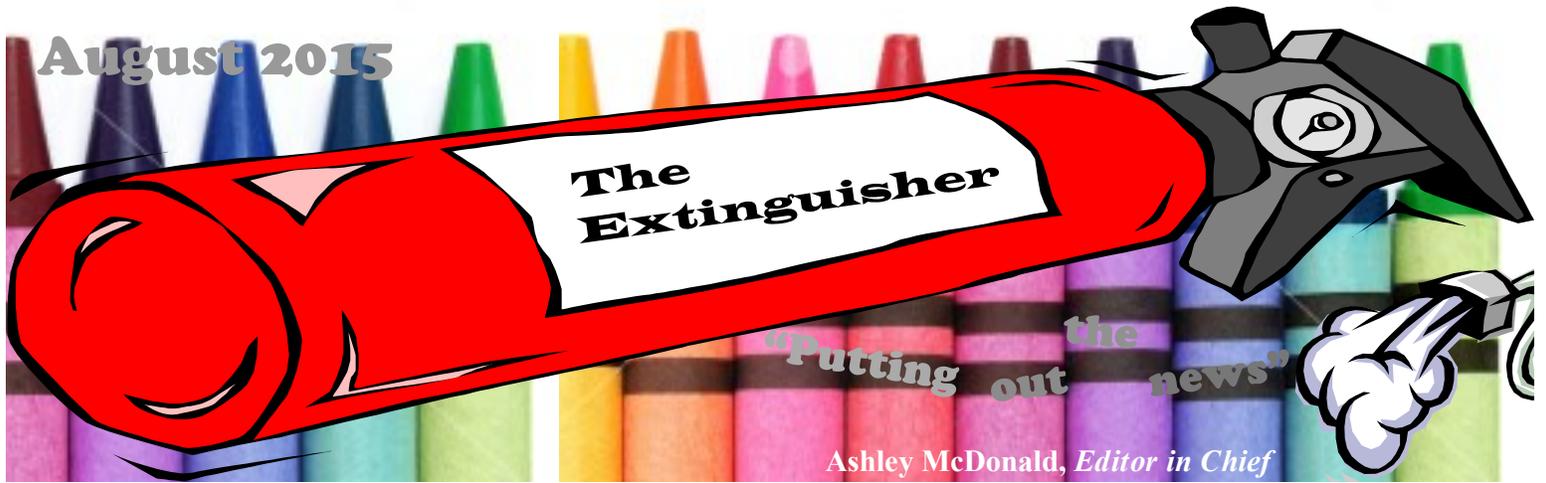


August 2015



## Birthdays

Kevin Defeo 8/2

Dale Bilbrey 8/3

Jason Bonniger 8/4

Joe Bell 8/6

Wesley Slager 8/8

Jeremy Spivey 8/12

Wayne Reed 8/14

Karl Daigle 8/15

Ryan Battle 8/18

Jamie Bigelow 8/20

Raymond Smith 8/20

Steve Ellison 8/23

Mike Mitchell 8/25

David Branch 8/28

## Car Seat Checks

**Thursday, August 6**

2:00-4:00 pm

STATION 7

(2715 N Thompson Ln)

**Friday, August 14**

2:00-4:00 pm

HEADQUARTERS

(202 E. Vine Street)

## MFRD AWARDED FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION GRANT

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department received word in July that the department is the recipient of a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant totaling \$16,293.07.



The funds will be used to purchase a brush skid unit to be placed on a Humvee MFRD acquired from the State of Tennessee with City Council's approval in February. The unit will contain an ultra-high pressure suppression system, a Honda gasoline fire pump motor, and a tank that will hold 125 gallons of water and approximately 12 gallons of foam. A hose reel with 100 feet of hose and a pistol grip nozzle will also be included. The unit will be used for brush fires, airplane incidents, and disaster response.

The grant is 100 percent funded by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. Therefore, the City will not incur any costs.

MFRD also received a grant from the organization in March 2013, a Polaris Off-Road Ranger and skid unit worth \$18,100.

### About Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

*In 2005, Firehouse Subs created the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment, and educational opportunities to first-responders and public safety organizations. Through the non-profit 501(c)(3), Firehouse Subs has given more than \$14 million to hometown heroes in 43 states and Puerto Rico, including more than \$696,149 in Tennessee.*

### Background on Purchase of Humvees

In February, Murfreesboro's City Council approved for Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department to purchase a military HMMWV (HUMVEE) to be used as a firefighting brush truck. This vehicle was purchased from the Tennessee Department of General Services whose primary customers are other departments and agencies within State government, and citizens and organizations interested in purchasing surplus state property. Previously, the HMMWV was only available to law enforcement for drug enforcement and counter-terrorism. However, the US Government recently changed this policy, making this vehicle available to government agencies other than law enforcement. MFRD was the first fire department to acquire this vehicle under the new policy.

This unit will be assigned to Station 6 located on Memorial Boulevard. This will effectively cut initial response times from a brush unit in half and double the firefighting capabilities on any off-road scene. The vehicle will also be used in natural disasters such as floods, snow/ice storms, and tornadoes.

The HMMWV will be outfitted with a high pressure brush firefighting skid unit (purchased with the grant funds from Firehouse Subs) that has a foam capability to assist with aircraft incidents as well as off-road.

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**HMMWV Information:** (Source: <http://amgeneral.com>)

Known by its military designation as the High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle, the HMMWV is a lightweight, highly mobile, diesel-powered, four-wheel-drive vehicle. It can perform in a wide variety of terrain, from deserts to jungles, for long periods of time, with minimal maintenance.

The HMMWV has a 16-inch ground clearance, while the vehicle stands only 72 inches high. Full-time four-wheel drive, independent suspension, steep approach and departure angles, 60 percent slope-climbing, 40 percent side slope and 30-inch water-fording capabilities combined with high ground clearance, make the HMMWV an exceptional off-road vehicle. The HMMWV has a low profile (six feet tall), a wide stance (seven feet wide) and is 15 feet long. These proportions contribute to a stable, road-hugging truck that is very difficult to roll over.



The aluminum body reduces weight giving the HMMWV a curb weight of approximately 5,200 lbs., and a 1½-ton payload capacity.

This HMMWV has a 6.2 liter V-8 diesel engine with a three-speed automatic transmission. Combined with the AM General-designed, geared hub assembly in the power train, torque is doubled to each wheel in the hub of the wheel. Torque-biasing differentials allow the vehicle to continue to move forward as long as any one wheel has traction. Four-wheel disc brakes are mounted inboard against the sides of the differentials both of which are located up, between the frame rails, protecting them from impact and debris.

## MFRD WELCOMES SEVERAL NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

During the months of June and July Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department gained several new family members.

Firefighter Eric Compton married Danielle Snider on June 27, 2015 at Stone Gate Farms.

Firefighter Ryan Battle and Jenny Millikan were wed on July 14, 2015 at Gateway Village.

Firefighter Rob Odom welcomed a granddaughter on July 15, 2015. "Maggie Lynn Odom," daughter of Chelsey Odom weighed in at 5lbs/12oz and measured 18.5" long.



If you notice MFRD personnel providing exemplary service, displaying professionalism, or representing the City of Murfreesboro in a positive light, please share your experience by nominating them for a Service Excellence Stars Award.

Click here for more information or to [Nominate a STAR.](#)



(L to R): Eric and Danielle Compton, Maggie Odom, and Ryan and Jenny Battle with daughters Jada and Sophia.

## MFRD NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department is now accepting applications for the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Citizens Fire Academy (CFA).

The six week course will begin Tuesday, September 15, and will continue through Tuesday, October 27, skipping October 6 due to the scheduled fall break of area schools. Class times are 6:00-9:00 pm.

The CFA offers a small group of area residents the opportunity to view and participate in the activities and services provided by the MFRD. Academy participants will receive an insider's view of MFRD operations. Students will have the opportunity to participate in activities such as: wearing turnout gear, climbing a 65' aerial, using extrication equipment, victim search and rescue using GPS, and much more (all activities are optional). The academy will conclude with a graduation ceremony, where class members will receive a certificate of completion.

Gena Burns-Harrison attended the class last year with her daughter, Lauren. "My daughter and I had an incredibly unique mother-daughter bonding time. CFA was an experience that, I submit, neither of us will forget. While we have always been explorers, investigators, and researchers, this experience broadened our horizons and opened our eyes. It made us contemplate things we had never previously considered."

**It is important to mention that the Citizens Fire Academy is in no way job related. Completing the academy has no bearing on employment with the City or MFRD.**

The cost of the class is \$35.00. Class size is limited and the deadline for application submission is September 1. Applications can be obtained at Fire Administration located at 220 NW Broad Street or any MFRD fire station. They can also be obtained online at: [www.murfreesborotn.gov/fireacademy](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/fireacademy). For more information, contact MFRD Administration at 615-893-1422.



[WWW.MURFREESBOROTN.GOV/FIREACADEMY](http://WWW.MURFREESBOROTN.GOV/FIREACADEMY)

# MFRD PERSONNEL ATTEND COMPANY OFFICER ACADEMY IN ALABAMA

In July, several MFRD Captains attended a Company Officer Academy in Decatur, Alabama. Instructors were well-known Fire Chiefs John Salka from FDNY and Rick Lasky from Lewisville, TX.

MFRD attendees were Captains Jamie Bigelow, David Sloan, Blake Insell, Kurt McMahan, Raymond Smith, and Gary Hutchinson.



(L to R): Captain Jamie Bigelow, Chief John Salka, Captain David Sloan, Captain Blake Insell, Captain Kurt McMahan, Captain Raymond Smith, Chief Rick Lasky, and Captain Gary Hutchinson.

## FIREFIIGHTERS OF THE MONTH AUGUST 2015

Captain Ricky Jones, Captain/Shift Inspector Randy Rae, and Driver Eddie Mitchell were all named "Firefighter of the Month" for August 2015.

The three received the honor due to their July retirements. Jones retired July 3 with 37 years of service, Rae on July 11 with 30 years of service, and Mitchell on July 3 with 31 years of service.



**Captain**  
**Ricky Jones**  
37 Years of Service



**Driver**  
**Eddie Mitchell**  
31 Years of Service



**Captain/Shift**  
**Inspector**  
**Randy Rae**  
30 Years of Service



### August Anniversaries

**35 YEARS**  
Cumbey Gaines

**29 YEARS**  
Tony Lehw

**25 YEARS**  
Mike Adams  
Jimmy Barrett  
Marshall King  
Rob Vaughter  
David Wade  
Clay Walls

**24 YEARS**  
Terrence Thomas

**16 YEARS**  
Bobby Brewer

**15 YEARS**  
Anthony Cayll  
Paul Diawara  
Doug English  
Chris Mikolon

Wishing  
the kiddos in  
our  
community a  
safe and  
happy  
**SCHOOL**  
**YEAR!**

