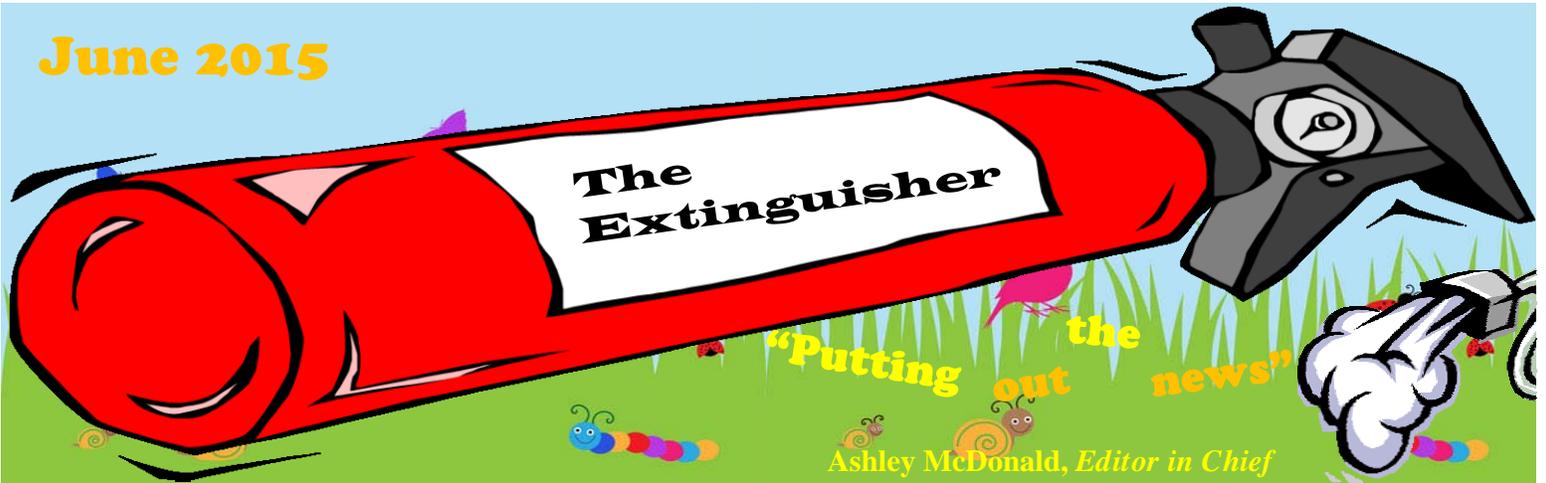


June 2015



## Birthdays

Tim Rowlett 6/2

Allen Swader 6/2

Clay Malone 6/7

Jonathan Gaither 6/11

Dustin Liddell 6/13

Jim White 6/16

John Avaritt 6/19

Randy Shaw 6/19

Jeff Irvin 6/20

Raleigh Marlin 6/23

Joe Pennington 6/24

Mark Brewer 6/27

Adam C. Brown 6/28

Troy Gannon 6/28

## MFRD SPECIAL OPS PERSONNEL ATTEND COURSE AT U.S. NATIONAL WHITEWATER CENTER

Several Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Special Operations personnel recently attended a Swiftwater Rescue course at the U.S. National Whitewater Center (USNWC) in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Captain/Shift Inspectors Randy Rae and Clay Walls, Captain Gary Hutchinson, Drivers Adam Petrig, Chris Ayers, and Doug English, and Firefighters Joe Pennington, Mark Brewer, Greg Burt, and Greg Robinson travelled to the USNWC in May to participate in the facility's Swiftwater Rescue Course. The course follows the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) 1670 and 1006 guidelines and exceeds them by introducing other aspects of water rescue.

Course instructors were Aaron Peeler, Josh Keener, and Pete Osken.

On the first day of class, students trained on various swimming techniques, utilized throw bags, completed tethered and non-tethered rescues, and practiced freeing foot entrapments. On the second day, they completed a full eight hours of paddle boat operations which included: advanced paddle raft maneuvering, recognition and avoidance of common river hazards, dealing with hydraulics, eddy hopping, ferrying, and raft recovery upon flipping.

"The facility has the ability to change the river to simulate diverse hazards and hydraulics," said Adam Petrig. "This capability allowed us to practice several scenarios that we might encounter."

*The U.S. National Whitewater Center offers professional courses which are designed to prepare fire departments, government agencies, military personnel, and first responders seeking certification and training.*



Front Row (L to R): Joe Pennington, Greg Robinson, Mark Brewer, Adam Petrig, Randy Rae, Aaron Peeler, and Greg Burt.

Back Row (L to R): Doug English, Chris Ayers, Clay Walls, Gary Hutchinson, and Pete Osken.

# MFRD'S STATION 7 SPECIAL GUESTS AT MAKE-A-WISH PRESENTATION

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's Station 7 crew were special guests at a Make-A-Wish presentation at Siegel Middle School on May 8.

SMS students gathered in the gymnasium as Student Council members and faculty put on a production of "The Price is Right" in their Disney-themed attire.

At the conclusion of the presentation, a SMS Student Council member named Whitman, gave his prize from the "Showcase Showdown" to 15-year old Samantha. Samantha was the Make-A-Wish recipient of a Disney Cruise to the Bahamas with her family.



**"Make-A-Wish recipient, Samantha, poses with Mickey and Minnie Mouse, and MFRD's Station 7 crew after learning she and her family were going on a Disney cruise to the Bahamas!"**

Each year, MFRD's Station 7 floods a ditch at the school for the Student Council's largest fundraiser, the "Duck Race." The "Duck Race" has allowed SMS to donate almost \$15,000 over the years to the Make-A-Wish program. This year, the school was able to donate \$3,600. Siegel High School chipped in another \$3,500 to be able to send Samantha and her family on the vacation.

"We were so thrilled to have MFRD be a part of the presentation," said Edie Sessions, Siegel Middle School faculty member and Student Council Advisor. "Our Duck Race would not be as successful without their help."

## DR HAYES NAMED FF OF THE MONTH JUNE 2015

Driver Jason Hayes has been named FF of the Month for June 2015. He received the honor for his hard work installing equipment on all apparatus. Most recently, he equipped all units with rocket routers and new Knox Boxes. "He dedicates a lot of time to assisting the department with these projects," said Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan. "Jason has a great attitude, a tremendous work ethic, and is an asset to this department."

Jason has been with the department since October 1997.



June Anniversaries

### 30 YEARS

Sam Benford  
Keith Bratcher

### 25 YEARS

Jeff Bratcher  
Keith Elrod  
Troy Gannon  
Guy Matthews  
Steve Melton  
Ronald Nobles  
Ted Pertiller  
Allen Swader  
Tim Swann  
Eugene Todd

### 21 YEARS

Bobby Canterbury  
Gary Hutchinson  
Nora Smith

### 16 YEARS

Israel Marcella  
Greg Robinson

### 14 YEARS

Brian Lowe

### 12 YEARS

David Bricker  
Davey Ferrell  
Kenneth McFarland  
Ray Robinson  
Jim White  
Mitchell Whittenburg  
Kyle Winnett

### 11 YEARS

Mark Brewer  
Karl Daigle  
Joel Patnode

### 3 YEARS

Chad Davis  
Kevin Defeo  
Ashley McGriff  
Matt Roeger

**ROMEY MARIE  
DUNCAN**

DAUGHTER OF NATHAN  
& NICOLE

**MAY 1, 2015**

**7 LBS/5 OZ  
20" LONG**



**GRAYSON REED  
TWOMEY**

SON OF MATTHEW  
& BETH

**MAY 4, 2015**

**7 LBS/13 OZ  
19.5" LONG**