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The Extinguisher

“Putting out the news”

Ashley McDonald, Editor in Chief



Birthdays

Marcus King 3/1

Kyle Cobb 3/2

Jimmy Barrett 3/4

Tim Swann 3/4

Greg Robinson 3/6

Britt Gammon 3/10

Doug English 3/15

Ben Thorpe 3/15

Jeff Clementi 3/16

Lucas Dearden 3/20

Eugene Todd 3/21

Alan Farrar 3/22

Logan Gill 3/23

David Cranford 3/25

Scott Duncan 3/25

Mike Adams 3/28

MALONE PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department’s Charles “Clay” Malone was recently promoted to the position of Assistant Fire Marshal. He will officially assume his new position March 7.

Malone began his career with MFRD in January 2005 as a Firefighter, but previously volunteered with Number One Volunteer Fire Department (2003-2006). He is an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Hazardous Materials Technician, and is a certified Public Fire and Life Safety Educator. He has served on MFRD’s Policy and Rules Committee and is also a member of the department’s Special Events Team.

Malone has a Bachelor’s Degree from Middle Tennessee State University with a major in Physical Education.

“I am extremely honored to be chosen to serve MFRD as Assistant Fire Marshal. Using my education background, I plan on taking our Fire Prevention Program to the next level,” said Malone. In addition to advancing the department’s public safety and fire prevention/education programs, Malone will also assist with conducting inspections of new and existing buildings, codes enforcement, and fire investigations.

“Clay stood out among three very qualified and capable candidates,” said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. “He was selected in part for his teaching background, but also for the distinct passion he exhibited for this job.”

Malone and wife Alison (15 years) have two children, daughter Halle (10) and son Hunter (7). In his spare time, he enjoys golfing, skeet and trap shooting, and coaching Hunter’s baseball and basketball teams.



FOULKS PLAYS AGAINST HARLEM AMBASSADORS

State Senator Jim Tracy, City of Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland, Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks, and several other dignitaries played basketball against the Harlem Ambassadors on February 19 to benefit the Riverdale High School baseball team. The final score was not recorded. However, the Murfreesboro



team dubbed the “Middle Tennessee Tribe” only lost by an 11 point margin. Members of MFRD came to watch the game in support of Chief Foulks.

Pictured (L to R): Driver Eugene Todd, Driver Chris Mikolon, Senator Jim Tracy, Mayor Shane McFarland, Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks, Jax Spivey, Public Information Officer Ashley McDonald, Alikay Spivey, Doralyn Liddell, Dustin and Carlie Liddell, Jeremy and Landree Spivey.



TAILBOARD TOPICS: FEBRUARY ANSWER

Tailboard Topics

Q. A report titled *America Burning*, published by the NCFPC emphasized the need for what?

A. *America Burning* emphasized the need for public fire and life safety education and prevention programs. This began the establishment of departmental fire and life safety education, fire code inspection and enforcement, and plans review divisions.

Q. What is the perception of the surrounding environment, and the ability to anticipate future events known as?

MFRD REMINDS YOU TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 am...time to set your clocks ahead one hour. While you rejoice about the extra hour of daylight, Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department wants to remind you that it's also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms!

"Batteries in smoke alarms should be changed twice a year, approximately every six months," said Fire Marshal Carl Peas. "An easy way to remember this, is to change out the batteries in your smoke alarms when the time changes twice a year."

If you need assistance with changing your batteries or need additional smoke alarms in your home, contact MFRD Fire Administration Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm at 615-893-1422 to take advantage of Project S.A.F.E. "Smoke Alarms for Everyone." MFRD offers free smoke alarms/installation to the citizens of Murfreesboro, even specialty alarms for the hearing or visually impaired.

Remember, you should have smoke alarms on every level of your home including the basement, in every bedroom, and outside sleeping areas. Smoke alarms should also be tested monthly.

"Having working smoke alarms in your home can cut your risk of fire-related death in half," said Peas.

Here's a PSA from the City of Murfreesboro: Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries": <http://youtu.be/kdupXgrJrH4>.



McFARLAND NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2016

Driver Kenny McFarland has been named Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's Firefighter of the Month for March 2016. Captain/Shift Inspector Lee Douglas nominated him, stating the following:

"Kenny is great to work with and does his job with integrity, and it is a pleasure to be his supervisor. He is always willing to assist with any project, whether it is helping someone in the public or a brother or sister at the fire hall with his mechanical and carpentry skills.

Recently, he took on the project of building a new ability wall at Fire Station 6 because the old one was in vast need of attention. This is just one of many projects that Kenny has taken care of over the years at our station."

McFarland has been with MFRD since June 2003.



FIREHOUSE SUBS DEDICATION OF EQUIPMENT

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel attended the official dedication of equipment purchased with funds from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation at Firehouse Subs in Murfreesboro Friday, February 12. Several city and county dignitaries, Firehouse Subs corporate employees, and Firehouse Subs and Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Co-Founder Robin Sorensen were in attendance at the event.

The department received a brush skid unit valued at \$16,293.07 that has since been installed on a HMMWV to be used by MFRD for brush fires, airplane incidents, and disaster response.

Pictured kneeling (L to R): Assistant Chief Allen Swader, Driver Eugene Todd, Captain/Shift Inspector Lee Douglas, and Captain Bobby Canterbury; Front Row (L to R): Assistant Chief Kim Lawson, Mark, Ashlie, Jackson, Laura, and Maggie Watson, Administrative Aide Laurie Alsup, Training Coordinator Nicole Miller, Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan, Captain/Shift Inspector Jason Hayes; Back Row (L to R): Deputy Chief Roger



Toombs, Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks, Captain/Shift Inspector Clay Walls, Driver Clay Estes, Captain/Shift Inspector Thomas McAdoo, Firefighter Matt Young, Firefighter Joe Pennington, Firefighter Ben Thorpe, Training Coordinator Jeff Wright, Firefighter Andrew Kindle, Firefighter Alan Jakes, and Firefighter Greg Burt.

MFRD's 2013/2014 NATIONAL AWARD WINNING HONOR GUARD COMPETITION TEAM MEMBERS RECEIVE RINGS

MFRD's 2013/2014 National Award Winning Honor Guard Team Members received rings to commemorate their back-to-back wins at the National Honor Guard Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana. The competition is an annual event at the Fire Department Instructors Conference.



Rings were also presented to (then) Fire Chief Cumbey Gaines, Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, and Shift Commander/Honor Guard Liaison Dale Maynard. Current Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks presented the rings. Family members of the team were also in attendance. (Members Gary Hutchinson and Randy Shaw were unable to make the presentation and received their rings on February 26.

Pictured (L to R): Firefighter Greg Burt, Samantha Hayden, Chase Burt, Susan Irvin, Captain Jeff Irvin, Captain/Shift Inspector Wade Williams, Charles Smith, Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith, Captain/Shift Inspector Thomas McAdoo, Firefighter Charles Powell, Misty Patton, Mike Adams, Lora Adams, and Shift Commander Dale Maynard.



MFRD WELCOMES NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department is growing every month. In February, three of our personnel welcomed little ones into the world.

Carson Dewayne Davis, son of Firefighter Chad Davis and wife Bekah was born February 12. He weighed in at 8 pounds/14 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Driver Brian Creager and wife Ashley met their sweet baby girl on February 15. "Kaysen Jeri-Michal Creager" weighed 7 pounds/6 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long. Kaysen's middle name has a very special meaning; it combines the names of Brian and Ashley's fathers who both passed away last year.

Firefighter Ashley McGriff and husband Jason welcomed daughter Anne Marie on February 25. She weighed 6 pounds/5 ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches long. Anne Marie is also the granddaughter of Firefighters Matt and Betsy Welcome.



(Left to right)
Chad Davis poses with Baby Carson.

Precious Kaysen Creager trying to open her eyes.

Jason and Ashley McGriff with Baby Anne.



March Anniversaries

32 YEARS

Jack Black

25 YEARS

Laurie Alsup

17 YEARS

Michael Bartlett

Blake Insell

Jeff Irvin

David Sloan

12 YEARS

Dale Bilbrey

Bo Jones

Joe Pennington

Shan Womack

10 YEARS

Alan Farrar

9 YEARS

Ashley McDonald

4 YEARS

Jamie Layhew

1 YEAR

Corian Barrett

Jason Bonniger

Marc Cartwright

Eric Compton



HONOR GUARD CONTINUED...



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.](#)



Firefighter Randy Shaw with Deputy Chief Roger Toombs and Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks.

Captain Gary Hutchinson with Deputy Chief Roger Toombs and Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks.

Retired Fire Chief Cumbey Gaines (center) with Deputy Chief Roger Toombs (left) and Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks (right).

