

Ashley McDonald, Editor in Chief



Birthdays

Richard Crick 4/4

Kernie Cothran 4/8

Jeremy McCullough 4/9

Josh Warren 4/12

Daphanie Crenshaw 4/18

Tim Lampitt 4/22

Greg Burt 4/28



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPLOYMENT SPECIAL PRESENTATION

HOSTED BY:
NOON EXCHANGE CLUB

THURSDAY, APRIL 14
5:00-7:00 PM

THE GROVE
AT WILLIAMSON PLACE

MFRD QUICK RESPONSE MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

Within the span of just two weeks, several of our personnel made a dramatic difference in the lives of many patients. Beginning on March 18, Engine 3 responded to an unresponsive 71-year-old on Diana Street. The crew started CPR and placed the AED on the patient which advised to shock. One shock was given and the patient's pulse returned.

On March 21, Ladder 9 and Rescue 9 responded to an unresponsive man on Riverchase. The patient was in cardiac arrest, and they began CPR and placed the AED. It advised to shock and after three shocks, the patient's pulse resumed.

On March 24, Ladders 7 and 9, Engine 4, Rescue 9, and Cars 24, 29, and 35 responded to an eight-car motor vehicle accident at NW Broad and Thompson Lane. Districts 7 and 9 and Training Coordinator Jeff Wright began treating an 85-year old male who was unresponsive and in cardiac arrest. They began CPR and placed him on the AED, which advised to shock. After one shock, the patient's pulse returned, and he was transported to the emergency room.

March 26, Ladder 9 and Rescue 9 responded to an unresponsive male on Antebellum. On the scene they found a bystander doing CPR on a 22-year-old male. During the primary assessment, they found that the patient did have a carotid pulse, but was in respiratory arrest and had an oxygen saturation of 75 percent. They opened his airway and placed an oral airway and high flow oxygen, and also put the AED on the patient in case he lost his pulse again. When EMS arrived to transport the patient, Rescue 9 documented that once on the cot, he became responsive with an improved oxygen saturation of 99 percent.

Lastly, on March 28, Ladder 8 responded to a CPR on Wenlon Drive just after midnight. Once on scene, they found CPR being performed on a 22-year old who was pulseless and non-breathing. They took over CPR and placed the patient on high flow oxygen and placed the AED which initially advised "no shock". After several rounds of compressions, the AED analyzed and advised to shock. The patient arrived at the emergency room with a pulse.

While each of these patients arrived at the emergency room with a pulse, they are but a few examples of the professional actions and teamwork our personnel display on a daily basis. There are many more incidents to which we responded with the same skill and determination, but were not able to revive the patient. In some of these cases, bystander CPR was being performed when we arrived, undoubtedly contributing to converting the patient's rhythm with the AED. In all of the cases, the teams arrived and without hesitation, began CPR, placing an airway and oxygen on the patient and using the AED.

All of this information was gathered after reviewing the very thorough patient run reports. Great job to each one of you that was involved in the mentioned calls, and to all the other calls you have responded to with the same confidence and effort!

Sincerely,

Kim Lawson
Assistant Chief of Medical Services

April 27th

Happy Administrative Professionals Day

Carol
Laurie
Ashley
Nell



MEET MFRD'S FOUR NEW FIREFIGHTERS



Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department welcomed four new Firefighters in March.

Sean Grandowicz, Nathan Jones, Andrew Law, and Jacob Welbaum began their three-week orientation with MFRD on Monday, March 7.

All four are Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians and have a combined 19.5 years in the fire service.

“We are happy to add these gentlemen to our MFRD team,” said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. “They are coming to the department at a very exciting time, and I look forward to seeing them in action.”

The new Firefighters will begin shift work at MFRD Headquarters located on Vine Street at the conclusion of orientation.

Meet the Firefighters

Sean Grandowicz

3 years in the fire service

Married to Katie

Enjoys motorsports, college football, running, and outdoor activities

Looks forward to: Learning all of the interworkings of MFRD and furthering his career by helping the people of Murfreesboro.

He adds, “I am just thankful for this opportunity and can’t wait to get started.”

Nathan Jones

4.5 years in the fire service

Enjoys fishing, hiking, camping, owning/operating a lawn care and landscaping business, and watching UT football

Looks forward to: Serving the community and expanding his knowledge and skills in the fire and ems fields.

Andrew Law

8 years in the fire service

Married to Heather with children Marshall (4), Wyatt (3), and Audrey (3 months)

Enjoys camping, tiling, sports, and staying fit

Looks forward to: Being able to learn, have the opportunity for growth, and be a part of a strong community...and have his family be a part of that.

He adds, “I’m grateful for the opportunity to work for MFRD.”

Jacob Welbaum

4 (active) years in the fire service; has been in and around the fire service since age 2

Enjoys reading, baseball, staying fit, learning fire service-related subject matter

Looks forward to: The fellowship and camaraderie in the department, the experience and training opportunities, growing and learning, and ultimately being the best Firefighter he can be to serve the people.

He adds, “I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and cannot express how excited I am to be here. I want to know everything and be the best at everything... not for ego, but to provide the best service to the community and the department.”

Pictured (L to R): Nathan Jones, Sean Grandowicz, Jacob Welbaum, and Andrew Law.



TAILBOARD TOPICS: FEBRUARY ANSWER

Tailboard Topics

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

A. **Situational Awareness**

Q. What are the signs and symptoms of moderate to severe hypothermia?

MFRD WELCOMES 3-YEAR-OLD HEART TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT HOME FROM VANDERBILT

Carter Collett is a three-year-old boy from Murfreesboro. On January 19, 2016, Carter and his family received news that Carter would need a heart transplant.

He was able to have the surgery on February 15 and was released to come home with his family on March 4.

His father requested MFRD's assistance with Carter's journey back to the family's home. When they arrived back in Murfreesboro, MFRD's Ladder 9 and Rescue 9 met up with the "convoy" and escorted Carter and his family to their ultimate destination.

We would like to thank the Collett Family for letting us be a part of this!

You can follow Carter's Journey on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/courageouscarter/timeline>

Pictured top, right is the Collett Family: Josh, Heather, Grayson, and Carter.



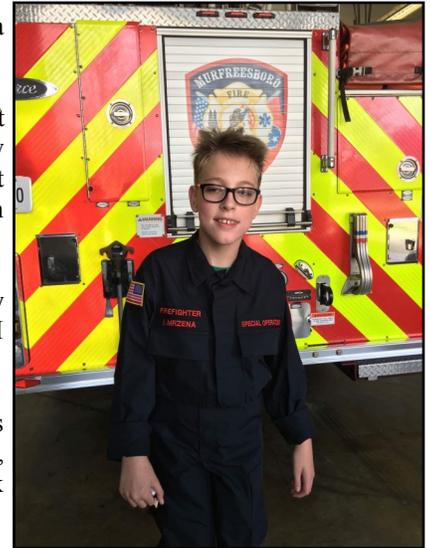
MFRD PERSONNEL PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL KIDS RACE FOR “SPECIAL KID”

Several MFRD personnel participated in the Special Kids Race on March 19, and they had a special reason to do so!

They ran in honor of 11-year-old Ivan Mrzena, who has become a good friend of the C-Shift crew at Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department’s Station 9 located on Cason Lane. Crew members include Captain/Shift Inspector Mark McCluskey, Drivers Josh Oliver and Scott Duncan, and Firefighters James Bryant, Mitchell Whittenburg, and Shandreah Womack. Ivan is particularly fond of Firefighter Shandreah Womack and refers to her as “Firefighter Shan.”

The crew first met Ivan in 2012, when they were displaying equipment for community relations at a car show. “He really enjoyed seeing the fire truck,” said Firefighter Womack. “I will never forget the smile he had on his face.”

Then in December 2015, while the crew was conducting a fire inspection at Scales Elementary School, Ivan’s mom, Pamela Mrzena, recognized Shandreah and called out, “Firefighter Shan!!!” She then introduced herself as “Ivan’s mom,” and began to tell Womack that Ivan talked nonstop about “Firefighter Shan” and his desire to work at Station 9 someday.



After the New Year, Ivan brought goodies to the station so he could see the crew again. “I was so excited to see him after all those years,” said Womack. “He still had the same awesome smile!” Womack knew that seeing the fire truck was his favorite, so she offered to take him out to the engine room to take a look, but Pamela explained that she had to be at a Special Kids meeting and could not stay.

“This got me to thinking about the upcoming Special Kids Race,” said Womack. “I knew some of our personnel were already going to be running it, but thought it would be neat if we could do it in honor of our buddy Ivan!”

Womack received approval from MFRD’s Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks who thought it was a fantastic idea. “This young man has obviously become a part of the Station 9 family and is therefore a part of MFRD’s family. We are honored to participate in the race for him,” commented Foulks.

Station 9 even pooled their money and purchased a BDU tactical uniform for their teammate, Ivan, and presented him with it a few days before the race. On race day, Ivan, his parents Pam and Mark, and MFRD personnel including Captain/Shift Inspector Mark McCluskey and Firefighters Shandreah Womack and Mitchell Whittenburg (along with Whittenburg’s family members), walked the one-miler together!

Other personnel participated in the 5K or 15K under Team Ivan.

Ivan’s History

Ivan was born 17 weeks early. “Shortly after we found out that I was pregnant, I learned I had fibroid cysts,” said Pamela. “Ivan was always competing for room while I was carrying him and he eventually lost.”

He weighed one pound/five ounces and measured 11 ¼ inches the day he was born and spent a total of four and a half months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

“He was first given a three percent chance of surviving,” she continued. Learning that statistically speaking, white male babies have the lowest survival rate for premies, the family was worried. Ivan was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at just three years old, but began therapy around nine months old. Though cerebral palsy is his primary diagnosis, he also has strabismus and hydrocephalus and has had 11 surgeries to date.

“Besides physical therapy, Ivan also receives occupational and speech therapies at Special Kids,” said Pamela, “and he doesn’t let his physical challenges get him down by any means!” Ivan is very sociable and is active with his Cub Scout pack. He will soon be making the transition to a “Boy Scout.”

“He has big plans to become a Firefighter at Station 9 one day,” said Pamela. “For now, he was just happy to walk in the race with his buddies from Station 9!”

SPECIAL KIDS RACE PICTURES



Picture 1 (Firefighter Matthew Twomey and wife Beth, Public Information Officer Ashley McDonald, Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe, and Captain Ted Pertiller). Picture 2 (Firefighter David Branch with son, August). Picture 3 (Ivan after finishing the race). Picture 4 (Lizzie, Ashley, Jaxson, Maddox, and Firefighter Mitchell Whittenburg, Firefighter Shan Womack, Mark, Ivan, and Pam Mrzena, Captain/Shift Inspector Mark McCluskey, Driver Adam Petrig, Firefighter Matt Welcome, Firefighter Britt Gammon, Firefighter Joe Pennington, Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe, and Firefighter Sean Wheeler). Picture 5 (Firefighter Shandrea Womack, Captain/Shift Inspector Mark McCluskey, Ivan Mrzena, and Firefighter Mitchell Whittenburg). Picture 6 (Firefighter Joe Pennington, Firefighter Matt Welcome, Garrick Hutchinson, Captain Gary Hutchinson, Firefighter Sean Wheeler, Firefighter Britt Gammon, and Driver Adam Petrig).



BATTLE, HOLMES, HONEYCUTT, & LEHEW NAMED FF OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL 2016

Engine 3's A-Shift Captain Tony Lehew nominated his crew for Firefighter of the Month for the following:

"On Feb 18, 2016, Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's Engine 3 responded to a medical call at University Ridge apartments. The nature of the call was unresponsive male patient. Upon arrival, the crew discovered a 52 year old male lying on his right side in the living room floor. The man was unconscious and did not respond to any stimuli. He displayed uncoordinated movements in his right hand which arose suspicion of a brain injury or aneurysm. His breathing was labored and he produced a snoring sound. His wife explained that he had complained of a headache for most of the evening. He then complained that he could not move his leg, became unconscious, and fell to the floor.

Firefighter Ryan Battle initiated treatment by assessing vitals and taking blood sugar. While Ryan was engaged in vital assessment and patient survey, Firefighter Ben Honeycutt administered oxygen to the patient. Firefighter Melvin Holmes assisted EMS in bringing the spine board and other equipment to the second floor apartment. Everyone assisted in loading the patient onto a spine board and moving him downstairs, onto a stretcher and into the ambulance. All of the crew members went above and beyond to keep the patient's wife and 5 year old daughter informed and calm.

Firefighter Holmes drove the EMS unit to the hospital. Once they arrived, the patient's wife and daughter followed the crew back into the emergency room. The emergency room staff was busy and there was a language barrier, so Engine 3's crew stayed with the family until emergency room personnel were able to assist. Until that time, crew members engaged the mother and child in a friendly and professional manner. The child was playing with the firefighters, and the mother was distracted from walking into a full code in progress. This was a tough situation and these firefighters handled it with professionalism and compassion.



(L to R): Captain Tony Lehew, Firefighter Melvin Holmes, Firefighter Ryan Battle, and Firefighter Ben Honeycutt.

All four work at Station 3 on Mercury Blvd on A-Shift.

When emergency staff relieved MFRD personnel of the family care, EMS confirmed that the patient had very little chance of survival. This information was also conveyed to the wife.

On March 12, the patient's wife, daughter, and brother in law visited Station 3. The crew was informed that despite all the odds that were against their patient, he survived and was expected to make a full recovery.

It is a rare situation for someone in that serious of a condition to survive...even rarer for them to make a full recovery. Therefore, the crew members of Engine 3 that day deserve to be recognized for not only their life saving efforts, but also for the compassion, professionalism, and courtesy that they showed the patient's family during perhaps the one of the scariest moments of their lives."

"Captain Lehew is also receiving Firefighter of the Month due to his participation in the team effort," said Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan.

REMINDER TO MFRD PERSONNEL...

6TH ANNUAL YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTATION

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

BARFIELD CRESENT PARK PAVILION 7

4:00 PM

FAMILY-STYLE COOKOUT TO FOLLOW (PLEASE RSVP)



ASSISTANT CHIEF JERNIGAN HONORED AS “WOMAN IN BUSINESS”

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department’s Assistant Chief of Operations, Kaye Jernigan, was honored March 9 at Murfreesboro Magazine’s Annual “Women in Business” Luncheon at Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro.

Astronaut, Dr. Rhea Seddon, was the guest speaker at the event. City Manager Rob Lyons, Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks, and Deputy Chief Roger Toombs were all in attendance at the presentation.

Assistant Chief Jernigan accepted a plaque and told the group how it came to be that she became a female in the fire service.



(L to R): Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan, and Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks.

RELAY FOR LIFE: "BORO PUBLIC SERVICE TEAM"

(FOR MFRD, MPD, POLICE/FIRE COMMUNICATIONS & FAMILY)

This year our department is teaming up with the Murfreesboro Police Department to work toward raising funds to assist in finding a cure for cancer. Too many of our people, both employees and family members, have been affected by this dreaded disease.

Together, we make a difference every day in the community, and this is a chance to make an even bigger impact!

Relay for Life is a fundraising event to be held at Middle Tennessee Christian School on May 21st from noon to midnight. Our departments have joined forces to create a fundraising team, "Boro Public Service." Our team's goal is to raise a minimum of \$1000 dollars toward cancer research.

Participating is simple... You can just buy a t-shirt, make an online donation, or even join us for the walk the day of the event. If you choose to join the team just go to <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/boropublicservice> to register as a team member.

By choosing to walk during the event, you are not committed to the entire time. Select a time slot, get family members and/or friends to join you, and have fun doing something for a great cause! (Keep in mind all your walking must be done off duty and on your own time- at your own risk).

If you are a survivor, please contact the Team Captain from your respective department so we can celebrate your triumph at the event. We also encourage you to let us know if you have a family member that has lost a battle to cancer, so that we may remember them in a special way.

Team Captains are Amy Norville (MPD), Ashley McDonald (MFRD), and Desire Thorpe (Police/Fire Communications)

We are selling shirts to assist "Boro Public Service" with meeting our fundraising goal. Pre-orders will be taken until May 1, 2016. Shirts are \$15 each and are **CASH ONLY** payable at the time of order (\$8 of each shirt purchase will go straight to the Relay for Life Fund in our team's name). Shirts are black with white/grayscale print and are a 50/50 blend material.

If you have any questions, contact one of the Team Captains. Remember, your participation is voluntary, but the more participation we have, the more successful we will be!

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK: APRIL 10-16

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is Sunday, April 10 through Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Each year, the second full week in April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as telecommunicators, also known as dispatchers.

Please take time out of your week to offer a "thank you" to the men and women who serve as the first line of response to any incident!

WE  OUR DISPATCHERS!!!

Pictured (L to R) are day-shift Dispatchers: Janie Lawrence, Betsy Robinson, Renee Matthews, Becki Green, and April McClurken.



Back of shirt says, "Heroes for a Cure, Fighting for Your Life."



April Anniversaries

17 YEARS

Joe Bell
Roy Fugate
Dwajuan Howse

5 YEARS

Ryan Battle
Jeff Clementi



Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks' family got a new addition...

Meet
NEYLAND!!!

