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# The Extinguisher

“Putting out the news”

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## Birthdays

Chris Ayers 10/04

Lionel Holladay 10/06

Travis Bryant 10/08

Hunter Fite 10/11

Zach Fleenor 10/12

Thomas McAdoo 10/15

Taylor Lasseter 10/20

Kevin Leonard 10/20

Anthony Cayll 10/23

Blake Insell 10/23

Jonathan Parsons 10/25

Josh Parsons 10/25

Joe Barrett 10/26

Brian Creager 10/28

Robert Alsup 10/29

Tony Lehew 10/31

## FLYNT AND WARREN RECEIVE NEW HELMET

Firefighters John Flynt and Josh Warren recently celebrated their one year anniversary with the Murfreesboro Fire Department. Both began employment with MFD on September 2, 2008. In honor of this achievement, they each received the new traditional style helmet. Congrats Gentlemen!



**Left:** FF John Flynt

**Right:** FF Josh Warren

## NINE MFD EMPLOYEES RECEIVE COMMENDATION

Nine Murfreesboro Fire Department employees received commendations for their efforts in training MFD personnel on Urban Search and Rescue (USAR). Training Coordinator Nicole Miller, Captain/Shift Training Officer Bob Decker, Captain/Shift Inspector Clay Walls, Captain Raymond Smith, Drivers Clay Estes, Lionel Holladay, Bobby Brewer, and Kenny McFarland, and Firefighter Matt Young received certificates of commendation along with a letter of appreciation from Chief Gaines.



Left to right: Assistant Chief Gary Farley, Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, Captain/Shift Training Officer Bob Decker, and Assistant Chief/PIO Allen Swader.



Left to right: Assistant Chief Gary Farley, Driver Clay Estes, Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, Driver Lionel Holladay, and Assistant Chief/PIO Allen Swader.



Left to right: Captain/Shift Inspector Clay Walls, Driver Kenny McFarland and Firefighter Matt Young.



Left to right: Training Coordinator Nicole Miller, Captain Raymond Smith, and Driver Bobby Brewer.

## SLOAN NAMED FF OF THE MONTH



Driver David Sloan has been named Firefighter of the Month for September 2009. He has received this honor for drafting the Mayday Declaration, Personnel Accountability and Rapid Intervention Guidelines. Sloan has been with the department since March 1999.

# SEPTEMBER 11TH EVENTS: RINGING OF THE BELL AND DEDICATION OF THE TENNESSEE FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL AT THE TENNESSEE FIRE AND CODES ACADEMY



## October Anniversaries

September 11, 2009 began with a bell ringing ceremony for the victims and fallen heroes of 9/11. The ceremony was conducted at Murfreesboro Fire Department Headquarters. Captain/Shift Inspector Mark McCluskey and Captain Jamie Bigelow were in charge of "ringing the bell." Several city dignitaries and fire department personnel watched as Assistant Chief/PIO Allen Swader gave a short speech followed by a few words spoken by the City of Murfreesboro's Mayor Tommy Bragg.



The afternoon was spent commemorating the fallen firefighters of Tennessee. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Tennessee Fallen Firefighter Memorial was held at the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy. Several members of Murfreesboro Fire Department administrative staff were in attendance among other fire departments and emergency entities. Special guests were also present including family members of the two MFD firefighters that died in the line of duty in 1939. You can read about Cartwright and Vaughn in last month's edition of The Extinguisher. Pictured below are MFD personnel with family members of Cartwright and Vaughn and the temporary plaque at the memorial displaying their names.



1939  
A. C. Cartwright, Murfreesboro Fire Department  
Ben Christian, Nashville Fire Department  
Winfred Vaughn, Murfreesboro Fire Department

32 YEARS  
William Murray  
Larry Shelton

31 YEARS  
Joe Barrett

30 YEARS  
Ken Honeycutt

21 YEARS  
Daryl Alexander  
Billy Sauls  
Troy Thomas  
Carol Whitaker

12 YEARS  
Alvin Brandon  
Jason Hayes  
Josh Oliver  
Raymond Smith

5 YEARS  
James Bryant  
Nicole Miller  
Charles Powell

3 YEARS  
Josh Jackson  
Alan Jakes

2 YEARS  
Lucas Dearden  
Andy Smithson

**JAYDEN PAIGE HAYES**

DAUGHTER OF  
JASON & KAREN

BORN: SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

AT 8 LBS / 11 OZ  
20" LONG



**GAVIN JAMES SMITH**

SON OF  
TERRY SMITH &  
SHEILA SHELTON

BORN: SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

AT 7 LBS  
20 3/4" LONG

