that they held a work weekend that went very well. The next work weekend will be July 15-17.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Secretary Miller advised to contact her for any website additions.

NEWSLETTER

Gail Hagans advised that due to the July 4 holiday, the submission deadline for the next newsletter is June 27.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Grant Oetting reported that the family of Joe Jackson has contacted him regarding items to be donated to the museum. He and Kay Asher are planning to get the items in July.

FUNERAL TEAM REPORT

Greg Wright reported that the team assisted with a paramedic LODD in Festus along with the EMS funeral team. There will be a Missouri Public Safety Weekend Heroes Tribute Gala October 21-23 at Lodge of Four Seasons in Osage Beach. There will be free training available and everyone is welcome to attend. Billy Smith with North Central Carroll County FPD thanked the team for their assistance with Roger Maddox's services. Ken Hoover advised that the 1st Sunday

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EASTERN RANDOLPH CO FIRE MONITORING EQUIPMENT

By David Gaines, Eastern Randolph County Fire Protection District

Firefighters have a new tool at their disposal to improve service to local residents. The Eastern Randolph County Fire Protection District has placed into service new gas monitoring and detection equipment.

The new equipment that firefighters were recently trained to use allows for the detection and monitoring of four important gases during emergency situations. “The new monitor allows for us to take air samples in situations where the atmosphere may be dangerous to residents and firefighters alike”, said David Gaines, Chief of the Eastern Randolph County Fire Protection District. “This is a new level of services that helps to provide safety for not only the first responder but the residents located in eastern Randolph County.”

The hand held device has sensors that measures oxygen, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide and the lower explosive level of those gases. “This monitor will help us to detect when the air is unsafe for



Firefighters from Eastern Randolph County Fire Protection District receive training on the use of a gas detection monitor that was recently placed into service.

the equipment will be made available when needed by firefighters anywhere in the county. “All five of the fire protection districts in Randolph County and the City of Moberly’s Fire Department have

Funding for the purchase of the gas meter was provided through a grant from Enbridge Pipeline Company and the technical training was offered by Wise Safety and Environmental of St. Louis. “We

“Until now, if someone had a propane leak in their home or business we had to use our sense of smell to determine if the air is clear. Now we have monitoring equipment to do that without having to put our firefighters in jeopardy.”

those involved in several kinds of incidents that we most commonly respond to,” said Chief Gaines. “Until now, if someone had a propane leak in their home or business we had to use our sense of smell to determine if the air is clear. Now we have monitoring equipment to do that without having to put our firefighters in jeopardy.”

Through agreements with the other fire protection districts in Randolph County

a strong working relationship,” said Chief Gaines. “It is not uncommon for us to share resources and equipment in support of each other.”

Firefighters from Eastern Randolph County Fire Protection District spent several hours training with the company that supplied the gas meter. “At the conclusion of the training we were able to place the meter into service and make it available for use the very next day,” said Chief Gaines.

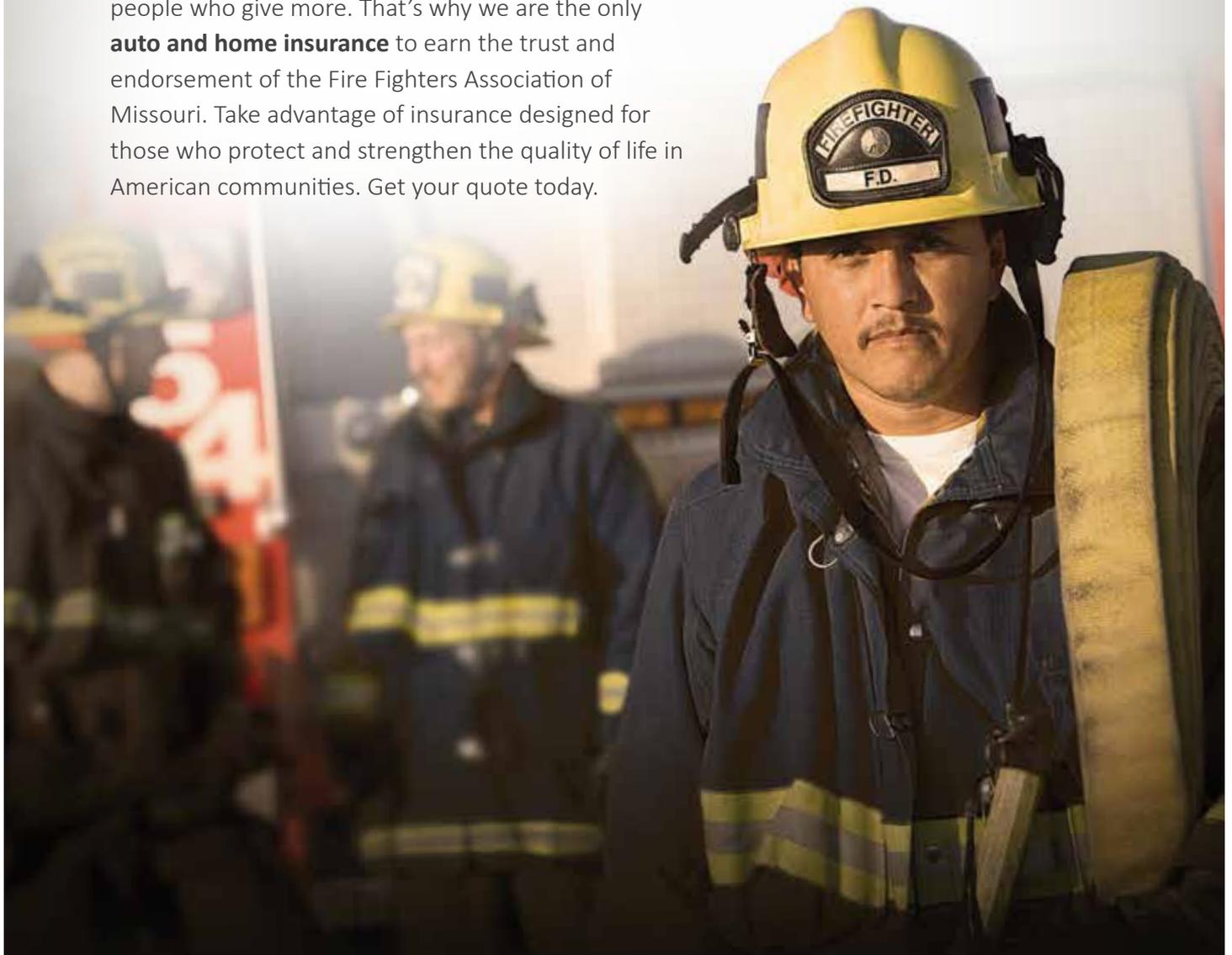
appreciate our partnership with Enbridge and the support of Wise Safety is helping us to provide improved service to the residents that we serve,” said Chief Gaines.

The Eastern Randolph County Fire Protection District services a portion of Randolph County east of Moberly to the Monroe County line. Volunteers that number close to a dozen and a half respond to various types of emergencies in the area and throughout Randolph County.



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FUNERAL TEAM UPDATE

by Brian Zinanni



The firefighters funeral team was honored to assist the family of Paramedic Jonathon Noce and the Joachim-Plattin ambulance district. Paramedic Noce died while on duty at the ambulance district. Team members immediately responded to assist the agency with their immediate needs and provide guidance with many of the required notifications. Fire funeral team members remained with the agency as a resource and honors were provided by the EMS funeral team. Together, both agencies worked to serve and honor our fallen brother.

When we have the line of duty death of a public safety officer, we use that opportunity to raise awareness and educate agency leaders and our public safety professionals about procedures and processes that are required. Does your agency have a plan in place for the loss of a member of your organization? While lecturing at conferences and agencies, we have found that there are many misconceptions about Line of Duty Death. Several of those misconceptions include the requirement of autopsy and toxicology for the purposes of federal benefits, and just being on duty automatically covers me for benefits, as examples.

We provide informative presentations to agencies who wish to learn more about funeral response and Line of Duty Death. Feel free to reach out to us if you are interested in hosting a class. Additionally, Supporting Heroes, Inc., the newest organization to benefit our public safety officers in Missouri, offers 3 one hour online courses that will assist you with understanding many of the misconceptions related to Line of Duty Death. You can sign up for these free classes on their website at www.supportingheroes.org

For More Information:

www.SupportingHeroes.org

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pipe and drum members from many fire departments throughout Missouri. Thank you Pat and members of the many honor guards and pipe and drum members.

I really appreciate all of the Memorial Board members that helped in so many ways throughout both services by, reading of names, bell ringing, placing of wreaths and turnout gear.

A special thank you goes to Gary and Sheri Berendzen for hauling the chairs to and from Jefferson City, to Jared Jackson, Tim Hodges, along with the Junior Fire Fighters from Little Dixie Fire Protection District and other individuals that helped set up the chairs for use at both services. And again, a special thanks to Glenn Dittmer and Janet Cain that come every year to help with anything asked of them. True volunteers, what more can I say. Also to Don Hahne and Steve Paulsell who performed Taps flawlessly to close our services.

Ladder trucks were provided by the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District and the Warrenton Fire Protection District to fly the US Flag at the entrance to the memorial walkway. Washington Volunteer Fire Company and Charles Staats provided their antique trucks again. Thanks to all.

We also appreciate Christopher Benne and Air Methods Helicopter and flight crew for its fly over and “Salute” to our fallen comrades.

I also need to thank everyone else that helped in any way that made our Annual Memorial Services special to everyone, especially to the families being honored.

Thank you to the FFAM Auxiliary for providing and distributing the ribbons and to Doc Kritzer and the FFAM Auxiliary for having statues and souvenirs available to all attendees and to Dr. Baker and his wife for the Field of Flags. The Baker’s represent us all over the state, and I appreciate their support.

There were many, many more that helped in some way, and I thank each one of you. I apologize if I have forgotten anyone, as I surely have, because it takes so many to get ready for such an event. To those that I did not mention by name, I appreciate your faithfulness every year.

I understand another excellent Summer Fire School was presented in Jefferson City by the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute. Congratulations to David Hedrick and staff.

The FFAM State Fair Fire Department Committee has been working many hours preparing for the 2016 State Fair. A work weekend was conducted on June 3, 4, and 5 with many firefighters in attendance helping. Thank you for your service and commitment to the success of FFAM. Another work weekend will be held on July 15, 16, and 17, 2016 at the fire station.

Everything is shaping up for another great time at the 2016 Missouri State Fair. A full staff of FFAM members from throughout the state have been selected to work and I am looking forward to another great time seeing old friends and making new ones. Chief Donnie Rogers has worked diligently and invested many hours selecting and preparing his staff to lead and provide the professional fire and rescue/medical services the patrons of the Missouri State Fair have become accustomed to.

I am very thankful to have all of the FFAM officers, directors and assistant directors, committees and many others serving the needs of the fire service of Missouri.

As always, I am available in the event you have any questions or comments. You may contact me at 573-581-6235 or chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net

Kenneth Hoover, President
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Registration for the Propane Industry Responders Conference is being handled through the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute. For more information and to register for this event, please call (800) 869-3476 or 573 882-4735.

For attendees that want to stay overnight at the State Fair Fire Department Fire Station while attending class, reservations for bunk space may be made by contacting Rick Dozier at 660-351-3344.



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STATEWIDE FIRE TRAINING CONFERENCE FOR PROPANE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS RETURNS TO SEDALIA

By Steve Ahrens, Missouri Propane Gas Association

Following the success of last year's event, a second Propane Industry Responders' Conference will be held September 24-25 in Sedalia at the Missouri State Fairgrounds. The session will facilitate the exchange of vital propane safety information, techniques, and experiences among industry responders.

The conference is being sponsored by the Missouri Propane Education and Research Council with support from the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, the University of Missouri Fire Rescue and Training Institute and the Missouri State Fire Marshal. It will cover the evolution of propane emergencies, propane response, and mitigation strategies, including hands-on, live-fire training. Students will

earn 4 hours CEUs for Fire Instructor and 8 hours for Hazardous Materials – Technician toward recertification.

Registration materials will be available shortly through MU FRTI and online at MissouriPropane.com. There is no registration fee for qualified Missouri firefighters and first responders. Because of the overflow response to last year's event, attendance is limited to the first 50 registrations. Additionally, bunk space is available without charge at the State Fair firehouse and all meals will be included.

"This conference demonstrates the propane industry's continued commitment to the safety and well-being of fire service, emergency responders, and the public," said Steve Ahrens, MOPERC

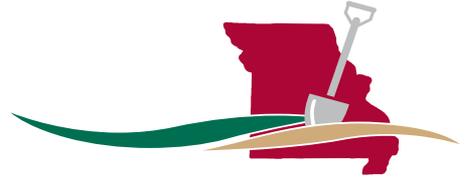
President. "In the past 10 years the propane industry has invested millions of dollars in training hundreds of thousands of firefighters and emergency responders."

"Conferences such as this offer first responders across Missouri the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and skills which will pay dividends for their communities."

Attendance is open to anyone involved with propane-related emergency and incident response activities, including propane professionals, fire service and emergency response trainers, towing and recovery professionals, law enforcement, and more.

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Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

JUNE 5, 2016

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President Diane Hanes, Galt FPD, called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

7 members present; Diane Hanes, Galt FPD; Sheri Berendzen, Cole Co FPD; Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; Joyce Thompson, Kearney FPD; Angela Fields, Paris FPD; and Missy Erdel, Little Dixie FPD.

MINUTES

Diane asked if there were any changes or comments from the April 29 and May 1, 2016 meetings notes. No one had anything. Chris Slaughter made a motion to accept the meeting notes, seconded by Missy Erdel, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance: \$2,200.60. Income: Deposits; \$1,004.50 (from silent auction and fund raising items), Dues collected; \$160.00. Expenses; Susan for officer charms; \$185.73, Theresa for fund raiser items; \$36.47. New Balance: \$3,094.45.

Ann Jones made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read, seconded by Angela Fields, motion passed.

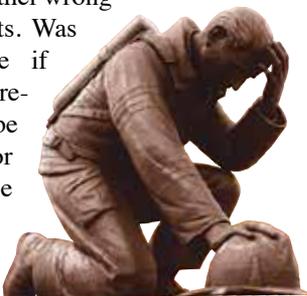
COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

No report was available.

POSTER CONTEST

Diane said they had over 100 turned in but only about 60 could be judged on because of wrong size or other wrong other requirements. Was discussed to see if maybe the requirements need to be published more or what needs to be done so that more posters could qualify. Diane



wants to talk to RB Brown to see what can be done.

CONTEST

Missy reported all went well and have not heard any real complaints.

AUDIT

No report was available.

AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

No report was available.

FUND RAISING

Theresa was not in attendance but sent fiscal report with some info about fund raising totals. It was discussed that more detail info on what items sold and silent auctions items totals were.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Next years service will be May 13-14, 2017. This year's services all went well.

NOMINATIONS

Because there won't be any officers up for nomination there was no report.

BYLAWS

Nothing to report.

HISTORIAN

Sheri has some pic of the convention but would like more. Gail (from the University of Missouri) was asked if we could also use some of her pictures also. Discussion about storage of the old picture books is being tabled until all officers are in attendance.

CONVENTION

Next year convention will be April 21-23, 2017 and will be held in Sedalia on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The FFAM auxiliary will be the host auxiliary. It was discussed some of the expenses that will be our duties, like table clothes, centerpieces, decoration for the front and front table. Drinks and food for our Sunday morning meeting and possibility the FFAM board meeting.

Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Missy. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sheri Berendzen, Cole Co FPD,
Secretary/Treasurer 2016-2018

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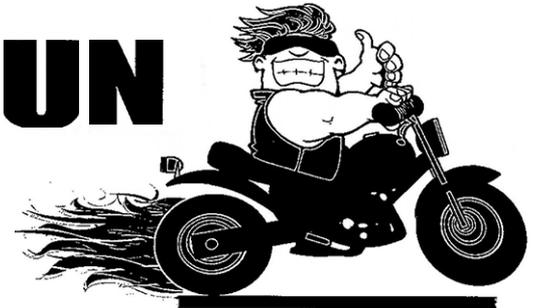


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morning of the state fair there will be services recognizing those members who have passed away.

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FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith reported that the foundation's next meeting is June 26 at 1:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Approximately 200 attended the candlelight service and approximately 400 attended the Sunday morning service. Five LODD were honored. He reminded everyone that there is no statute of limitations on honoring LODD. The foundation was tasked with assisting with the needs of several families who were attending the services and he thanked all those who worked behind the scenes to make everything happen. He reported that Ron Baker is now the treasurer for the foundation. There is still one opening left on the foundation board to be filled by an FFAM member. He currently only has seven names of firefighters who have

passed in 2016. He encourage people to notify him in the event of a firefighter's passing. They will go back three years on honoring an individual who has passed. Discussion has been held on the museum ground breaking and he may have more information after the next foundation meeting.

Charlie Neubert moved to adjourn the meeting. Jonathan Evans seconded the motion and all approved. President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

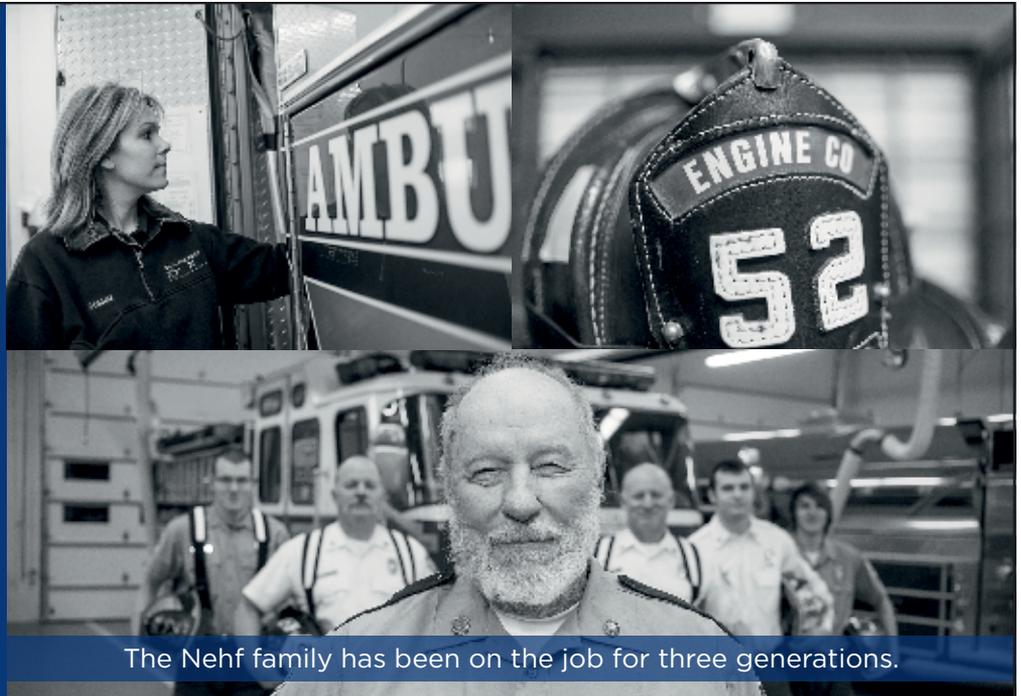
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NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Greg Wright
Director

Hello from district 2. District 2 has been busy the last few months. Region B fire chiefs have met twice since my last update. Several fire departments have held fundraisers with breakfast or a fish fry. Lots of nature cover fires have kept lots of fire departments busy.

The FFAM conference in April was again a great conference. Big turnout at the expo and also at the board meeting training. The room was full at the annual banquet

and awards. Congratulations to all the competition winners and to all those that received awards. Next year's conference will be held at the State Fair department in Sedalia. So start getting your competition teams ready and mark your calendar.

The Missouri Fallen Firefighter Memorial service was held in Kingdom City in May. It was standing room only this year as a huge crowd attended. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 3rd Sunday in May 2017. Make your plans to be there.

I attended the Memorial committee meeting on June 26. The board is really wanting to get ground broke on the education and museum building at the memorial. We are still needing help to get this project built. It is really important for us to move forward to preserve our fire heritage for upcoming generations. We need your help!

There are several ways you can help. One way you and your organization can help is to become a "Foot in the Door" Sponsor. For just \$100 you can be a part of history.

The form is on the FFAM website under the memorial tab. This is just one way to help preserve or fire history here in Missouri. There are other ways you can make a donation to the foundation. You can get all the information on the FFAM website at www.ffam.org.

That's about it for this time. Don't forget to stop by the state fair fire department during the state fair and say hi.

Till next time be safe.

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Larry Jones
Director

Wow! By the time you read this, half of 2016 will be over, but we still have lots left to do for the year.

The 2016 FFAM Convention was a great time for awards and recognitions. If you haven't read or looked at the pictures in the May/June FFAM newsletter, put that on your to do list. The 2017 FFAM Convention will be hosted by the State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia. My inside sources tell me you don't want to miss it. Watch for information coming up in the newsletter.

The next big 2016 event will be the Missouri State Fair August 11-23. Be sure to stop by the state fair and visit our firefighters. Some come as early as August 7 and stay until August 24. That is a lot of time to devote to providing fire suppression and advanced life support emergency medical services. These are all volunteers that take their time to provide a service for the fair.

There will be another propane industry responder's conference in Sedalia on September 23-25 and more information will be coming out about the training event.

The activities for FFAM are many and local activities make our calendars full.

If I can be of assistance to your department, please let me know.



MEMORIAL FOUNDATION REPORT

By Keith Smith, Foundation Chairman

The annual candlelight and memorial services took place Saturday and Sunday May 14-15. While Saturday night was cold the rain held off and both services were held on the memorial grounds. The field of flags arranged by Dr. Baker and his helpers was outstanding!

The Foundation was task with honoring four recent Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) from 2015 and one previously unknown from North Kansas City.

- Christopher A. Tindal, South Metropolitan FPD, 01/08/2015
- Larry W. Lawhorn, Orchard Farm FPD, 05/03/2015
- John Mesh, Kansas City FD, 10/12/2015
- Larry Leggio, Kansas City FD, 10/12/2015
- Dorris Winn Fox, N. Kansas City, 04/05/1935

The Foundation was also privileged to honor 34 non-line of duty names. All names are honored with a visual and audio remembrance in the Candlelight Service. There is no limitation dates on LODD. The Foundation is honored to remember those which have served and pass as non line of duty but recognition is limited from time of passing. The 2017 service will honor all LODD not previously known. We just discovered two more names from a May 13, 1969 incident which will be honored in May 2017. Non line of duty names from 2016 plus January, February and March 2017 and three previous years if they were missed (2013-14-15) can be recognized in the May 2017 services.

In addition to the Foundation Board there were several people who assisted with the 2016 services and I want to thank you again for that. The net result of the two services would not be possible without dozens of people and a couple of key organizations willing to assist. Planning for the 2017 services has already begun. The Foundation Board met Sunday June 26 and discussed improvements and some new ideas.

Three key changes from the Foundation June Board meeting. Bill Farr was Fire Marshal when ground breaking for the memorial took place. A seat on the Foundation is reserved for the State Fire Marshal but Bill was asked to remain on the board after leaving office. Bill has supported the Foundation in many ways which most people may never know. It was with regret the Foundation accepted his resignation but to our relief Bill indicated his intention to continue with special projects as time permits. Bill was also serving as Foundation Secretary. This added a second open position to another we planned on filling. The Foundation is pleased to announce Ben Bonner from Branson and Greg Wright from Shelbina were elected to the Foundation Board. This now provides representation from SW and NE Missouri. All fifteen of the Foundation Board positions are now filled.

If you have a name we may have missed in previous services, please contact me. The Foundation would be honored to honor your loved one. DVD's for the 2015 and May 2016 services will be available by the time this article is released. Again, please contact me. Thank you!



HOME INVENTORY: MAKE IT NOW!

By California Casualty

Who needs to do a home inventory?
You do.

As we enter into fire, tornado and storm season, don't be like the homeowner who couldn't replace a rare set of china or the firefighter lamenting the loss of his prized rifle and gun collection. Both were heart-broken after a recent wildfire destroyed both of their homes. They knew they should have made an inventory of their possessions but hadn't yet done it.

They are not alone. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners found 59 percent of us have yet to make a record of everything they own. This can lead to real problems if you should ever be burglarized or impacted by a fire, tornado or other disaster. Lack of proper documentation could delay a claim. In fact, insurance companies want some proof of the items you owned and homeowners insurance claims are processed 50-to-100 percent faster when customers have done a home inventory. The Insurance Information Institute finds those who have a complete home inventory have a better idea of the appropriate amount of insurance they need, what possessions need special scheduled personal property protection (or floaters) to help replace expensive items, and can also verify losses for income tax purposes.

So, what should you include? Everything you own. Think about: Electronics, Washer and dryer, Light fixtures, Dining room table and china cabinet, Personal care items, Jewelry, Art, Kitchen items, silverware and appliances, Furniture, Carpeting, Beds and linens, Clothing, Sports equipment, Yard and garden tools.

Don't forget to take pictures of the exterior of your home from all sides including the landscaping and any decks or porches, all the stuff in the garage, attic or basement (holiday ornaments, lawn and yard equipment, tools).







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10173152	E6000X with Laser Range Finder complete with a Truck Kit	\$8,199.00

All Kits consist of truck charger, two rechargeable batteries, retractable lanyard and user instructions. Includes 5-Year Warranty on camera.

Program Notes:

- EVOLUTION 6000 TIKO Promotion runs from January 4th 2016 to June 30th, 2016.
- No product substitutions (such as alternate featured cameras, alternate chargers, etc.) are permitted.

The Insurance Information Institute has a comprehensive checklist and guide at www.iii.org/brochures/home-inventory.html, as well as a link to free online software to complete and store your household checklist at www.knowyourstuff.org. Another great resource for creating a home inventory you can store on your mobile device with a downloadable app can be found at www.insureonline.org/insureu_getready_newhome.htm.

Don't be overwhelmed. Having a plan, being methodical and using the online guides will make what seems an impossible task possible. Try organizing your items by rooms, by type or by hobby.

Once you have your inventory, don't forget to update it. More than half of those who have completed the task say they have never added new items that they've purchased. You should update the list:

- Anytime you move
- After a remodel and upgrade
- Following holidays when major purchases are usually made

- After expensive purchases like HD TVs, new sound systems, etc.

Also, make copies of your list and store it in a safe deposit box, in the Cloud or with a close friend or family member.

Now that you are you prepared, it's a good time to get your insurance up-to-date. Call a California Casualty advisor today for a free policy review and comparison at 800-800-9410, or visit www.calcas.com/FFAM. They will make sure you are getting the professional discounts and benefits you qualify for as a firefighter:

- Waived or a reduced deductible if your vehicle is damaged or vandalized while parked where you work or volunteer as a firefighter
- \$500 coverage for turnout gear and uniforms damaged or stolen from your vehicle
- Fallen Hero Survivor Benefit which waives the premium for the current policy and for the following year for surviving spouses or partners of a firefighter who loses their life in the line of duty.

CONGRATULATIONS PILOT GROVE RURAL FPD

The Pilot Grove Area Fire Protection District recently purchased a 1991 Peterbilt tandem 3,000 gallon pumper/tanker with a 1,250 GPM pump. The ISO upgraded the Fire Protection District to a 5/5y rating. Chief Gordon Shay wanted to increase their water supply in the rural areas to keep this rating and possibly to help improve it. The new rating has lowered the taxpayer's insurance payments by a significant amount. The Citizens Community Bank of Pilot Grove has been of great assistance in helping the Fire Fighters to upgrade their equipment.

In 2015 the Board of Directors approved the purchase of a 2003 Chevy brush truck to help in the control of grass and wildland fires and is also their "first out" vehicle in medical calls since it has the repeater radio system and carries

medical equipment. It is the goal of the Board of Directors to provide the

equipment the firefighters need to do their job and to stay safe.



The Firefighters pictured from left to right; Ryan Lorenz, Terry Schupp, Brian Vollrath, Cory Gerling, Mitchel Twenter, Chief Gordon Shay, Assistant Chief Don Kammerich, Drew Kammerich, David Wolfe

WESTERN TANEY CO FPD RECEIVES ALS CERTIFICATION

After several months of coordination between Taney County Ambulance District and Western Taney Fire, Chief Chris Berndt presented the board of directors with the fire districts newly issued Emergency Medical Response Agency (EMRA) License from the state of Missouri during their May 9 meeting. Prior to receiving the state license Western Taney County Fire Protection District was limited to providing a basic level of medical care.

The new licensure now allows paramedics who are employed by or volunteer with the fire district to give lifesaving medications and perform advanced procedures on those suffering from medical and traumatic emergencies. Some of the fire district vehicles will now carry medications that can be given during emergencies such as heart attacks, allergic reactions, and respiratory distress along with heart monitoring equipment and airway equipment.



Pictured left to right: Fire Chief Chris Berndt, Board Member Robert Dixon, Board President David Waters, Board Secretary / Treasurer John White.

The collaboration that took several months was an effort between Taney County Ambulance District, Western Taney County Fire Protection District, the State of Missouri and Medical Director Timothy Costello. The intent

of the of being able to deliver this higher level of medical care is to strengthen the already efficient and profound services provided by the Taney County EMS system established by Taney County Ambulance.

WARRENSBURG FD GRADUATES

The Warrensburg Fire Department has recently graduated nine new firefighters from their orientation academy. Captain Terry Hill and Battalion Chief Bryan Wilson manage the academy for new part time firefighters. They go through a modified version of basic firefighter with an emphasis on the way Warrensburg operates and are

taught by the officers and firefighters at Warrensburg. Some of these newest firefighters will enter the student resident program in Warrensburg which is managed by Chief Wilson. The part time program is a very valuable program to the department, supplementing the career staff during times of need and filling in as minimum manning as needed.



Recent academy graduates. Pictured left to right: Amanda Byers, Dean Hill, James Barker, Montana Fish, and Dominick Gillotti. Not pictured is Zac Oslica, Jordyn Butler, Chris Lein, and Samuel Verdeja.



Montana Fish is receiving instructions upon entry to the live fire training prop simulating a room fire.

HOWELL COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1 PROMOTIONS

Howell County Rural Fire District #1 would like to give a shout out to our officers. We have had some promotions in our department and would like to recognize them.

From Left to Right: Assistant Fire Chief Chris Wilbanks, Captain Verlin Bunch, Lieutenant/Head Safety Officer Lee Arthurs, Safety Officer Nathaniel Franks, Safety Officer Jennifer Sholes, and Fire Chief Joe Auffert.





History's CORNER

By Bill Westhoff

**OLD FIRE APPARATUS DO NOT FADE AWAY
THEY JUST ASSUME A NEW IDENTITY**

I have a next-door neighbor, Chris Ely, who is a Branson firefighter and an avid collector of all things old and fire related. I'm fairly sure that is why he likes me! He came over a couple of months ago to show me a new fire publication that he was receiving called "Vintage Fire Truck". Having somewhat of a passion for old fire "stuff" myself, I immediately took out a subscription. After receiving a copy or two, I thought it would be fun to write about antique fire apparatus and several have come to mind. Over the last several years most of my article have been about people and places in the fire service and now we can check out some "things" in the form of apparatus.

Our family has owned a 1939 Chevrolet /Central open cab pumper since we purchased it from Montgomery City Missouri in 1978. Some of our kids have been married on it, and it has been the centerpiece for lots of parades and weddings, as well as a couple of funerals



Veterans Day Parade in Branson with Scout Troop and the 1939 Chevrolet Central Apparatus. Three of my grand sons are in this troop and my son in law is the Scoutmaster.

over the years. Our grand kids have gone to forth of July celebrations on it and most recently the transportation of

Scout troops for the annual Veterans Day Parade here in Branson.



Photo Credit: Steve Loftin

This rig holds a special place in my heart, having purchased it almost forty years ago. The large black hard suction that covers the entire front of the rig is known as a "St. Louis squirrel tail hookup". Developed by the St. Louis Fire Department, it was designed for ease of drafting from the Mississippi River and was used by the Central Fire Truck Corporation of St. Louis on hundreds of apparatus they built. It was carried on the rig with a 4 1/2" by 2 1/2" reducer/female swivel on the end with a plug in the 2 1/2" threads. The 4 1/2" end of the hose was attached to the intake of the pump and the suction hose always held water, with no gate valve at the pump. This arrangement allowed the pump to be attached to a hydrant by removing the 2 1/2" plug and attaching the female swivel to the hydrant. When drafting, the reducer was removed and a strainer attached. These were a pain to position

and attach to a hydrant. Drafting was not a problem, as the main pump was a Waterous 400 G.P.M Rotary Gear Pump, which was self priming. The pump companies bulletin F-111-A March 15, 1935 states "The greater flexibility and adaptability of the rotary pump for the fire service is evidenced by the fact that the vast majority of fire pumps being sold today are of the rotary type".

TOWERS FIRE APPARATUS COMPANY

That should be enough information about my play toy. The feature apparatus for this article is the very yellow 1970 Chevrolet/Towers apparatus shown at the bottom of this page.

This fine machine was built in Freeburg, Illinois by the Towers Fire Apparatus Company. As many of the smaller manufacturers around the country, this was a family owned and operated business. Mr. Gene Towers was the owner and his sons and later grand children all worked together to build both front mount and mid-ship mounted pumpers, usually on a commercial chassis.

My first meeting of Mr. Towers was when I was around ten or twelve years old when I went with my Dad to deliver a 1948 Chevy one ton to the Towers plant for the installation of a 500 G.P.M. front mount pump for the O'Fallon Fire Department. Later, in the early 1970's Boone County Fire District purchased three International 4X4 Hale 750 G.P.M. front mount pumpers from Towers as some of the first new apparatus they owned after passing a fire district on July 11, 1970. I must say I remember much more about the second transaction than the first. Gary Towers was our primary contact with the company then and all the contacts we had over the years were very professional and a pleasure. The company was very innovating and one of the features on the Centralia rig when it was built was the "soda fountain" type pump panel. I talked to my dear friend Grady North when preparing this article. Grady worked for Towers for years as a design engineer and apparatus sales representative. He related the story that Mr. Gene Towers had designed this unique pump panel in the early 1960's and it was used on a number of apparatus.

The company had a fire department that wanted to know if that discharge panel could be installed on both sides of the rig so an operator could work on either side of the truck. Mr. Towers suggested to the department to install the pump panel above the pump with a place for the

operator to stand, thus being able to see both sides of the rig and not be standing on the street. Grady says this was done by Towers in 1966 and was the first above the pump control station built in the industry.

A NEW HOME FOR THE 1970 CENTRALIA PUMPER

I attempted to secure a photo of the 1970 Centralia rig when it was new but was unsuccessful. I did take my friend Grady down to Hook and Ladder Pizza when he was in Branson and he assured me that the yellow color was original and that is the way it departed Freeburg in 1970, along with the red wheels! It apparently served the City of Centralia well until it was traded in on a new apparatus to Firemaster in Springfield, MO. Firemaster is another long running family fire apparatus company originated by Gerald and Carol Shelton and now run by their three very capable sons. Like Towers, they built fire apparatus for years and now represent major fire truck builders.



Towers "soda fountain" pump panel.

HOOK AND LADDER PIZZA

The Chevy/Towers rig sat on the "pre-owned" lot at Firemaster in Springfield for a while, sorta forlorn and wondering what her fate would be. It didn't take long for someone new to develop a loving relationship with her and started her on a completely new retired career. Those folks were the owners of a new and innovative pizza place in Hollister, Missouri called Hook and Ladder Pizza.

David Herd and his wife Heather are a couple that not only have a passion for the fire service, they know the restaurant



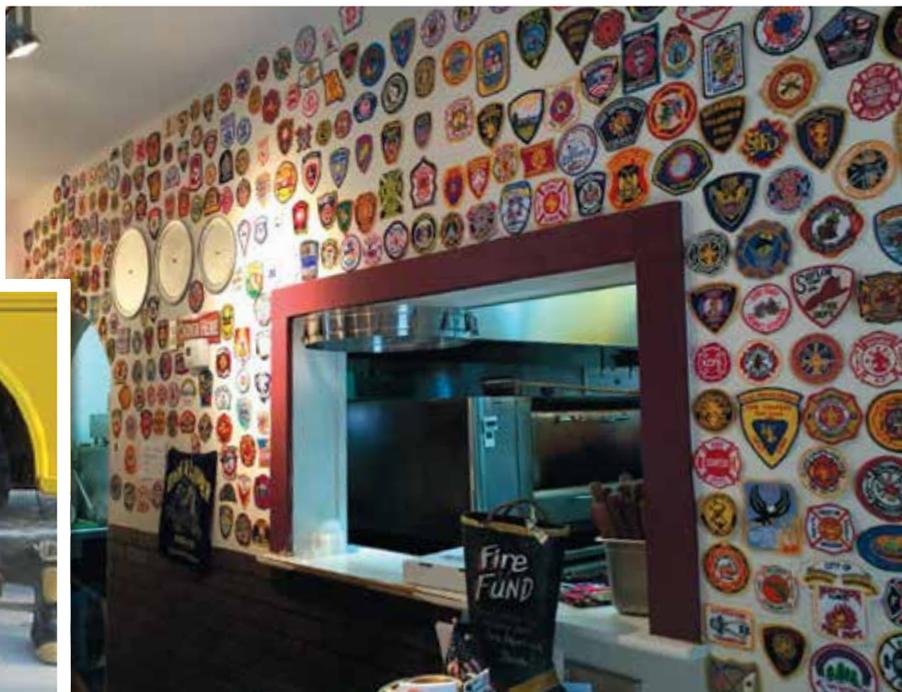
This rig is the perfect example of a piece of fire apparatus that "keeps on giving" after its life as a first responder. This is a 1970 Chevrolet/Towers built for the Centralia, Missouri Fire Department by the Towers Fire Apparatus Company of Freeburg, Illinois. Like many small fire truck builders, they are no longer in the fabrication business, but provided hundreds of rigs to communities in the central part of the United States for years. The article will reveal the present owners and its role in public fire education and pizza delivery.

business and can really make epic pizza. They both hold hotel and restaurant degrees from one of my favorite places, Oklahoma State University. Dave is an officer with the Western Taney County Fire Protection District and they take every opportunity they have to incorporate fire safety into their business.

Recently, they opened another “Hook and Ladder” in Ozark, MO and both locations are decorated with fire “stuff” that will make you want to drive to one or both of their locations. By the way, the Ozark

location has its own “Imperial” apparatus and could be the subject for another article! If you are in the area, breakfast could also include homemade cinnamon rolls called... what else? “Hose rolls.”

If you see the bright yellow Chevy/Towers rig on the road now, she is likely on the way to some kids birthday party loaded with mouth watering pizza. What a great retirement gig!



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OFFICER 4 STATE FAIR FD

By Steve Gentry

The fair will be on us before you know it so here is a few reminders from your fair committee. Don't forget to bring any license info you haven't already given to me. I will also need medical info on you and vehicle info. Bring your own bunk bedding and remember for August it is cold in the bunk rooms.

We will be finalizing the station preparation on July 15, 16, and 17 so if you can make it to those days we need you help so come on and lets get it done.

If you ordered extra shirts I will have them for you at check-in and you can pay for them at that time.

If you arrive after the fair starts you will need to report to the Visitors Information Booth on Highway 65 where the old Caboose was and they will give you a parking pass and a gate ticket to enter the fairgrounds and be sure you park behind the fire station only. This is very important or you could be towed off. When you come in to the fire station to the office next to first aid bring your green tag and auto info to me and put your gear on a bunk and give me the number on the bunk (round brass tag) and I will get you checked in.

Looking forward to another fun Fair. See you soon



9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB AT SILVER DOLLAR CITY

By Whitney Weaver, National Fallen Firefighters Foundation

As our nation approaches the 15th Anniversary of September 11th, when 343 American heroes lost their lives in the line of service in New York City, here's your chance to show others that the phrase "Never Forget" is more than a slogan. Back up those words and join the hundreds of Southwest Missouri Firefighters and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) on Sunday, September 11, 2016 for the Springfield Area 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb at Silver Dollar City.

Participants will climb Echo Hollow Amphitheatre multiple times for a total of 110 stories, representing the number of floors in the Twin Towers of New York City. Registration is \$35.00 and is open to the public at www.springfieldmemorialstairclimb.org. Everyone will receive a photo ID of one of the fallen heroes of September 11. Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. at the entrance to Silver Dollar City and the climb starts at 8:30 a.m. Admission to Silver Dollar City (SDC) for firefighters and season pass holders climbing will be free of charge. All other climbers will need to purchase a ticket to SDC for a special reduced rate of only \$30.50. These tickets must be purchased at the gates the day of the climb and will only be available for purchase at Silver Dollar City ticket booths.

"The 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb is an opportunity for anyone in the community to demonstrate respect and admiration for these courageous men who gave their lives trying to save others. It's also a way to show their loved ones that we will never forget them,"

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is represented by someone climbing the stairs of the Echo Hollow during Silver Dollar City's Heroes Month."

"We are honored to host this event for the second year," said Steven Hyatt with Silver Dollar City. "It's our opportunity to help support firefighters nationwide as well as those here in the Ozarks."

The climb's proceeds will benefit the FDNY Counseling Services Unit and the programs provided by the NFFF to support the families of our nation's fallen firefighters. For more information about the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climbs and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, go to www.firehero.org.

2016 FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL SERVICE



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FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Hello to all, I can officially say summer is here. Please take care of yourself when the temps and the humidity are high and drink lots of water. With the summer solstice behind us and the dog days of summer ahead, that means the Missouri State Fair is getting close, August 11-21.

All the poster contest winners are invited to attend the Missouri State Fair, August 12-14 and August 19-21, to have fun. If the fire districts or department have winners, please extend this invitation to the artist and contact the fire prevention chairperson by the end of July with arrangements. The winner will get into the fairgrounds, a pass to the midway and will receive the prize money. I hope to see all the winners at the Missouri State Fair.

The 2016 convention is in the history books. With that being said, I'm proud to announce the winners of the 2015 poster contest. The theme was *Hear the Beep While We Sleep*. Before I do I want to thank the ladies' auxiliary for the time and effort of judging sixty-four posters which was down from last year, and to the districts and departments that entered the posters. This year's winners will be asked to attend the Missouri State Fair as a guest of the State Fair Fire Department in August. At the fair they will receive their prize money, and as an extra thank you for a fine job, they will receive a pass for the midway and have a fun day at the Missouri State Fair. I'm asking the winning districts and departments to help make notifications to the winners to make arrangements to attend the state fair which is August 11-21 more information to be announced.

A big congratulation to:

1ST - 2ND GRADE

- Chesni Jones of the New Haven/Berger Fire Protection District
- Isabelle (Izzy) Plemmons of the Iberia Rural Fire Protection District
- Ruth Shackelford of the Galt Fire Protection District

3RD - 4TH GRADE

- Elizabeth Shackelford of the Galt Fire Protection District
- Hanna Vassallic of the Beauford/Leslie Fire Protection District
- Maya Sheible of the New Haven/Berger Fire Protection District.

5TH - 6TH GRADE

- Madelyn Wheeler of the Paris Rural Fire Protection District
- Emily Delgado of the New Haven Fire Protection District
- Daya Allnutt of the Galt Fire Protection District

Also I want to remind all the districts and departments to read over the rules of the poster contest which is on the website under fire prevention. Again a big thank you hope to see all the winners at the State Fair

Calling all districts and departments! This year's artists are looking for each district to submit a poster. Make sure to read the rules and guidelines for the poster contest and use the back page information sheet. Let's all get involved and make for a great showing in this year's contest.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait – Check the Date!"

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of our three-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? NFPA's survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are or how often they need to be replaced.

As a result of those and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.

Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home. To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back, the alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date

Have a great safe summer and remember that fire prevention is a daily event, keep up the great job.

Robert (R.B.) Brown
District 7
Fire Prevention Chair

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years"



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OSAGE BEACH WILL NEVER FORGET

By Osage Beach Volunteer Fire Association

On October 15, 1977 at 1800 hours the Osage Beach Volunteer Fire Association responded to a report of a structure fire on Highway KK and LR 189. The structure was reported as unoccupied with the area of origin being a bathroom, the form of ignition a match and material ignited hay. The fire report went on the call the ignition factor of the fire "incendiary." By definition incendiary is "causing or designed to cause a fire", thus intentional. This report was written by Ed Anderson and the officer in charge approving the report was Pat Bagby, the Assistant Fire Chief.

Some 6 years earlier President Richard Nixon assemble a panel to look into the alarming fire problem in the United States. This commission went on to publish *America Burning* in 1973, a topic we covered last year. One of the recommendations of this panel was the establishment of a National Fire Academy to provide training to the countries fire-fighters. In 1974 President Gerald Ford signed Public Law 93-498 creating the

United States Fire Administration and the creation of the Academy. In 1979 the USFA purchased the former Saint Joseph's Academy, a Catholic School for girls from 1809-1973, for the purpose and use of the academy. The academy is located in Emmitsburg Maryland not far from several well-known sites, Gettysburg and Camp David.

In 1981 a memorial was constructed on the grounds of the National Fire Academy listing names of firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty. In 1990 Congress officially designated this site as the National Firefighters Memorial to career and volunteer fallen firefighters. When a firefighter dies in the line of duty, notification is made to the United States Fire Administration and this is then immediately posted on the Memorial grounds. The flags over the Memorial are flown at half-staff in honor of the fallen firefighter.

I know you must be wondering why I went from discussing a fire call in 1977 to the History of the Academy and Memorial

halfway across the country. That call off State Route KK on October 15, 1977 was the call that Osage Beach Volunteer Fire Association lost their Chief Tony Schroeder in the line of duty. According to the reports from medical staff Chief Schroeder suffered from smoke inhalation and died from an Acute Myocardial Infarction while fighting this fire.

The Memorial constructed in 1981 only list those firefighters lost from that year forward, until now. On June 11 of 2016 a new section of the memorial will be dedicated, this section will honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice prior to 1981. 39 years after his death, Osage Beach Volunteer Fire Chief Charles "Tony" Schroeder will have his brick placed in Emmitsburg Maryland at the National Firefighters Memorial.

To all those who will be honored that day, and in particular to Chief Schroeder, we thank you for your service and your sacrifice and to their families please know.

We Will Never Forget.



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) is in the process of compiling statistics for the 2016 fiscal year (FY16) that ended June 30. Utilizing all programming and funding sources, the Institute trained over 13,000 fire and emergency service responders in FY16. Additional year end statistical information will be available in the Institute's annual report in August. MU FRTI was honored to play a significant role in providing needed training across the state; and we look forward to continuing to serve you, the Fire Service of Missouri, in this next fiscal year.

The University of Missouri's Interim Chancellor, Hank Foley, announced at the end of May that Marshall Stewart, Director

of college leadership and strategy at the North Carolina State University (NCSU) College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and has been named Vice Chancellor of Extension and Engagement at MU, effective Aug. 15, 2016. During the course of his 30-year career in agricultural education and extension services, Dr. Stewart has served in many roles as an educator and leader of education and extension efforts. He understands the importance of the land-grant mission and the university and the obligation to improve the lives of every Missourian through research and innovative programming.

Stewart will replace Linda "Jo" Turner, who has been serving as interim vice provost and director of extension since

April 2016. The Institute appreciates the on-going support provided by Extension's Administration and looks forward to working with Dr. Stewart as he assumes the new leadership role of MU Extension.

In June, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) issued a new *U.S. Firefighter Fatalities* report for 2015. The report showed that there were a total of 68 on-duty firefighter deaths in the U.S. in 2015. This is the fourth year out of the past five years where the total fatalities were below 70 deaths. Sudden cardiac events continue to be the leading cause of firefighter deaths at 51% of all deaths. The number of fatalities associated with road and vehicle crashes significantly declined in 2015, crashes in road vehicles accounted for the second lowest number of deaths in the past 39 years. The number of deaths of volunteer firefighters was the second lowest total ever reported (32 deaths). While the fire service still has work to do in terms of firefighter health and medical screenings, the statistics suggests the emphasis on safety and cultural change in recent years has made a positive impact on reducing risk and protecting firefighters. Please continue to take every precaution in the performance of your firefighting duties; and work and train to provide the greatest safety possible for yourself, your fellow firefighters, and the citizens you serve.

During the legislative session this spring, we were pleased to learn that the Missouri Legislature proposed increases to the General Revenue Firefighter Training Fund in concert with the recommendations from the fire service agencies, organizations and fire departments throughout the state. At the close of the legislative session in May, this funding increase was passed as part of the final



state budget. We want to express our appreciation to Governor Nixon and the Missouri Legislature for their actions that provided increased funding for training opportunities for the state's fire service.

MU FRTI submitted the Institute's annual statewide training proposal to the Division of Fire Safety (DFS) and the Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission for consideration of state funding in June. The proposal was based on training requests and specific proposed initiatives. MU FRTI is pleased to announce the Institute was awarded over \$162,000 in state funding to help support training activities for FY17. The Institute wishes to express our appreciation to DFS and the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission for their consideration and funding support for training.

On May 14 and 15, 2016, the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation of Missouri held the 14th Annual Fire Fighter Memorial Service. I was pleased to provide the invocation and participate in the memorial service on Sunday. The services were well attended and provided a memorable tribute to honor the firefighters that had fallen in the line of duty this past year, as well as a remembrance of the current and former firefighters who had passed away during the year. As always, the Memorial Foundation and all the participating fire service personnel and honor guards did an excellent job on the ceremony; it will be a lasting memory to all those in attendance.



MU FRTI conducted the 84th Annual Summer Fire School (SFS) and Midwest Wildfire Training Academy in Jefferson City on June 8-12, 2016. There were over 375 students, faculty, and staff participating in this year's training event. MU FRTI extends sincere appreciation to Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Jefferson City Fire Department, Big Rivers Forest Fire Compact, and the many individuals whose contributions helped provide this training opportunity.

We also express our deepest appreciation to you, our students and participants, who continue to support this historic training event. Due to the continued decline in enrollments for SFS, MU FRTI will be evaluating the current configuration of SFS and creating a strategy for the best way to meet the fire service's training needs through a summer training venue.

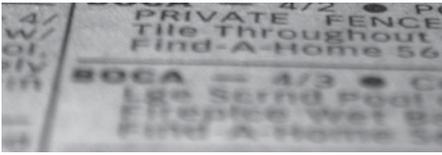
Thank you for your continued support of the University of Missouri's Fire and Rescue Training Institute. The MU FRTI staff and I look forward to continuing to provide quality fire and emergency service training programs to Missouri's emergency responders. For more information on the MU FRTI, please view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

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THE HOME FIRE SPRINKLER COALITION

By Peg Paul

Yesterday, the nonprofit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition hosted a side-by-side fire sprinkler demonstration at the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) annual Conference & Expo in Las Vegas to celebrate the organization's 20th anniversary.

HFSC Board President Lorraine Carli recognized the founding members, the NFPA, American Fire Sprinkler Association, and National Fire Sprinkler Association, for having the vision to improve awareness of home fire sprinklers and organize HFSC in 1996. She also acknowledged all the Board members for their continued support and commitment.

Carli also recognized home improvement expert Hazelton, who narrated the fire sprinkler demonstration, for his role in support of HFSC's mission over nearly two decades.

Over 20 years, HFSC's far-reaching, free educational tools have helped educate the fire service, consumers, builders, and numerous other audiences nationwide. Over 2,600 fire departments in the U.S. and Canada have become HFSC BUILT FOR LIFE Fire Departments (BFLFD) and make home fire sprinkler education a focus in their communities.

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