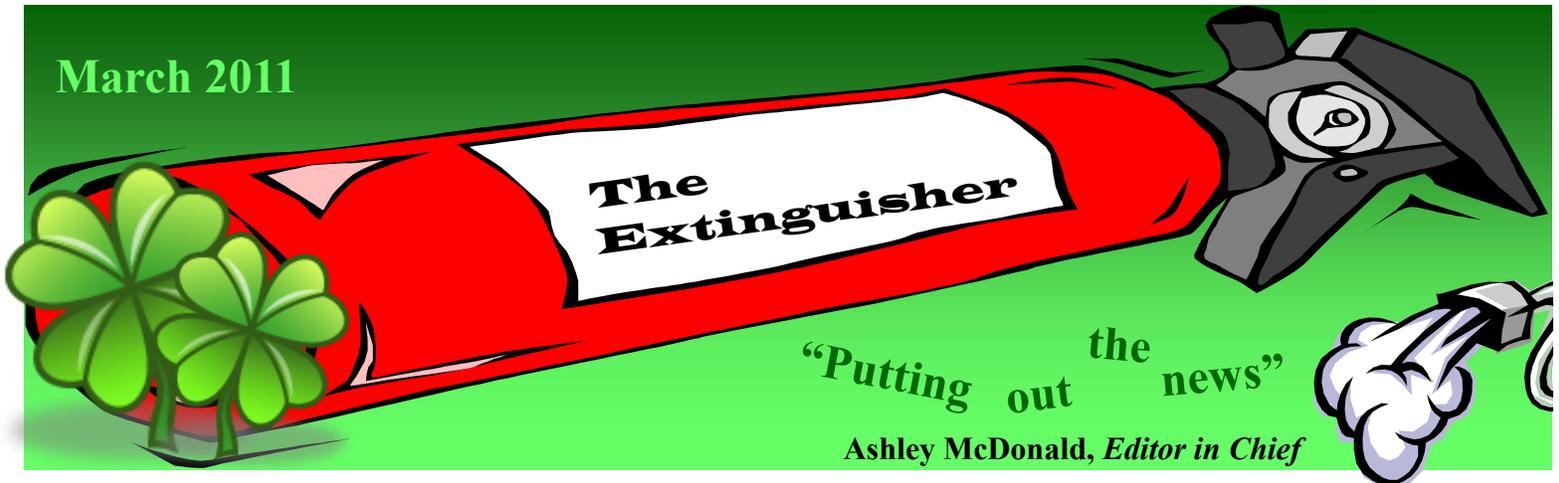


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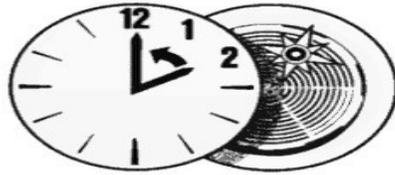


Birthdays

- Kyle Cobb 3/2
- Jimmy Barrett 3/4
- Tim Swann 3/4
- Greg Robinson 3/6
- Larry Shelton 3/7
- Steve Thompson 3/8
- Britt Gammon 3/10
- Doug English 3/15
- Ben Thorpe 3/15
- Billy Vinson 3/19
- Lucas Dearden 3/20
- Eugene Todd 3/21
- Alan Farrar 3/22
- Logan Gill 3/23
- Randy Rae 3/23
- David Cranford 3/25
- Scott Duncan 3/25
- Mike Adams 3/28



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

March 13th begins Daylight Savings time. Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and set your clock an hour ahead. Daylight Savings time is also a great time for changing the batteries in the smoke detectors in your home.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2011

Firefighter Joe Pennington has been named Firefighter of the Month for February 2011. Pennington has received this honor for voluntarily teaching a lifesaving skills class at a local church. He certified approximately 25 members of the community in CPR. Pennington has been with the department since March 2004.



Congratulations Joe!!!!

MFD PERSONNEL MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION TESTS



BY: TC BILLY VINSON

Recently, some of MFD's personnel met requirements for State of Tennessee certification tests. FF William Durkin, FF Britt Gammon, FF Clay Malone, FF Collins Harrelson, FF Alan Farrar and FF David Frost met requirements for Fire Department Instructor I. FF Matt Young, FF Kyle Winnett, FF David Frost, and FF Troy Tayse completed requirements for Fire Apparatus Operator, and FF Sean Wheeler, FF Josh Warren, FF Renard Brown, FF David Branch, and FF Kevin Leonard fulfilled requirements for Firefighter II. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

BRANCH REACHES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Firefighter David Branch reached his one year anniversary with the Murfreesboro Fire Department on January 19, 2011. In February, he was presented with a new, traditional style helmet. Congratulations Firefighter Branch! Branch is pictured below with administrative staff and shift personnel.



Pictured (Left to Right) are: Assistant Chief Ken Honeycutt, Firefighter David Branch, Assistant Chief Gary Farley, and Assistant Chief Allen Swader.



Pictured (Left to Right) are: Driver Vular Anderson, Firefighter David Branch, Firefighter Chris Johnson, and Driver Kurt McMahan.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



March Anniversaries

27 YEARS

Jack Black

20 YEARS

Laurie Alsup

12 YEARS

Michael Bartlett
Blake Insell
Jeff Irvin
David Sloan

7 YEARS

Dale Bilbrey
Bo Jones
Joe Pennington
Shan Womack

5 YEARS

Alan Farrar

4 YEARS

Ashley McDonald

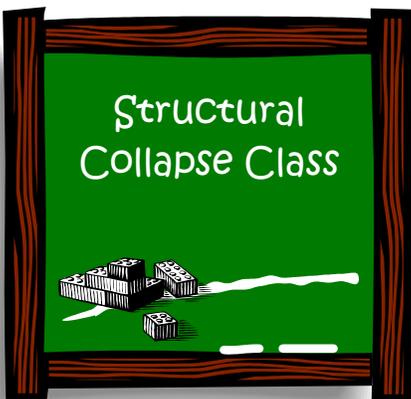
If you know the names of any of the men in this photo, the Murfreesboro Fire Department would love to hear from you. Please contact Department Coordinator Laurie Alsup or Administrative Support Specialist Ashley McDonald at 615-893-1422.

STRUCTURAL COLLAPSE CLASS COMPLETED

BY: CAPTAIN BLAKE INSELL



Several members of the Murfreesboro Fire Department including Captains, Drivers and Firefighters attended a Structural Collapse Class at the Rutherford County SORT building. There were also hands on operations performed in and around structures located on Rucker Road as well as West Main Street. The class was instructed by Robert Oaks. The class was 60 hours and consisted of daytime and nighttime operations. Some of the items learned in this class included operations of a recon team, hazard assessment team, search team, strike team, and rescue team. Students also learned how to properly crib damaged structures, breach different types of materials including concrete, stabilize structures with shores, and build shores onsite. Moving heavy objects such as concrete was accomplished with the use of tools and different leverage techniques. One day, the National Guard brought out a Blackhawk helicopter with several members of the guard onboard to the Rucker Road site. Students trained on air evacuations while the guard trained on pre-hospital care. K-9 dogs were also utilized for searches at the Rucker Road site. Overall the class was very labor intensive and the weather conditions were not the best. As usual, all of the students worked hard as a TEAM and were able to successfully complete the entire assigned task. This is another huge step for The Murfreesboro Fire Department as we continue to provide more services to the City of Murfreesboro.



The following personnel completed the class: Firefighter Daphanie Crenshaw, Driver Chris Ayers, Firefighter Mitchell Whittenburg, Captain Blake Insell, Driver Jack Black, Captain Jeff Irvin, Captain/Shift Inspector Jeff Day, Driver Kenneth Richmond, Firefighter Taylor Lasseter, Captain Bobby Canterbury, Driver Eugene Todd, Captain Raymond Smith, Captain/Shift Training Officer Terry Smith, and Firefighter Jeff Harris.