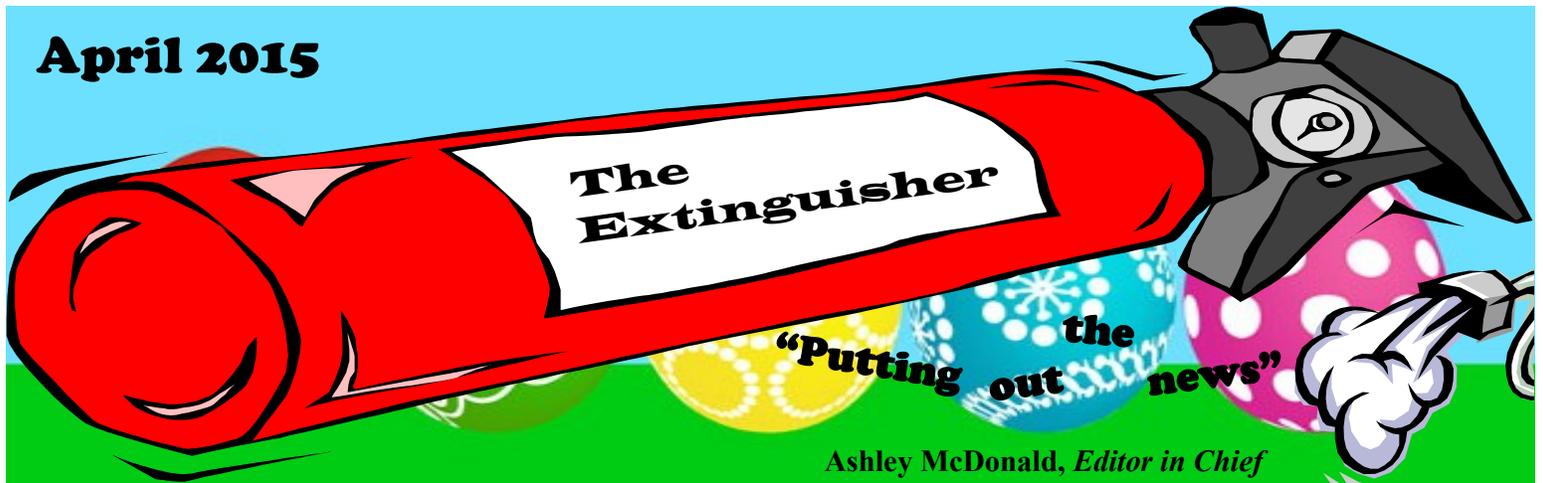


April 2015



Birthdays

Richard Crick 4/4

Kernie Cothran 4/8

Jeremy McCullough 4/9

Josh Warren 4/12

William Durkin 4/17

Daphanie Crenshaw 4/18

Tim Lampitt 4/22

Greg Burt 4/28

CONGRATS

to Driver Chase Martin on obtaining the Instructor I Certification and to Firefighter Jeremy Morris for becoming an Advanced EMT!



Martin



Morris

“The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential...these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.”

—Confucius

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK 2015

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is Sunday, April 12th-Saturday, April 18th.

Each year, the second full week in April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as telecommunicators, also known as dispatchers.

Please take time out of your week to offer a “thank you” to the men and women who serve as the first line of response to any incident!



MFRD’S NEWEST FIREFIGHTERS COMPLETE FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL TRAINING

On March 9, MFRD’s newest Firefighters: Corian Barrett, Jason Bonniger, Marcus Cartwright, and Eric Compton went through Firefighter Survival Training at Station 6 located on Memorial Boulevard. Instructors were Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith and Captain David Sloan.



Students learned Mayday, Rapid Intervention Team, and Accountability procedures. They discussed subjects such as Rapid Intervention Team bags, large-area search ropes, the Emergency Breathing System (EMS), also known as the “Buddy System,” and SCBA air changeovers. They also participated in hands-on exercises such as: Scott EZ-Scape Self Rescue Belt bailouts, hose slides, ladder slides and bailouts, and straddle and hang.

Pictured (in order): Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith, Firefighter Marcus Cartwright, Firefighter Eric Compton, Firefighter Corian Barrett, Firefighter Jason Bonniger, and Captain David Sloan.

“It was a pleasure to see these new Firefighters take such an interest in learning how to do their jobs safely,” said Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith. “I am confident that they will be able to apply the skills they learned during training on the fire ground, if they are ever faced with any of the scenarios we practiced,” he continued.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN-SERVICE TRAINING

MFRD Hazardous Materials Technicians began traveling to each station on each shift March 3 to train all personnel on hazardous materials.

Class instructors went over the Emergency Response Guidebook and discussed labels, placards, and truck and railcar identification. Participants received a refresher on equipment, learned about new equipment, and practiced donning Level A suits and decontamination procedures.

The training is expected to be completed sometime in April.



MFRD'S HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT ANNUAL SERVICE UPDATE

BY: DRIVER CLAY ESTES

The Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's annual service of Holmatro extrication tools was completed by Firefighter Matt Welcome and Drivers David Frost, Lionel Holladay, and Clay Estes. Basic annual service consists of disassembly and cleaning of all tools and pumps, followed by reassembly with new lubrication applied to appropriate parts. During this service, normal wear items are replaced and any broken or malfunctioning equipment is repaired. Tools and pumps are then pressure tested, and any adjustments are made to insure proper operating pressures.

During this year's service, only a few problems were found. Aside from normal wear from use, the only notable repairs were made to a pair of brake pedal cutters and two electric hydraulic pumps. The electric pumps were simple fixes of replacing hydraulic fluid level dipsticks. These were covered by the pumps warranty. The dipsticks have a screw on cap that was broken, and most likely occurred from over tightening. These caps only need to be finger tight. The brake pedal cutters had bent blades with a noticeable notch formed in the blade. This was the most expensive repair. The best preventative recommendation for this is to use the appropriate tool for a given job and practice good technique. If it is possible to see the tips of a cutting tool, do not let the tips "cross-over." This will damage the tool. Also evaluate the situation, if it is non-emergency, don't sacrifice a tool for little or no gain.



Separated blades of brake pedal cutter

If any problems with extrication equipment occur throughout the year, let your captain or shift commander know. This will ensure the equipment is repaired quickly and prevent further damages and loss of service use.

MFRD TO PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION ON PUBLIC SQUARE

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department will have a fire engine at this year's Earth Day Celebration on Murfreesboro's public square on Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

This is the 14th Annual Earth Day event hosted by Murfreesboro Electric Department. This year's theme is "Water: Do Your Part, Be Water Smart." Those with booths have been asked to incorporate this theme to emphasize the importance of protecting, conserving, and using water thoughtfully.

For more information visit the "Murfreesboro's Earth Day Celebration" [Facebook page](#).



SCOTT DUNCAN NAMED FF OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2015

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department named Driver Scott Duncan Firefighter of the Month for April 2015.

Duncan received the honor for his recent work inventorying the department's air packs and for taking the initiative to learn how to perform maintenance on them.

Captain Joe Barrett nominated Duncan. He said, "Duncan was a quick and eager learner. I'm glad to have him on board to help with future maintenance of our air packs."

Duncan has been with MFRD since December 2000.



MFRD TO HOST 82ND ANNUAL TENNESSEE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN MAY

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department will host the 82nd Annual Tennessee Firemen's Association (TFA) Conference May 28-29 at the Clarion Inn & Suites (2227 Old Fort Parkway, Murfreesboro).

MFRD Assistant Fire Marshal Michael Bartlett is this year's TFA President and hopes to have a large participation from local fire service personnel. "This year's conference is going to be incredible," said Bartlett. "Participants will have the opportunity to receive a total of 12 Fire Commission approved CEUs."

The 12 CEUs consist of two New Mexico Tech class offerings: Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing and Homemade Explosives: Recognition and Response. Fire service personnel have the option of attending the entire conference, or they can also choose to only attend the New Mexico Tech Classes.

Spouses and children of attendees are welcome. Activities have been planned for both groups on Friday and Saturday. Friday, spouses will travel to Deason, Tennessee to tour the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy and have lunch at Miller's Cafe. Children are invited to participate in the Junior Park Ranger Program at Stones River National Battlefield. At the completion of the program, the children will earn a Junior Ranger Badge and Certificate.

On Saturday, spouses and children will travel to the Discovery Center on SE Broad Street. Children will be able to experience the exhibits at the center, while the adults learn how to prepare the "perfect steak" in the center's demonstration kitchen.

Conference Registration Fee: \$100.00 for single or \$150.00 for couple*
 Late or Door Registration Fee: \$125.00 for single or \$175.00 for couple**
 New Mexico Tech Classes (12 CEUs) Fire Commission Approved: \$55.00
 Banquet Only: \$35.00 Early Registration Deadline: May 11, 2015
 Classes will begin Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Hotel Registration through Clarion Inn and Suites (615) 896-2420 or email
 Conference rate \$77.00 (Advise TFA Attendance for Rate) stephclarionmurf@yahoo.com

*Conference Registration Fee includes all classes and training, conference activities, Friday night cookout, Saturday night Memorial Service and Banquet and a goodie bag.
 **Couple fee includes activities Friday and Saturday for spouse, cookout, Memorial Service and Banquet and a spouse's goodie bag.

For more information on the 82nd Annual TFA Conference, please contact Michael Bartlett at 615-995-9850 or mbartlett@murfreesborotn.gov or Berenda Vance at 615-734-6400 or bvance@nrtsorters.com.



April Anniversaries

37 YEARS
Ricky Jones

31 YEARS
Eddie Mitchell

16 YEARS
Joe Bell
Roy Fugate
Dwajuan Howse

4 YEARS
Ryan Battle
Jeff Clementi

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

Administrative Professionals Day, formerly known as "Secretaries' Day," is Wednesday, April 22.

Be sure to take a moment to thank the Administrative Support personnel at Fire Administration Office!





Hosted by:

TENNESSEE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

82nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Schedule of Events

Thursday May 28th	
8 am -	10 am Conference Registration at Clarion Inn and Suites
10 am -	12 noon Opening Ceremony and Welcome
12 noon -	1 pm Lunch
1 pm -	5 pm Initial Response to Terrorist Bombing (IRTB) 4 CEU New Mexico Tech
6 pm -	Hospitality Suite and Entertainment
Friday May 29th	
8 am -	12 noon Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition and Response (HME) 8 CEU
12 noon -	1 pm Lunch
1 pm -	5 pm Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition and Response (HME) New Mexico Tech
6 pm -	8 pm Barbeque Cookout at Clarion Inn and Suites
7 pm -	Hospitality with Melody Round-Up (Clinton Gregory, Gerald Smith, Tony Stampley)
Saturday, May 30th	
8 am -	12 noon Mayday and RIT Training (Hands-on Training) 4 CEU MFRD
8 am -	12 noon Reading Smoke (new class) (Classroom Training) 4 CEU TFACA
12 noon -	1 pm Lunch
1 pm -	2 pm Motivational Guest Speaker (TBA)
2 pm -	3 pm General Business Annual Meeting - Oakland Room
5:30 pm -	6:30 pm Banquet - Clarion Inn and Suites
6:30 pm -	7:30 pm Lewis Baker Award, Firefighter of the Year, Memorial Service - Firefighters and LODD
7:30 pm -	Hospitality with the Android Sisters; Karen Dee, Sherry Carlisle, Rachel Rodriguez