NEXT FFAM BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2018 • 9:00 A.M. • SEDALIA, MISSOURI
I hope everyone had a good Christmas and I wish all of you a great 2018. The winter weather had been very pleasant but now reality has set in and it is very cold. There has been a lot of sickness around and people are now starting to recover. I hope everyone stays healthy.

1st Vice President Larry Jennings and Secretary/Treasurer Jaime Miller completed and presented the FFAM 2018 Budget to the Board of Directors at the December board meeting and it was approved. They both worked very hard to present a balanced budget. Thanks for your hard work.

Here we are in the first couple weeks of the New Year and have many activities already being planned for 2018. Some of those include; an FFAM board meeting in Sedalia on February 11, Winter Fire School in Columbia on February 2-4, the Mo-Chiefs conference at Big Cedar, in Branson on February 22-24, FFAM convention at St. Joseph in May, our Annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Services on May 19-20 in Kingdom City. Many long hours are being expended to ensure all of these events will be worthy of your participation. Hope to see many of you at these events.

I would like to encourage everyone to nominate individuals and departments for the many awards that FFAM has to offer during its annual convention. Remember, the deadlines for nominations are February 28, 2018. I know there are many that are worthy of these awards, they just need to have someone nominate them. We have; Scholarships, Fire Department of the Year, Chief of the Year, Fire Fighter of the Year, Life Saving, and many more. Please take the time today and go to the website and download and complete a nomination form and return it to Joe Jennings at Johnson County Fire Protection District. Joe chairs the Awards Committee for FFAM.

All of our FFAM committees have been meeting and making plans for 2018. If you have any items you would like for us to consider, please let one of the committee chairpersons know. We are here to serve our membership and to make FFAM an organization you desire to belong to. As I have appointed the committees, I have tried to make sure that every area of the state is equally represented. If you have a desire to serve and want to be considered for a certain FFAM committee, please let me know. Thanks to all that presently serve and spend many hours to better our organization.

I am looking for several items for our Annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Service; I will need two ladder trucks, honor guards, pipers, and drummers. If you are interested in any of these, please contact me at 573-581-6235 or chief-hoover@sbcglobal.net.

I need an honor guard commander for the 2018 Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Services. Please contact me if you are interested in filling that position.

Please contact me if you have an honor/color guard that would like to participate. We invite all honor/color guards to join the memorial services remembering our fallen brothers and sisters.

As always, I am available at the above phone number and e-mail address. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything.

Stay safe my friends and I am wishing each of you a great 2018. May God bless each and every one of you.

Kenneth Hoover, President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri
Happy New Year 2018 and fair well to 2017! I hope each and every one experienced a happy family-fun-filled Christmas holiday. I enjoyed having some time off to enjoy Judy’s family and my family at Mom and Dad Beans. As my Dad often says, “We have beans three times a day at our meals.” Actually, I think someone counted 32 of them for Christmas dinner.

To bring you up to date on the Division, we have been very busy serving the State. The Fire Investigation Unit is up to full staff now. Deputy Chief Steve Grass hired three more investigators: Aaron Sutton who will be stationed in Warren County, Rachel McColley stationed in Ripley County, and Chad Hildebrand stationed in Webster County. We have some of the best fire investigators in the state and we pledge to continue to service you in that capacity. Please call us if you need our services day or night, 24/7/365.

The Fire Inspection Unit hired two inspectors to fill its roster. Deputy Chief Greg Dickens added Clay Allison who will be assigned to Cider County, and Dwight Francis who is assigned to Osage County. We appreciate what this unit does to ensure our facilities caring for our state’s most vulnerable citizens keep our loved ones safe.

Some months ago Governor Greitens and DPS Leadership challenged the Division to implement a veterans in transition initiative in order to draw these quality individuals into the fire service. We invited several fire training entities, fire department training officers and chiefs, military career service officers, and higher education personnel to partner with us. After several meetings and hours of discussions we are pleased to announce the kickoff/pilot offering of the Missouri Fire Fighter Veterans Initiative to be held on February 17, at the Jefferson City Fire Department. Our goal is to attract military service men and women leaving the military into the fire service, along with veterans who may have separated from service for some time, to consider the exciting and rewarding field of fire service. More information about this program can be found on our website at www.dfs.dps.mo.gov.

In the last few months we have held two very important meetings of Fire Service Leadership on the thirteenth floor. In November, we brought in career fire chiefs and training officers from throughout the state to discuss a wide array of topics from training, to legislation, to mutual aid to fire fighter health and wellness. In December, we held a similar meeting with leadership representing volunteer departments. We plan to hold these meetings several times a year, and vary the participants invited, to allow for your input and open discussion on topics which concern you and impact our fire service.

We are very proud to announce Fire Investigator Adam Crouch was awarded the Missouri State Employee of the Month for December. Adam had been awarded the Department of Public Safety Employee of the Month for November. We congratulate him on his award and are honored to have him as part of the Division of Fire Safety team!

We are also proud to announce the Division of Fire Safety’s, Salute to Service recipients for November and December. The individuals represent a drive and devotion to being the “best boots on the ground,” and certainly, “leaving things better than they find them.”

The Division of Fire Safety salutes the service of Fire Equipment Dispatcher Rodney Edwards of the St. Louis Fire Department. Rodney’s story of hard work, resourcefulness and perseverance – continued on page 34
President Ken Hoover called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to order at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, Missouri.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS:

OFFICERS
President Ken Hoover, Little Dixie FPD; First Vice President Larry Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Secretary Treasurer Jaime Miller, Johnson County FPD #2; Sergeant-at-Arms Rex Reynolds, Southern FPD of Holt Co.

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 Co FPD; District 7, RB Brown, Union FPD; District 9, Roy Sims, West Plains FD; District 11, Monty Thompson, Kearney FPD; District 14, Rick Dozier, Southern FPD of Holt Co.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS
District 1, Janet Cain, Braymer Fire; District 3, Steve Gentry, Rob Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; District 4, Jonathan Evans, Lincoln FD; District 10, Greg Brown, Eureka FPD; District 11, Ryan Miller, Norborne FPD; District 14, Glen Dittmar, South Central Buchanan Co FD.

OTHERS
Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton FPD; Historian Kay Asher, Wentzville FPD.

GUESTS
Tim Bean, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; Gail Hagans, Kevin Zumwalt, MU FRTI; Larry Eggen, Joe Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Doc Kritzer, Memorial Foundation; Harriett Vaucher, Eureka FPD; Logan McCubbin, Pettis Co Ambulance; Billy Smith, North Central Carroll Co FPD.

Fire Marshal Tim Bean with the Division of Fire Safety reported that they have been receiving lots of calls regarding burn bans. DFS by state statute doesn’t issue burn bans. That is done on a local level through the county commission and municipality/city ordinances. DFS has no enforcement.

Fire department registration notices have been sent out. Last year there was a 72% compliance. It is a state law for all fire departments to register with the Division annually. The goal this year is to reach 80% compliance.

A work comp bill didn’t get funded last year. They are working to try and get the bill funded in 2018. Eight fire related bills have been filed so far in the legislation.

They are working on a veteran’s initiative to get those coming out of the military into the fire service.

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

MINUTES
President Hoover asked for additions or corrections to the October 1, 2017 meeting minutes. The minutes were amended to note Vice President Jennings adjourned the meeting rather than President Hoover. Larry Jones moved to accept the minutes as amended. Terry Plumb seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT
President Hoover asked for a review of the SEP-OCT 2017 financial reports. Rick Dozier moved to accept the financial reports presented. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)
Acting Director Kevin Zumwalt with MU FRTI advised that the Winter Fire School brochure has been released. There are lots of new classes being offered. The Division of Fire Safety through the education commission is offering the Phil Sayer Scholarship so help spread the word regarding the scholarship opportunity.

There will be an update to the fire officer certificate program with a totally new look. This will be approved after the first of the new year.

As mentioned previously, Summer Fire School will be moving back to Columbia and they are working on providing no cost transportation for students to attend the annual Fire Fighters Memorial services in Kingdom City that same weekend.

CORRESPONDENCE
Secretary Miller reported that 2018 membership packets have all been mailed out. Contact her if your department didn’t receive one.

A thank you was received from Retired MU FRTI Director David Hedrick for the plaque and years of service working with FFAM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Discussion was held on increasing NVFC membership in Missouri as previously discussed at the last meeting. Keith Smith advised that the goal is 24,500 by the spring of 2018. If Missouri gets 500 individual members to sign up, then the FFAM membership fee is waived.

Terry Wynne moved to advertise NVFC membership to our members in mailings and on our website. Greg Brown seconded the motion and all approved.
Gail Hagans reported that Bill Westhoff is still waiting on a few articles from different departments for the history book. The proposal is to take pre-orders at Winter Fire School with possible publication in March.

NEW BUSINESS
President Hoover proposed the following committee appointments: Ed Daughtery to the Scholarship Committee and RB Brown to the State Fair Committee. Monty Thompson moved to approve the committee appointments. Greg Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover advised that the February 4 meeting falls during Winter Fire School. Discussion was held, and the board moved the February meeting to February 11.

Secretary Miller advised that the FFAM is not meeting the requirements of the SAFER Grant. The grant approved was for the FFAM to host the Recruitment and the Retention classes in each training area of the state as well as during Winter Fire School and the FFAM Convention. So far, several classes have been cancelled due to low enrollment or lack of any department signing up to hold the class. The grant continues until December 2019. Gail Hagans encouraged all District Directors to try to hold the classes in their respective departments and to contact her to schedule.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE
Joe Jennings announced that nominations are due February 28, and can be submitted at any time.

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Larry Jennings presented the proposed 2018 budget. Discussion followed. Rick Dozier moved to approve the 2018 proposed budget. Greg Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE
Rex Reynolds advised that the committee is working on several changes and additions for approval at the February meeting.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE
No report was given.

CONTEST COMMITTEE
No report was given.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE
Larry Jones advised that he received an email from Chief Dalsing and all of the hotel rooms have been blocked. Rick Dozier advised he would be meeting with Chief Dalsing soon to further discuss the convention.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Rick Dozer advised that the Certified Board of Directors class and the Recruitment and Retention class would both be held at convention.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE
RB Brown advised that he has made lots of phone calls regarding the poster contest and he hopes to have a large turn out at convention.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Greg Brown advised that the legislative session will begin in January. Pre-filings have started. A presumptive cancer bill is in the works and the Division of Fire Safety is working on minimum training standards. 9-1-1 legislation will be introduced again. Fire department registration and board member training requirements will also be discussed. Ground emergency transport ambulance claims has been filed with the federal government for possible additional funding. SEMA, Department of Public Safety and the Division of Fire Safety are updating the mutual aid plan.

Tim Bean reported that there is now a case where an insurance company is suing a fire department for improper actions on a fire scene. Discussion followed regarding the support of legislation on minimum fire fighter standards and certifications. Roy Sims moved that the FFAM supports improved fire fighter training and helping to reduce loss of life and property and

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TRUCK CHECKS: A NEW PERSPECTIVE

By Mark Woodward

Truck checks are a basic function of every fire department. They’re an appropriate task for all members, especially new volunteers. Safety, reliability and equipment familiarity are all improved when trucks are checked on a regular basis.

It’s a great feeling when engines start and run, and folks know where tools and equipment are located. This is especially important during times of stress, like during a working structure fire or auto entrapment.

Difficult situations are made worse when your members can’t find tools, or are unfamiliar with how to start engines on ventilation fans or extrication pumps. Unfortunately, members of your community will see this confusion, which isn’t a good look.

This article is written to address the need for truck checks in all types and sizes of fire department, and how they can be a simple and effective training opportunity for both new and experienced members.

CHECKING TRUCKS CONFIRMS THE FOLLOWING

• The truck chassis is safe for driving on streets and highways.
• Small and large engines will start and run with reliability.
• Battery-powered equipment, like flashlights and portable radios are charged and ready.
• Coolant, fuel, air, oil and water are at adequate levels.

Have you discovered these conditions in the fire station, on your trucks, or on the scene?
• Important tools or components to kits are missing or lost.

• Batteries are dead, or have corroded and damaged internal components.
• After a fire, tools and equipment are re-stocked wet, dirty or in need of cleaning and repair.
• Folks scramble around the truck because they can’t remember where an important tool is stored.
• Tools like hydrant wrenches, hose adapters or bolt cutters are rusted and inoperable.
• Gas or diesel engines won’t start, or won’t run smoothly due to a dead battery or stale fuel.
• Lights are burned out, SCBA bottles are found empty, or tank water is low.
• Tires, engine oil or fuel levels are left low.

MAKE TRUCK CHECKS A PART OF YOUR DEPARTMENTAL ROUTINE

• Truck checks are absolutely necessary to ensure operational readiness.
• They’re a great teaching tool, and shouldn’t be turned into a demeaning task for rookies.
• Truck checks are a teaching and learning opportunity. New members will learn about equipment locations, kit components, proper maintenance, safety rules and engine starting procedures.

• Pair a new member with an experienced volunteer to perform truck checks. Experienced members can share stories, teach about tactics, and demonstrate the proper way to start and run equipment.
• Many equipment manufacturers require weekly checks. The National Safety Council’s Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator 3 curriculum recommends that trucks in volunteer operations be checked weekly, and daily for operations with full-time personnel. The owner’s manual for Hale “Muscle” pumps also require a weekly test. The NFPA recommends weekly checks of emergency use SCBA, including cylinder pressure.
• Keep equipment owner / operator manuals handy. Always refer to the official manufacturer recommendations when performing equipment checks.
• Start a documentation file. Completed truck check forms should be retained. When needed, board members, city council, insurance and governmental agencies will see that your equipment is regularly checked and is safe and operationally ready.

Thanks for reading! I hope you found this article helpful! Contact me at mwoodwar@mem-ins.com for sample truck check forms. I’ll gladly send you some editable examples of “quick truck check” and “detailed truck check” forms by e-mail.
that the Association wants to be involved in discussions and helping decide those standards and/or requirements through the state and legislation. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
Secretary Miller reported the following membership counts: 458 Directors/Councilman; 282 Retired; 17 Associate; 11 Sustaining; 18 Corporate, 354 Departments; 6575 Active; 10 Educational; 47 Juniors.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE
Keith Smith advised that the following director positions will be up for election in 2018: District 4, District 5, District 9, District 10.

NVFC COMMITTEE
Keith Smith reported that the opioid crisis continues to be a big factor with emergency services. NVFC is working on a position letter.

NVFC is also working on a hot link for legislation so firefighters can keep up to date on changes and contact information for state representatives.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Larry Eggen advised that the scholarship application deadline is February 28.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE
No report was given.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE
No report was given.

NEWSLETTER
The deadline for the next newsletter will be January 1.

HISTORIAN REPORT
Kay Asher advised that they are working on moving items to the storage room in Kingdom City. Discussion was held on moving the large safes from her basement to Kingdom City.

FUNERAL TEAM REPORT
Harriett Vaucher advised that the team assisted with services for Nick Sacco last weekend. There will be a training in October for the fire and ems funeral teams.

FOUNDATION REPORT
Keith Smith advised that an architect has an outline for the Foundation to review regarding the museum. Brian Zinanni is working on 3 initiatives for the Foundation including LODD, PSOB and cancer benefits.

Jonathan Evans moved to adjourn the meeting. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Jaime Miller
Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri
Meeting called to order by President Diane Hanes at 9:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

PRESENT
Diane Hanes, Galt FPD; Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe FD; Chris Slaughter, Warrenton FPD; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire Rescue; Brenda Wright, Shelby FPD; Missy Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; Carla Pettijohn, guest; and Judy Bean, Missouri Fire Marshall office.

MINUTES
Diane asked if there were any changes or comments for the August 2017 meeting minutes, since there was no October meeting. No changes were brought forward. Jessica made a motion to accept the meeting notes, seconded by Missy, motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT
There were no new deposits and no new expenses since the August meeting, making the total; $6,285.37. Jessica made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Chris, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP
Theresa said 29 plus memberships have been received.

AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Jessica brought up that names needed to be submitted for auxiliary member or group of the year award.

POSTERS
Diane spoke on why posters were rejected.

CONVENTION
Nothing to report on at this time.

CONTEST
Nothing to report on at this time.

HISTORIAN
Chris said she has received pictures from convention and is working on a slide show with those pictures she has received.

Theresa showed us no old papers that she found from the end of 1950 and beginning of 1960, we talked on how things were done back then and how we handle things now.

AUDIT
The checkbook will be audited at the February 2018, auxiliary meeting.

BY-LAWS
There are still more by-laws to review. We won’t be able to have all of the reviews finished by the next convention to vote on.

OLD BUSINESS
It was discussed that the maltese cross vases need to be purchased by the next convention.

NEW BUSINESS
Ann arranged for us to play a game for entertainment.

Tim Bean talked to the auxiliary of the things he has been doing in the fire marshal office. He said anytime the auxiliary or departments need for he or the fire marshal office to attend a meeting or event to please contact them.

Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Theresa, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m. Next meeting is to be February 11, in Sedalia.

Respectfully Submitted;
Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD
Secretary Treasurer 2016-2017

As we welcome the new year it is time to renew your Auxiliary membership. Our membership consist of spouses, spouses of retirees, parents of FFAM members, children of members, or fire-fighter sponsored members from their local department who is in good stand with the FFAM.

Membership dues are only $5 per person. Please make check payable to “FFAM Auxiliary.” Include the following information: printed name, full address, phone number, email address, department full name, and who is sponsoring you. There is no requirement for you to be an auxiliary member of your local department to be a member of the FFAM Auxiliary.

I want to say thank you to everyone for being a member of this great organization. I wish you all the best health and happiness.

Any questions please contact me at cox.theresa@att.net.
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Riverside Fire Department’s latest grant will supply its firefighters with new state of the art PPE ensembles. Not only will this fire gear allow firefighters to combat fires with less physical exertion but it will also help to prevent cancer, a leading killer of today’s firefighters.

The gear will be purchased through a $22,700 grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. The grant will purchase eight new Fire Dex PPE Ensembles and the department will be purchasing four additional sets. The ensembles will consist of one full set of structural fire “bunker” gear, one set of rescue gear, and a particulate hood for each firefighter.

With the new gear Riverside will adopt a Cancer Prevention Policy which will limit each firefighter’s time in their structural turnout gear. The new gear will keep the firefighters out of gear that has been exposed to deadly carcinogens and allow the gear to be cleaned prior to the next use. With the addition of the rescue gear firefighters will not only be protecting themselves but also members of the community by limiting exposure to the structural gear. The hood of the ensemble is new technology made of materials that will protect the firefighter’s head and neck area from carcinogens.

Riverside Fire Department received approval from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation on October 2, 2017. We are currently working on fitting our firefighters for the gear. I hope everyone takes advantage and signs up for classes and gets the opportunity to attend the exposition. There are always lots of great deals.

During the first weekend in May, the FFAM’s annual convention will be in St. Joseph. I hope that every district director has posters for the contest and the auxiliary will be busy judging the masterpieces. Remember to go to the website and check out the poster contest rules so your local departments and schools can participate. The more, the better!

I challenge ever member to make the new year the best year they have ever had. Let’s make it safe by training at fire school and fun at convention, and the state fair.

ABOUT FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION
In 2005, the Firehouse Subs founders established the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment, and educational opportunities to first-responders and public safety organizations. Through the non-profit 501(c) (3), Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has granted more than $29.5 million to hometown heroes in 46 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, including more than $831,000 in Missouri.

State fair applications are in this newsletter and on the website. Be sure to read and fill them out correctly and get them sent in early. Until we meet again…
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Greetings, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. On November 3, I traveled to the Lake of the Ozarks to attend the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute’s, Missouri Emergency Services Instructor Conference. This conference is for instructors that do emergency services training for our fellow firefighters and EMS workers in the state. Kevin and his staff put on a great conference and great training for the instructors. The training included several train the trainers including basic firefighter skills, live burn training, and water supply for rural and urban departments to name a few. Great speakers and also naming the Instructor of the Year for the institute. Kevin and Gail did a great job with this as always. Keep up the great work, and thank you for what you do!

November 21, was a special day for our former FFAM Secretary and Treasurer Dale Arnold. Dale retired from the fire service after a 40 year career. Dale started his career with the Carrollton Fire Department and served for nine years before moving on to Central Jackson Fire Protection District where he served thirty-one years moving thru the ranks and retiring as a captain. Dale served nine years as an assistant director to one of our founders of the FFAM Joe Jackson, and eventually served as Secretary/Treasurer for our organization from 1989-2011. Dale also served on the memorial committee for several years. I attended Dale’s retirement ceremony in Blue Springs, lots of good things were said including words from our State Fire Marshal Tim Bean, who also presented Dale with an award, thanking him for his service. Dale enjoy retirement and spoil those grand-daughters of yours, I think you have earned it.

On Christmas Eve we had a close call in our state. An engine with the St. Clair Fire Protection District was struck by a semi. The crew was responding to a motor vehicle accident. As they were exiting the cab, the engine was struck. Fortunately no injuries to the crew. Remember to slow down and move over when you see emergency workers working on our highways. Glad to see that none of our brothers and sisters of the St. Clair Fire Protection District were injured.

On Christmas Day, I saw a news story on KSDK Channel 5 out of St. Louis, doing a story on the Eureka Fire Protection District and how they spend the holidays while on shift. The story tells how head-quarters cooks for all their stations, how they invite their families in so crew members can enjoy the Christmas holiday with their kids and family. They even forgot a thermometer when they were deep frying a turkey, and used their TIC to see how hot their oil was, clever thinking for sure. Firefighter Alex Hawkins did a great job being the spokesman for the group. Chief Brown you should be proud of your personnel, they were professional on screen and thank you for taking care of our brothers and sisters in Eureka.

Well, winter is upon us, many of us have experienced extreme temperatures and even some snow already. Here are some tips from FEMA to keep in mind during the winter months.

**BEFORE SNOWSTORMS AND EXTREME COLD**

- Make a family communication plan. Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

- Make an emergency kit for at least three days of self-sufficiency.

- Keep space heater safety in mind: Use electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements. Remember to keep all heat sources at least three feet away from furniture and drapes.

- Prepare your home:
  - Make sure your home is well insulated and that you have weather stripping around your doors and window sills to keep the warm air inside.
  - Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide detector.
  - Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk, as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary safety precautions.

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- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
- Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.

- Hire a contractor to check the structural ability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow - or water, if drains on flat roofs do not work.
- If you have a wood burning fireplace, consider storing wood to keep you warm if winter weather knocks out your heat. Also, make sure you have your chimney cleaned and inspected every year.
- Have at least one of the following heat sources in case the power goes out:
  - Extra blankets, sleeping bags and warm winter coats
  - Fireplace or wood-burning stove with plenty of dry firewood, or a gas log fireplace

- Prepare your vehicle:
  - Fully winterize your vehicle: Have a mechanic check antifreeze, brakes, heater and defroster, tires, and windshield wipers to ensure they are in good shape. Keep your gas tank at least half full.
  - Keep an extra emergency kit in your car. In addition to the basic essentials, consider adding a portable cell phone charger, ice scraper, extra blanket, sand for traction and jumper cables.
  - Rock salt or more environmentally safe products to melt ice on walkways. Visit the EPA for a complete list of recommended products.
  - Sand to improve traction.

- Make sure you have a cell phone with an emergency charging option (car, solar, hand crank, etc.) in case of a power failure.

- People who depend on electricity to operate medical equipment should have alternate arrangements in place in case power is out for an extended period of time.

- Plan to check on elderly/disabled relatives and neighbors.
- Plan to bring pets inside.
- Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it in case you lose power.
- Fill a gallon container with water and place them in the freezer to help keep food cold.
- A NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts alerts and warnings directly from the NWS for all hazards. You may also sign up in advance to receive notifications from your local emergency services.

**DURING SNOWSTORMS AND EXTREME COLD**

- Stay indoors during the storm.
- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive: travel in the day; don’t travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule and your route; stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy walkways.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. Use caution, take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it when possible, and lift lighter loads.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- If you must go outside, wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellant.
- Wear mittens, which are warmer than gloves.

- Wear a hat and cover your mouth with a scarf to reduce heat loss.

**COLD RELATED ILLNESS**

- Frostbite is a serious condition that’s caused by exposure to extremely cold temperatures.
  - A white or grayish-yellow skin area
  - Skin that feels unusually firm or waxy
  - Numbness
  - If you detect symptoms of frostbite, seek medical care.
- Hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature, is a dangerous condition that can occur when a person is exposed to extremely cold temperatures. Hypothermia is caused by prolonged exposures to very cold temperatures. When exposed to cold temperatures, your body begins to lose heat faster than it’s produced. Lengthy exposures will eventually use up your body’s stored energy, which leads to lower body temperature.
  - Warnings signs of hypothermia:
    - Adults: shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech drowsiness
    - Infants: bright red, cold skin, very low energy
- If you notice any of these signs, take the person’s temperature. If it is below 95°F, the situation is an emergency—get medical attention immediately.

**CARBON MONOXIDE**
Caution: Each year, an average of 430 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and there are more than 20,000 visits to the emergency room with more than 4,000 hospitalizations. Carbon monoxide-related deaths are highest during colder months. These deaths are likely due to increased use of gas-powered furnaces and alternative heating, cooking, and power sources used inappropriately indoors during power outages.

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, crawlspace or any partially enclosed area. Locate unit away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors. Keep these devices at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents.

- The primary hazards to avoid when using alternate sources for electricity, heating or cooking are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire.

- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.

- If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.

- Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

**STAY OR GO?**

**STAY:**
- If stuck on the road to avoid exposure and/or when rescue is likely

**GO:**
- If a safe location is neither nearby or visible
- If you do not have appropriate clothing to go outside
- If you do not have the ability to call for help
- If you have visibility and outside conditions are safe
- If you have appropriate clothing.

- Once the storm has passed, if you are not already home, follow instructions from your local transportation department and emergency management agency to determine if it is safe to drive and, if so, which route will be safest for you to get home. Drive with extra caution.

**AFTER SNOWSTORMS AND EXTREME COLD**
- If your home loses power or heat for more than a few hours or if you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm in your home overnight, you may want to go to a designated public shelter if you can get there safely. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (e.g., SHELTER20472).

- Bring any personal items that you would need to spend the night (such as toiletries, medicines). Take precautions when traveling to the shelter. Dress warmly in layers, wear boots, mittens, and a hat.

- Continue to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing warm, loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in several layers. Stay indoors, if possible.

**WINTER WEATHER WATCHES AND WARNINGS**
- Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify an extreme winter weather alerts:
  - Freezing Rain - Rain that freezes when it hits the ground, creating a coating of ice on roads, walkways, trees and power lines.
  - Sleet - Rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes moisture on roads to freeze and become slippery.
  - Wind Chill- Windchill is the temperature it “feels like” when you are outside. The NWS provides a Windchill Chart to show the difference between air temperature and the perceived temperature and the amount of time until frostbite occurs.
  - Winter Storm Watch - A winter storm is possible in your area. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio, or television for more information. The NWS issues a winter storm watch when severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow and/or ice, may affect your area but the location and timing are still uncertain. A winter storm watch is issued 12 to 36 hours in advance of a potential severe storm. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio, TV, or other news sources for more information. Monitor alerts, check your emergency supplies, and gather any items you may need if you lose power.
  - Winter Storm Warning - A winter storm is occurring or will soon occur in your area.
  - Blizzard Warning - Sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 miles per hour or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow (reducing
West Plains Fire Department since June 1999, and he is well deserving of this promotion. Lots of other great things have been happening in West Plains including, moving into our new Station 2 as well as our new administration and training facility here at headquarters. Our old Fire Station 1 has been torn down and is going to be additional parking space for the Civic Center. Headquarters is now located at 1901 Kissinger St. Also we recently replaced our Rescue Truck with a Midi Rescue/Pumper purchased from Bonne Terre Fire Department. Our firefighters are excited about some other promotions coming up with our department. It’s going to be a great 2018!

Everyone stay safe and stay warm and have a great and prosperous New Year.

visibility to less than a quarter mile) are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer.

• Frost/Freeze Warning - Below freezing temperatures are expected.

Hope these tips help you and your organization.

Before we know it Winter Fire School will be upon us. Kevin, Gail and the MU FRTI staff have been working hard to again give us great training and also provide a great equipment exposition. The dates for Winter Fire School are February 2-4, in Columbia. If you have not registered for classes or do not have a hotel reservation yet, I would highly recommend it.

The dates for the FFAM Convention is May 4-6. The convention will be held in St. Joseph at the Stoney Creek Inn. They can be reached at 816-901-9600. Make sure to mention the FFAM Convention when registering.

If I can be of any assistance to you or your agency, or you would like for me to attend your next event, feel free to contact me at grant_oetting@yahoo.com or call me at 660-229-4525.
The 24th Annual Jeffco Fire Engine Rally was held on Saturday, September 30, at the Herculaneum City Park. The annual event is sponsored by the Jefferson County Firefighters Association. The fall weather was absolutely gorgeous, but hot, and the event attracted firefighters, children and festival-goers from across the state.

As in the past, this year’s rally kicked off with a parade of 50-plus emergency apparatus traveling from Crystal City to the city park in Herculaneum where the apparatus remained on static display throughout the day.

Following the parade, an opening ceremony and memorial was held that included the dedication of the 24th Annual Jeffco Fire Engine Rally in remembrance of Paramedic/Firefighter Frank C. Umbdenstock of the Valle Ambulance District and the Jefferson R-7 Fire Protection District. Frank was a member of the Jeffco Fire Engine Rally planning committee for 23 years and was looking forward to the 24th rally when he passed away in July 19, 2017. During the dedication, Frank’s wife Sharon was presented with a Maltese cross plaque in recognition of his years of service to the rally and the fire/EMS service in Jefferson County. Mrs. Umbdenstock was also presented with a framed certificate in recognition of Frank’s name being added to the memorial wall at the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri Memorial in Kingdom City. Following the presentations, Sharon addressed the audience and thanked everyone for their support and love for Frank.

The memorial service also includes the remembrance of 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 date of death and their department followed by a single ring of the memorial bell. Individuals remembered this year included: William A. Blumer, Dunklin Fire Protection District, Richard A. Brown, Goldman Fire Protection District, Tillman U. Ratty, Dunklin Fire Protection District, Delbert K. Shoultz, Hematite Fire Protection District and Frank C. Umbdenstock, Jefferson R-7 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.

As part of 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, Chief Kevin Cremer, Festus Fire Department; Firefighter of the Year Award, Kyle Schnable, Antonia Fire Protection District and Karry “Dink” Friedmeyer, Crystal City Fire Department; Fire Chief of the Year, Chief Tony Bova, Crystal City Fire Department and Fire Department of the Year, Crystal City Fire Department.

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Dunahee of Collinsville, IL, represented the Midwest Children’s Burn Camp and Burns Recovered Support Group of St. Louis as the Junior Grand Marshal. The O’Fallon Fire Protection District provided transportation for both the Grand Marshal Junior Grand Marshal during the parade.

The annual rally features numerous demonstrations each year and the 24th rally was no different. The Crystal City Fire Department and Sentinel Emergency Solutions demonstrated various hose streams and hose appliances; the Herculaneum Fire Department and St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance presented a side-by-side demonstration comparing fire suppression with and without a sprinkler system, and Missouri Emergency Response Service (MERS) demonstrated a large animal rescue scenario.

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


As in the past, this year’s rally included numerous activities for the children including a bounce house and an inflatable slide, a photo booth, face-painting, balloon artist, rock 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 24th 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-Fifth JeffCo Fire Engine Rally will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018, in Herculaneum.
THE SAINT JOSEPH FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE VERY EARLY DAYS

The St. Joseph, Missouri fire service began in the 1850’s. Various political groups buy and establish fire companies with little standardization of equipment. These various firefighting groups both competed and cooperated at scenes. St. Joseph councilman General William R. Penick began a campaign to establish a professional fire department in St. Joseph in 1860. In 1865 this plan was completed with the election of General Penick as mayor of the City of St. Joseph.

In 1860 the citizens of St. Joseph approved a $25,000 bond for the establishment of a professional fire department. The uncertainties of the Civil War delayed the implementation of the plan. In 1864 the city council now guided by Mayor Penick approved $5,000 for the purchase of a steam powered fire pump. In May of 1865, the mayor presented the steam fire pumper named “Black Snake” to the community.

The steam pumper was an awesome piece of equipment that could develop pumping pressures up to 165 pounds per square inch. Unlike the “Water Witch”, the unit already in service in the city, which required human powered and lots of it to develop pump pressure. Needless to say, there was a significant competition that developed between the two fire...
companies. At fire scenes, occasionally fire streams would be redirected from the fire toward member of the opposing fire companies.

The City of St. Joseph was the jumping off point for thousands of families in quest of their dreams on the western frontier. In 1843 the City of St. Joseph was incorporated. Even then the City fathers understood the importance of having a fire department to serve the community and the members living within its boundaries. As early as 1850 they were looking at establishing fire companies, and on July 19, 1851, they passed an ordinance on the specifics of how and what type of equipment that twenty-five able bodied men belonging to an association would need in order to be declared, and establish a fire company.

For the next ten years as the city continued to grow, active citizens became aware that the city needed to establish a fire department to protect the lives and property of St. Joseph. In 1860, General W.R. Penick was the driving force in establishing the fire department. His efforts were interrupted by the Civil War. In 1864, after the war, Penick was elected Mayor, and in his message to Council he urgently recommended funding for a fire steam engine. The City Council agreed, but requested him to solicit subscriptions and donations as a means to purchase it.

The engine, Blacksnake, arrived on May 17, 1865, and the council pronounced it acceptable. On August 7, 1865, a committee of the council recommended the organization of fire companies. The first to respond was the rescue hook and ladder company, which was the pride of St. Joseph for many years, and included some the best young men from St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL EVENTS, DATES AND DIFFERENCES

The St. Joseph Fire Department, like many fire departments, is filled with rich history and strong traditions. St. Joseph had many visionary leaders who developed innovative ways in handling fire suppression and prevention.

Here are some important times and events for the City and the St. Joseph Fire Department.

- In May of 1865 the City purchased its first steam engine at the cost $4250.
- August 7, 1865, is the date we honor the true start of the St. Joseph Fire Department. The city, however, understood the importance of having fire protection as far back as July 1851, when by ordinance the council set the guidelines up as to how associates could establish fire companies.
- 1865-1870 the department had seven paid men and volunteers. In 1871, due to lack of volunteers, the department hired two more. In 1900 the department was staffed with 55, and in the late 1940’s to late 1950’s they had roughly 170 men. Current staffing is 130.
• In 1866 the department built its first fire station on Francis Street between 5th and 6th. They purchased the land for $1250, and appropriated $4000 to construct it. The total cost came in at just over $13,000. Before this they rented facilities.

• In September 1893, the biggest fire in St. Joseph happened as is known as the Center Block Fire located at 6th Edmond. It damaged six square blocks of the downtown area and caused almost a half-million dollars in damage at that time.

• 1894 is when the department started to become cutting edge and if they were not known to the world, their equipment was. That year they purchased a piece of equipment known as the Water Tower from George Hale, later the KC Fire Chief, for $3800. The water tower had been on display at the 1892 World’s Fair in Paris. The tower served the community for over fifty years and currently is on display at the Patee House Museum. The tower would be the first aerial apparatus. Later, a St. Joseph company, Snorkel, would make a name for itself. In 1952, Snorkel started making aerial trucks for the fire service, with their first one being sold to Chicago. In 1968, the St. Joseph Fire Department purchased a prototype from Snorkel that had the waterway installed inside the boom of the truck.

• In 1900, the fire department budget was $48,285, compared to the 2017-18 budget of over $12,000,000.

• In 1918, St. Joseph firefighters became one of the charter members of the International Association of Fire Fighters — Local 77.

• April 1923, the department becomes completely motorized.

• In the 1940’s several of the department’s members not only served the city, they served their nation in World War II.

• 1946-1950, the fire prevention division places first three times, and second one time, in the state with their fire safety and education program.

• 1948, Merced Barbosa is the first minority hired.

• Late 60’s to early 70’s, the department saw many of their larger fires as the city went through what was called urban renewal.

• The 80’s began with a trend in the fire service of responding to more incidents that were not fire related, but more medical in nature. In 1982, eight of its members completed a federally recognized fire/medic program. Then from 1988-89, the fire department established a first responder program. This program was started to assist the ambulance crews and get medical
assistance to people in the city of St.
Joseph within 4-6 minutes.

At the time the program started, the
department’s alarm volume was under
2000 calls. Within the next couple of
years they were running around 5000
calls. Currently the department averages
just fewer than 10,000 total calls per year.

• The 21st century has seen the depart-
ment maintain their skills for the fire
service and readied it to respond to any
type of incident by purchasing equip-
ment to provide specialty services
the community needs, including:
hazardous material response, confined
space/trench rescue, and water/ice
rescue.

• In 2015 the St. Joseph Fire Department
celebrated its 150th anniversary with
a series of events, including a proc-
lamation ceremony that honored the
department and those firefighters who
died in the line of duty. Firefighters
hosted an interactive booth for kids
at the Trails West festival, including
a bucket and firefighters dressed for
the late 1800’s. The local Summer
Collegiate League baseball team
hosted firefighters for a picnic and free
entrance to a game, where the current
and past fire chiefs threw out the first
pitch. All firefighters were allowed
to wear a newly designed t-shirt that
showed every patch that the SJFD has
worn for the past 150 years.

CURRENT OPERATIONS

The SJFD has 130 paid personnel with
123 in suppression and the rest in admin-
istration, fire prevention, training and
maintenance. There are currently nine
stations with eleven companies covering
forty-four square miles, including four
contracted fire protection districts. The
city currently has a Class 3 ISO rating.
Two new stations are currently under
construction and will be replacing two
100+ year-old stations. Both stations
being replaced were built around 1905,
actually housed horses and were built
based on how far the horses could run.
As the town has moved eastward, both
new stations will be located more to the
east and have easy access to major thor-
oughfares. Future plans call for a new
station to be located on the East side of town
near Missouri Western State University, and
an addition to fire
headquarters, located
downtown.
Training can take on many forms ranging from formalized class room sessions followed by practical applications to plain old “on-the-job-training.” We all started out as infants and quite literally we came into this world with very little observable knowledge. Think how quickly we were “trained” to know how to acquire nourishment and later how loud to cry to get attention and yet later how to perform certain tasks. Likely we all learned by observing, but no matter how you learned you learned due to training whether it was formal or not.

Fast forward now to the day you started in the fire service. Did you know everything you would need for your entire career? Most people would say not and most would say they still don’t know everything that they will need to finish their careers. This is where that nasty “four” letter word training comes in to play. If you don’t pursue, attend, or demand quality training in some form, how will you learn and be able to stay up to date with the career you have chosen?

Some of our training is closely governed and outlined by organizations such as the NFPA. This organization has put a lot of effort into creating standards for us to use in creating and evaluating training and the needs of the members of the fire service. Now I can’t say that we all agree with some of the products of NFPA efforts and I will not try to convince you to drink the magic potion, but I will say that those standards were created as a means of not only outlining a path of training, but to help keep us alive and providing quality service to our citizens. Other departments are driven more so by ISO guidelines. After all the better our training and training records the better our score may be, which could certainly affect the insurance premium rates being paid by those we serve.

From time to time there have been discussions about the need for training requirements either nationally, state-wide or even on a local basis. The argument can be made either for or against some formal design, but I believe if you really look at the concept of having some method of measuring the potential abilities of those we work with daily or perhaps on the occasional mutual aid it is probably not a bad idea. The debate could rage on for centuries on what the best measurement criteria may be or if there should be exceptions made to accommodate those willing to give their time, but who may not be able to perform all functions expected of a member of the fire service. I am a firm believer that there is a place in the fire service for almost everyone, but the role they serve or the title they may carry really does need to be clearly defined. The overall safety and performance for all involved can be greatly affected by the things our members attempt to do related to incidents.

Some concern has been raised that as we currently sit in Missouri, if a request goes out for a fire fighter or fire fighters to respond to an area not in their jurisdiction how does the requesting agency know who they are getting or the basic abilities they may bring with them? This is a valid concern as the last thing anyone wants is to put someone in a situation they are not trained for. Perhaps a different view is warranted in this discussion. Perhaps when these types of requests are made they should be specific in nature and only those personnel meeting the specified criteria respond. I know this puts the burden on the second agency to only send those meeting the criteria, but perhaps this would allow others to remain in the fire service that may not be able to perform all functions while still filling a need on a local level. Look at it from the aspect of wildland firefighting on the national level. When the call goes out for help, a specifically trained person or group is requested and only those possessing the correct color of “card” can do certain functions. Not a bad idea. The debate could rage on for centuries on what the best measurement criteria type system already is being used by many.

Support the process of establishing some measurement criteria or not, that is a personal decision that will be faced...
by every member of the fire service. However, whether you support the concept or not you really should consider the ramifications of failing to meet even basic training levels on a personal and departmental level. As I stated earlier, the reality is that quality training is one way we can hedge our bet to have better odds of being able to go home alive and help those around us achieve that goal also. Give it some thought and consider how training, formal or informal, has helped you get where you are, kept you in the fire service and maybe even kept you alive.

Make your voice heard in relation to training standards or requirements as this issue moves forward. The entire fire service needs to be involved in this issue to ensure whatever may be developed, if anything, represents the true needs of the entire Missouri fire service and is not based solely from any one perspective, which may not recognize potential impact on areas they do not deal with or are not familiar with.

Training is important. Training is vital. Training is for everyone. Training is not evil. Seek out training, participate fully in training and make yourself and the Missouri Fire Service the absolute best there is.

As always, if I can be of service to you please contact me. Be Safe!

The City of Cameron Fire Department accepted delivery of a new fire rescue pumper truck in August of 2017. The pumper, a Ferrara MVP Pumper Rescue Apparatus was purchased from Firemaster Fire Apparatus in Springfield, Missouri. The pumper has a full rescue body, equipped with a Waterous One Step CAFS System and a 1000 gallon water tank. The purchase of the apparatus was made possible by a 1/4 cent fire department sales tax passed by Cameron voters in April 2016. The Cameron Fire Department is a paid-per-call fire department responding to approximately 350 fire and emergency related calls per year. The department provides protection for the City of Cameron and 144 square miles of Cameron Rural Fire Protection District with a total population of approximately 18,000 residents.
On December 16, the Knob Noster Fire Department (KNFD) made their annual trip through the Knob Noster Community escorting Santa Claus and delivering gifts to local children.

This year there were 42 scheduled stops at local address and numerous unscheduled stops to greet all of the kids that came out of their homes to greet Santa.

This annual event started in 1991 with 10 to 12 stops and has blossomed into one of the most exciting evenings the residents of Knob Noster enjoy during the Christmas season.

KNFD collects gifts, which have been dropped off by parents, at Knob Noster City Hall on the Friday before the event. The gifts are then sorted by street address so that a route can be planned for the following evening.

Bright and early on Saturday morning, fire fighters put together a temporary route plugging in little details such as dead end streets and houses with no house numbers so that the correct address can be located after dark. Some small notes such as Santa decoration hanging from bedroom ledge on the front of the house helped KNFD with locating each of the 42 deliveries. Then the route is driven in a by car to make sure that all of the locations are easy to find and how many fire fighters will be needed to turn trucks around and safely navigate our city streets.

This year’s route was a little over 15 miles. Along with regular stops, many residents came out to greet Santa and take pictures. It took the Knob Noster Fire Department just under 4 hours to complete the nights run. At times there were so many kids coming out to greet our procession that Santa and his Elf walked down the street in front of the Fire Trucks to make sure that every child and adult was greeted. Whether a child gets a gift or not Santa always has a treat. He had a stash of just over 150 candy canes this year.

The Knob Noster Fire Department would like to thank the community for their support and donations over the past year. We look forward to seeing all of you next year.
The Board of Directors for the Southern Stone County Fire Protection District accepted these recommendations for promotions on November 16, 2017.

From Left to Right: North Battalion Chief Gary Preiss; Captain Anthony Griggs, B Shift Station 1; Lieutenant Dylan Honea, Station 9

MICHAEL SCHRAGE HONORED BY CRYSTAL CITY

Michael Schrage was honored in November 2017, by the City of Crystal City as well as other governmental entities for his 50 years of service as a volunteer firefighter. He currently serves as the Assistant Chief for the City of Crystal City, Missouri. Michael is the owner of Schrage Electric Service, and the son of the late Robert and Wanda Schrage, brother to Marilyn Nengel, Robert Schrage Jr., Jo Marie Miller and James Schrage. He is the husband to Janet Schrage and father to Brandi (husband Daniel) and two grandchildren Audri & Allyson Sauer.
If there is much good news at all regarding firefighters and cancer, it may be that firefighters may have a lower incidence of lung cancer in some studies when compared to the general population. If this holds in the current studies that are underway, it may be due to restrictions on the use of tobacco products and to the increased use of SCBA compared to past practices.

Following the lungs however, the skin is the body’s second largest organ (in area) and it is highly absorptive. Some areas of skin are more permeable than others, specifically the face, the angle of the jaw, the neck and throat and the groin. Skin’s permeability increases with temperature and for every 5° increase in skin temperature, absorption increases 400%.

The most permeable piece of personal protective equipment is the hood. Hoods are designed to protect our head and neck from heat, but are not designed to stop skin absorption through the forehead, angle of the jaw, the neck and the throat.

Every firefighter knows that a lot of soot gets through their hoods, sits on sweaty, hot, highly permeable areas of skin, and then is rubbed into the skin as the firefighter is working. Some cancer studies are also noting that firefighters are developing far more aggressive types of cancers, such as brain cancers, at a younger age than the general population, which provides further indications that the cancer could be a result of firefighting.

Many PPE manufacturers are currently scrutinizing each piece of protective gear to determine what changes can be made to not only protect firefighters from heat, but to also reduce the amount of carcinogens that can permeate the PPE and get onto the skin.

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In cooperation with Marion County Ambulance District
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INTRODUCTION TO LINE OF DUTY DEATH / PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS BENEFITS

INSTRUCTOR: Brian Zinanni, State Director, Supporting Heroes
WHEN: Saturday, April 7, 2018 • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
WHERE: Marion County Ambulance Education Center
142 Jaycee Drive
Hannibal, Missouri
COST: FREE preregistration required*

QUESTION: My employee was on duty so it’s line of duty, right?

NOT TRUE: Unfortunately, there are many widely held myths that affect understanding of these very important topics and therefore expectations at all levels. This class cuts through the myths and gives you the information you need to know. We are confident you will find this FREE class to be time well spent. Please don’t let the “Introduction” part of the title fool you. This class covers a lot of important information that everyone should be familiar with, but few are. Public safety individuals from Iowa and Nebraska have come to Missouri to attend this class. And feedback from previous participants has been overwhelmingly positive with many saying it covered important aspects of Line of Duty Deaths they had never even considered before. This class is for Fire chiefs, officers, Ambulance administrators, police chiefs, supervisors, and anyone that might be involved in working with your organization in a line of duty death.

Is Your Organization Prepared?

*Preregister REQUIRED: Send your name, contact email, and number(s) attending to gwright000@gmail.com by April 1, 2018.

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DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION DUE BY MARCH 16, 2018

Registration $25 X ___ = _____ Banquet $25 X ___ = _____ Total Due $___________

REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 16 PAYABLE AT THE DOOR:
Registration $40  Banquet $25

Make checks payable to: BCFC FFAM 2018

Register online at stjoemo.org or send registration and payment to:
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Questions or for more information, email mdalsing@stjoemo.org

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Exhibitors Interested in a Display Booth Please Contact Mike Dalsing at MDalsing@stjoemo.org

**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Training Classes—if you plan to attend one of the scheduled training classes, please register ahead of time. Check out our website, ffam.org/committees/convention/2018-convention/, for more information.

- If your department would like to reserve tables for the banquet, you must contact Secretary Miller ahead of time to reserve your space. (660)429-1327 or ffam.jmiller@gmail.com

**YOU CAN FIND ALL THE CONVENTION INFORMATION AT:** ffam.org/committees/convention/2018-convention/
FFAM CONTEST FORM

2018 FFAM Convention
May 4-6, 2018
St. Joseph, Missouri

Registration Deadline is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Department Name: ________________________________ Team 1 ☐ Team 2 ☐

Contact Person: ________________________________ Phone: ________________________________

Check One:  Firefighter Division ☐ Female Division ☐ Junior Division ☐

Must be an FFAM or Auxiliary Member to participate.

Hose Coupling:

(captain) ____________________________________________

(alternate) __________________________________________

Extend a Line:

(captain) ____________________________________________

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Replace a Section:

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Water Fight:

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Bucket Brigade:

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Registration $25 X ___ = ______  Banquet $25 X ___ = ______ Total Due $____________

Email Contest Registration and Release of Responsibility form to: roberdel@ktis.net or mail to: Rob Erdel
19761 ACR314
Mexico, MO 65265
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FFAM BYLAWS: ARTICLE VIII – DELEGATES

Section 1: Each member fire department in good standing with FFAM shall be entitled to representation at the annual convention. A maximum of three delegates from each fire department shall be allowed. In the event any special meeting of this association is called, the number of delegates allowed shall be determined in the same manner as that of the annual convention. All Board of Directors shall be delegates at annual conventions.

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) ___________________________________________

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Chief (PRINT)_________________________________________________________________________

Chief (signature)_____________________________________________________________________
Deputy Chief Steve Grass, Chief of Investigations for the Division of Fire Safety, is no stranger to the fire service. Steve started out riding tail board on the Marywood Fire Department in Aurora, Illinois in 1980. When he moved to Mountain Home, Arkansas in 1981 to attend college. He served on the Northeast Lakeside Fire Department until 1985 when he was accepted by the Missouri State Highway Patrol to attend the recruit academy. After graduating the patrol academy, Steve requested to be stationed near the Arkansas border for his love of the Ozarks. He was stationed in Macon-Shelby counties! There, he learned the difference between a draft pond and sewage lagoon!

Steve became the Assistant Chief of Shelbina Fire Department and was a member of FFAM and the Northeast Missouri Firefighter’s Association. Steve served on the Shelbina Fire Department until 1990 when he requested a transfer to Troop (Region) G, Wright County. “I loved the people in Shelby County, but I hated the winters,” said Steve. “If I could pack the folks up and take them with me, I would have,” he said. Steve soon joined the Mansfield Fire Department where he was chosen to be assistant chief. “I was very pleased with how the department was very close knit and worked very well with the surrounding county departments,” said Steve. One of his biggest hurdles was the challenge of going through and ISO evaluation. “One day a gentleman walked into the station and said he was from ISO and was doing a courtesy check of their records. He said it had been several years since we had an ISO evaluation, we were an ISO-6. He said, “we are showing your front line pumper was a 1960 Chevrolet and your second due was a 1938 Ford? What do you have now?” This was 1993, I told him, “a 1960 Chevrolet and a 1938 Ford!” He said, “we need to talk.”

Fast forward, Steve helped the department secure more apparatus and build a new station to house the new equipment in order to maintain their ISO-6 rating. Steve also helped start up a county wide fire chief’s meeting. “Maintaining communication is a must before a situation occurs. We are Chiefs learned a lot from each other.”

In 1994, Steve took as position with the patrol as canine handler for Troop G. With that, he covered a nine county area, in addition to any other statewide special assignments that may occur. “This position gave me the opportunity to meet and interact with many agencies in Missouri. I would always try to drop in and say ‘hi’ to law enforcement agencies, fire departments, and ambulance districts when I was in the area. Making relationships is very important when working in a specific area,” Steve said. Since this position was criminal in nature, it made Steve a better investigator. “You learn how to read people and listen to people. Sometimes we talk too much and forget to listen.”

Steve finished out his patrol career after thirty-one years. But, instead of ‘retire’ he chose to ‘re-tread’. “I felt I did all I could with the highway patrol and I wouldn’t trade it for anything. But I needed something to mentally further myself.” Steve saw that Deputy Chief Bill Zieres had retired and his position was available. Steve said, “I saw Chief Zieres’ position open and I thought to myself, that’s right up my alley!” Steve accepted the position and started with the division on July 3, 2017. “I have an amazing investigation team. I have worked with many of the investigators over the years and I have a great admiration for them,” Steve said.

Steve and his family reside in Osage Beach. Steve’s wife, Carol, is a district manager for Dollar General. They have two children, Stepheni, 12, and Kelley, 10. Steve formally operated 10-99 Products, LLC. The business provided new and used emergency vehicle equipment. He closed the business after eight years when he accepted the position of deputy chief. “Our business was very busy and demanding and there was no way I could effectively do my chief job and the business at the same time.” Steve was proud to display his LaFrance bar at the FFAM Convention and MU FRTI Winter Fire School Expo at their booth. “I saw a LaFrance sitting in a farm field near Hartville one day. I knew the folks, but I knew they had no connection to a fire truck. When I asked them about it, they said they were going to scrap it. I told them I needed the front off of it. They delivered it the next day!” Steve had Missouri Fire Apparatus build a frame and repaint the front end to complete the display. “I did a little ‘light magic’ and there it is!”

Steve also has a collection of fire memorabilia and old toy fire trucks. He said he lost count, but estimates around 425 trucks. Steve likes taking his kids for a ride in his tin lizzy go-cart fire truck. They try and hit the local parades. Steve’s wife, Carol, does quilting and custom cakes in her spare time. They look forward to blending into the Lake of the Ozarks activities this next summer.
is an inspiration to all. In 2007, Rodney lost his job and his home and wound up living in a dilapidated abandoned home. He was estranged from his family. He would remain homeless for two years, but he never gave up.

Rodney applied for and received a grant to attend St. Louis Community College in Forest Park. He showered, shaved and brushed his teeth at the school gym, and made the dean’s list.

Rodney entered an EMT program and got a job with the Northeast Ambulance and Fire Protection District. He continued his studies and earned an Emergency Medical Dispatch certificate in 2012. He later got a job with the St. Louis Fire Department as an emergency medical services dispatcher and then was promoted to fire equipment dispatcher in late 2017.

“It’s an honor to wear this uniform,” Edwards told KMOV-TV. “They saw I had drive and I had hustle, and I believed in the culture and the core values of the fire department.”

To learn more about the St. Louis Fire Department visit their Facebook page (@StLouisFireDepartment).

The Division of Fire Safety salutes the service of two St. Louis area firefighters who have devoted their time and effort to introducing teenage girls to the opportunities provided by careers in the fire service and as paramedics and police officers.

Fenton Fire District Lieutenant Gina Anderson and Metro West Fire Protection District Firefighter/Medic Katie Wiegand worked with the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri to found Camp Fury STL.

This past summer, almost 20 girls attended the week long camp that gave them a glimpse into the life of a first responder. They climbed fire trucks with ladders reaching over 100 feet, they put out fires, used the jaws of life and learned how to communicate with violent criminals in high pressure situations. Camp Fury brings female campers interested in emergency services together with mentors in the profession who are successful and ready to give back to the next generation of emergency responders.
The reality of our lives is, “The only thing that is constant is change.” Heraclitus of Ephesus was a Greek philosopher, known for his doctrine of change being central to the universe, and remembered for his cosmology, in which fire forms the basic material principle of an orderly universe. Viewing fire as the essential material uniting all things, Heraclitus wrote that the world order is, “an ever-living fire kindling in measures and being extinguished in measures.”

Heraclitus comprehended the “reason” through which all things are interrelated and occur are because of the underlying connection between opposites. For example, health and disease define each other. Good and evil, hot and cold, fire and water and other opposites are similarly related. He also noted how a single substance may be perceived in varied ways, seawater is both harmful to humans and beneficial for fishes. Fire is both destructive and produces new growth. His understanding of the relation of opposites too each other enabled him to overcome the chaotic and divergent nature of the world. We exist as a coherent system in which a change in one direction is ultimately balanced by a corresponding change in another. Between all things there is a hidden connection, so that those that are apparently “tending apart” are actually “being brought together.”

2018 has begun and we are sure to see many changes to our lives and others this year, just like we did in 2017. Besides our own individual changes that are occurring, there has been extreme weather, flooding, monumental forest fires and record breaking cold temperatures to usher us into this New Year. If one understands that change is constant in life then one will more easily recognize that we have control over very little except our reaction to the change.

So, with that bit of Heraclitus history, I challenge us all to embrace the 2018 changes and consider our reactions as positive or negative. Even though change can hurt, make us sad, enlighten us, or take us down a path we couldn’t foresee, we can choose to become wiser and stronger with the change.

Here’s to the New Year of change!
- Judy Bean

“No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it is not the same river and he is not the same man” - Heraclitus

fire service just in four individuals, 150 years! My point is this, while that is many years of service leaving, I see a great group of young men and women coming on as well. They will be smarter, better trained, wearing improved equipment, and driving safer trucks, all because of the dedication and service of the ones who have walked before us. So should be our challenge, to blaze a new and improved trail for those after us. Let us continue to serve and protect with the best of our abilities our families, friends, neighbors, fellow Missourians, and anyone who crosses over our state line.

Stay safe and, “Be the best boots on the ground! Leave things better than you found them!”

Respectfully,

J. Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS 911 EMERGENCY, LAST CALL FOR APPLICANTS

Do you have a child that is a high school senior? Do you have a child attending college or a vocational/technical school? The Firefighters Association of Missouri has four High School Scholarships and two Continuing Education Scholarships available. To start the application process please visit our website at www.ffam.org and then select the scholarship tab.

The applications must be completed and all required documents must be received by February 28, 2018. Successful applicants will be notified before the 2018 FFAM Convention. We would like for all winners to be present at the convention for the awarding of the scholarship.

If you have questions about the Scholarship program or wish to have scholarship information sent to you please contact the FFAM Scholarship Chairman Larry Eggen at leggen@jcfpd.net.
Here we are, a new year already. My how time flies! I remember my parents lecturing me when I was young for wishing I was older so I could do the things my older brother could do, like drive a car, or be out of school to name a couple. They would tell me to stop wishing my life away, you grow up fast enough. At the time, I really didn’t understand, but now I realize how true of a statement that was. As I, and I think others will relate, get older, time does seem to go by faster. Another thing my dad would tell me is to “enjoy life…it’s too short to waste.” Good advice, and one bit of wisdom of which I would like to pass on to all of you as we enter this new year.

The big news here at MU FRTI is the annual Winter Fire School on February 2-4, 2018. This will be the 37th annual event. It has become known as the premier fire training event in the Midwest. If you are already planning to attend, I hope to see you there. If you are still undecided, it is not too late to register, or even drive up on Friday to visit the exposition.

The Winter Fire School Equipment Exposition is one of the largest, continuous, equipment expo’s in the Midwest. The expo will be open on Friday, February 2, 2018, from Noon to 9:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Executive Center. There is no admission fee to attend the expo. With more space open this year participants will have access to more than 100 vendors, displaying everything fire related from T-shirts, boots, hand tools, up to and including fire apparatus. Many state and national organizations will also be on hand to discuss member benefits and fire related topics.

Also on Friday, FFAM is sponsoring no cost training classes as part of the federal SAFER grant. The goal of the grant is to recruit and retain firefighters throughout Missouri. Developed in partnership between FFAM and MU FRTI, Strategies of Leadership: Recruiting and Retaining Emergency Services Personnel has been delivered statewide and will be offered on Friday, February 2, 2018 in conjunction with the fire school and equipment expo. You must register to attend and can do so by calling MU FRTI at 800-864-3467; or, submit a fire school registration form at www.mufrti.org/events/winter-fire-school/registration/.

The educational component of fire school will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday, February 3-4, 2018. Over 50 different classes are being offered this year. National level instructors have reached out to MU FRTI requesting to teach at our fire school and you will find many listed on this year’s agenda of classes. Instead of paying higher registration fees at national conferences, you can hear them speak at MU FRTI’s Winter Fire School for a fraction of the cost.

The bargain of the fire school is to attend via our webcast and enjoy the class from the comfort of your home or from the fire station training room. Three classes are selected each year to webcast live from Columbia. You can purchase a single seat license for $55; or, a site license for $265, which allows for up to 10 participants to attend. Courses selected for this year’s webcast include: The Art of Go/No-Go, Mike Gagliano, Seattle Fire Department; Observations at 30,000’ – Challenges and Opportunities for the American Fire Service, Timothy Sendelbach, Editor-in-chief for Firehouse magazine; and, Getting Social in the Fire Service, Sara Dayley, Missouri Department of Public Safety PIO and past news anchor with 2 St. Louis TV stations.

Once again, the Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission and the Division of Fire Safety have designated state fire training funds to support the Phil Sayer Scholarship Fund for Winter Fire School. Each awarded scholarship will include up to 12 hours of course tuition. In addition, MU FRTI is offering lodging to scholarship recipients residing beyond a 50-mile radius of Columbia. This is a great opportunity for volunteers to attend Winter Fire School and gain knowledge to be better trained firefighters. If you get the opportunity, let the Division of Fire Safety, or any member of the commission know how much you appreciate their support of the Phil Sayer scholarships.

In closing of this editions article, we live in a time where information on most anything is available at a moment’s notice. The internet is a vast resource that can aid firefighters in a variety of ways, whether it is articles that relate to training or best practices, to videos of how-to. But just like what we are hearing a lot of lately
in the media regarding “Fake News,” we should all be wary of everything we read or view from the internet. One great source for fire service information though is the US Fire Administration (USFA). Their website is updated daily with items of interest from trusted sources, so you might want to bookmark their page www.usfa.fema.gov/. If you like to get notifications sent directly to you, USFA also has a subscription service at www.usfa.fema.gov/email_subscriptions.html.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute, we wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. And remember…Train Safe, Be Safe!

Kevin D. Zumwalt
Interim Director
MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute
OFFICER 4 NEWS

By Steve Gentry

Well its getting close to application time to kick off. Look for a new application in the newsletter and hopeful you can locate it on line on our FFAM website. I will also try to have some blanks at the February meeting Please be sure to read it thoroughly and fill it in correctly with all your current information and send me the things I need. If you are under 21 years of age at fair time, I need to know this! Please state this on your application. There has been several changes hopefully helpful ones.

I trust every one had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and ready to slow down and get ready for convention and then the fair’ I don’t think I said anything about 2017 fair but I would like to thank every one for making each and every fair better than the last on if we start early and plan on making every effort we can to make it to the work weekends and to all the meetings we can will have another successful fair. Watch for updates in the news letters and check the Facebook pages for them also or have friends to notify you about happenings. Communication is a very important tool we all can use so stay connected Brothers and Sisters it takes us all to do this.

By the way if you haven’t heard one of the changes that has happened that will help is that President Hoover has appointed RB Brown as a commissioner for the fair so when you see RB please congratulate and welcome him. He brings lots of experience and knowledge to the committee. Looking forward to a good year in the best profession in the word,every one keep safe and see you in February at Sedalia.

FROM THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR FD

By Captain Cy Fields

Well by the time you are reading this we will have celebrated Christmas and rang in the New Year of 2018. This year is going to and will be another fun and successful year.

I wanted to write this article and reach out to those who have never seen or been around a communications center and seen how things operate. It is a very fun, rewarding, but yet challenging job. It takes a person willing to go the distance and be able to work under pressure while maintaining a calm demeanor all at the same time. Do you think you have what it takes or want to join the MSFFD Communications Team?

Well there is 2 things that you will need to do:
1. Be an active member of the FFAM
2. Apply for the MSFFD when applications become available

The communications center is where every call begins and ends. The dispatchers are trained by the captain and/or a dispatcher that has worked in the communications center for at least one year. The dispatcher will work any shifts that need to be filled which include mornings, middays, and overnights. Most shifts have two dispatchers on duty at all times. Those dispatchers on duty will be responsible for answering emergency and non-emergency calls, dispatching the proper units for the proper call, maintaining records of the calls they dispatch, and keeping accountability on the units they dispatch.

Benefits Package includes:
1. Meeting fellow Fire and EMS personnel from all over the State of Missouri
2. Work with some of the “Best Boots on the Ground”
3. Enjoying the Missouri State Fair from a different point of view
4. Being a member of the only 11-day fire department in the nation

Any and all active FFAM members including junior and cadet firefighters are encouraged to apply for the MSFFD. We look forward to meeting new members every year. Please consider applying for this life changing opportunity.

Anyone wishing to speak to me about the communication center please feel free to email me at: cyfields134@gmail.com.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - BOLIVER CITY

Applications are now being accepted for the position of Fire Captain by the Bolivar City Fire Department. The starting wage is $40,000 annual salary (Exempt). The City of Bolivar is proud to provide a robust benefits plan including full coverage insurance for all of its employees and half of family coverage. BCFD crews run on a 48/96 rotating schedule.

Applications for this position are available online or download at www.bolivarcityfire.com or at the Bolivar City Fire Department Public Safety Center.

Applications for this position need to be returned to the City of Bolivar Public Safety Center, 211 W. Walnut St., Bolivar, MO 65613, submitted online, e-mailed to ssitton@bolivar.mo.us, or faxed to 417-777-3513.

We will be accepting applications for these positions until February 1, 2018, with the hire process to follow.

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Smeal Original Owner Rescue Truck, 4 Wheel Drive, 4 Speed Manual Transmission, 454 Throttle Body Fuel Injected, Ramsey Electric Winch with Remote Control, Excellent Tires, 16,404 Miles, Winco Generator 240/120 with Electric Start, 4 Manual Telescoping Mounted Scene Lights. $15,000 Chief Kenneth Hoover, Little Dixie FPD, 573-581-6235
MISSOURI STATE FAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION
AUGUST 8-19, 2018

DEADLINE FOR FILING APPLICATION IS MAY 1, 2018. YOU MUST ALSO BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF FFAM BY MAY 1, 2018. SEND APPLICATIONS TO STEVE GENTRY ONLY

I, _________________________, a member of the _____________________________ Department do hereby apply for the opportunity to participate in the operation of the State Fair Fire Department as follows. (Enter Desired Duty in the space under the dates you will be available for duty. My home Chief is ___________________________ their phone # is ______________________. If you cannot attend the dates chosen notify Steve Gentry. No substitutions unless approved by Steve Gentry.

I will be available for duty on the following days beginning 8:00 am each day (Enter position applied for under dates available)

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Positions available are as follow Adults-Engine Co., Ambulance, First Aid, Dispatch, Inspection, Kitchen, and Fire Safety Education and other duties may be assigned. Juniors may only sign up for Dispatch. You will be expected to accept assignments willingly.

A copy of your current FFAM membership and a current Drivers License is mandatory with your application OR IT WILL BE RETURNED

Parents signature for Junior Fire Fighters under 18 years of age:_________________________________________________
This signature indicates release from liability of all agencies in the event of an accident while participating in the Missouri State Fair Activities. This release also grants permission for emergency treatment in case of an emergency.

DATE_________ NAME ______________________ ADDRESS_________________________ CITY/STATE/ZIP___________________________
HOME PHONE________________________ CELL PHONE _______________________ EMAIL_______________________________________
EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON ______________________________EMERGENCY PHONE ____________________________________

Each member will be issued ONE Duty Shirt at no charge and may order extra shirts at $10 each ($2 extra for 2x and larger) Mark application if you want more shirts . Please give shirt size either way.

SHIRT SIZE (Check One): [ ] S [ ] M [ ] L [ ] XL [ ] 2XL [ ] 3XL [ ] 4XL EXTRA SHIRTS _____ X $10 EACH ($2 extra for 2XL and larger)

CHOICE OF HAT (Check One): [ ] 6 PANEL (MESH BACK) OR [ ] 5 PANEL BALL CAP (FITTED) [ ] S/M [ ] L/XL EXTRA HATS _____X $11 EACH

ONLY SEND APPLICATIONS TO STEVE GENTRY

Applications must be completed in full and readable or will not be accepted. All applicants must be members of FFAM before application deadline. The commissioners and the Chief will make assignments of officers from applications received. If no specific position is desired check the dates you are available or write your request under the dates available. Duty for all companies begins at 8:00 a.m. each day. The minimum age for Junior Fire Fighters is 16 years of age and no more than 2 juniors from the same department are allowed to attend at the same time. State License and credentials MUST be with the application to assist with your acceptance.

If the dates you are requesting are full you will be contacted for alternate dates for you to attend. Due to staffing restrictions the FFAM reserves the right to refuse any application

SEND ALL LICENSE AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND CREDENTIALS WITH APPLICATIONS

APPLICANT SIGNATURE__________________________________________

SEND APPLICATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS TO STEVE GENTRY ONLY BY MAY 1, 2018

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