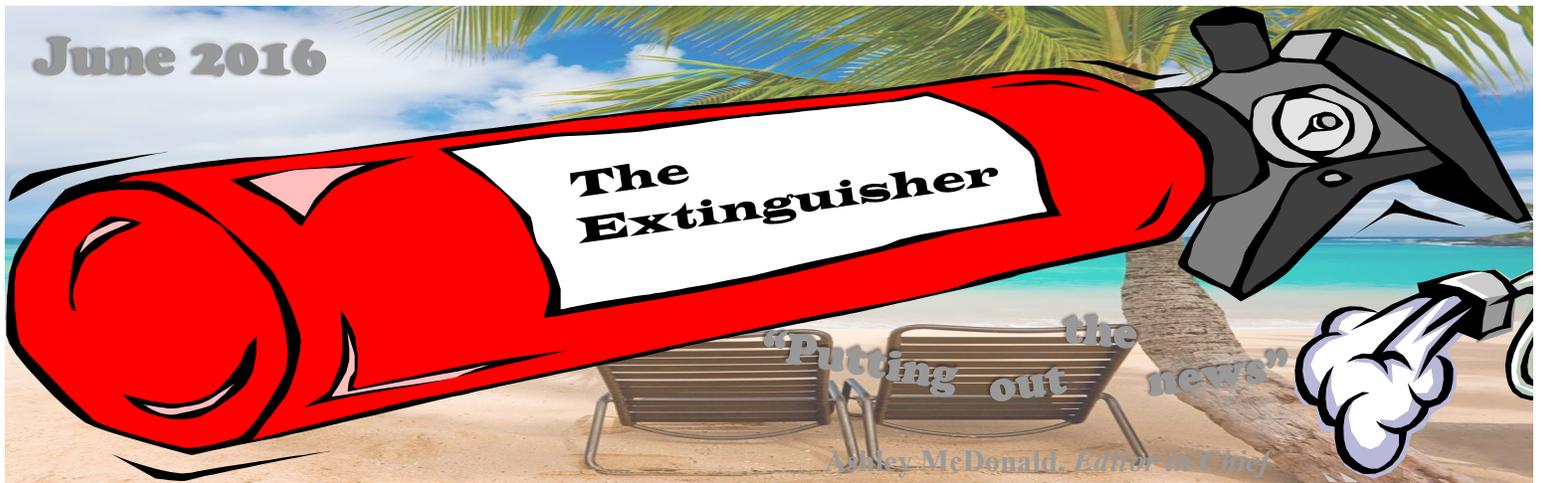


June 2016



Birthdays

- Tim Rowlett 6/2
- Allen Swader 6/2
- Clay Malone 6/7
- Jonathan Gaither 6/11
- Dustin Liddell 6/13
- James White 6/16
- John Avaritt 6/19
- Randy Shaw 6/19
- Jeff Irvin 6/20
- Raleigh Marlin 6/23
- Joe Pennington 6/24
- Mark Brewer 6/27
- Adam C. Brown 6/28
- Troy Gannon 6/28

MFRD HONORS EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department honored employees at the 6th Annual Years of Service Awards Presentation Saturday, May 7 at Barfield Park.

Honorees were as follows (in order of seniority):



10 Years: Firefighter

Troy Tayse, Firefighter Nathan Duncan, Firefighter Joshua Jackson, Firefighter Alan Jakes, Firefighter Matthew Young, Administrative Support Specialist Nelda Spradling, Captain David Frost, Firefighter Alan Farrar, Firefighter Travis Bryant, Firefighter Daphanie Crenshaw

15 Years: Firefighter Tim Corder, Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe, Driver Randy Shaw, Driver Christopher Ayers, Firefighter Melvin Holmes, Firefighter Alveraz Constant, Driver Brian Burgess, Firefighter Renard Brown, Driver Clay Estes

20 Years: Driver Craig McBride, Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith, Captain/Shift Inspector Thomas McAdoo

25 Years: Driver Douglas Rivait, Firefighter Leon Isaac, Captain Terrence Thomas, Administrative Aide Laurie Alsup

30 Years: Driver Lionel Holladay, Captain Tony Lehew

Employees with 10 and 15 years of service received MFRD challenge coins engraved with their respective years. Employees with 20, 25, and 30 years of service received awards engraved with their names and years of service.

“We are very proud of the men and women of our department and their dedication to the citizens of Murfreesboro,” said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. “We are very fortunate to have such wonderful people serving this community.”

Pictured (L to R)

Front Row: Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks, City Manager Rob Lyons, Vice Mayor Doug Young, Assistant Chief Kim Lawson, Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, Firefighter Leon Isaac, Administrative Aide Laurie Alsup, Captain Terrence Thomas, Firefighter Matt Young, Firefighter Josh Jackson, Firefighter Troy Tayse, Captain/Shift Inspector Thomas McAdoo, Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith, and Captain/Shift Inspector Lee Douglas.

Back Row: Firefighter Tim Corder, Captain/Shift Inspector Brian Lowe, Driver Randy Shaw, Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan, Driver Douglas Rivait, Firefighter Nathan Duncan, Captain David Frost, Driver Christopher Ayers, Captain Tony Lehew, Assistant Chief Allen Swader, and Firefighter Alan Farrar.



Captain Bigelow displays the flag from Tower 2 at the Flags of Remembrance Healing Field May 28 at First United Methodist.

Photo Courtesy of Gayle Passovoy.

Two MFRD Captains to Retire in July

Two Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department Captains will be hanging up their fire gear in July; Captain Joe Barrett after 38 years of service, and Captain Randy Jones with 34 years of service.

The two announced their plans to retire earlier this year.

Barrett was hired as a Firefighter in October 1978. “Captain Robert Fulgum inspired me to be a Firefighter,” said Barrett. “Him, and the two days off,” he joked. Barrett was promoted to Driver in 1987 and Captain in 1999.

Jones’ desire to join the department in September 1982 was more of a family affair. “My uncle, Graham Jones, and cousin, Richard Bowen, were working at MFD in the 60s and 70s,” said Jones. “They encouraged my brother, Ricky Jones, and I to work here. I came to Headquarters once a week to meet with [then] Chief Bobby Swann, and one week, he asked me when I could start. I replied, ‘right away!’” Jones was promoted to Driver in 1987 and Captain in 1988. His brother retired from MFRD as a Captain in July 2015.

Both agree that the best thing about working for the department has been their ability to help others and to foster several friendships with co-workers that have now become family. “A person who has friends is blessed,” remarked Jones. “I will treasure the friendships I’ve made here for years to come.”

The two Captains have also seen a lot of changes over the years, the biggest of those being the addition of medical services to the department. “We used to go to a house fire each shift,” said Barrett. Due to MFRD’s Fire Prevention efforts, those numbers have decreased significantly. “Now most of those calls have been replaced by medical calls,” he said.

Jones anticipates seeing even more progression of medical services for the department in the next 5-10 years. “I also see more fire stations being built and a training facility with classrooms.”

Each Captain was asked to recall their most memorable call; for Barrett, it was a lifeless infant being handed to him by the child’s father. “The baby was not breathing. Performing CPR on an infant is something I will never forget.” Captain Jones spoke about a fire call on Van Cleve Lane, “I remember the wind chill was about 30-40 degrees below and everything kept freezing up. Back then, we had no equipment to deal with extreme temperatures.”

When asked what they plan to do after retiring, one common theme was spending more time with family. Barrett plans to enjoy traveling with his wife of 42 years, Carroll, and his favorite activities: hunting, fishing, and trapping. Jones said he will continue his work with the Murfreesboro Fire Firefighters Association (Local 3035). He will also stay busy on the Rutherford County Road Board. “I plan to do some traveling as well, and just enjoy life.”



“These two men have been great assets to the department during their tenure,” said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. “They have played a role in the development of department policies, acquisition and maintenance of equipment, and mentoring the younger generation Firefighters. They will truly be missed.”

BORO PUBLIC SERVICE TEAM SMASHES GOAL

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue, Police, and Police/Fire Communications set a goal to raise \$1000 for Relay for Life as the “Boro Public Service Team.”

“With less than three months to raise funds, we wanted to keep the goal we set reachable,” said Team Captain Ashley McDonald.

The main fundraiser for the team was selling “Boro Public Service” shirts. At the relay event at Middle Tennessee Christian School on May 21, the team sold snow cones, keeping in line with their 90s-inspired theme, “ICE ICE Baby” (In Case of Emergency).

“The snow cones were a big hit,” said McDonald, “and our décor/attire won the ‘Best Representation of Theme’ Award.”

Team Captain Amy Norville tallied the final numbers on May 31 and could not believe her eyes! “Between the t-shirt sales, snow cones, and donations made directly to the team, Boro Public Service raised a grand total of \$7745.78,” said Norville. “We could not have done it without the support of our personnel and their families.”

Several personnel from each department came to show their support by walking for the team during the 12-hour event, others bought t-shirts or donated to the team online.

“This was our first year to come together for this cause,” said Team Captain Desire Thorpe. “We are very appreciative of everyone who had a hand in our success, and already look forward to next year.”

A special thanks to Patty Fuson with Art Directions for her assistance with the t-shirts, and to Heritage South Community Credit Union for allowing the team to use their snow cone machine and materials.



Pictured are the Boro Public Service Team Cancer Survivors present for the event: (L to R): Tim Rowlett, Robbie Walls, and Clay Malone.



MORE RELAY FOR LIFE PICS (MAY 21)



TAILBOARD TOPICS: MAY ANSWER

Tailboard Topics

Q. Where does the term “Halligan Bar” come from?

A. Based on the earlier Kelly tool, the tool was designed by and named after a New York City Fire Department First Deputy Chief named Hugh Halligan in 1948.

Q. What is a “taxpayer” style of building?

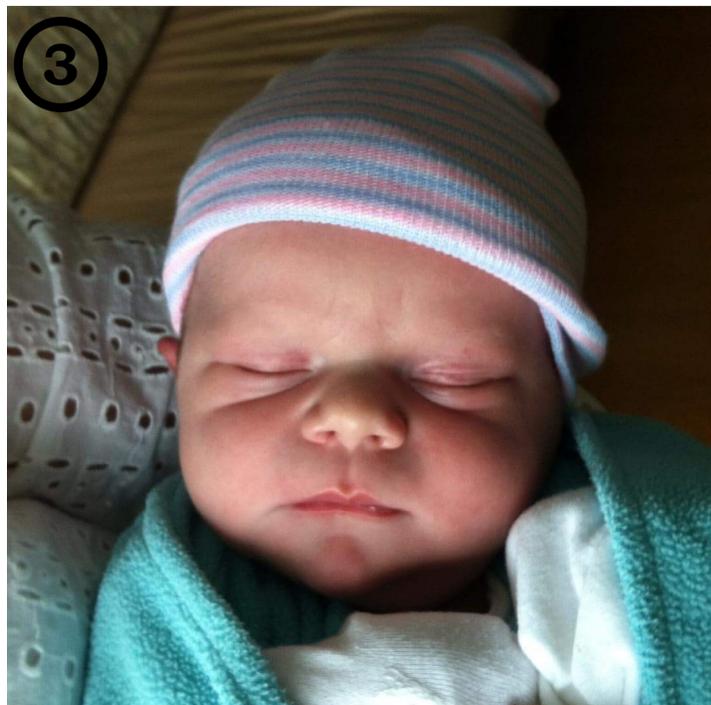
MFRD WELCOMES SEVERAL NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department is growing every month. Three of our personnel recently welcomed little ones into the world.

Firefighter Greg Robinson welcomed his first grandchild on April 26 (at 31 weeks and two days). Michael Bentley Robinson weighed in at 2.5 pounds and measured 15” long. He has not been able to come home yet, but continues to make progress. Parents are Jonah and Bria Robinson.

Tenley Mae Gammon, daughter of Firefighter Britt and wife Amy Gammon was born May 2, just one day shy of 34 weeks. She weighed in at 3 pounds/10 ounces and measured 17.5” long. Miss Tenley spent some time in the NICU but has since been released.

Firefighter David Branch and wife Summer met their third baby boy on May 9. Clive Salem Branch weighed in at 8 pounds/14 ounces and measured 20 3/4” long.



- 1) Michael Bentley Robinson
- 2) Tenley Mae Gammon
- 3) Clive Salem Branch

MFRD PERSONNEL ATTEND ACTIVE SHOOTER MEDICAL MANAGEMENT

A select group of Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel participated in an Active Shooter Medical Management training hosted by Paragon Medical Education Group in May.

Students participated in a lecture with active participation before splitting into groups for activity sessions. The sessions included use of a Cadaver Lab to practice hemorrhage control, airway management, and learn about ballistics and anatomy. Other hands-on activities included force protection, sifting and sorting, and incident command.

The one-day course ended with a large group exercise with an active shooter scenario.

“This was one of the best classes I have taken during my 28 year career as a Firefighter/AEMT,” said Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan. “The use of the cadavers made our training very realistic, and made it easier to identify where organs are in the body.”

Jernigan also said, “Paragon did a fantastic job of demonstrating how to handle an active shooter situation with victims.”



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MAY 2016 RANDOMNESS FROM MFRD

Water Day at Northfield Elementary, Ladder 6, Firefighters Kevin Leonard and Jason Norris



Career Day at Mitchell Neilson Elementary, Engine 4, Firefighters Justin Lewis and Joshua Warren



In honor of Vice Mayor Doug Young's battle, Mayor Shane McFarland, City Councilmembers, City Management, and other Department Heads displayed their support on Wednesday, May 25 at the Budget Hearing by sporting their hats.

Front Row (L to R): Daryl Alexander, Jim Crumley, Sam Huddleston, Mark Foulks, Chris Griffith, Raymond Hillis, Robert Holtz, Gary Whitaker, Chad Gehrke, Chris Lilly, Jennifer Moody, Melissa Wright, and Roger Toombs.

Back Row (L to R): Craig Tindall, Rob Lyons, Bill Shacklett, Madelyn Scales-Harris, Doug Young, Shane McFarland, Ron Washington, Rick LaLance, and Eddie Smotherman.



MFRD PERSONNEL ATTEND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CHEMISTRY CLASS AT NASHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members of Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's Special Operations Team attended a Hazardous Materials Chemistry Class in May at the Nashville Fire Department.

Students were Captain Kurt McMahan, Drivers Chris Ayers, Bobby Brewer, and Dwajuan Howse, and Firefighters Mark Brewer, Joe Pennington, and Matt Welcome.

The course covered the identification of elements within a given chemical. This assists responders with recognizing a variety of hazards and mitigating with a proper plan of action.

"This is another valuable tool in our toolbox," said Captain Kurt McMahan. "I would strongly encourage anyone interested in Special Operations, particularly Hazmat, to take this course."

CAREER DAY AT BLACKMAN ELEMENTARY



Firefighters Andrew Law and Matt Tidwell show and explain equipment at Blackman Elementary's Career Day May 20.

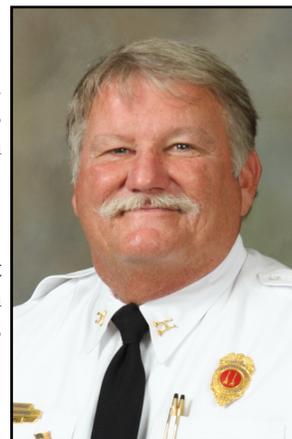
JONES NAMED FF OF THE MONTH JUNE 2016

Captain Randy Jones was named Firefighter of the Month for June 2016.

He was nominated by Captain/Shift Inspector Lee Douglas. Douglas' email stated, "Ladder 6 responded to a two car motor vehicle accident on May 5th. As we arrived on scene, I could see that it was a pretty bad wreck. I saw a truck with MFFA union tags just behind the accident and realized it was Captain Jones' truck."

An elderly gentleman had been involved in the wreck, and Captain Jones was out talking with him. I took notice of the measures that Captain Jones used to calm the man. He has a knack for remaining calm in the midst of chaos, and always conveys the message, "we are going to make it through this."

Jones has been with MFRD since September 1982 and retires July 3, 2016.



June Anniversaries

31 YEARS

Sam Benford
Keith Bratcher

26 YEARS

Jeff Bratcher
Keith Elrod
Troy Gannon
Guy Matthews
Steve Melton
Ronnie Nobles
Ted Pertiller
Allen Swader
Tim Swann
Eugene Todd

22 YEARS

Bobby Canterbury
Gary Hutchinson
Nora Smith

17 YEARS

Israel Marcella
Greg Robinson

15 YEARS

Brian Lowe

13 YEARS

David Bricker
Davey Ferrell
Kenny McFarland
Ray Robinson
James White
Mitchell Whittenburg
Kyle Winnett

12 YEARS

Mark Brewer
Karl Daigle
Joel Patnode

4 YEARS

Chad Davis
Kevin Defeo
Ashley McGriff
Matt Roeger