

So tell me again why it's called **HAPPY** Thanksgiving!

The Extinguisher

Happy 5 Year Anniversary to The Extinguisher!!!

"Putting out the news"

Ashley McDonald, Editor in Chief



Birthdays

Israel Marcella 11/7

Renard Brown 11/10

Keith Elrod 11/10

Jeremy Morris 11/12

Rob Odom 11/14

Carol Whitaker 11/14

Tracy Summar 11/16

Kaye Jernigan 11/21

Michael Bartlett 11/22

Paul Oliver 11/23

Terrence Thomas 11/23

Alvin Brandon 11/25

Keith Bratcher 11/25

City Holidays

Fire Administration will be **CLOSED** for Veterans Day **November 12, 2012**

Thanksgiving Day **November 22, 2012**

Day After Thanksgiving **November 23, 2012**

NOON EXCHANGE CLUB FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Clay Estes has always been an extremely hard worker. He is an employee that does many things behind the scenes but is modest and does not want to be recognized for all that he does. However, Clay was honored twice in two months time for "on the job rescues." His first notable rescue was April 21, 2012. He and another firefighter were the first responders to the scene of an unresponsive three-week-old baby. Clay immediately began chest compressions while his partner set up a bag valve mask with 100 percent oxygen. Life was returned to the little one.

The very next month on May 21, Clay and his crew responded to an apartment fire which resulted in the rescue of a 16-year-old female from her second floor bedroom window. Clay and his partner worked quickly to extinguish the fire in the stairwell of the complex. Although Clay views both rescues as "another day on the job," we find it significant that a firefighter was involved in two rescues just one month apart.

In addition to being an everyday hero, Clay contributes a lot of time and research to assist the department with grant writing. He has been involved in several of the grants that have been awarded to the department including: the 2008 AFG with which the department purchased saws, Thermal Imaging Cameras, RIT Paks, and Group Rescue Packs, the 2009 AFG which allowed the department to obtain Haz-mat equipment, and the 2010 AFG that helped MFRD purchase a commercial grade generator. Clay serves on the department's Fire Apparatus Spec Committee and has made several trips to various manufacturers to ensure that our equipment is always top of the line. He is also one of two employees certified to conduct annual inspections and maintenance on the department's Holmatro extrication equipment. He is certified to repair the equipment as well. Clay is now retired as "Sparky" the Dalmatian, but wore the uniform for several years in the Fire Prevention Play Dante's Dance.

As you can see, Clay is very involved in various aspects of the department. While he believes that he is just another employee doing his job, we believe that he is very deserving of Firefighter of the Year for his dedication to the department and the citizens of Murfreesboro. Clay is the epitome of the service excellence standard that the City of Murfreesboro strives to provide. We are very fortunate to have him as an employee.



Pictured (Left to Right): Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, Driver Clay Estes, daughter Izabelle, wife Holly, parents Jim and Sandy, sister Valerie and Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan.

Congratulations Clay!

MFRD COMPETES IN ANNUAL TUFF CHALLENGE

Only tenths of a second kept one of the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Professional Division teams from taking the ax home for the second year in a row at the 9th Annual Tennessee Ultimate Fire Fighter Challenge at the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy September 29.

The Chattanooga Fire Department ran the course in 1:34:12 and MFRD was right behind them with a time of 1:34:88. "The Chattanooga Fire Department Team competes at the national level at the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge each year, so they are tough competitors," commented Chief Gaines. "While I congratulate them on their win, I am also happy to say our department still holds the record course time of 1:30."

MFRD did not go home empty-handed. Training Coordinator Nicole Miller placed second in the Women's Individual Competition. MFRD's Professional teams brought home two honors: second and third place.

"I am very proud of our personnel that participated in this year's competition and the honors they brought back to the department," said Gaines.



Nicole Miller accepts her second place plaque from TUFF Event Chair David Windrow.

MFRD Pro Team Proby with their third place plaque. Pictured (L to R): Ashley Johnson, Jonathan Parsons, Britt Gammon, and Jonathan Proby.



MFRD Pro Team Lowe pictured with their second place plaque. (L to R): Kevin Leonard, Matt Young, Josh Parsons, and Brian Lowe.



MFRD HONORS EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department honored employees at the Second Annual Years of Service Awards Presentation September 20 at Patterson Park Community Center.

MFRD added two new categories to this year's presentation: 10 and 15 years of service. The Years of Service Awards Committee designed a special Challenge Coin for these honors. Personnel with 10-14 years of service received a 10-year Challenge Coin and personnel with 15-19 years of service received a 15-year Challenge Coin.

There were no employees with 20 years of service this year. Twenty-five, 30, and 35 year recipients received awards engraved with their names and years of service.

The four employees with 35 years of service received special plaques engraved with some of their fondest memories at the department.

"We are very proud of our employees and their dedication to this department," said Chief Cumbeby Gaines. "These men and women put their lives on the line every day to protect the citizens of Murfreesboro and they deserve to be honored."



"10 years of service" Front Row (L to R): Michael Meeks, Tim Corder, Tim Lampitt, David Simms, Chris Ayers, and David Cranford. Middle Row (L to R): Greg Burt, Joe Bell, Mike Keith, Randy Shaw, Adam Petrig, Michael Bartlett, Bobby Brewer, Dwajuan Howse, and Doug English. Back Row (L to R): Chief Cumbeby Gaines, Brian Burgess, Jeff Wright, Scott Duncan, Clay Estes, Blake Insell, Jeff Irvin, and Deputy Chief Roger Toombs. Not pictured: Brian Lowe, Melvin Holmes, Alveraz Constant, Renard Brown, Paul Oliver, Raleigh Marlin, Paul Diawara, Anthony Cayll, Chris Mikolon, Titus Jackson, Israel Marcella, Greg Robinson, Roy Fugate, and David Sloan.



"15 years of service" Front Row (L to R): Chief Cumbeby Gaines, Alvin Brandon, Josh Oliver, Jason Hayes, Kurt McMahan, Jeff Harris, Brian Creager, and Deputy Chief Roger Toombs. Back Row (L to R): Wade Williams, Jamie Bigelow, Raymond Smith, Tracy Summar, Terry Smith, Gary Hutchinson, Thomas McAdoo, and Bobby Canterbury. Not pictured: Richard Crick, Craig McBride, Jeremy McCullough, Hunter Fite, Tim Rowlett, and Nora Smith.



November Anniversaries

27 YEARS
Randy Rae

25 YEARS
John Avaritt
Mike Mitchell

24 YEARS
Kyle Cobb
Carl Peas
Kaye Jernigan

17 YEARS
Hunter Fite
Jeremy McCullough
Tim Rowlett
Wade Williams

11 YEARS
Tim Corder

6 YEARS
Nathan Duncan



"25-35 years of service" Front Row (L to R): William Murray (35), Randy Jones (30), and William Daniel (35). Back Row (L to R): Chief Cumbeby Gaines, John Avaritt (25), Vular Anderson (25), Bob Decker (25), Mike Mitchell (25), and Deputy Chief Roger Toombs (25). Not pictured: Mary Madding (30), Dale Maynard (35), and Mike Black (35).

FF of the Month



Training Coordinator Nicole Miller has been named Firefighter of the Month for November 2012 for her hard work with the department's CPR and documentation class. Miller was also the first female to represent MFRD in the TUFF Challenge. She has been with the department since October 2004.

CONGRATS NICOLE!!!

What have we been up to lately?

- MFRD finished Annual Hydrant Flow Testing October 15.
- General Order 502 "Fire/Medical Reports" was released in October. Make sure your signature is on the sign sheet!
- MFRD was featured in the Daily News Journal for our pink t-shirts. A special thanks to those who contributed to the article and Station 2 A-Shift personnel for posing for the picture!



Firefighter Josh Parsons, Captain Bobby Canterbury, Firefighter Jonathan Gaither, Firefighter Kevin Defeo, Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan, Driver Sam Benford, and Firefighter Mike Black.

- Twenty-five emergency medical subjects have been added to the LearnIT program. Contact Training Coordinator Billy Vinson for more information!



Mr. Lyons supporting Breast Cancer Awareness with his MFRD shirt!



MFRD's Challenge Coin



CADE ODELL FLYNT

SON OF JOHN & LACY

BORN: OCTOBER 9, 2012

AT 8 LBS / 14 OZ
21" LONG