

Birthdays

8/3 Dale Bilbrey

8/6 Joe Bell

8/7 Tony Gaines

8/8 Wesley Slager

8/8 Richard Vaughn

8/12 Jeremy Spivey

8/14 Wayne Reed

8/15 Karl Daigle

8/20 Jamie Bigelow

8/20 Bubba Smith

8/23 Bubba Daniel

8/23 Steve Ellison

8/25 Gary Farley

8/25 Mike Mitchell

MFD AWARDED GRANT

On July 30, 2008 State Representative Bart Gordon's office called to notify MFD that we were awarded a FEMA grant in the amount of \$79,096. The grant is 80 percent federally funded. We will be purchasing seven thermal imaging cameras and miscellaneous RIT equipment including four rotary rescue saws.

SCOTT EPIC VOICE AMPLIFIERS

BY: TRAINING COORDINATOR BILLY VINSON



After receiving a federal grant allowing the MFD to upgrade our SCBA to the new 4500-PSI system with the much better AV-3000 facepiece we were enlightened by the fact that a better voice amp was available. Money was also allocated in the new budget to replace our old voice amps with the new Scott Epic Voice Amplifier. The Epic uses three AAA batteries and has a better battery compartment cover seal. When the battery is low the green LED will FLASH to indicate you have two hours of battery life remaining. Another feature of the Epic is the automatic power OFF feature that shuts off the power after twenty minutes of inactivity to conserve battery life. A set of fresh batteries will power the Epic for approximately 20 hours. All MFD fire-fighting personnel will be receiving the Epic in the very near future.



ST. 10 GROUNDBREAKING



On July 10, 2008 Mayor Tommy Bragg, Council Members: Shane McFarland, David Edwards, and Doug Young, City Manager Roger Haley, Deputy City Manager Rob Lyons, Lyle Lynch with Johnson and Bailey Architects, fire department personnel, and other dignitaries from the city, broke ground at the site of Murfreesboro Fire Department's Fire Station #10. The address of the new location is 2563 Veteran's Parkway.

This day also brought bittersweet news as the department discovered that Chief David Baxter is retiring. The City Manager announced Chief Baxter's intent to retire at the end of the year. Mr. Haley also stated the current Deputy Chief, Cumbey Gaines, will succeed Chief Baxter as Fire Chief. Chief Baxter accomplished many wonderful things during his twenty years as Chief and he will be greatly missed.



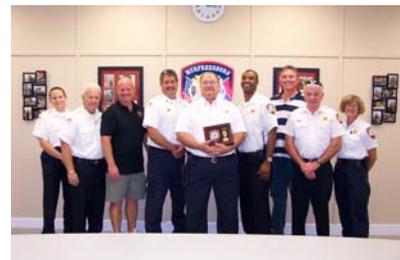
FOUR RETIRE FROM MFD

With the exciting milestone for the department—the groundbreaking of Fire Station 10, we also had four Captains hit a milestone in their careers—

retirement. Captain Thomas Adams and Captain/Inspector Bill Reed retired on July 8th, 2008. Captain David Hayes retired July 17th, 2008. Captain Ricky Hill will retire

on August 3rd, 2008. Adams served the department beginning in 1976 and Hayes, Hill, and

Reed served the department beginning in 1978. All four received shadow boxes from the department as a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication.



ROPE RESCUE TRAINING

July 1st, 3rd, and 9th, 2008, DR Jeremy McCullough instructed a class entitled, *Rope Technician Check-Off*. The students who were selected to attend this class were: DR Bobby Brewer, DR Bubba Holladay, FF Ben Honeycutt, FF Dustin Liddell, FF Raleigh Marlin, Capt/Inst Terry Smith, FF Lance Sutton, and FF James White.

Below were some pictures taken on July 3rd by DR Chris Mikolon.



WHEN
NOTHING IS
SURE,
EVERYTHING IS
POSSIBLE.

MARGARET
DRABBLE



August Anniversaries

31 YEARS
Mike Black
Jerry McGregor

28 YEARS
Cumbey Gaines

22 YEARS
Tony Lehew

18 YEARS
Mike Adams
Jimmy Barrett
Marco King
Steve Thompson
Rob Vaughter
David Wade
Clay Walls

17 YEARS
Terrence Thomas

9 YEARS
Bobby Brewer

8 YEARS
Anthony Cayll
Paul Diawara
Doug English
Chris Mikolon

REED NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH



Bill Reed, newly retired Captain, has been named Firefighter of the Month for July 2008. Reed served the department beginning in 1978. He retired on July 7, 2008. Congratulations Bill, on 30 years and good luck in your future.

STORK REPORT

DAVID AND CASSIE BRICKER
WELCOMED THEIR HANDSOME BABY BOY
BENJAMIN JAMES BRICKER
INTO THIS WORLD ON
JULY 28, 2008
AT 8 LBS AND 21 1/2 INCHES LONG