

July 2016

# The Extinguisher

“Putting out the news”

Ashley McDonald, Editor in Chief



## Birthdays

- Davey Ferrell 7/1
- John Flynt 7/1
- Jason Hayes 7/1
- Rob Vaughter 7/2
- Ted Pertiller 7/7
- Paul Diawara 7/8
- Ben Honeycutt 7/12
- Brian Lowe 7/13
- David Simms 7/14
- Jamie Layhew 7/16
- Bobby Brewer 7/18
- Brandon McCullough 7/19
- Chad Davis 7/24
- Lance Sutton 7/24
- Ryan Daniel 7/25
- Titus Jackson 7/26
- Mike Keith 7/28
- Laurie Alsup 7/29

## City Holiday

MFRD's Administrative Office will be closed on **Monday, July 4, 2016** in observance of Independence Day.

If you need immediate assistance, contact MFRD Headquarters At 615-849-2661.

## MFRD AND MPD COORDINATE SAFETY EFFORTS FOR FOURTH OF JULY

As the Fourth of July weekend approaches, Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department and Murfreesboro Police Department are coordinating efforts to keep the citizens and visitors of Murfreesboro safe during the holiday.

MPD will have residential patrols as well as increased traffic enforcement over the holiday weekend. Officers will strictly enforce speeding, seat belt, DUI, and other traffic related laws as well as the City fireworks regulations.

Both MPD and MFRD will be present at the city-sponsored “Celebration Under the Stars” event on July 4 at McKnight Park.

MPD will provide traffic and event control. MFRD will have the Special Events Team tent set up for the day’s festivities and will be able to provide medical assistance if necessary. MFRD’s award-winning Honor Guard will present colors at the opening ceremony and crews will be posted at the site where the fireworks will be launched. MFRD personnel will be on standby during the fireworks show.

### IMPORTANT DATE/TIME CHANGES to “SEASONAL USE OF FIREWORKS”

It is important to note that dates and times for approved seasonal use of fireworks in Murfreesboro’s city limits have changed. It is only permissible to use fireworks within the City on July 3rd, July 4th, and July 5th between the hours of 10:00 am and 11:00 pm.

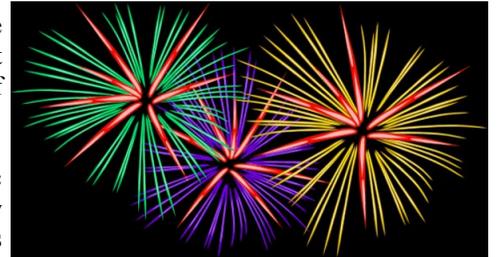
Seasonal sales of fireworks are only permitted from June 28th-July 5th from State-approved retailers. According to Fire Marshal Carl Peas, a total of 12 fireworks retail sites were inspected and approved earlier this week.

The Fire Marshal’s Office would like to remind citizens that it is unlawful for any person to use any item of fireworks on private property without the consent of the property owner or for any person to use any item of fireworks on public property including public streets.

It is also unlawful for anyone in the City of Murfreesboro to sell, use, or possess any mortar firework with a single tube, if that tube has been preloaded with a shell and the tube or shell has a diameter of one and a half inches. Anyone in the city limits is also prohibited from selling, using, or possessing reloadable fireworks and bottle rockets.

### FIREWORKS SAFETY

According to the National Fire Protection Association, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured each year using consumer fireworks. NFPA’s Fireworks Report, prepared by John R. Hall, Jr. states, “On July 4th in a typical year, far more U.S. fires are reported than on any other day, and fireworks account for two out of five of those fires, more than any other cause of fires.”



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## MFRD ANNOUNCES UPCOMING OPENING OF VETERANS PARKWAY STATION

The City of Murfreesboro and Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department are proud to announce the long-awaited opening of Fire Station 10 located at 2563 Veterans Parkway.

The station will be fully staffed and operational at 7:00 am on Sunday, July 31.

City Council approved the addition of 18 new Firefighters for Fiscal Year 2017 to staff the station and fill other vacancies within the department. The new Firefighters will begin orientation on July 11, and several Captain and Driver promotions will also take place before July 31.

The Veterans Parkway station was completed in 2009, but due to declining growth over the last several years and lack of potential call volume in the area, it has not been occupied. MFRD has used the building for training and equipment staging to this point. The station will now service Veterans Parkway and the entire area of the city west of Interstate 24.

“Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue has anticipated the opening of this station for many years,” said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. “We are excited to offer the citizens and visitors in that area our elite fire, rescue, and medical services.”

A Grand Opening ceremony has tentatively been scheduled for Monday, August 1 at 9:00 am. More details will be released once those plans are finalized.



# SAFETY EFFORTS FOR FOURTH OF JULY CONTINUED...

MFRD urges citizens to enjoy public displays of fireworks (such as the City's "Celebration Under the Stars"), rather than risking the use of consumer fireworks. However, citizens who choose to use consumer fireworks are offered the following safety tips:

- Obey local ordinances regulating the sale and use of fireworks.
- Use fireworks in a safe area, away from dry fields, forests, and buildings.
- Carefully follow label directions and always have adult supervision.
- Light one firework at a time and handle lighters safely.
- Never point or throw fireworks at people or animals.
- Keep water and garden tools nearby. Wet towels can be used to extinguish small flames.
- After the celebration ends, observe the area where fireworks were used to make sure everything is safe before leaving.

"To avoid injuries, those using fireworks should be extra cautious and strictly follow the instructions on their fireworks," said Assistant Fire Marshal Michael Bartlett, "and always make sure to have adult supervision."

For more information on Fireworks Regulations and Safety, or the City's Celebration Under the Stars, visit the City's website at [www.murfreesborotn.gov](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov).

# Come Celebrate the 4th!



**10 am - 4:30 pm** "Rock the Pool" at the Sports\*Com  
**5 pm - 8 pm** Family games and activities - free!  
**7:50 pm - 8 pm** Welcome and introductions  
**8 pm - 9 pm** Color guard to present colors-  
**9 pm** National Anthem Murfreesboro Symphony  
Fireworks show - free!

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## OVER 100 ALARMS INSTALLED DURING CANVASS

In June, Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department, local volunteers from the American Red Cross, and teens from the High School Summer Service Camp at Experience Community Church partnered for four days to install free smoke alarms in high risk areas in Murfreesboro.

The canvass was part of an on-going effort between MFRD and the Red Cross to equip the community with working smoke alarms. Students from Experience Community Church expressed interest in joining the fire prevention efforts. Teams installed a total of 110 alarms during the project.

If you live in the city limits of Murfreesboro and are in need of smoke alarms, please contact MFRD Administration Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at 615-893-1422 to inquire about Project SAFE "Smoke Alarms for Everyone." MFRD even has specialty smoke alarms for the hearing or visually impaired.

To learn more about this canvass, watch CityTV's Newsbreak with Cecilia Herrell: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xD\\_Bf5KYwiM&list=PL3375D5B193C7A26C](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xD_Bf5KYwiM&list=PL3375D5B193C7A26C).



## FACEBOOK FEEDBACK: ONE OF OUR FOLLOWERS THANKS L-1

We received the following message from one of our Facebook Followers regarding Ladder 1's assistance with flooding in this follower's apartment. Great job Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith and crew!



*"Please say thank you to the firemen of ladder 1 for coming to my rescue Wednesday (June 29 at 3:25 am) as my apartment was flooding from a burst water pipe above my apartment. I worried possibly something had happened to the person living above me. There was so much water pouring into my apartment. The firemen were so kind and calming as I was so anxious about what was happening. I was shaking. One of the firemen stood by me while they checked on my upstairs neighbor and checked my apartment. They even helped me retrieve some of my belongings since the ceiling was assuredly about to collapse from the weight of the water. They were beyond kind. Thank them for me. I appreciate knowing we have such an amazing group of people as they each are."*

# MFRD COMBAT CHALLENGE TEAM BY: CAPTAIN/SHIFT INSPECTOR BRIAN LOWE

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department's Combat Challenge Team traveled to Lexington, KY on June 10 to participate in the regional qualifier of the Scott Combat Challenge. MFRD had competitors in the team relay, as well as three tandem relays. Tandem relay requires a two-person team to complete half of the course. Pairings included Firefighters Chad Davis and Josh Parsons (Team A), Firefighters Matthew Young and Eric Compton (Team C), and Captain/ Shift Inspector Brian Lowe and Firefighter Kevin Leonard (Over 40 or as Leonard called it, "40 Plus"). All MFRD tandem teams qualified for the championships with times under two minutes.

The relay teams can manipulate the course with three to five participants. Murfreesboro uses a five person team for competition. Team members, MFRD Firefighters Josh Parsons, Eric Compton, Benson Cothran, Matthew Young, and Chad Davis, earned a first round bye with a seeding round time of one minute, 27 seconds (1:27). Even though the team posted a better time in the second round, it was not enough to move on in the bracket. However, their efforts qualified the team for the world championships to be held later this year in Montgomery, Alabama.



## TAILBOARD TOPICS: JUNE ANSWER

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

**A.** “Taxpayer” - This is the fire service name for a small structure that has a business on the lower floor and a residence on the second floor. The residence may be presently used as an office, but it is still considered a "taxpayer" style of building. You will find these in older downtowns or neighborhoods.

[Tailboard Topics]

**Q.** What does P.A.R. stand for?

## MFRD WELCOMES NEW FAMILY MEMBER

“Brix Patrick Flynt” son of Firefighter John Flynt and wife Laci was born June 15, 2016.

He weighed in at 7 pounds/3 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

*Congratulations to the Flynt Family on their new addition!*



## MCCRAVENS STAR IN COOKING WITH MFRD

Firefighter Justin McCraven and his daughter Avery are featured on the latest episode of “Cooking with MFRD.”

This dynamic duo teaches Host Ashley McDonald how to make one of their favorite recipes, “Banana Pudding Poke Cake.” Catch this episode on CityTV’s Channel 3, on [YouTube](#), or at [www.murfreesborotn.gov/cookingwithmfrd](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/cookingwithmfrd).

Be sure to watch until the end for a special song from Ashley and Avery!

Recipes and past episodes are also available at [www.murfreesborotn.gov/cookingwithmfrd](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/cookingwithmfrd).



June 9<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>

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- Composition Paper- wide
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- #2 Pencils
- Fiskar Scissors
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- 1” 3 Ring Binder
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- Crayola Crayons (24 ct)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex

Drop Off Location

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## MFRD ADMINISTRATION IS “STUFF THE BUS” DROP-OFF

In an effort to assist Murfreesboro Water & Sewer Department with their “Stuff the Bus” United Way Campaign, MFRD has become a drop-off site for school supplies.

Deadline for drop-off is July 13th.

Materials needed include:

composition paper (wide), spiral notebooks (wide), No. 2 pencils, Fiskar scissors, dry eraser markers, one inch 3-ring binders, 3-hole pocket folders, Crayola crayons (24 count), hand sanitizer, and Kleenex.

# OFF DUTY FIREFIGHTER SAVES RETIRED CAPTAIN

BY: ASSISTANT CHIEF KIM LAWSON

On June 2, MFRD's Engine 3 was dispatched to an unresponsive person with CPR in progress. Upon the crew's arrival, off-duty Driver Doug English was administering CPR. Captain Lowe and his crew (Craig McBride, Jeremy Morris, and Corian Barrett) placed the AED on the patient and it advised to shock. While crew members continued CPR, the AED again analyzed and advised to shock. EMS arrived on the scene, and began more advanced life support. With MFRD's assistance, the patient was taken to Saint Thomas Rutherford. Once inside the emergency room, the patient's pulse and respirations returned.

It is with certainty that the reason that the patient was resuscitated is because of the combination of several factors: Driver/AEMT English was on vacation, heard a commotion at a neighbor's house, and recognized a serious medical emergency. He quickly intervened and began efficient CPR while instructing the family to call 9-1-1. Engine 3 responded to the scene in just 3:34 minutes from the time of dispatch and quickly applied and utilized their AED. RCEMS arrived on the scene in just under 3 minutes after Engine 3 arrived, and three personnel rode in with Medic 12, allowing the Paramedic to administer ALS skills, including defibrillation. The skilled ER staff also defibrillated the patient and the patient converted to a rhythm and breathed on his own.

The patient was actually a retired Captain from MFRD. He has undergone surgery and is recovering beautifully in a skilled rehabilitation facility in Murfreesboro. We are very proud of our personnel, both on and off duty, for their professionalism, compassion, and life-saving efforts.



Driver English is receiving Firefighter of the Month for July 2016 for his quick thinking and response to this incident.

"English's actions exemplify the public service we strive to provide to our community daily," said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. "The family of the retiree is very appreciative that he was in the right place at the right time that day, and so are we!"

English has been with MFRD since August 2000.

# AND THEY'RE OFF!!! LAST SHIFTS FOR CAPTAINS BARRETT AND JONES

Captains Joe Barrett and Randy "Bubba" Jones worked their last shifts at the Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department. They were presented with a cake and a shadowbox with their department memorabilia. Both Captains posed with their crews one last time.



(L to R): Firefighter Jacob Follis, Driver Dwajuan Howse, Captain Joe Barrett, Driver Adam Petrig, and Firefighter Joe Pennington.

(L to R): Firefighter Wayne Reed, Driver Kenneth Richmond, Captain Randy "Bubba" Jones, and Firefighter Jeff Harris.

# SAINT ANDREWS DRIVE FAMILY AFFECTED BY FIRE FINDS NEW FRIENDS AT MFRD

The Byrd Family was displaced after their home on Saint Andrews Drive was destroyed due to a fire on the night of June 25th.

Firefighters arrived on scene just after 9:00 pm to discover the house engulfed in flames. "When we arrived, the roof to the garage was already gone," said Ladder 9 Driver Adam Petrig.

Nineteen-year-old Savannah Byrd was home at the time the blaze started and was fortunately able to get out safely before MFRD even responded. Personnel from RCEMS Medic 3 recognized her because she participated in ride-alongs with them. Station 9's crew was also familiar with her for that reason. "Savannah is actually going to be attending EMT school beginning next month and plans to become a Paramedic," said Petrig.

The home was a total loss, but firefighters were able to assist the family with recovering some of their valuables.

"We stayed for a couple of hours after the fire to assist them," said Petrig, "and the idea came up to invite them to dinner at the fire station."

The Byrd Family happily accepted the invitation and joined Station 9 for a meal around the firehouse table on June 28th.

"It was something neat to see," continued Petrig, "when we were grocery shopping for the meal, I saw a friend of mine and explained what we were doing. She had never met the family before but wanted to help. She put money toward the groceries as well. This is one of the things I love most about Murfreesboro; this community is always willing to help where help is needed."



"When I first came to MFRD, my goal was to have all of our personnel treat the people they encountered on the job, just as they would want their family members to be treated," said Fire Rescue Chief Mark Foulks. "I am very proud of the Station 9 crew for going above and beyond to make this family feel like a part of ours. We truly wish the Byrds the best of luck as they move through the recovery process."



**Pictured (The Byrd Family: Andy, Kelli, Savannah, and David), Driver Adam Petrig, and Firefighters Britt Gammon, Matt Tidwell, and Jacob Follis.**

