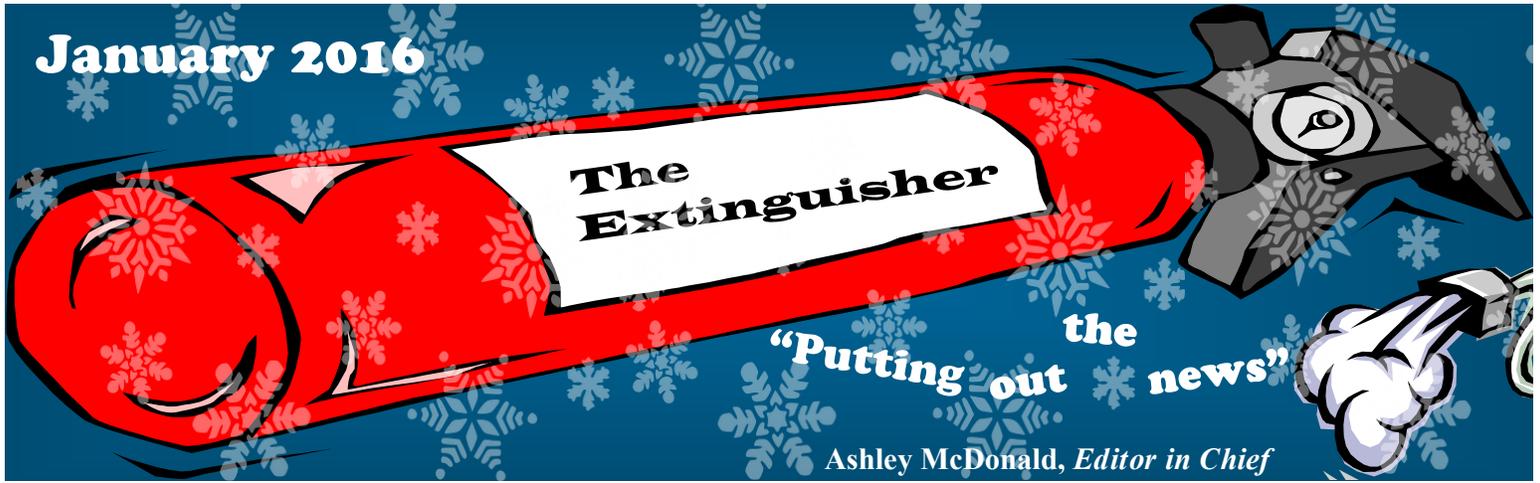


January 2016



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## Birthdays

Mark Foulks 1/02

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

Marc Cartwright 1/31

## City Holidays

MFRD Administrative Offices  
will be closed

Friday, January 1, 2016  
New Years Day

Monday, January 18, 2016  
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 FILLS TWO KEY POSITIONS

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department recently filled two vacant positions within the department.

Driver Jeff Wright was promoted to Medical Training Coordinator and Assistant Fire Marshal Carl Peas was promoted to Fire Marshal.

Wright's promotion went into effect December 14. He is responsible for providing personnel with mandated training and instruction for medical services within the department, and assisting with future developments of the emergency medical services.

"This is an exciting time to be named to this position," Wright said. "I look forward to working with our Administration to advance our medical capabilities at MFRD." Wright began his career with MFRD in February 2002, and was instrumental in MFRD's implementation of a first responder program.



He is a certified Paramedic (EMT-P) and has worked with the Smithville Fire Department for 29 years (30 in February). He assists with their training and also serves as an instructor for Dekalb County Emergency Medical Service.

Peas' promotion was effective December 28. As Fire Marshal, he is responsible for planning, organizing, managing, and directing all the activities of the Fire Prevention Division. He will also enforce fire and building codes and city ordinances.

"It was a tremendous honor to be selected for this position," said Peas. "I'm elated at the opportunity to serve Murfreesboro in this capacity."

Peas has been with MFRD since November 1988. During his career, he had a major role in several projects including acquiring the Fire Safe House, a Fire Investigation Trailer, smoke alarms for the hearing and visually impaired, and most notable, the addition of the department's Child Safety Seat program.



He is an Instructor with the Tennessee Fire and Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) in Deason, Tennessee and teaches Live Burn, Fire & Life Safety Educator I and II, Juvenile Firesetter I & II, and various other courses under the arson curriculum. He has served as President of the following organizations: Tennessee Fire Safety Inspectors Association, International Association of Arson Investigators, and the Tennessee Advisory Committee on Arson.

"These two gentlemen stood out among several qualified applicants," said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. "I am confident that Jeff and Carl will be assets to the department in their respective divisions. MFRD is very blessed to have such a quality group of professional men and women to serve this city."



## TAILBOARD TOPICS: NOVEMBER ANSWER

**Q.** What is "Cushing's triad"?

**A.** "Cushing's triad" is the presence of hypertension, bradycardia and irregular respirations in a patient with increased intracranial pressure due to a head injury. These findings are another manifestation of the Cushing reflex.

## CAPTAIN/SHIFT INSPECTOR BRIAN LOWE GRADUATES FROM OSU

On December 11th, 2015, MFRD's Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe was awarded a Masters of Science degree in Fire and Emergency Management Administration from Oklahoma State University.

"My family and I made the trip out to Stillwater so that I could walk at commencement. As a distance student, I was able to attend class/lecture via streaming video. To meet graduate requirements, I was required to attend a minimum of nine hours on campus. The summer institute format condenses a summer session class into an intense week long lecture and discussion session. I chose OSU's program because it stood out to me as a solid contributor to fire and emergency services education. I knew that I was in the right place when I read the department's website introduction, 'Oklahoma State University's graduate program in Fire and Emergency Management Administration is one of the oldest programs in the nation. Students receive a superior academic experience in preparing leaders in the fire services...' OSU has the perfect mix of knowledgeable staff and resources to guide graduate students towards their educational goals.



I look forward to spending more time with family and friends and finding my golf swing again. I'm blessed to be a part of the fire service and I'm proud to serve the city of Murfreesboro. Go Pokes!" —Captain/Shift Inspector Lowe

## EMS COLLEAGUE SHOWS APPRECIATION FOR MFRD CAPTAIN

"I want to offer a huge thanks to Captain Nora Smith for going above and beyond helping to make a patient more comfortable in her home with us tonight. We enjoy running with her crew, as they are always eager to help and provide a knowledgeable hand when we need it. Whatever manner of recognition is able to be presented to her would be appreciated."

*Thomas Steele*

Paramedic/Rescue Technician, Rutherford County EMS

(Comment received December 21, 2015)

## JERNIGAN NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY 2016

Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan has been named Firefighter of the Month for January 2016. She was nominated by a shift employee for "going above and beyond to help employees understand what to do with the new Kronos time-keeping system."

Jernigan has served as the department's liaison for the new system and has worked incredibly hard to make sure that all MFRD personnel, especially supervisors, feel confident using the system.

Though the system is still in the test phase, Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks stated that during the last payroll period, the department had no exceptions, which means that everyone would have been paid correctly if the system were live. "This was accomplished with Kaye's hard work and attention to detail, and also with the employees' willingness to cooperate," he said.

Jernigan has been with the department since November 1988.



Tailboard Topics

**Q.** What are Class B fires?

# MFRD BENEFITS FROM COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department stands to benefit greatly from City Council's December 3rd approval of the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

MFRD's 2015 CIP Budget Projects include \$1.4 million for a 100' aerial apparatus and \$2.5 million for a Public Safety Training Facility. According to Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks, the purchase of a 100' aerial will assist MFRD with meeting Insurance Services Office (ISO) requirements and increase operational capabilities in both the downtown and Gateway areas. Currently, MFRD does not have an aerial apparatus over 75'.

The \$2.5 million budgeted for the Public Safety Training Facility rounds off the total funding for the project. "The property acquisition is under way," said Chief Foulks, "and the project should begin moving forward after the first of the year." The training facility will also give MFRD an advantage with (ISO) training requirements. Additionally, this will enhance MFRD's fire suppression, emergency medical, technical rescue, and hazardous materials services.

"This dual purpose facility will increase interoperability with our public safety partners including Murfreesboro Police Department," commented Foulks. These projects will enable the Fire & Rescue Department to support the City Council's continued efforts to create safe and livable neighborhoods and provide the citizens of Murfreesboro with excellent services.

## ANDERSON WEDDING

Congratulations to Michael "Vular" Anderson who wed his long-time girlfriend, Rochelle Smith, on November 14, 2015 at "Marry Me of Tennessee" in Murfreesboro.



## COOKING WITH MFRD

MFRD filmed the 12th episode of "Cooking with MFRD" on December 18.

Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe shares his recipe for his award-winning chili. The show is expected to air beginning in January.



## Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department

Hosts Blood Drive in Honor of Jenna-Leigh Beasley (daughter of Shift Commander Daryl Alexander) & In Memory of Chase McMahan (son of Captain Kurt McMahan)



The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood."



## MFRD Headquarters

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Murfreesboro

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**Friday, January 29**

**1:00pm – 6:00pm**

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## MFRD DRIVER CHASE MARTIN EXCELS ON FIRE OFFICER I EXAM

Congratulations to MFRD Driver Chase Martin. Chase challenged the TN Commission Fire Officer I exam on Tuesday, December 15 and scored 100%!!! He will now be issued an IFSAC/ProBoard Accredited Fire Officer I Certification.

In an email sent to MFRD's Training Division, Steve Cross, Commission Coordinator for the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education, stated, "Congratulations on Mr. Martin not only passing this exam but excelling on this exam. I always coach the fire professionals that I come into contact with that 70% is passing but you need to set your goals much higher. The public and our brothers/sisters in the fire service deserve us to perform our craft with excellence. This is a great demonstration of this excellence."



### January Anniversaries

**38 YEARS**  
Wayne Reed

**16 YEARS**  
David Simms

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

**6 YEARS**  
David Branch

**4 YEARS**  
John Fisher  
Duane O'Donnell

## MFRD'S 32ND YEAR VOLUNTEERING FOR TOYS FOR TOTS



Members of Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department assisted with the Toys for Tots Giveaway for Rutherford County on Saturday, December 19 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Close to 800 children received toys at the giveaway. Michael Bartlett, MFRD Assistant Fire Marshal and Toys for Tots Representative, commented on the experience, "It was heartwarming to see the impact on the families served. Parents were able to select gifts for their children that might not otherwise have been able to celebrate Christmas. We are very thankful for all the volunteer assistance we received and look forward to helping even more families next year!"



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.](#)