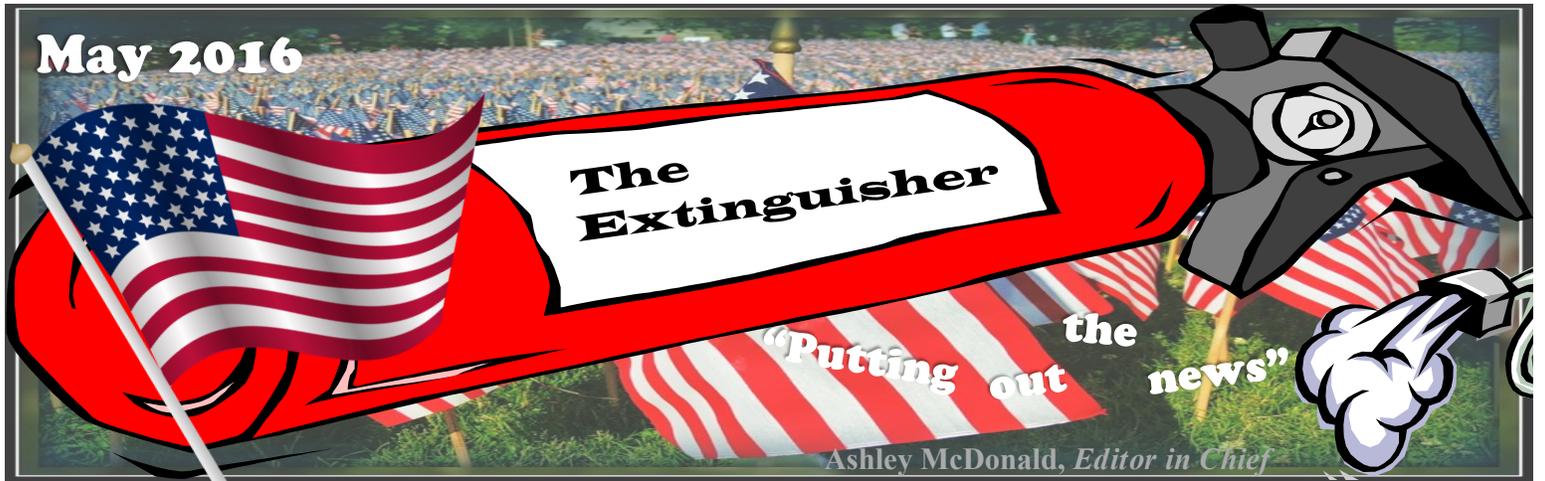


May 2016



## Birthdays

- Sam Benford 5/1
- Ashley McGriff 5/3
- Ray Robinson 5/4
- Allan Debowsky 5/5
- Jacob Follis 5/5
- Josh Oliver 5/6
- Steve Melton 5/7
- Chris Mikolon 5/8
- Kyle Winnett 5/9
- Doug Rivait 5/13
- Mark McCluskey 5/15
- Nathan Jones 5/17
- Jeff Day 5/19
- Ronnie Nobles 5/20
- Kenneth Richmond 5/23
- Al Jakes 5/24
- Bo Jones 5/25
- Justin Lewis 5/25
- Troy Tayse 5/25
- Nell Spradling 5/26
- Brent Stephens 5/27

## MFRD UNVEILS NEW MTSU-BRANDED FIRE ENGINE AT BLUE-WHITE SPRING GAME

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department and Middle Tennessee State University unveiled the city's newest fire engine, complete with the university's logos and colors, at a brief ceremony Saturday, April 16 before the Blue-White spring football game.

The new truck will become MFRD's Engine 3. The company is located at Mercury Boulevard and is the unit closest to MTSU campus.

"We are very proud to have Middle Tennessee State University in our city, and excited to increase the partnership between the university and the city as a whole," said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. "Displaying the university logos on our apparatus that responds to MTSU is a great way for us to show that MFRD is True Blue."



MFRD Fire Administration Office will be CLOSED Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day

## TAILBOARD TOPICS: FEBRUARY ANSWER

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

**A.** As your body temperature drops, signs and symptoms of moderate to severe hypothermia include: Shivering, although as hypothermia worsens, shivering stops. Clumsiness or a lack of coordination. Slurred speech or mumbling. Confusion and poor decision-making, such as trying to remove warm clothes.

## Tailboard Topics

**Q.** Where does the Halligan Bar come from?

## MFRD & NOON EXCHANGE CLUB PROVIDE FREE PRESENTATION TO PUBLIC

On the evening of Thursday, April 14, Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department and the Noon Exchange Club of Murfreesboro partnered to provide a free presentation about MFRD's 2015 South Carolina deployment.

The event was held at The Grove at Williamson Place (3250 Wilkinson Pike, Murfreesboro) on Thursday, April 14.

Two MFRD teams were deployed in October 2015 to assist South Carolina residents during the damaging floods. The first team rescued a total of 21 people and six dogs. The second team spent a majority of their time assisting the National Guard running missions, and helping victims retrieve items such as their medications from their residences.

Team Captains Clay Walls and Josh Oliver, along with Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks, led the presentation. Walls and Oliver recounted their experiences and shared pictures from the deployment.

"We learned about the deployment at our Veterans Matter Chili Cook-off in November," said Noon Exchange Club President JoAnne Skidmore. (MFRD had participants in the contest) "We were so impressed by their involvement in helping another state but were not surprised by their willingness to help others in need."

Skidmore said Fire Rescue Chief Foulks offered to speak to the club, but after reading about the deployment in the news, she felt the story should be shared with the community. "This is precisely the reason Tennessee is the Volunteer State...because of the hearts of men and women like those who serve at MFRD."

A Resolution sponsored by Senator Bill Ketron and co-sponsored and signed by Senator Jim Tracy and Representatives Bryan Terry, Mike Sparks, Dawn White, and Rick Womick was presented to MFRD during the event.

"We were honored to share our experience with the citizens of Murfreesboro," said Fire Rescue Chief Foulks.



8TH ANNUAL  
HEALING FIELD<sup>®</sup>  
Flags of Remembrance  
Murfreesboro, TN 2016

May 28-30, the Murfreesboro Noon Exchange Club will host its annual "Flags of Remembrance Healing Field" at First United Methodist Church (265 W Thompson Lane). This grassy field of hundreds of flags pays tribute to veterans, military, and other personal heroes. MFRD will display the flag from our tower truck on May 28.

# MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT DONATES \$150 TO FIRE PREVENTION

McDonald's on South Church Street hosted "Meet Your Local Firefighter" Night on Monday, April 18. Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's Ladder 2 and Rescue 2 displayed equipment at the restaurant for two hours and met many kids and adults in the community.

A portion of the proceeds from sales during that two hour time period were donated to MFRD's Fire Prevention Fund.

According to Local Store Marketing Director Becca Snyder, the event raised \$150 for the fund.

"We appreciate McDonald's allowing us to introduce our personnel to their patrons," said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. "We are also very thankful for the donation."

Snyder says that plans are in the works for another event of this nature in the future. "The kids absolutely loved it."



# HEROES FOR A CURE



# FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE

**WHEN:**

**MAY 21**

**12PM-12AM**

**WHERE:**

**MIDDLE TN**

**CHRISTIAN**

**SCHOOL**

Join the Boro Public Service Team for this special event.

The theme is "Decades" and we have the 90's. Wear your RFL Team t-shirt or favorite 90's-style outfit and walk with us for a bit!



**ice ice baby**

(In case of emergency)



Boro Public Service Team will be selling Snow Cones for \$2.00. All proceeds go to Relay for Life of Rutherford County.

# SFMO, MFRD, AND MTSU ATHLETES TEAMED UP TO SAVE LIVES

The State Fire Marshal's Office, Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department, and athletes from Middle Tennessee State University joined forces on April 20 to install free smoke alarms in several areas in Murfreesboro.

The canvass was the latest example of teamwork between local fire departments and the SFMO to help prevent fire deaths in Tennessee. "Collaboration is crucial to the mission of saving lives and property," said State Fire Marshal and Commerce & Insurance Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak. "We are grateful for the ongoing support of local fire departments like Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue."

According to Baylie Scott, Community Risk Reduction Coordinator with the SFMO, a total of 74 alarms were installed during the three hour canvass.

If you missed out on the free smoke alarm installations and you live in the city limits, you can contact MFRD Administration Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm at 615-893-1422 to take advantage of Project SAFE (Smoke Alarms for Everyone). If you do not live in Murfreesboro, but reside in Tennessee, please utilize the SFMO's [online smoke alarm request form](#).



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Andrew Diffie,  
Tennessee Dept of  
Commerce & Insurance*

## MFRD FIREFIGHTER “PAYS IT FORWARD” BY DONATING HAIR TO CANCER VICTIMS

A Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Firefighter “paid it forward” on Wednesday, April 20 by donating his hair to help cancer victims.

Fifteen years ago (April 20, 2001), Firefighter Matthew Young was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). He completed two rounds of chemotherapy at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and was released on July 2, 2001.

For the last two years, Young has been growing his hair to donate to “Children with Hair Loss.”

“Because of the cancer, I am unable to donate blood or become an organ donor, but I still wanted to be able to help others fighting the same battle,” said Young. So he went to his barber, Shelly Hartley, at Nate’s Barber Shop. “It took an hour and a half to cut his hair,” said Shelly. “We ended up with a total of 16 ponytails, which should be enough for at least three wigs.”

“It just made sense to go ahead and cut it today,” said Young. “I’m fortunate that I beat cancer and have gone on to live a happy and healthy life for the last fifteen years.”

Young has been a Firefighter with MFRD since September 2006.

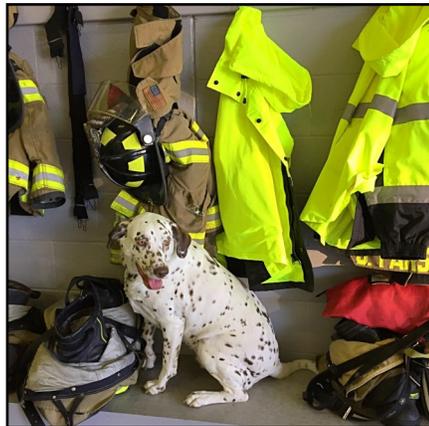
“We are very proud of all of the men and women in our department who show compassion for others both on and off duty,” said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. “I know Matt got teased a lot for his long hair, but it was for a great cause.”

For more information on “Children with Hair Loss,” please visit <http://www.childrenwithhairloss.us/>.



## FIREFIGHTER KINDLE’S DOG “BUNKER” VISITS HEADQUARTERS

One sunny, Saturday afternoon in April Firefighter Andrew Kindle’s dog “Bunker” visited MFRD Headquarters. Kindle used the opportunity to get some great photos of his pal!



Kindle has been with MFRD since September 2015.

**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**

# CHECK OUT THESE ADORABLE "THANK YOU" FROM BARFIELD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

My Favorite Career

Dear Murfreesboro Fireman

Thank you so much for coming to our school on Career Day.

I especially enjoyed hearing about your job because

1) I like Murfreesboro Fireman  
because I would like to save people.

2) I like Murfreesboro Fireman because  
I like to put out fires.

Sincerely,  
Connet Rivers

Pruden Barnes  
My Favorite Career  
Fire man



can help people and animals to save

Name Bradley

My Favorite Career Fire

I love the fire



Name John

My Favorite Career Fire man



I like the fire men because it has a long ladder.

Name Jayla Collins

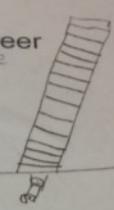
My Favorite Career Fireman



they climb ladders

Name Joseph

Fire man  
My Favorite Career  
When you are  
in a hose  
and you live  
the ovin



Name Lillie

My Favorite Career Firemen



I learn from Firemen is to be safe.

Name Tamell

## SWEENEY NAMED “MPD/MFRD DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR”

MPD/MFRD Dispatcher, Brandy Sweeney, was honored in April during “National Telecommunicators Week” as “Dispatcher of the Year.”

Sweeney was selected because she “takes pride in ensuring compliance with NCIC policies and services as a role model for others. Her dedication and passion helps keep officers safe on the street.”

She was recognized at a small ceremony at the Communications Center on April 13, and also at the Rutherford County Emergency Communications District Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 15.

“We are proud of Brandy and her accomplishment,” said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. “The City of Murfreesboro is truly blessed with great men and women in the first line of communication during an emergency.”



Pictured (L to R): MPD Police Chief Karl Durr, Brandy Sweeney, and MFRD Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks.

## CAPTAIN/SHIFT INSPECTOR BRIAN LOWE WINS FIRST RESPONDER DIVISION ON BACKYARD BBQ CONTEST

Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe participated in his first barbeque cooking competition Saturday, April 23.



His entry won him first place in the First Responder Division of the “Backyard BBQ Brawl” sponsored by the Murfreesboro Breakfast Exchange Club.

Lowe is no stranger to the food competition circuit. His first chili cook-off was a success as well. In November 2015, he took “People’s Choice Award” in the Veterans Matter Chili Cook-off hosted by the Noon Exchange Club.

Lowe has been with Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department since June 2001.



## CLEMENTI NAMED FF OF THE MONTH MAY 2016



Firefighter Jeff Clementi has been named Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department’s Firefighter of the Month for May 2016.

He was nominated by Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith for designing and painting an image of MFRD’s patch on the engine room wall at Headquarters. “This painting was a great idea, and the finished product was a great addition to our fire house,” said Smith.

She added, “Clementi is an employee dedicated to the fire service and takes pride and ownership in the department.”

Clementi has been with MFRD since April 2011.



### May Anniversaries

#### 28 YEARS

Lee Douglas

#### 20 YEARS

Thomas McAdoe  
Terry Smith

#### 19 YEARS

Richard Crick

#### 18 YEARS

Greg Burt

#### 15 YEARS

Randy Shaw

#### 8 YEARS

Kernie Cothran  
Zach Fleenor  
Jonathan Gaither  
Jeremy Morris  
Jason Norris  
Rob Odom  
Jonathan Parsons  
Joshua Parsons  
Sean Wheeler

#### 2 YEARS

Kim Lawson

