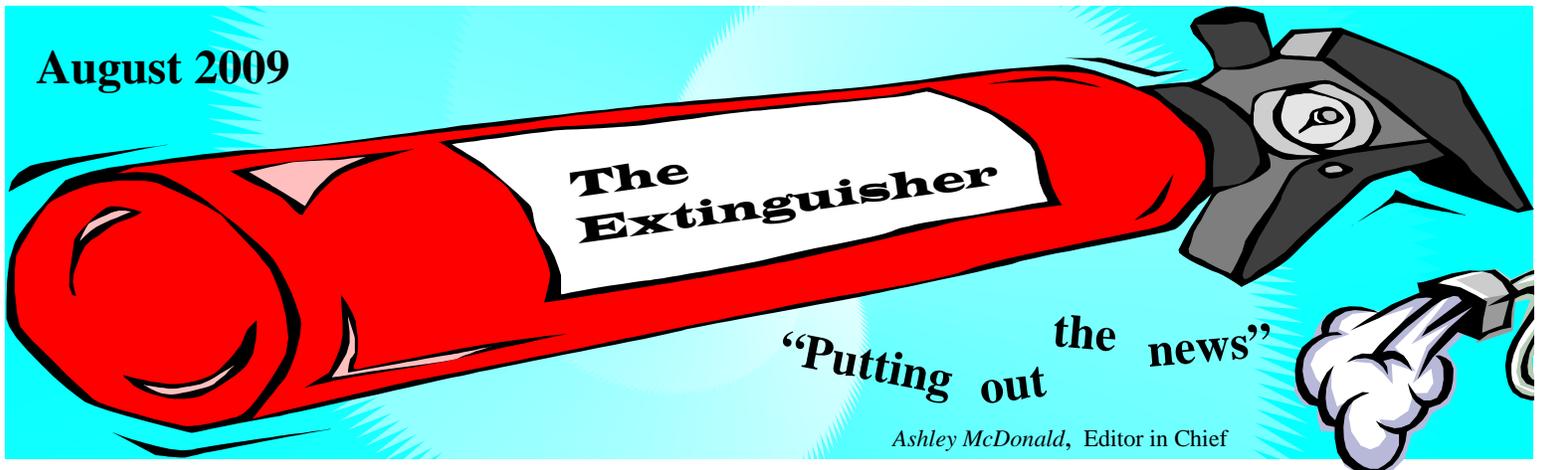


August 2009



Birthdays

8/03 Dale Bilbrey

8/06 Joe Bell

8/08 Wesley Slager

8/08 Richard Vaughn

8/12 Jeremy Spivey

8/14 Wayne Reed

8/15 Karl Daigle

8/20 Jamie Bigelow

8/20 Ray Smith

8/23 William Daniel

8/23 Steve Ellison

8/25 Gary Farley

8/25 Mike Mitchell

FOUR MFD PERSONNEL RECEIVE COMMENDATION

Four Murfreesboro Fire Department employees were recently commended for their efforts in saving lives. The personnel were responsible for saving lives on two different occasions. In April, Firefighters Alan Jakes and Troy Thomas with the help of other agencies, were responsible for saving the life of a toddler that had drowned. In June, Driver Richard Crick and Firefighter Jeremy Spivey saved the life of a woman that had gone into cardiac arrest. Her husband had brought her to their station and immediately they started performing CPR. On their day off, they went to check on the woman and found that she had a good prognosis. The gentlemen each received a certificate from the department and Rutherford County EMS in honor of their efforts. The Murfreesboro Fire Department is truly proud of all our employees and especially proud when we can be involved in saving a life.



Front Row (left to right): Training Coordinator Nicole Miller, Driver Richard Crick, Firefighter Troy Thomas, Firefighter Alan Jakes, Firefighter Jeremy Spivey, and Fire Marshal Ken Honeycutt.

Back Row (left to right): Paramedic FTO David Meador, Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, Assistant Chief Gary Farley, Assistant Chief Allen Swader, and RCEMS Director of Education Randy White.

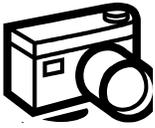
STATE FARM AND MFD BUILD "HAZARD HOUSE"

With the help of several State Farm employees, Murfreesboro Fire Department's Fire Prevention Division constructed a dollhouse or "Hazard House" that will be used to demonstrate how smoke travels through a house during a fire. The "Hazard House" is equipped with plastic tubing which is attached to a fog machine for the smoke effect. The house provides families with two demonstrations—one with the bedroom doors open and one with the doors closed. The closed-door demonstration shows how closed bedroom doors can serve as a barrier from smoke. The goal of this educational tool is to emphasize how families, in the event of a fire, wake up to a room clear of smoke, giving them a greater chance to escape. The house will be used at many locations throughout the year to educate various age groups. Because a team from State Farm assisted in building the "Hazard House" for a community project, MFD was eligible for funds to aid the Fire Prevention program. MFD was awarded \$2000 from State Farm as a result of this project.

The "Hazard House" made its first debut at a local PR event, a grand opening for State Farm Agent, Mitch Fitzpatrick.



Assistant Fire Marshal Nora Smith carefully paints on the details of the MFD's new "Hazard House."



SNAPSHOTS



SWIFTWATER RESCUE CLASS AT SPORTS COM AND RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM (RIT) TRAINING



THERE IS NO HIGHER HONOR THAN HUMAN SERVICE. TO WORK FOR THE COMMON GOOD IS THE GREATEST DEED.

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August Anniversaries

32 YEARS

Mike Black
Jerry McGregor

29 YEARS

Cumbey Gaines

23 YEARS

Tony Lehew

19 YEARS

Mike Adams
Jimmy Barrett
Marco King
Steve Thompson
Rob Vaughter
David Wade
Clay Walls

18 YEARS

Terrence Thomas

10 YEARS

Bobby Brewer

9 YEARS

Anthony Cayll
Paul Diawara
Doug English
Chris Mikolon

MFD APPROVED FOR FEMA GRANT AMENDMENT

Recently the Murfreesboro Fire Department was approved for an amendment to FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant awarded in 2008. This grant originally consisted of funds that were used to purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras, Rescue Saws, and other Rapid Intervention Team, "RIT" equipment. Due to competitive bid processes, the MFD had excess funds after meeting the obligations of the grant. Grant guidelines allow grantees to use excess funds to expand fire prevention programs; therefore, MFD requested permission to purchase a fire extinguishing training system. The fire extinguishing training system uses propane fed flames to simulate the response of a fire to a dry chemical fire extinguisher. The trainee aims and sweeps at the flames and is scored on their technique. MFD purchased a system which utilizes compressed air and water instead of costly dry powder chemicals. This cuts down on cost and mess.

The Fire Prevention Division will use this system to educate various age groups on proper usage of a fire extinguisher. The system will provide hands-on training to promote fire safety and emergency preparedness and will be used to educate citizens of Middle Tennessee through a variety of organizations, civic groups, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, local businesses, etc. The system will also be used during special educational events such as Fire Prevention month, National Night Out, Citizen's Fire Academy, business safety promotions and other special events. The system will be used exclusively to train the public and will not be used to train MFD personnel.