NEXT FFAM BOARD MEETING
MAY 6, 2018 • 9:00 A.M. • ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI
I believe the groundhog just might have been right this time. Spring is just around the corner and I am sure all of us are ready for its arrival. It has been a busy winter with many activities we all attended. I know I am ready for the season to change and for the life to return to the trees and grass and for things to come alive again.

Winter Fire School was a huge success thanks to MU FRTI’s hard work. Thank you for the commitment to educate our emergency service personnel. I did not make it to the expo this year but heard there was a very large crowd and it was a huge success.

I had the honor of attending the annual MO Fire Chief’s Conference at Big Cedar Resort along with about 100 fire chiefs from across Missouri. It was an excellent conference and some outstanding presenters were able to teach us old dogs some new tactics. Thanks.

Our annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Service is quickly approaching on May 19, at 9:00 p.m. for the Candlelight Service at which time retired Chief James Silvernail from the Metro West Fire Protection District will speak. May 20, at 10:30 a.m. Fire Marshal J. Tim Bean will speak for the Sunday morning services. Both of our speakers are outstanding advocates of the fire service.

Please consider this your personal invitation to participate in the honor guard, bag piper, antique fire equipment, and any other task you desire. Just let me know please. The commander for the Honor Guard again this year is Fire Chief James Ludden of the Bolivar City Fire Department. Chief Ludden did an outstanding job last year. All honor guards and color guards are invited to participate. Please contact Chief Ludden at 417-770-4312 or jludden@bolivar.mo.us if you are interested and that you will be attending.

I am looking for one ladder truck to fly the large flag at the Sunday morning services assisting Lebanon Fire Department, as Chief Sam Schneider has already volunteered his platform unit. If interested, please let me know.

St. Joseph Fire Department is busy putting the final touches on our upcoming annual convention. If you have not done so, please send your registrations in as soon as possible so they can plan accordingly.

Also, if possible please send your contest registrations in to Captain Rob Erdel at roberdel@ktis.net so everything can be ready for Saturday morning. This will save the contest committee a lot of time preparing for the contest on Saturday morning. I hope there are many teams this year competing for the bragging rights as the best in the state. We all have so much fun competing and just being together as a big family.

Again, anyone wishing to participate or help with the Annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Service, please contact me by telephone at 573-581-6235 or by email at chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net.

I would like to congratulate Fire Marshal J. Tim Bean on his first full year as the new Missouri State Fire Marshal. Tim is a good advocate for the fire service and has done an excellent job. Chief Bean had served FFAM as our 1st Vice President for several years and always gave 100% effort to every task assigned. Thank you, my friend.
Greetings from the thirteenth floor! As I start this article the sun shines brightly across the blue skies silhouetting against the state capitol. We have had our share of gray skies, and cold weather! Bring on green grass, flowers, and seventy degree weather!

Something new, a manned 24-7 fire and arson investigator contact number! 573-526-0134 is manned by MIAC. If you need one of our investigators for response to a fire scene, use this number please. Please note this is not for insurance companies, citizens, or general inquiries.

Heavy rains have finally come along the southern part of the state at the end of February, filling lakes and ponds, and saturating the vegetation. Brush and grass fires were keeping the locals plenty busy over the last several weeks. Hopefully this rain will relieve that, and allow the vegetation to grow and give fire departments some much needed relief.

The Division would like to congratulate the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) for another successful Winter Fire School. I appreciate Kevin and his team making a top shelf winter and summer fire school available to our state. We appreciated Governor Griteans stopping by and walking through the expo shaking hands and taking pictures. We appreciate him taking time to show his support to the Missouri fire service. Thanks to everyone who dropped by our booth and said “Hi.” I know our staff enjoys seeing you. I enjoyed getting to work within the fire school command staff, and seeing many of our great firefighters attending classes, and getting educated on many different topics. This makes me proud to be part of you!

It is time to go to your computer and register your department with the Division. Matt Luetkemeyer sent you an email in December, which contained a link to your department’s data. Click on that link and it will open your data from last year. Update your information if needed. If not click submit, and you’re registered.

We have 856 departments within our state. In 2017, 613 of you registered. It is important we have accurate information for your department. Please help us keep our information current. You can help by checking with your neighboring department, or bring it up during your county fire chief’s meetings. Let’s beat last year’s number and have 100% of Missouri’s fire departments registered.

If you have never registered with the Division, go to: dfs.dps.mo.gov and click on fire department registration, fill out the form, and push submit. It is a State law that you register your department annually. If you have questions please call, 573-751-2930 and ask for Matt Luetkemeyer.

Matt and the Division mutual aid coordinators have been working with SEMA in updating the MoSCOPE (Mutual Aid Plan). We hope to have the updated plan out shortly. We would like to say, “Thank You,” to everyone who helps their neighbors with auto/mutual aid, day in and day out.

Everyone have a great and safe spring. As always, your officers and board of directors of FFAM are always available if you have a need. Please contact one for assistance.

God Speed,

Kenneth Hoover
President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

Twelve members registered for the Firefighters Veterans Initiative.
COLE COUNTY FPD CHANGES

By Steve Cearlock, Public Information Officer

During a recent board meeting of the Cole County Fire Protection District the following personal changes were made. Chief Donnie Braun submitted his resignation as Chief. Chief Braun was one of the original members of the Cole County Volunteer Fire Department which was established in 1969. Braun had spent the past forty-two years as chief. Board member and Assistant Chief Mike Rackers also submitted his resignation from the district.

The Board appointed Donnie Braun to the Board to fill out the term of Mike Rackers. The Board also appointed Wayne Hammann as Fire Chief. Chief Hammann is a retired Assistant Chief with Jefferson City Fire Department. Wayne also has forty-five years of service with the fire district.

The Board took steps to increase the Board from three members to five members. The District will ask the voters on the April 2018 ballot to approve a five member board. If the voters approve the change, there will be an election in April 2019 to select the additional board members.

Fire Chief Wayne Hammann made the following appointments to his staff: Deputy Chief, Steve Barnes; Senior Assistant Chief, Galen Hamman supervising Stations 1 and 3; Assistant Chief, Gary Berendzen, supervising Stations 2 and 7; Assistant Chief, Mike Hart, supervising Stations 5 and 6; Assistant Chief Robbie Hammann, supervising Station 4 and the maintenance complex; Captain Jason Hammann, Station 1; Captain Shawn York, Station 4; Captain Clayton Isenberg, Station 7; Lieutenant Gary Braun, Station 4; Lieutenant Jimmy Buechter, Station 6; Lieutenant Kyle Cardwell, Station 7; and moved Lieutenant Justin Braun from Station 4 to Station 1.

The District is always looking for positive and strong individuals who have an interest in firefighting. We encourage anyone with an interest of serving the community to contact the fire district on Monticello Road or call 573-634-9011.

The District also offers a cadet program for those individuals under the age of 18. The District covers 220 square miles with seven fire stations in Cole, Miller and Osage counties. Please contact Public Information Officer Steve Cearlock at 573-635-0966 if you have any questions.

Thank You.

CONTEST UPDATE

By Rob Erdel

Greetings from the contest committee. As you are reading this most of you that compete have already dusted off the competition gear and are practicing. We welcome all departments to bring your teams out to play on Saturday morning of convention. Game times this year are scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m.

Contest grounds will be set up Friday morning around 9:30 a.m. if you would like to help. We also ask that the directors and assistant directors come out Saturday morning to help on the field. Please remember that the contest registration’s deadline is the Wednesday before convention which will be May 2. The committee greatly appreciates your cooperation with doing this. It gives the committee the opportunity to have their paperwork all done in a timely fashion. If you have questions for the committee, all of our contact information is on the FFAM website. The members are Terry Wynne, Glenn Dittmar, Gary Berendzen and Jessica Miller. I thank them for all they do because they make the committee function smoothly throughout the year.

Please help, as you know the last few years we’ve been using our own talent to start the games. We are looking for an individual or group to sing the National Anthem at the start of the games. If you would like to, or know someone that would be willing to, please give me a call with their names and contact information. My number is 573-473-0972. We think this adds a good start to our contest day and would like to keep it going. Thanks for everyone’s support and we will see you May 5, in St. Joseph, Missouri!
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ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP
Membership shall consist of the following sections:
1. Active Members
2. Honorary Members
3. Associate Members
4. Retired Members
5. Fire Departments
6. Sustaining Members
7. Corporate Members
8. Educational Institutions
9. Educational Members
10. Directors/Councilman
11. Junior Fire Fighters/ Cadet Fire Fighters
12. EMS Service and 9-1-1 Dispatch PSAP
13. EMS/9-1-1 Individual Members

All memberships are non-transferrable.

Section 1. Active Members
NO CHANGES PROPOSED.

Section 2. Honorary Members
NO CHANGES PROPOSED.

Section 3. Associate Members
Associate membership requires the individual to show proof of active membership in good standing with any FDID registered fire department, EMS service or a 9-1-1 dispatch PSAP in the State of Missouri and pays dues as required. Members shall have all benefits of an active member except voting and holding an elected office. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Retired Members
NO CHANGES PROPOSED.

Section 5. Fire Departments
NO CHANGES PROPOSED.

Section 6. Sustaining Members
NO CHANGES PROPOSED.

Section 7. Corporate Members
NO CHANGES PROPOSED.

Section 8. Educational Institutions
NO CHANGES PROPOSED.

Section 9. Educational Members
NO CHANGES PROPOSED.

Section 10. Directors/Councilman
NO CHANGES PROPOSED.

Section 11. Junior Fire Fighters/ Cadet Fire Fighters
NO CHANGES PROPOSED.

Section 12. EMS Service and 9-1-1 Dispatch PSAP
An EMS service or 9-1-1 dispatch PSAP recognized by the State of Missouri and pays dues as required. The personnel of such an organization may be career employees, volunteers, or any combination thereof, and function under the legal authority of the federal, state, county, municipal governments, public service district or incorporation association. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

Section 13. EMS/9-1-1 Individual Members
Shall be limited to EMT’s, paramedics, members or employees of an EMS service or 9-1-1 dispatch PSAP in the State of Missouri and pays dues as required. Members shall have all benefits of an active member except voting and holding an elected office. They may hold an appointed position as directed by the FFAM President or Board of Directors. Dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - DUES
Annual dues shall be as follows:

Active Members - $10.00; Honorary Members – no dues; Associate Members - $15.00;

Retired Members – no dues; Fire Departments - $50.00 if including individual members. $150.00 if department only; Sustaining Members - $15.00;

Corporate Members - $50.00; Educational Institutions - $25.00 $50.00; Educational Members - $7.50 $10.00;

Directors/Councilman – no dues; Junior Fire Fighters/Cadet Fire Fighters - $10.00; EMS Service and 9-1-1 Dispatch PSAP - $50.00 if including individual members. $150.00 if entity only; EMS/9-1-1 Individual Members - $10.00.

$3.00 of each active member’s dues will be designated to the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation and will be paid to the Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation biannually.

All membership dues are due and payable on the first day of January of each calendar year. If membership dues are not paid by the set due date, membership will be void until such time as dues are paid. Membership dues are not prorated. Membership begins when dues are paid and received by the Secretary/Treasurer and ends December 31 of each calendar year.
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1-888-731-FIRE (3473)
Matthew Luetkemeyer, the Statewide Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator for the Division of Fire Safety has served in the fire service for the last twenty-eight years, but not always in Missouri. From humble beginnings, following in his father’s and grandfather’s footsteps, Matt started out as a volunteer firefighter in Warrenton in 1990 as a junior firefighter. At the same time, he was a cadet member of the Wentzville Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. Upon graduation from high school in 1992, Matt combined his passion for the fire service with his interest in aviation and military studies, and enlisted in the United States Air Force as a firefighter.

After completing basic military training and graduating from the Department of Defense Fire Academy, Matt was assigned to Whiteman AFB, in Missouri. He worked his way up through the ranks from the tail board to crew chief, with temporary duty assignments in the Middle East and Central America. In 1996, Matt left active duty to serve in the Air Force Reserve and then on to the Missouri Air National Guard. While serving part time as a firefighter, and still as a volunteer in Warrenton, Matt worked as a dispatcher for Warren County Joint Communications. This led to a position with the Missouri State Highway Patrol as a tele-communicator at Troop C in St. Louis. During this time, Matt met his wife, Betsy, and now son, Wesley. In 2000, Matt and Betsy made the decision to return to active duty in the Air Force and were given a direct duty assignment to the Fire Department at Charleston AFB, SC. After Charleston, they then continued their military journey, being assigned to fire departments at Eielson AFB, Alaska, where they welcomed the birth of their son, Jacob. Then on to Daegu AB, Republic of South Korea, and Minot AFB, North Dakota, where they welcomed the birth of their daughter, Magdalene. They then went to RAF Mildenhall, England, and then back to Minot, North Dakota, where Matt retired in 2016 with twenty-four years of service. Over the years, Matt has held duty positions throughout the spectrum of the fire service to include Firefighter, Driver/Operator, Crew Chief, Logistics Officer, Station Chief/Captain, Fire Inspector, Assistant Chief of Health and Safety, Assistant Chief of Operations, and Assistant Chief of Training. Other duties have included Contracting Officer Representative and Inspector over War Reserve Material maintenance contracts, U.S. Customs Inspector, Unit Safety Representative, and Unit Deployment Manager. Deployments and temporary assignments have included duties in the United Arab Emirates, Honduras, Qatar, Okinawa, Germany, and Iraq. After retiring from military service, Matt, Betsy, and their children returned to Missouri to settle down and establish a permanent home.

Upon their return to Missouri, Matt and his family settled in to Columbia where they started the search for their new careers. Matt found his way to the Division of Fire Safety and secured the position as the Statewide Fire Mutual Aid Coordinator, where he quickly established a rapport with fire departments all over the state. Through the coordination of resources over several emergencies, along with the assistance of the nine Regional Fire Mutual Aid Coordinators and the command staff from departments far and wide, he has quickly gained a foothold within the fire service here in Missouri. Above and beyond his Mutual Aid duties, he oversees the NFIRS reporting as the State NFIRS Program Manager for the U.S. Fire Administration. As well as maintaining the Fire Department Registration process, Radio Frequency Sharing Agreements with the Division of Fire Safety, the Division’s Donated Equipment Program, the Missouri Volunteer Fire Service Program, and he has been an integral part of the new Missouri Firefighter Veterans’ Initiative. He also fields questions from not only the fire service, but also citizens from around the state in regards to burn bans, fire department activities and requirements, fire reports, and other related topics. Matt has also established communications, and worked on projects with the Statewide Mutual Aid Coordinators for Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the U.S. Forest Service, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and Department of Defense partners, from both active duty and the National Guard from around the state. Matt has been a valuable and dedicated member of the team in the Division and plans to be for a very long time.

Betsy has established her new career as an employee of the State of Missouri as well. Initially working for the Department of Health and Senior Services, she now works for the Department of Social Services as an Administrative Office Assistant. Wesley, 23, works for a non-profit organization in Columbia, and Jake, 14, and Maggie, 8, are both attending school. Together, they have enjoyed being back home close to family and enjoy the outdoors of Missouri by camping, hiking, and ATV riding whenever they get the chance. They are all glad to be a part of the community and look forward to continuing their service to the State of Missouri for many years.
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- Snapping a photo of the banner on your phone and sending the photo and a text message identifying your fire station to 573-228-4225.
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THE FIRST 100 FIRE STATIONS requesting a banner will be entered into the drawing to win a Traeger Junior Elite BBQ Grill! The drawing will be conducted by Jaime Miller.

MOCS ask that you display the banner for the entire month of April which is NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH.

Submit Your Entry Today!
Can you believe it, our 2018 convention is fast approaching? At the convention everyone enjoys stopping by the Auxiliary’s Silent Auction table to see what great items are available. Did you know the Auxiliary Silent Auction is one of our main fund-raisers for the year? With the monies raised the Auxiliary has been able to make sizeable donations to the Memorial fund, Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team, and to the National Fallen Fire Fighters Survivors Conference. The Auxiliaries objective is to continue supporting great organizations like these and others. We have done this with your gracious bids on our silent auction items. We thank you very much for the support you have given us each year.

Please help us continue by donating to the silent auction this year. We are looking for silent auction items from any and all departments, auxiliaries, or individuals. Donations in the past have been homemade quilts, antique fire service items, fire related decorations and décor, gift baskets and so much more. We accept non fire related items also. One department worked with an amusement park to donate passes and more for their donation. Your donated silent auction items are how we can continue financial support for organizations that need our help. We need departments, auxiliaries, and individuals to bring silent auction items to convention this year for our continued success. Volunteers are needed to work the auxiliary booth for 1-2 hours. Please contact me if you can volunteer.

If you have not sent in your membership dues please send them to me along with department name, full address, contact phone number, email address, who is sponsoring you. A form is available on the FFAM website. Our dues are only $5, check payable to the FFAM Auxiliary.

Lastly, are you still on the fence not sure if you want to join the Auxiliary, come by our booth and get to know us? Ask us anything we have a lot of information to share. Come to our meeting on Sunday morning and see what we are all about.

See you at Convention!
Theresa Cox: 2nd Vice President
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This course is presented at NO COST through funding provided by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It is hosted by the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri and delivered by the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute.

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Greetings all! Hopefully you have avoided the flu, upper respiratory invasion and the cold weather. Just think, before we are ready we will all be talking about how hot and humid it is and will be hoping for fall weather to cool things off. I am sure each of you have an abundant amount of things already lined up on your schedules for the remainder of the year and I hope you have included convention, the state fair, relaxation and family time to help balance out your hectic schedules.

Let’s talk about the term professional this time. What does that really mean and how does it affect the fire service and you? Of course the dictionary says things like “relating to or connected to a profession; engaged in a specified activity as one’s main paid occupation rather than as a past time; a person engaged or qualified in a profession”, but how do those definitions fit in the fire service?

Whether you are paid for what you do in the fire service or not, do you consider yourself a professional? I hope you answer here is a resounding, yes. If not then perhaps you should spend some time reflecting on why you do not. I believe it does not matter if you are paid or not, in the fire service or in any other field of work, you should always strive to be a professional. If you think about it just a little, would you want a doctor who has attended school, graduated at the top of their class and been around for a long time cutting into you to “fix” a problem if they are also not a professional? The same can be applied to calling a fire department for assistance. Even though they have shiny trucks, well dressed staff and carry their book of certificates with them wherever they go, if they are not professional in their behavior and service module do you think the public values them?

There are many ways you can exhibit your professionalism in your day to day life and certainly when it comes to being a part of the fire service and serving the public. Put the customer first. Keep in mind we have talked about the fact that our “customers” are the public for the large part, but we also have internal customers in our agencies. When you put them first you show they are valued and after all if we don’t have customers, then we probably are no longer needed. If you are an officer and you do not address the needs of those reporting to you, how long does it take before they leave and you are the only one left? Probably don’t need an officer if there is no one to supervise...just a thought.

Be the expert. Your professionalism is enhanced when you actually know the job you are doing and you have the technical skills to make things happen. You need to stay up-to-date with the industry and put your best effort forward to meet the needs of the customer. However, don’t be the “expert” that everyone soon despises because you have become the “know-it-all” not just the expert that knows how, why and what to do to make the job function and perhaps shine just a little.

Follow through with what you say you will do. Simply taking the steps to work towards what you have said will happen, even if you are not ultimately successful, will show that you do take yourself and your position seriously and you are attempting to be responsive to the customer. We have all worked with that person who talked a big game, but rarely took the action and I know at least speaking for myself, I didn’t look at those people as being very professional.

Display professional integrity. When you consistently apply the skills, knowledge and values of our profession you are showing that you have professional integrity. In today’s world of show stopping, attention getting headlines, it feels like people are just waiting to “catch” someone not displaying professional integrity and do not hesitate to make sure it makes the 10 o’clock news. I am fairly certain you, like me, have worked with or around people who had no professional integrity. It was burdensome to take part in any activity that person is involved in and it always appeared that the fallout from that person’s actions could end up affecting you individually. We park our apparatus out of the collapse zone, so why do we put ourselves or our industry in harm’s way by failing to have professional integrity?

So back to part of the definition from earlier, if you are engaged in a profession shouldn’t you make sure you are qualified? I believe it takes a tremendous amount of self-determination and an investment in yourself to be a professional. I do not feel you have to receive a paycheck in the fire service or any other part of life to be a professional. You simply need to
take the appropriate steps to make sure you are trained, you understand what you are doing, you understand the needs of the customer, you do more than what is expected, you respect the position you are in and the responsibilities you have, written or implied, and you execute what you do with laser like precision to make sure you are in fact being a professional.

It really boils down to a personal decision for each of us, do you want to be a professional engaged in the fire service or do you want to be one of those members that does nothing to enhance the proud tradition of the American fire service? I hope each of you continue to be professionals in our industry and you take it upon yourself as a professional to help those not quite meeting that level to flourish and rise to be a respected professional in our industry.

As always, never hesitate to contact me if I can be of service to you or your department. Be Safe!

Thank you Cameron Fire Department & congratulations on taking delivery of your new aerial!

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If you have multiple names for flags, please use a separate page if necessary for the requested information.

For only $35 each you can designate a flag to be flown in memory, honor, or appreciation of an individual you choose. Flags will be raised in early May and be flown until June 14, 2018 at the Firefighters Memorial in Kingdom City, Missouri. All proceeds will benefit the Firefighter Museum Project. Proceeds benefit Fire Fighters’ Museum Fund and are tax deductible.

If you would like to have your flag mailed to you, please add $5 per flag for postage.

Deadline for ordering flags is May 1, 2018!

MAIL TO: Dr. Ron Baker
P.O. BOX 245
FULTON, MO 65251

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "FFAM MUSEUM"

Email Question to: ffammuseum@gmail.com
Formed in 1974, the Little Dixie Fire Protection District celebrated 43 years of service with the citizens of Audrain County in 2017.

Station 1 was constructed at its present location in 1978. Station 3 was constructed in 1993 on Highway T, Northwest of Centralia, and Station 4 was constructed in 2001 on Highway D, Southwest of Mexico.

Little Dixie Fire Protection District employs two career firefighters and forty volunteer firefighters. All firefighters are fully trained in fire suppression, rescue, hazardous materials, medical first responder, and fire prevention.

Little Dixie provides emergency services to 600 square miles of Audrain County, Missouri, averaging 400 request for services each year.

In 2017, approximately 2,700 man-hours of fire training were performed, keeping all firefighters current with tactics and technology. 50 man-hours were utilized for fire prevention and 1,500 man-hours were expended in response to calls for emergency help.

The most important thing to us is always adding new volunteer firefighters. In 2017 Austin Terrell, Chris Walters, Doug Burrow, Brian Baker, Nathan Yeager, Dustin Anderson, David Creed and Madeline Brooks began their careers with the Little Dixie Fire Protection District.

The Junior Fire Fighter program is lead by Fire Fighter Jared Jackson and assisted by Fire Fighters Tim Hodges and Matt Hagan. The Junior Fire Fighters were responsible for and coordinating the Christmas Holiday Parade downtown for many years. New Junior Fire Fighters added in 2017 were; Kalub Mason, Jordan Friday, Audri Deimeke, Jodi Jennings and Glennie Hardy.

Little Dixie Fire Protection District held its 41st Annual Awards Banquet on December 2, 2017 at the Audrain County 4-H Center.

The following firefighters received Years of Service Awards: 5 Years of Service, Casey Cuno; 10 Years of Service, Greg Stowers; 15 Years of Service, Captain John Gray; 25 Years of Service, Captain Rob Erdel was presented a Marble Plaque representing his 25 Years of Service.

Lieutenant Todd DeOrnellis was promoted to the rank of Captain overseeing the operations of Station 3. DeOrnellis joined the fire district in 1995.
The banquet was attended by 160 firefighters including their families, state dignitaries, current and past fire district board members and other special guests and friends of the fire district. The evening concluded with a presentation developed by Fire Fighter Scott Nichols of the past years activities.

The 1987 Rescue Squad was replaced in November with a 2018 Ferrara Heavy Duty Rescue Squad. Deputy Chief Steve Gentry, Lieutenant Josh Loyd and Fire Fighter Tim Hodges were the group that wrote the specifications and oversaw the construction of the new truck which was built in the State of Louisianan.

The fire district is always accepting applications for volunteers and if you have the desire to give back to your community, please come see us.

As always, anyone that has any questions concerning the Little Dixie Fire Protection District, are encouraged to call the fire district at 573-581-6235, or stop by the district headquarters at 415 Agricultural, Mexico, MO.
Greetings, this winter has been an interesting one. Lots of departments in our state have been battling grass fires due to dry conditions, some have been battling snow and ice working lots of motor vehicle accidents and here lately our departments in southern Missouri have been battling the recent floods. To say the least, this winter has been a challenging one.

On February 18, I was asked to attend the Wellington Napoleon Fire Protection District banquet. They had a wonderful meal, and was attended by most of the personnel and their families. In the first five minutes of starting the banquet, they were called by mutual aid to help the Fort Osage Protection Fire District on a structure fire and grass fire. It was amazing to me to see how many wives kissed their husbands before they left and told them to come back safe. This was truly a great sight to see and to see how close this fire family is. Great job, Chief Randy Jones you have something special at Wellington Napoleon Fire Protection District.

That night I also got to witness again another special moment. Two of Wellingtons finest retired from the service. Brian Beissenherz and Wes Young retired with 36 years and 25 years respectively. They were presented with awards from the department and also were presented a Resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives. The resolutions were presented by Representative Glen Kolkmeyer of the 53rd District.

In February was also the MU FRTI Winter Fire School. Lots of classes were offered and were attended by several firefighter across our state. I understand the expo was great as always and the classes were amazing. Keep up the great work Kevin and Gail, it did not go unnoticed.

Before we know it May will be here, and so will be convention. Convention this year is being hosted by the St. Joseph Fire Department. The dates for convention are May 4-6. The host hotel is the Stoney Creek Inn. They can be reached at 816-901-9600. Make sure to mention the FFAM convention to get the discounted rate for your hotel rooms. Please get your reservations made quickly as this is the same weekend of the St. Joseph Apple Bolissum Festival and the St. Joseph Annual Fair. Rooms will go quickly.

Registration for convention is due March 16, and the cost is $25 for registration and $25 for the banquet, after March 16, the cost goes up to $40 for registration and $25 for the banquet, so register early.

Also in May is the candlelight and memorial service at Kingdom City. The dates for this are May 19, for the Candlelight Service and May 20, for the Memorial Service. Please plan to attend as we honor those brothers and sisters that have served their communities and have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The State Fair Committee has been busy as well, the commissioners and the officers for the fair met in Sedalia in February to discuss the operation for the fair. They have set some dates for work weekends as they will need help with cleaning the station and getting things ready to have a great fair. The dates for the work weekends are June 8-10, July 13-15 and August 3-5. The dates for the Missouri State Fair are August 9-19. An application to apply to work the fair is available online on the FFAM website. Please take a look at it and try to help out the only registered ten day fire department in the United States.

That’s a lot of activities coming up in our great state. If I can be of any assistance to you or your department, please don’t hesitate to contact me or your director for your area if you need anything or you would like for us to attend your event. I can be reached at grant_oetting@yahoo.com or my cell number 660-229-4525.
JOHNSON COUNTY RECEIVES $2,500 FM GLOBAL GRANT

By Ken Jennings, Johnson County Fire Investigation Unit President

The Johnson County Fire Investigation Unit received a $2,500 fire prevention grant from FM Global, a commercial property insurer.

FM Global representatives presented the award to the Johnson County Fire Investigation Unit at Warrensburg Fire Department, Station 2 in Warrensburg on November 28. The award will be used to buy equipment to help fire investigators more efficiently investigate and determine the cause of a fire. The unit is comprised of multiple agencies that operate within Johnson County: Warrensburg Fire Department, Warrensburg Police Department, Johnson County Fire Protection District, Johnson County Fire Protection District 2, Johnson County Sheriff’s Office, Knob Noster Fire Department, Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Conservation Department, Missouri State Park Rangers and the University of Central Missouri-Public Safety.

“The unit’s multi-agency, multi-discipline approach, facilitates a more effective means of conducting fire investigations by combining resources and expertise,” states unit President Ken Jennings. Because fire continues to be the leading cause of property damage worldwide, during the past forty years FM Global has contributed millions of dollars in fire prevention grants to fire service organizations around the globe.

“At FM Global, we strongly believe the majority of property damage is preventable, not inevitable,” a company spokesman, Michael Spaziani, said. “Far too often, inadequate budgets prevent those organizations working to prevent fire from being as proactive as they would like to be. With additional financial support, grant recipients are actively helping to improve property risk in the communities they serve.”

From left to right: Chad Hildebrand, Larry Jennings, FM Global’s Kayla Works, Kirby Carroll, Christa Cox, Johnson County Fire Investigation Unit President Ken Jennings, Jeremy VanWey, unit Secretary Joe Jennings, and unit Vice President Andrew Oglesby.
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 follows: 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.

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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

STEVE GENTRY
821 S Jefferson St
Mexico, MO 65265

573-473-4002 (Cell)
Hello everyone, I hope this letter finds everyone in good health and safe surrounding. The weather has started to warm up a little more as this year slowly, but yet quickly flies by. Big events for the year are quickly approaching as well as deadlines for applications.

I would like to extend a thank you to the MU FRTI team for hosting another very well run, organized, and largely attended Winter Fire School in Columbia. I know classes had large attendance and I have heard nothing but how well everyone liked the classes they attended. I know there were a lot of the personnel from the Missouri State Fair Fire Department who took classes and are ready to use what they learn into action.

With the annual FFAM State Fire Convention coming up in May in St. Joseph, it reminds me, to remind all of you across the state that Missouri State Fair Fire Department applications are due by May 1, 2018, before the convention. So please make sure you have them filled out and sent in. If you do not have an application you can go to: ffam.org/committees/state-fair/ and print an application. Also remember if you want to register to attend convention and you want to receive the discounted rate, have your registration sent in by March 16, 2018.

Also coming up in the month of May, MU FRTI will be hosting Summer Fire School in Columbia, May 16-20, 2018. Don’t forget to attend the Annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Services on May 19-20, in Kingdom City.

The Command Staff of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department has already been hard at work getting things lined up and ready to go for this year’s fair, August 9-19, 2018 in Sedalia. Command Staff have begun prepping the station and facilities so that we can provide the best services possible to the great citizens and attendees of the Missouri State Fair. Also work weekends at the fire station are June 8-10, July 13-15, and August 3-5. If you are free any of those weekends we invite you to come and help us and enjoy weekend of fun and comradery.

Everyone stay safe in the upcoming months and I hope to see everyone very soon. Please e-mail me at cyfields134@gmail.com if you should need anything.
day out across our State. We have a great network of departments across our State which makes the fire mutual system work seamlessly. Because of working together, lives and property are saved, making for a better place for us to live and raise our families.

On February 17, the Division of Fire Safety made history. We kicked off the first ever Firefighters Veterans Initiative. Governor Greitens challenged us to create an initiative to attract veterans, and military in transition personnel to consider career or volunteer opportunities within the Missouri fire service.

We had twelve members register for our pilot initiative, with seven showing up at the Jefferson City fire department training grounds on a cold snowy morning. Our committee was comprised of over a dozen fire departments, ten training partners, the veteran’s career skills personnel, and higher education representatives.

The candidates experienced a short welcoming video and testimonies from two present firefighters who have transition from the military into the Missouri fire service. We shared information about their GI bill, which could pay for their training, along with what the initiative was intended to accomplish. After a safety briefing, we then took them to the fire bay where they were fitted with full turn out-gear along with an SCBA. Each candidate was assigned to a team leader who took them to each skill evolution and answered questions and mentored them. We had seven stations for them to complete, and ended with a live vehicle fire demonstration by Jefferson City Fire Department compliments of MU FRTI. The weather was a little cool and rainy but the candidates were very positive about their experience and gave some great feedback to make the initiative even better going forward.

Additional Firefighter Veterans Initiative deliveries are scheduled for the Cassville Fire Department on April 28, the Springfield Fire Department on May 12, along with other site locations to be scheduled in Blue Springs, Popular Bluff, Ft. Leonard Wood and St. Louis. We invite anyone who would like to participate in the initiative to contact us.

Something else coming out of the Division to look for is, Sound the Alarm, sponsored by the American Red Cross. They have a free smoke alarm program available for you. We hope to implement a statewide program to get each and every fire department access to the free smoke alarm program. If you would like information about this please email me at tim.bean@dfs.dps.mo.gov and we will get you set up.

I am sad to report as of this date, we have investigated twenty-two fire deaths for the year. Our fire investigators expressed that this is the highest they know of for years. We are currently analyzing data to identify if there is a common theme. We know the prolonged cold weather has been partly to blame; however another common cause which caught my attention is smoking with oxygen. When we finalize our analysis we will disseminate it to you so you can use it for educating your communities. If you have a fire death please contact us so we may assist and/or collect the data.

We are still working on the firefighter training standard. I am pleased to say many of you have brought the basic
firefighter course to your departments. The training division has seen a spike in course completions, which makes us happy. The language has been submitted to DPS and we will see how it goes. The fire training funds looks good for now in the Division’s budget, but as you know we are still early in the process.

In the training unit, the Inspector II course pilot rollout will hit the streets in March and April. The NFPA 1403, Live Fire course is also being delivered across the State. If you plan on doing a Firefighter I-II, your fire burn evaluators must be 1403 certified before we can certify your class. Call for more details.

We are making an effort to bring regional testing to you, using our training staff as well as our fire inspectors/investigators. Please check with us before you drive here for a certification test. We know people like getting their test results the same day, and we are looking at how we can do that in the regional setting. We are researching avenues for online testing, and a funding mechanism for such.

Last year the training unit proctored 4,153 certification exams. That’s a lot of “J. Tim Bean’s,” but I sure don’t mind signing them all, because it shows we have trained and educated first responders. Finally we have free parking available for testers. When you go to register you can print off your parking pass. It will allow you to park on the top of the State parking lot. Make sure and display the permit on your dash. We hope this makes your testing experience easier, and save you a little pocket change.

We want to congratulate the two recipients of the Division of Fire Safety’s 2017 Training Officer of the Year. Scott Naumann of the Rolla Rural FPD is the volunteer recipient, and the career recipient is Mark Jenkins of the Columbia Fire Department. Job well done fellows! Thank you for leading from the front!

The Annual Fire Fighters’ Day at the Capitol is April 4, starting with an 8:45 a.m. briefing on legislative issues. The ceremony in the rotunda will begin at 9:30 a.m. and then we will dismiss everyone to meet with your legislators. Free lunch will be provided at the Governors Garden. It will be moved to the thirteenth floor in case of inclement weather. Due to construction being done around the Capitol there will not be any outside displays this year. Come join us for a special day of fellowship, friends, and food!

In closing I want to say, thank you for all of the support Judy and I have received from the Missouri fire service. We celebrated our first year with the Division and you. We have enjoyed serving you and we look forward to working alongside you this year. Feel free to call, email, text or come visit us at the thirteenth floor. Remember to try and be the best boots on the ground, and leave things better than you find them!

God Bless You!

J. Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal
THE VERY EARLY DAYS

Fire protection began in Kansas City with the spontaneous formation of bucket brigades in an attempt to control fires that broke out in the mostly wood buildings of the city.

On March 12, 1867, the Missouri legislature granted permission to the city to form a fire department, to create and enforce a building code and to utilize necessary tax dollars for fire protection.

One year later, the steamboat Kate Kinney delivered Kansas City its first steam engine for the fire department. Chief Frank Foster and his volunteer firefighters tested the new engine on March 14, 1868. The engine was named John Campbell No. 1. The tests were completed at 4:56 p.m. on March 14, 1868, and the Kansas City, Missouri, Fire Department (KCFD) has existed since that time.

On August 2, 1871, the first career fire fighter was hired. The volunteer force of KCFD continued to decrease and by May of 1872, KCFD was staffed mostly by career personnel.

George C. Hale was appointed fire chief on May 1, 1882. He had been a machinist by trade and was a self-educated engineer and he became a prolific inventor of fire service equipment. His inventions include the Hale water tower, the Hale swinging harness for fast horse harnessing, Hale tin roof cutter, Hale door openers, and Hale cellar pipe.

During Chief Hale’s tenure, the department traveled to the International Fire Congress twice to demonstrate the precision of KCFD procedures. In 1893, the department attended the London Exposition and in 1900 they participated in the Paris Exposition. One of the competitions was a simulated “night turn out.” The time was measured between the alarm sounding and the horse drawn engine clearing the station doors.

KCFD utilized a sliding fire pole and the Hale fast hitch harness system and recorded a time of 8.5 seconds. The fire company that came in second place in this world competition recorded a time of 97.5 seconds. KCFD sent two personnel as delegates to a February 26, 1918, convention in Washington, D.C.

The International Association of Fire Fighters was formed at this meeting. The delegates carried the names of 373 KCFD personnel to the convention and they became charter members of the IAAF and Local 42 of that union.

AND DISASTER STRIKES

Kansas City's most disastrous conflagration occurred on April 4, 1918. The fire was located in the West Bottoms of the city. Twenty-one buildings were destroyed. On July 18, 1998, the West Bottoms experienced another conflagration that resulted in the destruction of fifteen buildings.

On August 18, 1959, a fire at a service station on Southwest Boulevard was reported. The location was very near the state-line dividing Missouri and Kansas. The location of the fire was technically in Kansas City, Kansas. Both KCFD and KCKFD responded simultaneously. During the fire fight, a twenty-five thousand gallon fixed gasoline tank exploded, which resulted in the deaths of five KCFD firefighters and one civilian. This is the incident where the term of boiling liquid expanding vapor explosion (BLEVE) was first used to describe the phenomenon that occurred at this fire.

During January of 1978, the city experienced its deadliest fire in Kansas City’s
The Old Coates House Hotel was located at 1005 Broadway and at the time was being mostly used as a transient hotel. There were many heroic rescues at this incident, but twenty-one individuals perished in this fire. After the fire was under control, the chief in charge of this incident was on the top floor discussing the fire fight with the firefighters that had been on the interior. He told the firefighters that he felt uneasy with their location and they moved out of that wing of the structure. In a few seconds that wing totally collapsed to the basement and multiple firefighter deaths were avoided.

On November 29, 1988, KCFD responded initially to a report of a pickup truck fire on US 71 Highway at 87th Street in the South section of the city. Responding firefighters found two storage trailers on fire. There were no placards or other warnings that the trailers contained explosive material. The incident resulted in an ammonium nitrate explosion that killed six KCFD firefighters. This incident was the greatest line of duty death incident in the 150 year history of the department. This incident brought about changes in placarding and hazardous materials reporting throughout America. The KCFD Hazardous Materials Division was brought about due to this incident. A memorial at the site was created and is maintained by the KCFD Retirees Association. After this incident, a memorial fountain was built to honor all KCFD line of duty deaths. The fountain is one of the most impressive firefighter memorials in America.

The skywalks at the Hyatt Hotel in the Crown Center complex collapsed on July 17, 1981, resulting in the city’s largest ever mass casualty event. One hundred and fourteen individuals were killed and 216 were injured. This incident also took the life of a retired KCFD battalion chief. This incident was utilized as a case study throughout the United States in order to improve the utilization of incident command procedures involving mass casualty and disaster events.

The Chem Central fire started on February 7, 2007, and was the longest burning structure fire in Kansas City history. This chemical-driven fire produced the largest smoke plume that the metropolitan area had ever experienced. The fire continued to burn for 72 hours until final extinguishment. The fire was confined to one structure and there were no injuries or fatalities. This was the first ever single structure fire in the city’s history where the Emergency Operations Center was activated and the incident operations were coordinated from KCFD.

**KCFD AND LABOR MANAGEMENT**

In 2000, KCFD was the first fire department in the nation to implement the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFC/IAFF) Labor and Management process. This process is utilized to make most major decisions concerning all programs within the department.
IAFF Local 3808 signed its first agreement with the city in 2001. This local primarily represents the battalion and division chiefs of the department and has approximately sixty members. KCFD is one of the few fire departments in the country that has two locals of the IAFF representing the department’s headquarters personnel.

On August 25, 2010, KCFD and Metropolitan Ambulance Service Trust (MAST) were merged into one emergency response organization. Following this merger, all fire protection, emergency medical, rescue and hazardous material services are provided by one organization and directed by the KCFD chief of department. This merger created the largest fire department within seventeen contiguous states.

Today, KCFD operates 48 companies including 31 pumper engines, 11 ladder trucks, 3 heavy rescue trucks (technical and urban search and rescue), 1 hazmat, and 1 aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF). In addition, the department operates an air and light unit, two command vans, and 10 watercraft. KCFD maintains eleven on-duty chief officers at all times. All pumper and truck companies operate with a minimum staffing of four personnel and the three heavy rescue companies operate with a minimum of six personnel.

The department operates 40 ambulances. The minimum staffing on an ambulance is a paramedic and an EMT per unit. All KCFD personnel are EMT or paramedic licensed. Some ambulances are assigned to a company and work under the supervision of a captain. Other ambulances are staffed on a dynamic schedule and are supervised by an EMS chief officer. Some fire companies are staffed and equipped to provide advanced life support functions.
The department operates a fire prevention division that is responsible for inspections, investigations, and public education.

KCFD has its own Communications Division that handle all 9-1-1, phone and radio communications for the department and other metropolitan fire departments. In 2012 the department began operating a 700/800 mgh radio system that is one of the most advanced in the country. All fire companies are equipped with a mobile repeater to ensure adequate in-building coverage throughout the city.

The rank and file personnel of the department are represented by Local 42-IAFF. Battalion and division chiefs are represented by Local 3808-IAFF. Deputy chiefs and the chief of department are the only personnel who do not have union representation.

KCFD is the largest fire department in the state of Missouri. In 1871, the city hired its first career “hoseman” and today the department employs over 1,400 men and women as firefighters, EMS personnel, communicators, inspectors, investigators, mechanics, technicians, and administrative support personnel.
On January 27, 2018, the Iberia Rural Fire Protection District held its annual Firefighter Appreciation and Awards Dinner. Dusty Russell and Chip Sanders were recognized for 5 years of service. Harold Holtmeyer was recognized for 35 years of service. Alan Blomberg was voted the 2017 Firefighter of the Year. Fire Chief Greg Onstott presented the 2017 Call Volume Report: 279 calls were made in 2017; structure fire, 18; vehicle fire, 6; brush fire, 31; medical emergency, 180; motor vehicle accidents, 13; with extrication, 2; farm equipment fire, 2; and other incidents, 27. Chief Onstott also reported that the district had provided mutual aid to other departments 26 times in 2017. Not Pictured: Firefighter of the Year Alan Blomberg.

The Missouri Association of Fire Chief’s held their annual Winter Seminar at Big Cedar Lodge in Branson on February 23-25, 2018. During the meeting Chief Scott Frandsen of the Mid County Fire Protection District in Camdenton was elected the organization’s new president. Scott and his family have dedicated their lives to the fire service around the Lake of the Ozarks and the state for several generations. Chief Frank Frandsen, Scott’s Dad held many fire service leadership positions in the lake area. Mid-County FPD provides protection for 227 square miles of central Camden County, including the City of Camdenton.
Fire Chief Terry Soer retired after more than 45 years of service. Terry started as a volunteer in 1972 where he served as a firefighter. He was hired full time by the district where he served as firefighter, lieutenant, fire marshal, and became the district's first full-time chief on January 1, 1991. He officially retired on January 1, 2018. Terry will be employed by the district until December 2018 serving as a consultant to the new fire chief. The fire district named Lieutenant Mick Fischer as the new fire chief. Mick started with the Cedar Hill Fire Protection District in 1994 as a volunteer firefighter. He was hired as a full-time firefighter in January 2002 where he worked his way up to the position of lieutenant before being promoted to fire chief. Chief Mick Fischer officially took over as fire chief on January 1, 2018. The Cedar Hill Fire Protection District would like to thank Chief Terry Soer for his many years of service and dedication.

The Osage Fire Protection District held their annual Years of Service Awards on January 27, 2018, at the Wardsville Lion’s Club.

Johnson County Fire Protection District held a years of service reception recognizing member’s years of service. Back row from left: Captain Rick Johnson, 35 years; Chief Larry Jennings, Firefighter Randy Hebensperger, 10 years; Firefighter Garth Bennett, 10 years; Firefighter Nathan McIntyre, 15 years; and Captain Matt West, 35 years. Front row from left: Firefighter Kris Moore, 5 years; Firefighter Jerrad Kelly, 5 years; Lieutenant RJ Corona, 5 years; Firefighter Darrell Mangan, 5 years; Battalion Chief Rick Morrison, 35 years; and Assistant Chief Dee Bennett, 35 years.
HISTORY MADE AT FIRE CHIEF’S WINTER SEMINAR

The Missouri Association of Fire Chief’s meet every year about this time at Big Cedar Lodge for their annual winter seminar. This year two individuals were honored for their service. Chief Jim Silvernail retired in 2010 after nearly a half-century of service. He was a member of the Metro West Fire District in St. Louis County for 35 years, twenty-four of those years as the fire chief of that organization. He then additionally served as the fire chief in the Mehlville FPD for another five years. Jim’s Son is the chief of the Kirkwood Fire Department. This is the second lifetime achievement award for Westhoff, having received one from the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri in 2013.

INDEPENDENCE FIRE DEPT CELEBRATES 175 YEARS

By Meghan Lewis, Public Information Officer

The Independence Fire Department is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. On February 6, 1843, Richard Ridgeway Rees, James McGill, Anthony Cosgrave, Benjamin Franklin Wallace and thirty-six other volunteers incorporated the Independence Fire Company. The volunteers utilized a man-powered wooden engine and buckets of water to put out fires. The fire department transitioned from a volunteer to professional paid department in August 1894.

“175 years ago, members of this community were volunteering to protect their fellow citizens, tradesmen selling their wares, and pioneers beginning their harrowing journey across the plains,” Mayor Eileen Weir said. “The men and women who serve in our fire department today continue this same selfless sacrifice, putting their safety on the line to protect our homes, property and history. We are proud to celebrate their tradition of excellence and honor the sacrifice they make every day.”

Today there are 165 firefighters in 10 fire stations across the city. In 2016, the department responded to more than 20,000 calls, roughly 450 of which were fires.

“We are honored to serve the citizens of this community and look forward to celebrating the storied history of this department with everyone this year,” Independence Fire Chief Doug Short said. “For 175 years we have celebrated as one community, one family, and one department. We look to continue this tradition for decades to come.”

The 76ers, a historic preservation group created to support the restoration of historic fire trucks and equipment for the Independence Fire Department, will be selling special shirts celebrating the 175th anniversary. Proceeds will be used to restore and maintain their historic efforts. To learn more, visit their Facebook page at: http://bit.ly/76ersFB.
ANNUAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL

CANDELIGHT SERVICE
May 19, 2018
Dusk - 9:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
May 20, 2018
10:30 a.m.
Anthony A. "Nick" Sacco passed away on November 1, 2017, at his home in Pacific, Missouri, at the age of seventy-five.

Nick began his firefighting career with the Pattonville-Bridgeton Terrace Fire Department in northern St. Louis County, having served with them from 1960-1970, first as a volunteer, then as a paid firefighter. Early in 1971 he was hired as the assistant chief of fire safety at Six Flags over Mid-America and he and his family moved to Eureka, Missouri. In August of that year, he joined the Eureka Fire Protection District as a volunteer.

Shortly after EFPD Fire Chief George Manetzke, Jr. was killed in the line of duty, on November 11, 1971, the board of directors asked Nick if he would take over the fire chief duties and he went to work as the EFPD Fire Chief on December 1, 1971.

During his tenure as Chief, Nick was instrumental in beginning the second division junior firefighters, in obtaining our first basic life support ambulance and joining Central County Emergency Dispatching Service. Nick was an active member of the FFAM and served as State Fair Fire Chief in 1977.

Nick resigned his position as Chief of Eureka Fire in March of 1979. He was later elected to two terms of office as a member of the EFPD Board of Directors, serving from April, 1991 to April of 2003.

Nick was given Firefighter Honors by the staff of the EFPD and members of the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team.
BEST PRACTICES

By Jeff Strawn, Firefighter Cancer Support Network

Rarely discussed and certainly not documented is the impact on the family of a firefighter diagnosed with cancer including the huge emotional toll, financial costs, time, and decreased quality of life not only for the firefighter but on the spouse/partner and children. They also experience the impact of a cancer diagnosis and prolonged treatment on their loved one.

The direct and indirect cost of a cancer diagnosis on a fire department is huge and starts with the emotional impact on the other firefighters. The loss of a qualified and experienced member, even for the time of treatment, includes training, overtime and backfill and will increase insurance costs after a cancer event which adds to the costs of both the individual and the department.

It is in the interest of all involved to reduce the impact of cancer on the fire service through a proactive and aggressive approach by the reduction of exposure to carcinogens. The 11 Step Best Practices that the Firefighter Cancer Support Network recommends, is the best plan to reduce the impact of your career exposures.

• Use SCBA from start of fire attack to completion of overhaul.
• Do gross field decon to PPE after all fire exposures.
• Use wet wipes to remove soot from head, neck, jaw, throat and hands while still on scene.
• Change clothes immediately after returning from a fire.
• Shower within the hour.
• Properly clean all PPE, including helmet.
• Do not take PPE home or store it in vehicle.
• Decon fire apparatus interior after fires.
• Keep PPE out of living/sleeping quarters.
• Stop using tobacco.
• Use sunscreen.

MISSOURI EMS FUNERAL RESPONSE TEAM and SUPPORTING HEROES

In cooperation with Marion County Ambulance District

PRESENT

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.

FREE CLASS with lunch provided and sponsored by Survival Flight.

For More Information Contact:
George Wright @ 660-415-7990 gwright000@gmail.com or Brian Zinanni @ 314-973-0685 or bzinanni@sbcglobal.net
On Friday May 4, we will host a series of classes that we hope you can attend. In an effort to make it easier to attend, we will have some four hour classes in the afternoon, in addition to the full day board member orientation and recruiting and retention classes. Be sure to sign up online. Registration starts Friday afternoon and we will have vendors set up during classes and registration. We will have a FFAM Booth and the Auxiliary will be hosting a silent auction. Friday evening is opening ceremonies followed by a mixer with snacks and drinks.

Saturday morning is the firefighter contest. If you don’t plan on attending the contest, you may want to consider our Apple Blossom Parade. It will start at Noyes and Fredrick, ending up in the downtown area. Make sure you plan to arrive early, as spots on the parade route fill up quickly. Make sure the kids bring a bag to collect candy in.

If you plan on building a new station, buying new trucks or equipment, this next activity is for you. On Saturday afternoon, we look forward to giving tours of our two new stations. We will have firefighters on hand to guide you through the stations as well as truck displays, architects, communication and equipment vendors to tell you about their products that were installed in the stations and see them in use. The station tours will be followed by an opportunity to visit our own SJFD fire museum. Once you are done at the Fire Museum, the Patee House museum, Jesse James home and Pony Express National museum are all within walking distance. If time allows, make sure you visit the park across the street from the Pony Express Museum where you can see a restored Burlington Northern steam engine.

If stations aren’t your thing, we have a tour to the Remington Nature center on the riverfront. The nature center has a large aquarium, numerous animal exhibits and artifacts. After the indoor tour of the Nature Center you can take a leisurely walk around the Nature Center grounds or stroll along the river on our walking trail.

Still not your thing, then stay on the bus and have them drop you off at the Frontier Casino to try your luck at games of chance. Or you can always go off on your own and play miniature golf at Cool Crest, go bowling at the nearby Belt Bowling alley, or visit the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, with works by Henri, Cassatt and Thomas Hart Benton. There is the Black Archives Museum, and Glore Psychiatric Museum, covering 400 years of psychiatric history. You could also drive our parkway system. The parkway runs from Krug Park in the North end to Hyde park in the South end. Both parks have large playground areas. Stop at Bartlett park and see the treehouse that was made for everyone to enjoy and then drive a mile down the parkway and skate on the ice at the Bode Ice arena. Or shoot some hoops on the outdoor courts. If you choose the parkway drive, be sure to stop at Wyeth Hill or King Hill observation points. Both sit high above the city and give great views of the river.

Saturday evening we have Bryan Dehner, the Fire Chief of Overland Park KS, giving a short presentation on the multiple story, multiple building fire that destroyed several apartment buildings under construction and damaged a large number of single family homes from the flying embers. After the banquet we will have live music by Phil Vandel.

We look forward to hosting FFAM and hope to see you in May.
2018 FFAM Convention  
May 4-6, 2018  
St. Joseph, Missouri

Registration Form

Name: ___________________________________________ Rank: __________________________

Department: ________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip: ________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________  Banquet: YES  NO

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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:

St. Joseph Fire Department  I  401 South 7th Street  I  St. Joseph, MO 64501

Questions or for more information, email mdalsing@stjoemo.org

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received:_______ Date Entered:_______ Amount Received:_______ Check #:_______
2018 FFAM Convention
FREE TRAINING AVAILABLE

Fire Cause and Determination
This course is designed to provide the basic knowledge and skills necessary for senior firefighters and fire officers to conduct initial fire cause determinations at structural fire scenes. Improved determination of fire cause helps identify a community’s fire problem that can enable the development of effective fire prevention strategies to improve public safety. Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be able to make observations and gather information that will assist in identifying the area(s) of origin, and assess the need for additional assistance to accurately determine the cause of a fire. Subjects include, but are not limited to: fire behavior, determining area of origin, accidental and incendiary fire cause determination, fire scene examinations, documentation and handling/preservation of evidence. This course includes classroom presentations along with a hands-on realistic fire cause determination module, utilizing a mobile fire cause simulation trailer.

Certified Fire District Board Training
This workshop will provide the necessary training and education required for newly appointed fire district board members under Missouri state law. The Missouri Association of Fire Protection Districts has developed the curriculum used in this class to assist new board members in understanding legal liabilities and personal obligations of their position. Topics include: authority of the board, responsibilities, rules, laws of elected boards, elections, and how to preside at a meeting.

Pipeline Safety Training - Pipeline Association of Missouri
Helping you and your fire department identify the pipelines in your jurisdiction. Helping you to know about the various types of pipelines in your state, and the characteristics and hazards of the products they transport. Introducing you to the Pipeline Association of Missouri (PAM), who are subject matter experts on the pipelines and the substances transported by them. Providing you with information about the importance of working a pipeline incident in a coordinated effort with your local pipeline operator to ensure the best outcome for the protection of life, property and the environment within your community.

Strategies for Leadership: Recruiting and Retaining Emergency Service Volunteers
This is a dual delivery of two workshops. The first workshop focuses on the important need to retain existing volunteers. These volunteers, then, become recruiters for future volunteers. To increase retention, 5 tactical approaches are spotlighted. They include: Leadership; Emotional support; Training; Fun; and, Recognition and incentives. Combined with these tactics, recruitment is then organized around organizational, personal and operational considerations. Participants leave with practical, proven ideas to retain their current volunteer cadre. Then in the second half, participants learn how to merge their goals and objectives (more volunteers) with their customer’s goals. The workshop assists in identifying the various customers of the department and describes a proven, practical method of informing customers. The ROPE process (Research | Objectives | Program | Evaluation) is used to develop a program to recruit volunteers. Participants leave with an outline of a recruitment plan developed specifically for their community!

Stress First Aid for Fire and Emergency Services Personnel
Firefighter Life Safety Initiative number 13 states: “Firefighters and their families should have access to counseling and psychological support.” Stress First Aid (SFA), an important component of fulfilling this Life Safety Initiative, is a set of supportive actions designed to help emergency responders assist each other in reducing the negative impacts of stress. SFA was designed specifically to support firefighters, EMS, and rescue personnel. This class teaches SFA at the awareness level, focusing on: Understanding stress; Recognizing how stress manifests in thoughts, words, and actions; and, Delivering the “Seven C’s” of Stress First Aid (Check, Coordinate, Cover, Calm, Connect, Competence, Confidence) to each other. This method of assisting a co-worker undergoing stress is practical, flexible, and can be tailored to the specific need.

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration $25  Banquet $25  Total Due $________

Stress First Aid for Fire and Emergency Services Personnel

START  END  CLASS

FRIDAY, MAY 4

☐ 8:00 a.m.  5:00 p.m. Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training

☐ 8:00 a.m.  5:00 p.m. Strategies for Leadership: Recruiting and Retaining Emergency Service Volunteer

☐ 8:00 a.m.  12:00 p.m. Pipeline Safety Training – Pipeline Association of Missouri

☐ 1:00 p.m.  5:00 p.m. Fire Cause and Determination

☐ 1:00 p.m.  5:00 p.m. Stress First Aid for Fire and Emergency Services Personnel

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REGISTRATION NOW: Select all the classes you wish to attend and fill out your personal information, then send the registration form to:

MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute
Attn: FFAM Convention
1110 S College Ave., Rm 232
Columbia, MO 65211-3410
FAX: 573-882-0678
Email: frti@missouri.edu

Name: ____________________  Rank: ____________________
Department: ____________________  Phone: ____________________
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2018 FFAM Convention
May 4-6, 2018
St. Joseph, Missouri

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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

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)__________________________________________

(alternate)________________________________________

Replace a Section:

(captain)__________________________________________

(alternate)________________________________________

Water Fight:

(captain)__________________________________________

(alternate)________________________________________

Bucket Brigade:

(captain)__________________________________________

(alternate)________________________________________

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

St. Joseph Fire Department   I   401 South 7th Street   I   St. Joseph, MO 64501
RELEASE OF RESPONSIBILITY

For Consideration of participation and privileged access to the convention contest area, where non-participants will be excluded therein, and for other valuable considerations, the undersigned hereby releases and agrees to discharge and hold harmless the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, its members, officers, and contest organizers, and all other persons, firms, or corporations, who may be liable, or whom might be claimed to be liable, from all claims, demands, suits, or other causes of action which might be claimed for any injury resulting from voluntary participation in Contest Activities of the F.F.A.M. Convention Contest Events.

The undersigned hereby declares that the terms of this RELEASE have been completely read and are fully understood and voluntarily accepted for the purpose of facilitating participation in F.F.A.M. Contest Events and for precluding forever any claims whatsoever for accidents or damages arising there from.

By signing this form I, ______________________________, have read and explained its meaning and answered any questions from my team members and will be taking full responsibility by signing for all the members of my team whose name I have placed my initials by.

Team Leader: ____________________________________________________________________ Signature: __________________________

Witness: _______________________________________________________________________ Signature: ________________________ Date: ______

Contestant Name (PRINT) | Signature (or leaders initials) | Shirt Size

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BBFAM CONTEST RELEASE
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri
Delegate Registration

2018 FFAM Convention Board of Directors business meeting
Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
St. Joseph, MO

Fill out your delegate information and mail the registration form to the address below or submit to Secretary-Treasurer Jaime Miller at the Convention. An FFAM membership card may be required for membership verification.

Mail to:

FFAM, PO Box 1153, Warrensburg, MO 64093

### 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.

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Chief (print)__________________________________________________  
Chief (signature)________________________________________________
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Is anyone else ready for Spring? As I prepare this article, the weather is teasing with temps in the 60’s and mostly sunshine. But we all know that before the spring dry season back when I was a volunteer with the St. Clair Fire Protection District. With over 240 square miles to cover of mostly wooded rural area, we had the grand distinction from Missouri Conservation as one of the highest reported acreage burned in the state. As a young firefighter that wanted to “run calls” we had our hands full. I don’t think I could handle that workload now though!

Another ritual of Spring that I now look forward to is preparing for the Institute’s annual summer fire school. This will be the 86th Annual Summer Fire School, one of the oldest, continuous running fire schools in the country. There is a dispute with Iowa and Illinois for the bragging rights of who started theirs first, but our records indicate that we fall immediately behind them in the 3rd spot!

Missouri fire departments joined the University of Missouri in 1933 to address the need for an advanced training program for firefighters. Through their efforts the first Missouri Central Fire School was conducted. The name eventually changed to the Summer Fire College and finally to Summer Fire School. At that time their mission was to train firefighters to perform their duties safely and efficiently. While many things have changed, the mission has not. Summer Fire School continues to provide a unique opportunity, using state-of-the-art equipment, to advance the practical skills of emergency service professionals, and deliver training that is not always available or affordable through other programs.

For 2018, the Summer Fire School will be back in Columbia with the majority of the program conducted on the University of Missouri campus, along with our local partners, the Columbia Fire Department and the Boone County Fire Protection District. The school has its roots in Columbia, but has also been held in Sedalia at the State Fairgrounds and most recently, a fifteen year run in Jefferson City.

This year’s school offers seventeen courses providing a wide range of topics including technical rescue, structural and wildland fire fighting, safety officer, and honor guard training. We hope that you have the ability to participate in these classes and gain valuable experience from attending. The majority of courses offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) applicable toward Missouri Division of Fire Safety recertification or Missouri Bureau of EMS relicensure. To learn more about Summer Fire School, please visit our website at mufrti.org/events/summer-fire-school.

As a quick wrap up, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our recent Winter Fire School. Whether you were a student, vendor, or just visited the Expo on Friday, we appreciate your continued participation in the event. By all accounts, the school and Expo were great. I personally was overwhelmed with positive comments on quality of the Expo and classes at the school; the vendors at the Expo reported large volume of interested participants asking lots of questions and buying product. The numbers are still out but we had over 1,000 registered students attend on-campus and off-campus through webcasts. We are proud to be able to host this event and provide valuable training and resources to assist fire and emergency responders in their daily duties.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute, welcome to Spring. And remember… train safe, be safe!

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Winter’s end brings hope for brighter days and warmer temperatures. Unfortunately, Spring also ushers in its own challenges and unique safety issues. There’s a lot more to spring cleaning than vacuuming up the dust that accumulated over the cold, dark months of winter. The fresh start of spring is the best time to ensure your home is prepared for the spring and summer season. As we spring forward change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

To verify your smoke detectors are in good working condition, test each one individually. Ask a family member to stand as far away as possible from the detector you are testing. It’s vital that your family can hear every detector from anywhere in the house.

You should have a carbon monoxide detector outside every room and on every level of your home, and check the batteries in each one every month. The gas sensors in CO detectors have a limited lifespan, and the test button tests only the battery, not the sensor. So replace or recalibrate your detectors at least every five years, even if the detector still beeps when you push the test button.

Every home should have at least one fire extinguisher in an easy-to-access location. Although fire extinguishers can have a long shelf life, they do eventually expire and once they do, they are useless in a fire. Make sure you check the expiration date on your fire extinguishers and keep them updated.

A reminder that all fire prevention posters have to be turned into the Auxiliary before the start of the 2018 Firefighter convention in St Joseph May 4, 2018, with the submission information filled out. Hope to see ya at the convention. Have a happy Easter.
**POSTER CONTEST RULES**

1. The Poster Contest should be conducted by a FFAM member agency in their local schools.

2. There will be three divisions:
   a. Grade 1-2
   b. Grades 3-4
   c. Grade 5-6

3. Sponsoring departments may submit top three posters in each division

4. All posters must meet the following requirements:
   a. All posters must be the work of only one child.
   b. Posters must be on 11x17 inches white heavy paper.
   c. All work must be original.
   d. The child’s name, mailing address, grade, school, county and sponsoring agency must be on the back of the poster
   e. Posters must incorporate and state the theme determined by the NFPA Fire Prevention Week.

5. The winning poster in each division will become the property of the FFAM

6. The following prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division:
   a. 1st place in each category will receive $75.00
   b. 2nd place in each category will receive $50.00
   c. 3rd place in each category will receive $25.00

7. The winning posters in each division will be displayed on the FFAM website, Division of Fire Safety website and on the website of the sponsoring agency (if available).

8. Prizes in each division will be awarded at the division winners’ school immediately following the annual FFAM Convention by the local Fire Chief and the FFAM District Representative.

9. Judging of the posters will be based upon:
   a. Presentation of the fire prevention theme (75%)
   b. Artistic attributes (25%)

10. All posters must be submitted to the fire prevention committee no later than 7:00 p.m. on the evening of the opening ceremonies of the annual FFAM Convention.

11. The judges of the poster contest will be determined by the fire prevention committee.

12. The first place winners from each division will be announced during the Convention Banquet.

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**FFAM FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST**

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Artist Name: ____________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip: ____________________________

School: ____________________________

County: ____________________________

Sponsoring Agency: ____________________________

Parent/Guardian: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

Grade: ____________________________
Hello from District 2. Everyone in our area has been busy, as I am sure you have been. I was able to attend the Lewistown Fire Department soup supper and the Western Lewis County Fire Department pancake breakfast. Great food and great fellowship. If you have something going on in District 2 let me know. If my schedule will allow I would love to come.

Make sure you mark your calendar for several events that’s coming up. First, there has been two classes set up that are very important. The first is Saturday April 7. It will be held at the Marion County Ambulance Training center, 142 Jaycee Drive, Hannibal MO. This free class, Introduction to Line of Duty Death/Public Safety Officers Benefits, is open to all individuals, fire, police, and EMS, that might be involved with your organization if a LODD occurs. Lunch is provided. Due to classroom size, the class will be limited to forty. The second one is Friday, October 19. It will be held at the Inn at Grand Glaze resort in Osage Beach. Again, this is a free class. We are working on getting lunch provided there as well. A flyer is available by e-mailing your request to gwright000@gmail.com. Pre-registration is required for either class, by e-mailing your name, organization, which class you are attending, and how many will be attending to, gwright000@gmail.com. Registration is now open for both classes.

May 4-6, will be the 2018 FFAM Convention. This year it will be held in St. Joseph, Missouri. See the FFAM website for all the information and to get registered. The competitions will be held on Saturday so make sure you get your teams registered as well. Again, all the information is in the newsletter and on the website.

The one that is near and dear to my heart and many of yours, is the 2018 Missouri Fallen Firefighter Memorial weekend. Held in Kingdom City at the memorial, Candlelight Service starts at 9:00 p.m. on May 19, and the Memorial Service is Sunday, at 10:30 a.m. on May 20. This year, we will be honoring, I believe three individuals that gave the ultimate sacrifice. Along with many, over twenty individuals that served in the fire service and have passed away. I hope to see everyone there.

Also the Firefighter Memorial Foundation meets on February 18. We are getting closer and closer to having a Education and Historic Preservation Project next to the memorial a reality. It has been a long time coming. We still need your help. Your donation to the Education and Historic Preservation Project can help make this project a reality. Go to: ffam.org and click on the preservation project to see all the ways you can help.

If you are interested in being a part of the 2018 Missouri State Fair Fire Department on August 9-20, make sure to get your application in ASAP. Applications can be found in this newsletter.

This is just a few things that are going on. Till next time, be safe!
The Firefighters Association of Missouri Announces...

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