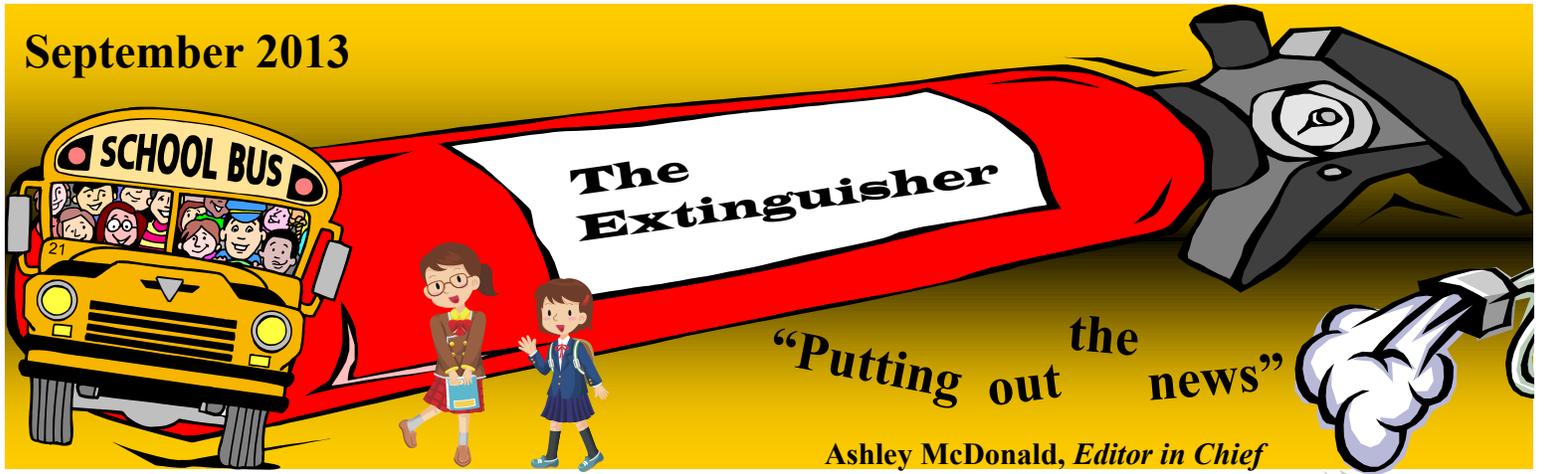


September 2013



Birthdays

- Ashley McDonald 9/13
- David Bricker 9/16
- Ricky Jones 9/17
- Troy Thomas 9/18
- Roger Toombs 9/18
- Daryl Alexander 9/20
- Tim Corder 9/21
- Kenny McFarland 9/23
- Bobby Canterbury 9/24
- Justin McCraven 9/30

City Holidays

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Administrative Offices will be closed for **Labor Day** on **Monday, September 2, 2013**

MCMAHAN PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN



Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's Kurt McMahan was promoted to Captain in August.

McMahan has been with the department since September 1994. Over the years, he has obtained the following certifications: Firefighter I and II, Fire Apparatus Operator, Officer I and II, and Instructor I and II. He is a certified EMT-IV and a Hazardous Materials Technician. He has been an Acting Captain for the department for over 14 years.

McMahan has been involved in the department's extracurricular activities. He served on MFRD's Honor Guard from 2000-2011 and was a part of the Fire Prevention play *Dante's Dance* from 2004-2008. In 2012, along with his crew, McMahan received "Firefighter of the Month" for a first responder rescue.

McMahan trained with his Shift Commander for four shifts and began his assignment at Station 6 on August 26.

"We congratulate Captain McMahan in this endeavor," said Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan. "We know he will do a good job."

ELEVENTH CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY TO BEGIN

The 11th Citizens Fire Academy will begin September 17. The department has added many new demonstrations to the six-week course.

Along with changes made to the curricula, several new instructors came on board to assist with the academy: Drivers Scott Duncan and Doug English and Firefighters Kevin Leonard, Joe Pennington, Titus Jackson, Wesley Slager, Taylor Lasseter, and Ashley Johnson.

The academy will continue through October with a graduation date set for October 29.

YEARS OF SERVICE REMINDER

The 3rd Annual Years of Service Awards presentation will be Monday, September 9 in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 6:00 pm. Personnel and their families are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served after the presentation. RSVP by September 4 if you haven't already!

FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH

Captain/Shift Training Officer Mike Keith and Firefighters Julia Pitt and Andy Smithson received Firefighter of the Month for September 2013. The trio received this recognition for assisting the department on their respective shifts with resetting temporary passwords for the email changeover. This task took a lot of time, so their help was greatly appreciated. Keith has been with MFRD since December 2000, Pitt since 2010, and Smithson since 2007. Congratulations!



MFRD TEAM MAKES GOOD SHOWING AT FIRE SCOTT FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department placed fifth overall their first time competing in the SCOTT Combat Challenge regional competition Sunday, August 9 in Lexington, KY.

Twenty teams from all over the eastern region, including Michigan, Canada, and Oklahoma, faced off in tasks such as climbing a 5-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hoses, and rescuing a life-sized, 175 lb. opponent against the clock.

Under the direction of Coach Bob Decker, Captain/Shift Training Officer with MFRD, Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe and Firefighters Ray Robinson, Matthew Young, Josh Parsons, Chad Davis, and Kevin Leonard (alternate) participated in the male team relay.

Brian Lowe detailed the event, “Young started it off by ascending the tower and completing the hose pull. Parsons descended the steps (hitting every step) and then handed the baton to me (Lowe). I hammered the keiser sled the required distance and then handed the baton back to Parsons. Parsons made his way through the serpentine to pass the baton to Robinson, who had the job of advancing a hose line and spraying water. Once Robinson pulled the hose line and hit his target, he passed the baton to Davis for the final leg, 100’ of dragging ‘Rescue Randy.’”

The MFRD team ran their seeding round against a fire brigade team from Michigan. It did not take long for the Palisades Fire Brigade team to defeat MFRD. After a two second penalty, MFRD earned a time of 1:42 and a 15th seed.

In the first round, MFRD was matched against the “hometown favorite” Lexington Fire. MFRD was able to complete a mistake-free run for the first single elimination run. They managed to pull out a victory with a time of 1:29 and moved on to the next round.

In the “Sweet Sixteen,” MFRD was matched against a tough team from Evansville, IN who had already taken home several individual awards. “Evansville secured a first round by posting a time of 1:17 in the seeding run which earned them a 2 seed,” said Lowe. “We eliminated them with a run of 1:27 and moved on to the Elite 8.”

Montgomery County, KY (Team Tony Clayton) put a stop to MFRD’s “out of the gate” dream season by crossing the finish line just one half second ahead.

MFRD’s team, though they fell short of victory, were not disheartened. Coach Bob Decker stated, “We did exactly what we came here to do. We knew from the get-go that this was our first time to compete. We weren’t naïve, thinking we would win our first time. We wanted to learn and at least be competitive.” Decker went on to say, “We did just that...we learned a lot and we were very competitive.” According to Decker, even the announcers were stunned at how much the MFRD team held their own.

“I am very proud of our Combat Challenge team members,” said Chief Cumbey Gaines. “To place as high as they did at that level of competition considering this was their first time, proves that this department can compete among the best in national events and that you are only limited by your desire and determination.”



COMING SOON: MERITORIOUS SERVICE COIN



Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department will soon have a meritorious service coin. Chief Cumbey Gaines will issue the coins to personnel for outstanding job performance.

The coin is similar to the Years of Service coin, with a small change to the language on the front. The back of the coin will remain a surprise until the October issue of *The Extinguisher*.

Administrative Assistant Laurie Alsup, with the help of several other MFRD personnel, designed the new coin. “I am excited for everyone to see it. I think anyone would be proud to obtain one,” said Alsup.

30TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel participated in the 30th Annual National Night Out on August 6.

Engines or Rescues posted at the five sites: January Street, Oakland Park, Patterson Park, Spring Valley, and Sports*Com, and even sprayed water on a few kids.

City dignitaries, MPD staff, MFRD staff, and the Murfreesboro Housing Authority traveled to each site. MFRD's Public Information Officer, Ashley McDonald, was also on hand to capture the evening by camera.



UPCOMING MFRD CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTION STATION



September Anniversaries

36 YEARS

Dale Maynard

31 YEARS

Randy Jones

29 YEARS

Robert Alsup

27 YEARS

Bubba Holladay

19 YEARS

Kurt McMahan

Tracy Summar

17 YEARS

Craig McBride

14 YEARS

Titus Jackson

9 YEARS

Steve Ellison

Chase Martin

7 YEARS

David Frost

Nell Spradling

Craig Underwood

Matt Young

6 YEARS

Taylor Lasseter

Jeremy Spivey

5 YEARS

John Flynt

Josh Warren



Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department
Child Safety Seat Inspection Station

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department will be conducting Child Safety Seat Inspections at Station 9 (802 Cason Lane)
Friday, September 20, 2013
2:00-5:00 pm.

Child Safety Seat checks teach parents how to install car seats and booster seats safely!

Safe Kids Buckle Up

Four out of every five child restraint seats are installed improperly. MFRD's goal is to assist the community with lowering this statistic.

The department will have another opportunity for parents and caregivers to have their child restraint seats inspected or installed on September 20, 2013.

The inspection station will take place at 802 Cason Lane (Fire Station #9) and is conveniently timed for those just picking up kids from school (2:00-5:00 pm).

If you are unable to attend, there are other opportunities to have your child's safety seats installed or inspected; contact MFRD at 615-893-1422, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm.

Just another way that MFRD is using service excellence to ensure the safety of all our citizens, including the "little ones!"

MFRD'S SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM OUT AND ABOUT

CANNONBURGH "BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST" & SAM'S CLUB COLLABORATIVE EVENT

