NEXT FFAM BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2019 • 9:00 A.M. • SEDALIA, MISSOURI
I again had the opportunity to be at the State Fair Fire Department during the State Fair and see many old friends and had the opportunity to visit with many of our legislators. It is always encouraging to see so many new firefighters and EMS personnel from all over the state come together to serve the fair-goers. My personal thanks go out to each of you for your professionalism, commitment and faithfulness to FFAM. This was another good fair and the weather provided very few problems. Great job everyone.

As president of FFAM, I want to thank each director and assistant director that came to the fair to work and give of their time and talents or to just visit and encourage everyone.

I appreciate Fire Marshal Tim Bean for being present many days and for having many of his staff there working and teaching fire prevention.

Governor Mike Parson and Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe made a special stop by the fire station on Thursday to thank the Fire/EMS personnel for all they do. They are committed to the fire service and have vowed to help us in any way. Thank you, Governor Parson and Lieutenant Governor Kehoe.

We were also honored on Legislators Day with visits from many other legislators. All of them promised to support the fire service of Missouri and were given guided tours of the fire station to see our operation. Thank you.

I want to thank Chairperson Monty Thompson for his leadership to the FFAM State Fair Fire Department Committee. Monty continues to do an excellent job. His many years of service to the State Fair are invaluable, also to Rick Dozier, RB Brown and Terry Wynne for all of their hours preparing and serving as commissioners. Some days it is a thankless job but I know each one of them enjoy serving.

Chief Terry Plumb did an excellent job this year with his command staff and personnel, as did Chef Joyce Thompson and her kitchen staff and duty personnel.

Many fall activities are approaching concerning the fire service and I would like to remind everyone of the assistance that FFAM can provide. FFAM Director RB Brown of the Eureka and Union Fire Protection Districts heads up our Fire Prevention committee and is available to assist you with ideas or any other issues you may encounter as Fire Prevention Week is quickly approaching. RB will talk about his poster contest in another article.

Everyone should see a major push in the fund-raising for the Firefighters Museum in Kingdom City. Please purchase the items being sold, the faster we raise the funds, the faster the museum becomes a reality. Please demonstrate a can-do attitude. Thank you!

As always, please contact me with any thoughts or issues you may have.

Respectfully,

Kenneth Hoover
President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri
Greetings from the thirteenth floor. Fall is about to fall, my question is, where did summer go? This has been a very pleasant summer, with rain and fair temperatures.

I want to pause and thank God for his protecting hand being over several of our state’s firefighters in the last two months. I have visited with nine firefighters who were injured in firefighting incidents. Some will carry scars the rest of their lives from these events. Continue to pray for their total recovery. Be diligent, use training to your benefit, and keep a watch on your fellow firefighter, so everyone goes home!

October 6-12, is National Fire Prevention Week. The theme for this year is Look, Listen, and Learn - Be Aware, Fire Can Happen Anywhere. You can go to usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/fpw.html for more information. This is a great opportunity to visit with schools, daycares, senior citizens centers, and churches about fire safety. Preventing fires should be our mission and that is our goal from the thirteenth floor. Join us in putting fire out of business!

Free ten year smoke alarms have now saved 627 lives across our nations. We have six confirmed lives saved in Missouri in 2019. Our state has installed 12,453 alarms, in 5,243 homes. Thank you to each department who have participated, and partnered with the American Red Cross in this great initiative. If your department would like to participate in this life saving effort, please call our office at 573-751-2930 and ask for me. We will help get you set up. As I like to say, “Neighbors caring for neighbors, the Missouri way!”

Close Before You Doze, this is another way we can save lives and property across our state. Take time and visit this website closeyourdoor.org. It is very evident that this works. Let’s take this out with us and educate our communities how this is another tool in fire safety!

Light the Night, for fallen firefighters! Join me and others across our state who will be lighting the night red. From September 29-October 6, please turn your outside station lights red, as well as home porch lights, etc. Anyone in your community can participate by turning their lights red! This leads into the National Fallen Firefighter memorial service in Emmitsburg, Maryland October 5-6. Last year we only had one department that participated. Let’s change that this year. The thirteenth floor will be lit supporting our own LODD, (2018) Russell H. Hayes, El Dorado Fire Department. Go to firehero.org/light-the-night/ for more information.

Bells Across America for fallen fighters is another way for communities to remember firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Go to BellsAcrossAmerica.com for more details. There is several ways to participate with this ceremony. Let’s ring some bells across our state. If you do, take pictures of all of these events and send them to us. We would like to know who participated!

As many of you have heard, we have a different way for you to get the free training classes. The fire department will have to request the class from now on. Go to our website; dfs.dps.mo.gov/programs/training/contract-awarded.php this will allow you to look at classes that are available, as long as funding is available. Please contact Becky Trapani at 573-751-5303 or 573-522-2426 if you have any trouble. We want to get you training!

As we approach September 11, Patriot Day, the eighteenth anniversary of that horrendous day, we will be honoring those who lost their lives by hosting our Third Annual Division of Fire Safety 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. Come join us in raising-funds for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundations (NFFF) who then supports your surviving family if you were to die while in the line of duty. Go to events.firehero.org/missouristate and register. Even if you can’t make it to the climb, the money goes to a great cause. We will have door prices and climber bags for the ones who register. A great investment of $35!

In closing, thank you to everyone who shows up with the best boots on the ground and leaves things better than you found them, day in and day out. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you! Please feel free to contact me at 573-751-1742 if there is anything we can do for you, and your department.

Stay Safe,

J. Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal
Division of Fire Safety
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, August 4, 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

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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.

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OTHERS
Past President Keith Smith, Warrenton Fire Protection District.

GUESTS
Tim Bean, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; Kevin Zumwalt, Gail Hagans, David Hedrick, University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute; Doc Kritzer, FF Memorial Foundation; Billy Smith, Timothy Matteox, North Central Carroll FPD; Dylan Farrell, Union FPD; Holden Peel, Madison West Monroe FPD; Lafe Stone, South Eastern Randolph FPD; Ryan Miller, Norborne FPD; Larry Eggen, Joe Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Neal Clark, St. Joseph FD; Emily Sweet, Gower FD; Dylan Honea, Southern Stone FPD; Cy Fields, Paris Rural FPD; Brian Zinanni, MO Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team.

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

MINUTES
President Hoover asked for corrections to the June 2, 2019, meeting minutes. RB Brown moved to accept the minutes as presented. Larry Jones seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT
President Hoover asked for a review of the May–June 2019 financial report. Terry Wynne moved to accept the financial report presented. Greg Wright seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)
State Fire Marshal Tim Bean with Missouri Division of Fire Safety wanted to express thanks to the Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team. They are a great asset for our state.

There have been 26 fire fatalities in Missouri this year. This is down from last year. The Division is drilling down on the cause of these fires and also encouraging education to prevent tragedies. There is a free smoke alarm program available through the American Red Cross. You may contact the Division for more information.

The DFS Stair Climb will be October 19, in Jefferson City. Online registration will be available this week.

As previously discussed, there will be new training requirements that 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, if you want to utilize state training funds, will go through the DFS. The DFS will publicize when this will go live.

Director Kevin Zumwalt with the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute reported that June 30, was their fiscal year end. They had 745 classes with 15,000 students. This was 57 more classes than last year and 700 more students than last year.

Due to increased costs, some fees will be increasing this year. The University has been seeing reductions in funding from the state therefore there are a few services that they won't be able to provide any longer. Once example is the online hazmat course. The Division of Fire Safety has been funding the course the MU FRTI subsidizing but due to the new state funding requirements, this course will now be fee based.

The University of Missouri Extension has been reorganizing and has created a Center of Excellence for First Responder Education. There is a major push through extension to gather funding so that all entities are under one roof, MU FRTI, EMA, the Law Enforcement Training Institute and EMS training.
There will be a fire service stake holders meeting September 10, in Columbia. FFAM and other state organizations are invited to attend to discuss training goals.

MU FRTI has partnered with MFA, Inc. for a 50/50 matching funds grant program for training and equipment. The grant will be up to $2,000 but the departments who apply must be registered through DFS.

The Missouri Emergency Services Instructor Conference will be November 1-3, 2019, at the Lake of the Ozarks.

There is a new training coordinator for Region C and Region H is looking for a new coordinator.

Director Zumwalt also advised that as a director, he is trying to get out more throughout the state so if you would like him to come to your area for something, just reach out to him.

CORRESPONDENCE
None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
Gail Hagans reported that there is a new fund-raiser for the museum project. Terry Wynne has donated a steer to be butchered. 1,000 tickets will be raffled for a chance to win the processed beef. There will be two chances to win a ½ side of beef with every $10 ticket purchase. Contact the FFAM Board or Memorial Foundation Board to purchase a ticket.

Bill Wald with 7710 Insurance Company introduced himself. The company writes workers compensation policies for fire and EMS and are now coming into Missouri. They focus on a loss control program to address the loss in this industry and control the claims. Contact him at bill.wahl@7710servco.com for more information.

Grant Oetting reported that he recently attended two conferences, the Revolutionary Fire Tactics Conference and the EMS Conference. He had a lot of positive feedback from the departments and vendors he spoke with. David Woodward with Revolutionary Fire Tactics donated the FFAM’s vendor fee of $215 back to the museum project. He was also invited to attend the Missouri Ambulance Association Conference in September.

President Hoover presented the recommendation to appoint Emily Sweet as District 14 Assistant Director. Monty Thompson moved to appoint Emily Sweet to the District 14 Assistant Director position. Rick Dozier seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover advised that Ryan Miller has resigned as District 11 Assistant Director.

Charlie Peel reported that the 1929 fire engine has received a new carburetor and new tires. He is working on pricing for an enclosed trailer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE
Joe Jennings reported that 40 applications were received for the department grant. $1,000 was awarded to Fishing River, Palmyra and St. James. He has also already received one award nomination. Departments are encouraged to submit nominations as they happen. They can be submitted anytime before the February 28, deadline.

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Larry Jennings advised that budget requests will be due by the October meeting.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE
Jonathan Evens reported they are assisting the Auxiliary with updating their bylaws.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE
David Hedrick reported that the Missouri Fire Chaplains Corp has been working

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WIN A $7,500 GARAGE MAKEOVER

By California Casualty

Don’t miss the chance to win the garage of your dreams. Time is running out for California Casualty’s $7,500 Garage Makeover Sweepstakes. Enter today at contest4heroes.com. The deadline is October 31, with a winner announced in November.

California Casualty has been a partner with FFAM, offering auto and home insurance with outstanding benefits to members since 1995. We know about the grueling work involved and the dangers you face protecting people and property in your communities. California Casualty appreciates what you do – that’s why we created this contest. The winner will be handed a $7,500 check to create the garage of their dreams.

Have you always wanted more storage for tools, a shiny new floor, more cabinets or a beverage and snack area to go with a big screen TV?

Whether it’s a gym, workshop, or refuge from the stresses of the day, California Casualty will give you the resources to help you create the ultimate garage. It’s our thanks for the hard work first responders do, often putting their lives in danger, to keep our communities safer.

“We are grateful for the tough job first responders do every day for all us,” said California Casualty Sr. Vice President Mike McCormick. “We wanted to show our appreciation and provide a useful way to say thanks.”

The Work Hard/Play Hard $7,500 Garage Makeover drawing is open to peace officers, EMTs and firefighters – American heroes who work hard and risk their lives. Hurry, the final day to enter is October 31, 2019, at www.contest4heroes.com.

Missouri first responders can learn more about California Casualty and how it appreciates all they do at https://mycalcas.com/auto-home-insurance/firefighters/.

This article furnished by California Casualty, serving firefighters since 1974 and providing auto and home insurance to FFAM members since 1995. Learn more or get a quote at www.calcas.com/FFAM, or at 1.800.800.9410.

Hello from District 2. Well, the state fair for 2019 is in the books. I wish to thank all that took part. Are you interested in being a part in 2020 Missouri State Fair Fire Department? Keep an eye on your FFAM magazine for the application. Spend a day, several days, or the whole fair. Great food, bunk at the fire station, great training and great fellowship with your fire and EMS brothers and sisters.

The museum project is coming along. A special fund-raiser that started August 1, is now going on. Wynne Angus Farm has made a donation of two sides of beef. Tickets are $10 each and that is for two chances. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. See any memorial foundation member for the tickets, myself, as well as some members of the FFAM have tickets as well. Drawing is at the 2020 convention, May 1-3. We need your help in finishing the inside. This is a great way to help and get some great angus beef. Processing is included. If you wish to be a part and can help finish the inside, any donation will help make this project a reality.

The Missouri Fire Funeral Assistance Team with the Missouri EMS Funeral Response Team will be holding their annual conference November 1-2, 2019, at the Inn at Grand Glaize resort in Osage Beach. Supporting Heroes CEO Eric Johnson from Louisville, Kentucky, will be the instructor for the program, Ultimate Honors. Friday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00-3:00 p.m. Closing out the conference will be a banquet Saturday night. Remembering those that have passed in the last year will be a part of the program as we honor the crew of

LifeNet 2-2, Last mission August 26, 2011. Awards, a plated diner, and a special guest will close out the 2019 conference. A flyer was in your last FFAM newsletter. But if you are interested in attending drop me an e-mail at gwright000@gmail.com for more information and a copy of the flyer. If you wish to attend the banquet go to moemsfuneralteam.org and click on the store for tickets.

The fire marshal stair climb is coming up on Saturday, October 19, in Jefferson City. Sign up now. Also, if you cannot make that, on Saturday, October 19, at 2:00 p.m. there will be the groundbreaking for the new Missouri EMS memorial. It will be on the campus of Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph Missouri.

As always, if you have something going on in District 2 let me know. If I can get there I would love to attend.

Till next time be safe.
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A few weeks ago, Tim and I attended a recognition of service ceremony. One speaker addressed the crowd as “Firemen” then quickly corrected himself and added “Firewomen.” A female voice, from the back of the room, corrected him with a loud, “Firefighters.” This got me to pondering… Firefighting has historically been a male profession throughout the world, so who was the first American firewoman?

The first known female firefighter in the United States was Molly Williams. An African American, she was held as a slave belonging to a New York City merchant by the name of Benjamin Aymar. In most cases, the men that volunteered in the early days were those who had the most to lose. Merchants like Aymar could be wiped out by one spark of the “red devil” if it flamed out of control among the warehouses along lower Manhattan. Whatever Aymar’s motivations were, he didn’t give up his lifestyle when he worked his volunteer shifts at Oceanus Engine Company #11. To make sure he was properly tended to he brought along his slave, Molly. Molly cooked and cleaned for the firemen. She also helped maintain the heavy, hand-pulled water pumper. According to lore, Molly was in the fire house with Aymar, doing her chores as well as taking care of the men who had been stricken with a severe flu.

The alarm bell sounded. There was a fire, and Molly was one of the few well enough to go. She had been around the fire house enough to know how the pumper worked, so it was during the blizzard of 1818, Molly Williams took her place on the dragropes and hauled out the pumper with as much strength and speed as any man. Answering the call of duty, she helped pull the pumper to the fire through the deep snow.

During her “unofficial” time in the company she was called Volunteer No. 11. Williams was a distinguished presence. She was said to be “as good a fire laddie as many of the boys.” Her first sturdy work clothes were a calico dress and checked apron. Later she was given a fireman’s uniform to wear when duty called. Charles Dickens, in the mid-1800s, once wrote of seeing a group of merry firefighters tromping through a snowstorm in New York City. In their midst, a smiling black man who sang along with them with great glee, a woolen red muffler wrapped round his neck.

Dany Cotton

Dany Cotton is a British firefighter. Since 2017, she has served as the Commissioner of the London Fire Brigade and is the first woman to hold this position. In 2004 she was the first woman to win the Queen’s Fire Service Medal, highest ranking operational female firefighter in the country. Since the 1970s, women have made inroads into the fire service, in both professional and volunteer departments. Today women serve in a variety of roles, including fire chiefs.

There are challenges for any gender who chooses firefighting as a career. Boys and girls alike, can now grow up dreaming of being firefighters. But it takes a rare breed to become and continue to be a firefighter. To be the first at something sometimes falls into your life, like it did for Molly Williams, because you were at the right place at the right time with the right abilities and circumstance to fulfill that dream. Sometimes being the first at something is accomplished by purposely laying tracks and sticking with the dream of being the first. Either way, men or women or transgender, whatever you do, honor the dream inside of you.

Blessings,
Judy Bean

Sources: History of Women in Firefighting - Women in Fire and Wikipedia.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Neosho, Missouri Fire Department for the purchase & delivery of a New HME Ahrens-Fox 111' Aerial Ladder

- Chassis: 1871-Spectr
- MFxd1-12 w/Cab: Roof Notch For Aerial
- Engine: ISX12
- Transmission: 4000EVS
- Pump Model: Q-Max
- Pump Rate: 2,000 GPM
- Tank Capacity: 500 Gallons
- Vocation: 111' Aerial

Congratulations to the Cole Camp & Rural Fire District for the purchase & delivery of a New Danko 3,000 Gallon Pumper Tanker

- Chassis: Freightliner M2 106
- Engine: Detroit 375HP Diesel
- Transmission: Allison Automatic
- Air Horns
- Pump Model: Hale
- Pump Rate: 750 GPM
- Tank Capacity: 3,000 Gallons
- Aluminum Body Construction

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Greetings, time to get your calendar out because you have dates to fill in.

September 29 - October 6 is *Light the Night*. Communities are encouraged to participate in lighting everything in red, porch lights, fire station lights, etc., to honor firefighters lost in the line of duty.

October 4-10 is *Fire Prevention Week*. I’m sure RB has more on that in his article. But, this is a time to encourage all our communities to prevent fires from happening and to make an extra effort to reach out to our schools.

October 19 is the Missouri State Fire Marshal’s 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in Jefferson City. My home department has participated in this climb and they are always proud to do it. It is a great way to remember all of our heroes from 9/11. Contact the fire marshal’s office for more information on this.

November 1-2 is the Missouri EMS and Fire Funeral Response Team Conference. This will be held at Osage Beach and gives a time for training, fellowship and a banquet. Contact George Wright for information on this event.

This event is in 2020 but it needs to be put on your calendar, the FFAM 2020 Convention in Kearney, Missouri. It will happen May 1-3, 2020, and everything says, “Get Your Kicks at the 66th FFAM Convention.”

Look for more information in this newsletter or on the website about the 2020 FFAM convention.

If any of us can be of help to you or your department, please give us a call. If we can’t help, we’ll certainly try to find someone who can.

Larry Jones at 660-651-9360
Robbie Erdel at 573-473-0972
Charlie Peel at 660-833-7860
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 Jefferson County Firefighters Association
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL

Jeffco Fire Engine Rally

Saturday - September 28, 2019
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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PUMPER Crossfire
Greetings from the west side. I hope everyone has had a great summer even though myself and Director Thompson have no idea where summer has gone due to it coming and going so quickly. There has been a lot happening across the state from the Missouri State Fair to the EMS conference, Margaritaville at Lake Ozark and numerous 9/11 stair climbs. Hopefully everyone has or gets to attend one of these events.

The Missouri State Fair was successful. I would like to thank all the departments and vendors that donated apparatus and various equipment to us for the two week event. This could not be done without your support of our organization and the same thank you goes out to all the people that volunteered their time and skills for the citizens of Missouri. Please, if you missed the fun this year sign up for two days or two weeks for the 2020 fair. Applicants have until June 1, 2020, to submit their application with membership.

KCFD New Station #15

We are beginning to come into brush fire season so this time of year would be a great opportunity to go over the SOG and equipment while we begin to get into cooler temperatures. Also show the new recruits no matter if you’re a volunteer or career that you’ve gotten on board over the summer. So they learn how to operate the brush units and effectively combat a woodland incident. Also don’t forget to show the Indian packs if you still use them. With the cooler evenings coming it would be excellent training to get with your neighboring departments and set up mutual aid evolutions with them before the fun outdoor training ends due to ice and temperatures.

September 7, the 363 hunt club held its annual sporting clay shoot to raise money for the John V. Mesh memorial scholarship. Which in 2018 raised $10,000 for MDC’S Discover Nature Camp for Girls to allows under privileged girls to experience the outdoors. It is a great cause and a fun event with plenty of auction raffle items. If you and other members from your department are interested in participating in next years event you can find information at johnvmesh.org or their facebook page 363 hunt club.

Kansas City fire opened their new station #15 in September. They broke ground on May 22, 2018. This new station will provide coverage to the Northeast side of the city limits and houses a pumper and also a medic unit for their citizens and travelers in that region of highway 435 and the surrounding neighborhoods.

In other news, don’t forget to mark the calendar for the 2020 Firefighters Association of Missouri Convention and banquet that is being held in Kearney on May 1-3, 2020. Get your teams together and compete for the first place spot right here in District 11. It is always a blast at convention and this year convention is where the side of processed beef will be given away. Get your tickets from myself or another district/assistant directors. Our contact info can be found on the ffam.org website. $10 gets you two chances to win and it only takes one ticket to win. Only 1,000 tickets available.

As a final thought, for those who are in a leadership role even now and again. We need to look in the mirror and reflect how we are to our crews and public that we serve, because how we project or act is a reflection of yourself and how the community sees the department. The citizens don’t remember the specific company they just remember the fire department or medical district. This is toward our crews, make sure you can say, “I’ve never put myself above someone because I have rank,” and also, “did I help everyone to become the best to their abilities?” The picture from the MO State Fair is an excellent example.
PERSONAL SERVICE STARTS WITH A NATIONWIDE LOCAL-DEALER NETWORK

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The saying from the movie *Field of Dreams*, “Build it and they will come,” was mentioned more than once as we planned for a phased museum project and raising the funds for the interior finish. An encouraging development at least for now is we have seen an up-tic in donations and offers of assistance in-kind. I was also humbled by one very generous gift from Alan Braun during the August board meeting in Sedalia. A tornado took his family business this spring, but Alan donated half of a raffle winnings to the Foundation and the balance to another very deserving organization. The fire service has and remains one of the most gracious groups of people on the planet.

Morton has finished their portion of the construction and we are now waiting to finalize the EIFS project with a Masonry Contractor out of Columbia. The Foundation has presented the design we are looking for, in the visual effect of the large front face and plan to wrap that back to the North entrance. Aside from the underground drain system that will finish phase-I or essentially the exterior element of the museum for now.

We are actively fund-raising for the next phase in finishing the interior which involves nearly everything except wall insulation. As you read through the newsletter, you will notice some promising opportunities to assist. So please keep us in mind. Some of you have used a birthday fund-raiser on Facebook to benefit the museum and thank you for doing that.

With a building now in place, the Foundation has received some interest in donating fire service items, equipment and apparatus. We are not actually ready for that next step, but due to a timing situation we just accepted a very large private collection with the agreement it can remain on display for now. On July 19, Gail Hagans and I took the first steps in securing the Jim and Linda Coleberd Fire Service Collection which involves nearly 275 items. This involved an individual cataloging and picture process of each item. This collection can be seen in the Winery building at the Mark Twain Cave in Hannibal. Linda has graciously agreed to keep it there until needed in Kingdom City or something changes in storage arrangements. With this collection also came a 1938 open cab American LaFrance Fire Truck previously owned by Joe Jackson which Jim had purchased. Sorry, the truck is not on display but is being stored by a foundation member next to his 1937 open cab American LaFrance.

For those of you who have made some generous offers either by donation or on loan, please be patient with the Foundation. We have to finish the interior and until then, cannot offer optimum storage and security for this important history. Please hold on, until we can finish the second phase of the museum project, hopefully very quickly!

with the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) in the development of The Missouri Disaster Chaplaincy Program. The program will establish a list of qualified volunteer emergency service chaplains that can be activated by SEMA during a disaster to provide chaplaincy services and behavioral health services to citizens and responders when requested. More information on this program is available through the MFCC or SEMA.

The Missouri Fire Chaplain Corp (MFCC) annual meeting and training conference will be held September 9-10, 2019, in Springfield, Missouri, at the Green County Emergency Management Center. The training schedule will include the ICISF Trauma to Addiction class and Chaplains Tool Kit class. Registration information will be sent out in early August.

The Federation of Fire Chaplains will host their 2019 FFC Annual Conference October 19-24, 2019, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Cathedral City, California. More information on the conference is available on the FFC website at: ffc.wildapricot.org.

Contact information for the Missouri Fire Chaplains Corp is: MFCC President, Jim Cummings, medic4christ@hotmail.com or 417-230-0610. Secretary Treasurer Ed Hatcher is edhat@earthlink.net or 618-207-9487.

CONTEST COMMITTEE
No report was given.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE
Larry Jones reported that Kearney is working on preparations for the 2020 convention.

Larry Jennings reported that the 2019 convention financials have been completed with a positive balance of $683.25 after all expenses.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Rick Dozier advised to contact him with any training requests.
Thank you and congratulations!

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FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE
RB Brown advised he will have the posters and award checks at the fair for the contest winners. All of those submitting posters are reminded to review the poster contest rules and be sure to utilize the most current poster label. Both of which are available on the FFAM website.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
Greg Brown reported that the Missouri Fire Service Alliance will be meeting in September. Topics will include firefighter training funds, workers compensation, cancer legislation, PTSD and internet sales tax issues. Legislators Day at the Missouri State Fair is August 15.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
2nd Vice President Oetting reported the following membership counts: 493 Directors/Councilman; 309 Retired; 23 Associate; 11 Sustaining; 19 Corporate, 346 Fire Departments; 6301 Active; 20 Educational; 95 Juniors; 3 EMS Department, 80 EMS individuals.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE
No report was given.

NVFC COMMITTEE
Keith Smith advised he would have a detailed report in October. NVFC is working on a hard push for membership. Rob Erdel will be attending the fall meeting in Georgia in October.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Larry Eggen encouraged everyone to remind their local schools to push the scholarship information to their students.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE
Monty Thompson advised they are ready to go for the fair. There is a new air conditioner in part of the building.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE
No report was given.

NEWSLETTER
The deadline for the next newsletter will be September 1, 2019.

HISTORIAN REPORT
No report was given.

FUNERAL TEAM REPORT
Brian Zinanni reported they have ordered two new trailers. They have had several responses lately and have been very active.

FOUNDATION REPORT
Keith Smith reported that the museum building is within 3 weeks of final walk through. Phase 2 of the building project will cost an estimated $250,000.

A fire truck from Dr. Colburn has been donated. He and Gail spent a day in Hannibal cataloging donated items.

State Farm Insurance will be hosting a fundraiser for the museum in Centralia October 12.

Little Dixie Fire Protection District donated $10,000 towards the project.

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

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

Jaime Miller
Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri
I hope everyone’s summer has gone well and you had the opportunity to get those things done you wanted and maybe even carved out a little time to rest and relax. For those of you that represented the FFAM by working at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department, I extend my personal thanks and thank you on behalf of the citizens of Missouri and those visiting our great state for your dedication and willingness to serve in such a unique agency.

In this edition why don’t we talk about memories. Each of us have developed many memories over the years and will continue to do so at least up until the day we pass. Some of those memories are treasured and bring great joy to us when we reflect on them, but others are not so good and sometimes as much as we try they just don’t go away. Stop, before you don’t read any further because you think we are going to rehash a current topic of job related mental illness and PTSD, we are not headed there.

It has been said that all of our experiences and all of the memories that result from those experiences blend together to make the person we each become. If you are fortunate to have only good experiences and positive memories then I applaud you and hope you bring a ray of sunshine into everyone’s life you touch. Of course if this is the case it is likely you are not in the emergency services field. As most of you know our line of work exposes us to the worst days of a lot of people’s lives and even though the tragedy may not have happened directly to us, we will share that memory with those people forever. Due to that exposure we in the emergency services field tend to be a little more cynical or skeptical and have what I like to call, “a firm grip on reality.” No, I am not saying we should all run around being gloom and doom, I am just saying we may sometimes be a little less than a ray of sunshine.

How you use your memories is an important part of where you end up in life and it can directly affect those around you and the emergency services field. This is the issue of memories that I really wanted to touch on. From the very beginning of your career in emergency services perhaps you should think about, “how do I want to be remembered?” In other words, what memories of you do want others to hold? If you think about this early on you might be better prepared to fashion your career in a manner to not only make you better at what you do, but you just might help make someone else better at the job also.

Wouldn’t it be great to think that when you decide to leave this business that you have helped shape or improve what this industry was when you joined? Wouldn’t it be great to think that generations that follow you will have a clue what you did for the industry? I am not saying that we need to work towards seeking recognition for what we do, but I am saying we should be doing things that become a positive and influential portion of people’s memories. So how do you get there?

The cliché answer is one that is often bandied about and is simply, “be the best you can be.” While this is pretty simple on the face, we all know this can be very difficult. Do we all eat correctly, do we all exercise enough, do we all get enough sleep, do we all work at culturing our personal relationships enough, do we all put out enough effort on every task or incident and do we all put in enough time training? For most of us there is at least one “no” answer for this short list of things. Truth be told however each of these things and many more all can combine to help us reach our maximum potential. Once we work in that direction not only are we better for ourselves, but we are better for those around us and very importantly we are better for those in our industry.

If you share your memories with those around you, just think of the formal or informal knowledge you are sharing with others in the industry. I would imagine if someone ran an algorithm or other similar process on what happens when you share your memories and then those memories are shared again and again we would all be surprised at the number of potential people we each would influence. I hear on a regular basis that when the “baby boomer” generation folks leave this industry the amount of knowledge and subsequently the memories gained through the years that will walk out the door could
be potentially devastating to the industry. Do you really think we should just sit back and be resolved to accept this possibility? I would hope you look at that and say no, I am going to make a difference and my knowledge and memories are going to live on in some fashion.

Now for you newer to the business folks who have already decided the “old folks” just need to get out of the way and let you do your thing. I ask that you step back and remember a few things. First, all of the things that the “old folks” learned and share from their memories were NOT always right. Keep this in mind because the same thing will happen to you, but by paying attention to what was shared you just might avoid some of the pitfalls. Secondly, one day you will be part of the “old folks” and there will be a whole new group ready to see you take your memories and move on. Wouldn’t you like to be remembered for the positive things you did? Third, no matter what you think at this point, the way you are doing things or want things to be done may not work out. Believe me those that have gone before you had the same process happen in their careers also.

So somewhere way back at the top I was talking about memories. With any luck your good memories of the emergency services field far outweigh the bad. Also, with a little luck you are willing to share your memories, not just bore those around you with the “war stories,” so each of those coming behind you will be better at what they do. It is through this sharing of memory process that we learn and we grow whether we really acknowledge that or not. So give some thought about what you want to do with your memories and how you want to be remembered in the memories of others or the emergency services field.

As always, if I can be of assistance please contact me.

Be Safe!

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**WHOSE MUSEUM IS IT?**

By Ron Baker

Whose museum is it? It is not just for Central Missouri. It is not just for the historical preservation foundation. It is not just for FFAM. It is to pay tribute and recognition to all who have been a part of Missouri fire service history. I say that to say that we need your help in raising additional funds to complete the interior of our brand new museum building. Most of the fund-raising efforts have occurred in Central Missouri, but we desperately need your help in out state to reach our destination.

How can you help? You can do a fund-raiser and split the proceeds between your projects and the museum project! You can do a fund-raiser specifically for the museum project!

There are some really easy ways to raise money. Many restaurants will do fund-raiser for non-profit organizations, we are a 501(c)(3). Some restaurants that are not just local are Texas Roadhouse, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Mod Pizza, Wendy’s, Panera Bread, and Pizza Hut to name a few. All you have to do is set up a date and show up. There might be some minimum effort on your part.

If the museum is to be completed, we need your help. If you have questions, feel free to call me at 573-220-4977 or email me at ffammuseum@gmail.com.

Remember, it’s your museum!
Greetings FFAM membership. Where did the summer go? When you’re reading this article school will be already back in session, fall will be upon us, farmers will be in the field shortly with the harvest, pumpkin spice will be back and before we know it Christmas and the end of the year will be upon us.

The FFAM has had a very busy summer attending conferences to promote the organization. The Missouri State Fair has passed, and the fall season is looking at being a busy one as well, as organizations are asking the FFAM to attend their conventions and help doing some more promotions for the organization. I am glad to see because this is what keeps the organization strong. Thank you!

Since my last article I have attended two conferences that were very productive for the organization. The first was the Revolutionary Fire Tactics at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. At this conference, myself and Assistant John Scheper of the Gravois Mills Fire department had a great response not only from vendors that wanted to become cooperate members but also fire departments that were not members. I had one department that took membership packets for their whole county as Tim Bean, our fire marshal had told them about the FFAM at their county chiefs meeting. Thanks Tim, I really do appreciate it. The biggest surprise I got at this conference came from Chairman David Woodward and Treasurer George Creamer on the last night. They presented a check to me with our vendor fee being donated back to us to be given toward the memorial. Thank you gentleman for your great hospitality and thank you for your donation to the memorial.

The second conference I attended was the Missouri EMS Conference at the Margartaville resort at the Lake of the Ozarks. This three day conference was extremely productive for the organization as a lot of EMS agencies were unaware that they could join the membership. This conference was attended by Assistant Director Josh Koepke, Assistant Director Jonathan Evans, Assistant Director George Wright and myself. Between the four of us promoting the FFAM, lots of membership packets and cooperate membership forms were handed out. The feedback we received is that they were glad the FFAM was allowing EMS into the organization. So if you have a EMS agency in your area that would like to join, please feel free to contact me and I will get the ball rolling.

The Missouri State Fair has just wrapped up. The Missouri State Fair Fire Department had a fairly busy year I have been told. The department responded to a total of 168 calls, 124 calls were EMS related and 13 fire calls which included two structure fires this year. They also had 31 standbys. Thanks to the many agencies that donated equipment and ambulances for this operation, without you this operation could not be possible. Many thanks to Chief Plumb and his staff for a job well done and thank you for promoting the FFAM at the Missouri State Fair.

If you have not heard the news, Director Terry Wynne of the Galt Fire Protection district has donated a side of beef to be used as a fund-raiser for the museum. Tickets are $10 each and gives you two chances to win with one ticket. If you would like any tickets contact myself or any FFAM board member. The beef will be awarded at the FFAM convention in May at Kearney next year.

If you have an event coming up that you would like the FFAM to attend or if you have any questions please contact me at vegtx1@bellsouth.net or at 573-518-8687.
need any assistance please feel free to contact me. My email is grant_oetting@yahoo.com or my cell number is 660-229-4525. I will do my best to get you a board member or myself to your event in a timely matter.

Until next time, Stay safe my brothers and sisters.

MFA Volunteer Fire Grant

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The University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute (MU FRTI) is excited to announce a partnership with MFA Incorporated and the launch of the MFA Volunteer Fire Grant. MFA Incorporated has a long history of fulfilling donation requests made by fire departments across Missouri. They have generously provided many fire departments with equipment and funding in the past. Recently, MFA Incorporated requested that MU FRTI collaborate with them throughout the grant process to better serve the fire service of Missouri. MU FRTI and MFA Incorporated are proud to be working together to provide grant opportunities that best suit the needs of the fire service in Missouri.

The MFA Volunteer Fire Grant focuses on addressing the needs of the fire service who will benefit the most. While no fire department has all the funding necessary, rural fire departments often struggle the most. Depending on the availability of funds, the goal is to award grants to at least one recipient in each of the nine Fire Mutual Aid Regions in Missouri. It is a requirement of the grant for your agency to be registered with the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal. The MFA Volunteer Fire Grant is dedicated to providing funds that will benefit the fire service in Missouri.

We encourage any Missouri volunteer fire department that has a need for funding within the grant guidelines to apply for the MFA Volunteer Fire Grant. Follow the link below and take a moment to read the guidelines required for the application process. It is the goal of MFA Incorporated and MU FRTI to make a positive impact on the fire service across Missouri.
Loving and devoted father of Tori and Christopher "CJ" Moore. Cherished son of Kathy (Paul Thrapp) and Wayne (Sandy) Moore. Dear brother of Candice (Chad Province) Moore. Beloved uncle of Conner, Tyson and Chelsea Province. Chris is also survived by his former wife, Kate (Dan) Moore-Gieseler, the loving mother of Tori and CJ. Our thoughts and prayers are with his love, Beth Bell (nee Clugh) and her three children; RJ, Delaney and Taylor. Dear nephew, cousin and friend of many.

It is with great sadness the Maryland Heights Fire Protection District and International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2665 announce the Line of Duty Death of Firefighter Paramedic Chris Moore, who suffered a medical emergency while on duty June 6, 2019. Firefighter Paramedic Moore died Saturday June 8, 2019.

Firefighter Paramedic Moore began his fire service career in 1991 as a Junior Firefighter with the Metro West Fire Protection District. He then served as a Volunteer Firefighter with the Eureka Fire Protection District in 1995 and was promoted to a career Firefighter in 1998. In 2001 Firefighter Paramedic Moore started his professional career with the Maryland Heights Fire Protection District, where he served 17 years until his untimely passing. Firefighter Paramedic Moore was a proud member of IAFF Local 2665 and served with Missouri Task Force 1, where he was deployed to New York for 9-11 and Louisiana’s Hurricane Katrina. Firefighter Paramedic Moore received several Medals of Valor for actions taken on emergency incidents.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team or The Backstoppers, Inc.

Jack “Allyn” Reding, age 63, of Duenweg, MO, passed away on Friday July 5, 2019 at Freeman Hospital, following a sudden illness.

Allyn was born on February 23, 1956 in Joplin the son of Jack D. and June (Cossey) Reding. He has been a lifetime resident of Duenweg. He graduated from Parkwood High School in 1974. He married his high school sweetheart, Mona VanFleet on June 6, 1975 in Duenweg. Together they raised three children. He instilled in his children the importance of a strong work ethic, and that it is important to lend a helping hand to others. Family was very important to Allyn. He was a wonderful grandfather.

Allyn began his working career at Atlas Powder Company where he worked for twenty-five years. He was dedicated to his community. He became a member of the Duenweg Volunteer Fire Department when he was a teenager. In 1998 he became the Chief of the Duenweg Volunteer Fire Department. He spent many years training and teaching others to be the best firefighters that they could be. He was a member of the Ozark Gateway Fire Chiefs Association and the Jasco Board.

Allyn leaves behind his wife of forty-four years, Mona Reding, Duenweg, MO; three children, Jason Reding and wife Starr, Duenweg, MO; Stefanie Allen and husband Gabe, Joplin, MO, and Corey Reding and wife Shelly, Joplin, MO, his parents, Jack and June Reding, Duenweg, MO; his mother and father in-law, Barbara and Jim VanFleet, Duenweg, MO; two brothers, Brent Reding, Carthage, MO, and Howard Reding and wife Bev, Carthage, MO; seven grandchildren, Cole and Harris Allen, Ryder, Kylie and Ayden Reding, and Emily and Haylea Reding; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Chief Allyn Reding Memorial Firefighting Training Fund in care of the mortuary.

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Are you tracking your fire exposures? One of the most important, yet most overlooked aspects of a Cancer prevention program, is the tracking of your career fire exposures. Throughout the course of their career, firefighters are routinely exposed to numerous chemicals and carcinogens on a relatively routine basis. It’s the exposure to these by-products of combustion that increase the likelihood of a Cancer diagnosis for firefighters. Current statistics indicate that firefighters have a 9% increased risk to develop a Cancer, and a 14% increased risk of dying from a Cancer when compared to the general population.

Why is tracking your exposures important? Quite simply, it paints a picture of your career. If you were to ever receive a Cancer diagnosis, your exposure reports can be vital information to provide to your medical team, or to provide to your employer if seeking a workers compensation claim. Too many firefighters have realized the importance of keeping good records after they’ve received the diagnosis. Of course at that point, it’s oftentimes too late!

How can you track your career exposures? First, we need to understand what constitutes an exposure. Essentially, any time you come into contact with a known chemical or any fire smoke, you need to consider that an exposure. There are a few ways to track your fire exposures. Quite simply, you can start a written or electronic journal to document your exposures. To take it one step further, you can download free exposure reports from an online source, print them off and fill them out. Or, while you are searching online, you can also find fire exposure databases through various online companies that allow you to track your fire exposures using their online forms. Most of these require a small annual fee, but the online resources often outweigh the minor expense to maintain an online database.

The Firefighter Cancer Support Network is here to assist any firefighter who receives a Cancer diagnosis. All you need to do is check us out online for the most current contact information.
FAIR DISPATCH

By Emily Sweet

Greetings from District 14! Hi my name is Emily Sweet, I am a Paramedic at Buchanan County EMS in St. Joseph and Gower Fire Protection District. I recently had the honor of being named the newest Assistant Director in District 14 under Rick Dozier’s guidance. I first met Rick in 2011 while working at Atchison Holt Ambulance District and our friendship continued to grow from there when I started working at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department.

During the 2019 Missouri State Fair I had the privilege of being the Dispatch Captain. I could not have done it without the support of the command staff and the hard working dispatchers who volunteered their time to work behind the radio. This year we had junior dispatchers from Galt Fire Protection District and Southern Stone Fire Protection District, don’t let the term junior fool you because they worked just as hard as the dispatchers and did a great job. Congratulations to Dispatcher of the year Evan Clark from St. Joseph Fire Department and Junior Dispatcher of the year Colton Smiley from Galt Fire Protection District.

The Missouri State Fair always proves to be an interesting challenge for communication but we have made great strides in improving it. This year we had a communication application called Active911 donated for the use during the fair. Active911 is an application started by a firefighter who had problems getting calls via text message because they were unreliable, slow and no way to have a distinct message tone, because they came from different numbers every time. Active911 can be used in the app or a dispatch center’s CAD to send out call alerts. They can be received via the app, text message or email. The app has many extra features including turn by turn directions to calls, map editing to add important locations like fire hydrants, the ability to add pdf maps to view on any device and the location of responders and apparatus. We used the app to decrease radio traffic with the feature that allows the responder to choose responding as “on scene” or “available,” which created a time stamped log of the statuses people choose. The biggest advantage of Active911 was the ability to relay important information immediately with all personnel. During the fair we had a call of a missing person. We were able to send out the description of the person in seconds to every firefighter. In years past we had to dispatch it on the radio and each person had to write down the information or try to remember it. Fair security officers as well as DMAT had Active911 and were aware of what calls we were running in real time. Thank you to Active911 for their donation, Johnson County Emergency Management Agency for the use of portable radios and all the other agencies and departments that donated equipment and apparatus.

Hope to see everyone back at the 2020 Missouri State Fair!

STATE FAIR VOLUNTEER FD AWARDS

By Larry Eggen, State Fair Fire Department

The Missouri State Fair Fire Department wants to say a big thank you to all who came to work and support the operations of the 2019 Missouri State Fair. We averaged over 60 personnel a day for a total of 683 for the 11 days of operation. We logged 2,196 hours of training, inspections and public relations at the firehouse and on the grounds. Total manpower hours would be 16,392 hours the staff was available for calls on duty. Our final runs for 2019 were 124 EMS incidents, 13 fire incidents and 31 standbys. That gives us an idea of the dedication of all the volunteers that give their time and talents to form the fire department each year. The kitchen staff has a big job to nourish the crews along with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and security officers that stop in to cool off in our kitchen area. It is an amazing feat to form a fire department, EMS service and first aid unit that all fair attendees can use for no charge to them each year. We are also fortunate the Missouri Disaster Medical Team chose to set up a mobile medical tent next to our firehouse again this year so they can practice their skills in case a disaster hits and they must respond.

Each year we award the top individuals for their service and efforts in several categories. Junior Dispatcher of the Year went to Colton Smiley of the Galt Fire Protection District. Dispatcher of the Year went to Evan Clark of the City of St. Joseph Fire Department. EMT of the Year went to Ben Burd of the Johnson County Fire Protection District. Firefighter of the Year award went to two individuals, Dylan Farrell of the Union Fire Protection District and Ryan Smiley of the Galt Fire Protection District. Officer of the Year went to Emily Sweet of the Gower Fire Protection District.

We wish to invite any FFAM member that would like to be a part of the Missouri State Fair Fire Department to consider putting in an application for next year and stay for a few days. The experience will be one of a kind as we are the only know volunteer fire department that forms for a state fair each year and has all donated equipment and apparatus from the Fire Fighter Association of Missouri members that allow us to do our job.
STATE FAIR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

EMT of the Year - Benjamin Burd - Johnson County FPD

Dispatcher of the Year - Evan Clark - St Joseph FD

Junior Dispatcher of the Year - Colton Smiley - Galt FPD

Firefighter of the Year - Brian Smiley - Galt FPD

Officer of the Year - Emily Sweet - Gower FPD

Firefighter of the Year - Dylan Farrell - Union FPD

Photo Credit: Gail Hagans.
Poster winners that visited the Missouri State Fair received their prize money and a Midway Carnival wristband.

Blake Templeton - 1st Place Special Needs - South Central Buchanan County FPD

Remi Muller - 2nd Place Special Needs - South Central Buchanan County FPD

Claire Davenport - 1st Place 5th/6th Grade - North Central Carroll FPD

Phoenix Ensor - 3rd Place 1st/2nd Grade - Paris Rural FPD

Reese Roesch - 2nd Place 3rd/4th Grade - Union FPD
Hello from the east side of the state and District 7. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer despite what mother nature passed our way. Speaking of summer, it is almost coming to an end. The 2019 Missouri State Fair is in the history books and I want to say thank you to Chief Terry Plumb on his first year as chief. There is an old saying, “the first is the worst,” so if that’s the case, the next years to come will be easy sailing because your staff did an outstanding job. Congratulations to all the award winners: Junior Dispatcher Colton Smiley, Dispatcher Evan Clark, Firefighter Brian Smiley and Dylan Farrell, Officer Emily Sweet, everyone did a great job! Without all the members we could not have the Missouri State Fair Volunteer Fire Department. Another big thanks to all the department and districts and vendors that donated all the equipment for us to use during the fair. Words can’t express the thanks and the gratitude we have for them allowing us to borrow their equipment so we can serve the Missouri State Fair and the fair guests.

This year’s poster contest winners were guests of the Missouri State Fair Volunteer Fire Department. They received their prize money, the poster, a ribbon and tickets to the midway. I hope that all that attended enjoyed the day at the fair and hope to see them again next year. A big shout out and thank you to the ladies auxiliary for the purchase of the stand to display the winning posters and ribbons. For the winner’s that were unable to come to the fair your prize money will be mailed. With the fair in the history books and summer turning into fall, that means that fire prevention week will be in the near future, October 6-12. This year’s fire prevention theme is Not Every Hero Wears a Cape: Plan and Practice your Escape. All departments wishing to submit posters need to make sure and go to the FFAM website and print the proper poster label so that all award winners can be notified.

SAFETY FOR THE SEASON

With fall getting ready to make its way there becomes a danger with leaves on the roads.

When leaves accumulate on the roadway and become wet, they can get extremely slippery, making the driving conditions similar to driving on ice. If the temperature drops below freezing, the wet leaves will freeze and turn into dangerous icy leaves on the roadway. Besides reducing the car’s traction, causing skidding and the possibility of losing control of the vehicle, leaves often cover the painted road markings, making it difficult to know the locations of the lanes.

Slow down if you are driving on a road covered with leaves, especially when driving around turns. Allow yourself plenty of room to stop in an emergency. Keep a greater distance between you and the car in front of you. Leaves make it difficult to see potholes and bumps in the road.

A pile of leaves raked to the side of the road is an inviting place to a child. Children enjoy jumping into the leaf piles or burrowing down into them and hiding. Never drive through a leaf pile. Use caution going around turns and where children are playing.

Keep your windshield leaf free to avoid wet leaves getting stuck under the windshield wiper blades.

In order to avoid the possibility of a fire hazard from the exhaust system or catalytic converter, never park your vehicle over a pile of leaves.

CHANGING WEATHER CONDITIONS

In many areas, autumn is a damp, wet season. There are many rainy or foggy days and nights. As the temperatures drop, frost often coats the ground at night.

When driving in fog, set your headlight to low beam. This setting aims the beam of light down toward the roadway.

In the fall as temperatures drop, frost often forms on the roadway, causing hazardous driving conditions. Drive slowly and break gently at overpasses and bridges as these areas frost over more quickly than other roadway surfaces. Be aware of areas where black ice forms on the roadway.

ADJUST FEWER DAYLIGHT HOURS

In the fall there are fewer hours of daylight. In the earlier darkness it is common to see children outside playing or riding their bicycles. People are walking their dogs, jogging or taking late afternoon or evening walks. In the fading light of dusk it is more difficult to see the children and pedestrians.

Watch out for children at their bus stops in the morning and as they return home in the afternoon.

Halloween is a fun fall holiday. Take special care where children are out trick or treating. They may be wearing masks or costumes that limit their visibility.

Always drive defensively.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Keep your headlights cleaned and in proper working order, making sure they are aligned. Replace your windshield wiper blades if they show any signs of wear. Keep an emergency car safety kit in your vehicle.
Another year gone, with “Good” Memories and working together to form our FFAM Missouri State Fair Fire Department as we have done since 1962, with many improvements and again many memories.

To our 2019 kitchen staff for all eleven days and Ann Jones and Kerrie Mattox, a big thank you! Also the first weekend Debbie Horton and Rita Ornowski, the second long weekend Stephanie Blakeman, also Kathy Eggen and Diane Wynne, thank you. Our grill and bar-b-quers, Larry Eggen, RB Brown, Ed Daughtery and Charlie Peel, thank you. A special thank you for all your help and everyone who would come by and ask if they could help. It was appreciated.

A special, thank you to Terry and Diane Wynne and the “Galt Crew.” The 225 lbs. of fish that was fried Tuesday night along with potatoes, slaw, corn bread and 10 lbs of homemade vanilla ice cream and every drop was consumed. To those who donated: Tyson Foods, Smithfield Foods, Mr.Dell’s Hash Browns, hamburger donated by Greg Wright and Higginsville Fire Department. Emily Sweet and her family over three bushels of tomatoes and everyone was eaten. We had a couple of firsts, we had fried chicken strips and a McDonald’s 101 lesson on rolling burritos. We rolled 250 burritos in two sitting for breakfast.

Favorites were the tomatoes, watermelon, chocolate pudding/chocolate cookie torte and vanilla pudding/vanilla cookie torte, vanilla ice cream and over 12 double batches of cookies.

Again thanks to everyone who helped in any way to get meals served and cleaned up after the meals. We had new faces this year hope you had an enjoyable time and already new faces for the 2020 fair. Watch the newsletter in January and March for fair applications. I hope to see you in Kearney on May 1-3, 2020, for the FFAM Convention.
SAVE THE DATE

December 11-12, 2019
Ozark Empire Fairgrounds | 3001 N Grant Ave, Springfield, MO

A great opportunity for Utilities, Contractors, Excavators and Safety Professionals to learn how to work together cooperatively to prevent unnecessary damages to utility infrastructure throughout the Midwest.

www.commonground.org
The Johnson County Fire Protection District hosted eight of the District’s Junior Firefighters for an all-day academy on August 2, 2019, at the District Headquarters in Warrensburg. The academy provided one-on-one training opportunities for each participant. The academy focused on enhancing basic firefighting skills which included personal protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) donning, an SCBA confidence course, forcible entry, fire behavior, hose line deployment, and advancing and flowing hose lines. The District’s Junior Firefighter Program has been active since 1999 and allows youth 14 to 17 years old to participate in District activities which include trainings and response to emergency incident scenes in a supporting role. The District currently has 11 participants and has had a positive influence on area youth including many participants who moved on to become firefighters after turning 18 years old.

The City of Cameron Fire Department accepted delivery of a new 2019 Heiman WildThing Apparatus in August of 2019. The purchase of the apparatus was made by the Cameron Rural Fire Protection District. The sale of the apparatus was made possible through Heiman Fire Equipment Sioux Falls SD. The apparatus was constructed to meet the many needs of the fire department. The Cameron Fire Department and City of Cameron thanks the Cameron Rural Fire Protection District for making this purchase possible. The Cameron Fire Department is a paid-per-call fire department responding to approximately 350 fire and emergency related calls per year. The Department provides protection for the City of Cameron and 144 square mile Cameron Rural Fire Protection District with a total population of approximately 18,000 residents.

The Western Taney County Fire District took delivery or this 2019 Rosenbauer Engine/Tanker. It is the fire districts eleventh’s engine/tanker. It is built on a 2019 Rosenbauer Commander Chassis with Cummings 450 HP motor and Allison Transmission. It has a 1,500 GPM Darley PSD rear mounted pump and a 1,500 gallon water tank and 50 gallon Class A foam tank. Besides being an fully capable engine and tanker, the truck carries vehicle rescue equipment and equipment for wildland firefighting.
The Johnson County Fire Protection District recently received a $202 donation from the Warrensburg Westlake Ace Hardware. The funds were raised by the store during a fund-raiser in July 2019, to assist the District in purchasing equipment to produce digital training and safety programs for the District’s members. Ace employee Mallory Platt presented the donation to Training and Safety Division Chief Ken Jennings. Platt attends the University of Central Missouri and recently completed an internship program with the District.

ACE HARDWARE DONATES JCFPD

ENBRIDGE SUPPORTS JCFPD

The Johnson County Fire Protection District was the recipient of a $2,500 Community Investment Grant from local energy transportation company, Enbridge. Funds donated to the District will support their efforts to purchase additional portable lighting to be used on emergency scenes throughout the District. Additional on scene lighting will aid fire personnel in avoiding many of the hazards often hidden on scenes due to poor visibility in darkened structures and other emergency scene areas. Enbridge Inc. is North America’s premier energy infrastructure company with strategic business platforms that include an extensive network of crude oil, liquids and natural gas pipelines, regulated natural gas distribution utilities and renewable power generation. The company safely delivers an average of 2.9 million barrels of crude oil each day through its Mainline and Express Pipeline, and accounts for nearly 65% of U.S. bound Canadian crude oil production, and moves approximately 20% of all natural gas consumed in the U.S. serving key supply basins and demand markets. Enbridge also has interest in more than 2,500 MW of net renewable generating capacity in North American and Europe. The Company has ranked on the Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations index for the past nine years.
A couple of months ago I received a call from Fire Chief David Pratte of the Bonne Terre Fire Department. Actually I should say the Bonne Terre/Big River Fire Service since he told me that the two departments had merged. The Big River Fire Department is a rural tag supported department that protects a large area around Bonne Terre.

Chief Pratte was calling to see if I would be interested in being the keynote speaker and MC for the dedication of their new fire station. My first question to him was, “how did you find me?” and the second was, “how did you know I was still alive?” I guess the answer to the last question is oblivious if your department is a member of the FFAM, since these history articles keep appearing in the newsletter. The answer to the first was easy because he was acquainted with someone who was aware we had moved to Branson.

He said that he had attended a number of classes I had conducted when I was with the University of Missouri and would be happy to have me there and I was honored and flattered to be invited.

During the several decades I traveled around our state I had numerous opportunities to help dedicate fire stations, speak at dinners and I must say always enjoyed having a microphone in my hand talking about and singing the praises of the fire service and firefighters.

I had no idea when I accepted this invitation that it would be one of the most unique and gratifying experiences of my career.

UNIQUE HISTORY OF BONNE TERRE
I must admit that I had very limited knowledge about Bonne Terre with the exception of knowing folks from that area of the state years ago. Chief Tom Robart from the Herculaneum Fire Department who served as the President of the FFAM from 1967 till 1971 was the first fire service person I remember talking about Boone Terre and the fact that St. Joseph Lead Company was responsible for the town’s existence.

We also have family members that have first hand information about Bonne Terre. One of our son in laws, Patrick Cox’s mother, Jan McGregor Cox, was raised in that community and graduated from the High School featured in this article. Jan says that growing up there in the 1960’s was like living in a “story book town.” Her Dad was an executive in the St. Joe Lead Company so we decided to check out the McGregor homestead while we were in town.

Rather than attempt to write a complete history of the city, here are the two plaques that the Missouri Historical Society has posted in the square.

The McGregor home in Bonne Terre as it appears today. Many period homes are still on the major streets in town reflecting the effect the St. Joseph Lead Company had on the community.
HISTORY WAS MADE ON AUGUST 10

It would be truly fascinating to continue the history of this city and we could easily fill a dozen or so pages in doing so but the “real story” we want to tell is the unbelievable tale of the city improvements provided by one man for the glory of God.

The story starts several years before August 10, with the sale of the Bonne Terre High School and Gymnasium by the owners, North Central School District. A local businessman, Mr. Sharo Shirshekan, purchased the property and he had a vision.

His vision was to convert the High School building, as well as some Grade School property to a New City Hall and Police Headquarters and a number of apartments the city could rent for municipal income.

Then came the real deal for the Big River/Bonne Terre Fire Service. The Gymnasium next door to the City Hall building was magically transformed into one of the most modern and magnificent fire stations I have seen in my entire career.

Chief David Pratte was quoted in an article by Bobby Radford in the Daily Journal as saying, “We are so blessed, Mr. Sharo has helped us with this but he doesn’t want any credit and said It’s a gift from God.”

During the dedication, Chief Pratte also stated that the gift of the new station, ladder truck and fire fighting gear for all of their staff would, “forever benefit this town and the surrounding area we serve.”

The St. Joseph Lead Company as it appeared in the 1920’s. Bonne Terre was truly a “company town” for most of a century. The company installed the first water system in the town with underground fire hydrants that supported more than a dozed hose carts stored in sheds throughout the city for fire protection.

Fire Chief David Pratte and Mr. Sharo Shirshekan
AUTHORS’S NOTE

I have had the honor of helping many departments around our state dedicate fire stations and new apparatus over the last fifty years but I was humbled beyond words to be involved in this process.

I will close with the verse that is proudly displayed in this fire station, along with a huge American flag.

Proverbs 3.6 – In everything you do, put god first, and he will direct you and crown you with success.

The New City Hall and Fire Station in Bonne Terre, Missouri

Front view of City Hall and Police headquarters.

Big River/Bonne Terre fire headquarters.

Interior of fire station for dedication.
If you drive a Dodge Charger HEMI or Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat, keep a close eye on your vehicle. They lead the Highway Loss Data Institute’s list of most stolen vehicles. Both of these muscle cars have five times the theft rate of other 2016-2018 car and truck models.

Other vehicles that seem to attract thieves are the Infiniti Q50 4-door, Infiniti QX80, GMC Sierra crew cab and the Dodge Challenger 2-door.

The HLDI notes that crooks are targeting vehicles that are powerful, pricey or pickups. You can see the entire HDLI most stolen list at: iihs.org/news/detail/dodge-cars-with-big-engines-top-hldis-list-of-most-stolen-vehicles.

All too often, drivers are helping the bad guys. Many of us dash into a convenience store or leave our vehicle running to warm it up thinking we’ll be back before something happens. Unfortunately, that brief moment is all a criminal needs. In fact, there’s been a recent increase in vehicle theft with the keys left inside, creating an easy crime of opportunity.

Letting the car warm up (or keeping it cool) was a major factor in these thefts. Statistics from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) show that 209 cars or trucks are stolen each day as the result of someone tempting a crook with the keys or fob inside or by leaving the vehicle running. Considering that there are about 700,000 vehicle thefts each year in the U.S., that means someone returns to find their vehicle missing about every 41-seconds.

While California, Florida and Texas led the states with the most thefts with keys or fobs in the vehicle, no locale is immune. The Show Me State has also seen an increase of easy car thefts. St. Joseph, Kansas City and Springfield have made the NICB list of top metropolitan areas for stolen vehicles.

There is more than just the car or truck at risk. The law enforcement community reports that crooks often use the personal information contained in the vehicle for identity theft, and sometimes drive a stolen vehicle to a home and use the garage door opener to burglarize it.

To help prevent the growth in vehicle thefts, the NCIB offers these important tips:

• Never leave a car running while stopping for a quick cup of coffee – it only takes a moment for the opportunistic thief to jump inside and drive off
• Lock the vehicle, set the alarm and take all keys or fobs
• Do not leave the garage door opener in the vehicle
• Keep a picture of your registration on your cell phone and remove the paper registration and other personal information from the vehicle
• Avoid hiding a key in a tire well or fender

Other car-theft prevention tips include:

• Parking in well-lit areas
• Installing an immobilizer and tracking system
• Taking all valuables with you

And, it’s important to note that unless you have comprehensive coverage as part of your auto insurance, you are not protected from auto theft. Without comprehensive coverage, you will be stuck paying for the replacement of your car or truck, or the repairs if it is recovered.

Now is a great time to contact the FFAM Auto and Home Insurance Program provider, California Casualty, to make certain you have the appropriate auto insurance for your driving needs. Give a call today at 1.800.800.9410 or visit www.calcas.com/FFAM.
Meeting called to order by President Diane Hanes at 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Diane Wynne, Galt FPD; Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire; Barbara Mattox, North Central Carroll FPD; Kerrie Mattox, North Central Carroll FPD; Carissa Thompson, Holts Summit FPD; Frances Barger, Kearney Fire; Jessica Miller, Norborne Fire Protection District; Joni Fields, Paris Rural FPD; Chris Turner (formerly Slaughter), Warrenton FPD.

MINUTES
Diane asked if there were any changes or comments for the June 2, 2019, meeting minutes. Theresa Cox made a motion to accept the meeting notes as written, seconded by Jessica Miller, motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT
Jessica read the report out loud with a total of $7,970.91 in our account as of June 2. $195.00 was collected in June for dues; total of $1,048.54 were miscellaneous expenditures, with a new total balance of $7,117.37 for the 8/4/2019 report. Carissa Thompson made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Joyce Thompson, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
NOMINATION COMMITTEE
Last three active Presidents are: Janet Smith, Kim Voss, and Chris Turner. It was discussed that we really need to ramp up officers for the 2020 incoming election. All the current officers are no longer eligible for their positions, and there are some unknowns at this time for any of the officer positions that should be filled. Please let your intentions be known if anyone would like to step up and become an officer of the FFAM Auxiliary.

MEMBERSHIP
Theresa reported there 123 members and 11 honorary members, this has not changed since last report.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR
Jessica Miller said nominations need to be submitted for next year. As said before, it does not have to be an individual, it can be an auxiliary.

POSTER CONTEST
Diane to coordinate with RB for Convention 2020. Get those posters turned in! This year’s theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 6-12 is: Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and Practice your Escape.

MEMORIAL
No update.

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Will be in February as per by-laws.

CONVENTION
Joyce and Frances collectively gave an update. Get those reservations in, host hotel is the brand new Holiday Inn Express. Contest and banquet will be at the high school. Banquet meal: chicken and roast beef, cheesy potatoes, corn, and rolls. They were able to sample the food and it was good! Desserts may be little cheesecakes, too! Kearney will have other raffles, and it was discussed that FFAM Auxiliary can have their booze raffle.

OLD BUSINESS

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE
Carissa presented a media policy, handout provided. Ongoing discussion as needed, but this will be separate from the by-laws, policy only. Also discussed, we will follow this along with the FFAM Membership as well. Both groups will adhere to policy as written.

BY-LAWS
Ann Jones presented proposed By-Laws. Ann read through and group discussion ensued. Ann suggested for all to read through and be prepared at the October meeting for the first reading of the 2019 new By-Laws. The proposed By-Laws will be printed in the newsletter and posted below the old By-Laws on the website.

NEW BUSINESS
Updates on funds in our account. Ann suggested we need to offshore some money. A few suggestions came about:

KNEELING FIREFIGHTER STATUES
The Sales From These Statues Benefits The Firefighters Historical Preservation of Missouri Project

NAME:  
ADDRESS:  
CITY:   STATE:   ZIP:   
PHONE:   QUANTITY:   X $100 EACH = $   

Checks payable to: Fire Fighters Memorial Foundation
Send to: Doc Kritzer
5055 Pendergras Rd.
Fulton, Missouri 65251

Contact: 573-220-3536 or doc_kritzer@yahoo.com
1. As Sheri stated in her email with updates prior to this meeting, the 911 Stair climb coming up in October would be one thought. Everyone agreed, Carissa Thompson made a motion to sponsor a floor this year at the Capitol building, seconded by Chris Turner, motion passed.

2. Discussion on tablecloth and skirt for head table at convention and to have the Auxiliary logo on it opposite the Membership one. Jessica will talk with Jaime further and/or do research and bring back ideas.

3. Give funds to the Memorial. General discussion from group. Frances Barger (Kearney) made a motion to give $1,000 to be used as needed for Memorial building, seconded by Kerrie Mattox, motion passed.

Note: As needed in the future, it was discussed more monies will go toward the memorial as building progresses.

Tim Bean checked in and told us about the 9/11 Stair Climb at The Capitol Building again this year. Last year we sponsored a floor. It was discussed this year we will sponsor a floor as well. There was some confusion on how much the sponsorship is, but Tim told us to hold off writing a check until he confirmed.

Gail Hagans-Reynolds checked in with us and talked about a new raffle for the Memorial. See her if anyone is interested in buying/selling tickets. The raffle is a side of beef! $10 for 2 chances, 1 ticket = 2 chances to win! All proceeds go to the Missouri Firefighters Museum. Drawing will be at the Annual FFAM Convention in 2020 in Kearney.

Jessica Miller made a motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Turner
Warrenton Fire Protection District
for Sheri Berendzen,
Secretary Treasurer 2018-2019

In the FFAM October Board meeting, I will be introducing a motion that FFAM adopt a resolution of support to the NVFC 2022 Fall meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. Exact details of what that will involve are yet to be determined but we need to let NVFC know they have the support of our states largest fire service membership organization. Next steps will be contacting other fire service organizations to partner with FFAM and hopefully generate some interest in regional Kansas City Fire Departments to assist with some logistics prior to and during the conference.

The 2019 Fall meeting for NVFC will be in Georgia the last week of October. Rob Erdel will be representing Missouri this year. Jenny and I have a wedding that week and being the parents of the groom, we have opted to stay much closer to home. Maybe it is a sign of how the stars are aligning, but the wedding is in Kansas City!

The NVFC Membership Director 2nd VP Dallas Renfrew, has reached out to several of the states including Missouri with regard to bolstering individual NVFC membership opportunities which were followed up by a series of information webinars. I will be presenting a summary of that initiative and other NVFC information to the FFAM board of directors at the October business meeting.
AUXILIARY BY-LAW CHANGES

By Sheri Berendzen, Secretary/Treasurer, FFAM Auxiliary

The following are the proposed changes to the FFAM Auxiliary By-Laws.

ARTICLE I NAME
The name of this organization shall be the Auxiliary to the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri, hereinafter referred to as the Auxiliary.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES
• To promote firefighting safety
• To promote fire prevention education
• To give fire and emergency assistance
• To create and maintain a fellowship among members of the Auxiliary

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP
Membership shall consist of spouse, spouse of retiree, parents of the member, children of members and/or be sponsored by a firefighter from their local department who is in good standing with the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

Honorary Members: Widows or widowers, who were active members of the Auxiliary at the time of their spouse’s death, shall be given life membership with all privileges of members. Children of firefighters, who have passed away, may remain active members of the Auxiliary, and will continue to pay yearly dues.

Membership Dues: Dues shall be five dollars per year, payable January 1 before the convention. The dues will be remitted to the Second Vice President.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS
The Officers of this Auxiliary shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, and Historian. They shall be elected by nomination and majority vote of the authorized delegates at the annual convention on even years. All officers shall be elected for a term of two years at the same time.

ARTICLE V VOTING PROCEDURES
Delegate(s)
• Each department shall have 1 voting delegate per regular business meeting, and a majority vote rules.
• Each department may have 2 convention delegates which are active paid members of the FFAM Auxiliary.
• If there is only 1 qualified auxiliary member from your department that person shall serve as a delegate with only one vote.
• Delegates must be present at the convention to vote.

ARTICLE VI VOTING ELECTION
The nominees shall consent to serve before their names are placed on the ballot, and they shall be in attendance at the convention.

A simple majority of delegates votes is required for election.

Officers shall be elected for a two-year period. No officer may serve more than two, two year terms consecutively in any one office, and shall attend all board meetings.

All officers, not including past presidents, are required to attend a minimum of three regular bimonthly business meetings. The Annual FFAM Conventions are required in addition to the three bimonthly meetings. If unable to attend any meeting, notification must be given to a current Auxiliary officer. If the requirements are not met, after your second absence of the bimonthly meetings a letter will be sent requesting your intent. After your third absence, a final letter will be sent and your office position will be filled by another Auxiliary Member appointed by the Executive Board for the completion of your term.

Officers’ terms shall begin at the close of the annual convention.

ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS
The Executive Board shall consist of all the Auxiliary Officers and the immediate Past President and shall have such powers as voted by the Auxiliary.

President: It shall be the duty of the President to:
  a) Preside at all meetings of the Auxiliary and all meetings of the Executive Board
  b) Appoint all committees and shall be voting, ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.
  c) Have the power to call special meetings of a committee, and to call special meeting of this organization.

First Vice-President: It shall be the duties of the First Vice-President to:
  a) Perform all duties and assume all responsibilities of the President during the absence of the President
  b) Work with the Convention Committee in the host town at the annual convention and be responsible for all convention items
  c) Shall assume the chairperson of the audit committee. This duty will be performed and completed before the Annual Convention.

Second Vice-President: It shall be the duties of the Second Vice-President to:
  a) Perform all duties and assume all responsibilities of the President during the absence of the First Vice-President and President.
  b) Be the membership chairperson and shall make every effort to increase the membership of the Auxiliary
  c) Keep an up-to-date roster of the Auxiliary membership and provide all officers and past 3 presidents with this list.

Secretary-Treasurer: It shall be the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer to:
  a) Keep an accurate record of all of the auxiliary meetings. A copy of
all minutes shall be provided to the President and all Board members prior to the submission to the media
b) Be responsible for bringing recorder and have available the prior recorded meeting minutes.
c) Conduct the correspondence of the Auxiliary
d) Be custodian of all funds of the Auxiliary, receiving and disbursing funds upon the authorization of the Auxiliary. The books shall be in order at all times. For the audit the following shall be provided: a detailed list of expenditures, deposits, balanced bank statements and the checkbook
e) The checking account will now be required to have two signatures on the signature card the bank holds for verification of funds deposited/disbursed.

Historian: It shall be the duty of the Historian to:
a) Shall attend meetings/conventions and maintain the history data of the Auxiliary
b) Keep an updated list of officers past and present, convention sites, and Auxiliary Member of the Year.

Sergeant at Arms: It shall be the duty of the Sergeant at Arms to:
a) Aid the President by preserving order
b) Notify delegates of voting procedure
c) Distribute and count election ballots
d) Certify votes, if necessary
e) Review the bylaws for updating and presenting those changes at the annual convention
f) Shall will read Roll Call of Auxiliary Membership Departments during convention between the reading of the minutes and the treasurer’s report.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES
Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall consist of the immediate past three presidents. This committee will be responsible for submitting a slate of officers for the election at the convention.

Auditing Committee: Auditing Committee’s responsibilities shall be to audit the financial record keeping and report this audit at the convention. This audit shall take place before the annual convention. The committee will consist of the 1st Vice-President and a member as appointed by the President.

Auxiliary Member/Department of the Year Committee: The committee shall consist of the past three winners from the previous years. Their duties shall consist of presenting the nomination story and to obtain and present the plaque.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT
By-laws may be amended at any regular business meeting of the auxiliary by a 2/3rd majority vote of the delegates. The amendment shall be submitted to the Auxiliary, read at the meeting, and voted on at the next regular meeting. The decision was made by the Board that the meaning of the Regular Business meeting should be referring to those Meetings that occur every other month. Furthermore, an account of changes and additions to the by-laws shall be given at the annual convention.

AUXILIARY TO THE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI
Standing Rules (use Robert’s Rules of Order)

1. Order of Business
   Call to order
   Presentation of colors with the Pledge of Alliance
   Notify delegates of responsibilities
   Financial Report
   Reports of standing committees
   Report of chartered and long-standing members
   Report of special committees
   Unfinished business

New business
Retiring of colors
Adjournment

2. Four members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business
3. The time of the Auxiliary meetings shall coincide with the meeting of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri.
4. When a motion is presented on the floor, the member should stand and state their full name and department represented.
5. Auxiliary fund-raising activities shall be determined by the auxiliary.
6. The fiscal year shall run from January 1 to December 31, with the audit before the annual convention and presented at the convention.
7. The Executive Board shall have the power to spend funds for special projects not exceeding $500.00 providing the funds are available.
8. Executive Board meetings are the only meeting where only Executive Board member may vote.
9. Due to new Federal Banking Laws, the decision was made to have two signers on the signature card at the Bank in which the current association’s non-profit checking accounts is located. This ensures those monies will be secured back to this association in the event anything happens to the Officer who is currently holding the Secretary/Treasurer position. Please note that it was also decided that the officer living closest to the current Secretary/Treasurer, not including Past Presidents, will be responsible for signatures upon the election of new officers.

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Welcome to Fall! Some of us will say, “What the heck happened to Summer?” I hope that wasn’t the case for all and you had a chance to celebrate summer in ways that you personally enjoy.

I would like to give a quick “shout-out” to all of those who volunteered their time to staff the Missouri State Fair Fire Department. This one-of-a-kind fire department provides fire and EMS service for the Missouri State Fair. I had the opportunity to visit on Legislative Day and got to visit with many of the firefighters. The passion to serve was evident! I hope to see many of you next year, keep up the great work.

STATE SUBSIDIZED TRAINING
The Division of Fire Safety (DFS) and the Education/Fire Advisory Commission have been working diligently with the Office of Administration to meet new requirements for the distribution of state funds for firefighter training. MU FRTI has also been working to comply with the new requirements so that we are able to continue to provide training and educational programs that meet the needs of Missouri’s fire service.

Now that DFS has the process defined and funds are now available, MU FRTI Regional Training Coordinators will be busy working with fire departments to assess their training needs and assist with submitting training requests. If you have not been contacted by your Regional Training Coordinator and would like to discuss classes that MU FRTI can offer through state subsidized funding, please reach out to them. For a list of coordinators and their contact information, please visit our website at: mufrti.org/about/regional-training-coordinators/ or you can always contact us at 800-882-4735.

35TH ANNUAL MISSOURI EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTRUCTOR CONFERENCE
Since 1984, MU FRTI has conducted this specialized conference to provide professional development to instructors. From basic to advanced, the conference provides the latest training techniques, up-to-date information relevant to instructors, continuing education units for certification, and motivation to become a better instructor.

This event is one of the few conferences nationwide that concentrates on educational methodology for instructors and you can get it right here in Missouri! Presenters are nationally known and present and some of the largest events in the country. If you are an emergency services instructor, please consider attending this event. For more information, please visit our website at mufrti.org/events/instructor-conference/.

CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR FIRST RESPONDER EDUCATION
University of Missouri Extension would like to announce the creation of the Center of Excellence for First Responder Education. This new Center assembles already established Institutes and programs under one organizational unit. The MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute, Law Enforcement Training Institute, Community Emergency Management Program, and EMS Education Program will now work more closely together as part of the new Center.

Why the Center? There are actually a few reasons for extension leadership to create the Center. Within the University, a Center allows for increased access to funding opportunities through grants and research. Emergency services continue to work more closely together in the all hazards community, so the new Center will combine resources to collaborate more closely to the trending needs of all emergency services.

While some things change, others remain the same. The MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute will look and feel the same under the new Center, as will the other units. Each of us will retain our own identity and service our constituents. When an opportunity to collaborate on a project or program presents itself, the benefit that each unit brings forward adds to the overall impact. We do look forward to the benefits that each of us bring to the table including options for shared resources.

As the institute’s director, I see this as another step in our evolution with MU. Our history dates back to the First Central Missouri Fire School in 1933 where MU assisted in providing facilities and faculty. In 1944, the Missouri Inspection and Rating Bureau took over responsibility of the fire training program from the University. In 1947 the University provided a permanent home for the Firemanship Training Program. In 1960, the University provided a facility for the program which included offices, a classroom and an apparatus bay. This building later became city fire station 3. In 1976 the name changed to reflect the growth and diversity to the Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Program. In 1982 MU leadership, along with state fire service leaders determined the need to elevate the program to an Institute status and thus the name change to the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute. So, as you can see from our history that this is a logical step in the future of the Institute and I look forward to the opportunities that this presents.
MFA VOLUNTEER FIRE GRANT

In the last edition of the newsletter I hinted of a grant opportunity coming where MU FRTI would be partnering with a private company. Well, its here!

The MFA Volunteer Fire Grant focuses on addressing the needs of the fire service who will benefit the most. While no fire department has all the funding necessary, rural fire departments often struggle the most. Depending on the availability of funds, the goal is to award grants to at least one recipient in each of the nine Fire Mutual Aid Regions in Missouri. It is a requirement of the grant for your agency to be registered with the Missouri Division of Fire Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal. The MFA Volunteer Fire Grant is dedicated to providing funds that will benefit the fire service in Missouri.

The application period is now open and will close on October 31, 2019. For more information please visit our website at mufrti.org/grants-scholarships/#mfa and look for the ad in this newsletter.

IN CONCLUSION…

MU FRTI continues to evolve to meet the needs of Missouri’s fire and emergency responders. Our mission to plan, develop, deliver and administer state-of-the-art continuing professional education courses which meet the comprehensive training needs of fire and rescue personnel and other emergency managers is still our guiding principle. We believe in providing the most efficient and effective programming possible to better protect not only the lives of our first responders, but also the lives and properties of their communities.

Train safe, Be safe!

Kevin D. Zumwalt
Director
MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute
1964 TOWERS FIRE ENGINE
1964 Towers front mount 500 GPM Barton American pump. The Chevy Chassis is a six cylinder, 4-gear, 2-speed with 12,884 miles. Paint finish is faded with some minor to moderate surface rust round the fenders and compartments. FFAM is accepting bids “AS IS” and you haul it. Your email or sealed envelop bid must be received by end of day, Friday, October 11. Send bids to: ffam.jmiller@gmail.com or Jaime Miller, FFAM Secretary/Treasure, PO Box 1153, Warrensburg, MO 64093 • Questions: 660-429-1327

1992 FORD FL 8000 HEAVY RESCUE
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Ford F800 chassis with 7.8L Diesel engine, 5sp manual trans. 21463 miles 833 total hours, 1000 GPM Waterous pump 1000 gal booster tank, Foam Pro foam induction system, Most recent pump certification Sept. 2018, Code 3 light bar and siren, Roof ladder, extension ladder, attic ladder, 2 sections 5 inch draft hose and low level strainer, 2 preconnects of 1 ½ hose with nozzles, 1 2.5 inch ground monitor, One reverse lay, one foreword lay of 2 ½ inch supply hose, assorted axes and pike poles. Vehicle is currently in service. Higginsville Fire Protection District is accepting sealed bids. May be viewed in person by contacting Randy Amor at 660-238-2770 or Ashley Page at 660-238-5418.
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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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