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# The Extinguisher

“Putting out the news”

Ashley McDonald, Editor in Chief



## Birthdays

Dwajuan Howse 1/10

Wade Williams 1/13

Julia Pitt 1/14

James Bryant 1/20

Gary Hutchinson 1/20

Mitchell Whittenburg 1/21

Jeff Harris 1/22

Chase Martin 1/25

David Sloan 1/26

Nathan Duncan 1/28



## City Holidays

MFRD Administrative Offices will be closed on

**Thursday, January 1**  
(New Year's Day)

**Monday, January 19**  
(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

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

## MFRD DONATES FIRE APPARATUS TO EAGLEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eagleville city officials and fire department employees gathered at Eagleville City Hall on Tuesday, December 23 to accept the donation of a fire apparatus from Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department.

On December 4, Murfreesboro City Council approved for MFRD to donate a 1990 Pierce 50' Telesquirt to the Eagleville Fire Department. Eagleville's City Council accepted the donation at their December 18 meeting.

“This engine will be a great asset to the City of Eagleville,” said Fire Chief Rick Parks. “If we should have a mechanical issue with one of our engines, this apparatus will allow us the capability to continue to operate with two engines until the other is repaired.”



Parks went on to say, “The 50' Telesquirt boom gives us the capability to operate an elevated master stream at a large building fire. This will give us the chance to have some control until additional resources from Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue or other mutual aid partners can get on scene to assist.”

Chief Parks also hopes the apparatus will give the department some advantage with their Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating, which helps determine insurance rates for their citizens.

Mayor Travis Brown also expressed his appreciation for the donation, “I would like to thank the City of Murfreesboro and Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department on behalf of the citizens of Eagleville and those in the Eagleville fire protection district for their generous donation of this truck. Improving our fire department is a high priority. This is a great addition and will prove invaluable if a large fire were to occur in our community.”

“Our department takes great pride in how we care for our apparatus and equipment,” said MFRD Deputy Chief Roger Toombs. “The apparatus is still in great shape, and we're delighted that Eagleville will get good use out of it.”

**Pictured Above (L to R): Captain Jamie Bigelow (MFRD), Assistant Chief Allen Swader (MFRD), Deputy Chief Roger Toombs (MFRD), Chief Rick Parks (EFD), Assistant Chief Kim Lawson (MFRD), and Eagleville Mayor Travis Brown.**

## MFRD HAS SUCCESSFUL TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel and many other volunteers throughout the community helped make Christmas special for several families in Murfreesboro during the Toys for Tots Giveaway Saturday, December 13.

Registered families received toys for their children at Joywood Cumberland Presbyterian Church located at 7120 Old Nashville Highway.

A total of 916 families registered for the giveaway and a total of 896 families were served at the event.

"A special thanks to all the volunteers who participated," said Assistant Fire Marshal Michael Bartlett. "The smiles on the children's faces were priceless."

MFRD will continue to accept new, unwrapped toys at any of our nine fire stations or Fire Administration through the end of the year.



*Left: MFRD's Steve Melton assisting with sorting toys for the giveaway.*

*Middle: Toys organized and ready to be given to good little boys and girls!*

*Right: MFRD's Tim Rowlett and Josh Jackson prepare for the families to arrive.*

## MFRD'S HOSTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department held their annual Christmas Lunch December 10 at Patterson Park Community Center.





# MFRD APPLIES FOR GRANT TO PURCHASE PAK TRACKERS FOR FIRE APPARATUS

Murfreesboro's City Council recently approved for Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department to apply for the Department of Homeland Security FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant to fund the purchase of 75 Pak-Tracker Firefighter Locator Systems.

The Pak-Tracker Locator is a distress alarm designed to help locate downed, trapped, or lost firefighters, first responders, or other emergency personnel quickly and efficiently regardless of the complexity of the structure or the visual conditions at the fire scene. Search and rescue personnel use a hand-held receiver to detect the signal from the firefighter's individually worn transmitter.

The department already purchased a total of 15 Pak-Tracker systems through the City's Capital Improvement Program. Five systems will be placed on each of the department's new apparatus (Engine 3, Ladder 1, and Ladder 8).

If MFRD receives grant funds, the additional 75 devices will be placed on the remaining apparatus.



## January Anniversaries

**37 YEARS**  
Wayne Reed

**15 YEARS**  
David Simms

**10 YEARS**  
Adam P Brown  
Ben Honeycutt  
Clay Malone  
Lance Sutton  
Ben Thorpe  
Matt Welcome

**5 YEARS**  
David Branch

**3 YEARS**  
John Fisher  
Ashley Johnson  
Duane O'Donnell

## NEW AERIAL/PUMPER TRAINING

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel on all three shifts recently participated in training on the new aerials (Ladders 1 and 8) and pumper (Engine 3).



CONGRATS TO NEW GRANDPA CAPT. RICKY JONES!!!



ELIJAH EVERETT JONES  
BORN: 11-13-14