NEXT FFAM BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2019 • 9:00 A.M. • SEDALIA, MISSOURI
What a great annual Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Services held on May 18-19, 2019, at the Auxvasse elementary school Saturday night and at the memorial site on Sunday morning. I believe this is the most important activity I am involved in every year.

As they have done for many years, Chief Greg Lubbert and crew, Central Callaway Fire Protection District, North Callaway Fire Protection District, Fulton Fire Department and many others spent many hours cleaning all of the granite walls and other tasks the Thursday night prior to the services. Chief Lubbert and others have faithfully overseen this task year after year. Thanks!

Many hours were also given for the candlelight service and the Sunday morning services. Keith Smith, Warrenton Fire Protection District, Bill Albus, Little Dixie Fire Protection District, State Fire Marshal office, worked many hours gathering information and developing the programs for both services. I thank both of you!

The Candlelight Service Honor Guard was provided by the Little Dixie Fire Protection District, led by Honor Guard Commander Korey Smith. Danny Smith, retired firefighter and police officer did an excellent job with the message to around 200 attendees at the Candlelight Service. My continued appreciation goes to Blue Ice Productions and Chairman Keith Smith from Warrenton, Missouri. Who provided all of the recording and video services for the entire memorial, as they have done for many years at no charge to the memorial foundation. Many, thanks to now retired Greg and Rose Rosebrock. True friends of the fire service.

Our history again this year was documented by Gail Hagans and Don Vaucher. Gail and Don are usually at every event and photograph all activities and provides FFAM with prints and CD’s and never ask for recognition or payment for their services. Thank you Gail and Don. Great photos!

This year we were honored to have Mr. J. Tim Bean, Fire Marshal, State of Missouri attend and presented Proclamations to the 2018 Line of Duty Death family members.

Sandra Karsten, Director, Department of Public Safety, State of Missouri was our keynote speaker at the Sunday morning memorial service. Great job Director. Thank you!

Dr. Ron Baker, a Memorial Foundation Board Member gave our opening invocation and as always, he did an excellent job. Dr. Baker willingly performs many tasks for the foundation, especially the display of the flags at the memorial site, again this year. Awesome display.

Our Honor Guard Commander, Lieutenant Tracy Gray, Columbia Fire Department did an outstanding job coordinating Honor/Color Guard and Pipe and Drum members from many fire departments throughout Missouri. Thank you to Lieutenant Gray and members of the many Honor Guards and Pipe and Drum members for your service.

Lieutenant Gray quickly accepted the request to oversee this important part of our services as Chief Ludden had changed jobs and was unavailable this year.

I appreciate all the memorial board members that helped in so many ways throughout both services by, reading of names, bell ringing, placing of wreaths...
Greetings from the thirteenth floor. Water, tornados, water, tornados seems to be the pattern for our state for the past several weeks. I am thankful we have had very few deaths or serious injuries from all of the situations which have affected us all. Thank you to everyone who checked on us here in Jefferson City, and offered to come help. We appreciate it. If the tornado had been three blocks to the west, things around here would have been much different I am sure. Thanks to the ones who have assisted in various ways. Neighbors helping neighbors!

I reached out to many of you who had direct damage in your areas, and discovered most everyone was doing well considering the circumstances. Moreau Fire Protection District located in the Eldon area lost their radio tower and repeater system. They are working on relocating and hopefully will be back to full strength soon.

The flooded Missouri River has disabled numerous fire departments along its path. Here is a list of ones I am aware of: South Callaway Station 1, Hermann Station 2, Monarch FPD, Rivers Pointe FPD both stations, Alexandria FPD Station 1, Canton R-V FPD, Winfield-Foley FPD Station 2, Old Monroe FPD Station 1, St. Louis Fire Station 33, Gordonville FPD Station 3, NW Holt FPD Station 1, and Watson FD. There were others that were impacted and still are. What I appreciate about our Missouri fire service is, we adapt and overcome, and continue to serve and protect our citizens. Job well done!

Our hearts are heavy from the line of duty death of Firefighter-Paramedic Chris Moore of the Maryland-Heights Fire Protection District. Chris passed do to a medical emergency. He leaves behind two children. Thanks to the Missouri Funeral Assistants Team, and others who supported Maryland Heights during the difficult time.

Affective July 1, Fire Investigator Bill Albus will be retiring from the Division after 29 years of dedicated service. We appreciate the many hours and miles he has worked and traveled across our state fighting against fire crimes. He has represented the Division of Fire Safety as a true professional, loyal, trusting employee. His fingerprints will live long after his departure. We do wish him great success with his new role as Little Dixie’s Fire Chief. We have great faith in his leadership abilities. You will be missed!

Boom, boom, boom, fireworks are in the air. Our office has been very busy issuing fireworks permits to providers from all across our state. Our inspectors and fire investigators will be busy inspecting tents and shoots within your communities. Safety is critical! If you see something that needs our attention, do not hesitate to call us. We will check it out.

Amusement rides have entered our state and communities for the summer. Our office oversees, inspects, and licenses fixed parks as well as traveling carnival rides. If you see something which looks unsafe with an amusement ride at your local fair or amusement park, please reach out to us. We want you and your families riding safe rides.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

Since 1986 the Division of Fire Safety has had the responsibility for enforcing RSMO 320.094 which provides funds for cost-free training to fire fighters and first responders in the State of Missouri. The Division is appropriated general revenue funds and fees collected from fireworks manufacturers, distributors and retailers to provide statewide contracted training courses. The approved courses must meet specific criteria and be offered at no cost to responders across the state. Each fiscal year the Missouri Fire Safety Education/Advisory Commission meets and assists the Division in reviewing the proposed list of courses for content, currency and need regionally in the state. In the past, departments contacted the approved training partners directly to request delivery of approved courses. Due to changes in the state contracting process, departments and regional groups will now contact the Division with requests for delivery of approved training courses.

Once the list of vendor-submitted courses is approved by the Division and our commission, and contracts are executed, the time-frame to request training courses will begin. Each year many more requests are received by the Division than available funding will cover. For the best chance for approval, consider submitting a regional or multi-department request. This allows funds to be allocated in the best way possible.

To request training for this fiscal year, please visit our website to obtain information and submit your requests: dfs.dps.mo.gov/programs/training/contract-awarded.php.

How to access cost-free training courses for fire service personnel:

1. Visit link at: dfs.dps.mo.gov/programs/training/contract-awarded.php

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President Ken Hoover called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri to order at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, June 2, 2019, at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, Missouri.

Vice President Jennings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

OFFICERS
President Ken Hoover, Little Dixie FPD; First Vice President Larry Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Second Vice President Grant Oetting, Higginsville FPD; Secretary Treasurer Jaime Miller, Johnson County FPD #2.

DIRECTORS
District 1, Terry Wynne, Galt FPD; District 2, Greg Wright, Shelbina FD; District 3, Larry Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; District 5, Terry Plumb, Southern Stone FPD; District 6, Gary Berendzen, Cole Co FPD; District 9, Roy Sims, West Plains FD; District 10, Greg Brown, Eureka FPD; District 11, Monty Thompson, Kearney FPD; District 14, Rick Dozier, Southern FPD of Holt Co.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS
District 1, Janet Cain, Braymer Fire and Rescue; District 3, Rob Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; District 6, John Scheper, Gravois FPD; District 10, Harriett Vaucher, Eureka FPD; District 11, Josh Koepke, Kansas City FD; District 14, Glen Dittmar, Dearborn Area FPD.

OTHERS
Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton Fire Protection District.

GUESTS
Tim Bean, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; Charlie Peel, SE Randolph FPD; Doc Kritzer, FF Memorial Foundation; Matt Frankenber, Rick Frankenber, Washington FD; Chris Thompson, Holts Summit FPD; Billy Smith, Timothy Mattox, North Central Carroll FPD.

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

MINUTES
There are no minutes to approve as the 2019 convention minutes will be approved at the 2020 convention.

FINANCIAL REPORT
President Hoover asked for a review of the April 2019 financial report. Greg Brown moved to accept the financial report presented. Roy Sims seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)
State Fire Marshal Tim Bean with Missouri Division of Fire Safety reported that there are many concerns across the state due to flooding and tornados. Communities are really coming together so there hasn’t been a lot of requests through the state. Operations are day-to-day monitoring the flooding and levees. The DFS was not affected by the Jefferson City tornado however it did hit three blocks away.

The legislative session has ended. The Divisions budget stayed the same along with the training funds.

New training requirements are going to be implemented that will stipulate that departments wanting training utilizing state funds will have to request the training through the state and the new system will then designate what training entity will provide the training. The state is controlling the training entities/training partners. All training requests will go through the DFS. The Fire Education Commission will still build on what the Missouri fire service wants for training and will focus on those topics. There will eventually be an online request form to request training.

During the first week of October, communities are encouraged to participate in the “Light the Night” campaign to light everything in red, i.e. porch lights, fire station lights, etc., to honor firefighters lost in the line of duty. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation website provides more information about the campaign.

CORRESPONDENCE
Secretary Miller advised she received a thank you note from the Missouri EMS Funeral Response Team for the donation of the funeral team trailer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
President Hoover advised that the Department of Agriculture has made the decision to donate the 1929 fire engine to the FFAM. It will be on display during the state fair and at the museum during all other times. Monty Thompson moved to accept ownership of the 1929 fire engine. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved. There will be some general maintenance and possibly the need to purchase an enclosed trailer to haul the engine. Charlie Peel advised he is working on the maintenance issues at this time.

Secretary Miller advised that records storage is needed for all non-current records. Currently, records are stored at Johnson County FPD and in the FFAM’s trailer. Discussion followed. The old
records will be moved to the storage room in Kingdom City where the historical items are currently stored.

President Hoover advised that Steve Gentry has resigned from the State Fair Committee. He recommended that Terry Wynne be appointed. Greg Wright moved to appoint Terry Wynne to the State Fair Committee. Terry Plumb seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover advised that Awards Committee Chairman Joe Jennings has asked to remove Shelby Honea from the committee and appoint Charlie Peel to the committee. Rick Dozier moved to appoint Charlie Peel to the Awards Committee. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approve.

President Hoover presented the recommendation to appoint St. Charles FD Chief George Sheets as District 10 Assistant Director. Roy Sims moved to appoint George Sheets to the District 10 Assistant Director position. Grant Oetting seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover advised that Steve Gentry has resigned as District 3 Assistant Director. He presented the recommendation to appoint Charlie Peel as District 3 Assistant Director. Monty Thompson moved to appoint Charlie Peel to the District 3 Assistant Director position. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE
Jaime Miller reported on behalf of Joe Jennings that the committee is reviewing numerous department grants that were received and will announce the winners by June 30.

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Larry Jennings encouraged everyone to get membership numbers up to help increase the budget. Committee budget requests will be due by the October meeting.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE
No report was given.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE
No report was given.

CONTEST COMMITTEE
Gary Berendzen advised that new 2½” hose will need to be purchased or repairs to the existing hose before the next contest.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE
Washington FD representatives presented a proposal to host the 2021 convention. Discussion followed. Monty Thompson moved that the FFAM’s intent will be to allow Washington FD to host the 2021 convention with the final approval of the delegates at the 2020 convention. Gary Berendzen seconded the motion and all approved.

Kearney is working on preparations for the 2020 convention.

Larry Jennings advised that the remaining 2017 convention funds were used to purchase two pop-up canopies to be used at the state fair and other PR events and the remaining funds will be used to purchase PR materials for the state fair.

Larry Jennings advised that the final financial report for the 2019 convention will be given at the August meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
No report was given.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE
No report was given.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Greg Brown reported that the session has ended. 96 bills were approved. The safe cigarette tax was restored. The workers compensation grant may get put into general revenue next year. The presumptive cancer bill did not pass. They are working with lobbyist and

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and turnout gear. Also, to all the extra help moving everything to the school at the last minute and back to the memorial site Sunday morning.

A special thank you again goes to Gary and Sheri Berrendzen for hauling the chairs to and from Jefferson City, and to the other individuals that helped set up the chairs for use at both services. Again, a special thanks to Glenn Dittmer and Janet Cain that come every year to help with anything asked of them. Also, to Don Hahne and Steve Paulsell who faithfully for many years have performed Taps and echo flawlessly to close our services.

Ladder trucks were provided by Metro West Fire Protection District and Crystal City Fire Department to fly the US Flag at the entrance to the memorial services at the memorial site. Also, a big thank you to Air-Evac Helicopter for the fly-over and salute. Thanks to all!

I also need to thank everyone else that helped in any way to make our annual memorial services special for everyone, especially to the families being honored.

Thank you to the FFAM Auxiliary for providing and distributing ribbons and all you do for the organization throughout the year. To Dr. Baker and his wife for the Field of Flags. The Baker’s represent us across the state and I appreciate their support.

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

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Please come and visit your organization at the State Fair if you have the opportunity. Many hours are given by many FFAM members. I thank each one of you that volunteers your time, so the fairgrounds will be safe and protected.

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

Enjoy your summer and as always, I am available in the event you have any questions or comments. You may contact me at 573-473-4001 or chiefhoover@sbcglobal.net

Kenneth Hoover, President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

insurance companies for next year. The 911 clean-up language passed as well as the ambulance reimbursement. Building permit issues and home inspection bills will be worked on again next year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
2nd Vice President Oetting reported the following membership counts: 482 Directors/Councilman; 297 Retired; 22 Associate; 11 Sustaining; 18 Corporate, 338 Fire Departments; 6174 Active; 20 Educational; 90 Juniors; 3 EMS Department, 80 EMS individuals.

Discussion was held on the FFAM participating in a vendor expo during the Revolutionary Fire Tactics at the Lake Conference on July 21-22. Discussion followed. Monty Thompson moved that the FFAM obtain booth space for the Revolutionary Fire Tactics at the Lake Conference. Larry Jones seconded the motion and all approved.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE
No report was given.

NVFC COMMITTEE
Keith Smith advised that the NVFC provides a $350 stipend to firefighters who have lost their home. Contact the NVFC for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
No report was given.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE
Monty Thompson advised that there was a work weekend this weekend. The next work weekend will be July 13-14. Letters have been sent out to all of those applicants who were accepted to work at the state fair.

A team from the Missouri State Fair Fire Department recently participated in the BBQ contest. They won 2nd place for ribs and a 1st place spirit award. $1,800 was raised for the museum project.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE
No report was given.
NEWSLETTER
The deadline for the next newsletter will be June 26, due to the July 4th holiday.

HISTORIAN REPORT
No report was given.

FUNERAL TEAM REPORT
Harriett Vaucher reported they are working on quotes for a new trailer and for the PA system upgrades. The Fire/EMS funeral teams conference will be November 1-2. There will be three LODD honored at the banquet.

FOUNDATION REPORT
Keith Smith reported that the museum building has been framed in and has a roof. There was a larger than expected expense due to the required forms instead of piers for the concrete. There is an individual who as pledged $5,000 to help finish the front of the building if matching donations are received. Morton has brought in a second crew to help with the building. $250,000 is still needed to finish the inside.

There were approximately 160 who attended the candlelight memorial services and approximately 300 who attended the Sunday morning services.

President Hoover encouraged everyone to continue seeking donations for the museum project to help finish the inside. Terry Wynne has donated a beef for a raffle which will be held on April 17, 2020.

Rick Dozier moved to adjourn the meeting. Monty Thompson seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Jaime Miller
Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

MEMORIAL UPDATE & NEWS

On May 18 and 19, your memorial foundation was honored to present 44 individuals who had served in the Missouri Fire Service. Russell H. Hayes with the Eldorado Springs Volunteer Fire Department was in the Line of Duty.

Our Candlelight service was held at the Auxvasse Elementary School Gym due to severe weather, but the morning service was conducted at the memorial.

That was the last time we should have to move the service from the memorial grounds now that we have a new building there. Weather cooperated long enough for the Sunday service to be held at the memorial. Missouri Department of Public Safety Director Sandy Karsten was our guest speaker.

Our service dates for 2020 will be the May 16-17. The “Thank You” list for all of the assistance in making the 2019 services possible is very long and includes dozens of people that are not on the Foundation Board. The enormous support of your Foundation makes all of this possible. Thank you!
Believe it or not, it may actually get to be summer sometime this year, well maybe. Hopefully for those of you affected in large or small ways by the unusual weather patterns and flooding, you are able to recover. I think we should talk about retirement in this edition.

Although you might not be ready to “retire” just yet please continue to read as this isn’t just about what you think retirement is in the traditional sense. Let’s talk about traditional retirement first so we can get that out of the way. If you are ready to retire and you have things lined up so you can “fade” away in style then I say congratulations and I hope all is well. But, hey don’t forget when you go you are taking along a vast amount of experience and knowledge. Perhaps you could find a way to share that knowledge with those remaining in the fire service.

For those of us that are getting closer to traditional retirement there is still time to get your things in order so you can leave in style and still be able to live comfortably. Hopefully, by this point in your career you have made wise investments, lived life to its fullest and above all taken care of your health.

Now let’s get away from traditional retirement and talk a bit about other forms of retirement. This is the part that applies to every single one of us that is still engaged in the business whether it be volunteer, part-time, full-time, union or non-union. At some point during your career you have or will make or hear a comment about someone that has “retired” on the job. Simply put this would mean that whomever you are referring to is still actively employed and goes through the motions of doing their job, but in actuality they have already “checked” out and just don’t do much to contribute positively to the job.

If you haven’t had the opportunity yet to work with or even worse, work for someone that has reached this stage in their career, hang on, it will show up at some point. You know, common sense would dictate that after multiple years of doing the same job someone would have a tendency to “check” out a little in the twilight years of a career and maybe a case could be made that it was well deserved. Although this may be the case, what is the overall benefit for that new bright eyed, over excited, easily molded new recruit to be “mentored” by someone that has reached “check-out time.” It is likely that this new person is not going to receive the quality training and proper indoctrination and could lead to early dissatisfaction in the job and ultimately in the fire service losing yet another valuable and hard to come by volunteer or full-timer.

If you haven’t noticed the fire service is locked in a battle with the rest of society to gain and maintain members and to provide those members with all of the tools they need to be successful. If those we are able to pluck from the ranks of “normal” society are not given the reception, attention, training and support from day one it is likely they are not going to stick around and before long the “word” will get out about your agency and it will be even more difficult to gain members.

Training retirement is also a problem that we have to steer clear of. You know, when you have “been there and done that” so many times that you just decide nothing further is needed so you step back from training. Instead of stepping up and sharing your experiences and knowledge and supporting those following in your footsteps you pick a more laid back approach, doing nothing. This type of approach is not only harmful to the future generations of fire service personnel, but it is highly dangerous for you as an individual. When you stop actively engaging and let a disconnect take place you are likely setting yourself up for something ugly. Many injuries or worse take place when we let our guard down and just “retire” from what we know is proper and has kept you sharp all of these years.

Have you looked at yourself lately? Have you looked at your agency lately? Are either at or near some phase of retirement? If it isn’t the actual end of a career, traditional retirement, you owe it to yourself and to those you work with, not to say anything about those you have sworn to protect to get up off your, whatever you are sitting on, and get things moving. You aren’t retired just yet and this job is not one to hang out in, just to go through the motions. The motions here can kill you if you are not prepared. Have you noticed your agency hasn’t taken a positive step in years? If so it could be that your agency is nearing “retirement” if you do nothing to move it ahead and continue to do better work than those before you.

So you might ask, what can I do? To start with you can impart your knowledge and skills on those around you or if you are new to the business you can talk a little less about all the things you already didn’t know much about and become a big sponge and soak up every little bit of what is going on around you. Of course if you are that sponge you will have to figure out what parts to hang on to and what parts are silly old notions that need to be changed or maybe done away with. If you are a seasoned member of the fire service you might need to realize there may be a different way things can be done and you might actually have to embrace these ideas and make some changes in how you function.

The next step in not being retired is to get out and find the new trends in the business and learn them and become an expert in making them work. You and all those around you will be safer. For those of us that have been around a long time you might start to notice that some ideas and techniques that we used a billion years ago when we were just youngsters are making a comeback. Much like I see in the movie, song, automobile and other
similar industries there is nothing really new in the fire service. Much of what we do, just like in those other industries are old tried and true techniques that were tweaked to death or maybe were just abandoned due to the service model our agencies took on.

I am not saying that everything we used to do was the greatest and best ideas, but I am saying that what our predecessors did must have had some validity or we would not still be in business today. The old ways often need some adjustments as we have discovered new information over the years. PPE and SCBA can help reduce your exposure to carcinogens and not just protect us from heat, who knew? We didn’t know back then, but we did know what we were doing was vital in getting our job done. So much like the PPE and SCBA we continue to build from what we did and adjust it to modern use. Because we don’t choose to retire and resign ourselves to things being the way they are we continue to enhance our profession and work toward an enhanced, efficient product for our citizens and ultimately a better place for us each to work.

Take a few minutes and assess where you are in your career and where your agency is. If you reluctantly realize you have “retired” on the job or your agency has come to a standstill perhaps you need to seek out ways of getting both back on track. Hunt out new dynamic training, push the envelope a bit further, seek out change, if it is for the better and do all you can to do make yourself and your agency the absolute definition of not being retired. Your renewed spark may just ignite a fire throughout your entire agency or maybe even the fire service as a whole. If you don’t give it some attention how will we ever know what could have been.

As always, if I can be of any assistance to you or your agency please contact me.

Be Safe!

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**NEWS FROM DISTRICT 11**

*By Monty Thompson*

The world can be a challenging place. I am not going to tell you that we can make it better on our own. We can’t. We need to work together towards that goal. The Kearney Fire Convention Committee is busy getting ready for the May 2020 Convention. I do have a phone number for the Holiday Inn Suites Express, 800-719-5540. I will have numbers for the remaining motels in the next newsletter.

Please remain safe and remember, “Turn Around, Don’t Drown!”
$3000 DONATION - COLE COUNTY FPD

By Steve Cearlock, Cole County Fire Protection District

The Cole County Fire Protection District has received a $3,000 donation from a Country Financial® Supports Local Fire Department with Equipment Funding Through Operation Helping Heroes donation. Country Financial Representative Patrick Prenger and Richie Conley were pleased to announce Cole County Fire Protection District as the 2019 recipient of $3,000, through a Country Financial Operation Helping Heroes donation. Patrick and Richie presented the donation to Cole County on Thursday June 6, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the administration building at 5206 Monticello Road. The funds will assist with the purchase of specialized extrication gloves when gaining access to a patient who are trapped in a vehicle while using the jaws of life.

“The Cole County Fire Protection District wishes to say, “Thank You to Country Financial for the generous donation to help our fellow citizens in their time of need.””

“Country Financial initiated Operation Helping Heroes in 2015 to support non-profit events and programs that benefit active duty service members, veterans and their families. More recently, Operation Helping Heroes expanded to provide support for emergency first responders. In 2019, Country Financial and its representatives have already provided more than $300,000 in donations to first responders and service members.

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Meeting called to order by President Diane Hanes at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Diane Wynne, Galt FPD; Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire; Barbara Mattox, North Central Carroll FPD; Kerrie Mattox, North Central Carroll FPD; Michelle Sims, West Plains FD; Carissa Thompson, Holts Summit FPD; Frances Barger, Kearney Fire & Rescue; Jessica White, Mayview FPD; Corissa Hayward, Mayview FPD.

MINUTES
Diane asked if there were any changes or comments for the April 14, 2019, meeting minutes. Carissa made a motion to accept the meeting notes, seconded by Theresa, motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT
There were deposits of $975 and expenditures of $621.34 with a total of $7,970.91 in our account. Joyce made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Carissa, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
NOMINATION COMMITTEE
There was no one to report at this time.

MEMBERSHIP
Theresa reported there 123 members and 11 honorary members.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Diane said that Shelia Nichols was our auxiliary member of the year. Diane said nominations need to be submitted for next year. Diane said that it can be members or even auxiliary group that can be submitted.

POSTER CONTEST
Diane said that there were many good posters received but we still had many that were eliminated because of wrong size. This year we started a new group that is being called Special Needs. Sheri spoke on purchasing a display to show the poster at the state fair.

MEMORIAL
Diane spoke about the candlelight and memorial services.

BY-LAWS
Ann went over by-laws and changes were discussed. She said she would have the changes retyped by August meeting so that we could vote on the changes.

OLD BUSINESS
Carissa spoke on doing video conference auxiliary meetings so that more members can attend. We talked about the members that can’t make it to the meeting but want to watch will not be able to vote but will be keep up on what is going on with the auxiliary. She is working with Jonathan Evans on finding media software and on a policy for doing this.

NEW BUSINESS
Upcoming convention was discussed, it will be held in Kearney, Missouri. The Friday night meal will be provided again at no cost to the convention attendees. The Saturday night meal will be pork chops and parmesan chicken, green beans and corn along with mini cheesecakes and white and chocolate sheet cakes.

Tim Bean came and talked to the auxiliary. He asked if we have any concerns or questions for him. Tim spoke of what he has been doing around Missouri with other departments.

Diane made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Theresa, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Next meeting is Sunday, August 4, in Sedalia, Missouri.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheri Berendzen,
Cole County FPD
Secretary Treasurer 2018-2019

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Greetings... Summer has finally arrived! We are probably planning vacations, spending time with family, or just wanting to stay home and just relax.

I am going to write about something different this newsletter. I am going to write about the benefits you receive as a FFAM member. Many times when I travel the state and visit departments, I have a lot of members that ask about what benefits they are suppose to receive as a member.

As an FFAM Member you receive the following benefits:

- A member in the largest fire service association in the state of Missouri
- Supporting an organized voice on important annual fire service legislation in Jefferson City
- Representation on the National Volunteer Fire Council
- Access to a Line of Duty Death benevolence program that makes available $1,000 to your beneficiary
- Eligible to receive assistance with the repair or loss of broken eyeglasses up to $200
- Access to college and high school scholarships for yourself, dependents or family members
- Department members are eligible to apply for up to $3,000 in an equipment grant
- Receive discounts of up to 25% on select VFIS programs
- Have access to low cost AD and D insurance
- Receive a 10% discount on IFSTA and Jones and Bartlett training manuals
- Have exclusive access to California Casualty insurance programs for preferred auto and home
- Receive discounts on tuition through Columbia Southern University and Waldorf College through our Learning Partners Agreement
- Discount medical screenings from Life Line Screenings
- Air Evac membership discounts
- Discount tickets to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City and Six Flags in St. Louis
- Department/member MU FRTI Winter Fire School training scholarship
- ID machine available for check-out for all your department ID needs

Each FFAM member receives a bi-monthly newsletter delivered to your home. The newsletter details a large variety of fire service issues on a regional, state and national level, training schedule of regional and state fire schools, featured articles, equipment classified ads, political issues and more.

Each member will receive a membership card and an FFAM window decal.

Each department will receive a membership plaque to track each year of membership.

Also available to the departments are blue light permit cards at no cost.

You and your department have a unique training and public service opportunity with the Missouri State Fair Fire Department, fire, EMS, first aid, fire prevention and crash rescue. All operated by the FFAM during the Missouri State Fair.

You are encouraged to attend the yearly convention hosted by an FFAM member department. This includes competitive contests of skill, an awards banquet, a dance and the Sunday morning business meeting. Convention registration is conveniently provided in the FFAM newsletter or on the website.

FFAM serves as an organized liaison for bridging and monitoring various agencies and organizations that benefits its membership. This includes MU FRTI and the Division of Fire Safety, the political front and other state agencies.

You have access to a board members that lives in your geographical region to assist you and your department on issues of local and regional importance. This relationship provides a better understanding of your local problems and challenges.

The FFAM Auxiliary is for the spouses of the FFAM members, who support activities of the FFAM.

The FFAM now accepts 911 dispatch centers and EMS agencies into our membership. Please talk to them and see if they would like to become members, if they do want to become members contact myself or your director and we will be glad to help you.

I hope this information has helped some of our members. If the FFAM can be of any help to you or our department please don’t hesitate to contact the office, myself or your area director. My email is grant_etting@yahoo.com and my cell is 660-229-4525. We would like to attend your events as well. Take care and stay safe out there brothers and sisters...until next time.
CONGRATULATIONS!
North Cape County Fire District
Oak Ridge, Missouri
2019 WINNER!

Yeti® Cooler Prize Winners

We would like to thank everyone who participated for their efforts in educating the public about the importance of preventing damages to underground facilities.

Save Your Banners! We’ll Do This Again Next Year with a BIGGER and BETTER Prize!
Greetings from the western side of the state. I hope everyone is having a good season so far, even though mother nature is being unfair with the rain. Also that everyone had a safe and fun July 4th. There’s been a lot of things going on across the state from summer fire school and fire tactics at the lake, to the July 4th activities within our own districts. A few of the events in District 11 have been the Firefest hosted by Independence 76. There was fun activities and a good turnout of antique fire trucks on display and even pumping master streams from a draft tank. Which was cool to see the old apparatus working as they did when they were new. The second big event was the inaugural, all girls, Catching Fury on June 22 and 29, which was a success. What is Catching Fury, you ask? Catching Fury is a preparatory precursor to its big sister: Camp Fury. This one day camp is an immersive experience for 8th and 9th grade girls. This year, women from Kansas City, MO Fire Department, Kansas City, KS Fire Department, Kansas City, MO Police Department, Wyandotte County Sheriff’s Office, and multiple other agencies came together to give the campers a taste of a day in the life of a firefighter or police officer. Twenty campers ages 13 and 14 experienced a simulated fire, simulated traffic stops, an hour of physical training, police defensive tactics, and bucket rides on a ladder truck.

Catching Fury gave the girls a sneak peek of what they might expect at Camp Fury. Camp Fury is a week long resident camp that will kick off June 7-12, 2020. The camp will be for registered Girl Scouts in 10-12 grade. The campers will learn firefighting, EMS, and law enforcement skills and tactics in addition to developing investigative abilities. Crime scene investigation, repelling, aerial climbs, canine tracking, and live fire drills are a few of the activities offered at camp. Each day will be a different experience.

The goals of both Catching Fury and Camp Fury are not simply recruitment for the future. Both experiences help build more courageous, strong, and confident young women that will shatter glass ceilings regardless of the profession the end up choosing. With proper mentorship, children and young adults are positively impacted. Their behavior, attitudes, and relationships typically improve and they grow interpersonally and emotionally when they share positive experiences with others. These girls will develop their team building and leadership skills, overcome mental blocks, and push their limits. A perfect skill set for our future generation.

Young women interested in Catching or Camp Fury must be registered girl scouts. If someone you know is interested in camp but isn’t a registered girl scout, go to gskcmo.org and join.

If your department is interested in putting on a similar event in your district and want more information on Catching or Camp Fury it can be obtained at gsksmo.org. For volunteer opportunities, send a message to the Camp Fury KC Facebook page or feel free to email me and I can get you in contact with Kelsey Whetro in the program.

Also worth mentioning, Code 1 Wellness has teamed up with Buffalo Wild Wings to host Hero Bash 2019 at the KCI Expo center October 5, 2019. This will support a PTSD assistance program to be launched across the state. There will be food, silent auctions, raffles, and live bands. If interested in tickets or being a sponsor go to the Code 1 Wellness Facebook page or email V.Kennedy@code-1-wellness.com.

I hope to see you all at the state fair in August come by and say hi and check out the rigs. Everyone be safe and watch out for one another.
IN THE EVENT OF A PIPELINE EMERGENCY ARE YOU PREPARED?

Pipeline Association of Missouri (PAM) in conjunction with the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC), the State of Missouri Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) and the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute is bringing uniquely innovative opportunities to discuss and implement emergency planning activities for local emergency responders and pipeline companies.

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This fall schedule is tentative. For additional information please visit www.showmepipeline.com
The City of West Plains is the county seat of Howell County and its history dates back to the mid 1800’s when the city was platted and began to develop. It quickly developed into a trade center for a farming and livestock-raising area.

Because of its location near the Arkansas state-line, it was subjected to numerous raids during the Civil War from both Union and Confederate forces.

West Plains continues to be a city with many faces and is blessed with a number of manufacturers including flooring, pallets, furniture and electronic equipment, as well as footwear and truck bodies. Tourism is also important because of the city’s proximity to several lakes and the Mark Twain National Forest.

West Plains can also boast about their celebrities. Porter Wagoner, the star of the Grand Ole Opry and country music was born near West Plains on August 12, 1927.

THE BIRTH OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
Ironically, the birth of the fire department in West Plains came about around the same time as Porter Wagoner came on the scene. September 13, 1928, is the first written record shown of the West Plains fire organization. The city purchased a new, 1928 American LaFrance from Foamite Industries in Kansas City. The rig had a 500 gallon-per-minute rotary gear pump and an 80 gallon booster tank. Chief Gus Joliff was the only full time employee of the department. Records show that Chief Joliff would drive the truck during the day and Saturday and Sunday nights. Bert Woody was appointed the driver for all weekday nights. Firefighters were paid two dollars for responding to a fire call.

INTO THE 1940’S
In 1941 Cliff Mustion took over as fire chief for the City of West Plains and Robert Young was the assistant fire chief. There were ten volunteer firefighters. No records reflected any pay-per-call so the oblivious conclusion was that they were true volunteers without payment per calls.

In 1947 Glen Smith became the fire chief and Ed Wilson was his assistant and the staff had increased to a full dozen. There was also a huge increase in pay for the members as each fire call netted a payment of two bucks and each “drill” or training session each member got a dollar. At least we are now to the point where training was being recognized and payment was made for attendance.

In 1948 the city made another large investment in fire protection. A 1948 Dodge fire apparatus was purchased from Towers Fire Apparatus in Freeburg, Illinois.

Gene Towers was the owner of that company along with his son Gary and Dale. That would have been the same year that I met Mr. Towers. I was nine years old at the time. My Dad was the fire chief in my hometown of O’Fallon and we took the truck to Towers for the installation of a front mounted 500 gallon per minute Barton American pump. I remember the trip because if you ride in a new truck without a body or bed on the back for a couple of hours through St. Louis, you remember it for a long time.

Mr. Towers met us at a large concrete building that I remember had big wooden barn style doors on it. It was more than likely the same building where the 1948 Dodge was built for the City of West Plains.

This July 4, 1928, photo shows a proud group of men with West Plains’ first new fire truck, an American La France. At the wheel is Fire Chief Gus Joliff, Sr., with Chief Clifford Mustion beside him. This truck served West Plains until 1953, when it was sold to the Alton Fire Department in Missouri.
As it turned out, this was not my last encounter with the Towers family. My friend Grady North went to work for Mr. Towers as a design engineer and in 1970 the newly formed Boone County Fire District purchased three IH 4X4 front mounted 750 GPM pumpers from them when I was the BCFPD fire chief. By that time Gary Towers was the president of the company and they had graduated from the concrete block building in the heart of Freeburg.

AND ON INTO THE 1960’S
In 1961 another American LaFrance apparatus appeared on the West Plains scene. It was a far cry from the original 1928 unit and carried 500 gallons of water, not 80, and had a 750 GPM pump. The truck was delivered to Springfield by train and then driven to West Plains.

Then in 1963 something took place that would forever modify and expand the fire protection systems in West Plains and Howell County. Hubert Redburn was appointed the fire chief for the City of West Plains. Chief Redburn served his community and for a total of forty-two years, thirty-nine of those as the fire chief.

He not only worked tirelessly to improve his department but was also the driving force behind the formation of the Howell County Fire Protection District and many other organizations in his area of the state.

Interesting enough, 1963 was also the year that I finished my education at Oklahoma State University and was hired as a field instructor for a group at the University of Missouri known then as Firemanship Training. Some of you younger folks will know it now as the MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute.

When I started work, there were three staff members and one office staff that made up the entire program. Needless to say, we had to enlist lots of dedicated individuals around the state to make any impact on the training of firefighters.

MEETING THE GUY I CALLED THE “GENTLE GIANT”

I can’t begin to tell you the date that Chief Redburn and I met but I do remember a very narrow and crowded fire station with an alarm phone and small desk built into the wall with a chalkboard above it. Standing next to the phone was a tall, lanky guy with a broad smile with his hand stuck out to shake mine. This meeting started a union that allowed the university to have an ally in training for south Missouri for a number of years to come.

So you want to do a class on LP gas emergencies? Well come on down, we will make it happen. You want to show us tools that can be used to pry and cut cars apart? Sure, Jackie has lots of cars, come on down!

This open invitation to train any time, anywhere is still in place today. Last weekend on KY3 Springfield there was a news clip about an extrication class in West Plains dealing with new cars and the special approach required in electric vehicles. The Redburn tradition continues to this day!

A liquid propane gas class being conducted in West Plains sometime in the late 1960’s. We didn’t have lots of fancy props then but we could make a hell of a lot of fire with some scrap pipe and a local dealer donating several hundred gallons of LP gas.
Not only has West Plains always supported quality training in their region, they are also a huge supporter of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri. They have hosted the annual convention twice and always have a great turnout at conventions.

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Since state-of-the-art stuff and agreements don’t just come about by accident, I think it is good leadership. Chief Roy Sims and his assistant Kirt Wilbanks can take credit, as well as Roy’s predecessor Chief Tim Bean, who was an assistant chief under Chief Redburn for five years until Hubert retired in 2001.

After we received good directions from Lucas, we finally arrived at station one. That was another wow experience. Lt Wayne Cormier met us at the front door and we received a great tour. I reviewed many of the logbooks dating back to 1928 and that information alone would fill a complete book.

I would say that the statement on the West Plains Fire Department website says it all...“Excellence Never Rests.”
THOUGHTS ON THE WEST PLAINS FD

By Tim Bean, State Fire Marshal

Thank you Chief Westhoff for asking me to share my reflection of my years serving with the West Plains Fire Department.

It’s interesting that I am at this point of my life, reflecting, but mother time allows this. I was born and raised in West Plains in a family of seven. My Dad, Joe, was community minded. He served the U.S. Army, served on the Fairview R-11 school board for many years, a Deacon at our local church, Ordained Minister, and volunteered as a firefighter for over 35 years with the West Plains Fire Department. Dad presently serves as president with Howell County Rural Fire Department. My Dad lead by example and passed that on to each of my other siblings, we all serve in one capacity or another.

I reflect back on my career with West Plains which begin in June, 1984, as a police officer and I joined the West Plains Fire Department at the same time. It was awesome because I got to serve alongside my Dad for a period of time. I grew up attending fire drills, and responding to fire calls occasionally, and picking up the fire phone that rang into the house for many years and listen to the dispatcher give out the emergency. My how things have changed!

I was blessed to watch and work with a many great men and women at West Plains over my 35 years of public safety life. To name a few I began my career at the fire department with Fire Chief Hubert Redburn, Assistant Chief Leon Taylor, Gordon Andrews, Everett Auffert, Ace Baker, Bill Ellison, Bill Freeman, Dale Smith, Hubert Risner, Fire Chief Joe Auffert, Janet Redburn, Lewis Callahan, Guy Ben Hollingshed, Dean Ledbetter, Dan Strange, Joyce Ledbetter Williams just to name a few.

I was appointed assistant fire chief in 1996 and worked under Chief Redburn for 5 years. This allowed me to grow and mature immensely. We were able to accomplish a lot during those years, which included purchasing a new fire truck, opening station #2 and hiring four full time firefighters. We even held the FFAM convention, one of the largest in attendance, with a midnight fireworks display, and a special appearance from the Soggy Bottom Boys.

Chief Redburn retired in 2001, I was blessed to be appointed the new fire chief later that year. Thanks to Chief Redburn’s mentorship, the support of my wife at the time Carla, our sons Nathanael and Martin, and present wife Judy. They put up with a lot of me being gone! I promoted Roy Sims to assistant chief that year, and the journey began.

Over the next 16 years we continued to serve and protect our citizens or anyone that entered into our city limits with well-trained firefighters, leaving things better than we found them. The city supported us and built three new stations replacing two old stations, and adding station #3. We were able to establish a Regional Homeland Security Response team for Region G, and other specialized response capabilities. We were blessed to have accrued over two million dollars in federal grants over the years. The Howell County Fire Chiefs Association was created, which allowed for automatic aid agreements throughout the county, Neighbors helping neighbors!

I am proud to be from West Plains, home of the Zizzers! God has been good to me and protected me over the last 35 years. Looking back one thing I am most thankful and proud of, is everyone went home on my watch.
Phase-I of the Educational and Historical Preservation Center, known as the firefighters museum project has finally progressed having moved passed several weather delays. The building is up and closed-in. We have one major element remaining with the phase-I construction agenda involving the old Fire station look which faces the memorial. This construction phase involves an exterior insulation and finish system (EIFS) which we hope to finalize by early July and construction finished by late August. We still have some minor but important projects we need to include with Phase-I, so funding remains a very high priority. Please keep your foundation in mind with local and region projects in your area. Just a reminder that Morton is our primary contractor and at least to this point, have been very pleased with their quality of work, attention to details and customer service. They have been outstanding to work with.

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Donations are always appreciated. Please send your pledge information to ffammuseum@gmail.com.
HARDIN FPD RECEIVES DONATION

Don Blankenship is the President of the Hardin Fire Protection District Board. He has been on the fire department since 1965. Yesterday, he graciously accepted a donation from Stephanie Tyler and Andrew Homfeld through FCS Financial’s Connecting Rural Missouri program. The Hardin Fire Department has roughly 20 volunteer firefighters and services 49 square miles. The rig behind them is their high water unit. It can navigate 3 feet of water as is, or they can put a kit on the exhaust and go up to 5 feet. The donation will go towards a vehicle stabilization kit. This will assist them on being able to stabilize multiple different situations, mainly dealing with car accidents.

FAIR GROVE FPD OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS

Fair Grove Fire Protection District (F GFPD) was formed in 1955 to serve the citizens of Fair Grove, Missouri. Thanks to the taxpayers of the District, on October 7, 2018, FGFPD opened a new 13,000 square foot Headquarters station at 340 West Eagle Ridge Court in Fair Grove. The new station consists of two floors, the top floor has four separate bedrooms, living room, bathroom/showers, kitchen and gym. The downstairs has the administration offices, four drive-through apparatus bays and a complete training room. This station replaces the oldest of our three stations that serve the 92 square miles that make up our District. On July 7, 2019, FGFPD will welcome Mercy EMS to our community. Mercy EMS will add a fully staffed ALS ambulance to our fire station. Their personnel will live and work from our station with our firefighters. This will be a great partnership for the community.

NEW CHIEF AT LITTLE DIXIE FPD

The Board of Directors of the Little Dixie Fire Protection District are proud to announce their new fire chief. Assistant Fire Chief Bill Albus was selected from a field of eight highly qualified applicants, Chief Albus will begin his official duties of Fire Chief on July 1, 2019. Chief Albus began his career with Little Dixie in 1978 and has been a valuable asset ever since. Bill worked for several years for Mexico Public Safety, Audrain County Sheriff, and most recently for the Missouri State Fire Marshal as a regional fire investigator. The Board of Directors and firefighters are excited about the future of the fire district and look forward to working with Chief Albus. Chief Albus and wife Sandy have been lifelong residents of Audrain County. Chief Albus can be reached at 573-581-6235.
The leading cause of death in America is house fires, to get into specifics, most casualties happen in the kitchen. It’s a sad but a true fact. Most people in the US assume and say, “Oh I know about fire safety, just have a fire extinguisher in your house and if something catches on fire you call the fire department.” This is just barely grazing the surface of fire prevention. Yes having a fire extinguisher is very important, but do you know where you’re supposed to keep it? How often you need to check it? How many you need? Where to get one from? When to test them? And so on and so on.

It is expected that not everyone knows about fire prevention. But seriously, fire is dangerous and it can kill you if you’re not careful. Children and teenagers are more often than not the cause of a fire, but it’s not usually there fault. As long as they didn’t purposely set the fire. They simply didn’t know the correct precautions.

Take for example PASS. Now how many of you know what PASS stands for? Well for those of you who don’t, it stands for Pull the handle, Aim at the base of the fire, Squeeze the handle, and Sweep from side to side. This easy little reminder can help you and your family remember how to use a fire extinguisher because I know if I didn’t remember PASS then I would panic and most likely fumble around with the fire extinguisher until I figure out how to use it. Because let me tell you, the first time I tried to use a fire extinguisher it did not end well. How many of you know how to use a fire extinguisher?

People die every day. More often than not they are killed in accidents. But we are the ones that can help prevent some of these deaths. The many fire casualties that happen every year can be decreased if we take the time to spread the word of fire prevention, to learn all there is to know about fire prevention, to keep our families safe, to protect ourselves, and prevent any unwanted fires. Use your fire safety knowledge to stop house fires from being the one of the leading causes of death in America.

Now I ask you, “Why is fire prevention important to you?” Fire prevention should not only be important to you, but to your family, and your loved ones. These are the people that will be affected if you decide to neglect getting the proper knowledge about fire prevention. It’s not a joking matter and fire safety must be taught to everyone, no matter how young or how old, what race, what religion, or natural origin. Fire prevention is important, but you have to decide why it’s important.
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Happy New Year! No, I am not crazy or delusional, nor am I suffering from early dementia. Here at the University of Missouri we follow a fiscal year calendar of July 1 through June 30. So, our “new year” just began. With the turning of a new year, traditionally people make “resolutions,” or decisions to do something different. In following this analogy, I would like to inform you of things to look for in the coming year.

**BUDGET OVERVIEW**

In the last few years, the University of Missouri and the UM System has undergone tremendous change. With this are new directions that are creating improved opportunities for students to obtain an education that ranks high among colleges and universities in the nation, but are also affordable. These changes are not without the challenges of budget reductions. In a recent news release, University of Missouri Chancellor Alexander N. Cartwright and Vice Chancellor for Finance Rhonda Gibler announced budget decisions for the university’s Fiscal Year 2020, saying that the university was committed to student affordability, supporting research, and recognizing faculty and staff for their continued dedication to MU.

The MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI), as part of the University, also pledges that commitment to keep training and educational programs for the fire and emergency service students affordable and to continue with the quality and breadth of courses offerings that you have all come to expect. This is not without challenges as well. We are looking at efficiencies internal to MU FRTI and within MU Extension. In the last year, MU FRTI has reduced personnel and now receives fiscal services through Extension. In the coming year, we will also see a centralized website and student registration services. We do not expect that you will see a dramatic change, but this will help us ensure our ability to meet our commitments to affordability as pledged.

Fee increases however are inevitable. Many of our courses require textbooks from publishers and we are seeing price increases that we have to pass-on. Our budget support from the University will be down slightly as State support has declined as a cumulative effect over the past several years. I believe that many of you can appreciate the difficulties in your own organizations to meet demands on reduced budgets; and, the challenges of seeking additional tax support.

**NEW PROGRAMMING**

We continue to look for opportunities to develop, update and add courses that are necessary to support your needs for training and education. We continue to work closely with the Division of Fire Safety to coordinate the availability of courses as standards change or are added for certification.

Our focus too is with online learning. This is the future of training and education and we will continue to look for opportunities to develop courses that utilize the platform. This is also a practical way to provide access to all students and keep training affordable. In a recent survey that MU FRTI conducted, respondents indicated that a deterrent to training is access and affordability. Training needs to be close to the student, at times when the student is available to attend, and is either no-cost or priced affordably. In today’s world, where work schedules vary dramatically and options to have a class near the student are slim, an online option becomes a viable alternative to in-person training. Affordability is not only the cost we may charge for a class, but the students time in travel, the employers expense for reimbursement and/or back-fill to ensure service, or the use of personal leave to attend classes.

**FIRE OFFICER CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE**

We have announced previously that these programs are under revision and froze enrollments as of July of 2018. Our anticipation was that we would be able to open enrollment by January 2019. Well, all I can say is we missed it! I underestimated the time-lines working with our academic partner and the review processes that we must undergo to meet academic requirements between both institutions. Since the Fire Officer Certificate Program is tied directly to curriculum that will be used in the degree program, both will continue to be on hold until all approvals are met. So, I apologize and hope everyone understands. As soon as we are able to open enrollment, we will be alerting en-masse!

**SUBSIDIZED TRAINING**

MU FRTI receives funding from many partners to provide subsidized, no-cost training to fire and emergency services. Our primary partner is the Division of Fire Safety which uses appropriated state general revenue funds and fees collected from fireworks manufacturers, distributors and retailers to support fire service training needs. In the coming year, you will see a difference in how MU FRTI and other selected training vendors will coordinate training with these funds. In the State Fire Marshals article, see page 3 in this newsletter, he provides an explanation of the changes. We will be working closely with the Division’s Training and Certification Unit to keep this new
process as efficient as possible and still provide the quality of training that you have come to expect from MU FRTI.

**SNEAK PEAK**

Look for an announcement in the coming month for a new statewide fire grant opportunity! MU FRTI is working with a sponsor to provide limited grant opportunities to fire departments for equipment procurement projects and training. More information to follow.

**IN CONCLUSION...**

As we wrap up Fiscal Year 2019, the early numbers are indicating that we increased 10% in scheduled classes and student completions than in the previous year. We had a great year, even with the challenges of a rough, long winter where we had to reschedule many classes. We appreciate the support we receive from you, the fire service, our funding partners and the University. The success of the Institute and its 87 year history would not be possible without each and every one of you.

The faculty and staff of the University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute wish to thank our supporters for another great year and we look forward to the new year...so again, Happy New Year!

Train safe, Be safe!

Kevin D. Zumwalt, Director
MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute
2. Review the listing of available training courses.

3. Select course and submit form to training @dfs.dps.mo.gov. Division will email verification of receipt of request and obtain any further information required.

4. Course requests will be reviewed and approvals emailed to the host agency, for approval or denial.

5. Contact will be established between host agencies, approved training vendor to schedule, and complete delivery details.

Once courses are scheduled, they will appear on the course schedule at:

dfs.dps.mo.gov/programs/training/course-calendar.php

This listing will include general information for the course and instructions for students to sign up for the course. Change is hard, and we acknowledge this will be a work in progress for all of us. We are totally committed to meeting your needs. We work for you! Please call us, email, or drop by. We want to make this process as easy as possible. We will come to your chiefs meetings if you need us to further explain this process.

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Fax: 573-751-1744

Becky Trapani: 573-751-5302
Greg Landwehr: 573-522-1625
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Tim Bean: 573-751-1742

In closing, thanks for all you do day-in and day-out across this great State. Be safe this July 4th holiday. Remember the reason for this special day, “Independence Day” and the freedom we enjoy!

Stay Safe and God Bless You, God Bless the United States of America!

J. Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal
Division of Fire Safety

## Missouri State Fire Marshal

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**October 19, 2019**

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- Friday night training
- Refreshments
- Saturday trainings
- Saturday lunch
- Refreshments
- Handouts
- Saturday night banquet

Additional Banquet Tickets: $35 each

$75 Registration after September 30 and additional banquet tickets: $40

Registration Opens: August 1, 2019

To register please complete the following:
1. Email gwright000@gmail.com
   Please include your name and number of people attending
2. Pay Registration Fee at: moemsfuneralteam.org/store.html
   Choose “2019 Funeral Team Weekend - Training” and “Banquet Only” for additional banquet tickets.

Registration Deadline: 12:00 p.m., October 15, 2019

MOTEL INFORMATION: The Inn at Grand Glaize has set aside a block of rooms for the conference. Use code FTC219 to receive the discounted price of $74 per night. This price is good Thursday through Saturday. The deadline for discounted rooms is October 1, 2019. After October 1, 2019 rooms are $119 per night. To reserve your room call 844-361-1726.

If you have any further questions please contact George Wright at 660-415-7990 or gwright000@gmail.com.
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