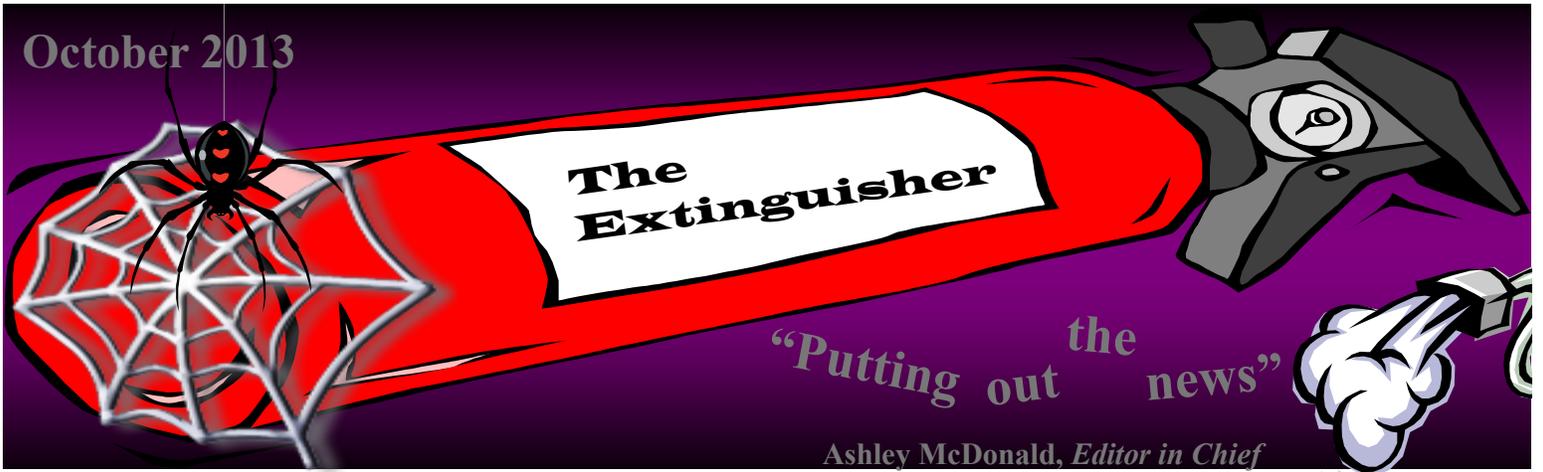


October 2013



Birthdays

Chris Ayers 10/4

Lionel Holladay 10/6

Travis Bryant 10/8

Hunter Fite 10/11

Zach Fleenor 10/12

Matt Roeger 10/13

Thomas McAdoo 10/15

Taylor Lasseter 10/20

Kevin Leonard 10/20

Anthony Cayll 10/23

Blake Insell 10/23

Jonathan Parsons 10/25

Joshua Parsons 10/25

Joe Barrett 10/26

John Fisher 10/27

Brian Creager 10/28

Robert Alsup 10/29

Tony Lehew 10/31



MFRD HONORS EMPLOYEES AT 3RD ANNUAL YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department honored employees at the Third Annual Years of Service Awards Presentation September 9 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Employees with 10 and 15 years of service received MFRD Challenge Coins engraved with their respective years. Employees with 25 years of service received awards engraved with their names and years of service.

This year, there were no employees in the 20 and 30 year categories, but three personnel celebrated 35 years of service. These personnel were presented an award and a special plaque engraved with some of their fondest memories at the department.

“We are very proud of our employees and their dedication to this department,” said Chief Cumbey Gaines.

Award Recipients were as follows:

10 Years

Driver David Bricker

Firefighter Davey Ferrell

Driver Kenny McFarland

Firefighter Ray Robinson

Firefighter Jim White

Firefighter Mitchell Whittenburg

Firefighter Kyle Winnett

15 Years

Firefighter Greg Burt

25 Years

Captain/Shift Inspector Lee Douglas

Driver Billy Sauls

Firefighter Troy Thomas

Shift Commander Daryl Alexander

Department Coordinator Carol Whitaker

Captain/Shift Inspector Jeff Day

Driver Kyle Cobb

Assistant Fire Marshal Carl Peas

Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan

35 Years

Firefighter Wayne Reed

Captain Ricky Jones

Captain Joe Barrett



(L to R): Shift Commander Tim Swann, Captain/Shift Inspector Lee Douglas, Assistant Chief Allen Swader, Department Coordinator Carol Whitaker, Firefighter Mitchell Whittenburg, Chief Cumbey Gaines, Captain/Shift Inspector Jeff Day, Firefighter Jim White, Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan, Driver David Bricker, and Firefighter Kyle Winnett.

Chief Cumbey Gaines presents Firefighter Wayne Reed with an award and a special plaque for his 35 years of dedicated service to the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department.

The plaque lists some of Reed's fondest memories during his career.



Congrats Employees!

TWO MFRD EMPLOYEES RECEIVE SIGNIFICANT CERTIFICATIONS

ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL TRACY SUMMAR

On September 23, MFRD Assistant Fire Marshal Tracy Summar received official notice from the National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI) that he is now a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator (CFEI).

In order to obtain this certification, Summar's credentials were reviewed based on his completion of a CFEI application; he also had to pass written exam. Summar says he prepared for the exam for over a month.

When asked how he felt about the accomplishment, Summar said, "I'm thrilled to have this certification under my belt. It confirms my credibility as an investigator, especially if a case has to go to court."

Summar's next venture will be a two-week Courtroom Testimony course at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. This is part of a prerequisite for another certification which he hopes to obtain, an International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Certified Fire Investigator.

Summar, who was promoted to Assistant Fire Marshal in December 2011, will not be eligible for this certification for approximately three more years, but is doing everything he can to prepare for the future.

Chief Cumbey Gaines congratulated Summar on this accomplishment, "I am very proud of Assistant Fire Marshal Summar for becoming nationally certified. This is no small task," he said.

Summar has been with Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department since September 1994.

FIREFIGHTER MATT YOUNG

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Firefighter Matt Young learned September 26 that he obtained his certification from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency as a Hazardous Materials Specialist.

He is currently the only employee at the department to receive this certification.

Becoming a certified TEMA Hazardous Materials Specialist is a lengthy process; Young had to complete the following requirements:

Certification as a TEMA Hazardous Materials Technician
80-hour Chemistry for Emergency Response Course Certification
80-hour Hazardous Materials Operating Site Practices Course Certification
32-hour Radiological/Nuclear Hazardous Materials Technician Certification

"This accomplishment shows Young's dedication to this department and his willingness to continue his education in various aspects of the fire service," said Training Coordinator Billy Vinson. Vinson went on to say, "This also signifies that he is respected by TEMA as an individual that has acquired the knowledge and skills necessary to educate others on this subject matter."

DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK NOVEMBER 3

It's fall y'all and time for that dreaded end to Daylight Savings Time. MFRD wants to remind the community that this is the perfect time each year to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and also test them for proper operation.

PROJECT SAFE "SMOKE ALARMS FOR EVERYONE"

If you live in the city limits of Murfreesboro and are in need of smoke detectors, MFRD has a program that can assist you. With Project SAFE, we offer free smoke detectors with free installation. We have dual detectors available as well as specialty alarms for the hearing and visually impaired. Contact MFRD Monday through Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm to set up an appointment.



CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

MFRD WELCOMES THREE NEW HONOR GUARD MEMBERS

Deputy Chief Roger Toombs announced in September the addition of three members to Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's award-winning Honor Guard.

After an intense interview process and two months of trial practices, Firefighters Chad Davis, Joshua Parsons, and Andy Smithson received letters notifying them of their acceptance to the team.

The MFRD Honor Guard presents colors at several esteemed events throughout the year and is also very active in honoring fallen firefighters all over the state of Tennessee.

The mission of MFRD's Honor Guard is "serving, honoring, and displaying the Colors for the community and department with professionalism, pride, and integrity with respect to the past and present department members, families, and fallen firefighters."

"We are delighted to have these three on board and look forward to them participating in events in the near future," said Shift Commander Dale Maynard, who serves as the department's liaison for the Honor Guard. "I think they will do an excellent job and reflect well upon the department."



MFRD PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE IN 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

Thirteen Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel participated in the 4th Annual Nashville 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb September 8 at the William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower in Downtown, Nashville.

The group joined 330 other Firefighters from across the nation to climb 110 stories in remembrance of the 343 FDNY Firefighters that perished in New York's Twin Towers September 11, 2001.

Three MFRD personnel (Firefighters David Branch, Daphanie Crenshaw, and Kevin Leonard) were sponsored by the department. The other 10 participants representing MFRD were Driver Josh Oliver and Firefighters Ryan Battle, Karl Daigle, Ryan Daniel, Chad Davis, Kevin Defeo, Josh Parsons, Ashley Welcome, Matt Welcome, and Sean Wheeler.

Participants wore full gear, weighing anywhere from 60-80 pounds. They each were given a badge to wear with the name and photograph of one of the FDNY Firefighters killed on September 11, 2001.

"I can't even explain what it felt like to accomplish this challenging physical feat in memory of our fallen brothers," said Firefighter Sean Wheeler. "To get the opportunity to honor them and their family members was amazing," he added.



Front Row: (L to R) Firefighter Kevin Leonard, Firefighter Ryan Battle, Firefighter Matt Welcome, Firefighter Ashley Welcome, Firefighter Daphanie Crenshaw, and Firefighter Kevin Defeo.

Back Row: (L to R) Firefighter Ryan Daniel, Firefighter David Branch, Firefighter Sean Wheeler, Firefighter Karl Daigle, Firefighter Joshua Parsons with Baby Charlotte, Firefighter Chad Davis, and Driver Josh Oliver.

“LET’S GET COOKING WITH FIRE SAFETY”

October is Fire Prevention Month and this year’s theme is “Let’s Get Cooking with Fire Safety,” so MFRD did just that!



Our quarterly cooking show, “Cooking with MFRD,” enlisted the help of three local kids to assist in the kitchen with three super easy recipes. Host Ashley McDonald and special guest Assistant Fire Marshal Tracy Summar, walk the audience through the simple steps of making Chex Mix, Buffalo Chicken Dip, and Dirt Cups.

The program will air on CityTV (Channel 3) during the month of October and will highlight cooking safety tips as well as fire safety tips.



A link to the episode will be on MFRD’s website and Facebook page.

THREE NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER 2013

Three Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department employees were named “Firefighter of the Month” for October 2013. Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith and Firefighters Duane O’Donnell and Ashley Johnson received the honor for pressure washing Fire Station 10 located on Veterans Parkway. Smith has been with the department since May 1996 and O’Donnell and Johnson have been with the department since January 2012. Job well done guys!



Terry Smith



Duane O'Donnell



Ashley Johnson

TWO PERSONNEL BECOME LICENSED PARAMEDICS



October Anniversaries

36 YEARS

William Murray

35 YEARS

Joe Barrett

25 YEARS

Daryl Alexander
Williams Sauls
Troy Thomas
Carol Whitaker

16 YEARS

Alvin Brandon
Jason Hayes
Josh Oliver
Raymond Smith

9 YEARS

James Bryant
Nicole Miller
Charles Powell

7 YEARS

Josh Jackson
Alan Jakes

6 YEARS

Lucas Dearden
Andy Smithson

1 YEAR

Adam C. Brown
Ryan Daniel
Justin McCraven

