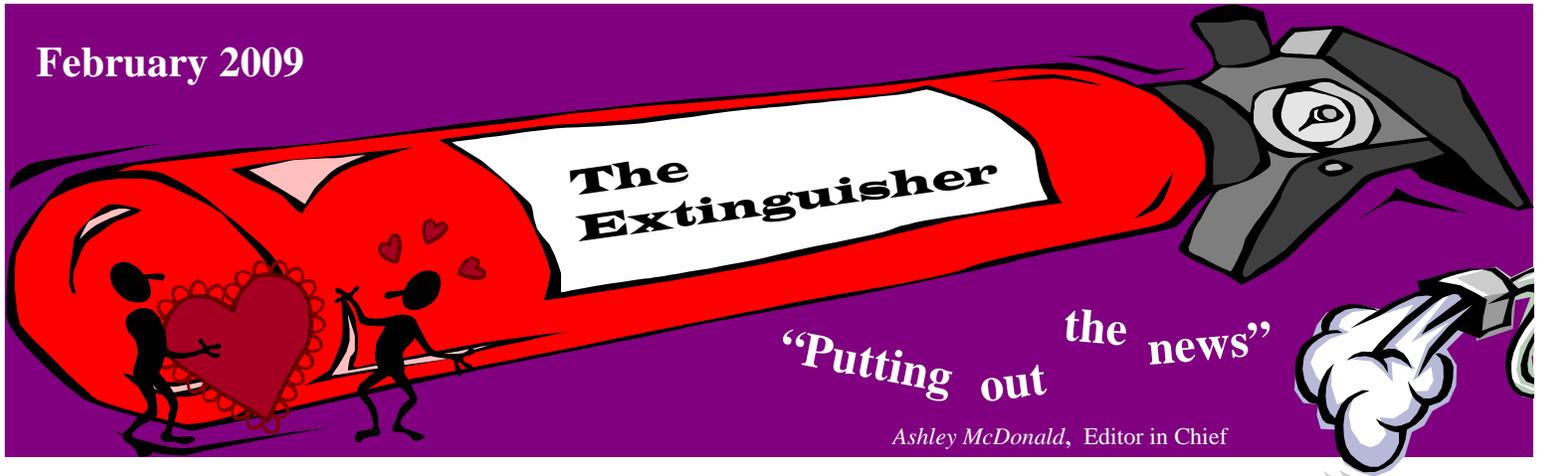


February 2009



Ashley McDonald, Editor in Chief



Birthdays

Clay Walls 2/06

Andy Smithson 2/11

Billy Sauls 2/12

Roy Fugate 2/14



Clay Estes 2/16

Vular Anderson 2/17

Terry Smith 2/17

Jack Black 2/18

Guy Matthews 2/18

Brian Burgess 2/22

Leon Isaac 2/23

Alveraz Constant 2/26

Nora Smith 2/26

Randy Jones 2/28

PRESIDENT'S
Day
MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 16TH
OUR OFFICES
WILL BE
CLOSED



CORRECTIONS...

Last month's Extinguisher included a picture from the Annual MFD Christmas Lunch. **Driver** Craig McBride was listed as a Firefighter.

Also, Nathan Duncan's birthday was listed as January 4th, it was the **28th**. Happy Belated Birthday!

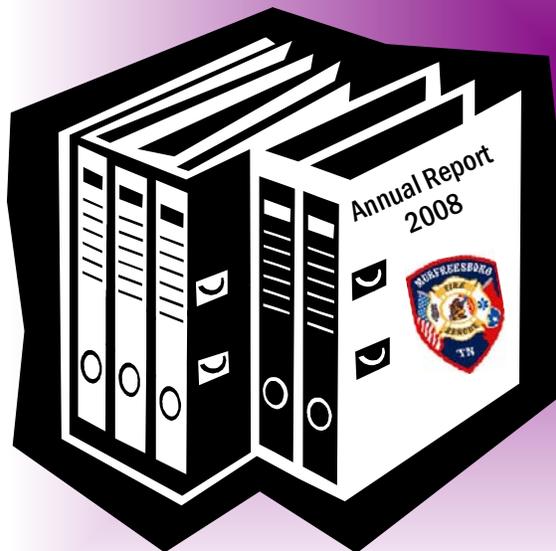
BREWER NAMED FF OF THE MONTH



Driver Bobby Brewer has been named Firefighter of the Month for January 2009. He has received this award for the work he did painting Station 7 and Station 8.

Annual Report 2008

The Murfreesboro Fire Department annual report will be arriving at each station soon. This report includes facts and figures about fire calls, etc. for the previous year.



In 2008...



MFD responded to **8,241** calls

- 5,561 EMS/Rescue calls
- 1,194 False Alarms
- 129 Building Fires
- 67 Vehicle Fires
- 31 Victims Extricated



Fire Prevention Division investigated

- 33 structure fires
- 10 ruled incendiary



13 students graduated from the Citizens Fire Academy



181 fire department personnel trained **69,771** total hours

CAN YOU FIND THE MFD PERSONNEL DISGUISED AS NASHVILLE PREDATORS FANS?



THE ART OF
BEING WISE IS
THE ART OF
KNOWING WHAT
TO OVERLOOK.

-WILLIAM
JAMES



February Anniversaries

ANSWER (NOT IN ANY PARTICULAR ORDER): FF LANCE SUTTON, DR PAUL OLIVER, FF STEVE MELTON, CPT. JOHN AVARITT, CPT. ROBERT ALSUP, FF JEREMY MORRIS, DR JEFF BRATCHER, AND FF RAY ROBINSON. A SPECIAL THANKS TO FF LANCE SUTTON FOR THE PICTURES!



CHANGE: BLACK HISTORY FESTIVAL 2009
PATTERSON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

CHIEF GAINES HONORED

Our very own Fire Chief, Cumbe Gaines, was honored at the 2009 NAACP Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Brunch at Middle Tennessee State University on January 17th. He was recognized for being Murfreesboro Fire Department's first African American Fire Chief. Chief Gaines was also the first African American Fire Inspector, Shift Commander, and Deputy Chief. Congratulations Chief Gaines on this wonderful achievement!

24 YEARS
Mark McCluskey

8 YEARS
Chris Ayers
Renard Brown
Brian Burgess
Alveraz Constant
Clay Estes
Melvin Holmes

7 YEARS
Jeff Wright

3 YEARS
Travis Bryant
Daphanie Crenshaw
Collins Harrelson

* Fun fact: Brian Burgess, Alveraz Constant, and Clay Estes were all hired in the same month as their birthday. What a birthday present!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

MAMA'S STORY TIME, 9-10 AM
SENIOR GAMES, 10-11 AM
HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 11-12 PM
BLACK FILM, 6-9 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

FRIED CHICKEN COOK-OFF, 10 AM-2 PM
GREEK SHOWCASE, 1-3 PM
QUIZ BOWL, 3-6 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

PAPA'S STORY, 9-10 AM
SENIOR PROGRAM, 10-11 AM
HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 11 AM-12 PM
MURFREESBORO'S GOT TALENT, 6-9 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

GUEST SPEAKER, 1-3 PM
TEEN JOB FAIR, 1-3 PM
GOSPEL SHOW, 6-8 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

ALLEN CHAPEL AME CHURCH
ACTIVITIES
AKA BLACK HISTORY QUIZ
BOWL 2009, 4-6 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

MLK 8TH GRADE BANQUET, 3-8 PM

GENERAL ADMISSION:

\$3 ADULTS
\$2 YOUTH
\$1 SENIORS
KIDS UNDER 3 FREE

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Chief Cumbe Gaines gives a speech after receiving his award.

Photo courtesy of The DNI.

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www.mtsu.edu/aahm/calendar

