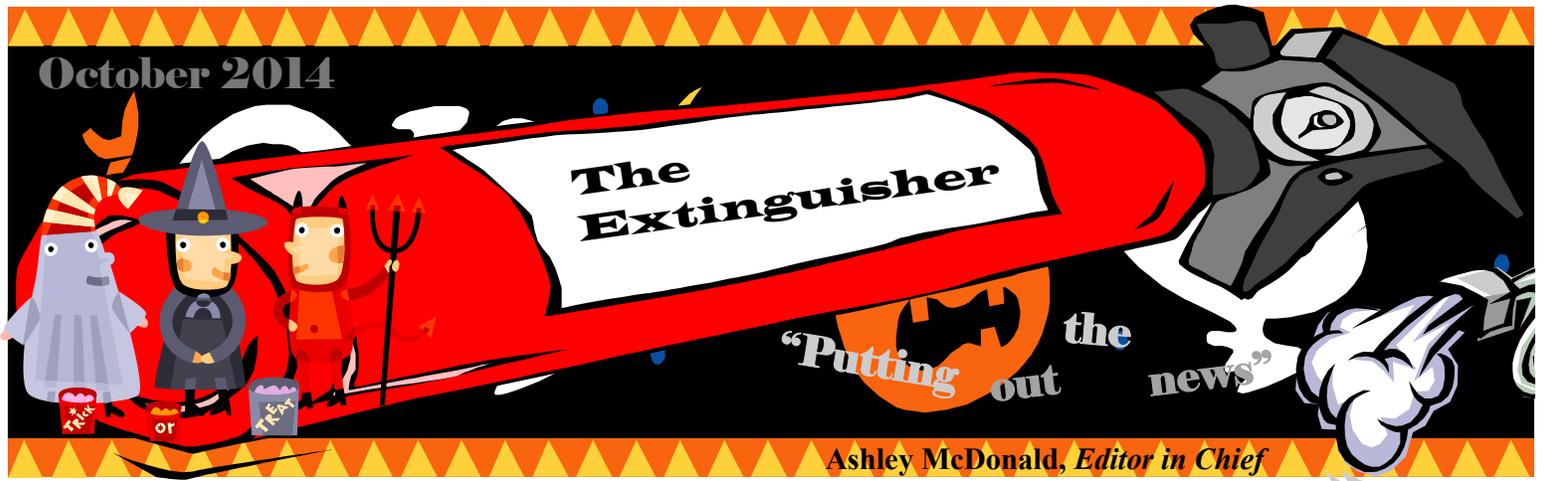


October 2014



Ashley McDonald, Editor in Chief



## Birthdays

Chris Ayers 10/4

Lionel Holladay 10/6

Travis Bryant 10/8

Hunter Fite 10/11

Zach Fleenor 10/12

Matthew 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 FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department honored employees at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Years of Service Awards Presentation September 29 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 20 and 30 years of service received awards engraved with their names and years of service. There were no personnel in the 25 and 35 year categories this year.

Deputy Chief Roger Toombs told the group, "These plaques and coins are only a small token of the appreciation that Chief Gaines and I have for your dedication to this department. We could not be more proud of the way you represent this department on a daily basis. Your passion for serving your community never ceases to amaze us."

Award recipients were as follows:

*10 Years:* Shandrea Womack, Charles Powell, Nicole Miller, James Bryant, Chase Martin, Stephen Ellison, Mark Brewer, Joel Patnode, Karl Daigle, Joseph Pennington, James Jones, and Dale Bilbrey.

*15 Years:* Titus Jackson, Robert Brewer, Israel Marcella, Greg Robinson, Roy Fugate, Dwajuan Howse, Joe Bell, Michael Bartlett, David Sloan, and Blake Insell.

*20 Years:* Kurt McMahan, Tracy Summar, Nora Smith, Gary Hutchinson, and Robert Canterbury.

*30 Years:* Robert Alsup, Eddie Mitchell, and Jack Black.

If you missed the live broadcast of the presentation on CityTV, watch it [here](#). See more pics on Page 6!



**Front Row:** (L to R) Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, Chief Cumbey Gaines, Jeff Irvin, Shandrea Womack, Mark Brewer, Stephen Ellison, Chase Martin, James Jones, Dwajuan Howse, Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan, and Assistant Chief Allen Swader.

**Back Row:** (L to R) Assistant Chief Kim Lawson, Robert Alsup, Gary Hutchinson, Charles Powell, Joseph Pennington, Titus Jackson, Eddie Mitchell, Blake Insell, and Michael Bartlett.

# UPCOMING FREE CAR SEAT CHECKS



## Multi-Agency Child Safety Seat Inspection Station

Acceptance Insurance  
273 N. Louisy Street, Smyrna, TN

Saturday, October 4, 2014  
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

*Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department, Rutherford County EMS, and Rutherford County Sheriff's Office will have Child Safety Seat Technicians on hand to inspect and install car and booster seats and educate parents/caregivers on proper procedures.*



## Is your child's car seat safe?

Find out for FREE

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

11:00 am-1:00 pm

Rutherford County Health Department  
100 West Burton Street  
Murfreesboro, TN 37130



### During a car safety checkpoint, technicians:

- ✓ Ensure that the car seat brought by the family has not been recalled.
- ✓ Provide hands on instructions how to correctly place a child in a child safety seat.
- ✓ Assist parents/caregivers with installation of a child safety seat in the vehicle.
- ✓ Offer tips on how to choose an age, height, and weight appropriate child safety seat.

### DID YOU KNOW?

73% of car seats are not used or installed correctly.

Correctly used child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71%.

The Child Care Resource and Referral Network is working with local agencies to KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!!!



## Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Child Safety Seat Inspection Station

Saturday,  
November 1, 2014  
10:00 am-2:00 pm

Barfield Elementary  
350 Barfield Crescent Rd.

(sponsored by Illuminate Church)



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



# MFRD & BLACKMAN BLAZE INSTALL 26 SMOKE ALARMS THROUGH FIRE SAFETY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department, with the assistance of Blackman Blaze football players and Coach Philip Shadowens, canvassed three high risk areas in Murfreesboro Saturday, September 27 and installed a total of 26 free smoke alarms in the community.

The project was part of a collaboration between the State Fire Marshal's Office and high school football "Guru" Murphy Fair which involves 10 high schools in the state partnering with local fire agencies to provide and install free smoke detectors in high risk areas of their communities through the State Fire Marshal's Smoke Alarm Campaign.

Players were divided into groups and partnered with three MFRD personnel to go door to door in the areas of January Street, Central Magnet School, and Mitchell Neilson.

Captain Jamie Bigelow, one of MFRD's members that participated in Saturday's canvas, said this about the experience, "I truly enjoyed working with a group of such fine, young gentlemen. They were very respectful and eager to help their community."

As for the residents in the community, Bigelow said, "Surprisingly, they were very receptive to allowing three large football players and a Firefighter to enter their homes. They knew our intent was to lower their risk of fire death by making sure they had the right amount of working smoke alarms."

According to the State Fire Marshal's Office, the State of Tennessee has had 39 fire deaths to date. The National Fire Protection Association states that having working smoke alarms in the home cuts the chances of dying in a fire in half.

If you were not a part of this event, there are other opportunities to ensure that your home is equipped with the right amount of working smoke alarms. MFRD's Project SAFE "Smoke Alarms for Everyone" provides free smoke alarms and installation for the citizens of Murfreesboro. MFRD also offers specialty alarms for the visually or hearing impaired.

For more information on the Project SAFE program, contact MFRD Admin Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 615-893-1422 or visit [www.murfreesborotn.gov](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov).



(L to R)

**Front Row:**

**Blake Taylor, Ronnie Killings, Charlie Davidson, and Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe.**

**Middle Row:**

**Coach Philip Shadowens, Will Link, Jaron Bazemore, Luke Drew, Captain Jamie Bigelow, and Assistant Fire Marshal Michael Bartlett.**

**Back Row:**

**Joseph Sewell, Zach Click, Matthew Wilkins, and Doug English.**

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK (OCTOBER 5-11, 2014): WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

National Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11, 2014. This year's theme is "Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives."

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department wants to remind the community to check your smoke alarms to make sure they are in working order. According to the State Fire Marshal's Office, Tennessee has had 39 fire deaths to date. The National Fire Protection Association suggests that working smoke alarms can cut chances of fire death in half.

"Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom of your home, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home, including basements," said Assistant Fire Marshal Carl Peas. "Smoke alarms should also be tested monthly to ensure they are functioning properly, and batteries should be changed at least twice a year," he continued.

If you live in the city limits of Murfreesboro, MFRD's Project SAFE "Smoke Alarms for Everyone" Program offers free smoke alarms and installation. MFRD also has specialty alarms available for the elderly, disabled, visually or hearing impaired. Contact MFRD Administration Office Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm at 615-893-1422 or visit [www.murfreesborotn.gov](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov).

Fire Prevention Week is the longest running safety campaign. It was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.



**Working Smoke Alarms  
Save Lives**

**Test Yours Every Month!**

**Fire Prevention Week • October 5-11, 2014**



## MFRD GOES PINK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

For the third year in a row, Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department will be wearing pink uniform shirts during the month of October to support breast cancer awareness efforts.

Many of the men and women of the department have been affected by the disease.

"We are truly proud to wear these shirts to remember those who lost their battles, those who have survived, and those still fighting for their lives every day," said Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan.

Join us on Facebook to see more pictures of the crews in their pink shirts throughout the month.



## UPCOMING EPISODE OF COOKING WITH MFRD

Coming soon to CityTV, Facebook, and YouTube is the latest episode of Cooking with MFRD with Host Ashley McDonald and special guest chef Captain Tony Lehew.

This episode features recipes that are perfect for any fall or winter gathering.

Tony shares his “Everything but the Kitchen Sink” Chili which is sure to warm your heart. He also walks you step by step through his creation of a “Bacon Bomb.”

The show wraps up with Ashley’s Low Calorie “Mocktail.” You won’t want to miss this one for sure!

Past episodes of Cooking with MFRD can be viewed on our [website](#).



## YEARS OF SERVICE SPECIAL MOMENTS



### MURRAY NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH: OCTOBER 2014

Driver William Murray was named Firefighter of the Month for October 2014. He received the honor in recognition of his retirement from the department which is effective October 3.

Murray has been with the department since October 1977.

*Congratulations Murray!*



# MFRD HONOR GUARD EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 2014

## *MFRD's Award Winning Honor Guard Teaches First-Ever Honor Guard Introductory Course at TFACA*

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's national award winning Honor Guard taught the first-ever "Honor Guard Introductory Course" at the Tennessee Fire & Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) in Deason, Tennessee on September 6.

A total of 24 students from fire departments across the state of Tennessee participated in the course, which covered introductory information ranging from basic facing maneuvers to the "Manual of Arms."

The course was offered in conjunction with TFACA's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Tennessee Fallen Firefighters 'Everyone Goes Home' Training Weekend and Memorial Service." It was taught by MFRD Honor Guard members Greg Burt, Chad Davis, Jeff Irvin, Thomas McAdoo, and Lance Sutton.

"The class was actually a collaboration between the fire school, the Tennessee Federation of Fire Chaplains, and MFRD," said Greg Burt. "Our first course was very successful and the hope for the future is to provide a longer course and perhaps more extensive courses moving forward."

According to Burt, the intent is to keep the course in line with the Tennessee Fallen Firefighters Memorial because the students get to go straight from training to see the Honor Guard "in action," honoring their fallen brothers and sisters.



## *MFRD's Honor Guard Presents Colors at Several Events Commemorating 9/11*



Photo courtesy of John Carney, Times Gazette

*Tennessee Fallen FF Memorial, TFACA, 9/6/14*



*MFRD Headquarters Bell Ringing Ceremony, 9/11/14*



Photos courtesy of Lisa Marchesoni, PIO, RCSO

*Rutherford County Sheriff's Office Solemn Ceremony, 9/11/14*



Photo courtesy of Tommy Campbell, Rogersville Review



Photo courtesy of Bekah Davis

*Nashville 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb, 9/14/14*



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# MFRD PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE IN 9/11 MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB

MFRD participated in the 5th Annual 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb, September 14 in Nashville at the William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower. MFRD's Honor Guard presented colors and MFRD's Captain/Shift Inspector Lee Douglas gave the invocation at the opening ceremonies.

Stair climb participants were as follows: David Cranford, Daphanie Crenshaw, Chad Davis, Allan Debowsky, Kevin Defeo, Britt Gammon, Joshua Parsons, Matt Roeger, Terry Smith, Matt Welcome, and Sean Wheeler. Each had to climb 110 stories in full turnout gear in remembrance of the 343 FDNY Firefighters that died on September 11, 2001.



Photo courtesy of Bekah Davis

# W H O A B A B Y !!!



## MFRD ANNOUNCES SEVERAL NEW ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY...



1. **Heidi Ruth Stephens**, daughter of Brent and Sam Stephens. Born 9/22/14, weighed 7lbs/8oz and measured 20" long.
2. **Caleb Alexander Munoz**, grandson of Michael Bartlett (son of Adam and Emily [Bartlett] Munoz). Born 9/24/14, weighed 7lbs/13oz, and measured 19" long.
3. **John Robert Dearden**, son of Lucas and Holli Dearden. Born 9/25/14, weighed 8 lbs/4 oz, and measured 20 3/4" long.

## MID-POINT CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FOR NEW MFRD APPARATUS



Quint

Members of MFRD and representatives from MFRD's Fire Apparatus Spec Committee recently traveled to Breda, Iowa to the Toyne Plant for a mid-point construction inspection of the department's two quints and one pumper on order. According to Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan, the pumper is one month ahead of schedule and could possibly be delivered in mid to late October; the two quints should be delivered some time in December.

Inspection attendees were as follows: Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan, Shift Commanders Dale Maynard and Tim Swann, Captain/Shift Inspector Joe Bell, Captain Robert Alsup, and Firefighter Joe Pennington.



Pumper

### October Anniversaries

**37 YEARS**  
William Murray

**36 YEARS**  
Joe Barrett

**26 YEARS**  
Daryl Alexander  
Billy Sauls  
Troy Thomas  
Carol Whitaker

**17 YEARS**  
Alvin Brandon  
Jason Hayes  
Josh Oliver  
Raymond Smith

**10 YEARS**  
James Bryant  
Nicole Miller  
Charles Powell

**8 YEARS**  
Josh Jackson  
Al Jakes

**7 YEARS**  
Lucas Dearden  
Andy Smithson

**2 YEARS**  
Adam C. Brown  
Ryan Daniel  
Justin McCraven

**1 YEAR**  
Allan Debowsky  
Justin Lewis  
Brent Stephens