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MFRD South Carolina flooding response in January 2016 ‘Storytellers’

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Murfreesboro Fire and Rescue Department’s Swiftwater Rescue teams are featured in the January 2016 episode of “Murfreesboro Storytellers.” It follows the MFRD teams October 2015 deployment to respond to victims of flooding in South Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Joaquin.

On October 15, 2015, the teams were recognized for their service by Mayor Shane McFarland during a meeting of the City Council. At the meeting, the team presented Chief Foulks and City Manager Rob Lyons with a flag embroidered with the names of team members along with challenge coins from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA).

The January 2016 episode can be viewed on YouTube at https://youtu.be/3_YAVRmsgAM. It can also be seen on CityTV Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The interview, hosted by John Hood, features the following topics:

- Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue (MFRD) was selected as part the response effort because of its water rescue teams. The teams special operations firefighters are trained in swiftwater and floodwater rescues, confined space rescues, as well as hazardous materials and structural collapses. Station 7 located on N. Thompson Lane and Station 9 on Cason Lane are comprised of the special operations units.
- Two Murfreesboro units were called to South Carolina to assist in rescuing flood victims in the communities of Columbia and Georgetown, S.C.
- The teams participated in house-to-house searches, rescuing over 20 flood victims as well as pets, medicine, and personal effects. The teams also contacted hundreds of citizens as part of damage assessment.

This month’s Storytellers was recorded on location at MFRD Station 7 located on North Thompson Lane.

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You can watch “Murfreesboro Storytellers” on CityTV (located on Comcast Xfinity Channel 3 and AT&T Uverse channel 99) or view the program online by visiting www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers.

For City News online, visit www.Murfreesborotn.gov.

Photos attached:

CityTVs John Hood interviews MFRD Chief Mark Foulks, Captain/Shift Commander Clay Walls and Driver Josh Oliver for ‘Storytellers’ on City TV.

1. *L/R John Hood, MFRD Chief Mark Foulks, MFRD Driver Josh Oliver, MFRD Captain/Shift Commander Clay Walls.*