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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Greetings Fellow Firefighters

**Kenneth Hoover
President**



What a beautiful fall season so far. The colors of the fall foliage remind us of the changing of the life cycles of Mother Nature.

I have attended several recent retirements, Chillicothe Chief Darrell Wright, Highlandville Assistant Chief Charlie Neubert and several other meetings on behalf of FFAM. It is kind of sad to see some of the old guard retiring but also encouraging to see the younger generation picking up the reigns and forging ahead. Thank you to both groups.

This is a very busy time of the year for many of us, Fire Prevention Week just ending, deer season just beginning, hayrides, bonfires, Fall get togethers, Halloween in just a few days, Thanksgiving quickly arriving, and then the Christmas holidays wrapping up the year. If that does not keep everyone busy, I don't know what would.

Rob Erdel, representing FFAM at NVFC traveled to Georgia for the Fall 2019 meeting along with his wife Missy. Thank you Captain Erdel for your willingness to serve. I am sure Rob will have an article in this newsletter outlining the activities of his trip.

In addition, the Kearney Fire Protection District is heading up the 2020 Convention committee that will be hosting the convention in Kearney, Missouri, in May 2020. Please become involved in this great work. The convention is only great if all of us work to make it great. I am looking forward to an excellent convention in Kearney and Chief David Pratt is working diligently on this project.

The exterior of the museum in Kingdom City is very close to completion. It is looking great and the inside will be just as nice when completed. Please donate if you are able. Keith Smith, Chairman

of the Memorial Foundation will speak more on this in his article.

2nd Vice Chairman Grant Oetting has been attending many activities throughout the state promoting membership to FFAM and has shown progress with increasing our number of members. He has been assisted by Josh Koepke and Jonathan Evans. I apologize if I have forgotten anyone else. Great job everyone.

FFAM annual dues will be sent out soon if not already. All membership renewals are due January 1. Secretary/Treasurer Jaime Miller has included in the notices a list of membership benefits. FFAM offers the largest amount of benefits than any other state fire organization, all for \$10 a year of which \$3 of that amount goes to the Fire Fighters Memorial in Kingdom City. FFAM Board of Directors continues to look for additional benefits for its members. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact your district director.

The FFAM Directors are currently working on the 2020 budget and I want to remind all directors and committees that your request for funding is currently due to 1st Vice-President, Chief Larry Jennings, Johnson County Fire Protection District. We will be voting on the 2020 proposed budget at the December 1, 2019, board meeting in Sedalia at 9:00 a.m. at the fire station.

Other items that are due for submission soon are the nominations for awards and scholarships. You can find the applications on the FFAM website or in upcoming newsletters. Please take the time to nominate deserving individuals for these important awards. These are just a few of the excellent benefits I was talking about earlier.

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FIRE MARSHAL'S UPDATE

Tim Bean
State Fire Marshal

Missouri Division of Fire Safety



Greetings from the thirteenth floor. Happy First Responders Day, it is today October 28, as I write this article. Judy and I would like to express our thankfulness to each one of our present and past first responders. Many have served for many years, and some may just be beginning their career, but one thing, each of you hold is commitment, service, and selflessness. We appreciate you, and are thankful for you!

Since the last article I attended the National Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Firefighter Russell Hayes from El Dorado Springs Fire Department was recognized this year and was added to the national wall. I would like to thank the Missouri firefighters who volunteered as family survivor sponsors, along with the Missouri fire departments who sent honor/color guards to participate during the weekend ceremonies. Thanks to Supporting Hero's for their assistance to me during that weekend.

I have attended several funeral visitations across our state this year. I would like for any agency that loses a member within your department, even if they have retired to please reach out to me and let me know. We at the Division would like to recognize them for their service to our state. I will do my best to attend the visitation and personally meet the family and thank them for sharing their love one, and their sacrifice.

I would like to plug the FFAM memorial service at this time also. In May, the third weekend, the FFAM will host a memorial service in Kingdom City. This is the ceremonial site for Line-of-Duty, and Non-Line of Duty deaths. If you have any one who has served with your agency, past or present who has passed on, they will recognize them at the memorial

service in May. If you have questions feel free to contact me at 573-751-1742.

Light the Night was very successful across our state during the week of September 29, to October 5. We were very appreciative that Governor Parson allowed the Missouri State Capitol to be lit red this year. Many of you shared your departments and homes shining red. Let's continue this tradition next year. The dates for next year's *Light the Night* will be September 27, to October 3. If you would send this year's photos to dclark@firehero.org they will add them to the National Fallen Fire Fighters Light the Night website.

The 3rd Annual State Fire Marshal 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb was again a successful event. I would like to express my appreciation to my staff, sponsors, vendors, locale first responder agencies, OA, and NFFF. It appears we will have raised over \$18,000 dollars to support survivor families. We have settled on a date for next year's stair climb, October 10, 2020, save the date, don't be late!

There is power through education. I am pleased to see the large number of fire departments who participated during *Fire Prevention Week*. What an opportunity to take our message to the streets, and make our state safer. "Not everyone wears a cape, Plan and Practice your Escape," was this year's theme. Thank you for caring and sharing this message, every little bit matters!

The new process on how to get your free firefighter training is good. Thank you to everyone who has applied for free firefighter training. We realize it is 180 degrees from the old way, but we are committed to assisting you in any way we can. Contact me at tim.bean@dfs.dps.

mo.gov, 573-751-1742 or 573-645-2069. Contact Becky at Becky.Trapani@dfs.dps.mo.gov, 573-751-5302 or 573-508-4343. To apply for training go to: <https://dfs.dps.mo.gov/programs/training/contract-awarded.php>, there is a video there that will assist you on how to fill out your request. Again feel free to contact us if you have questions or need assistance.

Thank you to our Missouri Fire Fighter Veterans and any veteran who has served our nation. I appreciate you seeing the need to serve which has allowed us to maintain our freedom, and be the greatest nation on this earth. God Bless you and God Bless America!

DIVISION NEWS

Missouri Division of Fire Safety Team would like to invite you to Assistant State Fire Marshal's Greg Carrell retirement celebration on December 4, at 2:00 p.m. The event will be held at McClung Park Pavilion, 931 McClung Park Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Assistant State Fire Marshal Carrell has served our state and the division of fire safety for thirty-three years. Come join us, and help celebrate his awesome journey of service.

In other news, John Loveless has moved over into the Fire Investigation Unit. He will be serving the central area of the state, based out of the Mexico area. We want to welcome Eric Hartman to our Division team. Eric will replace John and will be begin his duties in the training division November 18.

In closing Thanksgiving and Christmas will have passed by the time of the next news article. Judy and I would like to send our heartfelt thankfulness

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BOARD of DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

FFAM OCTOBER 6, 2019 MEETING • SEDALIA, MO

Draft • Final Approval at Next Meeting

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, October 6, 2019, at the Missouri State Fair Fire Department in Sedalia, MO. The meeting began with the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS

OFFICERS

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

DIRECTORS

District 1, Terry Wynne, Galt FPD; District 2, Greg Wright, Shelbina FD; District 3, Larry Jones, Madison West Monroe FPD; District 4, Joe Vaughn, Pleasant Hill FPD; District 6, Gary Berendzen, Cole County FPD; District 9, Roy Sims, West Plains FD; District 10, Greg Brown, Eureka FPD; District 11, Monty Thompson, Kearney FPD.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

District 1, Janet Cain, Braymer Fire and Rescue; District 2, Vernon Cash, Shelbina FPD; District 3, Rob Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; District 4, Jonathan Evans, Lincoln FD; District 11, Josh Koepke, Kansas City FD; District 14, Glen Dittmar, Dearborn Area FPD.

OTHERS

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

GUESTS

Greg Carrell, Missouri Division of Fire Safety; Kevin Zumwalt, Gail Hagans, David Hedrick, University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute; Billy Smith, North Central Carroll FPD; Joe

Jennings, Johnson County FPD; Brayden Miller, Norborne FPD; Richard Wilson, Southern FPD of Holt County; Ed Daugherty, Chillicothe FD.

AGENDA

President Hoover asked for additions to the agenda. Roy Sims moved to accept the agenda as presented. Greg Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

MINUTES

President Hoover asked for corrections to the August 4, 2019, meeting minutes. Terry Wynne moved to accept the minutes as presented. Gary Berendzen seconded the motion and all approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

President Hoover asked for a review of the July-August 2019 financial report. Glenn Dittmar moved to accept the financial report presented. Joe Vaughn seconded the motion and all approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUEST(S)

Director Kevin Zumwalt with the University of Missouri Fire and Rescue Training Institute advised that the Missouri Emergency Services Instructor Conference is November 1-3, 2019. Those wanting to attend can still register.

Winter Fire School courses have been set. The brochure and course registrations will be available in November.

The first meeting of the fire service stake holders meeting was held in September. The new center will incorporate the four pillars of first responder training including law enforcement, EMS, fire and emergency management. The training meeting went very well and advise, and recommendations were well received.

The MFA grant is now open with \$24k - \$25k available for training.

As previously discussed, there are new training request requirements. Those departments wanting to utilize state training funds must request their training through the Division of Fire Safety who will then designate a training entity to provide the training. Please get your training requests in.

Assistant State Fire Marshal Greg Carrell with Missouri Division of Fire Safety advised that the Division hasn't seen a lot of training requests coming in. As a reminder, if a fire department is wanting to utilize state training funds, the fire department must initiate the training request through DFS and not through a training vendor.

The DFS recently held a fire chief's meeting that was well attended. They received good feedback and are working towards achieving training goals and more standardized training.

The DFS is looking into possible funding through the state for higher education and trade schools such as fire academies.

The DFS Stair Climb will be October 19 in Jefferson City. Online registration is available, and all proceeds go to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

Carrell also advised that as of January 1, 2020, he will be retiring from the DFS with 33+ years of service.

The Department of Conservation will be offering a program in 2020 with funding opportunities for fire departments. More information will be released as available.

Terry Odell with the DFS is retiring. Information on his retirement reception will be sent out.

Chief Hoover advised he has been attending meetings on behalf of FFAM.

There has been an emphasis for more online training opportunities.

Discussion was held on a sponsorship/donation to the stair climb. Monty Thompson moved to donate \$250 to the DFS memorial stair climb. Gary Berendzen seconded the motion and all approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Miller advised that after a recent audit of the SAFER grant, FEMA has advised that FFAM needs a records retention resolution to designate how long grant materials will be maintained by the Association. Federal Grant Records Retention Resolution No. 2019-1 was presented. Glenn Dittmar moved to accept the resolution as presented. Greg Brown seconded the motion and all approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Joe Jennings reminded everyone that the awards deadline is February 28.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Larry Jennings advised most of the committee budget requests have been received and he and Treasurer Miller will be working on the 2020 budget this month.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE

No report was given.

CHAPLAIN COMMITTEE

David Hedrick reported that the Missouri Fire Chaplain Corp (MFCC) conducted its annual meeting and training conference on September 9-10, 2019, in Springfield, MO. There were 23 attendees participating in the training. Training subjects included substance abuse, self-care, and chaplain's tool kit. The MFCC Board is working on re-establishing a website and a qualification process for Chaplains. The next MFCC annual meeting and training session is scheduled for September, 14-15, 2020, in Kansas City, MO.



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Additional training classes are planned to be conducted at MU FRTI's Winter Fire School in February.

Several Missouri Chaplains will be attending the Federation of Fire Chaplains annual conference this month in Cathedral City, CA. More information about the FFC is available on their website at: <https://ffc.wildapricot.org/>.

Sunday, October 6, 2019, is the 38th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service being conducted at the NFFF Memorial site at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. The ceremony will honor 92 U.S. Firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2018 and 27 firefighters who died in the line of duty in previous years. Please remember these brave firefighters that have given their lives in the line of duty and their families and compatriots left behind.

CONTEST COMMITTEE

President Hoover advised that per the committee's request, he is recommending

Alan Braun to serve on the Contest Committee. Rex Reynolds made the motion to appoint Alan Braun to the Contest Committee. Terry Wynne seconded the motion and all approved.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Monty Thompson advised that the Kearney convention committee is meeting regularly. All events will be held at the high school and Knights of Columbus. Kearney will also be taking care of the trophies.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

No report was given.

FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

No report was given.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Brown reported that the legislative session is getting ready to start. He encouraged everyone to get to know their state representatives as they can be strong

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KNOB NOSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

By Knob Noster Fire Department

The Knob Noster Fire Department (KNFD) has recently recognized some of the department's members for "Being There" for the department and community during 2018.

KNFD's *Top Performer* award is given to a member of the department for all around performance, training and attendance throughout the year. The service these members provided to the Department during public relation events, sporting event standbys, Fire Prevention Programs, not to mention their training and call responses are invaluable to the Knob Noster Fire Department and the Community of Knob Noster.

THE 2018 TOP PERFORMERS

Lieutenant Tim Merrill, Fire Fighter Grant Woollums, Fire Fighter Tim Doyle, Assistant Chief Ben Fundaburg, and not pictured are Captain Steven Ashbridge, Fire Fighter Kyle Lawler, and Fire Fighter Benjamin Burd.

Our *2018 Rookie of the Year* was presented to Fire Fighter Tim Doyle for his dedicated service to the community. Firefighter Doyle came to this department with little experience and proved that with a lot of hard work, dedication, and training, he could become a very valuable member of the KNFD team.

FIRE PREVENTION PRESENTATIONS

Knob Noster Fire Department makes eight fire prevention presentations during Fire Prevention Week. Lieutenant Tim Merrill and Fire Fighter Nathan McIntyre are pictured making presentations and giving a tour of Engine 411. Captain Steven Ashbridge scheduled the programs and made presentations at different schools and preschools.





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BRANDY LYNN GAST

September 28, 1984 - September 23, 2019

Brandy Lynn Gast, 34, of Burlington Junction, Missouri passed away on Monday, September 23, 2019, at the University of Kansas Hospital.



Brandy was born on September 28, 1984, in Maryville, Missouri to Jubal W. and Mary Sandra (Stanton) Smith. She was a graduate of North Nodaway High School and attended Vatterott College and Hillyard Technical School where she received her Paramedics License.

Brandy was a paramedic with the Nodaway County Ambulance District, Buchanan County EMS, Clarinda Iowa Medical Center, and member of the West Nodaway Fire Department and the West Nodaway Rescue Squad, where she was the Captain. She also helped her husband with their family farm and was a member of the PTO and assisted her children's baseball teams.

She married Andrew "Andy" S. Gast on July 10, 2004 at the Laura Street Baptist Church in Maryville. He survives of the home. Additional survivors include their children, Corbin Kane and Kodi Lynn Gast; one sister, Mary (Chris) Townsend, Pickering, Missouri; two brothers, Jordan Smith (Ashley Standiford), Pickering, Missouri and Joshua Smith, Maryville, Missouri; brother-in-law, Kevin (Leah) Gast, Salinas, California; sister-in-law, Jennifer Gast, Overland Park, Kansas; maternal grandmother, Mary Donna Stanton, Maryville, Missouri; paternal grandparents, Charles and Donna Smith, Pickering, Missouri; father-in-law and mother-in-law, David and Gail Gast, Burlington Junction, Missouri; Andrews paternal grandparents, Bernard Gast, Burlington Junction, Missouri and Mary Gast, Maryville, Missouri; nieces and nephews, Jessica Farrell, Windsor, Colorado, Lily and Kaden Brown, Overland Park, Kansas and Ezra and Braxton Gast, Salinas, California and aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Stanley Stanton and Andrews maternal grandparents, Willis and Eva Mae Weedon.

The family suggests memorials to the West Nodaway Rescue Squad. Online condolences can be made to the family at www.pricefuneralhomearyville.com.

GARY JOHANNABER

March 14, 1963 - September 14, 2019

Gary Johannaber, 56 of Paris, passed away on Saturday morning, September 14, 2019 as the result of a motor vehicle accident.



He was born on March 14, 1963 in Moberly, the son of Don and JoAnn Forrest Johannaber. Gary graduated from Paris R-II High School in 1981. After high school, he went to work for Johannaber Plumbing and Heating. On July 11, 1986 he married Karen Craig in Holliday and she survives at home. Other survivors include his parents; one son, Wren (Hannah) Johannaber of Moberly; one daughter, Amanda (Jensyn) Angell of Texas; three grandchildren, Liyah Angell, Lyric Angell and Wells Angell; one sister, Donna (Jay) Mitchell of Centralia; two nephews, Guy (Amy) Mitchell and Cole (Bethany) Mitchell and one niece, Erin (Jason) Kramer; mother and father-in-law Howard and Carol Craig; Brother-in-law, Keith (Terry) Craig and their children; Kaitlyn Hopper, Kiersten Craig, Kamron Craig, Alexis Craig, and Mickael Craig; sister-in-law; Kim (Warren) Johnson and their children; Erica Johnson, Hayley Johnson, and Dylan Johnson. Gary was preceded in death by one uncle, Harold Johannaber.

Gary was a member of the Paris Rural Fire Protection District, where he served as Captain for many years, and also, served for several years on the Paris Rural Fire Protection District Board. Gary attended Friendship Christian Church in Centralia.

Memorials may be made to Friendship Christian Church or Paris Rural Fire Protection District.

10 Tips That Every Fire Department Needs to Know Before Buying a Firetruck

TIP #10: Assess your needs: Who manufactured it is less important than the type of truck. Do your due diligence in coordinating your purchase plans with dealers and manufacturers. What does your department need: is it durability, size, price? A combination of all three? Talk out costly options like foam systems, light towers, generators, etc., and decide if you really need them. Decide what you need before you begin going through the specs and terms.



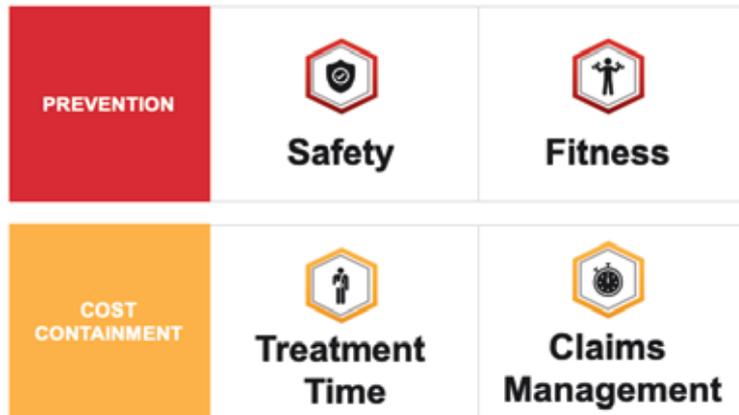
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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

By Theresa Cox, Second Vice President FFAM Auxiliary

As we welcome the new year it is time to renew your auxiliary membership again. Our membership consist of spouses, spouses of retirees, parents of a FFAM members, children of members, or to be sponsored by a firefighter from their local department who is in good standing with the FFAM. Membership is due by January 1, 2020. You can send your new membership or renewal to the following address below.

Membership dues are only \$5 per year. Please make checks payable to: FFAM Auxiliary. Fill out the official form found on the FFAM website, under auxiliary. Include the following information; printed name, full address, phone number, email address, department full name, and who is sponsoring you. There is no requirement for you to be an auxiliary member of your local department to be a member of the FFAM Auxiliary. If you are not a member, please consider joining.

Any questions please contact me at cox.theresa@att.net or 636-357-0939.

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



PENSIONS A GOOD INVESTMENT IN MO

By Missouri Lagers

- About half of Americans age 55 and older have nothing saved for retirement. However, 20% of these have access to a defined benefit pension plan.
- Defined benefit pensions are the preferred retirement plan for state and local government employers.
- Defined benefit plans help government employers attract and retain good workers to serve the communities.
- Defined benefit plans are a good investment for Missouri as most pensioners remain in the state and spend their pension income within the community they served while working.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office recently reported that about half of Americans age 55 and older have nothing saved for retirement. This is a dim statistic. However, the numbers get slightly better when you factor in defined benefit pension plans. Of the 48% of Americans age 55 and older with no retirement savings, 20% of the people in this group have access to a defined benefit pension plan. The good news here is that this group will at least have two of the three legs on the three-legged stool for a secure retirement. The two legs being a defined benefit pension and social security. The missing leg being personal savings.

A defined benefit pension plan is one where payments to a retiree are “defined” because they pay a pre-determined amount for a person’s remaining life after work. Individuals participating in the plan do not direct their own investments; rather, the funds in the plan are pooled together and invested in one portfolio that is managed by professionals. Returns from the investments are used to help pay for the benefits.

The GAO report doesn’t specify, but it is a safe assumption that the majority of those reported as having access to a defined benefit pension plan are state and local government workers. While defined benefit pension plans are continuing to be phased out in the private sector, around 90% of state and local government workers in the U.S. still have access to these plans. There are 77 defined benefit pension plans covering over 600,000 public workers in Missouri. The majority of these plans are sponsored by municipalities. While each plan is unique, the public pensions in Missouri are financial sustainability as whole with an average funded ratio of 82%.

Local governments choose defined benefit pensions over other types of retirement plans to attract and retain good workers to serve the taxpayers. They choose defined benefit pensions so that employees can leave the workforce with dignity when they’re ready to retire. They choose defined benefit pensions because they know benefits will be there for workers that become disabled or pass away before reaching retirement. They understand the importance of continuity of public services and how detrimental high turnover and low moral can be to communities. They choose defined benefit pensions to reduce uncertainty and promote stability.

Defined benefit plans are also a good investment for Missouri as most pensioners remain in the state and spend their pension income within the community they served while working. In fact, benefit payments from Missouri’s public pension plans totaled over \$5 billion in 2017!

Defined benefit pension plans are not a dying breed. In Missouri, these plans are alive and well in the public sector and continue to be a good investment for Missouri.



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advocates for fire service-related issues. They are working on firefighter cancer, PTSD, workers compensation funding, training money, internet sales tax and the donated fire equipment process.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Secretary Miller reported the following membership counts: 493 Directors/Councilman; 313 Retired; 23 Associate; 11 Sustaining; 19 Corporate, 346 Fire Departments; 6433 Active; 20 Educational; 95 Juniors; 3 EMS Department, 80 EMS individuals.

President Hoover advised that the Missouri Ambulance Association has invited FFAM to three events next year.

Greg Wright advised that the EMS Memorial groundbreaking will be October 19, at Missouri State Western University.

November 1-2, will be the Ultimate Honors Training. Information is available in the newsletter. The EMS Funeral Response Team will be recognizing FFAM for our support of their team.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

No report was given.

NVFC COMMITTEE

Keith Smith reported that NVFC has been focusing on expanding their membership. Individual membership is currently \$28 per person. For those state associations that partner with NVFC, they offer a program for discounted individual membership (\$18 per person). Many individual benefits include online training, scholarships and discounts on products through NVFC partners. Discussion followed. Rex Reynolds moved to partner with NVFC to promote individual NVFC membership for one year and then reevaluate the program. Roy Sims seconded the motion and all approved.

NVFC will be hosting their fall 2022 meeting in Kansas City. This will be our opportunity to give the Missouri fire

service national attention. Smith advised he will be presenting a resolution at the December meeting relating to FFAM's support of the upcoming meeting.

Rob Erdel will be attending the fall NVFC meeting in Georgia this month.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

No report was given.

STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

Monty Thompson reported that they had a very busy fair and everything went well.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE

No report was given.

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next newsletter will be November 1.

HISTORIAN REPORT

No report was given.

FUNERAL TEAM REPORT

Greg Wright reported that the team had been called out a couple of times. There are some changes to the PSOB benefits, and the 2019 benefits should be posted in the next few days.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Keith Smith reported the interior insulation of the museum will be done next week. Phase 1 should be complete in approximately four weeks. They are still raising money for Phase 2 to finish the inside which will cost approximately \$250k.

President Hoover advised that he and his wife are making a personal donation to build a 24x24 shelter house in honor of Art Smith and his contributions. The shelter house and picnic tables will be at the memorial in Kingdom City.

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

Monty Thompson advised that the August 2020 meeting should be moved to August 9 instead of August 2 so that it falls on the Sunday prior to the state fair.

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I would like to remind all committee chairpersons, please be meeting and discussing your assignments and to forward to me the results of your meetings. I encourage all FFAM members, if you have input, please contact the appropriate committees or director with your thoughts, and opinions. This will insure state-wide participation and fairness to all our members. If you experience any difficulties, please contact me. FFAM's success depends on the efficiency of the committees.

Being this edition of the newsletter will be the holiday edition, I wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas. All of us have so many things to be thankful for. May joy and happiness follow you all the days of your life!

If there is anything you need from FFAM, please do not hesitate to contact one of the officers or directors. We are here to serve.

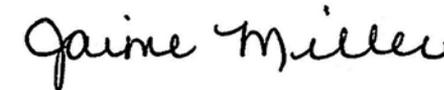
God Speed,



Kenneth Hoover
President
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

Monty Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Glenn Dittmar seconded the motion and all approved.

President Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.



Jaime Miller
Secretary
Fire Fighters Association of Missouri

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and appreciation to each and every first responder who serves in our state. We are very blessed to serve alongside and support each of you. Thank you for your dedication and commitment day in and day out! And we wish you a Merry Christmas. We hope you would join us and not forget the reason for the season, God's gift to us all, his son Jesus Christ. I hope you have a personal relationship with him, because of his love, you can have life everlasting.

Thanks for all you do. If there someone in your agency that is retiring, or passes away please get with me. I would like to recognize them from the Fire Marshal's Office. You can Facebook message me, or call me directly at 573-751-1742.

Stay Safe and God Bless You!



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



2019 FFAM EQUIPMENT GRANT

For the first time in 2019, the FFAM offered an added benefit to our member agencies in the form of a reimbursable equipment grant. The grant was established with \$3,000 of funding to reimburse firefighting related equipment purchases. The FFAM Awards Committee was tasked with overseeing the grant application process and awarding the grant.

With 2019 being the first opportunity for the grant, we are excited to say the number of applications and variety of equipment requests were outstanding with 40 FFAM member agencies submitting applications. These agencies had annual department budgets ranging from \$0 to over \$4.3 million. As the Committee reviewed the applications, it was determined three \$1,000 grants would be awarded to at least partially fund the awarded projects.

The FFAM Awards Committee is proud to announce the 2019 FFAM Equipment Grant awards:

Fishing River Fire Protection District, Mosby, MO
Palmyra Fire Protection District, Palmyra, MO
St. James Fire Protection District, St. James, MO

As the budget process begins for 2020, the FFAM is exploring the options for additional funding for the grant program based upon the reception during this inaugural year. More information will be provided to membership if the funding level changes. In the meantime, begin

planning your applications for the 2020 grant process. Applications are due May 1, 2020 with the award being made on or before July 1, 2020. For more information on the FFAM Equipment Grant, visit www.ffam.org/benefits.

MUSEUM UPDATE & NEWS



By Keith Smith

This should be my last summary of progress articles regarding Phase-I of the museum. By the time you are reading this, we hope, weather permitting, the EIFS work which provides the early period fire station look to the East side exterior will be completed. Once the underground guttering is installed, we will officially deem Phase-I completed and begin the process of Phase-II with all due effort, focus and attention.

Phase-II will fully build-out the interior, provide all electrical, HVAC, plumbing, all of the finishes, formal NE entry and planned functional elements of both the interior and exterior. Preliminary estimates are currently \$250,000 or more. That said, much more to do with fundraising and we continue to look for major sponsors in this project. We have benefited from a few larger donations in getting us to this point, but I am very pleased to acknowledge that with the exception of the FFAM donation of \$100,000; most of the other \$400,000 raised for the museum was from hundreds and hundreds of smaller to small contributions. They all added up to what was eventually needed in getting Phase-I built and now waiting Phase-II of this process. I will continue to remind everyone we are not yet done. I now defer your attention to the current fund-raising projects that are also being outlined in this newsletter.

I also want to clarify that the gray background you are seeing in the museum construction pictures of this newsletter is not even close to what the finished result will look like. You are seeing just one color of what will be a total of five in contrasting the front plus the accents are not yet completed. The final reveal will



THE FOUNDATION UPDATE

By Keith Smith

The Funeral Assistance Team is in the process of adding two new and larger trailers to better accommodate weight and length of inventory. Both will be replacing existing equipment and better suited for cross state and occasionally out of state assistance. Brian has wrapped up registering and titling, next steps are custom lettering followed by the change-over of equipment. Both could be in service by December 1. In the next newsletter we will have pictures of the two new trailers and Brian will provide a wrap-up of this project, a summary of their work for 2019 and his thoughts and comments regarding 2020.

As 2019 nears conclusion, the Foundation begins the annual focus in gathering information on those who have served and passed in 2019 and those we may have missed in 2018. The 2020 Services will be held May 16-17. The Candlelight Service is May 16 at 9:00 p.m. or dark which ever comes later. The Sunday Morning Service on May 17, will start at 10:30 a.m. Regardless of weather, both

be much different, at least we planned in capturing a, "WOW," in the overall final look of the project in which to draw people to the site. Mid-November is the 10 month mark of the contract to begin construction. It has taken a while but most good things always do. On behalf of the Foundation, thank you so very much for your support and our hopes for your continued support in moving the project to its final conclusion. Looking forward to the final reveal pictures of Phase-I in the next newsletter. Perhaps a late Christmas present?

On behalf of the Foundation, we wish you and yours a safe and joyous Thanksgiving!

services will be held at the memorial grounds. Services will be held outside around the service walls if weather cooperates or inside of the museum if weather does not.

If you have a loved one or know of someone who has passed we need to know. I will gladly accept dozens of duplicate notifications rather than miss anyone deserving of honors. The Foundation uses a three year guideline in accepting those for honors. For this service, those who have passed in 2019 and those we may have missed which passed in 2018 or 2017. Also, if the family elects to do so, we will recognize January through March of 2020, versus waiting another for the 2021 services. Due to logistics, we cannot offer April of 2020.

Please contact me at keith.smith@warrenton-fire.org or 314-709-0760. If you are planning on sending pictures, call me! I will direct you to a different email address at keith.smith1974@yahoo.com. You may also send or contact Jamie Miller at ffam.jmiller@gmail.com.

Those of you which are interested in engraving on either the service wall or bricks. We need to have your information by March 1. The final work-up goes to the engraver April 1. Forms can be downloaded from the FFAM website. Service wall recognition requires ten years in the fire service as a firefighter, not continuous and not all in Missouri. The brick pavers can recognize anyone or anything providing it is consistent within the theme of honors. If you have any questions regarding engraving, please contact Doc Kritzer at doc_kritzer@yahoo.com or 573-220-3536.

The Foundation would like to wish you and ours a safe and joyous Thanksgiving!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT



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Larry Jones
Director

By the time you get this newsletter, you have already had all kinds of time to be ready for Christmas. Things have been in the store since before October!

If you have not been by the firefighter museum in Kingdom City, take a Fall drive to see all the work that has been going on there. Phase 2 of the building should be starting shortly and it has an estimated cost of \$250,000.

Be sure to put a big red star on the dates of May 1-3, 2020, for our annual FFAM Convention. It will be held in Kearney next year and the plans sound like a great convention. This is a time for some, "R and R". Does that mean rest and relaxation or ripping and roaring? It is a wonderful time to meet up with your firefighting family that you have not seen during the winter.

Do not forget that the FFAM Board meets every other month at the Sedalia Fire Department for a regular meeting. Everyone is welcomed to come to any of these meetings to participate in the work of FFAM. Your district director is always there to help you in any way they can. Just be sure to give them a call.

District 3 would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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CANCER SUPPORT NETWORK

By Jeff Strawn, Firefighter Cancer Support Network

After firefighters extinguish a structure fire, they typically re-enter the building to conduct overhaul activities. During overhaul, firefighters often open up and look in the walls, ceilings, attics, and any other void space where these still-burning embers might be located. To accomplish the strenuous task of overhaul, firefighters use thermal imaging cameras (TICs), and other tools such as axes, chainsaws, and pike poles to search for hidden fire after the main body of the fire has been extinguished.

During overhaul, there may be little or no smoke, so most firefighters remove the face piece of their SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) and work in the environment without any respiratory protection. Firefighters falsely believe that due to the reduced amount of smoke and fire during overhaul, they

are not being significantly exposed to the products of combustion. Science has proved this notion to be false. Firefighters are, in fact, routinely breathing toxic gases and being exposed to dangerous carcinogens in the post-fire environment. These products may include hydrogen cyanide (HCN), aldehydes, benzene, nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PNA), and other substances.

Recent scientific studies show that the post-fire environment may be more dangerous than firefighters realize. Based on that concept, all fire departments should have an overhaul policy that requires firefighters to wear respiratory protection throughout the overhaul phase of the fire. The Firefighter Cancer Support Network has sample policies on its website if you need a starting place.

A MESSAGE FROM THE



2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Grant Oetting

Hello FFAM membership. Summer has left us and the fall season is upon us. The farmers are in the field taking care of the 2019 harvest, deer hunters are anxious to get into their deer stands and pumpkin spice is in full swing.

The FFAM has been continuously busy working for the membership. We are attending events that you the membership are inviting us to. Many directors have been working on budget request for next year's budget to better serve the membership or having a presence at the



national level at the memorial service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

On September 11, I was a very busy attending events on the behalf of the FFAM. The day started with an invite from Knob Noster Fire Department for their 911 ceremony. The ceremony was held at the city hall with the lowering of the flags and remembering the lives that were lost that day. The ceremony was also attended by the Whiteman Air Force Base Fire Department as well. This was a very moving service and reminded us that many lives were lost that day but never forgotten. Thanks to Chief Rick Johnson for the invite, I thoroughly enjoyed this ceremony.

From the Knob Noster ceremony, I traveled to Lexington, where they were dedicating their Line-of-Duty-Death (LODD) Memorial. Assistant Director Josh Koepke of the Kansas City Fire Department joined me at this ceremony. The department was honoring two firefighters that were killed in the line of duty. Those firefighters that were honored were Firefighter John Lukenbill who was killed in 1939 and Firefighter Paramedic Harold Hollingsworth who was killed in 2013. These gentlemen were honored with a statue in front of the station and their names were placed on the statue. The Lexington Fire Department also honored Former Chief Kirk Smith who served the department for twenty-five years. Kirk was a great teacher when I started my career in the fire service. He would always give you a helping hand

whenever you needed it, a great mentor for sure. Congratulations Kirk on your retirement and thank you for your service to the citizens of Lexington and thank you for being a great teacher to me and others in the fire service. Chief Brad Weber thanks for the invite, it meant a lot to me to see everyone and to be a part in your ceremony.

By the October meeting, the directors had to have their budget requests into 1st Vice President Larry Jennings and the finance committee. The budget is a huge part on how we operate as an organization. If you would like to see an item added for the budget please do not hesitate to contact your director or myself and we will try to get the item or items added to next year's budget.

On October 6, Missouri had representation at the National Firefighter Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, MD. Chief Gordon Fowlson of Riverside Fire Department and Captain Brian Schowengerdt of the South Metro Fire Protection District served as escorts for the ceremony. Our State Coordinator of the Missouri Fire Firefighter Funeral Assistance Team and Supporting Heroes Brian Zinanni and our Fire Marshall Tim Bean with his wife Judy were also in attendance. The ceremony honored Firefighter Russell Hayes of the El Dorado Fire Department who was killed last year in an apparatus accident Thank you Gordon, Brian S, Brian Z, Tim and Judy for representing Missouri at this National service.





It is not too early to start thinking about convention. Next year's convention will be hosted by the Kearney Fire Protection and will be held on May 1-3, 2020. I know hotels are booking quick as I made my reservation the other day and she stated there was very few rooms left. The convention is always a great time to network with other firefighters and their families to make some great friends and have some quality training and fun as well.

Before we know it, the holidays will be upon us. We will be eating lots of food and spending time with our families and friends. On behalf of the board of directors and myself, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If we can be of any assistance, please contact your director or myself. I can be contacted by email at grant_oetting@yahoo.com or my cell phone at 660-229-4525.

Stay safe my brothers and sisters, until next time.







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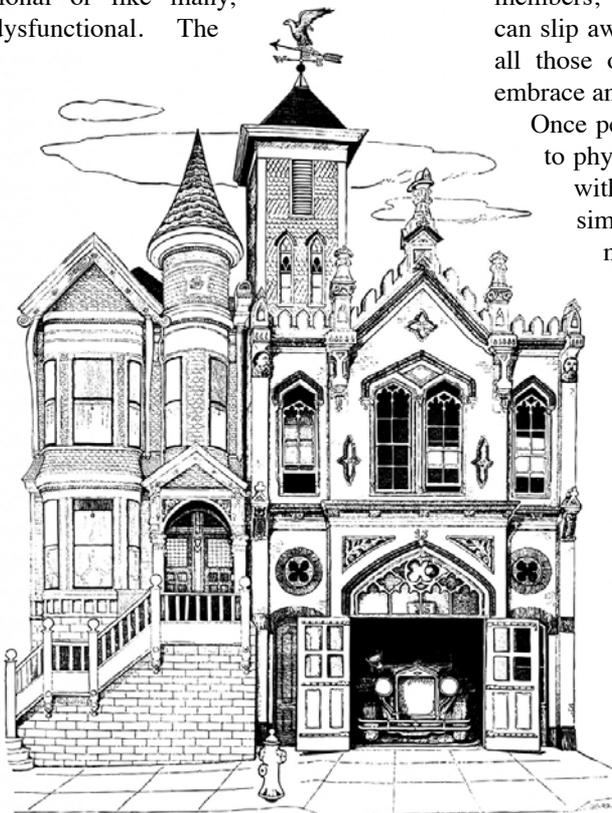


1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Larry Jennings

It is hard to believe, but it appears the end of the year is upon us and somehow most of us ran out of time to accomplish all the things we wanted to or more likely should have completed this year. I hope each of you find successes when available and remember to take the “big picture” into account before deciding your efforts fell terribly short.

I think we should talk a little about family this time. As we scrape the surface of this element of our lives I want to talk a little about our “home” family and about our “fire” family. We all know the importance of our families, whether they are traditional, blended, functional or like many, dysfunctional. The



connection to your family often provides the foundation or at least the materials to make a foundation that will connect you to the world throughout your lifetime. Without some basic skills learned through your family connection we would be left floundering around searching for where we “fit” in to society.

The family dynamic has certainly changed over the years and we each can form our own opinion on what has been good and what may not have been so good in these changes. The busy lives, hectic work schedules and desire to serve our communities we have undertaken in recent times have helped to change some basic family functions. As less time is spent with our family it is easy to lose sight of the importance our family interaction serves. With this in mind we all need to make the effort to carve out time to interact with your family and perhaps take the high road and work towards repairing any damage that has been done in the past without casting blame or expecting praise for doing so.

It can be hard to understand for those that have not experienced loss of family members, but take it as fact that time can slip away in the blink of an eye and all those opportunities to interact, fix, embrace and enjoy your family are gone. Once people pass on there is no way to physically repair any issues, visit with your loved ones, or any other similar salvation. Take the time now to support your family.

Now let’s move on to your fire family. This family has also changed quite a bit over the years, some for the good and some for the bad. Those of you that are new to the group often hear the old folks talking about the “brotherhood,” for politically correctness purposes that term is all of the fire service, and how those we work with become like family and in some cases even more close than family. This is all very true and it can be

distracting for your “home” family sometimes when things going on with your “fire” family supersede or at least appear to outweigh your “home” family needs. It is very important to strike up a balance between these two.

That brotherhood is an important bond that somewhat unwittingly helps us each go home after every call. We become so tight knit that we look out for each other on the job and away from the fire station. We get to the point that we cannot stand to think that one of our partners could be injured or taken from us, so we go that extra step to make sure everyone is physically well.

In either version of your family a critical issue can often be overlooked. This time of year is traditionally a time that many of our family members suffer more severe anxiety, depression and an overwhelming feeling of helplessness. It is possibly more important that we are consistent during the holiday season to be more vigilant in taking care of our family members. As we have seen the rate of suicide among our fire and related first responder family members is on the rise and this time of the year generally sees a spike so perhaps you could take that extra minute to reach out to those around you. Including those without extended families in your family activities is a great way to keep them included and remove some of the feeling of isolation that can be associated with depression. We are our brother’s keeper in reality so don’t forget, no one is totally alone, but help must be both offered or asked for.

As you enjoy the close of the year remember to take care of your “home” and “fire” families and make sure everyone in both groups stays safe.

If I can be of any assistance to you or your department please let me know.

Be Safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Jennings". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

NEW FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS

By Johnson County Fire Protection District

The Johnson County Fire Protection District recently took delivery of two new KME engines on International four door chassis and two new KME tankers on International two door chassis from Jon's Mid-America Fire Apparatus, Inc. These apparatus are the first four in a planned replacement program of apparatus purchased beginning in 2002.

The engines have a 1250 GPM pump with a 1000 gallon water tank. The tankers have 2000 gallon tanks and an articulating extendable rear dump allowing discharge on both sides and to the rear.

Both engines were designed to incorporate features focused at personnel safety which include lower access hose lays to help reduce the need for personnel to leave the ground for hose deployment to

reduce potential injury. Ground ladders, hard suction, and pike poles were placed inside the body for better deployment access and additional cabinet storage space. Booster line was added to the apparatus beneath the steps to the cab in order to assist with gross decontamination at scenes.

“We were able to purchase these apparatus thanks to continued support from our voters,” said Chief Larry Jennings. “When we went to the voters for approval for a bond again in 2018, we were thrilled to have their confidence.”

Three additional KME engines and three additional KME tankers have been ordered with an expected delivery in late 2020 or early 2021 as the District continues to rotate out aging apparatus.



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26TH ANNUAL JEFFCO FIRE ENGINE RALLY

Dedicated to Keith W. Parker

The 26th Annual Jeffco Fire Engine Rally was held on Saturday, September 28, at the Herculaneum City Park. The annual event is sponsored by the Jefferson County Firefighters Association. The Fall weather was overcast with a spot rain shower following the opening ceremony. The annual event attracted firefighters, children and festival-goers from across the state.

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

Following the parade, an opening ceremony and memorial was held that included the dedication of the 26th Annual Jeffco Fire Engine Rally in remembrance of Keith W. Parker, retired Crestwood Department of Fire Services engineer and long-time Jeffco Fire Engine Rally Committee. Keith was a member

of the Jeffco Fire Engine Rally planning committee for several years and served as the apparatus judge. During the dedication, Keith's wife Jan was presented with a Maltese cross plaque in recognition of his years of service to the rally. Mrs. Parker was also presented with a framed certificate in recognition of Keith's name being added to the Memorial Wall at the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri memorial in Kingdom City. Following the presentations, Jan addressed the audience and thanked everyone for their support and love for Keith.

The memorial service also includes the remembrance of the men and women associated with the Jefferson County fire service who passed away during the previous year. The memorial includes the reading of the individual's name, their date of death and their department followed by a single ring of the memorial bell.

Individuals remembered this year included: Zachary S. Daugherty, DeSoto

Rural Fire Protection District; Richard E. Ford, Cedar Hill Fire Protection District and Big River Ambulance District; Stephen F. Hammer, Jefferson R-7 Fire Protection District; Thomas J. Keener, Hillsboro Fire Protection District; Michael V. Langsdorf, Saline Valley Fire Protection District; Calvin H.G. Lindwedel, Goldman Fire Protection District; William T. McCredie, Rock Community Fire Protection District; Steven W. Niemeyer, Saline Valley Fire





Protection District; Keith W. Parker, Jeffco Fire Engine Rally; Oliver R. Pechmann, Cedar Hill Fire Protection District; Michael P. Pouliezos, DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District; Kenneth L. Reed, Hillsboro Fire Protection District and Dunklin Fire Protection District; Paul F. Roth, Festus Fire Department; Burl J. Rudisaile, Festus Fire Department; Emmet L. Smetzer, Sr., DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District; Frank W. Tidd, Sr., Mapaville Fire Protection District; Carol Wagner, Big River Ambulance

District; Michael W. Warden, Festus Fire Department; Carolyn R. Watz, Mapaville Fire Protection District and Alan D. Whitter, Festus Fire Department and Hematite Fire Protection District.

A moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001, is also included in the memorial. Members of the Jefferson County Firefighters Association Color Guard presented the flags prior to Opening Ceremony.

As part of the opening ceremony, the annual Jefferson County Awards are presented to those individuals and departments who are selected by an awards

committee from the nominations that are submitted.

The annual Jefferson County Firefighter and EMS awards were presented as follows: *Fire Department of the Year* Rock Community Fire Protection District, *Fire Chief of the Year* Chief Brian Gaudet, Hillsboro Fire Protection District, *Firefighter of the Year* Tyler Reed, Herculaneum Fire Department, *EMS Chief of the Year* Chief Curt Stueve, Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District and *Paramedic of the Year* Ashleigh Smit, Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District.

The opening ceremony also includes the introduction and presentation of plaques to the rally grand marshal and junior grand marshal. Retired Assistant Chief of the Antonia Fire Protection District Glenn Nivens was honored as Grand Marshal and Camella Hurst of Imperial, MO, represented the Midwest Children's Burn Camp and Burns Recovered Support Group of St. Louis as the Junior Grand Marshal. The O'Fallon Fire Protection District provided transportation for the Grand Marshal and Ron Herman of St. Louis transported the Junior Grand Marshal during the parade.

The annual rally features numerous demonstrations each year and the 26th rally was no different. The Jefferson County Fire and Rescue Training organization demonstrated the suppression of a propane fire; the Crystal City Fire





Department and St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance presented a side-by-side demonstration comparing fire suppression with and without a sprinkler system, and Missouri Emergency Response Service (MERS) of St. Clair, MO demonstrated a large animal rescue scenario.

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

Best Overall Antique: Paul Haug of Ste. Genevieve, MO. *Newest Apparatus in Service:* Crystal City Fire Department. *Oldest Apparatus in Service:* Union Fire Protection District. *Best Overall – Current Apparatus:* Crystal City Fire Department. *Best Aerial Apparatus:* Crystal City Fire



Department. *Best Pumper Apparatus:* Monarch Fire Protection District. *Best Overall Ground Cover Apparatus:* Hematite Fire Protection District. *Best Rescue Apparatus:* Festus Fire Department. *Best Tanker Apparatus:* Goldman Fire Protection District. *Best Lettering and Detailing:* Rock Township Ambulance District. *Best Overall EMS Vehicle:* Valle Ambulance District. *Heritage Apparatus Award:* O’Fallon Fire Protection District. *Farthest Traveled:* Washington Fire Department. *Judge’s Award:* Ste. Genevieve Fire Department

Two firefighter competitions were held at the rally, an axe-throwing contest and a firefighter challenge. Seven firefighter

teams participated in each competition. Members of the Crystal City Fire Department took first place in both competitions.

For the second year in a row, a dalmatian contest was held with three dalmatians participating in six categories. Medals were awarded to first and second place in the following categories: *Most Spots*, *Fewest Spots*, *Largest Dalmatian*, *Smallest Dalmatian*, *Best Dressed Dalmatian* and *Best Dalmatian Trick*.

As in the past, this year’s rally included numerous activities for the children including a bounce house and an inflatable slide, a photo booth, face-painting, balloon artist, rock painting, firefighter theme games, a fire safety house and a scavenger hunt.

The Jefferson County Firefighters Association thanks all of the vendors, equipment sales and food vendors for participating at this year’s rally. The 26th rally had the second largest number of vendors in the history of the rally. A big thank you goes out to the sponsors of the event and to those who attended.

Mark your calendars! The Twenty-seventh JeffCo Fire Engine Rally will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2020, in Herculaneum.



PREVENT, MITIGATE, EDUCATE

By Central Jackson County Fire Protection District

In August of this year, Central Jackson County Fire Protection District (CJCFPD) underwent significant restructuring in its Fire Prevention and EMS Divisions. As a result of this reorganization, the CJCFPD Community Risk Reduction Bureau (CRR) was formed. While the CRR concept is not new to the fire service, the scope of the CJC CRR Bureau is unique. Under the umbrella of community risk reduction falls the EMS Operations Division, the Mobile Integrated Health program (CJCares), traditional fire prevention and investigation activities, as well as several emergency management functions.

In late 2016, CJC launched CJCares, a Community Paramedic/Mobile Integrated Health program designed to deliver non-emergency assistance and care to at-risk populations and high utilizer groups. CJC had experienced a 25 percent increase in calls for assistance between 2012 and 2016. The goal of CJCares was and remains, to deliver services in a non-emergency setting, thereby preventing the need for unplanned emergency assistance. By preventing the emergency, patient outcomes should improve and 911 system utilization should decrease. By the end of 2018, patient satisfaction with the CJCares program was high, repeat patients were calling emergency crews half as frequently, and overall agency-wide call volume decreased.

By the time operation of the program was in full swing, the similarities of “preventative” activities involving CJCares compared to traditional fire prevention activities became apparent. Essentially, each program, CJCares and fire prevention, represented a side of the “prevention” coin. One, emergency medical call prevention and the other, traditional fire prevention. In fact, as each program moved forward, similar methodologies were used to identify elements of community risk. For instance, call data indicated the most common call for assistance from CJC patrons in 2018 was

related to a fall of some kind. This group of calls accounted for over fifteen percent of all calls for assistance. Additionally, the average age of the individual calling for assistance after a fall was 72.4 years old. Using this type of data evaluation, CJCares began researching fall prevention programs and fall potential identification. Using similar methodology, fire agencies have traditionally identified circumstances of frequently occurring fire and have aimed prevention activities at the identified common causes.

By housing EMS call prevention efforts alongside fire prevention activities, the newly formed Community Risk Reduction Bureau staff can evaluate and target specific hazards across the entire spectrum of “risk” for the populations CJC protects. EMS has simply, to this point, been a service line offered by the fire service. Including EMS in the traditional fire prevention model represents a paradigm shift. By spending prevention resources on all identified risk, including risk in the injury prevention and chronic disease categories, CJC demonstrates that EMS has become part of the primary mission and central focus in evaluating a major risk category frequently overlooked by fire agencies. Members of the Community Risk Reduction Bureau work to prevent when possible, through reducing risk to all hazards, mitigate the impact when prevention falls short, then educate to strengthen the likelihood of preventing the next event. Prevent. Mitigate. Educate.



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FUNERAL RESPONSE AND ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE



The Missouri Fire Service Funeral Assistance Team and the Missouri EMS Funeral Response Team held their annual conference November 1-2, in Osage Beach. Funeral team members Larry and Ann Joes received the *2019 Member of the Year Award*. FFAM President Ken Hoover received a supporter recognition award on behalf of FFAM for their support of the Missouri EMS Funeral Response Team.



HEROES OF THE STORM RECEIVE AWARDS

Deputy Chief Steve Barnes, Captain Alan Braun, Lieutenants Gary Braun and Justin Braun were honored with the *Heroes of the Storm* award. On May 22, 2019, at approximately 11:00 p.m., Deputy Chief Steve Barnes radioed to Jefferson City Central dispatch that his home had just been hit by the tornado. Through his home received damage and could not move his vehicle, he asked a neighbor, who is a CCFPD Board member, to drive him to Headquarters Station to coordinate all the incoming alarms for assistance.

Just minutes later the tornado struck Donnie Braun and Sons complex. Captain Alan Braun, and Lieutenant Justin Braun responded to Headquarters

Station to help with the incoming alarms for assistance even though their livelihood has been destroyed. Lieutenant Gary Braun stayed at the business to

evaluate the damage. The award they are holding is part of a tree that was destroyed in the tornado.



CHIEF DARRELL WRIGHT RETIRES



Chief Darrell Wright started his career as a volunteer firefighter with Carrollton Fire Department on November 10, 1977, and hired full-time in April of 1978. He was then hired by Chillicothe Fire Department on April 19, 1983, where he has held the positions of Firefighter/EMT, Engineer/EMT, Lieutenant/EMT. He received his paramedic license in 1990 and went on to be Captain/Paramedic, Interim Chief and then promoted to Fire Chief/Director of Emergency Management in 2009. Chief Wright concluded his fire service career on September 15, 2019, after 42 years of service to the communities of Carrollton and Chillicothe. From 1992-2009 Chief Wright also instructed the EMT/Paramedic classes at the Grand River Technical School. Accomplishments during his tenure as fire chief were the addition of the state-of-the-art fire training center, ground-breaking for Life-Flight Eagle base in Chillicothe, honored by MEMSA as *Administrator of the Year* in 2017 and *Fire Chief of the Year* by FFAM in 2018. We want to wish him a well deserved retirement.



SOUTH CENTRAL BUCHANAN COUNTY FPD UPDATE

On August 24, the South Central Buchanan County Fire Protection District held an open house for its new fire station in Faucett, MO. The new firehouse had been under construction since the district patrons passed a levy in April 2018. The 12,000 square foot, 6 bay fire house was occupied by the fire department in early June, 2019.

South Central Buchanan County Fire Department protects approximately 80 square miles, including 12 miles of interstate highway in Buchanan County. The Department responds to approximately 350 calls for service per year providing fire protection, EMS first responder and hazardous materials operation response.

Programs and games for the public were provided by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Buchanan County Sheriff Department, St. Joseph Communications Center, Buchanan County EMS and the South Central Buchanan County Fire Department. An estimated 250 patrons enjoyed good weather, learned more about the Fire Department and walked away with some safety tips.

Brandt Shields, District Office Director for Senator Roy Blunt read a statement on behalf of Senator Blunt congratulating the patrons of the district for the improvements in public safety the patrons of the district have provided. Brandt also read and presented a resolution from the Missouri House of

Representatives to the Fire Department on behalf of Representative Brenda Shields.

Fire Department members and Board Members thanked the patrons in attendance for their support in allowing the Fire Department to improve its services to the community. The following emergency service providers and vendors made this a great day for all:

- Missouri State Highway Patrol
- Buchanan County EMS
- Buchanan County Sheriff Department
- St. Joseph Police Department
- St. Joseph Communications Center
- Wacky Snap Photos
- St. Joseph Safety Council



JOHNSON COUNTY FPD #2 NEW APPARATUS



Johnson County Fire Protection District #2 recently took delivery of two new apparatus. Engine 551 is an E-One Mini Pumper that will be serving out of Station 5 and Brush 515 is a Ford F-350 that will be serving out of Station 1.

STE. GENEVIEVE FD CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY

With the department's new Rosenbauer Ladder Truck parked behind them, Ste. Genevieve Fire Department Chief Ken Steiger, Assistant Chief Mick Schwent, Mayor Paul Hassler and State Fire Marshal J. Tim Bean spoke about the importance of volunteer fire departments and the strides the Ste. Genevieve department has made at a 125th anniversary celebration at the fire house on October 13.

Schwent, who served as fire chief from 1998 to 2015, gave a summary of the history of firefighting in the city. The department was established in 1894 but records of fire related history have been found back to the early 1800's.

The trucks, equipment and firehouse were available for the public to tour. Demonstrations of a ladder truck rescue and extrication were given after the ceremonies.

The ceremony began with a Welcome of the crowd by Chief Steiger followed by a moment of silence to honor former firefighters, especially Stanley Schwent Sr. and David Grass Jr., both of whom died in the line of duty.

"It takes a lot of cooperation on many levels to be successful," Steiger said, after welcoming the crowd. "One of the most important working relationships we have is with the city. I believe right

now we have a very good relationship with our city." Mayor Hassler agreed the relationship was good. He said he fears citizens often take volunteer efforts by the firefighters and others for granted.

Fire Marshal Bean also spoke on the importance of the volunteer fire departments and the difficulties in finding volunteer staff. Bean also commended the department on the progress made over the years.

The ceremonies ended with a couple of special service awards and thoughts from Chief Steiger on the direction the department is heading for the future.



Auxiliary Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 4, 2019

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Diane Wynne, Galt FPD; Jessica Miller, Norborne FPD; Theresa Cox, Wentzville FPD; Sheri Berendzen, Cole County FPD; Ann Jones, Madison West Monroe; Chris Turner (formerly Slaughter), Warrenton FPD; Joyce Thompson, Kearney Fire; Joni Fields, Paris Rural FPD; Brenda Wright, Shelbina FPD; Missy Erdel, Little Dixie FPD; Kay Asher, Wentzville FPD; Michelle Sims, West Plains FPD.

MINUTES

Diane Wynne asked if there were any changes or comments for the August 4, 2019, meeting minutes. Theresa Cox made a motion to accept the meeting notes as written, seconded by Jessica Miller, motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sheri Berendzen read the report with a total of \$7,117.37 in our account at the closing of the August meeting. There was no deposit and one expense for sponsorship of a floor for the NFFF stair climb, with a new balance of \$6,867.37. Chris Turner made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Missy Erdel, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Theresa Cox reported there 123 members and 11 honorary members, this has not changed since last report. Theresa said that dues for 2020 will be due at December 31.

AUXILIARY MEMBER OR AUXILIARY OF THE YEAR

Jessica Miller said at this time there are no nominations. Said that nominations can be submitted to Diane Wynne, Shelia Nichols or herself.

POSTER CONTEST

No news.

CONVENTION

Joyce Thompson said at this time there was no new news to report. There will be no alcohol allowed at the contest or banquet which is being held at the high school. Reminder convention will be May 1-3, 2020.

CONTEST

There was no news to report about the contest.

HISTORIAN

Chris Turner is working on having pictures and historian info caught up before she moves.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheri Berendzen reported on board name badges and she had some samples and cost for the badges for members to view. It was decided to go ahead and purchase the new name badges for the 6 auxiliary board members. Jessica Miller made a motion to purchase the name badges and was seconded by Theresa Cox, motion passed.

Jessica Miller talked about the cost of ordering black table clothes to be used at conventions and such events. It will have FFAM auxiliary embroidery on it. It will be thru the same vendor so it will resemble what the FFAM has. Joni Fields made a motion to purchase 2 tablecloths and was seconded by Theresa Cox, motion passed.

BY-LAWS

Ann Jones read the proposed changes to the new by-laws. As the by-laws were read it was discovered that there were two typos. The by-laws need to be read again at the December meeting. The by-laws were published in the newsletter and need to be posted on the web page for all to view.

NEW BUSINESS

Diane Wynne talked about contributing funds to the Phil Sayer Scholarship. It was discussed on how much to donate each year. Joni Fields motion to donate \$415 this year and if needed the executive committee has the authority to approve more was seconded by Jessica, motion passed. Theresa Cox and Joni Fields were appointed to a review committee that will assist the MU FRTI on reviewing scholarship applications.

Diane Wynne talked about at the 2020 convention and new board members will be voted in at that time. Diane asked all to think about if they would like to serve on the board.

Sheri Berendzen made a motion to adjourn meeting and second by Chris Turner. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Next meeting is to held December 1, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted;

Sheri Berendzen

Cole County FPD

FFAM Auxiliary Secretary Treasurer

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History's CORNER

HANNIBAL - AMERICA'S HOMETOWN

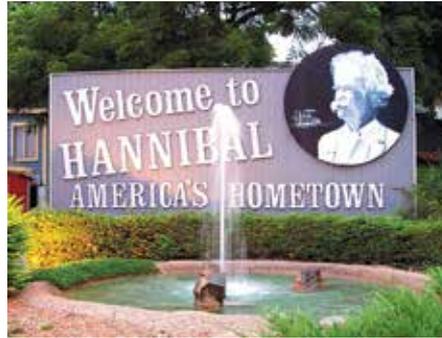
By Bill Westhoff

I really doubt that very many readers of the FFAM newsletter have to be reminded that Hannibal is one of our states oldest and most famous towns. From the time most of us were kids we read the *Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn* in school and learned those iconic stories were based on things that took place in this little village on the Mississippi River.

Moses D. Bates founded Hannibal in 1819. It soon became a principal docking port for steamboats, flatboats and steamers traveling the upper Mississippi. In 1845 Hannibal had achieved city status and the following year the Hannibal Fire Department came into existence.

Many well-known individuals have called Hannibal home, including William Lear, the designer of the Lear jet. Also counted among the famous sons are Congressman William Henry Hatch and Navy Admiral Robert E. Coontz.

By far Hannibal's most well know resident is Samuel Langhorne Clemens, known



world wide as Mark Twain. Clemens was born in Florida, Missouri, and at age four his family moved to Hannibal. The adventures of Huckleberry Finn and other works by Clemens put this river town on the map forever. It continues to provide exceptional opportunities for the community in tourism.

It is fitting and proper for us to feature the Hannibal Fire Department this year as the city is celebration its bicentennial, two hundred years of progress and success on the banks of the mighty Mississippi. Noteworthy is the fact that Hannibal was established two years before Missouri became a state.



Hannibal hosts hundreds of events every year including National Tom Sawyer Days and is a great tourist destination. The community has always taken great pride in its historical, cultural and literary heritage.

One of the most epic attractions in the area is Mark Twain Cave. A history of the cave would require more pages than this newsletter would allow. A hunter,



Jack Simms, discovered it in the winter of 1819/1820 when his dog chased an animal into the small mouth of the cave. According to folklore, it was also used as a secret Confederate weapons storage cache during the American Civil War and a hideout for the legendary outlaw, Jesse James.

If you visit today, it is owned by the Coleberd Family, the late Chief Jim Coleberd and his wife Linda. In addition to the caves, gift shop candle shop and winery, you can see the extensive collection of their fire memorabilia that has recently been donated to the Firefighters Museum in Kingdom City and will be relocated when the building is completed.

HANNIBAL FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE EARLY YEARS

Thanks to some very efficient record keeping and a few articles from the *Hannibal Courier Post* by Mary Lou Montgomery, the history of the Hannibal Fire Department since 1846 is very well documented.

As is many communities across our country, the formation of the fire department was born out of disaster. This river community in 1846 consisted of clusters of frame buildings in close proximity to one another. Since many of the commercial properties dealt with the business generated by arrival of and departure of steamboats, they were close to the river.

The great fire of 1846 occurred in July and took its toll on the business district.

This was likely the event that brought about serious consideration to improve firefighting capability. The fire laid claim to six buildings and all its contents.

- J.S Gano Grocery Store
- D. Gano & Company Stove and Iron Warehouse
- Charles Gleim Drug Store
- John Higgin Boot and Shoe Store
- H. Levin Grocery and Dry Goods Store
- J, S Gano Lard Factory

THE LIBERTY FIRE COMPANY

We can only hope that the Gano Family had lots of good fire insurance. Over the next several years the volunteers with the Liberty Fire Company work together to raise money to purchase a suction pump and associated supplies for the city. These men and ladies conducted fund-raising events in order to pay for this piece of firefighting equipment, in addition to selling bonds paying six percent interest to investors. Sound familiar, how many of our readers have done the same kind of fund-raising in their community?

The Liberty fire engine was purchased by the city of Hannibal in November of 1849, from the Missouri Fire Company of St. Louis. The unit was an actual water pump on wheels that required hand power to propel the water through the attached hose.

The citizens of the city were excited to see their one thousand dollar investment in action so

a grand demonstration was planned on the riverfront to show off the brightly painted firefighting machine.

According to an article in the *Missouri Courier* on November 29, 1849, the “big day” for the Liberty Engine was a Saturday and the weather was “a drizzle, muddy morning,” and there was some hesitation to bring the gleaming, glittering engine out, but desire to see it operate prevailed.

Two attempts were made to “get water” with no avail. Note to self, if you are going to get the entire town out to show something off, try it the evening before!

After much head scratching by members of the volunteer fire company, it was determined that there was a crack in the hose. Likely the suction hose. A new hose had to be ordered.

Later in it’s life the Liberty engine was credited with saving the entire business district when John Garth’s tobacco factory caught fire in the early morning hours of March 4, 1852. The volunteers held the fire to the building of origin.

MOVING ALONG IN HISTORY

My primary contact for this article at HFD has been training officer and pub ED coordinator Mark Kempker. He has



This kind of activity was common in the mid 1800’s on the riverfront in Hannibal. It was known to be a commerce center. Early industries included pork packing, soap and candle making and a number of lumber mills.

been very helpful in providing information, contacts and pictures to be able to paint a historic picture of the organization. One of my first requests was for some information on major fires in the community. Much to my surprise, he sent a 27 page complete accounting of major fires in Hannibal from 1847 to 2005. These are official HFD records, including the number of buildings affected; the property type and owners and the estimated dollar loss.

Since there is no way we can cover almost two centuries of fires, I picked a couple that I thought were interesting.

December 30, 1898: Temperature near zero, alarm received at 10:10 p.m. Equipment dispatched, Hose Carts # 1 and 2 along with Hook and Ladder 1 with extra hose carts called later in the fire. Records show that five hose lines were laid. Address of origin was Brown and Williams Dry Goods at 222 Broadway. Equipment and personnel on scene until 10:30 a.m., December 31. (Happy New Year!) Property involved included 216 - 220 -222 - 224 and 228 Broadway.

November 25, 1893: Largest Fire in the History of the City. Took out the entire 100 block of Main Street. Property of origin, William's and Voorhis Dry Goods Company. Fire cause, a large hanging lamp fell and exploded in one of the workrooms of the facility. Loss for the entire fire \$500,000. (If I was an insurance investigator, I think I would be looking into Mr. Williams's business practices!)

TODAY IN HANNIBAL

Today, Hannibal has a modern, Home Rule Charter form of government. The city offers a full range of public services, which includes fire and police, twenty public parks scattered throughout, and an ever-growing multi-use trail system.

Aside from Hannibal's unique historic district, the community with 17,000 population has grown into a thriving



haven for artisans as is included along the famous 50 Miles of Art corridor.

HFD TODAY AND INTO THE FUTURE

It is really simple today to know exactly what a person or an organization is doing. If you will just check the Facebook page of the Hannibal Fire Department or IAFF Local 1211, you will find photo's that reflect what the nearly 50 members of the HFD are doing and doing it so well!

From their three fire stations and the administrative offices, they are reaching out to every member of their community. The public fire education program is outstanding and pictures of their high angle rescue and water rescue training reflect the quality of service they provide. It is obvious that a high level of dedication and commitment is present from the leadership to the last recruit hired.



America's hometown fire department is also a reflection of communities all across Missouri and our nation. It would be interesting to calculate the number of men and women in just Hannibal alone that have dedicated their lives to that fire department from 1846 till today. From the ladies and guys of the Liberty Fire Company that marched the streets of Hannibal to raise funds to purchase the first fire pump to the folks who are on duty today, we salute you and dedicated this article to you.

In closing, we would like to recognize the firefighters of the HFD who gave the ultimate sacrifice to duty.

- Harry Tessmer: Tuesday, March 2, 1909
- William Gwinner: Tuesday, January 13, 1948
- George Ballinger: Saturday, April 25, 1970



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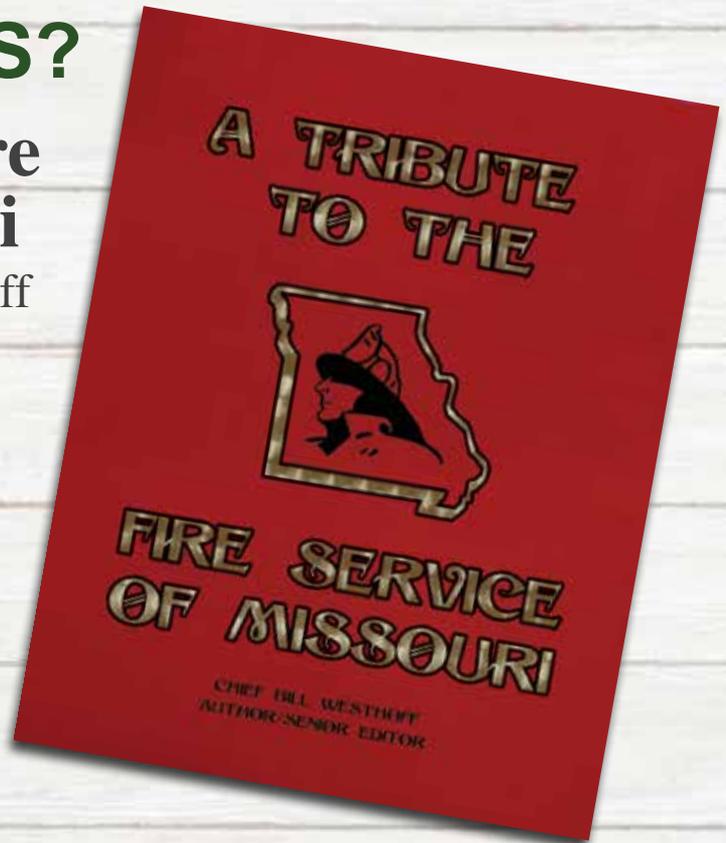


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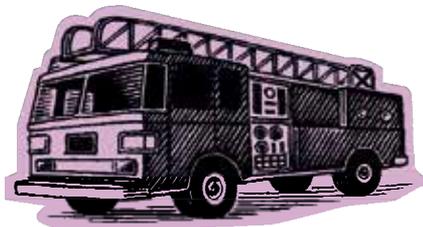
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- A complete set of award guidelines can be found at <http://ffam.org/committees/awards/>
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- The nomination form will need to be included with the nomination statement and all supporting documentation. The nomination form and nomination statement must be typed or legibly written.
- To be considered for the award, the individual must be a current member of the Fire Fighters Association of Missouri and also a member for the year prior to the nomination.
- A complete set of award guidelines can be found at <http://ffam.org/committees/awards/>
- Award Nomination deadline is February 28th

For questions, contact: Chairman Larry Jennings at (660)624-1918 or via email at ljennings@jcfpd.net

*The awards committee for this award shall be comprised of the FFAM Awards Committee members, two representatives from VFIS, an individual representing the Sayer family and an individual representing the Missouri Division of Fire Safety.



DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Kevin Zumwalt
Director



University of Missouri Extension Fire and Rescue Training Institute

Happy Holidays...a little early! As you receive this issue the holiday season will be upon us. First up will be Thanksgiving and before you know it, you're celebrating Christmas and New Year's. With the holidays comes travel, cooler weather and the increased potential for fire, rescue and EMS calls. Please be safe in your travels and in your responses.

The Institute is coming off of our annual Missouri Emergency Services Instructor Conference, November 1-3, 2019. The conference was very successful with 530 student enrollments. Participants were able to select to attend preconference classes, and instructor professional development workshops through the weekend. This conference provides a great opportunity for fire service trainers to improve their skills as educators.

Each year the Institute recognizes Adjunct Faculty for outstanding performance at the conference. The first category of awards is for those instructors who have exemplified the goal of excellence in instruction by achieving a 4.0 rating through our course evaluation process. The following instructors received this award: Shane Anderson, Mike Arnhart, Mark Cado, Tim Clarkson, Robert Crawford, Wayne Cormier, Chad Dailey, Dan Franks, Todd Hamilton, Mark Kempker, Rick Kuhn, Brian Main, Lynn Morgan, Mike Novak, Monte Olsen, Josh Riebe, Robert Schramek, Greg Smith, Gary Taylor, Travis Trent, Paul Verren, Jared Weaver, Kurt Wilbanks, Larry Young and Doug Yurecko.

The Fireball Award, created to recognize individuals for their outstanding performance, superior dedication and positive attitude to assist MU FRTI achieve its mission; a pair of recipients were chosen

this year for their outstanding performance in support of the Institute. Congratulations to Wayne Cormier and Kurt Wilbanks for receiving this prestigious award!

The coveted *Instructor of the Year* was again a tight race. This award is determined through a statistical process that considers the number of classes taught, instructor performance ratings, and overall course evaluation ratings. The Institute recognized the following instructors: Second runner up, Larry Young, Battalion Chief with the Kansas City Fire Department; First Runner up, Wayne Cormier, Training Officer with the West Plains Fire Department; and, the Instructor of the Year for 2018-2019 is Robert Crawford, Assistant Chief with the Ozark Fire Protection District. Congratulations to all of our award recipients for your dedication and service to firefighter training.

I was honored to attend the Missouri EMS Funeral Response Team annual banquet at the Lake of Ozarks on November 2. The EMS and the Firefighters Funeral Response Teams are a vital asset to our first responder communities. In the time of need, families, co-workers and organizations benefit from the services these teams provide. Thank you for your commitment of service!

I hope that all of you are aware with the changes this year in state subsidized training through the Division of Fire Safety. Fire Marshal Tim Bean describes the process again in his article on page 3 of this newsletter. Many of the approved classes are deliverable through MU FRTI. If your department, or surrounding departments would like to receive training through one of the approved classes, please follow the guidelines

outlined by DFS and submit; or, feel free to contact your MU FRTI Regional Training Coordinator for assistance in the process. If you are unsure how to contact your Coordinator, please visit our website at mufrti.org and look for Regional Coordinators under "About MU FRTI."

The 39th Annual Winter Fire will be February 7-9, 2020. Brochures are at the print shop and should be in the mail before the end of the month. However, you can access all the information about the fire school from our website at mufrti.org under "Annual Events." You will notice a change this year with the ability to fully register online by credit card or purchase order to simplify the process. There are seventy-one classes available this year with thirty-three new topics! Many instructors this year present at national level conferences and are published in fire service journals. Attending Winter Fire School will provide access to these high-profile instructors for a fraction of the cost of attending other conferences.

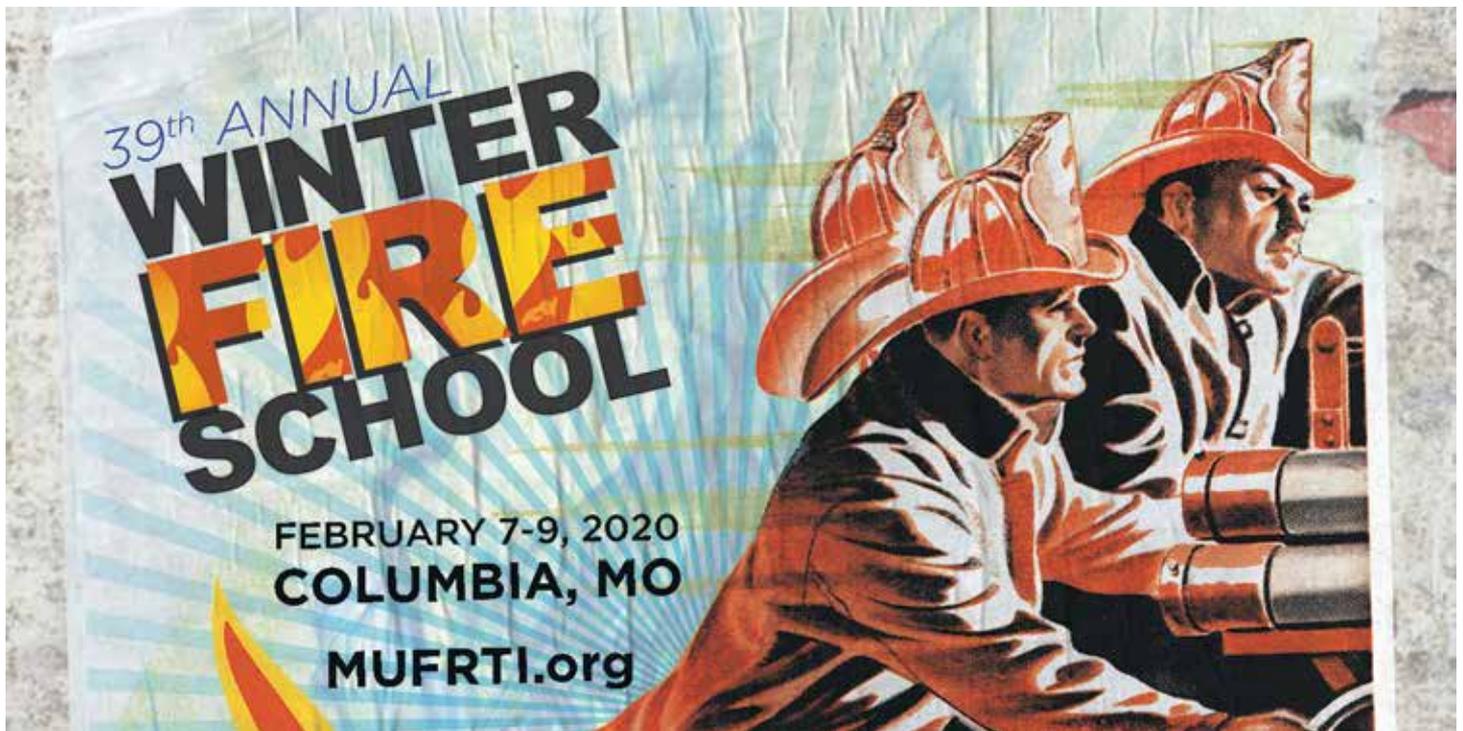
You will notice a change to our website in November. Our site will now be incorporated within the MU Extension site. We will still maintain our unique home page and still accessible from mufrti.org; however, you will notice a change in how the site has been reorganized. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may create. Please check any bookmarks you may have for our website as the only link that will carry forward in this change will be our main address at mufrti.org.

Train safe, Be Safe!

Kevin D. Zumwalt
Director, MU FRTI



DATE	COURSE	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
11/16	Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training	Jane	Daniel Moore	479-871-3158
11/18	Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	Concordia	Roger Meyers	660-909-3216
12/06	School Bus Rescue	Hannibal	Mark Kempker	573-221-0657
12/07	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Doniphan	Lance Pigg	573-707-0568
12/07	Vehicle Rescue: Technician	Perryville	Jason Dauster	573-768-0384
12/09	Fire Department Incident Safety Officer (Blended)	Union	MU FRTI	800-869-3476
12/14	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Galt	Terry Wynne	660-359-7166
12/14	Certified Fire and Ambulance District Board Training	Battlefield	Scott Moore	417-343-4504
01/06	Fire Department Incident Safety Officer (Blended)	St. Louis	MU FRTI	800-869-3476
01/07	Basic Fire Fighter Skills	Laurie	John Scheper	573-374-4442
01/14	Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program	Columbia	MU FRTI	800-869-3476
01/18	Vehicle Fire Fighting	Nixa	Adam Neff	417-343-3319
01/18	Air Monitoring Techniques for Initial Company Operations	Piedmont	Earl Mumper	573-712-4685
01/18	Fire Service Instructor I (Blended)	Troy	MU FRTI	800-869-3476
01/20	Emergency Response to Ammonia Incidents	Union	Matt Tobbben	636-583-2515
01/25	Simulated Incident Management for First Arriving Officer	Buffalo	Dalton Trippe	417-733-4313
01/29	Simulated Incident Management for First Arriving Officer	Kansas City	Jay Curless	816-452-4612
01/30	Simulated Incident Management for First Arriving Chief Officer	Chillicothe	Eric Reeter	660-646-2139
02/22	Exterior Live Fire Skills	Urbana	Larry Senyard	314-249-0139
02/29	Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator: Mobile Water Supply	Branson	James Lannan	417-334-3440



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