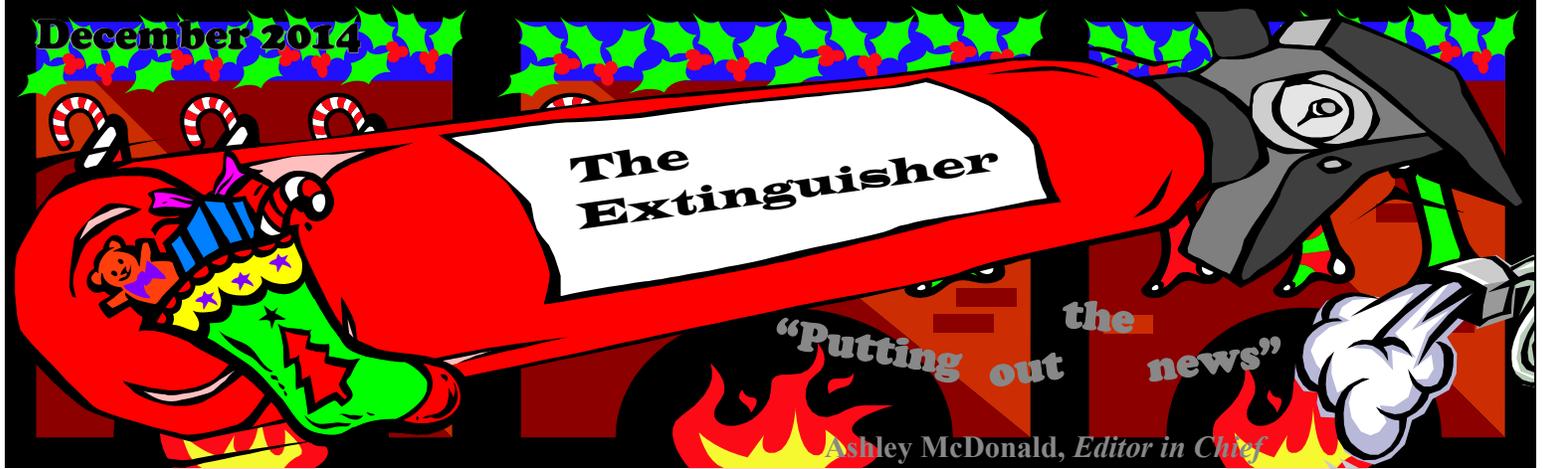


December 2014



Birthdays

Matt Young 12/4
 Cumbey Gaines 12/5
 Charles Powell 12/5
 Shandrea Womack 12/6
 Jeff Bratcher 12/8
 Kurt McMahan 12/8
 Carl Peas 12/8
 Sean Wheeler 12/8
 Melvin Holmes 12/13
 Matt Welcome 12/14
 Adam P Brown 12/20
 Marshall King 12/20
 Craig McBride 12/20
 Mark McCluskey 12/20
 Dale Maynard 12/21
 Matthew Twomey 12/22
 Nicole Miller 12/24
 Jason Norris 12/24
 Lee Douglas 12/25
 Joel Patnode 12/25
 David Frost 12/27
 Josh Jackson 12/29
 Adam Petrig 12/29

City Holidays

MFRD Administrative Offices will be closed on

Wednesday, December 24
(Christmas Eve)

Thursday, December 25
(Christmas Day)

Thursday, January 1
(New Year's Day)

If you need immediate assistance, please visit MFRD Headquarters at 202 E. Vine Street or contact 615-849-2661.

MFRD GEARS UP FOR 31ST ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department (MFRD) is celebrating 31 years of helping children through the Toys for Tots program.



This year's registration will be conducted Monday through Friday, December 1 through 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Patterson Park Community Center, 521 Mercury Blvd., Murfreesboro. Anyone wishing to register for toys for their children shall bring with them to the registration a photo ID, proof of address, each child's birth certificate, proof of guardianship and proof of hardship (evidence of government assistance or free and reduced lunch program, etc.). The giveaway will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 with the location, times, and details given out at the registration. You MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED and have a valid ticket for each child in order to participate in the 2014 toy giveaway.

People wishing to donate toys may do so by dropping new, unwrapped toys off at any business with a designated Toys for Tots box or at any of MFRD's nine fire stations.

Although the program has been very fortunate to have members of the community, churches, and businesses volunteer each year, there is always room for more assistance.

"Each year there is a lot of hard work and a lot of fun building up to the day we give out the toys," said MFRD Assistant Fire Marshal Michael Bartlett, who serves as MFRD's representative for the Toys for Tots Program. "I ask everyone who can to help and bring their families and children to enjoy the experience. They will better understand the need and the love in our community." He continued, "The majority of the people who show up are truly needful and very thankful we are there to help them have a Christmas."

If you would like to volunteer or learn more about the program contact the organization at toysfortotsrc@gmail.com.

HISTORY OF TOYS FOR TOTS

Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Retired Marine Corps Major, Bill Hendricks and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea actually came from Bill's wife, Diane, in the Fall of 1947. Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization which would give it to a needy child for Christmas. Bill determined that no such group existed so Diane asked Bill to start one, and he did.

The 1947 pilot program was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it to a nationwide campaign. The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has distributed more than 370 million toys to more than 173 million needy children in the past 67 years. The initial objective remains the hallmark of the program still today, to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children."

HEADQUARTERS' A-SHIFT CREW RECEIVES CITY'S COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE AWARD

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Headquarters located at 202 East Vine Street received the "Community Landscape Award" from the City of Murfreesboro's Urban Environmental Commission November 12.

Brad Barbee, Department Coordinator for Urban Environmental, presented the prestigious sign to A-Shift crew members at Headquarters. The sign will be displayed for one month acknowledging the station's good landscape design and maintenance practices.

"The Murfreesboro Urban Environmental Department is honored to be able to present the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Headquarters with the Community Landscape Award," said Barbee. "A-Shift has made a significant upgrade to the curb appeal of this historic building that the Murfreesboro community can appreciate and enjoy."

During the summer months, Headquarters' A-Shift crews worked tirelessly to "spruce up" the landscaping at the station. The crews planted new grass, rid the lawn of weeds, edged the flower beds with stacked bricks, planted new flowers and shrubs, and replaced an overgrown tree with a new, smaller crape myrtle.

"We're very excited to be nominated for this award. It shows us that people in the community noticed the changes that we've made to be a better neighbor in the downtown district," said Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith. "I'm proud of the men and women on my shift that worked hard to make this happen."

The purpose of the Community Landscape Award is to recognize properties in the City of Murfreesboro that make positive contributions to the city's landscape. There are four award categories: Single family properties, Multi-family properties, Commercial/Industrial Commercial Businesses or Industrial Sites, and Residential HOA. Persons wishing to submit a nomination may do so by visiting www.murfreesborotn.gov.



Pictured (L to R):

Front Row: Driver Ronald Nobles, Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith.

Middle Row: Firefighter Ben Honeycutt, Driver Randy Shaw, and Firefighter Jeff Clementi.

Back Row: Captain Raymond Smith, Firefighter John Flynt, Firefighter James Jones, and Firefighter Sean Wheeler.

TOYS FOR TOTS CONTINUED...

MFRD INVOLVEMENT

MFRD became involved with Toys for Tots in 1983 when Ms. Rose Yost established Rutherford County Miles of Dimes which soon evolved into the current Toys for Tots. Ms. Yost asked for help from the fire department and MFRD gladly provided support.



Since the beginning of the program in Murfreesboro, MFRD has helped by distributing boxes, collecting toys and monetary donations from local donor businesses, and handing out toys to children the day of the giveaway. Ms. Yost retired in 2004 and MFRD continued to work with local businesses and civic groups to support the program.

Since 2009, the program has assisted an average of 1,050 children per year.

“KNOW YOUR HEROES” NOVEMBER

“A special thanks” to our personnel that participated in “Know Your Heroes” NOVEMBER: *Assistant Chiefs Kaye Jernigan and Kim Lawson, Shift Commander Tim Swann, Assistant Fire Marshals Carl Peas and Tracy Summar, Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe, Captains Mike Adams, Joe Barrett, Blake Insell, Drivers Sam Benford and Brian Burgess, and Firefighters James Jones, Kevin Leonard, Lance Sutton, Shandreah Womack, and Matthew Young.*

Our Facebook Fans truly enjoyed getting to know some of the MFRD personnel in their community!

STATION 6’S C-SHIFT CREW NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH DECEMBER/JANUARY

Captain Terrence Thomas, Driver Karl Daigle, and Firefighters Allan Debowsky and Rob Odom were named Firefighters of the Month for December ‘14/January ‘15 for their efforts during a recent medical call. In November, the crew was dispatched to a call involving a woman in labor. When crews arrived on scene, the baby had just been delivered and was lying motionless on the floor. The crew immediately administered oxygen to the infant, wrapped him in blankets, and suctioned fluids from his airway. The infant began crying and breathing. The crew continued to care for the baby and mother until EMS arrived on scene to cut the umbilical cord and transport both mother and infant to the hospital. Members of the crew also rode in to the hospital.



Registration Dates are as follows:

Monday December 1st - Friday December 5th

5:00PM-7:00PM

Saturday December 6th

8:00AM- 5:00PM

Location:

Patterson Park

521 Mercury Blvd Murfreesboro, TN 37130

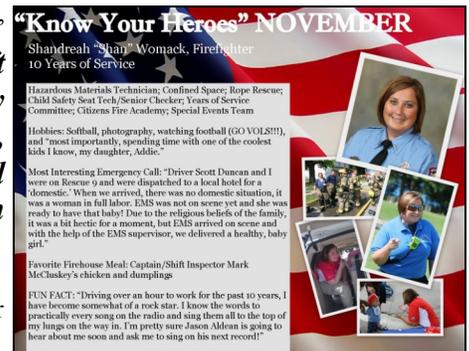
Required Documentation

- Photo ID
- Proof of Address
- Child's birth certificate
- Proof of guardianship if you are not listed on the birth certificate
- Proof of hardship (evidence of free/ reduced lunch, government assistance, etc)

** Please come to registration prepared to provide the above documentation. Tickets will be given on a first come first serve basis.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL TOYSFORTOTSRG@GMAIL.COM

DO NOT CONTACT PATTERSON PARK DIRECTLY FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THIS EVENT.



(L to R): Captain Terrence Thomas, Driver Karl Daigle, and Firefighters Allan Debowsky, and Rob Odom.

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

- » Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- » Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1-2" from the base of the trunk.
- » Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- » Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- » Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- » Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- » Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- » Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- » Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

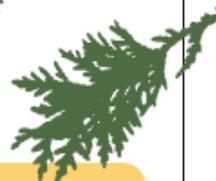


Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.



FACTS

- ! One of every three home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- ! Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they have a higher chance to be deadly.
- ! A heat source too close to the tree causes **one in every five** of the fires.

www.nfpa.org/education



December Anniversaries

29 YEARS

Kenneth Richmond

27 Years

Vular Anderson
Roger Toombs

23 YEARS

Leon Isaac
Doug Rivait

17 YEARS

Jamie Bigelow
Brian Creager
Jeff Harris

14 YEARS

David Cranford
Scott Duncan
Mike Keith
Tim Lampitt
Raleigh Marlin
Paul Oliver
Adam Petrig

8 YEARS

Troy Tayse

7 YEARS

Britt Gammon
Kevin Leonard
Dustin Liddell
Wesley Slager

4 YEARS

Jacob Follis
Julia Pitt



EASTON ALAN CLEMENTI

SON OF JEFF & CLEMENTI

BORN: NOVEMBER 19, 2014

AT 8 LBS / 2 OZ

20" LONG

