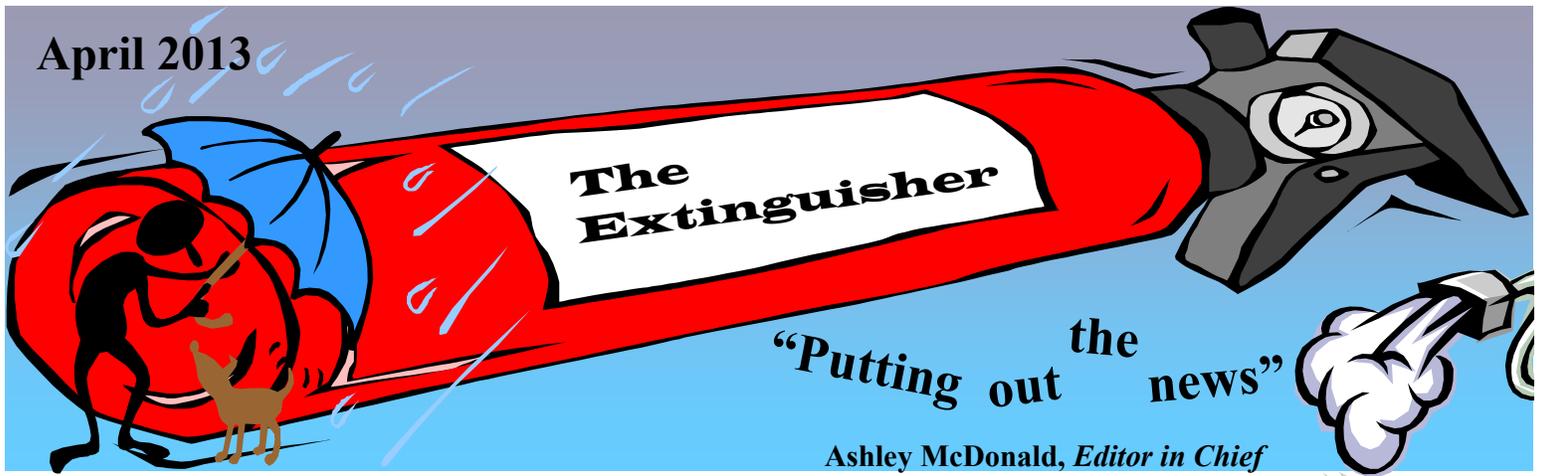


April 2013



Ashley McDonald, Editor in Chief



## Birthdays

Richard Crick 4/4

Kernie Cothran 4/8

Jeremy McCullough 4/9

Josh Warren 4/12

William Durkin 4/17

Daphanie Crenshaw 4/18

Tim Lampitt 4/22

Greg Burt 4/28

## 2012

### ACCOMPLISHMENT

According to City Safety Director Mary States, MFRD had 6 percent less injuries than the average fire protection entities in the State of Tennessee and 9.5 percent less than the average for fire protection entities nationwide, demonstrating a "true commitment to employee safety and health."

# Congrats!

## NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK (APRIL 14-20)

National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 14-20, 2013. It is designated as a time when citizens can thank public safety men and women and dispatch emergency professionals. Don't forget to say "Thank you" to our fantastic Dispatchers at the City of Murfreesboro!

The Police/Fire Dispatcher of the Year will be featured in next month's issue.

## PRESENTATION OF MFRD'S NEW POLARIS RANGER



On Wednesday, March 27, the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, the local Firehouse Subs restaurant, and Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department, presented MFRD's newest asset: a Polaris Ranger and skid unit donated by the foundation in January 2013.

Personnel from MFRD, the Chamber of Commerce, City Manager Rob Lyons, Assistant City Manager Jim Crumley, Councilmember Eddie Smotherman, local Firehouse Subs owners Mark and Laura Watson, and many others were in attendance for the occasion.

Deputy Chief Roger Toombs thanked Firehouse Subs on behalf of the department stating, "The addition of the Polaris Ranger and skid unit will greatly increase our rescue capabilities. We will now be able to respond to locations not accessible by fire apparatus. We will be able to attend many events throughout the City and reach patients more quickly if a medical situation arises. This will be a great asset to our Special Operations and Special Events Team, improving not only our response, but also our public relations. Our ultimate goal is the safety of the citizens of Murfreesboro."

Captain/Shift Inspector Jeff Day also commented on the benefits of the Polaris. He made mention of the 12 miles of Greenway that were not quickly accessible prior to obtaining the Polaris.

"The department is very fortunate to have formed a good relationship with the Public Safety Foundation and the local Firehouse Subs restaurant," said Toombs. "We were very pleased to accept this wonderful donation."

In addition to the Polaris presentation, MFRD was also able to witness the ribbon cutting of the restaurant, located at 2018 Medical Center Parkway. Attendees were also treated to a few snacks and got the chance to see all the memorabilia and pictures that were provided by MFRD that are now on display throughout the restaurant.

*The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was founded in 2005 with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment, and educational opportunities to first responders and public safety entities. Through the non-profit 501 (c)(3), Firehouse Subs has given \$5.7 million to hometown heroes in 36 states and Puerto Rico, including more than \$330,140 in Tennessee.*

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# THREE MFRD EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THE CITY'S STARS AWARD

BY: SHANNON LOGAN, CITY SERVICE EXCELLENCE COORDINATOR

The City of Murfreesboro is pleased to announce Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith, Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith, and Captain/Shift Inspector Clay Walls, of Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department, as the STARS award recipients for February 2013. Captain Smith, Captain Smith, and Captain Walls were recognized at the March 7, 2013 meeting of the Murfreesboro City Council for "Succeeding Through Attitudes Reflecting Service Excellence." A video of their award ceremony can be found on the City's website. It is an honor to recognize the City's greatest assets – its employees.

On December 16, 2012, Captain Nora Smith's crew responded to a kitchen fire. Upon arrival, the fire was extinguished, and no injuries were sustained. Captain Smith noticed that the occupants of the home appeared to be



(Left to Right): Captain/Shift Inspector Clay Walls, Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith, and Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith.

experiencing some economic struggles. Captain Smith, Captain Smith, and Captain Walls were nominated for the actions they took to assist the family after the fire. Their compassion for a struggling family was noted in the nomination. It is not uncommon for our employees to go above and beyond to help our citizens, our customers, and their fellow co-workers. Murfreesboro is fortunate to have employees so caring and honorable.

Captain Smith, Captain Smith, and Captain Walls are all long-term employees of the City. They have all indicated they are committed to serving the public. Chief Cumbey Gaines stated, "It is not surprising that our personnel took it upon themselves to make a difference in someone's life. I am proud of all of our employees in this department and their dedication to serving our community."

The City expects a high level of service from our employees and the STARS Awards Committee determined that Captain Smith, Captain Smith, and Captain Walls genuinely represented that level of great character, professionalism, and compassion in their assistance with this family.

The City of Murfreesboro wishes to recognize employees that go above and beyond what is expected to provide top quality service for both internal and external customers. As part of the award, Captain Smith, Captain Smith, and Captain Walls will each receive \$25.00 and one day of annual leave in accordance with the City's vacation policy. Congratulations to the three recipients and Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department on their STARS award! Thank you to all of our employees who shine brightly every day.

## SAULS NAMED FF OF THE MONTH APRIL 2013



Driver Billy Sauls was named FF of the Month for April 2013. Sauls may be modest, but his acts of kindness have not gone unnoticed. Sauls has assisted several citizens in Station 6's territory throughout the years. When he notices a need, he offers his assistance even on his days off. He has received this honor because of his willingness to go above and beyond to assist the citizens in his district. Sauls has been with the department since October 1988.

*Congratulations Billy and thanks for all you do!*

## FIREHOUSE CONTINUED...



**April  
Anniversaries**

**35 YEARS**

Ricky Jones

**29 YEARS**

Eddie Mitchell

**14 YEARS**

Joe Bell

Roy Fugate

Dwajuan Howse

**2 YEARS**

Ryan Battle

Jeff Clementi

**Check out next month's issue for an article/pics from the FF Survival Training Course!!!**