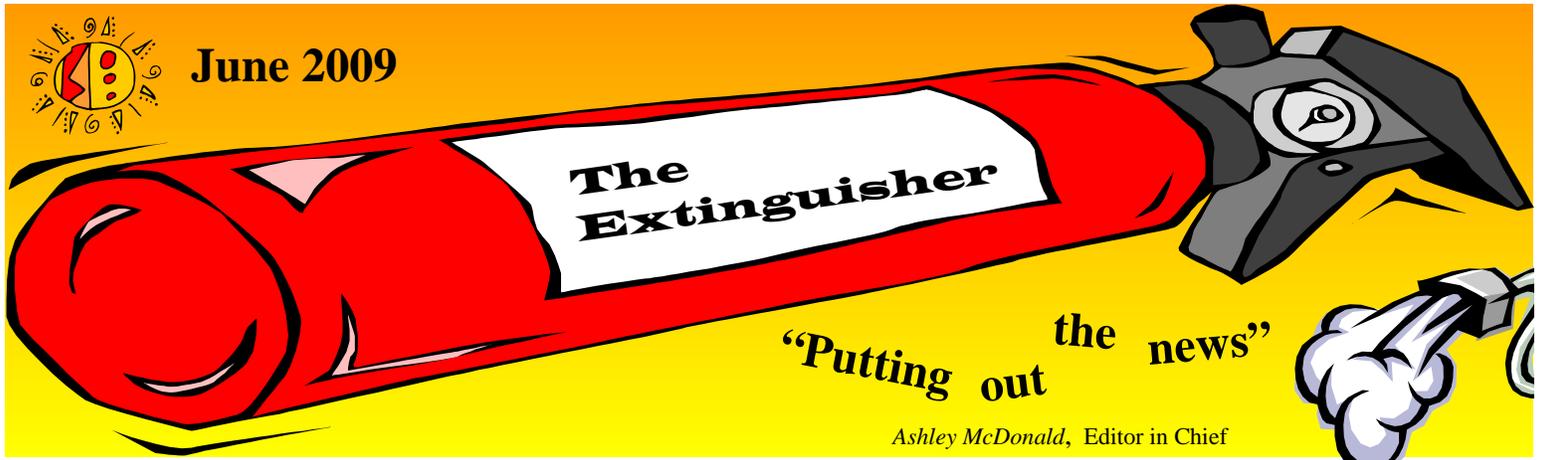




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## Birthdays

- Tim Rowlett 6/02
- Allen Swader 6/02
- Clay Malone 6/07
- Jonathan Gaither 6/11
- Dustin Liddell 6/13
- Jim O'Brien 6/13
- Jerry McGregor 6/16
- Jim White 6/16
- John Avaritt 6/19
- Randy Shaw 6/19
- Jeff Irvin 6/20
- Raleigh Marlin 6/23
- Joe Pennington 6/24
- Mark Brewer 6/27
- Troy Gannon 6/28
- Mike Meeks 6/28

"KINDNESS IN WORDS  
CREATES CONFIDENCE.  
KINDNESS IN THINKING  
CREATES  
PROFOUNDNESS.  
KINDNESS IN GIVING  
CREATES LOVE".

—UNKNOWN

## FIREFIGHTER JAKES RECEIVES FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2009

Wednesday, April 22, 2009, may have been just an ordinary day for most folks, but for Murfreesboro Fire Department Firefighter Al Jakes and the crew of Ladder 8, it was monumental. Ladder 8 was dispatched to Northwoods subdivision for a possible drowning involving a small child. When Ladder 8 arrived on scene, the MPD officer handed the child over to FF Jakes. The 20-month-old was not breathing and had no pulse. Immediately, FF Jakes began CPR. When EMS arrived, they took over CPR and FF Jakes accompanied the unit to the emergency room. The child was eventually transported to Vanderbilt via LifeFlight. The toddler survived because of Jakes and other first responders.

Jakes has received Firefighter of the Month for May 2009 due to his display of heroism in the line of duty.

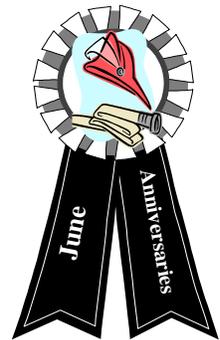


Pictured (left to right): Shift Commander Daryl Alexander, Chief Cumbey Gaines, Assistant Chief Gary Farley, Firefighter Al Jakes, Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, Assistant Chief Allen Swader, and Shift Commander Tim Swann. Photo by Training Coordinator Billy Vinson.

**MFD WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE  
THE FOLLOWING  
EMPLOYEES THAT ALSO  
RESPONDED TO THIS CALL:**

*Captain Larry Shelton  
Driver Jimmy Barrett  
Firefighter Troy Thomas*

## Years of Service



- 24 YEARS** Sam Benford  
Keith Bratcher
- 19 YEARS** Jeff Bratcher  
Keith Elrod  
Troy Gannon  
Guy Matthews  
Steve Melton  
Ronnie Nobles  
Ted Pertiller  
Allen Swader  
Tim Swann  
Eugene Todd
- 15 YEARS** Bobby Canterbury  
Gary Hutchinson  
Nora Smith
- 10 YEARS** Israel Marcella  
Greg Robinson
- 8 YEARS** Brian Lowe  
Mike Meeks
- 6 YEARS** David Bricker  
Davey Ferrell  
Kenny McFarland  
Ray Robinson  
Jim White  
Mitchell Whittenburg  
Kyle Winnett
- 5 YEARS** Mark Brewer  
Karl Daigle  
Joel Patnode