

# St. Matthews Fire Protection District

## 1995 — 1999

This is one of many sections that contain information, documents, letters, newspaper articles, pictures, etc. of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. They have been collected and arranged in chronological order. These items were collected, organized and entered into a computerized database by Al Ring. Last revised in 2023.

There were many people who helped with this project over the years, however 3 deserve special mention. Rick Albers, John M. Monohan, Jr. and Jack Monohan.

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January 5, 1995: *The Voice-Tribune*, by Anne Scholtzheim: Fire District consider using computer network for purchases.

# Fire districts consider using computer network for purchases

By ANNE SCHOLTZ HEIM  
Staff Writer

Eyebrows rose in the Jefferson County fire community when it was reported that a trustee of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District suggested that the 22 fire departments that make up the Jefferson County Fire Service use computer networks to team up with other departments for equipment purchases.

The fire service already has a communication system for joint purchases in place through the work of the Jefferson County Trustees Association.

The trustees' group's long-range planning committee has developed and implemented a joint purchasing clearinghouse. It works like this: a district sends a letter to the trustees association (or responds to a recent questionnaire) stating the items it plans

to purchase; an administrator there distributes the names of districts looking for similar equipment to one another. Districts budget for regular expenses annually. Work on this project got under way last summer.

What St. Matthews trustee Marshall Eldred had in mind is a computer-oriented electronic mail system through which one district can easily and quickly tell all the other districts what it intends to buy and can get an answer quickly, he explained. Most of the districts have at least one computer, said long-range planning committee chairman Charles J. Bauer, who is also vice chairman of the trustees association.

By linking with other departments to buy the same equipment, there is the possibility of getting a price break for the larger quantity.

One drawback to the joint purchasing idea is the complexity of equipment now available to firefighters, Bauer said. Many departments use specific brands or products because they know how to use them and may be reluctant to change or compromise. Another potential problem is that each department wants to buy the best that it can afford; often there is a disparity between wealthier districts and their less-well-off counterparts. Specific needs for each community also make it difficult to buy identical equipment.

Nonetheless, it would be much more efficient to have such a computerized system, Bauer said. He plans to start looking for a software program that would make such communication possible and will bring up the idea at the next trustees association meeting set for January.

January 5, 1995, The Courier-Journal

## Man dies in St. Matthews-area crash

A 24-year-old Prospect man was killed early yesterday when a van hit his Ford Bronco and he was thrown from the vehicle, police said.

Chris J. Combs, of 12904 Willow Creek Road, was taken to University of Louisville Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, Deputy Coroner Sam Weakley said.

Combs was driving north on Hubbards Lane at 12:36 a.m. when Ashley Dunn, an 18-year-old Louisville woman, drove across Hubbards Lane on Taggart Drive. Combs had the right-of-way but Dunn crossed

into his path, said Jefferson County Police Officer Wendy Peters.

Combs' Bronco flipped over, Peters said. Combs wasn't wearing a seat belt and was ejected, Peters said.

The investigation is continuing and no charges have been filed, Peters said.

Combs was an employee of McJunkin Corp. and a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician for **North Oldham Fire** Department.

Survivors include his parents, Larry and JoAnn Hale Combs of Prospect; two sisters, Darlene Fish-

er of Holt, Mo., and Debbie Williams of Columbus, Ga.; and his grandmothers, Freda Metcalfe of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Anita Henritz.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 501 Cherrywood Road, with burial in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation at Ratterman's, 3711 Lexington Road, will be from 3 to 9 p.m. today and tomorrow.

The family suggests that memorial gifts go to the **North Oldham Fire** Department for the WHAS Crusade for Children.

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## January 12, 1995, Trustee meeting:

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District was held on Thursday, January 12, 1995 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Craven, Trustees Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Marshall Eldred and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park; Chief Joseph M. Frith, Anchorage PD and EMS; Kristen L. Ochs, the VOICE-TRIBUNE; Treasurer David Dick.

Marshall Eldred moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 1994 as written and corrected; Frank Flynn seconded, motion passed.

David Dick reviewed the November/December 1994 Treasurer's Report with the Trustees (copy attached). Copies of the District's December 31, 1994 Financial Statements were distributed and discussed. All in good order.

Frank Flynn, Chairman of Building, Grounds & Equipment Committee, reported the Committee has met several times to work on a "wish list" for the District, and is now working to prioritize the items. Four companies have picked up specs for the proposed new pumper; bid opening is scheduled for January 27, 1995 at noon at Station No. 1.

Chief Seng reported:

1) Total runs dispatched for December	105
Total runs year to date	1194
Ext/Med Assist runs for December	77
" " " " year to date	257

2) Painting of building and paving of parking lot at Station No. 1 - completed.

3) (a) The garage doors at rear of building must be replaced; recommend accepting bid of Action Overhead Door for insulated doors, installed, cost - \$2,610.00  
(b) Decals and striping for the new F-350 Ford truck - \$400.00; siren module and cable to connect to Motorola radio - 600.00  
(c) Renewal of "American Heat" program for training - \$936.00

Discussion followed. Marshall Eldred requested Chief Seng and Frank Flynn to include in their reports any discussion

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Following discussion, Marshall Eldred moved to approve the above-listed expenditures totalling \$4,546.00 (Four thousand five hundred forty-six dollars); Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed.

Chief Seng will send an article - and an improved logo of the District - to the City of St. Matthews for the newsletter.

Anchorage Fire Department submitted a bid to purchase the SMFPD 1981 Ford E350 van (declared surplus property - December 8, 1994), equipped with radio, generator, heating and airconditioning, for Ten Thousand three and no/100 dollars (\$10,003.00). Following discussion, Frank Flynn moved to accept the bid of Anchorage Fire District for the 1981 Ford E350 van, Marshall Eldred seconded, motion passed.

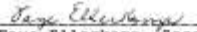
The Jefferson County Trustees Association will have a joint meeting with the JC Fire Chiefs Association on January 19, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. at Buechel Fire Department. Marshall Eldred suggested that Chief Seng try to learn if any district has a new pumper on schedule, and if Charles J. Bauer, Chair of the Long-range Planning Committee, will try to get the information in one place for easy access for all districts planning equipment purchases.

Chairman Jim Craven advised he plans to have new committee assignments to present at the next Board meeting, and request volunteers to sign up for committee of their choice.

The next meeting of SMFPD Board will be on February 9, 1995.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

  
James P. Craven, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

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The minutes of the December 8, 1994 meeting were approved as written.

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### MINUTES OF MEETING FOR BID OPENING FOR FIRE APPARATUS ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

January 27, 1995

Bid opening of bids received for new pumper was held on Friday, January 27, 1995 at noon at 240 Sears Avenue.

Persons attending: Chief William J. Seng, Stuart Monohan, John Volkerding, John Walling, Dave Dugan, Joe Wolfe, Ed Brown, George Santamouris, Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, SMFPD; Bob Burns, E-One Company; Al Sutt, KME Company.

Four responses were received. Chief Seng opened the sealed bids; Captain Monohan recorded the results, as follows:

- 1) Public Safety Equip. Co. for Seagrave Co. - NO BID
- 2) Bluegrass Fire Equip. Co. for Pierce Co. - NO BID
- \*3) Fire Dept. Ser. & Supply for KME Company - \$261,979.00
- \*4) Vehicle Systems, Inc. for E-One Company - \$257,489.00

\*Both bidders furnished Bid bond/Certified Check/Cashiers Check (10% of total bid or \$20,000; both included General Instruction sheets, Manufacturers Specifications, List of Exceptions, Delivery Date in calendar days (180-240 days.)

The Apparatus Committee will meet to review both bids and will make a recommendation to the Board at the February meeting.

## January 27, 1995, Special meeting for bid opening



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**St. Matthews Fire Protection District Bid Opening for Fire Apparatus**  
**January 27 1994**  
**12:00**

Bidder Name	Company Name	Bid Bond / Certified Check / Cashiers Check  10 % of Total Bid or \$20,000.	General Instructions Sheets	Manufacturers Specifications	List of Exceptions	Delivery Date in calendar days	Total Bid Amount
Purple Valley Construction Co. Bluegrass Fire Equipment Co. Fire Department Service Supply Truck Equipment Inc.	Sengrave  Pierce KME E-One	   ✓ ✓	   ✓ ✓	   ✓ ✓	   ✓ ✓	   ✓ ✓	No BID  No BID 261,979.00 257,489.00

**St. Matthews Fire Protection District**

**Roster of Persons Attending Bid Opening**

**January 27 1995**

**12:00 Pm**

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January 27, 1995, Special meeting for bib opening

Equipment Needed to Outfit New Pumper

Radios

UHF & VHF ..... \$5500.00

Hand Tools

2 Lite Box Lanterns ..... \$180.00  
4 Extinguishers (Dry Powder, CO2, Water, Foam) ..... \$350.00  
2 Axes (1 Pick Head, 1 Flat Head) ..... \$50.00  
1 32" Plaster Hook ..... \$60.00

Hose

1250' of 5" Large Diameter Supply Line ..... \$6000.00  
600' of 1.75" cloth Hi-Combat ..... \$1104.00

Work Lights

1 2,000,000 Candle Power Hand Held ..... \$100.00  
2 300 Watt Halogen(In Place of Old Circle D) ..... \$220.00

Blower

1 21" Tempest Power Blower ..... \$1250.00

Hose Appliances

1- 5" x 2-2.5" Wye ..... \$310.00

Rescue Tool

1 Excalibur Knife for Life ..... \$1250.00

Power Saw

1 Echo Quick Vent QV8000 ..... \$1300.00

Generator

1 Makita 3500 Watt ..... \$1800.00

Headsets

1 David Clark System ..... \$4600.00

Lettering

Striping(Done on 2633 by Donohue) ..... \$1000.00

Total: ..... \$25074.00

Equipment Needed to Outfit New Pumper

Holmatro Tools

27" Spreader ..... \$3659.12  
5" Cutter ..... \$2786.60  
Duo Power Unit ..... \$4138.60  
Medium Length Ram ..... \$2183.60  
2 - 32' Hose Sets ..... \$ 605.56  
Complete Chain Package ..... \$ 426.30  
2 - 80' Reel Hoses ..... \$ 470.00  
Misc. Coupling for Connections ..... \$ 200.00

Total: ..... \$14,424.78

Should be able to sell current Hurst equipment for approximately \$5000.00

*Rec'd 6000!*

*Smoke Detectors  
Saves Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS**  
**Fire Protection District**  
840 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40307

William J. Sang  
Fire Chief

*Learn Not  
To Burn*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
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Henry A. O'Neil  
Alexander M. Eubank, Jr.  
Douglas W. Ruff  
James H. King

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District are seeking bids for the following vehicle.

One 1995 Ford F-350 SRW 4x4 Crew Cab ( W36 ) with the following items:

XL.T Package - 661A  
Color to be Red, with Ford paint code number: W4672  
5.8L Gasoline engine - 99H  
3sp Automatic transmission - 44G  
Spare tire with wheel - 512  
Chrome rear bumper - 768  
Off road package - 55R  
Low mount swing out mirrors - 545  
Bed liner  
"Draw Tite" ,Class 3 trailer hitch

Bids must be submitted no latter than 12:00 noon on Friday November 4, 1994 local time at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District headquarters, 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

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# February 9, 1995, Trustee meeting:



## Trustees Meeting Agenda February 9, 1995

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting.
- III. Treasurer Report, by David Dick.
- IV. Fire Department Operations Report, Chief William J. Seng.
- V. Executive Session.
- VI. Old Business.
- VII. New Business: The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Trustees Association is February 16, 1995 at 7:00 pm at the Lyndon Fire Department.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONTHLY ALARM REPORT

### FIRE DISTRICT 26 ST. MATTHEWS

MONTH ENDING January 31, 1995

TOTAL ALARMS DISPATCHED FOR THE MONTH 83  
TOTAL ALARMS YEAR TO DATE 83

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GARAGES/BARN/OUTBUILDINGS.....	0	0
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.....	0	0
VEHICLE FIRES.....	4	4
NON-STRUCTURE.....	2	2
EXTRICATION/MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.....	31	31
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February 22, 1995: *The Voice-Tribune*, by Kristen Ochs: St. Matthews fire district puts off decision on a new pumper.

# St. Matthews fire district puts off decision on a new pumper

By KRISTEN OCHS  
Staff Writer

After a discussion on the bid openings for the purchase of a new pumper, the St. Matthews fire district decided to put off the actual purchase until closer to the May 31 deadline when the offers will no longer be good. Initially, four companies showed interest in bidding for the new pumper but only two actually made bids.

Before a final decision is made on the purchase, Capt. Frank Flynn or Chief Bill Seng will check with the other districts to see if they are interested in purchasing the same pumper for a possible discount on the price.

The prices bid for the new pumper are slightly higher the cost of the pumper St. Mat-

thews recently purchased, which was bought for approximately \$247,000. The lowest bid for the new pumper was \$257,489 with an additional \$20,000 estimated to add new equipment.

If the district does decide to purchase a new pumper, for which it would request a December delivery, it will try to sell one of the old pumpers for \$40,000 to \$50,000.

In other action:

•Treasurer David Dick reported that there was approximately \$30,000 left over in the budget from 1994. He said property taxes were ahead of budget and that the station seemed to be on target for a fairly strong year.

•Chief Seng said that the department made 83 runs in January, which was down a lit-

tle from January 1994. He also said that for total runs in 1994, St. Matthews was the highest in Jefferson County but that was probably a result of semi-automated external defibrillator runs because some of the other stations do not yet provide this service, which aids EMS runs.

•The board approved three expenditures that Chief Seng requested.

The first is for physicals due by March 7. Physicals for 18 career workers and 27 volunteers need to be performed, totaling \$5,502. The station had budgeted \$7,000 for them.

The second expenditure is for \$500 to send four people to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Md. Each state is allowed a weekend to attend classes at the academy. Kentucky Weekend, put on by the Kentucky Technical Fire and Rescue Training, is scheduled for April 22 and 23.

Seng also asked for approval for \$1,000 to be given to the Jefferson County Inspectors Association for a new child safety house. This is a trailer that contains a miniature house that each district can borrow to teach children about fire safety. A new trailer will cost around \$30,000 so the association is asking each district to donate \$1,000 and it will try to get the rest from county government.

•Seng announced that the station is waiting for its Insurance Service Organization review. The review is done every 10 years with a five-year grace period. This report reviews every fire department to classify the level of service it is able to provide. St. Matthews received a rating of two for the last review, which is the highest rating a volunteer fire station can receive.

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Jim King moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 1995 meeting as written; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer David Dick reviewed SMFPD special disbursements for the month of February (copy attached).

Chief William Seng reported on District operations for February:

- 1) Total alarms dispatched for Feb., 1995 - 97  
Total alarms dispatched Year to date - 180  
Ex/Med. Assist. Runs for month - 27; YTD - 58
- 2) Requested permission to place the order for new pumper with E-One Company because price quoted could change (increase) May 31. Chief Seng reported twenty-one letters were sent to all Jefferson County fire districts asking if any had plans to purchase new equipment; not one response was received. Following thorough discussion of delivery time, financial decisions, etc. Jim King moved to defer decision to order new pumper for another month; David Dick seconded, motion passed.
- 3) Requested authorization to advertise for bids for exhaust system at Station II, pointing to the benefits realized from exhaust system at Station I. Trustees approved.

Marshall Eldred moved, Hal Clifford seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters at 7:40 P.M.

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Trustees returned to regular session at 7:55 P.M. Chairman Graven announced no action was taken.

The next meeting of the SMFPD Board of Trustees will be on Thursday, April 13, 1995.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

  
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PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

March 9, 1995

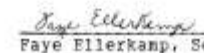
The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 9:05 P.M. on Thursday, March 9, 1995.

Present were Chairman Jim Graven; Directors Hal Clifford, David Dick, Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp; and Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the February 9, 1995 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

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April 13, 1995, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

April 13, 1995

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District was held on Thursday, April 13, 1995 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Trustees Hal Clifford, Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; and Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park. Chairman James Graven was absent; Trustees asked Marshall Eldred to act as Chairman for the meeting.

Frank Flynn moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 1995 meeting as written; Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

Due to the absence of David Dick, the Treasurer's report was deferred until the May meeting.

Chief William J. Seng reported:

A. Total alarms dispatched during March . . . 99  
Total alarms dispatched year to date . . . 279

B. Requested approval to print and distribute copies of the 1994 Emergency Operations Report, as corrected, to cities served by the District. Hal Clifford moved, Faye Ellerkamp seconded, motion passed to approve the 1994 Emergency Operations Report presented by Chief Seng. Trustees commended Chief Seng for the excellent report.

C. Expenditures requested:

- 1) A/C at Station No. 1 out - Mose FranckOP. quoted \$1,080 to replace.
- 2) submit the application for Chiefs' Conference as budgeted, totaling \$5,000; Chief and Hal Clifford volunteer, will attend spring conference at Tarpon Springs (\$2,500); Chief and Major Strange to week-long August conference in Louisville (\$2,500).
- 3) Ordered more tile needed for stairwell at Station 1 - cost \$620.
- 4) Hard drive on computer went out; this is part of the old drive; \$400 to replace.
- 5) Firefighters indicated interest in participating in Softball League this year - fee \$275.

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Following discussion, Frank Flynn moved to approve expenditure of \$1,080 to replace defective air compressor at Station 1; Jim King seconded; motion passed.

2) Jim King moved; Frank Flynn seconded; motion passed to approve Chief's request for two firefighters to attend two Chiefs' conferences with him as budgeted at \$5,000.

3) Hal Clifford moved, Faye Ellerkamp seconded; motion passed to approve \$620 expenditure for additional tile needed for stairwell at Station No. 1.

4) Hal Clifford moved, Jim King seconded, motion passed, to approve \$400 expenditure to replace hard drive on computer.

5) Jim King moved; Hal Clifford seconded, to approve expenditure of \$275 for SMFPD to participate in softball league. Chief Seng will check on cost of sports coverage insurance (cancelled 1st year because SMFPD did not have a team.)

D. Bids for the exhaust removal system at SMFPD Station No. 2 ranged from \$15,600 (Clean Air Concepts); to \$17,632 (H&B Air, Inc.) to \$30,640 (R. E. Osborne Co.); with specified options at prices quoted. Action deferred for further evaluation.

Hal Clifford moved to go into Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. to discuss litigation and personnel matter; Jim King seconded, motion passed.

Trustees returned to regular session at 7:40 P.M. Acting Chairman Marshall Eldred announced that no action was taken in executive session.

Chief Seng announced the next regular Trustees Association is scheduled next Thursday, April 20, at Black Mudd Fire District at 7:30 P.M. Trustees are urged to attend.

Next meeting for SMFPD Board of Trustees is May 11, 1995 at Station No. 1.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

  
Marshall Eldred, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

April 13, 1995

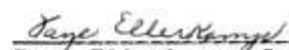
The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:55 P.M. on Thursday, April 13, 1995.

Present were Marshall Eldred, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; and Chief William J. Seng. James P. Graven, Chairman, was absent; Marshall Eldred agreed to chair the meeting.

The minutes of the March 9, 1995 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

  
Marshall Eldred, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary



## Kentucky house fire claims woman, 78

A 78-year-old woman died yesterday of burns from a fire in her bedroom at 200 Smithfield Road, off Blankenbaker Lane in eastern Jefferson County, Ky.

Martha Goebel died at University Hospital at 10:05 a.m.

The **St. Matthews Fire** Department responded to the blaze, which began shortly after midnight and was confined to the bedroom.

Investigators have not yet determined the cause of the fire, but the victim was a smoker, Chief Bill Seng said.

Goebel, who lived with her daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren, was sleeping when the fire started. Her family heard her screaming and ran into the bedroom, said Allan Terry of the Jefferson County coroner's office. Her bed was engulfed by flames, Terry said.

Vernon Abney, Goebel's son-in-law, was burned trying to rescue her; he was treated at Baptist Hospital East and released, Seng said.

Abney's wife, Barbara, and their children were treated for smoke inhalation at Baptist and released.

April 19, 1995, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Kristen Ochs:  
Fire district gets bids for exhaust system.

## Fire district gets bids for exhaust system

By KRISTEN OCHS  
Staff Writer

The St. Matthews Fire District has received three bids for a new federally mandated exhaust removal system for its Station 2 at 4400 Brownsboro Road.

The system is a collection of fans and hoses that connect to the tailpipes of the trucks. When the trucks start, the exhaust goes through the hoses into the air outside instead of remaining in the bay area. The hoses stay hooked up until the trucks pull out of the station.

Fire Chief Bill Seng said the Occupational Safety and Health Administration mandated that all stations with firefighters living in them must have some form of

exhaust removal system because the trucks' diesel soot has been determined to be carcinogenic and puts off a black smoke that gets into the bay area.

Although the district is not yet ready to make a decision on the issue, it was decided at the previous meeting on March 9, to go ahead and advertise for bids.

Bids received include Plyovent of Cincinnati, which entered a bid of \$15,600; B&B Air of Indianapolis, which put in a bid of \$17,632; and Osborne Co., a local company that bid \$30,640.

B&B installed the system for Station 1 in September 1993 at cost of cost \$17,983.

The issue was tabled until the next district meeting set for May 11.

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**April 26, 1995, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Kristen Ochs, St. Matthews police, fire department join forces in Block Watch.** The St. Matthews Police department and the St. Matthews Fire Department have joined forces in the neighborhood Block Watch program.

The program, involving groups of residents in specific locations working together to secure public safety, originally had help from the police department only.

Block Watch was formed for neighbors to look out for other neighbors, not only for safety things but for personal issues like to help look after someone else's dog," St. Matthews police officer Kathy Eigelbach said.

"We decided that it was probably important to add the fire department to this because there was a lot of information that the fire department can give."

Sgt. Don Ryan of the St. Matthews Fire department said the fire department is excited about this new joint effort. "This is the first time that we have been invited to participate with the police (on Block Watch)," he said.

The program also gives neighbors a chance to get to know each other better. Eigelbach said when the department helps start a new Block Watch program in a neighborhood, it develops a map of the house, with names, phone numbers and addresses so a resident could easily obtain information to report a crime.

"We give residents information on how to secure their homes from crime, and we give them information on what the police agency can do," Eigelbach said. This includes such things as a home security survey. There is no charge for this, but the police will come out to a home and make suggestions about what can be done to help make it more secure. "We also do a house watch while people are out of town," Eigelbach said.

The fire department also does a voluntary fire safety home survey similar to the police check. The department has literature on escape plans and the importance of practicing fire drills before they become necessary in a real emergency. "It is geared toward residential problems," Ryan said.

"We have information as far as home fire safety, for instance, smoke detectors and how important it is to change the batteries, and the new issue of carbon monoxide and carbon monoxide detectors," he said.

"Block Watch is under the veil of community-oriented policing," said officer Dennis McDonald, also of the St. Matthews Police Department. This is why it is important to the police to involve the fire department. Community-oriented policing "is forming a partnership between agencies."

"We all work together to address public safety needs. It's what is going to make (St. Matthews) a better place to live and a better place to work," McDonald said.

McDonald hopes that a community-type forum will be born out of the Block Watch program. Representatives from the police department, fire department and public works department would all meet with members of the community and everyone would get a chance to voice their concerns or make suggestions of how the different departments could do a better job.

By including the fire department in the Block Watch program, it may reduce confusion about who needs to handle what.

"What they (residents) may perceive as being a law enforcement problem may not be a law enforcement problem, it may be a fire department problem," McDonald said.

"By us working with the police department, it is going to ultimately help St. Matthews," Ryan said. "It is a big step for us to work side by side with the police department. We're (the two departments) going to benefit because we are going to get to know each other better and understand each others' needs."

"Both programs have been important to the citizens for a long time," Fire Chief Bill Seng said. Putting them together will benefit people even more. "I think it will definitely enhance both programs." "We're real fortunate to have chiefs who are both progressive and think community instead of agency," McDonald said.



Sgt. Don Ryan of the St. Matthews Fire District stood with officers Kathy Eigelbach and Dennis McDonald of the St. Matthews Police Department under a Block Watch sign. The Fire District has joined the Police Department in helping neighborhoods in the Block Watch program.

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May 11, 1995, Trustee meeting:

Ordered new E1-Pumper—2634.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

May 11, 1995

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District was held on Thursday, May 11, 1995 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Graven, Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp, Trustees; Chief William J. Seng; Firefighters John K. Volkerding, John Albers, George Santamouris; Jack Nold, Woodlawn Park; Kristen Ochs, Voice-Tribune.

Jim Graven moved to approve the minutes of the April 13, 1995 meeting as written; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed.

Trustees unanimously voted to seek reappointment for James King, whose term as Trustee on SMFPD Board of Trustees expires June 30, 1995. Chairman Jim Graven will send a letter to County Judge/Executive David Armstrong, advising him of the Trustees' recommendation.

Chief William J. Seng reported on the Fire District operations:

- A. Total alarms dispatched for April . . . . 92
- Total alarms dispatched year to date. . . . 371
- B. The 76 Mack, Unit 2635, needs radiator repaired or replaced; cost approximately \$1,740 for a new radiator.
- C. The trash compactor at Station 2 needs repair; part cost \$80. Dishwasher repair would cost \$377.75; can purchase one from Smith Furniture for \$259 installed. Trustees approved purchase of new dishwasher. Trash compactor will not be repaired nor replaced.
- D. Exhaust system for Station 2 will be in next year's capital budget.
- E. Unit 2612 needs new set of tires - cost \$250. Trustees approved purchase of the tires.
- F. Received a request from Center for Missing & Exploited Children - denied.
- G. Station 2 carpet must be replaced; have one proposal for new carpet and tile (for heavy traffic areas) for \$4,245.27; will try for more bids and report in June.
- H. Next Jefferson County Trustees' Association meeting is scheduled July 30, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. at Jeffersontown Fire Department.

Treasurer David Dick distributed copies of Treasurer's Report for February through April, 1995. Copies of the District's April 30, 1995 Financial statements were distributed

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and discussed.

David Dick reported the Budget Committee plans to meet within the next two weeks and bring a final budget to the Board meeting in June. Normally, the Committee has just done an operating budget and then worked on a capital budget; with the "wish list" from BG&E Committee, we may include items such as insulated doors and carpet for Station 2 in the next year's budget.

Following lengthy discussion, including questions and comments from Trustees and firefighters, David Dick moved to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$257,489 (E-One, Inc.) for an E-One pumper as specified, at this meeting; however, the District will hold off on other capital expenditures over \$2,000. Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed.

Upon motion of Hal Clifford, seconded by Frank Flynn, Trustees moved into Executive Session at 8:25 P.M. to discuss litigation and personnel matter.

Trustees returned to Regular Session at 8:40 P.M. Chairman Jim Graven announced that no action was taken.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

May 11, 1995

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 8:50 P.M. on Thursday, May 11, 1995.

Present were Jim Graven, Chairman; Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the April 13, 1995 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary



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May 17, 1995, *The Voice-Tribune*, Kristen Ochs: St. Matthews Fire District to order new \$257,489 pumper.

# St. Matthews Fire District to order new \$257,489 pumper

By KRISTEN OCHS  
Staff Writer

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The St. Matthews Fire District decided at its regular meeting May 11 to order a new pumper.

The district advertised for bids in late December of 1994 and received two bids. They included a bid from KME for \$261,979 and one from E-1 of Ocala, Fla., for \$257,489.

The district chose to buy the pumper from E-1 and expects

delivery in late December or early January.

In other action:

- Chief Bill Seng announced that fire runs for April totaled 92. The figure is about average for this time of year.

- The district will purchase new carpet and tile for several areas of Station 2.

- It was announced that the next trustee meeting will be held at the Jeffersontown Fire Department at 7 p.m. on July 30.

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Unknown date and paper, by Leslie Scanlon, believed to be 1995—Some fire squads would bolster EMS under plan.

# Some fire squads would bolster EMS under plan

By LESLIE SCANLON  
Staff Writer

Some of Jefferson County's volunteer fire departments may begin responding to accidents and other medical emergencies when county ambulances are too far away to get to the scene quickly, under a proposal being considered by county officials.

Fire departments that chose to participate would become "first responders," which means their firefighters with medical training would respond to a call for an ambulance when it appeared to county dispatchers that the firefighters could get to the scene more quickly.

The firefighters would provide basic emergency care, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and would stay with the victim until the county ambulance arrived. Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services would then take over the person's care and take the patient to a hospital, if necessary.

Details of the plan have not been worked out — and the proposal has not been officially approved by either county government or the vol-

unteer fire departments. Not all volunteer departments are expected to participate. County officials hope to have a written plan ready when the Alliance of Jefferson County Fire Chiefs next meets in July.

All Jefferson County police officers already are certified either as "first responders" or with more advanced medical training, so "they can at least perform basic first aid," said Officer Gary Fields, a police spokesman.

Local fire chiefs are careful to say they would be only "supplementing" the care provided by Jefferson County EMS.

Chief Franklin Florence of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District said, "We have paid firefighters on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week," all of whom are trained as emergency medical technicians. "I just think the citizens in our fire district could be better served if we helped."

Florence and Paul Barth, chief of the McMahan Fire District in the Hikes Point area, said they believed their departments had enough firefighters and equipment to start up a first-responder program without im-

peding their ability to fight fires.

Leonard Heydt, chief of the Harrods Creek Fire Department and president of the chiefs' alliance, said he understands citizens' concerns about ambulances coming quickly, because "Harrods Creek is tucked away, way up in the northeastern corner" of Jefferson County. Sometimes "because of logistics, it takes a little while to get an ambulance out here."

County EMS director Michael J. Riordan estimated that "between 7 and 10 percent of our runs are in excess of 10 minutes," especially when the ambulance is traveling to more sparsely populated areas of the county.

Riordan said he thinks the first-responder proposal "has excellent potential. Anything that gets some level of care to the citizens before our arrival obviously is in the best interests of the citizens."

Heydt said he expects about half of the county's 21 volunteer departments to be seriously interested.

Some smaller departments or those from more rural areas may feel they lack adequate staff or insurance coverage to take on the added responsibility, he said.

"I think it goes hand in hand with the nature of both the fire and the EMS business," Heydt added. "We're (both) here to protect lives and property."

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## June 8, 1995, Trustee meeting:

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

June 8, 1995

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District was held on Thursday, June 8, 1995 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Graven, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Marshall Eldred, Faye Ellerkamp, Trustees; Chief William J. Seng; Firefighters Dave Dugas, Charlie Davis, Ed Brown, John Walling, Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park; Kristen L. Ochs, the VOICE-TRIBUNE.

Marshall Eldred moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 1995 meeting as written; Frank Flynn seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer David Dick is out of town on a business trip. Chief Seng reported for Treasurer, and distributed copies of the District's May 31, 1995 Financial Statements for Trustees to review.

The District received an offer from Heath Township Fire Department, located in southern Indiana, to purchase our oldest "Jaws of Life" for \$6,000. The set at Station 2 is an old system, not compatible with the newest set; therefore, that set of "Jaws" should be declared SURPLUS. Jim King moved to authorize Chief Seng to sell the "surplus property Jaws" to Heath Township Fire Department for \$6,000; and to purchase a new set of "Jaws of Life" (cost approximately \$13,000) after securing bids; Faye Ellerkamp seconded, motion passed.

Need to make annual contribution to the volunteer retention program. Following discussion, Marshall Eldred moved to pay the amount of \$33,000 (as budgeted) by June 30, for the volunteer retention program. Jim King seconded, motion passed.

Have delayed presenting proposed budget until Treasurer's return for July meeting, when David Dick will be present to explain it. Any recommended pay increases will be retroactive to July 1, 1995.

Chief William J. Seng reported on Fire District's Operations:

- (1) Total alarms dispatched for May . . . . . 103
- Total alarms dispatched year to date. . . . 474

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

June 8, 1995

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 8, 1995.

Present were Chairman Jim Graven, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Marshall Eldred, Faye Ellerkamp, Directors; Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the May 11, 1995 regular meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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(2) Cost of radiator replacement for Unit 2635 was \$1,740.

(3) Bids are coming in for carpet at Station 2.

(4) Ordered the E-1 pumper last Friday; drove back from Florida on Saturday.

(5) Dishwasher has been installed at Station 2; it is working fine.

(6) County photographer will be at Station 1 to take I.D. photos next Tuesday - June 13.

(7) Marty Kemer retired from over 50 years of service with St. Matthews Fire District. Chair Jim Graven asked Faye Ellerkamp to call Commissioner Steve Henry to request Marty be recognized and commended at a Fiscal Court meeting for his service as a firefighter.

(8) Several firefighters have requested absentee ballots for the June 24 election because vacation and other plans prohibit their voting for the firefighter trustee to be elected on that date. Following discussion Hal Clifford moved to approve issuance of absentee ballots for firefighter trustee election, with eligibility to comply with past criteria and checked with attorney for the District; Marshall Eldred seconded; motion passed. Jim King's motion re eligibility and guidelines died for lack of a second. Chair appointed committee of Faye Ellerkamp, David Dick and Frank Flynn for the election on Saturday, June 24, at Station 1 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Chief Seng will provide ballots, "eligible" list and ballot box to the Secretary.

Chief Seng announced that Ken Strange injured his knee and is scheduled for surgery on June 16, 1995.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Trustees Association is July 30, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. at the Jefferson-town Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary



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June 28, 1995, *The Voice-Tribune*, After 58 years, volunteer fireman Marty Kamer retires:

Wednesday, June 28, 1995 THE  
**After 58 years, volunteer fireman Marty Kamer**



Voice-Tribune staff photo by KRISTEN OCHS

Marty Kamer, who recently retired from the St. Matthews Fire Protection District after 58 years, held a framed copy of the 1987 Voice story, of which he was the subject.

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June 28, 1995, *The Voice-Tribune*, After 58 years, volunteer fireman Marty Kamer retires:

Wednesday, June 28, 1995 THE

## After 58 years, volunteer fireman Marty Kamer

By KRISTEN OCHS  
Staff Writer

Working for 58 years is impressive. Being involved in the same line of work all those years is even more amazing. Working for the same place the entire time is almost unheard of.

St. Matthews resident Marty Kamer has done all of the above. Since the age of 19, Kamer has been a volunteer firefighter for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

But all good things must come to an end, and so in March, Kamer, 77, laid down his helmet and fire hose, retiring from the department.

"I am not as young as I used to be; 58 years is long enough," said Kamer, a Kroger store manager for 42 years, the last 22 at the Lexington Road store.

"It was the only hobby I ever had. I didn't have time to play golf or things like that so I just devoted my spare time to the fire department."

Since his retirement, Kamer visits the station "now and then," but has also been driving hearses and limousines for Funeral Auto Co.

As a child, Kamer remembers living next door to Andy Neichter, the then-St. Matthews fire chief. "He's the one who got me involved," Kamer said.

Kamer said things are a lot different now than when he started.

"There was one truck when I first began, and it was housed in a garage on Breckinridge Lane.

"At that time, St. Matthews

was the only department in eastern Jefferson County. We went as far as Shelbyville on runs."

Now, the district has not only more than one truck, but more than one station. Station One, located at 240 Sears Ave., houses two engines (pumpers) and one service truck. Station Two also has two pumpers and a service van. It is located at 440 Brownsboro Road.

The most exciting part of firefighting to Kamer is "being able to save lives and property. After all, that's what it's all about."

Kamer said his most memorable experience came in the early 50s. Kamer entered a burning house and saved a 6-year-old girl.

"She was a little blond-headed girl, the same age as my daughter," Kamer said. "When I brought her out and set her down, I could see my daughter in her."

Kamer fought fires until 1982, but participated only in inspections until his retirement.

He remained on volunteer status throughout his career, with the exception of four years, 1979-82. During that time, the then-fire chief hired him full time to start a fire prevention program.

While serving as a volunteer fireman, Kamer held the titles of lieutenant, captain, assistant chief and major. During the years he was working with the fire prevention program, he held the title of marshal.

Kamer has received several awards throughout his firefighting career. In the 1950s, he was honored with a plaque honoring

In 1982, Kamer received an award for pioneering the professional fire prevention program of the St. Matthews Fire Department.

In 1987, at the 50-year milestone, he received the Outstanding Volunteer Firefighter of the Year award from the Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews and was the subject of a feature story in *The*

*Voice*.

Kamer and his wife Louvinia have five children - Marty Jr., David, Patricia Berry, Janice Nordman and Mary Margaret Pierce - 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

His youngest son David is following in his father's footsteps and is currently a firefighter at the St. Matthews fire station.

him as a lifetime member of the St. Matthews Fire Department. "That was before it even became a fire district," Kamer said.

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July 12, 1995, Letter:

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RE: St. Matthews Fire Protection District adv. Davis

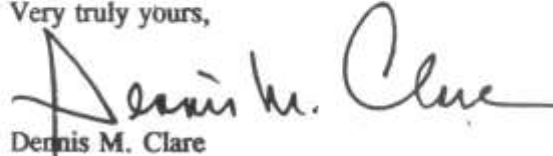
Dear Chairman Graven:

Please be advised that this office has received notice from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Court of Appeals that the above styled matter has been scheduled for an Oral Argument on **Tuesday, September 12, 1995, at 1:00 p.m.** at the old County Jail, 1st Floor Courtroom, 514 W. Liberty Street, Louisville, Kentucky. Obviously, you and any other members of the Board of Trustees are welcome to attend although there is no requirement that any representative of the District be present.

At that time, a three (3) Judge panel of the Court of Appeals will hear a 15 minute oral argument from each of the parties.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,



Dennis M. Clare

DMC:tmd

cc: Chief William Seng

Marshall B. Eldred, Jr. Trustee



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## July 13, 1995, Trustee meeting:

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

July 13, 1995

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 13, 1995 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Chair Jim Graven, Trustees Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; SM Firefighters Dave Dugan, Charlie Davis, George Santamouris, Dan Doyle. Trustee Marshall Eldred was absent.

Chair Jim Graven announced that Hal Clifford was elected Firefighter's Trustee at the June 24, 1995 election, for a term beginning July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1999. Trustee Jim King was re-appointed for a three-year term July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1998. Chair Graven administered the Oath of Office to Jim King and Hal Clifford.

The following officers were nominated and elected to hold office until June 30, 1996, or until their successors are elected:

Chairman: James P. Graven  
Treasurer: David Dick  
Secretary: Faye Ellerkamp

Jim King moved, Frank Flynn seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting on June 8, 1995 as written and corrected.

David Dick presented the monthly Treasurer's Report (copy attached) with a detailed year end review. Copies of the District's June 30, 1995 Financial statements were distributed and discussed.

David Dick referred Trustees to the proposed Budget for FY1995/96, pointing out budget highlights and answering questions. Trustees expressed appreciation for achieving the goal of "not having to borrow during 1995 to cover operating expenses."

The proposed tax rate is \$.085 per hundred valuation, same as last year. The Compensating Tax Rate (HB 44) is .085, when rounded up, and does not require a public hearing.

David Dick moved, Frank Flynn seconded, to adopt a tax rate of \$.085 per hundred assessed valuation for real and personal property tax rate for year July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996. Motion passed unanimously.

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

July 13, 1995

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 9:55 P.M. on Thursday, July 13, 1995.

Present were Chairman Jim Graven, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King, David Dick, Faye Ellerkamp, Directors; Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the June 8, 1995 regular meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

Chief Seng will send the required Legal Notice (KRS 65.070 (2)) for publication in the VOICE OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS.

Chief Seng reported on the District's operations:

- (1) Total alarms dispatched for June, 1995 . . . 121  
Total alarms dispatched year to date . . . 595
- (2) Requested approval of \$2,000 for annual testing of SCBA equipment. Frank Flynn moved to authorize expenditure, Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.
- (3) Carpet for Station 2 has been ordered.
- (4) New recruit class started as of July 1 - two are females.
- (5) Lyndon FD and St. Matthews FD will burn a house at corner of Westport Road & Herr Lane at 8:00 A.M. Saturday.
- (6) Painting at Training House has been completed.
- (7) Flooring and painting in stairwell at Station 1 has been completed.
- (8) The new "Jawz" have been ordered.
- (9) Blood drive scheduled at Station 1 on August 4 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
- (10) Invited Trustees to visit the Safety Trailer parked out back.
- (11) Each Jefferson County Fire District is asked to contribute money for this year's Legislative Session.
- (12) Have a request to sell 2 1/2" hose (11 years old - 10 sticks damaged and can't be used; 20 in storage that can be used). Trustees approved disposal - sell 20 sticks at \$5.00 each, total \$100.
- (13) Still working with City of Mockingbird Valley to provide fire protection for the city; several council members are interested but they don't meet on a regular basis.
- (14) The new paint and two layers of old paint are pulling off the concrete block (Station 1). The Davoe representative and painting contractor have come back to examine. Trustees asked Chief Seng to call Dennis Clare, explain the situation and ask him to write a letter requesting action to correct the problem.

Frank Flynn moved, Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed, to go into Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. for discussion of litigation and personnel matters.

Trustees returned to regular session at 9:40 P.M. Chair Graven announced the Trustees did not approve a contribution for 1996 legislative session "lobbying".

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Following discussion, Jim King moved to approve the District's 1995/96 Budget as presented (copy attached); Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting of Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is scheduled for August 17, 1995 at Fern Creek Fire Department at 7:30 P.M.

Next meeting of the SMFPD Board of Trustees will be Thursday, August 10, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. at Station No. 1.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

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July 13, 1995, Trustee meeting:

## Treasurer Report

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

### Treasurers Report

July and August 1995

Cash - June 30, 1995	688,787
Cash - August 31, 1995	<u>531,110</u>
Decrease	157,677

Cash decreased as expected for the two month period. Revenue and expenses are running as expected. We should have no difficulty in getting to December 31 without any short term borrowing.

#### Items of special note:

- Expense of \$298.74 for Indian Hills police was reimbursed by them.
- General insurance premium of approximately \$30,000 has not been paid yet. It is usually paid by this time.
- List of expenditures shows \$1,640 for golf outing but \$920 was received from various sponsors. Net cost \$720.
- Carpet approved for expenditure last year was installed and paid in August. Approximately \$4,000 charged to building improvement account #6772. I will have this moved to the capital expenditures budget.
- Repair to air conditioner on #2633 of \$1,021 will be reimbursed by E-1.
- Doors on #2633 that were replaced under warranty were restriped for \$375. This will not be reimbursed.

Also please note that I have not set up the capital expenditures budget in the financial statements yet. In addition, the escrow accounts have not been set up. I will get to this in the next month.

## Storms drench county for second night

A second straight night's powerful storm, packing heavy rain and continuous lightning, left about 6,000 residents in Jefferson and Oldham counties without power last night.

Sixteen power lines were down in Louisville and Jefferson County about 10:30 p.m. after last night's storm, said Rhonda Korfhage, spokeswoman for Louisville Gas & Electric Co.

She said customers should have their power restored by sometime this morning.

The storm also downed several trees and knocked out traffic signals across the city.

Police reported no storm-related accidents or injuries in the city or county. The only report of flooding was about 8 inches of water in the 800 block of Blankenbaker Road.

The heavy rain that swept through the Louisville area Monday evening skirted Jefferson County's most flood-prone areas.

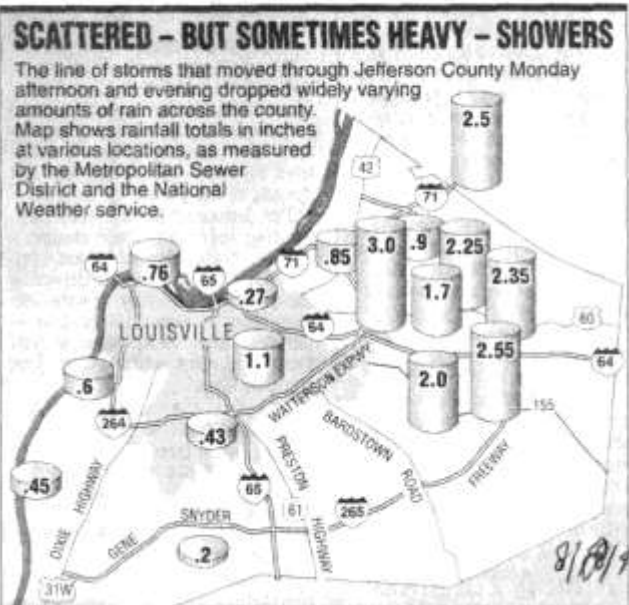
"We dodged a bullet," Metropoli-

tan Sewer District spokesman Bud Schardein said yesterday. "If the bulk of this storm had dropped 15 or 20 miles west of where it did, we would have had substantial property damage."

Rainfall amounts recorded at MSD gauges varied widely, even among sites only a mile or two apart.

The heaviest rain in Jefferson County — up to 3 inches in less than an hour — fell in a corridor stretching from the Oxmoor area through Middletown and Jefferson-town. Drainage problems in those areas are less severe, and there were only minor flooding problems, Schardein said.

Farther east, spots in Shelby County recorded nearly 8 inches of rain from the storms — a deluge on the order of the downpour that hit the South End three years ago yesterday. That storm led to one drowning and flooded about 10,000 basements as runoff overwhelmed the sewer and drainage systems.



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August 10, 1995, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

August 10, 1995

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Present were Trustees Hal Clifford, David Dick, Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Dave Dugan and John Albers, SMFD. Chairman Jim Graven was absent; Trustees asked Marshall Eldred to chair the meeting.

Frank Flynn moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 1995 meeting as amended; Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

David Dick presented the monthly Treasurer's report and reviewed the July, 1995 financial statement. The trustees complimented David for his excellent report.

Chief Seng reported on the Fire Department operations:

- 1) Total alarms dispatched for July, 1995 . . . 142  
Total alarms dispatched year to date . . . 737

- 2) Referred to newspaper article headed "St. Matthews Fire Department's home inspection pays off big for family". Three days after fire officials checked the smoke detectors at Robert Westberry's home on St. Matthews Avenue his house was severely damaged by fire, heat and smoke. Mrs. Westberry was awakened by the smoke detector and got her children out of the house and called 911, before the house burned further.

- 3) The District has received two bids to remove dead trees at east end of Station 2 - one at \$875.00 and second at \$1,800.00 (including stump removal). Following discussion, Hal Clifford moved to accept the lower bid of Carrier for tree and stump removal for \$875.00; Jim King seconded, motion passed.

- 4) Chief Seng has been discussing the "Are You Okay?" program (calling elderly who have requested a daily call) with the St. Matthews Police Department. Under tentative plan the St. Matthews Police would program all calls from the SM Dispatch Office; the St. Matthews police will handle all calls requiring response to St. Matthews city residents; the St. Matthews Fire Department will handle all calls requiring response outside the City of St. Matthews (within the fire district boundaries). Estimated start-up cost to be \$5,750.

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to be divided between City of St. Matthews Police Department and the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. Jim King moved to authorize Chief Seng to continue exploring the program with the Police Department; Faye Ellerkamp seconded; motion passed.

- 5) Requested approval of \$600 (as budgeted) for the annual District golf tournament. Following discussion, moved to approve the expenses for the tournament; Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

- 6) Contacted the District's attorney regarding paint problems on exterior of Station 1. The painting contractor offered to power wash and paint the scaling areas at no charge; then wants a release to be provided upon completion of that "remedy". Recommended to defer action for six months, assess condition and contact painter again.

- 7) No news on Davis case. Appeals hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, at 1:00 P.M.

- 8) The attorney who represents the Department of Workers Compensation Claims asked Chief Seng to testify at the September 5 hearing for Eric Seay. Eric is the volunteer firefighter who fell in 1993 during a training session. The District's attorney sees no problem with Chief Seng testifying for this hearing; trustees concurred.

Acting Chair Marshall Eldred suggested the next Board meeting (September 14) be held at Station 2. Chief Seng will check with Chair Jim Graven and advise the Trustees of any change.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Trustees Association is August 17, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. at Fern Creek Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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(Acting) Chairman

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

August 10, 1995

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 8:10 P.M. on Thursday, August 10, 1995.

Present were Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Marshall Eldred, Jim King, David Dick and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng. Chairman Jim Graven was absent; Marshall Eldred acted as Chair for the meeting.

Minutes of the July 13, 1995 regular meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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# St. Matthews may install system

By MARTHA ELSON  
Staff Writer

## Computerized service uses phone calls

Citing the St. Matthews area's large population of senior citizens, the city and St. Matthews Fire Protection District are considering a computerized phone-call program to check on elderly, shut-in and disabled people.

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District has offered to split the \$5,750 cost with the city for a computer needed for the "Are You OK?" program. City Treasurer Jim King told the City Council at its Aug. 22 meeting. King is also the city's fire board representative.

The council asked Police Chief Norm Mayer to provide more information about the program at its

next meeting, Sept. 12.

Under the free program, which has operated for five years in Anchorage and started this month in Shively, a computer makes daily phone calls at prearranged times to those who sign up for the service. If someone doesn't answer after two calls, a police or fire officer is sent to check.

In St. Matthews, the equipment would be monitored by a dispatcher at police headquarters in City Hall, Fire Chief Bill Seng said last week.

Generally, St. Matthews police will check on people in the city, and fire officers would check on people

in the other 20 cities served by the fire district, Seng said.

At least 140 agencies around the country operate such programs.

A fire district board member suggested starting the program after reading about plans for the Shively program, Seng said.

"It's one of those little extra things that a small fire district can offer its citizens," he said, noting that 28 percent of the St. Matthews area's population is over age 65.

Mayer said last week that he will recommend the program. St. Matthews police frequently get calls from people who say they have not

## to check on elderly

been able to reach an elderly parent, and officers have forced their way into homes to find people who have fallen and can't move.

By last week, about 14 people had signed up for Shively's two-week-old program, which is co-sponsored by the Shively Lions Club. The police had checked on two people, but in both cases they had left the house and forgotten to notify the dispatcher, said Shively Lt. David Bowles.

"Everyone's real happy with it," Bowles said. "We're hoping to get some more. We get an application in every day."

In other business, the council:

✓ Approved a contract with MC Construction Co., 1304 Story Ave., to build a new press box and con-

cession stand for St. Matthews Little League at the city's community center on Ten Pin Lane.

The concession stand and restroom would be on the first floor of the two-story structure, with a press box and meeting room on the second floor. The existing concession stand and press box would be torn down.

MC Construction was the lowest of three bidders at \$43,800. The city plans for the new structure to be built by next season, City Clerk Gretchen Kaiser said after the meeting.

✓ Heard City Attorney Foster Haunz report that St. Matthews has filed 10 lawsuits to collect delinquent occupational taxes ranging from \$200 to \$4,000.

1995

September 14, 1995, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

September 14, 1995

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 14, 1995 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 PM.

Present were Chairman James P. Graven, Trustees Hal Clifford, David Dick, Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park.

Jim King moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 1995 meeting as written; Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

Chief Seng reported on Fire Department operations:

1. Total alarms dispatched for the month . . . 114  
Total alarms dispatched year to date . . . 851
2. IFC Fire International Rescue was held last week. Jefferson County firefighters participated in the Firefighter Olympics; tied for 4th place. SMFPD took 1st place in the water buckets fire brigade competition and received a handsome trophy.
3. The City of St. Matthews has decided to put the "Are You Okay" program on the back burner until the City's project to put computers in every city police car has been completed.
4. The District has been offered a house at 4070 Massie Avenue to burn down. Owner has signed release this week. Chief Seng will send training schedule in activity report.
5. Requested expenditures:  
(a) Annual brake check (budgeted) all apparatus (excluding "something wrong") - \$216.00.  
(b) 62 hydrostat bottles - \$650.00.  
(c) Annual CAAK Conference (3 Officers) - \$650.00.  
(d) 6 sets turn-out gear - \$5,347.20.  
(e) Smoke detectors - 100 @ \$3.00 = \$300.00.  
(f) Gerber jacket (\$165 regular price) quote 19 jackets @ 123.77 = \$2,351.25.  
(g) Replace basketball goal: Bids received Allied-\$279; Shively-269. Trustees suggested Chief secure third bid.

Following intense discussion, Trustees approved items (a), (b), (c), (e), (f) and amended item (d) to purchase

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three (3) sets of turn-out gear - cost \$2,673.60.

David Dick presented the monthly Treasurer's report (copy attached), and reviewed the August, 1995 financial statements. Marshall Eldred asked for a list of Recreation expenses to be sent to each Trustee.

Trustee Marshall Eldred asked Chief Seng to check with insurance agent to be certain the District is covered for any work done for other department/agency vehicles.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is October 19, 1995 at 7:00 PM at the Camp Taylor Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

September 14, 1995

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 14, 1995.

Present were Chair James Graven, Directors Hal Clifford, Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, David Dick, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the meeting of August 10, 1995 were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary



September 27, 1995, *The Voice-Tribune*, Fire district to spend \$5,024 on new gear, by Kristen Ochs.

# Fire district to spend \$5,024 on new gear

By KRISTEN OCHS  
Staff Writer

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District has approved the purchase of three new sets of fire-fighting gear and 19 new blood-resistant jackets, which will be used for EMS runs.

The approval came at the district's regular meeting Sept. 14 at Station 2.

Originally, the district sought approval for six sets of firefighting gear (which includes overalls, jackets and boots) at \$5,347.20 and the 19 new jackets for \$2,351.29. After discussion, the amount of turnout gear was halved, so the total bill would come to just over \$5,000.

Other expenditures approved at the meeting were \$216 to have the brakes inspected on all of the

trucks, \$650 to cover the cost of hydrostaticing 62 airpack bottles, and \$792 to send three members of the district to the annual Council of Inspectors Conference.

## In other action:

- It was announced that the district has a house to burn at Massie Avenue and Cherrywood Road. A training session will be scheduled in mid-October.

- It was announced that the International Fire Chiefs Convention, held Sept. 5-8, and the equipment show on Sept. 9 and 10 went well.

The Jeffersontown Gaslight Festival's Firefighter Olympics was held at the convention. St. Matthews district participated for the first time this year and took fourth place overall.

1995

October 12, 1995, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

October 12, 1995

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 12, 1995 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Chairman James P. Graven, Trustees Hal Clifford, Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, Faye Eller-kamp; Chief William J. Seng; Firefighters Dave Dugan, Ed Brown, Stuart Monohan, John Volkerding; Chris Wooton, VOICE-TRIBUNE. David Dick and Jim King were absent.

Marshall Eldred moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting; Frank Flynn seconded, motion passed.

Chief Seng reported on Fire District operations:

1. Total alarms dispatched for the month. . 94  
Total alarms dispatched year to date . .945

2. Distributed memo of Chief Heydt's report on Governance Committee (Jefferson County) regarding Public Safety sub-committee recommendations.

3. Received inquiry re Mack pumper, No. 2634; advised new E-1 pumper should arrive in December. Following discussion, Marshall Eldred moved to declare No. 2634 "Surplus Equipment", and to authorize Chairman Graven, Treasurer David Dick and Chief Seng to negotiate sale price; Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

4. Received invitation from Buechel Fire Department, 4101 Bardstown Road, to a Retirement Party for the Board of Directors and Board of Trustees member, on Sunday, October 22, 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

5. Chief Seng displayed an oxymeter which is an accurate way to get a pulse reading (the "read out" is all in the little clip) out in the field. Cost of one Chief Seng would like to consider is \$350. No action taken.

- (6) Following discussion, Marshall Eldred moved to authorize contribution of \$200 for the Jefferson County Fire Service bus; Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

- (7) Referred to a letter from Jack Clark, Chair JCFTA, requesting donations to help defray expenses of the Firefighters Memorial. Trustee Association legal counsel has given a written opinion as to legality of

October 25, 1995, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton, Fire board gives money for rehab bus:

## Fire board gives money for rehab bus

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

At the Oct. 12 regular meeting of the St. Matthews Fire District, Fire Chief Bill Seng asked the board members to approve a \$200 donation for the use of the Jefferson County fire bus.

The fire bus, donated to and shared by all Jefferson County fire districts by the Transit Authority of River City (TARC), is primarily used as a rehabilitation unit for fire fighters in extreme hot or cold weather and also provides a place to rest while fighting major fires.

While there is no charge to use the bus, donations from the Jefferson County fire districts are requested to cover the cost of basic maintenance and proper upkeep of the bus. The board approved the motion.

Seng also requested that the district approve the purchase of an instrument called the "oximeter," which is used to measure the heart rate, pulse and oxygen in the blood by simply clipping the small portable device to the index finger.

Capt. Frank Flynn backed the motion by pointing out that these vital signs are taken from victims every time firefighters respond to an emergency. Flynn also explained that since the device works automatically, firefighters' hands would be free to better tend to an emergency.

# Harrods Creek to get faster EMS response in fire-district pact; Prospect shares cost

By KENZIE WINSTEAD  
Special Writer

The time it takes emergency-response workers to get to your door could be cut in half soon if you live in the Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire District.

Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service workers take an average of almost 7½ minutes to respond to highest-priority emergencies in the district, which includes Prospect, Glenview, Indian Hills and several other small cities.

But under an agreement between the fire district and county EMS, that time could be halved, said Mike Riordan, director of county EMS.

"It's a good marriage between EMS and the fire district," he said.

On a typical shift, eight to 10 county EMS ambulances respond to calls. And it isn't unusual for ambulances to take longer than seven minutes to reach emergency calls when all ambulances are in use.

The Prospect City Council voted last week to give \$10,000 to the Harrods Creek Fire Department to start the partnership, known as the First Responder program.

Personnel from the Harrods Creek Fire Department won't be dispatched on every emergency run; only when time is of the essence. And they won't be able to transport patients. County EMS ambulances still will respond to all emergencies.

"This is a natural evolution," Harrods Creek Fire Chief Leonard Heydt said. "There are opportunities to make a difference."

Similar programs already are in place in other outlying parts of the county — St. Matthews, Lyndon, Okolona, Shively, McMahan and Buechel, Heydt said. And the Louisville and Anchorage fire departments provide similar services in their cities.

Heydt said the fire district intends to raise \$40,000 to buy four automatic

cardiac defibrillators, which deliver an electric shock to stabilize or restart a heartbeat, radios, hand-held radios, pagers and other communication equipment.

County EMS will train firefighters as emergency response technicians so that there will be one trained, state-certified EMT on a firetruck when Harrods Creek responds to emergency calls.

Harrods Creek is asking for the money, Heydt said, because of the Kentucky law that prohibits fire protection districts from spending tax revenue on EMS.

Three other cities already have given money to Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department for the cause: Glenview Hills, \$2,000; Indian Hills, \$2,000; and Green Springs, \$1,000.

Harrods Creek is asking for donations from the other five cities it covers: Hills and Dales, Northfield, Glenview, Glenview Manor and Riverwood. And the neighborhood association in Falls Creek has indicated it wants to take part, Heydt said.

The emergency response teams will come from both Harrods Creek fire stations, on U.S. 42 in Prospect and on Upper River Road in Glenview. The fire district includes about 26 square miles. Heydt said he expects to start assisting EMS within the next three or four months.

In other business, the council: Put on hold a decision to purchase weather emergency sirens.

Instead, the council voted to look for an engineer at the University of Louisville who could study the problem and give the city some advice on just how many sirens the city needs.

Three sirens will cost about \$40,000. But Mayor Lornie Falk said he believes the city will need more to cover all the residential areas. The mayor said he was concerned about

## Prospect sirens stalled

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the city's liability if some residents can't hear the sirens.

"I am going to tell them (the person who studies it) I want to be covered 100 percent," Falk said.

Mitch Bass, who has campaigned for the sirens, said he was disappointed that no decision was made.

"Nothing's changed," said Bass. "It'll go on another 30 days. It's obvious negativism on part of the council."

"It's unfortunate they're against it," Bass continued. "I don't know what the final result will be."

Bass personally distributed 1,500 fliers earlier this month asking Prospect residents to vote for or against the sirens and to show support for them by attending the City Council meeting. He received 130 votes, 84 of which were for the purchase of sirens. However, fewer than 10 residents attended the council meeting.

Falk said he voted against the sirens. "My wife insisted on voting — against it," he said.

The mayor said the city's newsletter has mentioned the siren issue three times and received little response from residents. "I don't think they care that much," he said.

"I applaud Mitch (Bass) for getting out on the issue," Falk said. "He has to understand that because it's his idea doesn't mean it's the best idea."

The mayor suggested giving weather radios to all residents. "I have one (weather radio) and I can hear it all over my house," he said. "I think that's the easy solution."

Voted to spend \$13,000 to finance a study of the city's police department by the University of Louis-

ville School of Justice Administration.

The school will examine: manpower allocation and distribution, field operations, support services, general management, personnel administration and operational and administrative procedure.

The study will take 200 hours to complete.

"I am looking forward to getting positive and negative critique," said L.S. Nugent, Prospect's chief of police. "They're going to interview all officers and all personnel related to the police department."

Introduced an amendment to the city's nuisance ordinance, deleting the three-day written-notice procedure. The current ordinance requires city police to give people accused of violating the nuisance law three days to fix a problem before a complaint can be filed against them. Under the amendment, police would be able to cite offenders immediately if they didn't take steps to address a neighbor's complaint.

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# Holiday parade moving to St. Matthews

By MARTHA ELSON  
Staff Writer

Santa Claus will fly into St. Matthews this year instead of downtown for the ninth annual Kentucky Derby Festival Children's Holiday Parade.

The Dec. 2 parade will move from Muhammad Ali Boulevard to Mall St. Matthews, Mayor Art Draut told the Oct. 24 City Council meeting.

More than 50 St. Matthews police officers will help with the event, and a St. Matthews police honor guard will be one of the lead units, Chief Norm Mayer said.

A St. Matthews Fire Protection District truck also could be used to carry children, Draut said.

The parade, which has been on Muhammad Ali for the past two years and before that on Main Street, was moved because the mall expressed interest in being more involved with the Derby Festival, said Clay Campbell, the festival's communications director.

"They were happy to host it, and it was a good sponsorship opportunity, one we really couldn't pass up," Campbell said. Also, he said, fewer street closings and traffic reroutings will be necessary.

The parade starts at 2 p.m. on the mall ring road near the new Bowling Boulevard bridge, and will wind back to the J.C. Penney department store

along Sherburn Lane and through the mall parking lot. Parking attendants will direct mall patrons, said Shannon Church, the mall's marketing coordinator.

Traffic signals at the mall's Bowling entrance and at Bowling's new four-way intersection at Browns Lane, Kresge Way and a new entrance road to Baptist East Hospital should be installed by then, Draut said.

In recent years, the parade has had about 60 floats geared for children or made by children and youth.

In other business at the council meeting, member Rick Tonini asked if the city wants to collaborate with Plymouth Village and Broadfields to

put in sidewalks between Hillsboro Road and the Jamestown Apartments along Breckenridge Lane.

Because children walk along Breckenridge, Tonini said, it's a dangerous situation without sidewalks.

The council agreed, and Tonini planned to discuss the project further with the mayors of the other cities. Noting that many senior citizens walk along Breckenridge too, Plymouth Village Mayor Edie Wine said she is "most interested in moving the project forward" after further study.

Also, St. Matthews City Attorney Foster Haunz reported that he had filed two lawsuits to collect \$8,500 in unpaid occupational license taxes.

## Neighborhoods

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November 9, 1995, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

November 9, 1995

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 9, 1995 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Chairman James P. Graven, Trustees Hal Clifford, Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; SM Firefighter Larry Heaphy; Jack Kold, Woodlawn Park; Tony and Casey Weiter, City of St. Matthews; Chris Wooton, the VOICE-TRIBUNE. David Dick, Treasurer, was absent.

Hal Clifford moved, Jim King seconded, motion passed to accept the minutes of the October 12 meeting as written.

Treasurer's report will be available for the December 14 meeting.

Chief William Seng reported on Fire District operations:

1. Total alarms dispatched for the month . . . . 98  
Total alarms dispatched year to date. . . . 1,043
2. Reported a letter received from the Mall St. Matthews commending St. Matthews Fire District's Commanding Officers and firefighters for designing and conducting a mock disaster that was "realistic, educational and rewarding" on October 29, 1995.
3. The 2634 Mack pumper left today. Grapevine Fire Department paid \$2,000 today; expect to pay the balance of \$38,000 within the next 10 to 14 days.
4. Next Tuesday, November 14, we will meet with Mockingbird Valley representatives to discuss fire services for that city.
5. The 1995 E-1 pumper is basically ready; we'll pick it up then ship to Lexington. Expect to have it back here after December payment is made.
6. CPR testing materials and ID cards are needed for annual certification of all firefighters; cost \$255.40.
7. Approval for annual FDIC conference, budgeted item which could go up to \$2,500.
8. Extended E-1 warranty on the '95 pumper for 2 years for cost of \$515; and the warranty on 10-year

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

November 9, 1995

for body and cab at cost of \$1,916; total cost \$2,431.

9. Last month the Board deferred donation to Firefighter Memorial; present proposal is to buy ten (10) prints for total cost of \$250, to distribute for "special awards" to the SM firefighters.

10. Order insulated overhead doors in December at a cost of \$5,240 for Station 1 (payment due in January.)

11. Request approval to order an oxymeter for accurate pulse reading out in the field (demonstrated at October meeting); cost \$395.

Following discussion, trustees unanimously approved expenditures for items 6, 7, 8, 9.

Dennis Clare advised that Fire District funds cannot be used for the Are You O.K.? program discussed with St. Matthews Police Department. Chief Seng said that St. Matthews has dropped the program at this time.

Tony Weiter, City of St. Matthews Councilman, reported a conversation he had with former Louisville Fire Chief Russ Sanders, who spoke very highly of the St. Matthews Fire department and gave credit to the Trustees. Mr. Weiter added his personal appreciation of the frugal management of the District and its service to the community.

Sgt. Larry Heaphy expressed thanks to the Trustees for the warm uniform coats purchased. The career staff appreciates them.

Marshall Eldred moved, Frank Flynn seconded, to go into Executive Session for personnel and litigation discussion.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:05 PM. Chairman Graven announced that no action was taken.

Chief Seng announced the next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is a joint meeting with the Fire Chiefs Association on January 18, 1995 at 7:00 PM at the Beechel Fire Department.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 8:15 PM on Thursday, November 9, 1995.

Present were Chairman James P. Graven, Directors Hal Clifford, Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng. David Dick was absent.

The minutes of the October 12, 1995 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

  
Chairman  
  
Secretary

November 22, 1995, *The Voice-Tribune*, Mall thanks fire dept. for training exercise, by Chris Wooton.

# Mall thanks fire dept. for training exercise

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng presented a letter of thanks from Scott Howe, vice president and general manager of The Mall St. Matthews, to the board of trustees at the St. Matthews Fire District regular meeting Nov. 9.

The letter was in reference to the fire department's contribution to a joint training exercise held at the Mall on Oct. 29. The "mock disaster" was designed to evaluate the emergency procedures of Mall St. Matthews security, St. Matthews Fire Department, McMahan Fire Department, Jefferson County EMS, Harrods Creek Fire Department and St. Matthews Police.

"We tried to make the exercise as real as possible by using smoke machines and downed victims," Seng said. "We also added possible chemical danger and rescue procedures to the scenario as well." The scenario itself involved a simulated fire ignited by a mall floor cleaning machine.

The overall evaluation of the exercise was positive. Seng said that it was an excellent learning opportunity for those involved and hopes that similar exercises can be done in the near future.

St. Matthews City Councilman Tony Weiter was present at the district meeting to inform the fire department and the board of trustees of a recent conversation Weiter had with Russell Sanders, the former chief of the Louisville Fire Department. Weiter reported that Sanders spoke "very highly" of the St. Matthews Fire Department. "There are people out there who really appreciate the excellent work you do," said Weiter.

In other action:

- The board approved a \$250 donation to the Firefighter Memorial Fund for the construction of the Firefighter Memorial in Jefferson Square Park at the corner of Sixth and Jefferson streets.

- Sgt. Larry Heaphy was on hand to thank the board in person for approving the purchase of 19 winter uniform jackets. The jackets will be used on emergency calls during the winter months and feature reflective material and a lining that hinders the spread of blood-borne pathogens occasionally spilled on emergency personnel from victims. Trustee member Marshall Eldred said that most of the thanks goes to Seng and the other fire representatives for pushing the purchase.

- Board members mentioned that while the St. Matthews Fire Department is doing well, volunteers are always needed for a more efficient operation and a safer St. Matthews. For information about St. Matthews volunteer firefighter training, call 893-7825.

1995

December 14, 1995, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

December 14, 1995

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 14, 1995 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. One, 248 Sears Ave. St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Marshall Eldred, Jim King and Frank Flynn; Chief William J. Seng: Chris Wooton, The VOICE-TRIBUNE. Chairman James P. Grauen, David Dick, and Faye Ellerkamp were absent.

Jim King moved, Frank Flynn seconded, motion passed to accept the minutes of the November 9th meeting with the exception of Item #10 the insulated overhead doors were not approved in the November meeting.

Treasurer's report will be available for the January meeting.

Chief William Seng reported on Fire District operations

1. Total alarms dispatched for the month.....189  
Total alarms dispatched year to date.....1,152

2. Both heating exchange units at Station Two are out. Cost to put two new exchange units in \$1,650.00.

3. Renewal for Emergency Medical Update Tapes \$936.00

4. Annual Dinner for Firefighters \$600.00

5. Send two Officers to a Staff and Command Course in St. Louis the second week of March 1996. \$2,200.00

6. Final approval for Four insulated overhead doors for Station One.

7. Chief Seng met with Norm Berry & Assoc. about the paint problem with the exterior of Station One. They suggested we hire an engineering firm to study the problem.

Following discussion, trustees unanimously approved expenditures for items 2, 3, 4, and 5. Trustees approved item #6 per Treasurer David Dick's O.K. Item #7 was deferred till the January meeting.

Frank Flynn moved, Marshall Eldred seconded, to go into Executive Session for personnel discussion.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:15 PM. Marshall Eldred announced that Chief Seng would take appropriate action dealing with personal matters.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Acting   
Chairman  
  
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The minutes of the November 9, 1995 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Acting   
Chairman  
  
Secretary

December 24, 1995, The Courier-Journal

## Cable problems zap phones

BellSouth crews scrambled last night to locate and repair malfunctioning cables that were causing problems for some customers in the 89 telephone exchange, regional director Michael Seebert said.

"At this point, we're trying to isolate the trouble," he said shortly before midnight.

He said two cables were involved — one on Shelbyville Road and another on Westport Road. But he said the cause and extent of the malfunction, when it will be repaired and the number of phones involved, is unknown.

The Louisville Fire Deptment interrupted cable television broadcasts to alert the public to the problem. St. Matthews Police Capt. Joe Wolfe said police and fire department numbers were working, that all numbers with an 89 exchange weren't affected.

"I've been able to call around and contact many people on the 89 exchange," he said. "But I heard from a phone-company rep around 9:30 p.m. that they'd had 103 reports."



December 28, 1995, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton, Fire district heaters break down, board to spend \$1,650 on new parts: It's freezing cold at St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 2 at 4400 Brownsboro Road, with good reason. Both heat exchange units at the station inconveniently shut down at the same time. The St. Matthews Fire Protection District board of trustees responded to the situation by approving the purchase of two new heat exchangers for \$1,650 at the district's regular meeting December 14.

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Seng estimates the purchase and installation of the doors at \$5,240. The new doors will better insulate the garage area of the fire station and be safe in being costs. "It's only going to be colder outside," said trustee member Hal Clifford. "This is the time to get this expense out of the way."



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**NOTE: We have no fire run information on 1995.**

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Sgt. Frank Flynn (P)  
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	<b>Mike "Fozz" Willinger (P)</b>

# A 'passable' improvement

## Road-clearing crews on top of *this* storm

By BEVERLY BARTLETT  
Staff Writer

The test comes this morning. Nobody was promising that Louisville-area roads would be clear as people emerge from their snow-choked back streets and subdivisions.

But city, county and state officials were using words like "drivable" and "passable."

Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson proclaimed confidence that business leaders — outraged by snow-clearing efforts two years ago, when a record snow of 15.9 inches paralyzed the area for days — will be pleased with their employees' ability to get to work this morning.

"If people leave early, if they have patience," they won't have the same problems this time, Abramson promised.

In fact, United Parcel Service, whose executives bitterly criticized the response to the snow of 1994, sang a different song yesterday.

Spokesman Ken Shapero praised the community's snow-clearing efforts, which allowed the company to operate as usual.

More than half the UPS employees scheduled to work yesterday made it, — though some were late or unable to get out of hilly subdivisions, Shapero said. He was expecting today to be a normal work day. "People are expected to be at work."

If road crews had been as organized two years ago, Shapero said, the UPS sorting hub at Louisville International Airport could have been up and running within 24 hours, instead

### More on the storm

- Emergency declarations were issued in 15 Kentucky counties and five cities. **B1**
- Gov. Paul Patton urged Kentuckians to stay off the roads. **B3**
- Forecasters called the storm one of the region's worst in 70 years. **A8**
- TV coverage was overkill, critic Tom Dorsey says. **B3**

of having to close for two days.

Nobody — not Abramson, not Shapero — was likening this weekend's snow to the one in 1994. By 6 p.m. yesterday, 10 inches had fallen on the Louisville area, and 2 more inches was expected.

That guaranteed this snowfall a place in Louisville's Top 10.

But this snow was light and dry. It did not weigh down electric lines as did the snow of 1994. It wasn't preceded by an ice storm that coated the roads. There was no prolonged cold snap, so water pipes were less likely to freeze.

And it began on a Friday night and edged its way up into the Top 10 slowly — exhausting snowplow drivers who had to keep replowing, but giving them a fighting chance to get the roads in shape for this morning.

The 1994 snow came mostly on a Monday morning.

Abramson said that this time the

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STAFF PHOTO BY JAMES H. WALLACE

Peter Martin, whose car was imprisoned by a wall of drifted and plowed snow, plied a shovel on Everett Avenue yesterday.



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January 8, 1996, *The Courier-Journal*—Another Snow Storm:

## 'Passable' improvement

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community undoubtedly did a better job of meeting the challenge, albeit a somewhat smaller challenge.

Still, it was the first significant test of the community's reorganized and revitalized snow-removal plan.

The new plan calls for Jefferson County crews — which last time spent long days plowing roads that fed into unplowed state roads — to help with the major state roads — like Shelbyville Road and Dixie Highway. And all the agencies now have more and better equipment.

But Abramson said the cost of the new preparedness had been hundreds of thousands of dollars.

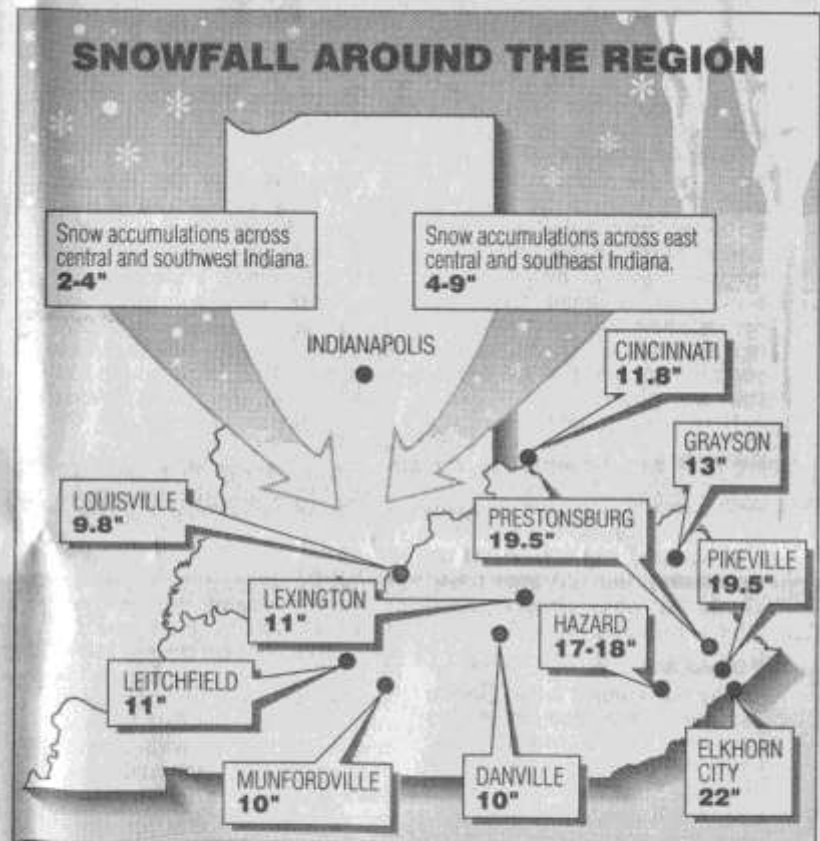
The snowfall did give many people a chance to relax yesterday morning.

So many people stayed off the roads that there were actually fewer wrecks in Jefferson County than on a normal Sunday, police said.

The roads may have been slippery, but there were few people out to slip on them, said Wendy Evans, spokeswoman for the county police.

Still, even with these advantages over 1994, nobody was predicting a breezy drive to work this morning.

The goal was to plow and salt major thoroughfares — interstates and arteries like Dixie Highway and Shelbyville Road — major county roads



STAFF MAP BY JOANNE MESHEW

like Hubbards Lane, and even some feeder roads out of subdivisions.

Abramson cautioned that four-lane highways might have only two lanes open, and two-lane roads might be down to one.

"There are still going to be some

problems," predicted Larry Bond, chief aide to County Judge-Executive Dave Armstrong.

Evans urged that commuters carpool, which would not only put fewer cars on the road but also give each vehicle more potential pushers.

### HOW YESTERDAY'S SNOWFALL RANKS

Record snowfalls in a 24-hour period in the Louisville metropolitan area.

- |                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| 1. January 16-17, 1994 | 15.9 inches |
| 2. January 16-17, 1978 | 15.7 inches |
| 3. December 7-8, 1917  | 15 inches   |
| 4. November 2-3, 1966  | 13.1 inches |
| 5. March 22-23, 1968   | 12.1 inches |
| 6. February 1, 1966    | 11.7 inches |
| 7. February 1910       | 10.9 inches |
| 8. January 1918        | 10.4 inches |
| 9. March 1887          | 10 inches   |
| 10. January 6-7, 1996* | 9.8 inches  |

\*As of 6 p.m. Sunday January 7 at Louisville International Airport.

Source: National Weather Service



1996

January 11, 1996, Trustee meeting: Canceled do to snow:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

January 11, 1996

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 1995 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M. was cancelled because of heavy snowfall and hazardous road conditions.

No business could be conducted due to lack of a quorum.

  
James P. Graven, Chairman

*Acting  
Chair*

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
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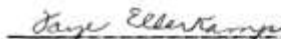
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1996

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

February 8, 1996

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 8, 1996 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman James P. Graven, Trustees Hal Clifford, Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; SMFD, Kenneth Strange; Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park; Chris Wooten, the VOICE-TRIBUNE; David Dick, Treasurer.

The minutes of the December 14, 1995 meeting were approved as written.

The Regular Meeting scheduled for January 11, 1996 was cancelled because of heavy snowfall and hazardous road conditions.

Treasurer David Dick presented a 6-month financial report, and summarized the annual audit. All Trustees commended the Treasurer for a "job well done."

Chief William J. Seng reported on Fire Dist. Operations:

1. Total alarms dispatched for month of December... 141
- Total alarms dispatched year to date ..... 1,292

St. Matthews had the largest number of calls in the Jefferson County Fire Service for year 1995 - 1,292

2. Total alarms dispatched for month of January ... 111
- Total alarms dispatched year to date (1996) .... 111

3. Outlined a list of maintenance, repair and supplies needed for the 6-month period:

a. Install natural gas line to Station II to replace propane cylinders (estimated cost, \$11,000.00). Action deferred.

b. Exhaust removal system for Station II - bids received last year)

Clean Air Concepts (Plymovent System) \$15,600.00\* (not compatible with the system we have)

Osborne Company (Nederman System) 30,640.00

B&B Aid (Exhaust O Matic) 17,632.00

Trustees asked Chief Seng to check on the prices quoted to determine if there is a change - Action deferred.

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c. Engineering service to study paint problem at Station 1.	\$ 4,500.00
d. Pagers - 6 @ \$540.00 each	3,240.00
e. Replacement of 3 old entry doors plus add new one off of Bay (materials only)	1,800.00
f. Replacement of broken wheel chock set for 2632	391.47
g. Uniform patches 200 @ \$2.20 ea.	440.00
h. Yearly purchase of turnout gear: 6 sets @ \$907.00 ea. (Incl. pass alarm, helmet, gloves, hood) budgeted	5,442.00
i. Training classes:	
(5 people - attend fire investigation class	525.00
(Chief attend SAFPC Exec. Development Class)	925.00
Training budget	
j. Set of Olympic hand weights with rack (for Weight Room)	340.00
k. Modification of Station 1 breathing air fill station	600.00
	Total \$18,203.47

Following discussion, Jim King moved to authorize expenditures (c) through (k) listed above, total \$18,203.47. Trustees asked Chief Seng to pose two questions to the Engineering Service regarding paint job at Station 1: (1) What is it going to take to paint this right and get it to stick? (2) Does this include test money at trial and will this be in such condition that we can use it at a trial? Frank Flynn seconded, motion passed.

Hal Clifford moved, Frank Flynn seconded, to go into Executive Session for discussion of litigation and personnel matters.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:20 P.M. Chairman announced no action was taken.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

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The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 8:30 P.M. on Thursday, February 8, 1996.

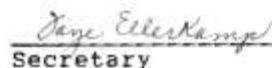
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The minutes of the December 14, 1995 meeting were approved as written.

The regular meeting scheduled for January 11, 1996 was canceled because of heavy snowfall and hazardous road conditions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

1996

February 14, 1996: *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton, St. Matthews fire district to spend \$4,500 to check its \$19,000 paint job.

# St. Matthews fire district to spend \$4,500 to check its \$19,000 paint job

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

Firefighters at St. Matthews Fire Station No. 1 are parking their cars in paint that has chipped off the side of the building on 240 Sears Ave.

In November 1994, the St. Matthews Fire Protection District spent \$19,901 to have the exterior of the building painted. The district's board of trustees and firefighters were pleased with the paint job done by Samac Inc. — until April 1995 when the new paint started flaking off the building.

At the district's Feb. 8 regular meeting, trustee members approved a \$4,500 engineering service study to determine the

cause of the problem, how it should be remedied and whether or not the painting contractor did an adequate job.

Ground Engineering and Testing Services will conduct the study. Trustee member Marshall Eldred assured the board that the district is still within the statute of limitations of bringing action against Samac if the results, which can be used in any possible litigation, show that the contractor did not do its job properly.

In other action:

- St. Matthews Fire Station No. 2, 4400 Brownsboro Road, is expected to get a few improvements within the next year if the district's annual budget permits.

One such improvement is the installation of an exhaust re-

moval system in which a network of hoses are attached to the exhaust pipes of the fire trucks. When the trucks are started, the hoses will direct the exhaust, which contains excessive levels of carbon monoxide, outside of the building protecting those inside from possible exhaust poisoning.

Estimates on the installation of the system were gathered from various contractors last March. Trustee members favored the \$17,632 estimate offered by B&B Air that would install an Exhaust O Matic system, which is already being used at Station 1.

However, the estimates gathered in March were only good for 180 days. Fire Chief Bill Seng will gather new estimates from B&B Air and other companies to

examine any possible increase or decrease in cost before any action is taken.

Trustee members also discussed the possibility of converting Station 2's heating system from propane gas to natural gas. Station 2 has experienced problems with its current heating unit — the most recent being the replacement of two heat exchangers that cost the district \$1,650.

Louisville Gas and Electric estimated the cost for the conversion to be about \$11,000, but calculated that the district could save about \$3,000 annually if it switched. However, with spring and warmer weather around the corner, no action will be taken on the issue until later in the year.

### March 14, 1996, Trustee meeting:

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Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary



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March 27, 1996, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton, \$18,000 paint job at station was faulty, engineer says:

## \$18,000 paint job at station was faulty, engineer says

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

The engineering company hired by the St. Matthews Fire Protection District has determined that a faulty painting job done last April is the reason the new paint on St. Matthews Fire Station No. 1 has started to flake off.

Dennis Duerr of Ground Engineering & Testing Services presented that finding to the board of trustees at the district's March 14 regular meeting. His company's study concluded that the cause of the problem was with the application of the paint itself.

In November 1994 the St. Matthews Fire District spent \$18,000 to have the exterior of the station, at 240 Sears Ave., painted by Samac Inc. of Lawrenceburg.

At its Feb. 8 regular meeting the district approved a \$4,500 engineering service study to determine the cause of the problem, how it should be remedied and whether Samac did an adequate job.

Duerr said that certain specifications were not met in the application of the paint and specifically pointed out cracks in the walls of the building that were not sealed prior to the application.

This allowed moisture beneath the surface of the paint that caused the flaking. He also said that the paint was applied too heavily in certain areas of the building leaving "soft spots" where the paint did not dry properly.

The study recommended that the building be repainted from scratch, which entails a pressure blast to strip the paint down to the bare block, repair of any existing cracks in the masonry, application of a bonding coat to prevent any more moisture from penetrating the surface of the structure and a final top coat to the building.

James McGuffin of Samac said the problem is not with the job his company did, but rather with the old coat of paint underneath the new coat his company applied to the building.

"That's why we never offer warranties on jobs done over the top of old paint," said McGuffin. "You just can't tell what will happen underneath the new coat."

The study did not consider the cost for such a project. Trustee members will spend the next few weeks examining how the paint contractor might be held accountable for the faulty paint job. If any action is brought against Samac, the results of the study can be used in possible litigation.

In other action:

- The district approved a \$12,000 computer upgrade for station No. 1. Fire Chief Bill Seng said that the current system is out of date and cannot handle any more modifications. A new computer work station, which includes a desktop PC and a laser jet printer, will also be added and used to keep track of all fire equipment maintenance and repairs more efficiently.

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April 8, 1996, Trustee meeting: Trustee Eldred states he will not run for re-election after 12 years.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

April 9, 1996

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 9, 1996 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M.

Due to the absence of Chairman Jim Graven, the trustees asked Marshall Eldred to act as Chairman.

Present were: Marshall Eldred, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William Seng; Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park; many St. Matthews Fire District firefighters who reported for training session.

Frank Flynn moved, Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed to approve the minutes of the March 14, 1996 meeting as written.

Due to absence of the Treasurer, David Dick, the Treasurer's report was deferred for next month's Board meeting.

Chief William Seng reported on Fire Dist. Operations:

1. Total alarms dispatched for month of March . . 100  
Total alarms dispatched year to date . . . . 317  
Extrication/med. assist. month of March . . . 26  
" " " " year to date . . . . 85
2. The \$900 radio that was missing has been returned; the order for new radio (replacement) was cancelled.
3. Requested approval for following expenses:  
(a) Electric cord reels for 2653 and -57 - \$1,500.  
(b) One set of rescue air bags - 1,500.
4. Replace concrete parking blocks at Station No. 2 - 350.

Hal Clifford moved to approve purchase of items listed, Frank Flynn seconded, motion passed.

Chairman Marshall Eldred explained that this "open meeting" was scheduled for firefighters who may have questions or some discussion to offer. Mr. Eldred explained that he has served three terms (12 years) on the Board of Trustees and has decided not to run again to give somebody else a chance to step up. Mr. Eldred has told hundreds of people how efficient and

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dedicated the St. Matthews Fire Department men and women are; declared he has never been around a group of employees who are so good; said he will be a "strong ambassador out there for the firefighters."

Chief Seng advised the election for property owner trustee for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is scheduled for June 22, 1996 at Station No. 1. An ad will be placed in the COURIER-JOURNAL, detailing specifics (must be a resident of the District).

Chair Eldred expressed appreciation to the firefighters who attended this meeting and assured them that the St. Matthews Fire Department Board of Trustees wants everyone to know the Trustees want to be an "open Board"; feel free to contact the trustees at any time.

Frank Flynn moved, Hal Clifford seconded, to go into Executive Session at 7:25 P.M. for discussion of personnel matters and litigation.

Trustees returned to Regular Session at 8:25 P.M. Chairman Eldred announced a recommendation to hire two entry level firefighters to replace departed Mike Noland. Following discussion, Jim King moved that the District hire two (2) entry level firefighters at \$15,500 plus benefits. Motion died for lack of a second.

Hal Clifford suggested calling a Special Meeting - no action taken.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

*Marshall P. Eldred Jr.*  
(Acting) Chairman

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

April 9, 1996

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 8:50 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 1996.

Present were Trustees Marshall Eldred, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng. David Dick was absent.

Trustees asked Marshall Eldred to serve as Chairman, due to the absence of Jim Graven.

The minutes of the March 14, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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May 8, 1996, Derby Day, *The Courier-Journal*: Tanker explosion kills driver – Fire ties up Watterson, I-71 ramp:

# Tanker explosion kills driver

## Fire ties up Watterson, I-71 ramp

By CARY B. WILLIS  
Staff Writer

A tank truck overturned and exploded on Interstate 71 at the Watterson Expressway yesterday afternoon, ~~killing the driver and snarling Derby Day~~ traffic for hours.

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The truck skidded about 200 feet upside down, then scraped a limestone cliff on the right before coming to rest in a ditch against the stone face, said Ric Cusick, spokesman for the Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department. The truck burst into flames, probably before it hit the wall, Cusick said. No other vehicles were involved.

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The fire consumed the truck so thoroughly that officials couldn't identify the truck, the driver or even be certain whether anyone else was in the truck, Evans and Cusick said.

Cusick said heat from the fire caused numerous pieces of the rock wall to tumble onto the roadway for hours after the accident. The truck was hauled off at 9:45 p.m., but so much debris remained that at least

one lane of the highway probably would remain closed into the morning hours, he said.

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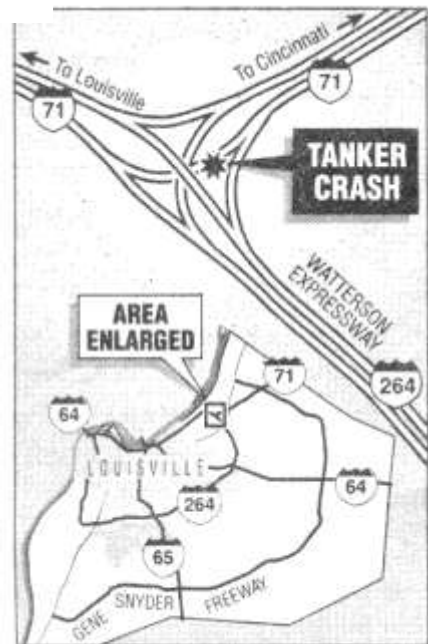
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STAFF MAP BY STEVE DURBIN

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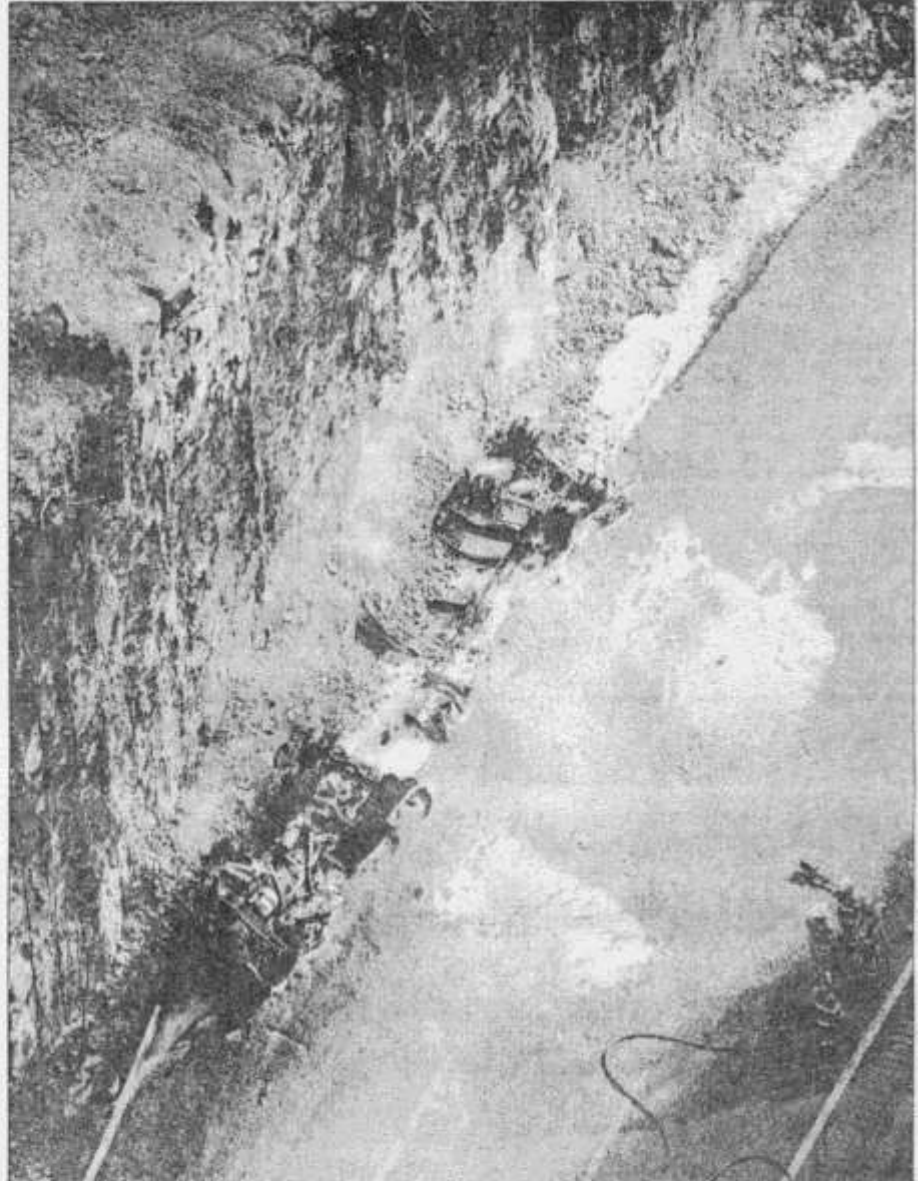


PHOTO BY BILL NIGHT

Firefighting foam lay on Interstate 71 near the charred hulk of a tank truck that exploded yesterday. Pieces of the scorched rock wall along the road were still crumbling hours after the accident.

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May ??, 1996, *The Courier-Journal*: Cause of fiery I-71 crash is elusive

# Cause of fiery I-71 crash is elusive

## Trucker who died has been identified

By CYNTHIA WILSON  
and BEN Z. HERSHBERG  
Staff Writers

Wyatt R. Sebrey had been driving a tanker for at least 30 years before he died Saturday when his truck overturned and exploded on Interstate 71 at the Watterson Expressway.

Sebrey, who lived in Crestwood, usually hauled petroleum products from depots to gas stations in the Louisville area.

Police still don't know what caused him to lose control of his loaded tanker shortly before 5 p.m. Saturday.

But the numerous skid marks tell investigators that he fought mightily to regain control of the tractor-trailer.

"He was really trying to correct as best he could," Jefferson County Deputy Coroner Linda Knopf said.

Sebrey was northbound on I-71 just past the exit to the westbound Watterson when he hit a rock wall. The tanker fell on its side and was in flames immediately.

Sebrey died of injuries suffered in the impact, not of smoke inhalation, Knopf said.

Relatives at Sebrey's home on Blueberry Drive in Crestwood were too distraught yesterday afternoon to talk about him or the accident.

Knopf said the family had apparently heard broadcast reports of the accident Saturday afternoon and rushed to the scene, fearing the driver might be Sebrey.

There was some difficulty identifying the driver because of the fire, Knopf said. He was identified initially by his employer, Statewide Trucking Co., and then by examination of family photographs, which revealed some dental work.

"This is the worst tanker or truck fire I've seen in Jefferson County," Knopf said. "It's lucky no one else was behind or in front of him."

Police ~~are~~ investigating the accident, Jefferson County police spokeswoman Wendy Evans said.

Sebrey was a native of Indiana, an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of Masonic Lodge 31 in La Grange.

His survivors include his wife, the former Margaret Brown; a son, Charles Sebrey; a daughter, Denine South; his father, Wyatt R. Sebrey; a brother, Richard Sebrey; two sisters, Catherine Pierce and Nancy Mattingly; and three grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Stoess-Crestwood Funeral Home, with burial in Floydsburg Cemetery. Visitation will be 3:30-9 p.m. tomorrow.

**May 9, 1996, Trustee meeting:**

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May 15, 1996, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: St. Matthews Fire Dept. needs volunteers:

## St. Matthews Fire Dept. needs volunteers

By CHRIS WOOTON  
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1990 Ballard High graduate Nancy Lynne Trentham was crowned Miss Battle of the South March 23. She will compete for the title of Miss

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Santamouris is a certified emergency medical technician (EMT), a newly certified equipment engineer, and is currently taking an aircraft rescue class.

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May & June Treasurers Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Treasurers Report  
May and June, 1996

Cash - June 30, 1995	<u>688,787</u>
Cash - unrestricted June 30, 1996	911,159
Cash - restricted June 30, 1996	<u>32,000</u>
	<u>943,159</u>

See attached list of special expenditures - all except emergency repairs had been previously approved by the Board.

In spite of settling the employee lawsuit, we finished the year about as expected. A brief review of year end results follows:

Revenue - real property taxes were \$12,000 below budget but due to higher than budgeted delinquent tax collections net revenues were up by \$2,000.

Paid personnel expenses were very much in line with budget. Overall expenses in this category were \$13,000 below budget (\$843,000 vs. \$834,000) due primarily to savings in the workmen's compensation due to a refund of some prior years overpayments.

Volunteer expenses were below budget due to the reduction in the V.F.I.S. contributions. As discussed in past reports this reduction should be in effect for a number of years.

Joint firefighter expenses were slightly below plan.

Vehicles expenses were \$8,000 below budget due to reduced repair and maintenance cost.

Building and equipment expense was higher than budgeted (\$80,000 actual vs. \$58,400) due to significant equipment and building repair, maintenance, utilities, and computer training.

Communications expense was very close to budget.

General and administrative was very close to budget with the exception of the employees lawsuit settlement of \$65,000.

Interest income was \$30,000 higher than plan due to higher than expected cash balances.

Capital expenditures were slightly less than budgeted. As you can see items were not expended as planned while others that were not budgeted were expended.

Overall, our actual vs. budget deficiency was better by \$29,000 (\$50,000 budget vs. \$21,000 actual). The deficiency was eliminated by carryover of prior years' surplus.

We need to approve the operating budget tonight and I will get with Bill to discuss the capital expenditure budget for approval at the next meeting.



STAFF PHOTO BY FAM SPAULDING

Firefighters battled a smoky blaze that consumed the clubhouse of Waterford Place apartment complex. No one was injured.

## Fire guts clubhouse at apartments; no one injured

A fire that appeared to start in a sauna yesterday gutted the clubhouse at Waterford Place, an apartment complex at 4185 Waterford Circle.

**St. Matthews Fire** Chief Bill Seng said the fire in the single-story, brick-veneer building was reported at 11:05 a.m. He said firefighters from his department and the McMahan Fire Protection District had it under control by 11:45 a.m.

No one was injured.

Mark Wolfe, head lifeguard at the apartments, said apartment staff members noticed smoke coming from the sauna about 11 a.m. At the time,

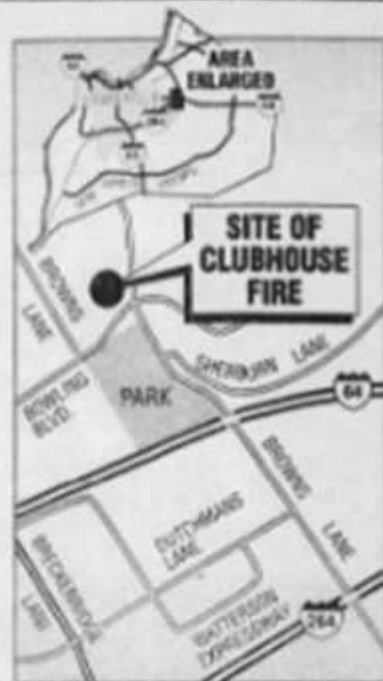
he said, five or more people were in the building but none were in the sauna.

Wolfe said staff members tried to put out the blaze with fire extinguishers before calling 911.

"Luckily it didn't burn real fast, so we had time to make sure the building was completely empty before it got too bad," he said.

The clubhouse contains a rental office, weight room, racquetball courts and an indoor pool, Wolfe said.

Seng said a small fire started in the roof of an apartment building next to the clubhouse but was quickly extin-



guished. He said that building was evacuated as a precaution.

He said Jefferson County arson investigators had been called in to help determine the cause, even though there was no reason to suspect arson.



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June 5, 1996, *The Courier-Journal, Neighborhoods*: by Martha Elson: St. Matthews seeks volunteer firefighters; at "lowest ever been"—"Desperate" need for more trainees spurs stepped-up recruiting effort.

# St. Matthews seeks volunteer firefighters; at 'lowest ever been'

## 'Desperate' need for more trainees spurs stepped-up recruiting effort

By MARTHA ELSON  
Staff Writer

Last week's storms illustrated how active St. Matthews' volunteer firefighters can be, and they pointed up what a department official calls a "desperate" need for more.

Volunteer Hal Clifford went on six runs between 7 and 9 p.m. that Tuesday — the night of the Bullitt County tornado.

The most serious involved rescuing a woman trapped in an elevator when the power went out at Coachgate Condominiums, 1111 Wellington Place.

The others were also mostly storm-related — trees down on power lines or alarms that may have been activated by lightning. And one was for an alarm that accidentally went off at Columbia Suburban Hospital.

Clifford, 38, a 17-year volunteer who owns a bar- and restaurant-supply company, calls the training and work "very strenuous" and "intense," but also exciting and rewarding.

After losing about a dozen volunteers over the past year through attrition, and attracting only two interested people early this year, the St. Matthews Fire Protection District has stepped up efforts to recruit more, said Maj. Stuart Monohan, who oversees training for the district.

"We have a really desperate need," he said. "We're the lowest we've ever been."

The drop occurred as some volunteers went back to school and some moved. And it's harder to find younger people willing to make the time commitment than it used to be, Monohan and other volunteers say.

The district has 19 paid firefighters and 25 volunteers, but it has had as many as 40 volunteers. Volunteers, who may be men or women, must live

or work in the fire district, which covers most of St. Matthews and 20 other small cities, including Indian Hills, Rolling Fields, Windy Hills, Fairmeade and Plymouth Village. (To find out about volunteering, call 893-7825.)

The district usually starts a 35-session volunteer-training program (four hours a week on Tuesday evenings) in January and July, but only one person started in January; and another, with some prior training at LG&E, joined that class in May.

The department started another class in May, instead of waiting until July, to get more volunteers on board before last weekend's WHAS Crusade for Children and the summer.

Before the May session started, the district alerted the St. Matthews Area Business Association and sent out letters to 42 businesses, asking that they help by advertising the need on their marquees or signs.

The efforts paid off — the new volunteer class has about 12 participants. But Monohan said some usually drop out and more are always needed.

"The more the merrier," Clifford said. "It gets more people there in case there is something serious."

The district makes about 1,200 to 1,300 runs a year. Four paid firefighters are on duty around the clock, and volunteers are called any time there's a structure fire — "anything more than four people can handle" — or when the paid firefighters are tied up, Monohan said. Clifford said he tries to make 30 to 35 runs a month.

Volunteers carry pagers and are always on call. They make runs when able — generally if they are not at work and not out of the area.

After completing the initial training

## Firefighters being sought

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and joining the district, volunteers continue to undergo four hours of training once a week.

Among the new recruits is Steve Gutermuth, 32, vice president of a Republic Bank branch on Brownsboro Road near St. Matthews.

Gutermuth, who knows a couple of St. Matthews firefighters, heard about the need for more volunteers. "It's something I've always wanted to do," he said. "I plan to be very active."

Longtime volunteer John Walling, 39, a safety and human-resources di-

rector for a construction company in Floyds Knobs, Ind., was born into volunteer firefighting. His father, Bob Walling, became a firefighter in 1956 (the year John was born) and retired in 1984 as assistant chief of the St. Matthews district.

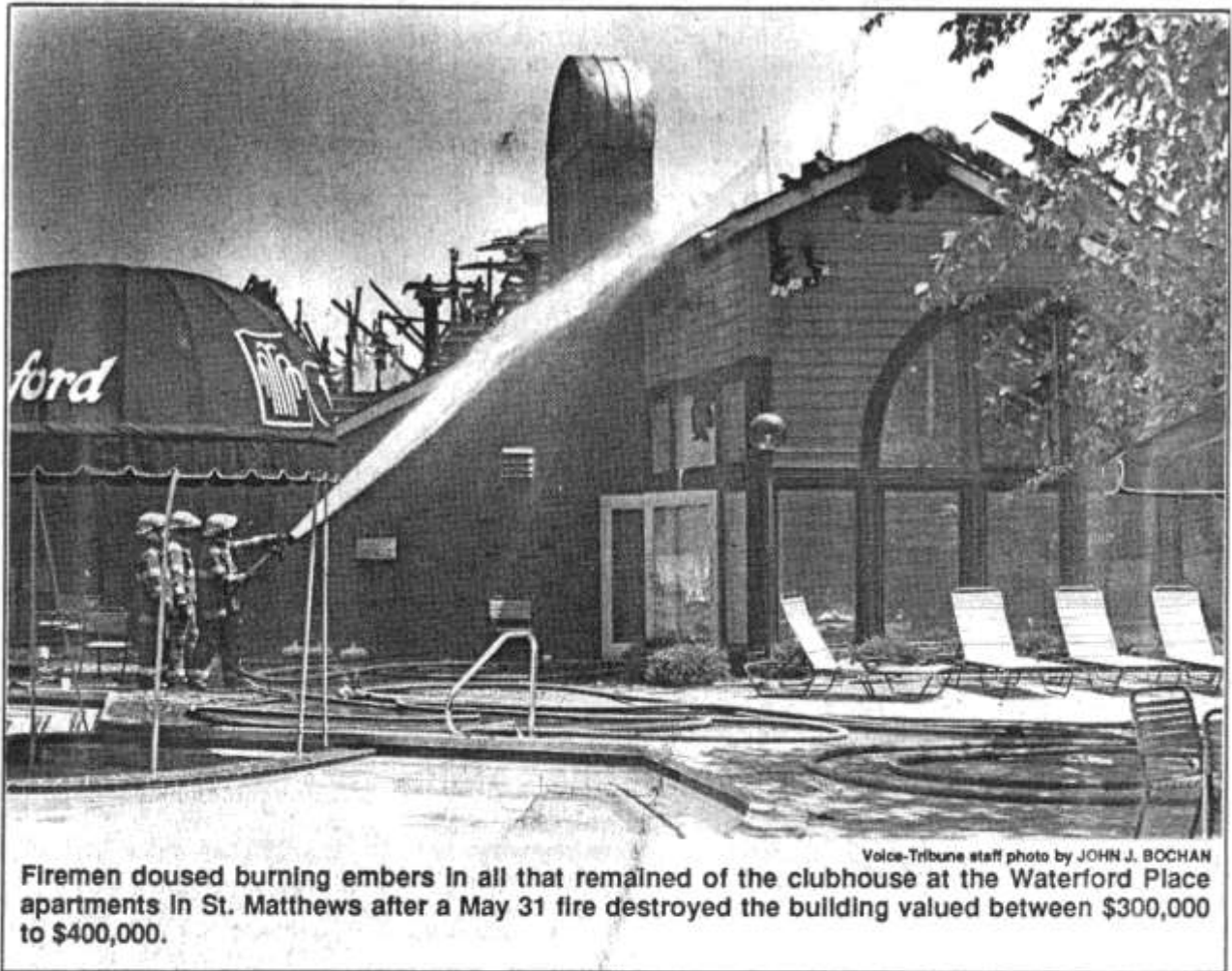
John Walling said he began making runs with his dad when he was 5. For young people, there's no better way to learn respect for life and property, he said. "We treat everybody the same," he added. "No matter who calls, for what reason, we go and we help."

And working with other firefighters teaches "a great deal of responsibility and teamwork."

"Even though we're called volunteers, fire doesn't know the difference," Walling said. "We train the same, practice the same and work the same."

See FIREFIGHTERS  
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June 5, 1996, *The Voice-Tribune*, by John J. Bochan: Fire destroys apartment clubhouse.



Firemen doused burning embers in all that remained of the clubhouse at the Waterford Place apartments in St. Matthews after a May 31 fire destroyed the building valued between \$300,000 to \$400,000.

## Fire destroys apartment clubhouse

By JOHN J. BOCHAN  
Staff Correspondent

A Friday morning fire that destroyed the clubhouse of the Waterford Place apartments, at 4105 Waterford Circle in St. Matthews on May 31, appears to have begun in the sauna, authorities said.

"Somebody noticed the fire at 11:05 a.m. and attempted to put it out" said Jim Graven, chairman of the board of the St. Matthews Fire District. Twelve units from three area fire departments, including eight from St.

Matthews, two from Lyndon and two from McMahan, were on the scene of the three-alarm fire. "When we arrived, the building was totally involved," Graven said.

The clubhouse, which had an indoor pool, a big-screen television, racquetball courts, a weight room, had recently been renovated, said resident Jim Tripton, who lives at 413 Regency Court.

"They just redid the interior and that's where they had the big-screen television," he said. Tripton, who recently moved into the complex, said one of the rea-

sons he chose Waterford Place was because of the clubhouse and related facilities.

"The amenities here are nice, and this (the clubhouse) is one of them," he said.

Fireman Graven said the clubhouse was totally destroyed. He estimated the loss in the \$300,000 to \$400,000 range. An apartment unit close to the clubhouse suffered minimal damage, he said.

Arson was not suspected. No residents or firemen were hurt in the blaze.

### June 11, 1996, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

June 11, 1996

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Trustees Jim Graven, Chair; David Dick, Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, Hal Clifford, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Jack Monahan, Assistant Chief-Retired; Charles Davis, Ron Unthank, Kenny Strange and other SMFD firefighters; County Judge/Executive David Armstrong; "A" District County Commissioner Russ Maple; Jim Smith, JC Office of Community Outreach; Mark Neff, Office of "A" District County Commissioner; Jeanne Beam, Indian Hills; Mayor Betty Walsh, Windy Hills; Mayor Howard Martin, Woodlawn Park; Dorothy Daub, Fairmeade; Chris Nooton, VOICE-TRIBUNE.

Frank Flynn moved, David Dick seconded, motion passed to accept the minutes of the May 9, 1996 meeting as written.

Chair Jim Craven welcomed the Honorable David Armstrong, Jefferson County Judge/Executive. Judge Armstrong complimented the "dedicated volunteers and career firefighters of the St. Matthews Fire District," and announced "tonight we want to recognize and celebrate the unselfish community service of Trustee Marshall Eldred". Marshall was one of the trustees elected when the volunteer fire department made the transition to a Chapter 75 Fire Protection District in 1984. He served as Board Secretary for three years and Chair for seven years. "Though he has never sought recognition for his many contributions, Marshall's mark upon the St. Matthews Fire District during the past twelve years is etched as a community servant whose works have made a positive impact upon the fire safety of his community." Judge Armstrong and Commissioner Russ Maple then presented a framed certificate to Marshall, commenting "for your willingness to serve twelve years as a Trustee, leader and friend, Jefferson County government salutes you as being one of the best and for helping us 'build on the best'.

Chair Graven and Chief Seng presented a firefighter sculpture and a print of the Fallen Firefighter to express firefighters' and trustees' thanks and appreciation for Marshall's dedication and enthusiasm to help the District grow and improve our service.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

June 11, 1996

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky, at 9:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 1996.

Present were Directors Jim Graven, Marshall Eldred; David Dick, Frank Flynn, Hal Clifford, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the May 9, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Following remarks by Marshall Eldred, Chair Graven declared a recess at 7:40 p.m. for visiting and refreshments.

Trustees and firefighters returned to regular session at 8:10 p.m.

Chief Seng introduced new recruits: Eric Bosler, John Chikla, Steve Guteruth, John Herrmann, Ken Kopczynski, Jeff Miller, Mike Miller, George Spears, Keith Stevenson, Chris Taseda, John Walker, Geoff Wilkinson, William Vail.

Chief Seng reported:

1. Total alarms dispatched for month of May . . . 165  
Total alarms dispatched Year to Date . . . 584  
Extrication/~~and~~ Assistance month of May . . . 40  
" " " " Year to Date . . . 153  
Three large fires were among above; Waterford Place  
Apartments suffered an estimated \$800,000 loss.
2. Norman Berry, Architect, finished the report covering  
options for repainting or covering with brick, etc.  
at Station No. 1. This will be on the July meeting  
agenda for Trustees review.
3. Requested following items (under Training Budget Expense):
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|--|----------|
| (a) Videos for updating Fire Safety Library                            | \$ 1,612 |
| (b) Training video camera and player (8mm)                             | 2,460    |
| (c) 12 sets Fire Boots, Hoods, Suspenders,<br>gloves for recruits      | 1,644    |
| (d) Paint gear lockers at Station No. 1                                | 350      |
| (e) Pagers for new recruits (delivery in 3 wks.)<br>FOR 1996/97 BUDGET | 3,220    |

Following discussion, Jim King moved to approve the above listed expenditures; Frank Flynn seconded, motion passed.

Frank Flynn moved, Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed, to go into Executive session for discussion of litigation and personnel matters, at 8:35 p.m.

Trustees returned to Regular session at 9:25 p.m.  
Chair Graven announced no action was taken.

Election for property owner trustee is scheduled for Saturday, June 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

James P. Graven, Chair

James Ellerkamp  
Secretary

James P. Graven, Chair

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

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## July 10, 1996, Trustee meeting:

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

July 10, 1996

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, July 10, 1996 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Trustees Jim Graven, Chairman, Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp, Douglas Mitchell M.D.; Chief William J. Seng; Dan Boyle and John Walling, SMFPD; J. Norman Perry and Steve Cullen, Architects; Jack Nold, Woodlawn Park; Chris Wooten, VOICE-TRIDONE.

Hal Clifford moved, Jim King seconded, motion passed to approve the minutes of the June 11, 1996 meeting as written.

Architects J. Norman Perry and Steve Cullen distributed copies of their Pe-Skinning Study for St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1 and summary of options available:

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|---|--------------|
| (1) Exterior Insulation System (Dryvit)                               | \$100,657.58 |
| (2) Exterior Insulation System and Synthetic Stucco Over Cement Board | 109,003.57   |
| (3) Metal Panel and Exterior Insulation System                        | 134,041.56   |
| (4) Synthetic Stucco over Cement Board                                | 138,649.00   |
| (5) Brick and Dryvit  | 142,442.00   |
| (6) Brick Veneer  | 191,965.62   |
| (7) Insulated Metal Panels  | 252,625.82   |

Following lengthy discussion, Trustees concluded Option 4 was the option to consider, being relatively inexpensive, not invasive to install and not prone to damage. Architects were asked to explore the additional cost to install new windows at the same time, and to report for next month's board meeting.

The Election Committee reported on the election for property owner trustee held on June 22 (10:00 am to 2:00 pm) at Station 1. Douglas Mitchell MD was declared the winner, receiving 178 votes; term will expire June 30, 1999. Jeanne Beam received 72 votes; Joe Wolfe - 3 votes (ineligible).

Jim Graven was reappointed by the County Judge/Executive for a three-year term.

Treasurer David Dick administered the oath of office to Dr. Douglas Mitchell and Jim Graven.

The following officers were nominated and elected to hold office until June 30, 1997, or until their successors are elected:

Chairman - James P. Graven  
Treasurer - David Dick  
Secretary - Faye Ellerkamp

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

July 10, 1996

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky, at 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 10, 1996.

Present were Directors Jim Graven, Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; and Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the June 11, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

Treasurer David Dick presented Treasurer's report for May and June, 1996 (copy attached). Copies of the June financial statement were distributed and reviewed.

Treasurer Dick reviewed the proposed 1996/97 Budget with the Trustees, followed by O&A session. Mr. Dick will study need for computer training and advise. Trustees and Treasurer approved providing personal pagers for the firefighters to provide communication to meet ISO requirements. Deferred compensation plan was discussed; Treasurer recommends more study. David Dick moved, Frank Flynn seconded, to approve the 1996/97 Budget for St. Matthews Fire Protection District; motion passed.

Chief Seng reported on District Fire Operations:

- (1) Total alarms dispatched for month of June . . . . 140  
Total alarms dispatched Year to Date . . . . 724  
Extrications/Med Assistance month of June . . . . 35  
" " " " Year to Date . . . . 188
- (2) Referred to City of St. Matthews newsletter which Councilman Tony Weiler supplied. Trustees were complimentary and expressed appreciation for the publicity given to need for volunteer firefighters.
- (3) Requested permission to purchase new computer to replace one purchased in 1993, which is extremely slow. Plan to keep it for parts. David Dick moved, Hal Clifford seconded, to authorize purchase of new computer; motion passed.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is August 15, at Camp Taylor at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting for SMFPD Board of Trustees is scheduled for September 12 at Station No. 1 at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

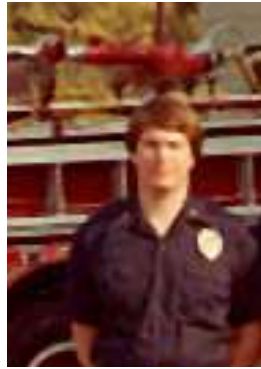
Chairman

Secretary



**July 10, 1996, New Trustee:**

**Firefighter 1978 to 1988, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Trustee 1996 to 2000**



**March 15, 1957.** He graduated from  
presently married (12/28/1986) to Donna  
lea where he is and anesthesiologist. He

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## Matthews fire district to spend \$38,649 on station's exterior

WYOTON

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District, Norman Berry and Cullin of Norman Associates were the bearers of news at the district's special meeting. In light of the exterior resurfacing needed on St. Matthews Station No. 1, Cullin presented estimates of the cost of a new exterior insulation system to the structure. Berry and Cullin presented a different insulation system to the trustees. They considered Dryvit panels, metal bricks and various patterns. Among those on the board decided on the panel system, which covers the entire 11,221 sq. ft. of the exterior of the building and consists of a concrete applied to cement. The advantages of the system are estimated at \$138,649, a easy installation with a material. Berry recommended the option over the others on the building's insulation, construction convenience and what will be the easiest to maintain next 25 years. Berry said that maintenance will not be a big hassle. The district may not have the surface, in time, it will be to clean the surface with pressure water as it comes from the elements. In conjunction with the proposal, the board wants to replace the windows around the exterior building due to the poor condition of the old windows. The board makes a final decision. St. Matthews Fire Chief will search the added cost of new windows. The district approved the budget of an estimated \$1.5 million for the June 1996-1997 year. The budget was approved before the June 30 cut because of the need.

ed repairs to the exterior of Station No. 1 and uncertainties about the state's ruling on health insurance rates, the board anticipates an amended budget by next month.

\*New fire district trustee member Dr. Douglas Mitchell was officially sworn in. He replaces Marshall Eldred, who recently retired after serving on the board for 12 years.

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# August 8, 1996, Trustee meeting:

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

August 8, 1996

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, August 8, 1996 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Trustees Jim Graven, Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell M.D., Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Larry Heaphy, SMFPD; Richard T. Wade, City of Woodlawn Park; Chris Wooton, VOICE-TRIBUNE.

David Dick moved, Douglas Mitchell seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 1996 meeting as written.

Chairman Graven opened the Public Hearing scheduled for this date (legal advertisement published in the COURIER-JOURNAL August 7, 1996.) Treasurer David Dick explained the purpose of the hearing is to discuss a proposed resolution to levy a property tax rate of \$0.085 per hundred valuation, which is higher than the compensating tax rate and the rate with 4% increase (\$0.083). The revenue received would yield about \$30,000 more, and because of some significant needs within the District, the committee believes it is justified. No comments were received. Hal Clifford moved to adopt a tax rate of \$0.085 per hundred valuation for real and personal property for fiscal year July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997; Faye Ellerkamp seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer David Dick distributed copies of the District's financial statements for the month of July, 1996, a List of Special Disbursements for July, 1996, and a detailed list of Master Card charges for June, 1996; and a report on the Operating and Capital Budgeting (copies attached). Following discussion of adjustments needed to operating budget, and the capital expenditures, Frank Flynn moved to approve the capital budget proposed by David Dick as outlined for total capital expenditures and escrow. Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

Chief Seng reported on District Fire Operations:

- 1) Total alarms dispatched for month of July . . . . 133  
Total alarms dispatched Year to Date . . . . 857  
Extrications/Medical Assistance month of July . . 28  
Extrications/Med Assistance Year to Date . . . . 216
- 2) FAMILY TRAINING NIGHT for firefighters to bring spouses, wives, and children is scheduled Tuesday, at 7:00 P.M.

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

August 8, 1996

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 8:40 P.M.

Chairman Jim Graven introduced and welcomed Dr. Douglas C. Mitchell to the Board of Directors (replacing Marshall P. Eldred, Jr.). Also present were Directors Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng. Director Jim King was absent.

The minutes of the July 10, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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- 3) Expenditures for the month:
  - (a) Hidden Creek Golf Club scramble 8/18/96 -  
(proceeds to Crusade for Children donations) \$ 600.00
  - (b) Clean, seal and stripe parking lot at No. 1. 1,750.00
  - (c) Paint for Station #2 Bay 300.00
  - Electrostatic gear rack 300.00
  - (d) To replace all 2-1/2 inch hose 6,500.00
  - (e) LG&E to extend the gas main from Elmwood Ave.  
to Station #2 property line at entrance to old  
quarry 5,500.00
  - Chism Plumbing will run the remainder of the line  
to No. 2 building; also, convert furnaces & repair  
water heater (converting to natural gas) 775.00
  - (f) Replace 4 overhead doors (insulated) 5,200.00
  - Total \$20,934.00

Following discussion, Hal Clifford voted to approve the above-listed expenditures; Doug Mitchell seconded, motion passed.

Frank Flynn moved to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:45 P.M. Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

Trustees returned to Regular Session at 8:30 P.M. Chairman Graven announced that no action was taken.

Chief Seng has tickets for the fundraiser to erect a memorial to Louisville/Jefferson County/Shively fallen firefighters. Date - August 15, 1996 at 6:00 to 8:30 P.M. at Mike Linnig's Restaurant on Cane Run Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

# Sisters first women to graduate fir

By DEBORAH YETTER  
The Courier-Journal

Amy Nelson, 25, prepared by doing "stadiums" — running up and down steps at the University of Wisconsin football stadium, which is how she worked out when she was a member of Wisconsin's rowing team.

Her sister, Jennifer, 20, got in shape by running up and down four flights of stairs at the St. Matthews Fire Department training tower while carrying 60 pounds of fire hose.

The workouts paid off yesterday when the sisters became the first women in eight years to graduate as new members of the Louisville Fire Department. Because of its tough physical standards, during that time only half of all applicants — and until now, no women — have graduated from the 18-week training program.

Yesterday's graduating class of 18

brings the total number of Louisville firefighters to 650 — nine of them women, counting the Nelson sisters.

They'll report for duty tomorrow at separate fire houses, along with 16 men who graduated with them.

"This is what we've been training for," Amy Nelson said. "I can't wait for that first alarm to go off."

Jennifer Nelson will work at the firehouse at Rubel and Winter avenues, and Amy Nelson on Frankfort Avenue at Pope Street.

Training officer Capt. Kevin Tyler said both women fared well in a program designed to build physical strength and put recruits through grueling physical stress.

"One recruit said it was harder than boot camp," Tyler said.

Tyler said many applicants can't even pass an initial entrance exam that requires them to run up and down seven flights of stairs at the

training tower several times while carrying a 60-pound weight.

Once admitted to the class, recruits repeat that drill several times a week.

For the Nelsons, it was just a matter of getting in shape and getting in the right frame of mind once they decided to apply to the Louisville program. Both are natives of Wisconsin, and it was Amy Nelson, while working as a firefighter in suburban Milwaukee, who first got the idea that both she and her sister would pursue. It was something Jennifer Nelson said she had never considered.

"I laughed in her face," Jennifer Nelson said. But her sister sold her on the notion, and they then they had to decide where to apply.

Amy Nelson said she suggested they both apply to work at the Louisville department after reading about it in a rescue workers' magazine.

Jennifer Nelson moved to Louis-

## the training in 8 years

ville — a city she had visited often while showing American Saddlebred horses — and joined the St. Matthews fire department as a volunteer to gain experience and training.

Amy Nelson continued working as a firefighter in Wisconsin but stepped up her training to get ready for the Louisville program.

By the time they took the test, "We did fantastic," Jennifer Nelson said. "Our times were right up there with the men."

Their parents, who live in Wisconsin, are so proud of their daughters that they plan to move to Louisville, Amy Nelson said.

"My dad is just ecstatic about us both being firefighters," she said.

Both said they encourage more women to apply to the department.

"All you have to have is the strength, which you can build," Amy Nelson said. "You can do it."



BY MICHAEL HAYMAN, COURIER-JOURNAL

Amy (left) and Jennifer Nelson are the first women in eight years to graduate from the Louisville Fire Department's training program. They report for duty tomorrow.



# St. Matthews Fire District to prioritize expenditures

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District is trying to figure out how it will spend its \$160,000 capital expenditures budget that was approved at its Aug. 8 regular meeting.

David Dick, treasurer of the district's board of trustees, is in the process of prioritizing a list of both short-term and long-term necessary expenses for equipment and repairs needed for both of the district's fire stations.

According to Dick, most of the estimated \$107,000 budgeted supply for major building improvements could be spent on the maintenance and upkeep of Station No. 1 at 240 Sears Ave.

"The building was originally built with a little administrative load and no one was living here," he said. In other words, the district is accommodating modern necessities in an older facility.

Depending on what the trustees decide to do, anywhere from \$50,000 to \$350,000 could be spent on maintenance for the interior of Station No. 1 with an estimated \$150,000 to be spent on exterior repairs that include a proposed major resurfacing work.

Dick said that if interior building improvement expenses exceed \$50,000 to \$75,000, then money might have to be borrowed from other expenses.

Capital expenditures approved so far for Station No. 1 include new insulated bay doors at \$5,200 and a \$1,759 low bid from the Ohligschlager Paving Co. to stripe, pave and seal the parking lot.

Significant approved expenditures at Station No. 2, at 4400 Brownsboro Road, include the conversion of its heating system from electric to natural gas at \$20,000.

Louisville Gas & Electric will receive about \$5,000 to run the natural gas line from Elmwood Avenue to its Brownsboro Road property line, and Chism's Plumbing will be paid about \$7,000 to run the line from the property line into the building. Money for potential problems with the rocky earth beneath the foundation of the building was figured into the expense as well. Due to excessive washouts and erosion, \$10,000 was budgeted for landscaping at Station No. 2.



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September 12, 1996, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

September 12, 1996

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 12, 1996 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Trustees Jim Graven, Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell, Faye Ellerkamp, Chief William J. Seng, Stuart Monohan, SMFPD; Richard T. Wade, City of Woodlawn Park; Chris Wootton, VOICE-TRIBUNE.

Minutes of the August 8, 1996 meeting were approved as written. Following discussion of the problems resulting from new paint job on exterior of Station 1, Doug Mitchell moved to authorize Chief Seng to contact K. Norman Berry Associates for cost of Option 4, Synthetic Stucco over Cement Board, including coat of insulated glass windows, and architect's fee for plans, specifications, bids and supervision of the project. Frank Flynn seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer David Dick distributed copies of the District's financial statements for the month of August, 1996, including a list of Special Disbursements and a Breakdown of the 1996 golf scramble income and expenses; profit of \$391.91 goes to benefit the WHAS Crusade for Children.

David Dick reviewed the memo on Capital Expenditures which he mailed to Trustees on August 29, 1996. Trustees thanked David for the report and requested the Chief and his Committee explore the problems more extensively to develop priorities on interior remodeling and apparatus replacement.

Chief Seng reported:

1. Dispatch report delayed for month of August. SMFPD had in excess of 100 runs during August.

2. Request approval of following expenditures:

a. Plain Paper Fax (Office Depot	\$ 499.00
b. 12 Winter Jackets for Volunteers	1,692.00
c. Tempest 900 Smoke Machine	1,033.00
d. Safety Officers Conference (Dugan - Doyle Nov. 8-10)	1,200.00
e. CAAK Conference - Oct. 14, 15, 16 Seng, Monohan, Wolfe, McCune, Ryan	1,025.00
f. Combustible Gas Meter	1,056.30
g. Yearly video subscription	493.00
h. Multiple User License to Fire Software	5,000.00
i. Approval to Register Attendees to FDIC Conference (up to budget amt.)	3,000.00

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

September 12, 1996

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 8:40 P.M.

Present were Chair Jim Graven, Directors Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Faye Ellerkamp, Doug Mitchell; Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the August 8, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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Following discussion, Hal Clifford moved to approve the listed requested expenditures for a total of \$14,998.30; Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed.

3. SMFPD may get a house in Woodlawn Park for training purposes. When we have been advised one is available, the Trustees, City officials and other concerned people will be notified in advance.

4. Gave permission to Trinity High School to use back lot for a car wash on Saturday.

5. Mid Atlantic Conference is being held in Louisville on October 26 and 27. State Commission requests SMFPD host a cook-out at Station 1. Chiefs' Association has been asked to help.

6. Requests are constantly coming in for "BETSY", our oldest fire engine, to participate in parades and fire prevention activities - but she needs paint, stripe, lettering and restoration of old equipment to be put back on the truck. Trustees suggested Chief Seng write to the 21 suburban cities in the District for help in funding "BETSY'S face lift".



The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is October 17, at Jefferson-town Station 1, at 7:00 P.M.

Hal Clifford moved to go into Executive Session for discussion of litigation; Frank Flynn seconded, at 8:10 P.M.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:30 P.M. Chair Jim Graven announced that no action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

  
Chairman  
  
Secretary

  
Chairman  
  
Secretary

• SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1996

## Teen feels drawn to help in emergency

One in a series of sketches of 12 Louisville-area volunteers who are being honored this year with Bell Awards for community service. The volunteers will be honored Oct. 16.

**Grant Thomas**, 18, of Riverwood, believes his volunteer work has been "a real unsheltering experience."

"I get out into the community and see what is really going on," said Grant, a senior at St. Xavier High School.

Grant is active in the Emergency Medical Technician and EMS Explorer Program.

He has accumulated more than 700 hours of training riding with Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services employees and organizing classes for the volunteer program.

"It's personally fulfilling to help people out, especially when they are

## BELL AWARD WINNERS

in an emergency, such as a car wreck, and they need an ambulance or the fire department," Grant said.

He's been interested in helping firefighters since he was a young child. He said his interest was also piqued because a neighbor, Jack Monohan, was a former assistant fire chief for the **St. Matthews Fire Department**.

Grant has contributed about 200 hours of training at the Lyndon and Harrods Creek fire departments. He has almost completed work to be certified as a volunteer firefighter with Harrods Creek.

He has participated in a Center for Educational Leadership program and is student-relations chairman on St. X's student activity council.



**Grant Thomas**

The past three summers, Grant has worked as a counselor at Camp Sea Gull, a youth camp operated by the Raleigh, N.C., YMCA. He hopes to pursue a medical career, possibly as an emergency-room physician.

— Pat O'Connor

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October 10, 1996, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

October 10, 1996

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 10, 1996 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Trustees Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, James King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Larry Beaphy, John Walling, Dave Dugan, SMFPD; Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park; Chris Wooton, VOICE-TRIBUNE. Jim Craven and Doug Mitchell were absent.

David Dick agreed to act as Chairman in the absence of Chairman Craven.

The minutes of the September 12, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

A list of Special Disbursements for September, 1996 was distributed and discussed. Trustees reviewed the District's Financial Statements for the month of September and found all in good order.

Chief Seng reported:

1. Total alarms dispatched for month of Sept. . . 149  
Total alarms dispatched year to date . . . 1,139  
Extr/Med Assistance for month of Sept. . . . 40  
" " " for year to date . . . 302
2. Requested approval of following expenditures:  
a. 2 - Hand-held Radios . . . . . 2,500  
b. 3 - File cabinets -fire-proof-. . . 3,000  
c. 2 sets Wheel Chocks . . . . . 800  
TOTAL 6,300

Following discussion, Frank Flynn moved to approve the listed expenditures totaling \$6,300. Jim King seconded, motion passed.

3. Reviewed the schedule for exterior repairs to Station 1 from J. Norman Berry Associates, Architects.
4. Committee is researching the remodeling needs for the Rec room.
5. Switched from Air Touch Company to Page Net - receiving one month free - \$300 savings.

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6. Jefferson County Trustees/Fire Chiefs Workshop scheduled Saturday, October 13, at 810 Barret Avenue at 9:00 A.M.


Trustees moved into Executive Session at 7:30 P.M. to discuss litigation.

Trustees returned to Regular Session at 7:40 P.M. Acting Chairman David Dick announced no action was taken.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is October 17, 1996 at Jeffersontown Station 1 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

  
Acting Chairman

  
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

October 10, 1996

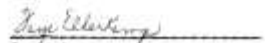
The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 7:50 P.M.

Present were: Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng. Chairman James Craven and Director Dr. Douglas Mitchell were absent.

Minutes of the September 12, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

  
Chairman (Acting)

  
Secretary

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October 23, 1996, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: Local fire district's new gas meter proves effective:

# Local fire district's new gas meter proves effective

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

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The dangers of a natural gas leak can be more serious than people might think. The flammable gas is colorless and difficult to detect for those not familiar with its odor. Last month the St. Matthews Fire District approved the purchase of a gas meter at \$693.04. Chief Bill Seng reported at the district's Oct. 10 regular meeting that the purchase has paid off.

According to Seng, St. Matthews firefighters have used the gas meter, similar to the gas meters used by Louisville Gas and Electric Co., four times since its purchase – most recently to investigate a leak at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar in The Mall St. Matthews.

Capt. Frank Flynn, a trustee member who responded to Applebee's alarm, said firefighters were able to accurately pinpoint the leak in the restaurant and correct the problem.

In other action:

- Each year the district sends two of its officers to the University of Maryland Staff and Command Course. This year, Capt. Joe Wolfe and Capt. Sam McCune will attend the weeklong course at a budgeted cost of \$2,000 to the district.

Maj. Stewart Monohan, who attended in 1995, said that fire-

fighters from all over the world participate in the training, designed for upper echelon officers. The course involves classroom lectures that focus on management and operational skills such as recruiting, funding ideas, human resources and how fire departments should work with city, county and state governments.



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October 24, 1996, The Courier-Journal;



By MARY ANN LYONS, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

**FIREFIGHTING MUSEUM OPENS:** Jack and Marilyn Monohan looked at an old fire truck at the new Louisville Fire History & Learning Center, which opened yesterday in the back of the 1st District Fire House at 3228 River Park Drive. Jack Monohan, whose great-great grandfather was killed fighting one of Louisville's worst fires — at Bamberger & Bloom Dry Goods Co. in 1889 — is a retired St. Matthews firefighter who has donated several items to the center. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays through Nov. 1. Beginning Nov. 4, it will be open by appointment only; call (502) 574-3731.

### November 14, 1996, Trustee meeting:

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Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

November 20, 1996, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: St. Matthews fire district refutes TV expose:

## St. Matthews fire district refutes TV exposé

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

The St. Matthews Fire District said that it has no money to burn after a recent television investigative news report criticized some of the expenditures of area fire districts. The exposé, which aired on WLKY-TV Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, questioned whether some of the budgeted expenditures for area fire districts were legitimate. Though St. Matthews was not mentioned in the exposé, the district's board of trustees said that they are "clean" and are prepared to answer any questions about their annual budgeted items.

"We can be an example of why we should maintain volunteer fire departments in the area," said trustee member Hal Clifford, at the district's Nov. 14 regular meeting. "I think we're doing a tremendous job."

However, the board concluded that while its expenditures are legitimate, it should spend more time itemizing budgeted items before they are approved.

Such was the case for the district's Dec. 7 awards banquet at Big Spring Country Club, which was approved at \$3,200. Cost for the banquet includes dinner, use of facilities, decorations, music, invitations and the purchase of awards to be given to outstanding paid and volunteer firefighters.

"One thing that we scrutinize carefully is how much and why we have these awards banquets and other similar events," said treasurer David Dick.

Also included in the expense

were \$25 gift certificates to be given to district firefighters in place of Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas hams, which normally cost the district \$1,450. The board said that not only are the gift certificates \$350 cheaper at \$1,100, but are more practical because many firefighters give their turkeys and hams to other friends or charities each year anyway.

There was some discussion as to whether not only the turkey and ham idea, but the gift certificate idea as well be thrown out all together.

"All you got 10 years ago was a turkey and a ham for your work," said Clifford. "But things are different now. We have plenty of other ways we compensate our firefighters."

Trustee member James King said that it was too close to the holidays to pull the idea because there are some firefighters who might count on that benefit each year.

"I would also like to hear from the firefighters before a decision is made to throw the idea out for next year," said trustee member Frank Flynn.

In other action:

- The board approved the purchase of mapping software data at \$400 from LOJIC, which stands for the Louisville-Jefferson County Information Consortium, to accompany its mapping software. The data will be used to provide accurate maps of streets, gas lines, water lines and district boundaries.

- A \$350 repair expense of a hand-held, portable radio was approved after one of the district's radios was damaged during an emergency call.

November 19, 1996, *The Courier-Journal*

## Church on Brownsboro Road damaged by accidental fire

The Courier-Journal

A fire caused by a construction accident at Christ Church United Methodist on Brownsboro Road yesterday afternoon caused \$5,000 in damage.

**St. Matthews Fire** Chief Bill Seng said the fire began when a contractor, renovating a section of the church, was cutting metal with a torch and set fire to an interior wall.

Seng said firefighters responded to

the blaze at about 4:30 p.m. after the church staff reported seeing smoke in the main hallway of the church at 4614 Brownsboro Road. When firefighters arrived, thick smoke filled the first floor.

Firefighters brought the blaze under control in about 45 minutes.

Seng said that part of the renovation included the installation of sprinklers throughout the building but that they were not yet operating.



December 4, 1996, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: Fire departments conducting free smoke detector checks: Life seemed so normal at the Westberry home on St. Matthews Avenue in August 1995 until sudden sound of blaring smoke detectors prompted Leslie Westberry to grab her daughter and run for safety. No one else was in the house at the time. Though the fire, which started in the downstairs closet, caused extensive damage to the house, the Westberry's most valuable assets, their lives, were saved.

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Smoke detectors are easy to install and cost effective. The average price of a smoke detector is about \$10 at area retail stores. Detectors with extra features can cost up to \$25. Batteries cost \$1 to \$2, depending on size, and detectors for the hearing impaired are about \$100. These prices are small compared with the \$481,000 in damages caused by home fires throughout the nation every hour.

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Staff Writer

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Here are some important tips for proper smoke detector maintenance, according to the National Fire Information Council on U.S. Fire Administration.

- For minimum protection, install a smoke detector in each bedroom or sleeping area. Test your home and keep your room doors closed while asleep.

- Keep smoke detectors properly maintained. Test them once a month to see they are working properly. Batteries should be replaced at least once a year. Detectors should be cleaned and tested frequently.

- If your smoke detector sounds when no smoke is present, consult with the smoke manufacturer or local fire department. If smoke from a fire causes the detector to sound, do not remove the battery. Connect the power. Simply move the alarm away from the smoke and the alarm will shut off.

- Develop an escape plan with all family members and pets. Choose a meeting place outside the house to ensure every family member's safety. When a fire occurs, get out of the house quickly and use a neighbor's telephone to call the fire department.

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# Bookstore's Ali event is marred by tear gas

By CYNTHIA WILSON  
The Courier-Journal

A container of Mace and a little curiosity created a stink at a crowded Hawley-Cooke Booksellers store on Shelbyville Road yesterday during an appearance by heavyweight boxing legend Muhammad Ali.

William Schuetze, a co-owner of the bookstore chain, said someone inadvertently sprayed Mace from a container attached to a woman's key-chain, sending a crowd of people into the parking lot of the Shelbyville Road Plaza store for nearly an hour while the St. Matthews Fire Department ventilated the store.

No one was hurt in the incident, which occurred between 12:30 and 1 p.m. near the service desk toward the rear of the store, Schuetze said. Ali, who was at the opposite end of the bookstore, was unaffected and remained in the store.

But the odor sent many people outside for fresh air.

"It was pretty powerful stuff," Schuetze said. "At first we didn't know what it was. People walked out and sat for a while. We announced what happened once we figured out what it was."

Schuetze said the person who released the Mace didn't know what it was either and released it either out of curiosity or while fooling with it.

"We think it was not intentional," he said.

Ali was at the bookstore to promote two books about his life, "Healing: A Journal of Tolerance and Understanding" and "Muhammad Ali: In Perspective."

He didn't sign autographs, but fans who had pre-purchased copies of either of the books received bookplates with an original Ali signature.

**John Joseph Carr Jr.**, 61, died Wednesday at Columbia Suburban Hospital.

He was a native of Governors Island, N.Y.; a retired employee of General Electric Co., where he worked 35 years; an Air National Guard veteran; a former volunteer fireman with the St. Matthews and Lyndon fire departments; and a member of General Electric Quarter Century Club.

Survivors: his wife, the former Mary Ann Dietrich; a son, Ronald L. Carr; and a daughter, Karen L. Carr.

Funeral: 10 a.m. Saturday, Arch L. Heady, 7410 Westport Road. Burial: Resthaven Memorial. Visitation: 1-9 p.m. Friday.

Memorial gifts: WHAS Crusade for Children.

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December 12, 1996, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
December 12, 1996

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 12, 1996 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Trustees Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, James King, Chairman Jim Graven, and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; SMFPD Firefighters: Tony Glass, Larry Heaphy, Erik Soransen, Stuart Monohan, William K. McBride, John Walling, Joe Wolfe; Chris Wooton, VOICE-TRIBUNE, Dr. Douglas Mitchell, Trustee.

The minutes of the November 14, 1996 meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurer David Dick distributed copies of the District's Financial Statements, which were reviewed and discussed. Following discussion, David Dick requested approval of special disbursement in the amount of \$14,056, to cover annual invoice for VHS program; Frank Flynn seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported on District operations:

- 1) Expressed appreciation to Chris Wooton for his article in the VOICE-TRIBUNE, reporting on the District's free smoke detector checks.
- 2) The Jeffersontown Fire Department Board of Trustees invite everyone to a Retirement Reception for Chief Robert H. Gaddie on Sunday, December 29, 1996 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. at Jeffersontown Fire Station No. 1, 10540 Watterson Trail.
- 3) Distributed a Media Information Book that several firefighters put together for the Jefferson County Fire Service.
- 4) Thanked the Board of Trustees for holding the Awards Dinner; 88 people attended; declared "one of the best ever!"
- 5) Total alarms dispatched for month of December.. 104  
Total alarms dispatched year to date . . . . . 1,371
- 6) Committee is working with Captain Flynn on light duty program.

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- 7) Expense authorization requests:
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| (a) Prime rib dinner (budgeted)    | - \$ 750.00 |
| (b) 12 sets Bunker Gear ( " )      | - 8,805.96  |
| (c) Annual brake test on apparatus | - 540.00    |

Jim King moved to approve the listed expenditures; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed.

8) A Representative from Dryvit is planning to come here on Monday to examine the conditions at Station No. 1 - hopefully to pinpoint solutions to correct moisture problems.

9) Reviewed the proposal for the recreation room and kitchen remodeling; price quotes are at the "high end". Action deferred for more research on equipment specs.

Frank Flynn moved to go into Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. to discuss personnel matter; Jim King seconded, motion passed.

Trustees returned to Regular Session at 8:20 P.M. Chairman Graven announced the Trustees authorized Chief Seng to hire Paul Kurtz, firefighter, at base pay of \$15,000 annually, effective the first pay period in January, 1997.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is January 16, at Buechel Fire Department, at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

James P. Graven, Chairman

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

December 12, 1996

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Kentucky at 8:40 P.M.

Present were: Chairman Jim Graven, Directors Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Dr. Douglas Mitchell and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the November 14, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

James P. Graven, Chairman

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Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

JEFFERSONTOWN

# Maryland man chosen as fire chief

## Jack V. Reckner will succeed Robert Gattie

By SCOTT WADE  
The Courier-Journal

The Jeffersontown Fire Protection District has selected a new chief — Jack V. Reckner, 50, of Millersville, Md., who will begin his job Jan. 1.

Reckner replaces retiring Chief Robert Gattie, 61, who joined the Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Department in 1958 and has been chief since 1964.

The fire district's board chose Reckner from 63 candidates from 15 states.

Reckner was training officer at Anne Arundel County Fire Department in Maryland, where he has worked since 1973.

He has a bachelor's degree in fire-science management from the University of Maryland and a master's degree in public administration from Bowie (Md.) State University.

His salary will be \$55,000.

Gattie decided last spring that he would retire, and a search for his replacement began in July, with advertisements in national firefighting publications.

A selection committee narrowed the list to five to be interviewed.



BY SCOTT WADE, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

**Jack V. Reckner, left, of Millersville, Md., will take over Jan. 1 for Robert Gattie as chief of the Jeffersontown Volunteer Fire Department.**

Reckner signed a contract this week.

Reckner was a fire-protection specialist with the Air Force in Washington, D.C., in 1968, and later served in Vietnam. He's been involved in firefighting ever since.

In an interview yesterday, Reckner said he is moving at age 50 from Maryland to Kentucky to fulfill his dream to be a fire chief. Generally, firefighters in Jeffersontown have grown up there, and Reckner said he knows he'll be seen as an outsider.

"I plan to do a lot of listening," he said.

He is having a home built in the Stone Lakes subdivision, and his wife and two sons, ages 11 and 15, will move to Jeffersontown at the end of the school year.

## CORRECTION

Because of an editor's error, the name of wreck survivor Robin Phillips was included in the list of names that accompanied obituaries in some copies of yesterday's paper.



# Gaddie leaves J-town firehouse with pride and sadness

By SCOTT WADE  
The Courier-Journal

With the gusto of an old prospector counting adventures, Jeffersontown Fire Chief Robert Gaddie, 61, recalls crawling through burning apartments searching for children, freeing people from hideous homes and even climbing more than 400 feet straight up to save a fire-stricken balloonist on a radio tower.

But with the resignation of an "old-timer" trying to lead a huge fire district in the 1990s, Gaddie also speaks of time-consuming regulations; of frustrating changes in procedures; and of young firefighters who he believes didn't appreciate his experience.

Describing how the regulations had changed, Gaddie picked up an 8-inch stack of papers in one hand and a 5-inch-thick bound folder in another.

"This is about how many regulations we had when I started as chief in 1964," he said, looking at the thin stack.

"And this is what we have to put up with now."

Gaddie said he decided three years ago to retire, after the board refused to remove a firefighter he wanted dismissed.

He announced last February that



Gaddie

Robert Gaddie's and Jack Reckner's approaches to the job are "like night and day," Assistant Chief Randy Lawson said.

he would retire at the end of the year, and the fire district's board advertised the opening in two national publications, triggering responses from 63 applicants in 15 states.

The board appointed a selection committee, which ultimately recommended hiring Jack Reckner, a Maryland firefighter who served in Vietnam and has a master's degree in public administration.

Gaddie's and Reckner's approaches to the job are "like night and day," Assistant Fire Chief Randy Lawson said.

When discussing the burden of regulations, Gaddie had on a blue sweat shirt.

Reckner, meanwhile, was dressed in coat and tie as he quoted safety regulations like a preacher quotes Scripture.



Reckner

Gaddie has refused to use a computer, Reckner has said he'll need one.

Gaddie peppers his tales with salty language; Reckner seems polished and said he's spent his adult life "building my résumé."

During the interview, Gaddie went back and forth between telling how much he loved his job in the early years and how it sometimes was torture more recently.

Filling his stories are a deep-rooted nostalgia and a sadness for the end of an era where firefighters, all volunteers, would sometimes stay until 1 a.m. in the firehouse, drinking beer and playing cards.

Today the department has 22 volunteers and 18 paid employees.

But what also arises is a bitterness,

a feeling that a hero of one era no longer has a place in another.

In the past, he said, being a firefighter was a way of life, not just a job.

The department was a small operation, with three pumpers and one tanker.

Most fires were barns, which would likely burn to the ground if there wasn't a nearby livestock pond to provide water.

Pulling a handkerchief from his pocket, Gaddie held it up proudly like an exhibit and said:

"Here was your breathing apparatus. You dunked it in water, stuck it in your mouth and went in. I don't know how many times I did that."

He saw his first fire when he awoke one night at age 13 and saw his bedroom walls illuminated with the dancing reflection of a large fire. A nearby home was ablaze. With his father, young Robert helped the neighbor haul furniture out of the home while flames raced down the stairway.

After graduating from Eastern High School, Gaddie studied to be an electrician and eventually became an electrical contractor.

In 1964, he married, became a volunteer firefighter and shortly afterward became a father — who spent more time at the firehouse than with

his son, he said.

In 1964, he was appointed chief. His job became more important with the coming of the Bluegrass Industrial Park in 1966, coinciding with rapid development.

When he started, Jeffersontown had four large firefighting vehicles, compared to 19 now.

The department took in about \$10,000 a year in donations, compared with the current \$1.2 million in tax money.

For him, the 1970s and early 1980s were still glory days, filled in his memory with bravery and daring rescues.

None was more memorable than the time a hot-air balloon got caught on a 600-foot WHAS-Radio tower about a decade ago.

The passenger came down 200 feet, then sat paralyzed on a catwalk.

While WHAS reported the rescue attempt live, Gaddie and two other rescuers spent 45 minutes climbing an iron ladder to the passenger.

He's seen tragedy as well; an explosion triggered by a father who was cleaning paint brushes with gasoline killed a small girl.

Lamenting that young firefighters don't appreciate him, Gaddie put one

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## Gaddie leaves J-town firehouse

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hand at eye-level and one near the table in front of him.

"I'm up here with my experience and the young guys are down here," he said.

Assistant chief Lawson, a 21-year veteran and longtime Gaddie friend, who believes Reckner will bring positive changes, said it has been sad to watch a man who had once been a tremendous firefighter and chief become distant, non-communicative and passed up by progress.

"The young guys didn't value him for what he was because they didn't know about it."

Other young firefighters said Gaddie is held in high esteem but simply may have expected men to work harder than people of their generation are used to.

"He was brought up in a different time than us. They had to work ... harder back then than us," said Eran Dunn, a 25-year-old who has been with the department six years.

"I can bow out respectfully. It's been fun. It's been serious. It's been dangerous."

Fire Chief Robert Gaddie

Firefighter Tim Fromich, 30, said he thinks "the majority of people feel the utmost respect" for Gaddie.

No matter, Gaddie said he decided his time had passed and that he'd step aside, spend more time with his 3-year-old grandchild, go to a lake and fish.

"It's a time I can bow out respectfully," he said.

"It's been fun. It's been serious. It's been dangerous."

Gaddie has supporters among people who've known him for years, like Jeffersontown Mayor Daniel Ruckriegel.

"He's been there a long time. I guess it's like the mayor's job: it takes a toll on you," Ruckriegel said. "But if my house is on fire, there ain't nobody no better to put it out than Bob Gaddie."



# St. Matthews Fire District may get \$75,000 kitchen

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

It's always a hassle having too many people in the kitchen at one time.

That's the case at St. Matthews Fire Station No. 1, 240 Sears Ave. To solve the problem, St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng gave a proposal for a new kitchen to the board of trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District at its Dec. 12 regular meeting.

According to Seng, the new kitchen will cost an estimated \$75,000 at the absolute most. The fire department will do most of the installation, which will save money. Seng said the new kitchen is needed because the old kitchen, at 800 square feet, was designed to accommodate only a few people at a time. The new kitchen, at 1,500 square feet, will accommodate the average of up to 12 firefighters who use the kitchen at one time.

The proposed kitchen design was put together by a committee

of two paid and two volunteer St. Matthews firefighters who studied costs and examined the needs of the other firefighters. The district will vote on the matter at its Jan. 9 regular meeting. If approved, construction on the new kitchen could begin as early as February.

"The proposal seems OK," said Treasurer David C. Dick. "But let's make sure the expenses are itemized and documented in case anyone has any questions."

In other action:

- An \$8,805.96 measure was approved for the purchase of 12 sets of bunker gear, the protective pants and jackets used on emergency calls. Helmets and boots are also included in a set of bunker gear. However, those items were not purchased because the helmets and boots the district already has are still useable.

- A \$540 measure was approved to have the brakes checked on all of the district's engines.

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**Believe this is the 1996 Firefighter Banquet:**



**Trustee Marshall Eldred, Frank Flynn, Chief Bill**



**Chief Bill Seng, Frank Flynn, Trustee Marshall El-**



**Marty Kamer, Bill Andriot**



**Chief Bill Seng, Frank Flynn**



**Trustee Jim Graven**



**Kenny Strange, Chief Bill Seng**

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**NOTE: We have no fire run information on 1996.**

**Board Of Directors**

Hal Clifford  
David C. Dick  
Thomas O. Eifler  
Marshall Eldred, Jr., end June  
Faye Ellerkamp  
Frank A. Flynn  
James King  
Doug Mitchell, start July 1996

**Officers**

1996 Chief William "Bill" Seng (P)  
Major Stuart Monohan (P)  
Major Kenneth "Ken" L. Strange (P)  
Captain Hal Clifford  
Captain Frank Flynn (P)  
Captain Keith McBride  
Captain Sam McCune (P)  
Captain Don Ryan (P)  
Captain John Volkerding  
Captain John Walling  
Captain Joseph R. "Joe" Wolfe (P)  
Sgt. John Albers  
Sgt. Jackie DeHart (P)  
Sgt. Daniel Doyle (P)  
Sgt. Dave Dugan (P)  
Sgt. Larry Heaphy (P)  
Sgt. Dave Kamer  
Sgt. Patrick H. "Pat" Noland  
Sgt. George Santamouris

**Firefighters**

Christa Barnes  
Mike Biven (P)  
Mike J. Beneke  
Steve Beneke  
Patti Bonnie  
Eric Bosler, new recruit  
Ed Brown (P)  
John Chilko new recruit  
Charlie Davis (P)  
Tony Glass (P)  
Steve Gutermuth, new recruit  
John Hermann, new recruit  
Greg Javins  
Brian Jennemann  
Ken Kopczynski new recruit  
Paul Kurtz  
R. Hunter G. Louis, Jr.  
Stephen Marchino

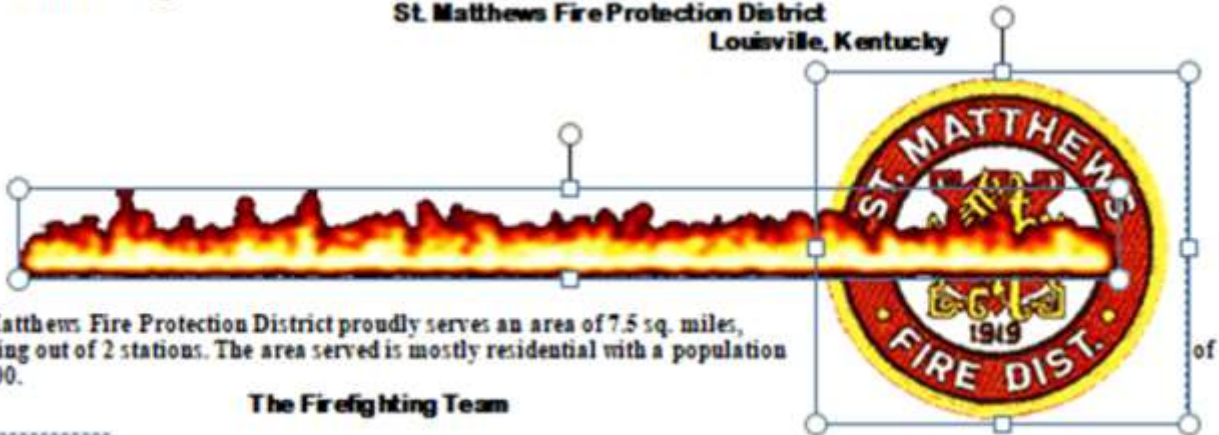
**Marshal**

A. E. Andriot, Jr.  
Denny Engnehl

Tom Marshall (P)  
Jeff Miller, new recruit  
Mike Miller, new recruit  
Kent Monohan (P)  
Adam Nay  
Amy Nelson (now Clark)  
Jennifer Nelson (now Rogers)  
Shelby Pogue  
Debbie Ray  
Chester Reed, start  
Robert "Bob" Ross  
Erik Sorensen (P)  
George Spears, new recruit  
Keith Stevenson, new recruit  
Justin Tamplin  
Chris Tsueda, new recruit  
Alan D. Unthank  
Ron D. Unthank  
William C. "Will" Vail, new recruit  
John Walker, new recruit  
Michael Wallingford, start, end  
Andrew B. Ward, start  
James H. "Jim" Whitlock  
George Wiggins  
Geof Wilkinson, new recruit

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**St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Louisville, Kentucky**



St. Matthews Fire Protection District proudly serves an area of 7.5 sq. miles, running out of 2 stations. The area served is mostly residential with a population 40,000.

**The Firefighting Team**



is led by Chief **William J. (Bill) Seng**, a firefighter for 19 years.

Paid Professionals	21
Unpaid Professionals (Volunteers)	30



Structure Fires	6	Emergency Medical	566
Haz-Mats	12	Other	115
Other Fires	57	Mutual Aid	83
False Alarms	1028	Total Runs	1867

**Their equipment consists of:**

Engines	4
Trucks/Aerial Platforms	2
Special Units	1



The Premier Engine is a 1994 E-One Rescue Pumper, 450 HP-Series 60 Detroit Diesel with a HD World Transmission with retarder. It is fitted with a 1500 GPM Single Stage Hale Pump with DDEC Pressure Governor Control and full depth compartments with Robinson Roll-up doors.

Contact **St. Matthews Fire Protection District** at

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January 9, 1997, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting Of  
Board of Trustees Of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District

January 9, 1997

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 9, 1997 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, KY. at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Trustees Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, & Dr. Doug Mitchell. David Dick was the acting chairman, and Frank Flynn was the acting secretary. Also present were Chief William J. Seng of the STMFPD, Major Stuart Monohan of the STMFPD, Captains McCune, Volkerding, & Wolfe of the STMFPD, Sgt. Dan Doyle of the STMFPD, & FF George Santamouris of the STMFPD. Jack Nold of Woodlawn Park & Chris Wooton of THE VOICE-TRIBUNE were also in attendance.

Hal Clifford moved, and Doug Mitchell seconded to approve the minutes of the December 12, 1996 meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer David Dick distributed copies of the District's financial statements which were reviewed and discussed. Treasurer Dick reported that collections were down \$136,000 than the prior year, but that this was not cause for alarm. Also, treasurer Dick pointed out a few clerical mistakes in the present month's statements. Lastly, treasurer Dick stated that everything is in order.

Chief Seng reported on District operations:

1) Reported on a major structure fire at 112 Fairlawn. There were no firefighter injuries, and 1 civilian injury when one of the occupants slipped and fell from the second story roof in an attempt to escape the fire.

2) There were 157 runs dispatched for the month of December. Total number of alarms for 1996 was 1528, which was 234 more runs than the 1294 the District made in 1995. In 1996, of the 1528 total runs, 454 were EMS.

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3) Expense authorization requests:

a) Annual SCBA testing	\$1200-\$2000
b) LOJIC Training for Doyle & Willinger	\$802
c) Laminating Machine	\$ 262
d) Repair Rust, Restripe, Repaint Roof of 2653	\$4000
e) New Kitchen & Rec Room	\$65,000

After lengthy discussion regarding the new rec-room Hal Clifford motioned, and Doug Mitchell seconded to approve all of the above expenditures. The motion passed unanimously.

Hal Clifford motioned, and Doug Mitchell seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters at 7:40 P.m.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:30 P.M. and announced that no action had been taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

  
David Dick, Acting Chairman

  
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Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District Holding Company

January 9, 1997

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, Ky. at 8:45 P.M.

Present were Directors Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, & Dr. Doug Mitchell. David Dick was the acting chairman, and Frank Flynn was the acting secretary.

Minutes of the December 12, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

  
David Dick, Acting Chairman

  
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February 12, 1997: *The Voice-Tribune*:



The St. Matthews Fire Department set fire to the old Ponderosa Steakhouse, 5055 Shelbyville Road, Sunday morning as part of a training exercise. Twenty-four firefighters, including six new recruits, participated in the exercise. Small fires were set inside the building before the entire structure was burned to the ground. Ponderosa closed in January to make way for Logan's Roadhouse, another steakhouse which is expected to open this summer.



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# February 13, 1997: Trustee meeting:

## Chairman Jim Graven resigns from the Board.

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

February 13, 1997

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 13, 1997 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Trustees Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Stuart Monahan, Larry Mesphy, Tony Glass, SMFPD; Jack Mold, City of Woodlawn Park; Rick Tonini, City of St. Matthews; Chris Wooten, VOICE-TRIBUNE.

Chief Seng informed the Trustees that Chairman James P. Graven hand-delivered copy of a letter he sent this date to County Judge/Executive David L. Armstrong, submitting his resignation from the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees, effective immediately. (Copy attached). Trustees expressed surprise and regret that Chairman Graven chose to resign. All agreed that he has been a dedicated member of the Board, serving above and beyond the "the call". He will be sorely missed.

Trustees asked Dr. Doug Mitchell to serve as chairman for tonight's meeting.

Hal Clifford moved, Faye Ellerkamp seconded, motion passed to approve the minutes of the January 9, 1997 meeting as written.

David Dick verbalized Treasurer's Report for January, 1997 (copy attached), reviewed list of special expenditures, and included a preliminary draft of the District's June 30, 1996 audit to allow Trustees to see the new presentation that is now required because of a change in the law. Copies of the District's Financial Statements were distributed, reviewed and discussed. Trustees thanked Mr. Dick for the excellent report.

Chief Seng reported on Fire Department operations:

1) The burn at Ponderosa on Shelbyville Road last Sunday was successful and drew a large audience. All four local television stations and WHAS radio reported the event. Brochures encouraging volunteers to consider joining the District were distributed.

2) The Drvt representative visited Station No. 1. Said he feels confident there should be no problem with the proposed Drvt application as specified. Experience shows that problems could occur with improper application and perhaps a wooden structure.

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#### 3) Expense authorization requests:

(a) Renewal of PULSE video	\$ 936.00
(b) 28 pra. gloves, 12 hoods, 12 suspenders	1,237.80
(c) Annual physicals for firefighters	7,328.00
(d) Dept. newsletter to every household	3,500.00
(e) Replace 3 desktop PC's and 1 server	9,600.00
(f) Approval to seek bids on replacement generator - Station 1	30,000.00

Following lengthy discussion, Doug Mitchell moved to defer action on approval of item (a) for computer update and requested Chief Seng to draw a 5-year Computer Plan and costs to update the current equipment; Faye Ellerkamp seconded, motion passed.

Doug Mitchell moved, Hal Clifford seconded to approve items (a), (b) and (c) for payment, and item (f) approval to seek bids on Station 1 generator; motion passed unanimously.

Trustees deferred action on approval for a newsletter (item d) to allow research and report on type of newsletter, format and cost to publish and mail.

4) Contribute to Jefferson County Trustees Association Special Project Fund - \$500. David Dick moved, Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed to authorize that contribution.


David Dick moved, Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters at 8:20 P.M.

Trustees returned to Regular Session at 9:05 P.M. Doug Mitchell announced that Chief Seng was authorized to hire an additional firefighter at starting salary of \$17,500 with incentives, annually, effective April 1, 1997.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is February 20, at Black Mudd Fire District at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

  
(Acting) Chairman  
Douglas Mitchell, M.D.

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

February 13, 1997

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:15 P.M.

Present were Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell, David Dick and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng.

Doug Mitchell agreed to act as Chairman for the meeting (Chairman James P. Graven resigned earlier today.)

Minutes of the January 9, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

  
(Acting Chairman) Douglas Mitchell, M.D.

  
Secretary, Faye Ellerkamp

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February 19, 1997, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: Graven resigns after eight years on St. Matthews fire district board. The February 13 regular meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place without the Chairman Jim Graven, who submitted his letter of resignation to the board and left only minutes before the meeting began.

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# Logan's Roadhouse to rise from ashes of Ponderosa burned in St. Matthews

By MARTHA ELSON  
The Courier-Journal

A Logan's Roadhouse restaurant should rise soon from the ashes of the former Ponderosa on Shelbyville Road, which the St. Matthews Fire Protection District burned Feb. 9 in a practice drill.

The Sunday morning fire at 5055 Shelbyville Road, across from Mall St. Matthews, drew a lot of spectators.

Mayor Art Draut expressed concern at last week's City Council meeting that people weren't adequately informed about the drill — and especially why small fires were started, extinguished and restarted before the structure was burned. The drill started about 8:30 a.m. and ended about 2 p.m.

Although the drill was announced in the media and a sign was posted at

the site during the drill and for a week before, Draut suggested that fire officials should have used a megaphone to announce that day exactly what was going on.

Fire Chief Bill Seng said after the meeting that he thought spectators were adequately informed.

Fire officials also handed out information about the department and its efforts to recruit volunteers and chatted informally with spectators about the drill — which should have made clear what was happening, he said.

The small fires are set to give new recruits more practice working on different types of fire situations.

Seng said his department is always on the lookout for buildings that could be used for fires and keeps tabs on demolition requests to county officials.

That's how the department found

out about the Ponderosa building, which he considered an especially good candidate because it was a sizable commercial building. Most practice drills are on residences, he said.

Logan's, which is based in Nashville, Tenn., received permission last Thursday from the city-county Planning Commission's Land, Development and Transportation committee to proceed with the new restaurant, subject to meeting landscaping requirements before opening.

Plans show landscaped traffic islands separating the 7,839-square-foot restaurant from a parking area that will be shared with the shopping center behind it.

In other business Feb. 11:

**BROWN PARK.** Draut reported that the park should reopen in mid-April after the weather is warm enough to finish putting in plantings and pour asphalt in the parking lot.

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February 28, 1997, Letter:



DAVID L. ARMSTRONG  
County Judge/Executive

JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE

Jefferson County  
Courthouse  
Louisville, KY 40202  
(502) 574-6161

February 28, 1997

Chief Bill Seng and Trustees  
St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Chief Seng and Trustees:

K.R.S. Chapter 75 was amended during the 1996 General Assembly to include new provisions of K.R.S. 75.040 (5) ... *"Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the trustees of a fire protection district located in a city or county which provides emergency ambulance service from using funds derived from taxes for the purpose of providing supplemental emergency medical services so long as the mayor of the city or the county judge/executive of the county, as appropriate, certifies to the trustees in writing that supplemental emergency medical services are reasonably required in the public interest. For the purposes of this subsection, 'supplemental emergency medical services' may include EMT, EMT-D, and paramedical services rendered at the scene of an emergent accident or illness until an emergency ambulance can arrive at the scene."*

Various fire districts throughout Jefferson County are developing, or are currently providing programs under the control and auspices of the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service, to offer such supplemental emergency medical services.

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District's assistance in providing such supplemental emergency medical services in your district is in the public interest. These supplemental services speed the delivery of necessary treatment. Therefore, pursuant to provisions of K.R.S. 75.040(5), I am certifying that your fire district's

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decision to provide supplemental emergency medical services, under the direction and coordination with the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service, is reasonably required in the public interest.

The service of your fire district is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact my office or Jim Smith in our Office of Community Outreach, 574-6937.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David L. Armstrong".

David L. Armstrong  
Jefferson County Judge/Executive

cc: Col. Mike Riordan

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Jefferson County Attorney

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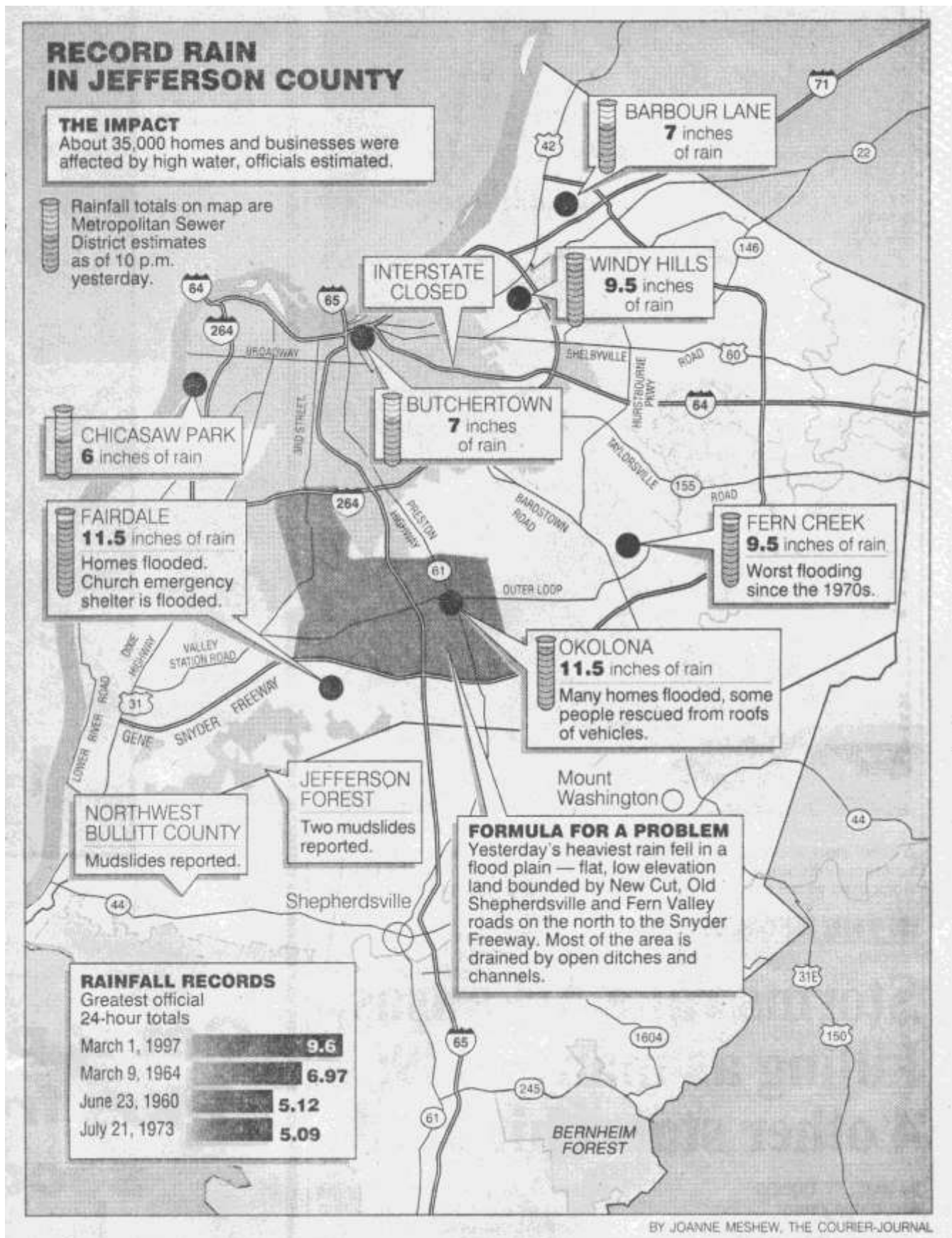
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# Officials look for lessons in latest bout of flooding

## Record rainfall creates laboratory to test practices

By NENA WALFOORT  
The Courier-Journal

The reservoir on Bowling Boulevard is the size of four football fields, and it was filled with floodwaters yesterday morning — runoff from Beargrass Creek that might otherwise have found its way into basements and onto roads.

Built to prevent flooding when Mall St. Matthews expanded, the reservoir appeared to be one of Jefferson County's more successful experiments in flood prevention.

With the Louisville area turned into one big flood-control laboratory over the weekend, many of the current flood-protection rules are likely to be put under a microscope to see how they stand up to the most serious flooding in decades.

"I don't think there's been a very clear understanding of what the dangers are, and from what quarters they're likely to stalk us, and this gave us a pretty good picture of it," said attorney Jane Lollis, who helped write a proposed flood-protection ordinance expected to be considered by Jefferson Fiscal Court and the Metropolitan Sewer District this spring.

The proposed ordinance calls for reconfiguring the boundaries of areas designated as flood prone to make them more accurate. And it would require that new development in those areas include water-collection areas — basins, ponds or reservoirs similar to the one on Bowling Boulevard.

But will that be adequate in the event of a flood like this weekend's?

Probably not, said Adrian Freund, the county's chief of planning and environmental management. The proposed ordinance is "well up to modern standards," but that doesn't mean it will stand up to a catastrophic event, he said. "In a flood this major, it's not going to help," he said.

Metropolitan Sewer District Executive Director Gordon Garner said the proposed ordinance is designed to keep development in flood-prone areas from making matters worse. He expects questions to be raised about whether it should do more. "The com-

munity may say we need a higher level of protection."

More aggressive measures would include making new developments provide larger water-collection systems so they would not just provide damage control but also would produce a net benefit to the area — as was the case in the Mall St. Matthews reservoir.

Even more extreme measures would be to ban construction in the flood plain or to relocate homes out of the flood plain — as one Mississippi River town has done.

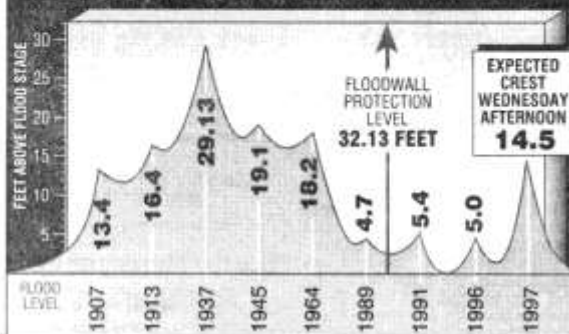
The flood's force will certainly be felt in the current debate over a proposal for a shopping center at Outer Loop and Interstate 65.

One-third of the Briarcliff site is considered flood plain, and portions of the site were under water yester-

### JEFFERSON COUNTY HAS A SAFETY MARGIN

The floodwall and levee system in Jefferson County protects the area to a height three feet above the record flood level of 1937.

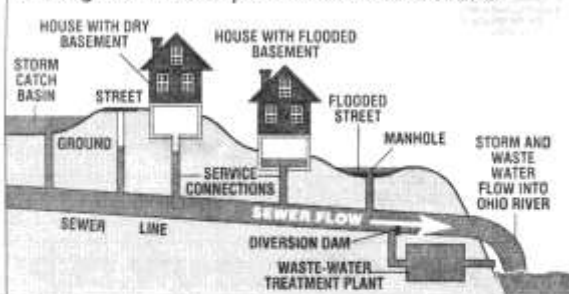
### HIGHEST FLOOD LEVELS IN LOUISVILLE SINCE 1900



BY STEVE DURBIN, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

### WHY BASEMENTS FLOOD

During heavy rains, storm water fills the sewers, causing them to back up into basements and streets.



BY STEVE DURBIN, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

day. Developers say they will fill in the flood plain and provide storage for the floodwater elsewhere, but MSD's Garner said, "We have not yet seen a design that would work."

Even before some residents were taken from their homes in boats on Saturday, they had contended that the development can't help but exacerbate existing flooding problems.

The opposition group's chairman, Doug Smith, was not available for comment because he had been evacuated from his home. But the group's vice chairman, George Seeger, said he believes the flood will help make their case.

"With all that blacktop they're wanting to do, the water would have nowhere else to go except right back on the subdivision," he said.

MSD spokesman Bud Schardein agreed that pictures of the site shown on television were persuasive. "Anyone who has seen that piece of property after today should think about that," he said.

The developer's engineer, Jim Mims, said yesterday that the project's flood-control plan complies with the proposed ordinance and has been given preliminary approval by MSD.

He said he is confident the project's detention basins would suffice for a 100-year flood, but probably not in a

larger flood like this one. He said his firm was meeting with the developer, THP Development Co., today to revisit the plan and discuss whether "additional volumes" of water could be provided for. "It warrants taking another look at it," he said.

The flood will also provide opportunities for evaluating the effectiveness of the county's approach to handling storm-water runoff, Garner said.

Many areas have long had problems with standing water because of soils that don't drain well. Most are in the same areas that were flooded over the weekend.

Developments with large parking lots that eliminate absorbing soils may exacerbate those problems.

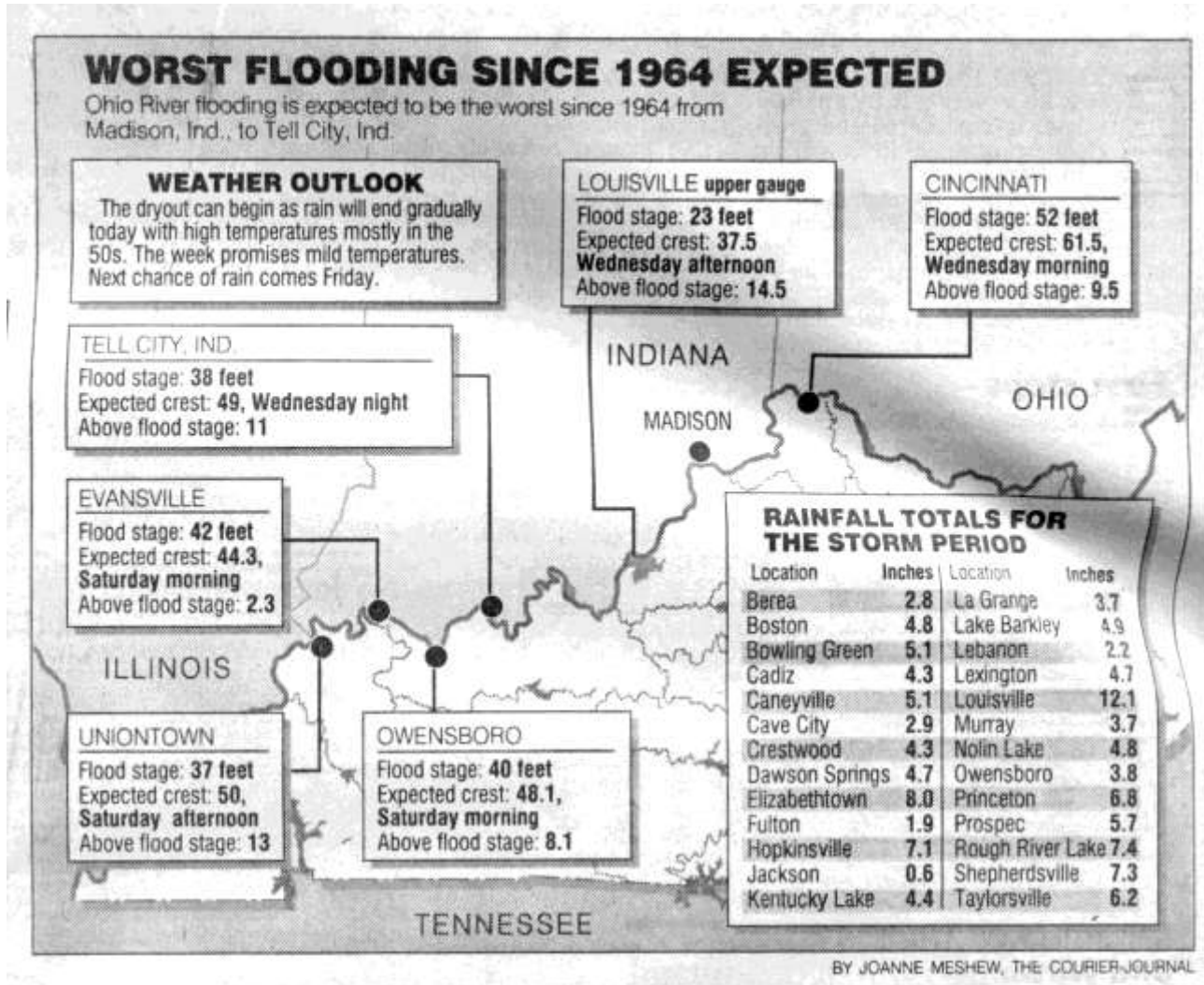
"Any of these new large-scale development proposals have to be looked at for the adequacy of the drainage project being proposed," environmental attorney Tom Fitzgerald said.

MSD's Garner said engineers are already gathering data so better planning and engineering can be done in the future.

All the new information will help as Cornerstone 2020 rewrites the county's land-use plan and its environmental standards. The flood "will have a profound effect on Cornerstone 2020," he said.

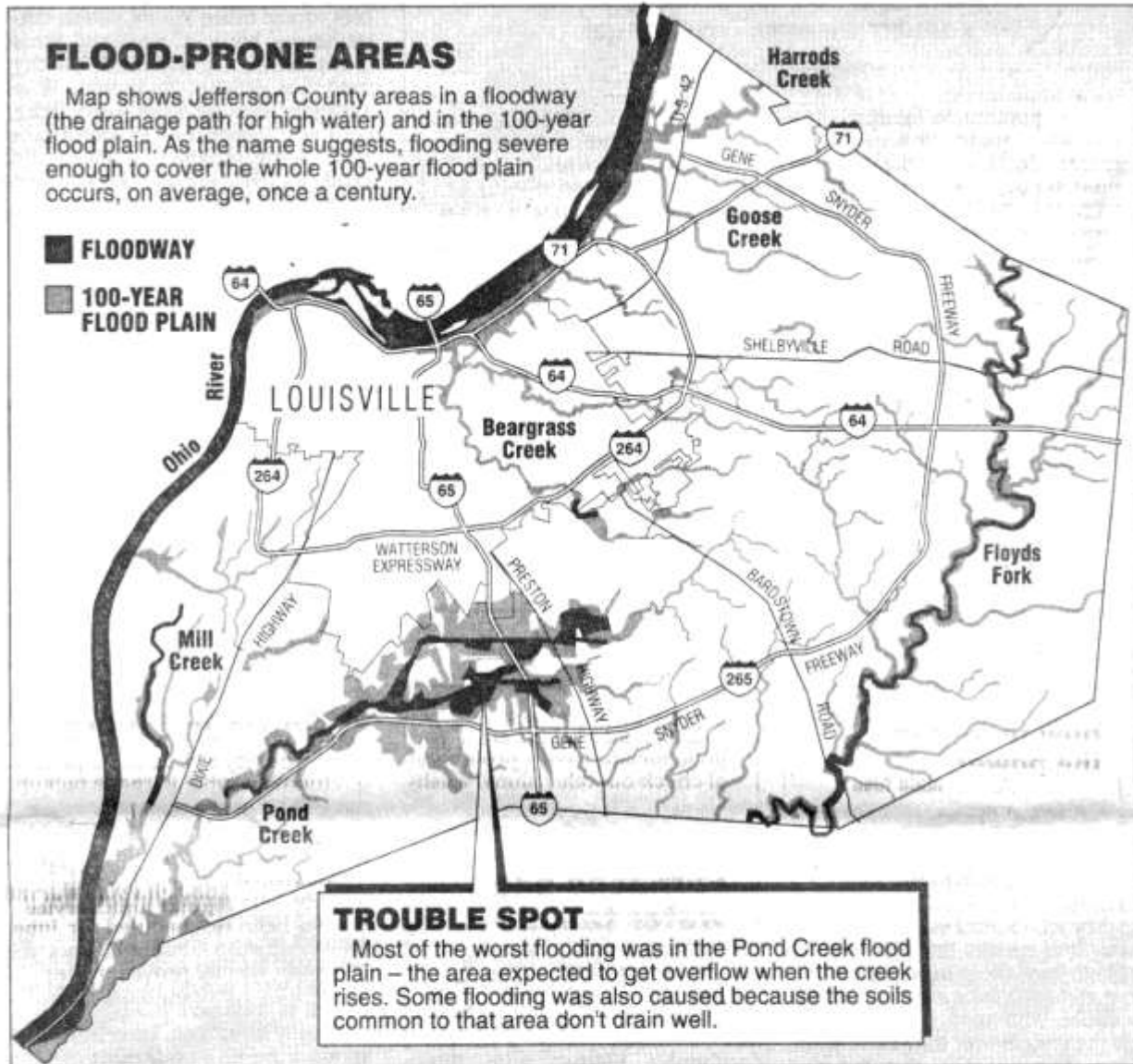
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Freund agreed that the flood will be a reality check for planners and developers alike.

"It drives home to people that there is a strong reason for managing development in the flood plain, and there is a strong reason for managing storm-water drainage prop-

erly in the uplands."

Although developers have often resisted government restrictions, developer Don Langan said he would support flood-plain and drainage regulations that call for responsible use of land.

He said he isn't familiar with the

current proposed ordinance, but was concerned even before this flood about storm-water management.

"We keep kicking the water off. It's off your roof, off your driveway, and you've kicked it to your neighbor. Somebody's got to suffer from it," he said.



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# Encroaching water and cold push more people out of homes

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Judge-Executive Dave Armstrong said that about 2,500 families have left their homes and that 40,000 homes and businesses are thought to have been affected. Costs are expected to rise above Saturday's estimate of \$52 million. More than 10,000 basements across the county flooded.

Jefferson County road and works crews were put on 12-hour shifts to begin cleaning up and rebuilding roads. It may be a week or more before all roads return to normal.

Mayor Jerry Abramson said more than 200 people were evacuated in Louisville, including families on Goldsmith Lane, the Fountain Estates development near Bashford Manor Mall and Tanglewood Apartments near Fern Valley Road.

Flash flooding in some parts of Jefferson County began to recede yesterday, and Interstates 64 and 65 were reopened. But officials couldn't predict when the worst flooding, in southwest Jefferson County, would recede, because the Ohio River was continuing to rise and more rain was predicted for later this week.

Elsewhere in Kentucky, towns along the Licking River appeared to be hit hardest. Falmouth, in Pendleton County, was cut off from the outside world. All roads into it were flooded, and it had no water or electricity. Upriver, much of Cynthiana's commercial district was under water, and tributaries of the Licking flooded homes and businesses in Paris.

Mike Callahan, a National Weather Service hydrologist, said the Licking "is the highest anybody's ever seen it."

**BY THE TIME** the Kentucky River crests this afternoon in Frankfort, it will likely be the worst flooding in the state's capital in 19 years.

Water from the Kentucky and a tributary, Elkhorn Creek, damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes in Franklin County.

Forks of Elkhorn, a community northeast of Frankfort on U.S. 460, was devastated. Franklin County Fire Chief Charles Cheatham said: "There are about 175 mobile homes, about 75 or more travel trailers at the campground, and maybe 50 to 60 houses at Forks of Elkhorn. All are either destroyed or badly damaged."

The Kentucky was projected to crest in Frankfort at 47 feet this afternoon, 16 feet above flood stage.

The last time it was that high was in 1978, when the river crested at 48.5 feet, causing millions of dollars in

damage and forcing the evacuation of 2,000 people. However, a new flood-wall was passing its first test.

Four state office buildings — housing offices of the Revenue, Personnel, Natural Resources and Justice cabinets, the Administrative Offices of the Courts, and the Department of Information Systems — will be closed today. They are the Fair Oaks Buildings 100 and 200, the Ash Building and the Bush Building.

One of the few covered bridges remaining in Kentucky, the 142-year-old Switzer Bridge in eastern Franklin County, was swept away by the North Fork of Elkhorn Creek.

The day after the storm was cold and gloomy. Many people counted either their blessings or their losses.

Many people discovered that homeowner policies don't insure against floods. In Jefferson County, about 4,800 homes have flood insurance, compared with an estimated 35,000 homes that suffered damage.

Some of the scenes were surreal: one family in a boat towed a raft containing their belongings, including a pet rabbit.

**EVACUEES STREAMED** into shelters day and night. At 2 a.m. yesterday, a dozen evacuees were taken to the Auburndale Elementary School shelter in the bed of a county dump truck.

Outside the Auburndale shelter, from which pets were banned, 72-year-old Early McAllister and his wife split shifts through the night into Sunday morning, cradling their small black poodle, Benji, in a dry towel.

The Red Cross fed about 3,500 people at emergency shelters yesterday and expected several hundred to spend last night in them.

Those lucky enough to be home watched an ironic scene on live television: A house surrounded by water burned out of control in the Confederate Acres subdivision.

Firefighters in a rowboat tried to spray water onto the house; Wittry and other volunteers swam through cold, muddy water to find a hydrant; the exposure sent Wittry to University of Louisville Hospital, where he was in stable condition.

In eastern Jefferson County, fire departments and local officials reported widespread problems with water in basements and sewage backing up into people's homes. But the problems were hit-or-miss.

**ST. MATTHEWS** Mayor Arthur Draut said he had 10 inches of water in his basement yesterday morning,

while his next-door neighbor didn't have a drop.

Jewish Community Center on Dutchmans Lane was forced to close after the basement, and some other areas flooded.

Schardein, the MSD spokesman, cautioned that in southern Jefferson County, the Pond Creek drainage ditches and tributaries are overloaded and the water will fall very slowly.

Officials advised people to stay out of Jefferson Memorial Forest, where many paths and roads were closed.

Armstrong and Gov. Paul Patton toured the flooded areas and spoke with residents.

"Thanks. We're OK," shouted a man carrying a raft into his flooded front yard in the Glengarry subdivision as Armstrong and other officials drove by.

Armstrong held an impromptu public meeting in the crowded cafeteria at Auburndale Elementary, where many people expressed anxiety about their homes, the damage and what sort of aid might be available.

Armstrong said he expects Patton to ask President Clinton to declare the situation an emergency, which would allow the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide loans and other assistance.

Greg and Sarah Berglund said they were worried about their belongings and where they would live after water forced them and their three young children from their house on Scottsdale Road. They had moved in just two weeks ago.

**THEY FLED** by boat Saturday with only a few bags of belongings after water reached the windows and began filling the house. The Berglunds, who moved from Wisconsin — "to escape the cold," Sarah Berglund said — never dreamed they would be victimized by a record flood.

"Things are going to be all right," Armstrong said.

In St. Matthews, firefighters and the Anchorage Swift Water Rescue Team helped pull an 18-year-old man out of the creek behind Mall St. Matthews about 8:30 p.m. Saturday after he jumped in "for fun," Bill Seng said.

In the Hikes Point area, firefighters from the McMahan Fire Department made more than 125 runs yesterday and Saturday — helping elderly people out of their flooded homes, turning off gas and electricity in flooded homes, and responding to fire alarms triggered by the storm.

"This is a pretty low area," said Barbara Gregg, Louisville's 2nd Ward

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BY BRIAN BOHANNON, SPECIAL TO THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Jefferson County Judge-Executive Dave Armstrong, left, and Gov. Paul Patton viewed the flood damage from the bed of a dump truck on a tour of the Glengarry subdivision on National Turnpike yesterday.

alderman, who stayed up virtually all night Saturday running the wet vacuum at her home.

**THE MIDDLETOWN** Fire Department made 35 to 40 flood-related runs, many of them in the Douglass Hills and Cross Creek area. "We just make a home safe," the department's Pete Piccirilli said. "If you've got 3 or 4 feet of water in the basement, all you can do is cut off the utilities."

In St. Regis Park, David Hartman — who had bought a utility pump Saturday night to augment his overwhelmed sump pump — ran it non-stop until 3 a.m. Sunday, when it "died a rapid death."

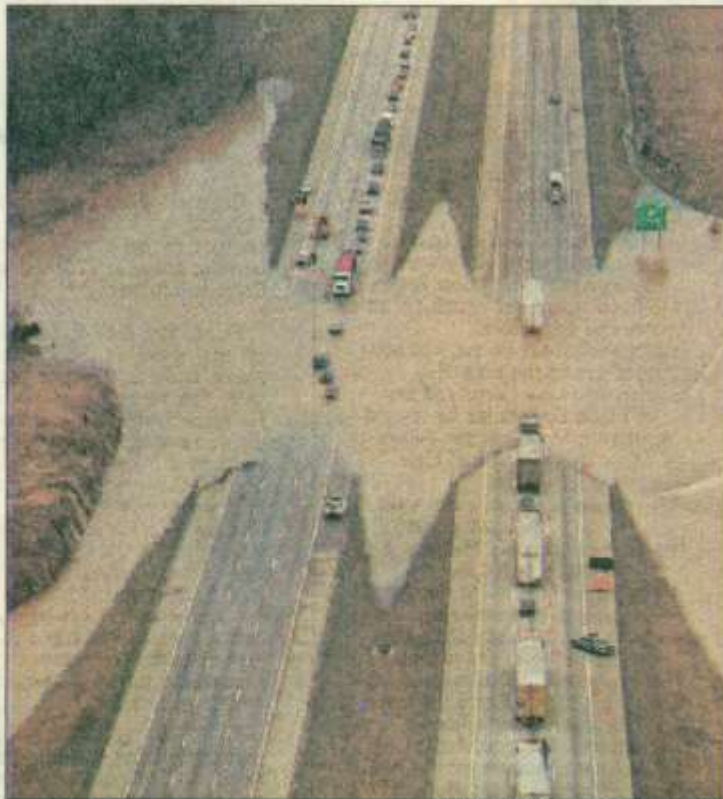
"The water table got too high — you just can't stop it," said Hartman, a graphic designer who has lived on Statton Road for four years.

"This is the first flood I've been through," he said. "It was more than I care to do again."

In Southern Indiana, New Albany Mayor Doug England declared an emergency so National Guard troops could be called out. New Albany was installing floodgates in its levee.

Jeffersonville Mayor Tom Galligan said he also had ordered preparations for installing floodgates.

No one had been killed or injured in Southern Indiana, emergency officials said, although police had rescued 20 people from flood-stranded cars in Jeffersonville. Saturday night Utica firefighters rescued a man who told them he had spent 12 hours clinging to a tree.



BY BILL LUSTER, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Water flooded across Interstate 65, slowing traffic in Bullitt County near the Brooks exit. In Jefferson County, road and works crews were put on 12-hour shifts to begin cleaning up and rebuilding roads.

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March, 1997, 12 Inch Rain—Flooding, STMFD made 284 runs in 30 hours. March 2, 1997, *The Courier-Journal*:



Voice-Tribune staff photo by JOHN D. CHALEK

Twelve inches of rain in 30 hours caused water to back up on Green Meadow Circle in the city of Woodlawn Park.



1997

## March 13, 1987, Trustee meeting:

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

March 13, 1997

The meeting of the St. MATTHEWS Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 13, 1997 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Trustees Hal Clifford, David Dick, Frank Flynn, James King, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; John Albers, George Santamours, Erik Sorensen, John Volkerding, Stuart Monahan, John Walling, SMFPD; Jack Wold, City of Woodlawn Park; Rick Tonini, City of St. Matthews; Chris Wooton, VOICE TRIBUNE. Trustee Doug Mitchell was absent.

Trustees asked David Dick to serve as Chairman for tonight's meeting.

Hal Clifford moved, Frank Flynn seconded, motion passed to approve the minutes of the February 13 meeting as written.

Due to the resignation of Chairman Jim Graven on February 13, the Board of Trustees scheduled an election of officers at the March meeting. The following officers were nominated and elected to hold office until June 30, 1997, or until their successors are elected:

Chairman: David Dick  
Treasurer: James King  
Secretary: Faye Ellerkamp

David Dick presented copies of the official audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 1996 (by Jesse & Company, PSC) to the Trustees and advised the conclusion is that the District "has a good system of internal control." Mr. Dick reviewed the Treasurer's Report for February, 1997, (copy attached). The District's Financial Statements for February, 1997 were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Dick pointed out that overtime and expense reimbursements may rise considerably because of the flood; adjustments may be required for the FY ending June 30, 1997.

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

March 13, 1997

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:30 P.M.

Present were Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, David Dick, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng. Director Doug Mitchell was absent.

Due to Chairman James P. Graven's resignation, the Directors scheduled an election of officers at this meeting. The following officers were nominated and elected to hold office until June 30, 1997, or until their successors are elected:

Chairman: David Dick  
Treasurer: James King  
Secretary: Faye Ellerkamp

Minutes of the February 13, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Chief Seng reported on District operations:

1) THE FLOOD 1997: 284 calls for service were answered in a 30-hour period - from house fires to flood basements, shut off electricity, water rescues. Chief assigned people at Station No. 1 to take the calls, which were prioritized and eventually got to everybody. First rescue was a kid joy riding in the stream (we called Anchorage for help). Shortly after that the calls started from Green Meadow Circle: 5 feet of water in the street, water in the houses; called Harrods Creek and Worthington for boats; evacuated 60 to 70 people to bus to Ather-ton High School. We accessed trucks where they could get back in but they had to stop at a certain point. There will be a significant increase in career overtime, based on the time they were actually here. Some worked 30 hours with no sleep and in many cases their own houses were flooded out. Several days later we responded to a major house fire at 98 Warrior Road - cost could be in excess of a million - it never "made the news". We called for McMahon and Lyndon to help out - most difficult fire to fight because it started in the basement.

2) Total alarms dispatched for month of Feb. . . . 109  
Total alarms dispatched year to date . . . 240  
Extrication/Medical Assistance for month . . . 33  
" " " " year to date . . . 64

3) Expense Authorization Requests:

a) Computer system update	\$20,986
b) Southeastern & IAFC Conference	5,000
c) Update to training program (joint with two other depts.)	2,848
d) 7 Rescue Mannequins	1,400
e) Pump flow testing kit	1,500
f) League fees for Fire Department softball & basketball tournaments	500

Following intense discussion of need to replace 3 desk top PCs and 1 server, Hal Clifford moved to approve the expenditure of \$20,986 for computer system update, in lieu of the purchase of a van and landscaping at Station No. 2; Faye Ellerkamp seconded, motion passed.

Following discussion, Frank Flynn moved to approve Items b, c, d, e, f listed in above expense request, total of 5 items is \$11,248, as budgeted; Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

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4) Request approval to replace hand held radio in need of repairs because bid to repair was 400 - 360 plus 100 to put in code; The Committee recommends skipping repairs and purchasing a new radio. Frank Flynn moved to authorize the purchase; Jim King seconded; motion passed.

5) The bid for the building will be advertised in this NEIGHBORHOOD section; bids received will be analyzed by the architect and presented to the Board for consideration.

Hal Clifford moved, Jim King seconded, to go into Executive session at 7:50 P.M. to discuss personnel matter.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:10 P.M. Chairman Dick announced that the Board approved hiring one new fire-fighter effective March 1, 1997.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is April 17, at Middletown Fire Protection District, Station #2, at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

  
David Dick, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

  
David Dick, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary



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March 26, 1997: *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: John Walling, Larry Alvey win Kiwanis fire, police awards.

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photo courtesy of CHUCK KING/NUVUE PHOTOGRAPHY

The Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews recently honored the area's finest police officer and firefighter with Outstanding Service awards. From left: St. Matthews Police Chief Norman Mayer, honorees Detective Larry Alvey and Sgt. John C. Walling, St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng and Kiwanis Club president Chuck Willenbrink.

## John Walling, Larry Alvey win Kiwanis fire, police awards

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

All too often good deeds go unnoticed. But on March 18 Sgt. John C. Walling of the St. Matthews Fire Department and Detective Larry Alvey of the St. Matthews Police Department received the St. Matthews Kiwanis Club's Outstanding Service Awards for their tireless efforts to keep the community safe.

According to St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng, Walling, who first joined the St. Matthews Fire Department in 1974, was chosen by his fellow firefighters to receive this year's award based on his outstanding participation and acts of courage.

"We (the fire department) all work hard and train hard," said Walling, who has amassed more than 3,000 training hours and averages more than 60 percent response to fire alarms and emergencies. "Firefighting is something that just comes naturally to me. I grew up with it. But any one of us could have been named as outstanding achievers."

Walling's father, Maj. Robert C. Walling, was a St. Matthews firefighter from 1956-74.

"He takes his role as a volunteer firefighter very seriously," said Seng. "You can count on Sgt. Walling to respond to fires at 6 or 7 in the evening or 3 and 4 in the morning."

When not fighting fires Walling, 40, is the safety director for Koetter Construction of Floyds Knobs, Ind. He is also a Kentucky, Indiana and nationally certified emergency medical technician and a member of the Jefferson County Trench Rescue Team.

Alvey joined the St. Matthews Police Department in 1990. He has served the department as lead detective for the past three years and is responsible for overseeing the work of three other detectives.

St. Matthews Police Chief Nor-

man Mayer said that Alvey was chosen by sergeants, commanding officers and himself, based on his large number of arrests, one of which was a burglary arrest that recovered more than \$7,000 in silver to the victim.

"It's an honor for me to receive the award, without a doubt," said Alvey, who in the past year alone cleared more than 55 cases and recovered more than \$53,000 in property or restitution for victims. "I would not be able to do my job without the help of the patrolmen. You really have to want to do this kind of job if you want to enjoy it. But everything we accomplish in the department reverts to Chief Mayer's excellent leadership. Under his guidance, the department has improved like you wouldn't believe."

Alvey, 47, is also one of the department's baton and pepper mace instructors and is a member of the Louisville Area Banking Association, the Internal Association of Credit Card Fraud and National Association of Bunto Investigators.

To relieve the tension of his job, Alvey is also a boxing instructor at Middleton's Boxing gym in New Albany, Ind., where he has coached six of his students to amateur championships.

1997

April 10, 1987, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

April 10, 1997

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 10, 1997 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees David Dick, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, James King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; George Santamoris, Dave Kaner, Joe Wolfe, Ed Brown, John Aibers, Stuart Monahan, SMFPD; Rick Tonini, City of St. Matthews.

Treasurer Jim King distributed copies of the March 1997 Financial Statements, which were reviewed and discussed. Trustees pronounced all in good order.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

(1) Total alarms dispatched for the month . . . 398  
Total alarms dispatched Year to Date . . . 640  
Extrication/Medical Assistance . . . 45  
Year to date, 109

(2) Judge Armstrong advised that KRS Chapter 75 was amended during the 1996 General Assembly to include new provisions of KRS 75.040 (5) ... Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the trustees of a fire protection district located in a city or county which provides emergency ambulance service from using funds derived from taxes for the purpose of providing supplemental emergency medical services so long as the mayor of the city or the county judge/executive of the county, as appropriate, certifies to the trustees in writing that supplemental emergency medical services are reasonably required in the public interest. For the purposes of this subsection, 'supplemental emergency medical services' may include EMT, EMT-D, and paramedical services rendered at the scene of an emergent accident or illness until an emergency ambulance can arrive at the scene." Because the SMFPD's assistance in providing supplemental emergency services in its district is in the public interest, Judge Armstrong certified that St. Matthews Fire District's decision to provide supplemental medical service, under the direction and coordination with the Jefferson County Medical Service, is reasonably required in the public interest. (Copy of Judge Armstrong's letter is attached).

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(3) One hundred of the \$500 approved for softball and basketball league fees will come back because one of the leagues was cancelled.

(4) The St. Matthews Little League Parade is set for Saturday, April 12; the Fire Department will participate as usual.

(5) PVA assessments were received today.

(6) No. 2657 needs major repair; manufacturer out of business; may have to solicit bids. Can be included in 97/98 budget.

(7) Expenses for volunteers time working in the Flood 97 crisis, will not be included in FEEMA allocation; the District will have to absorb the cost.

(8) Derek Engineering was the only bidder on Station 1 exterior; base price (Dryvit) - \$198,000; alternate 1 - 30,000; total \$228,000. Architect's first cost estimate was \$138,000. Steve Cullen, J. Norman Berry Architectural firm, recommends hiring a professional estimator to ascertain if the bid price is in line. Following discussion, Doug Mitchell moved to reject the Derek bid and to employ an estimator for an assessment. Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

(9) Expenditures request for April:

(a) New warning lights for Unit 2653 to meet new NFPA standard.  
One MX-7000 light bar \$ 1,000  
Four corner strobe lights 300  
Two strobe power pack 400  
Total \$ 1,700

(b) Advertising and set up cost for May recruit class on TRS cable 500

(c) Finish grading and seed along new gas Line- at Station No. 2 1,500

(d) Two replacement gas trimmers for Station 2 500  
Frank Flynn moved to approve the preceding four items, totaling \$4,200; Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Frank Flynn moved, Hal Clifford seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter at 7:50 P.M.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:15 P.M. Chair David Dick announced that no action was taken.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

*David C. Dick*  
David Dick, Chairman

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

April 10, 1997

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:30 P.M.

Present were Directors David Dick, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the March 13, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

*David C. Dick*  
David C. Dick, Chairman

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

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April 11, 1997, The Courier-Journal

**ST. MATTHEWS**  
**Little League kicks off  
new season with parade**

St. Matthews Little League will conduct its opening day parade from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The parade begins at St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Ave., and travels east on Shelbyville Road to the league's fields on Ten Pin Lane. Members of the St. Matthews police and fire departments will escort the parade of about 900 children.

— Denise Smith

April 16, 1997, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: Repair estimates too high for fire district:

## Repair estimates too high for fire district

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

The paint is still peeling off the exterior of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's Station No. 1, 240 Sears Ave.

Still, the district's board of trustees reported at its April 10 regular meeting that it would not accept the one and only bid received to resurface the building's exterior.

Excessive moisture and poor insulation are causing the paint to fall off the building. Last July the board agreed to have a Dryvitt panel system installed to cover the entire 11,211 square feet of the building's exterior.

According to St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng, the \$198,000 bid submitted by Derek Engineering Inc. was \$80,000 more than anticipated. To be certain exactly how much the job is worth before requests for new bids are published, the board will have Norman Berry Associates engineering firm estimate the total cost of the project.

In other action:

•The board is still without one trustee member since chairman Jim Graven resigned at the district's Feb. 13 regular meeting. The board has elected trustee member David Dick to fill

Graven's unexpired term as chairman through June 30. Trustee member Jim King was elected to fill Dick's unexpired term as treasurer, also through June 30.

•To boost its volunteer firefighter recruiting efforts, the board voted to spend \$500 for TKR of Greater Louisville to pro-

duce and air a commercial on a public access channel. Maj. Stuart Monohan said the 30-second commercial it will air about 13 times a day on TKR channel 6 beginning this week.

For more information on becoming a volunteer firefighter, call Monohan or John Albers at 893-7825.

April 9, 1997, The Courier-Journal

Notice is hereby given pursuant to KRS 424.260 that the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is soliciting bids for the purchase and installation of a 100 KW emergency generator to be installed at the district headquarters. Specifications may be obtained at the district headquarters located at 240 Sears Avenue, weekdays from 8:00 to 5:00 PM. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 16 April 1997 at 10:00 AM to discuss all aspects of the bid. All bids will be opened on 23 April 1997 at 10:00 AM with award thereafter based on bid evaluations. The St. Matthews Fire Protection District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

1997

May 8, 1997, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

May 8, 1997

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 8, 1997 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees: Chair David Dick, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, James King, Doug Mitchell, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; John Albers, Stuart Monahan, Erik Sorenson, Larry Reaphy, SMFPD; Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park, Rick Tonini and Miss Tonini, City of St. Matthews.

Frank Flynn moved, James King seconded, motion passed, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 1997 meeting as written.

Chair David Dick announced that two eligible candidates --Captain Frank Flynn and Major Stuart Monahan--will be on the ballot for election of firefighter trustee on Saturday, June 28, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. David Dick, Faye Ellerkamp and James King volunteered to serve as election officers. Several firefighters have scheduled vacations during that period and questioned if absentee ballots would be available. Following discussion and conclusion that the by-laws were amended to permit issuance of absentee ballots for firefighter elections where the election officers have an approved qualified voter list, James King moved to permit absentee ballots for the election of firefighter trustee scheduled for Saturday, June 28; Faye Ellerkamp seconded; motion passed.

April, 1997 financial statements were distributed for review and discussion. Treasurer James King feels the District will be on budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.

Chief Seng reported on Fire District operations:

- 1) No statement received on fire runs during April.
- 2) Distributed videotape and informational sheet on the Cairns/Iris Camera System for consideration on the FY1997/98 District budget.
- 3) Three (3) bids were received for replacement generator at Station No. 1 bid opening on April 23:
  - (a) Nixon Power Service \$21,998 (bid actual)
  - (b) Atlas Machine & Supply 28,900 (equipment only)
  - (c) Cummins Cumberland 31,500With installation included for all vendors the actual cost looks more like the following:

1. Nixon Power Service \$21,998 + \$9,000 installation=\$30,998
  2. Atlas Machine & Supply \$28,000 + \$9,000 installation=\$37,000
  3. Cummins Cumberland \$31,500 (includes installation)=31,500
- Chief Seng pointed out that Cummins Cumberland will be providing the full service for the entire project, and is the company that services both our current generators at Stations 1 and 2 on a yearly basis. Action deferred for post-budget meeting.

4) Reviewed the report dated April 23, 1997 outlining the Vehicle Replacement Schedules. Discussion followed. Chair David Dick referred to Report on Equipment dated August 29, 1996 and commented that the Board needs to be fully informed and educated before making decision for any new equipment. Mr. Dick's theory is that the District cannot take delivery on anything in 1997 -- we should have some significant budget discussions between now and then.

- 5) Expenditures request for May:
- |  |           |
|--|-----------|
| (a) Annual truck service                           | \$ 803.50 |
| (b) Annual aerial ladder and ground ladder testing | 1,726.00  |
| (c) 35 gal. drum of Chemical Degreaser             | 629.00    |

Following discussion, Frank Flynn moved to approve the May expenditures as listed per budget; Doug Mitchell seconded, motion passed.

David Dick requested that the June meeting be changed from the second Thursday because he will be out of town on June 12. The Trustees agreed to set the next Board meeting on Thursday, June 5, at 6:00 P.M. Chief Seng will notify the press.

Following discussion of letter from Dennis Clare, attorney for the District, covering proposed addition to Employees Manual for Hazardous Duty Employees, Frank Flynn moved to adopt the original plan (copy attached) with the two corrections noted. Doug Mitchell seconded, motion passed.

Trustees reviewed the K. Norman Berry Associates letter, submitting the cost estimate prepared by Leonard Smith, along with a copy of the Berry firm's original estimate. Several options were discussed; no action taken.

Chief Seng announced the firefighters have scheduled a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 24, from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. to show off their new kitchen.

Frank Flynn moved, James King seconded to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matter at 8:32 p.m.

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Trustees returned to Regular Session at 8:40 P.M. Chair David Dick announced that no action was taken.

The Budget Committee will meet on Friday, May 16 at 8:30 A.M. at Station No. 1.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is June 19, at Fern Creek Fire Protection District at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

  
David Dick, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

May 8, 1997


The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:25 P.M.

Present were Directors David Dick, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell, James King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the April 10, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

  
David Dick, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary



1997

May 14, 1997, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: Fire station's renovations come in \$2,000 under budget.

# ***Fire station's renovations come in \$2,000 under budget***

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

Research and shopping around has paid off for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District as it saved \$2,000 on renovations for its new recreation room and kitchen at St. Matthews Fire Station No. 1, at 240 Sears Ave.

St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng reported at the district's board of trustees May 8 regular meeting that the total cost for the project was \$63,000. It was originally budgeted at \$65,000.

Seng said that the money saved comes from research and shopping around for parts and labor. The new 1,500-square-foot facility was needed because the

old 800-square-foot facility did not provide enough space for the nine to 12 firefighters who use it at one time.

In other action:

- The board appointed board members David Dick, Faye Ellerkamp and Jim King to oversee the Saturday, June 21, in-house elections. Capt. Frank Flynn is the only board member up for re-election for a four-year term. Flynn has served two four-year terms. Running against Flynn is Maj. Stuart Monohan, who has been with the St. Matthews Fire Department since 1982 and serves as the department's training coordinator.

- The board decided not to take

any action on bids submitted to replace a generator at Station No. 1 until it approves its annual budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year. First reading of the budget is scheduled at a special meeting Thursday, June 5, at Station No. 1 at 6 p.m. The special meeting will replace the June 12 regular meeting because board member David Dick could not present on June 12.

Three bids were submitted for the generator, which Seng said is old and outdated. The lowest bid was Nixon Power Source's \$21,998. Other bids were Atlas Machine and Supply's \$28,900 and Cummins Cumberland's \$31,500.

1997

# June 5, 1997, Trustee meeting:

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

June 5, 1997

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 5, 1997 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Chair David Dick, Trustees Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Dr. Douglas Mitchell, James King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; John Albers, St. Matthews Fire District; Ed Heustis, NAPA Auto Parts and Lyndon Fire District; Chris Wooton, VOICE-TRIBUNE.

James King moved, Doug Mitchell seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 1997 meeting as written; motion passed.

Chair David Dick and Treasurer James King presented the District's Budget for FY1997/98. Following discussion, Doug Mitchell moved to approve the Operating Budget as presented; Jim King seconded; motion passed unanimously. Jim King moved to approve the Capital Budget for 1997/98; Doug Mitchell seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng introduced guest speaker, Ed Heustis, NAPA Auto Parts and Lyndon Fire Department. Mr. Heustis spoke of the need for legislative representation for Fire Districts, outlined changes in Chapter 75 and problems to be addressed in the 1998 session of the State Legislature. He pointed out that concerns and needs are different with rural and urban districts. The Committee has selected former State Senator Gene Stuart as lobbying agent (vote 17 out of 25 in Jefferson County). St. Matthews has not supported a legislative agent in the past; the Committee is striving for 100% participation; Chairman Dick thanked Mr. Heustis for his informative presentation. No action taken.

Chief Seng reported on Fire Department operations:

- 1) Alarms dispatched during month . . . . 128
- Emergency Medical calls . . . . . 55
- Extrications . . . . . 4
- 2) Crusade weekends: June 7, 8 and 9.
- 3) Recruit class: 11 new recruits; 3 with previous experience.
- 4) Currently St. Matthews Fire District is listed in a law suit filed by 90-year old woman, to stop the sale of tax bills for collection of delinquent taxes.

## CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, held on Thursday, June 5, 1997, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees:

### RESOLVED:

That the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District hereby adopts as its tax rate for the current fiscal year \$0.085 per hundred.

I, Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, hereby certify that the aforesaid Resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District on June 5, 1997, and is still in full force and effect.

Faye Ellerkamp  
SECRETARY

DATE: June 5, 1997

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- 5) One expenditure request for June - annual flammable liquids burn @ Middletown Training Tower -- \$1,100.

Request approval to order:

- a) 6 sets door operators, Station 1 -- \$ 5,400
- b) Cairns IRIS thermal imaging camera-- 25,000
- c) Radio battery conditioner -- 1,300
- d) Generator -- 30,000

Following discussion, Frank Flynn moved to approve the \$1,100 burn expenditure and approve order for items a,b,c,d as listed above; Doug Mitchell seconded, motion passed.

Frank Flynn moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters; Doug Mitchell seconded, motion passed at 8:00 pm.

Trustees returned to Regular Session at 8:50 PM. Chairman Dick announced the following promotions were approved:

- Sergeant Don Ryan to Captain (Career)
- Sergeant John Walling to Captain (Volunteer)
- Firefighter George Santimouris to Sergeant (Volunteer)
- \*Firefighter John Albers to Sergeant (Volunteer)\*
- Major Kenny Strangre received approval to make his change from hazardous duty to non-hazardous, effective June 1, 1997.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is June 19, 1997 at Fern Creek Fire Protection District at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

David Dick  
David Dick, Chairman

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

June 5, 1997

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:10 PM.

Present were Directors David Dick, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell, James King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the May 8, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

David Dick  
David Dick, Chairman

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

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June 11, 1997, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: St. Matthews fire district approves \$1.54m budget:

# St. Matthews fire district approves \$1.54m budget

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District's budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year was approved by its board of trustees on first reading at the June 5 special meeting.

(It replaced the June 12 regular meeting because trustee member David Dick would not be able to attend.)

The \$1,546,000 budget is about \$19,000 under last year's budget. Trustee member James King said this year's budget is smaller due to outstanding debts from property taxes.

The budget includes operating expenses of \$1,319,700. King said little has changed with the operating expenses since last year because they include items such as paid firefighter salaries, volunteer firefighter stipends and reimbursements, vehicle maintenance, general administrative, communications and building maintenance expenses.

But what may affect the district's anticipated capital expenditures, at \$204,300, is the possible purchase of a \$300,000 fire truck and/or estimated costs to resurface the exterior of Station No. 1, 240 Sears Ave., for \$250,000.

Dick said the district could afford a new fire truck or the building expense in addition to the capital expenditures. However, if the board decides to purchase a new truck and resurface the exterior of Station No. 1, some capital budget items may have to wait until next year.

For the past year the board has examined the costs to resurface and better insulate Station No. 1, but the board has not yet decided when it would be feasible to take on the project.

Among capital budgeted items

is the purchase of a thermal imaging camera at \$25,000. The portable device uses infra-red technology to help firefighters locate victims in burning structures, where heavy smoke prohibits clear vision. Following approval of the budget, the board approved the purchase of the thermal imaging camera. St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng said if the camera proves useful enough the board would consider

the purchase of a second one.

In other action:

- The board approved a \$31,500 purchase of a new generator for Station No. 1. Seng said the generator, purchased from Cummins Cumberland, has more power and replaces the old generator, which is outdated.

- Seng also reported that the district expected to raise about \$35,000 for the Crusade for Children.

**July 10, 1997, Trustee meeting:**

July 10, 1997

June 18, 1997

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 10, 1997 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Chief William J. Seng  
St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
340 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, Kentucky 40207

Re: Sy-Laws and Arrestments

Dear Bill:

I enclose copies of the following:

- \* Amendment to the By-Laws dated December 10, 1952.
- \* Amendment to the By-Laws dated April 9, 1953.
- \* Amendment to the By-Laws dated November 14, 1959.
- \* By-Laws dated April 5, 1964. The handwritten notations on the By-Laws are mine.

I did find one memorandum indicating that the original amendment was sent to Faye for inclusion in the minute book.

I hope this helps.

Sincerely,

Marinucci

Marshall P. Eldred, Jr.

Enclosures

1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 2679, 2680, 2681, 2682, 26

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- 1) Total alarms dispatched for the month . . . 144
- 2) Total Emergency Medical Service runs (month. 69 July 29 is "Family Night" when all firefighter families, children included, have pizza and become familiar with training, vehicles and equipment, etc. Trustees and families are invited. Grapevine, Kentucky Fire Department (who bought old 2634) is interested in buying 2635; have money in the bank; will visit soon to discuss a deal.
- 3) The past Tuesday started off with 11 volunteers, lost a few, class of 5 going real well. Had two calls yesterday and one today who are interested and, if they can catch up, we may allow them to join.
- 4) Talked with Steve Cullen about the building (No. 1). The restoration committee was on site and measured but needs to talk with the employees before he can come up with a price.

Chair Flynn addressed Chief's expenditures request for the month of July, totaling \$34,645.00. Following lengthy discussion of each item, Jim King moved to approve the following expenditures:

(1)	3 MT 1000 Motorola Radios	\$3,000.00
(2)	Replace fencing at Station 2	2,700.00
(3)	Fire Prevention Symposium for two inspectors	610.00

TOTAL	<u>\$6,318.00</u>
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Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

Trustees requested more facts and information regarding the request to replace 1989 Ford LTD with a 1998 Ford Expedition. Major Monohan will provide that information for next meeting of the Board, which is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 1997.

Jim King moved, Hal Clifford seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter at 7:25 P.M. Trustees returned to regular session at 7:45 P.M. Chair Flynn announced that no action was taken.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is August 21, at Highview Fire Protection District at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Frank Flynn Acting Choir

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

July 10, 1997

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:45 P.M.

Present were: Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, James King and Faye Ellerkamp; Acting Chief Stuart Monohan. Chair David Dick and Director Doug Mitchell M.D. were absent.

Due to the absence of Chair Dick, the Directors requested Frank Flynn to serve as Chair for the meeting.

Minutes of the June 5, 1997 were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned  
at 8:10 P.M.

Frank Flynn, Acting Chair

Paye Ellerkamp  
Paye Ellerkamp, Secretary



July 10, 1997, Special Trustee meeting:

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August 13, 1997, Trustee meeting:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Minutes

An emergency meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 17, 1997 at District Headquarters. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman David Dick, and Trustees in attendance at that time were: Frank Flynn, Hal Clifford, Jim King, and Dr. Doug Mitchell. On motion of Dr. Mitchell, seconded by Frank Flynn the Board retired into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Trustee Faye Ellerkamp joined the members in executive session at approximately 7:50 p.m. with Chief William J. Seng joining them at 8:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:45 p.m. and announced that no action was taken other than the discussion of personnel matters. Being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Frank Flynn, seconded by Faye Ellerkamp, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

David Dick  
David Dick, Chairman  
St. Matthews, Board of Trustees

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary  
St. Matthews, Board of Trustees

6. Two fire departments have voiced interest in our 2635; none has come back with any price. Chair Dick cautioned about selling old equipment because we are not ready to purchase new equipment at this time. Further, the Chair wants alternatives to equipment choices and reasons for replacing. None of the equipment should be sold until we have the report. Do a cost benefit analysis to show why the District has to spend so much.

7. Requests for following expenditures:  
(1) 6 Scott face masks for new firefighters @ 152 ea. \$ 912.00  
(2) Fire Dept. Safety Officers Class - 2f.f. 1,665.00  
(3) 1997 Fire District Golf Scramble (per budget) 800.00  
(4) New tires for Unit 2634 (budgeted A&E repairs) 700.00  
(5) Replacement printer (budgeted Computer Rep.) 400.00  
(6) 1998 Ford Expedition (replace 1989 Ford LTD) 28,184.00  
(7) Lights and striping for new Ford 1,984.00  
TOTAL \$34,645.00

Following discussion, Jim King moved, Faye Ellerkamp seconded, to approve the first 5 items listed above, total \$4,477.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion, Hal Clifford moved, Doug Mitchell seconded, to purchase the 1998 Ford Expedition (cost \$30,168) to replace Unit 2613, a 1989 Ford LTD. Voting "AYE" were Frank Flynn, Hal Clifford, Doug Mitchell; voting "NAYE" were Jim King, David Dick, Faye Ellerkamp; motion failed.

Hal Clifford moved, Doug Mitchell seconded, motion passed, to go into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. to discuss personnel matter.

Trustees returned to regular meeting at 8:10 P.M. Chair Dick announced that no action was taken.

Chief Seng reported an interest has been expressed to purchase the Brown Avenue property at rear of station, currently for sale. The District could use more parking space - this might be a solution. Trustees asked Chief to research cost, how much land could be marked off, procedures required and report back.

Upon motion made and seconded, trustees moved to Executive Session for discussion of personnel problem and litigation at 8:22 P.M.

Trustees returned to Regular Meeting at 8:52 P.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

August 13, 1997

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 13, 1997 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees David Dick, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D., Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Stuart Monohan and Dan Doyle, SMFPD; Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park.

Chair David Dick called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Jim King moved, Hal Clifford seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 1997 meeting as written; motion passed.

Treasurer Jim King distributed the Financial Statements for the month of July, which were reviewed and discussed in detail. Treasurer noted that the cost of physicals and the network computer system update will be charged to FY1996/97 expenses.

The Insurance Report covering bids received from three agencies was reviewed. Because of the different coverage of the policies and the level of service provided by our current agent, Chair Dick recommended the District continue coverage with VFIS; Trustees concurred.

Chief Seng reported on Fire Department operations:

1. Total alarms dispatched for the month . . . . . 130  
" " " " year to date . . . . . 1,157  
Extrication/Medical Assistance for the month . . . . . 36  
" " " " year to date . . . . . 276
2. Chief is serving on a committee to see how EMS is working and ascertain if there is some way we can get involved, but be paid for participation.
3. Installation of new generator is almost complete.
4. Exterior of Station 1 building: Estimate to remove existing paint and re-coat with an opaque water repellant is \$90,000 --which does not include windows, flashing, etc. Norman Berry, Architect, will come to review the 3 options if the Board desires.
5. The "imaging camera" (helmet) was on display. Chief advises the company is sending a training officer to instruct and train two of our men.

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Chairman Dick requested approval of minutes of emergency meeting held on Thursday, July 17. Following discussion, Frank Flynn moved to approve the minutes as written, Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is August 21 at Highview Fire Protection District at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

David Dick  
David Dick, Chairman

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

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August 13, 1997, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

August 13, 1997

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:05 P.M.

Present were: Directors David Dick, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D., Faye Ellerkamp; and Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the July 10, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

  
David Dick, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

August 20, 1997:, *The Voice-Tribune*: St. Matthews to spend \$1,665 on fire safety:

## St. Matthews to spend \$1,665 on fire safety class

In an effort to keep St. Matthews firefighters up-to-date on safety procedures, the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's board of trustees unanimously approved a \$1,665 outlay to send two fire department officers to a fire safety class in St. Louis.

The measure was approved at the board's Aug. 13 special meeting. The meeting was moved from Aug. 14 to the preceding day so all trustee members could be present.

"We are still trying to decide which two officers should attend the class," said St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng. "But the class itself will primarily focus on what firefighters and officers should look for upon arrival at the scene of an emergency."

Seng said that such classes are beneficial in keeping firefighters informed on new techniques and ideas on how to properly handle an emergency.

In other action, the board unanimously approved a \$912 purchase of six new oxygen masks. Also approved were the purchase of four new tires for one of the district's fire trucks at \$700 and the replacement of a desk jet printer for office use at \$400.

— Chris Wooton

• FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1997

ST. MATTHEWS

# Heat-detecting helmet aids firefighting and rescue work

By MARTHA ELSON  
The Courier-Journal

After a fatal motorcycle accident on Breckenridge Lane one recent night, a new "thermal imaging" helmet allowed St. Matthews firefighters to search a dark field nearby for anyone else who might have been involved.

The same type of device may have saved the lives of firefighters battling a grocery fire in Okolona in July. Fire Capt. Billy Mattingly said that he looked up while wearing the helmet and "realized we had a lot more fire than we thought." He immediately ordered firefighters to evacuate — just before the roof collapsed.

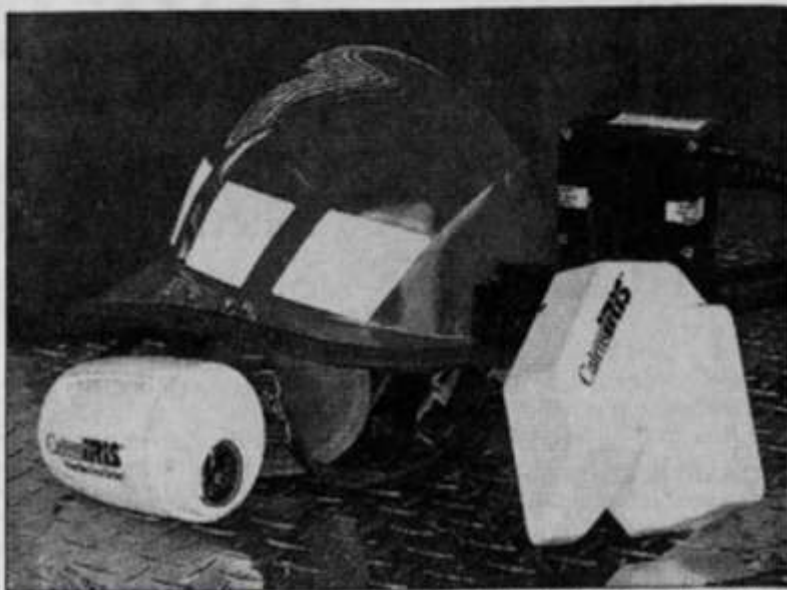
Last spring, Okolona became the first fire department in Jefferson County to purchase one of the \$25,000 helmets after it was featured on the television news show "Dateline NBC." St. Matthews bought one last month and has budgeted money to buy another in the spring.

Yesterday St. Matthews firefighters tried out the battery-powered device at a training fire in Middletown.

Pairs of firefighters entered the smoky building, with one wearing the helmet. "It's pretty amazing," said Maj. Stuart Monohan, St. Matthews' training coordinator. The one without the helmet "couldn't see the other guy two feet from him. And the other one could see the whole room."

The helmet is intended to improve firefighter safety, help with rescues and reduce property damage by helping detect the source of a fire more quickly. The idea originated with the military's night-vision equipment.

The helmet is equipped with a camera on one side and a small, pull-down television-type screen in front that enables the wearer to see im-



BY PAUL SCHUHMAN, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

**The St. Matthews Fire Department's new, \$25,000 "thermal imaging" helmet can help firefighters find people in smoke-filled buildings.**

ages in darkness and smoke.

It works on the principle that all objects generate heat, and the hotter the object — such as a human body — the brighter the image will appear on the screen. Firefighters can use the device to find people in a smoke-filled building. It can even detect footprints.

"Everything white (on the screen) is hot, black is cold, and everything in between is gray," Monohan explained while demonstrating the helmet.

The eight-pound device is manufactured by the CairnsIRIS Co. of New Jersey, and trainers from Atlanta have worked with the Jefferson County fire companies.

Mattingly said an Atlanta fire captain related how he found a 12-year-old boy in a burning house by detecting his elbow sticking out from be-

hind a couch. Two other crews had missed the boy, who later died.

In another Okolona case, firefighters thought a home fire had been confined to the laundry room. But when the helmet wearer looked up, he could see the attic was on fire, too, and they were able to contain it.

"It never even came through the roof," Mattingly said of the fire. "In the old days, it probably would have burned the roof off."

"It's worked out great for us," he added. "It gets used on just about every fire run we make."

Okolona also recently experimented with the county's Disaster and Emergency Services division on searching for people in a wooded area from a helicopter. Mattingly said that during the emergency simulation, he was able to spot people faster than search dogs could.

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September 11, 1997, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

September 11, 1997

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 11, 1997 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Frank Flynn, Jim King and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Major Stuart Monohan, SMFPD; Hon. Jack Nold, Woodlawn Park; Chris Wooton, the VOICE-TRIBUNE.

Due to lack of a quorum, no business was conducted. Trustees David Dick, Hal Clifford and Doug Mitchell were absent.

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, October 9, 1997.

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

September 11, 1997

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:20 P.M.

Present were: Directors Frank Flynn, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Major Stuart Monohan, SMFPD; Hon. Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park, and Chris Wooton, the VOICE-TRIBUNE.

Directors David Dick, Hal Clifford and Doug Mitchell were absent.

Due to lack of a quorum, no business was conducted.

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary



**October 9, 1997, Trustee meeting:**

October 9, 1997

Chief Seng reported on District Operations:

- 1) SNFD responded to a business office under renovation at 3906 DuPont Square South - at least \$50,000 damage -- discarded smoking materials observed. Dr. Stan Frager, from a neighboring office, liked the job St. Matthews Fire Department did. Responded with 2 pumpers, truck company lot of man power; engines from McMahan - total of 4 pumpers, one truck, the blower; 15 to 20 minutes to control.
- 2) Included with Chief's report to Trustees, No Byrne's update relating to "Conflict of Interest & Ethics" and "Records for Fire Protection Departments", to be added to your compendiums.
- 3) A copy of Mo Byrne's letter relating to the Knipper law suit against the Commonwealth, Case #95-CI-101893, \$44.4 million dollars of funds for fire training and protection.
- 4) Total alarms dispatched for the month - - - - - 131  
                "               "               year to date - - - - - 1,438  
Extraction/Med Assistance dispatched for the month - - - 38  
                "               "               year to date - - - 365

October 9, 1997

There being no further business, meeting adjourned  
at 10:00 P.M.

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

1997

# November 13, 1997, Trustee meeting:

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT November 13, 1997

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 13, 1997 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees, David Dick, Chairman, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell M.D., James King and Faye Ellerkamp; Major Stuart Monahan, Sgt. Larry Heaphy, SNFPD; Rick Tonini, City of St. Matthews; Joe Godbey and Ken Cunagin, Prudential Insurance Company.

James King moved, Hal Clifford seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 1997 meeting as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer James King reviewed the Balance Sheet and combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month of October.

Chief William J. Seng reported on District operations:

- |  | Month | Yr. to Date |
|--|-------|-------------|
| 1) Total alarms dispatched for October | 131   | 1,592       |
| Extrication/Medical Assistance         | 51    | 419         |
- 2) Referred to letter received from William D. Morris, President of Teamsters Local 783, who represents Jefferson County EMS. Mr. Morris apparently thinks several Jefferson County Fire Departments are in some kind of negotiations with Anchorage Fire Department to put an ambulance in our fire house. Also included a response sent on November 13 to Teamster's President by Chief Joseph M. Frith, Anchorage Fire EMS, refuting the "rumors" and stating if a proposal were received by Anchorage Ambulance District, Chief Frith would immediately give a copy to the command staff of Jefferson County EMS. No further communication has been received from Mr. Morris.
- 3) The District received two bids for the old generator at Station 1 -- one for \$135.00 from an individual from LG&E and one from Jackie DeHart for \$300.00. Following discussion, Trustees authorized Chief Seng to sell the generator to Jackie DeHart for \$300.00.
- 4) The new 5-inch hose has been received and installed on Unit 2632. Trustees approved the sale of 12 sections of old hose for \$175.00 a section, total of \$2,100.00, to a western Kentucky fire department.

## 5) Expenditure request for November:

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|---|-------------------|
| a) Gift certificates for turkeys and hams                             | \$1,375.00        |
| b) Registration & lodging for PDIC 98(per budget)                     | 3,000.00          |
| c) 4 Fire Helmets (one w/communication system installed)              | 1,371.00          |
| d) Registration & lodging for Apparatus Symposium, Orlando (two reps) | 1,800.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$7,546.00</b> |

Following discussion, Frank Flynn moved to approve the expenditures listed (a) through (d), totaling \$7,546.00; Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

Frank Flynn moved to clarify the District's policy by stating that all members, including the chairman of the Board of Trustees, can make a motion and vote on issues before the Board; Doug Mitchell seconded, motion passed.

The problems with exterior deterioration of Building at Station 1 were discussed at length, including comments from Rick Tonini, relating his experience with Dryvit- air pollution requires frequent repainting. Following discussion, Doug Mitchell moved to authorize Chief Seng to have the architect (Norman Berry firm) draw up specifications for the brick veneer for the whole building, with estimated costs; David Dick seconded; motion passed.

Chief Seng presented new, updated compendium notebooks to the Trustees.

Frank Flynn moved, Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed to go into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. for discussion of personnel matter.

Trustees returned to Regular Session at 8:30 P.M. Chairman Dick presented a letter to the District from Franklin Florence, requesting that he receive his benefits. After extended discussion motion was made by Frank Flynn, seconded by Hal Clifford, to direct counsel to advise each of them - Franklin Florence, Al Haeberlin and Al Ring that each is ineligible for participation in the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's length of service awards program. Motion passed unanimously.

SNFPD Minutes (Addendum)

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

November 13, 1997

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:45 P.M.

Present were: Chair David Dick, Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, James King, Doug Mitchell M.D. and Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the October 9, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

*David Dick*  
David Dick, Chairman

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

Chair David Dick stated that of all the items on the agenda, one such was consideration for using the Prudential Insurance Company for funding the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's Length of Service and Awards Program.

Upon motion made, seconded and duly carried, it was:

RESOLVED, that Frank A. Flynn and Faye Ellerkamp be and are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Corporation all documents necessary to establish funding for the Length of Service Program.

This item on the agenda completed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

*David Dick*  
David Dick, Chairman

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

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**November 26, 1997, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: St. Matthews area volunteers honored at breakfast.** Fourteen civic-minded citizens were honored at the St. Matthews Community Pride Breakfast on November 19, at the St. Matthews Women's Club. The event was sponsored by the St. Matthews Area Business Association (SMABA).

Courier-Journal columnist Bob Hill was the featured speaker and awards presenter. Hill made a humorous presentation and read excerpts from his latest book, "Stone Walls & River Music," a collection of some of his favorite columns.

The honorees and the group they were honored by included: Syliva Robinson, Baptist Hospital East; Betty Dant, Suburban Hospital; Clare Holman, SMABA; Martha Lohr, SMABA, Bill, McKinney, St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM); Iva Hancock, ST. Matthews Business and Professional Women; John C. Walling, Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews; Clifford B. Amos, Kiwanis Club; Bernie Tichenor, St. Matthews Lions Club; Daniel N. Klinck, St. Matthews Rotary Club; and George A. Hill, Woman's Club of St. Matthews.

John C. Walling, Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews: Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews and St. Matthews Area Business Association are proud to honor veteran firefighter Sgt. John C. Walling, who has been named St. Matthews Fire Protection District's 1997 Firefighter of the Year. Walling has more than 15 years of service with the district since first joining in 1974. In the years prior to 1974, he spent much of his time with his father, the late Maj. Robert C. Walling, "responding to alarms or just being around the fire station."

"Many of my earliest and most vivid memories of my father revolve around being a firefighter," said Walling. "I grew up thinking that the Fire Service is what you do – a way of life. I still believe that. I have a 5-year-old son that enjoys being around the fire house as much as I do. There will be a Walling associated with this fire district for many years to come."

Walling is attached to the district's training division and spends a great deal of time working with the recruit program and continuing education of the more experienced firefighters. He is also a Kentucky, Indiana and nationally certified EMT and a member of the Jefferson County Trench Rescue Team. Since 1974, he has amassed more than 3,000 training hours in many subject areas and averages over 60 percent response to fire alarms and emergencies in the fire district area.

He and his wife Susan of 18 years and son Sam live in Beechwood Village. He is the safety director for Koetter Construction of Floyd Knobs, Inc., where he also functions as human resources, government and public relations manager.



From left (standing): Clare Holman, Daniel N. Klinck, Larry Alvey, Betty Dant, Sylvia Robinson, George A. Hill, Bill McKinney and Bernie E. Tichenor. From left (seated): John C. Walling, Clifford B. Amos, Iva Hancock, Nancy Simon, Martha Lohr and Kathy Eigelbach.



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November 26, 1997, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Chris Wooton: Richlawn couple keep full schedule with business, family.

## Richlawn couple keep full schedule with business, family

By CHRIS WOOTON  
Staff Writer

Don't ever say that Richlawn residents Mary Joe and Ed Brown have nothing to do.

The Browns have watched their gift basket business, Baskets By MJB, grow since its inception in 1994. Both are also active members of the St. Matthews Area Business Association, the Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. Ed Brown is a full-time firefighter with the St. Matthews Fire Department and Mary Joe Brown is vice president of the Louisville Soccer Club.

With such a full schedule in addition to raising their 16-year-old son Edwin Brown Jr., who is a sophomore at Trinity High School, organization is the key to their success.

"We have to be organized," said Mary Joe Brown, a former math teacher at Coleridge Taylor Elementary School. "Working out of our home has its benefits. I am usually on the telephone with soccer volunteers while I'm working on gift baskets."

That dedication has paid off for the Browns. In its second year of business, Baskets By MJB doubled in sales, and the Browns expect another 20 to 30 percent increase during the Christmas season. Meanwhile, as interest in soccer grows so does the Louisville Soccer Club. This spring the club, which plays behind Oxmoor Center on Christian Way, will be host to some 180 teams from 14 states for the spring tournament in April. For Mary Joe Brown that means a lot of phone calls to soccer club volunteers, editing the program, ordering trophies, selling advertising and making sure the fields are ready for play.

"Mary Joe is the epitome of the volunteer spirit that a lot of people have in the club," said Louisville Soccer Club president Peter Macon. "She steps in and does the job without shirking the drudgery."

Mary Joe Brown started working for the club as a fund-raiser in 1993, while her son was a club member. She said though her work there keeps her busy, it's the volunteers who are essential to the club's success.

When not fighting fires, Ed Brown helps with Baskets By MJB in his spare time by making deliveries, maintaining a client

database and keeping the financial records.

"Mary Joe has a real talent for arranging gift baskets," said Ed Brown. "We figured that it would be great to apply that talent to a business."

Baskets By MJB has found its niche among corporations and individual clients. The business offers a variety of gift baskets. The Kentucky basket, for example, includes regional favorites such as Ale 8 softdrinks and Ruth Hunt candies. Other baskets include soups, cornbread, candy, Old Forrester bourbon balls — just about anything the customer asks for — with prices ranging from \$25 to \$200.

While it is important for the Browns to stay involved with their family, it is just as important for them to remain involved with the business community for which they work. Mary Joe Brown just began her second year as a board member for the St. Matthews Area Business Association. Both agree that their involvement with SMABA, the chamber and the visitors bureau is essential not only to the success of their business, but to the business community as a whole.

"Anything the association needs done, the Browns will pitch in and help however they can," said SMABA executive director Linda Leffert.

The Browns' drive to stay busy is in their blood. Mary Joe Brown, 47, a graduate of Pleasure Ridge Park High School and the University of Kentucky, used to skate competitively, played tennis, was a cheerleader and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Ed Brown, 51, is a graduate of the old Kentucky Military Institute and the University of Louisville. He is also a Vietnam veteran who served in the U.S. Navy, a licensed pilot and a scuba diver.

"Success is happiness," said Mary Joe Brown. "Money may make life easier — but not happier. My parents (Mary and Joe Reesor) have supported me in all of my activities. They led me to believe I could do anything."

"Indeed, success is doing the things you want to do," said Ed Brown. "You have to go your own way."



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November 29, 1997, The Courier-Journal

'It's the best day of the year'

# They're off! And shopping



By noon yesterday, most spots were filled at Mall St. Matthews. "It's been heavy traffic, but no major problems," said Sgt. Gary Burton of the St. Matthews Police Department.

BY PAM SPAULDING, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

## December 11, 1997, Trustee meeting:

- 1) Total alarms dispatched for the month of November . . 147  
" " " " year to date . . . . . 1,739  
Extrication/Medical Assistance month of November . . 60  
" " " " year to date . . . . . 476
- 2) The annual awards banquet was a big success this year.
- 3) Responded to a working house fire two weeks ago at the corner of Staebler and Chenoweth Lane; nobody was injured but there was a significant amount of damage done to the second floor because nobody was at home and the fire got a good start. We had the opportunity to use the new Cairns Iris Camera on this fire. Captain McCune was the officer using the helmet and he was amazed at the results.
- 4) The Trustees committed to purchase a second camera next year. Anchorage Fire & EMS found that by ordering 4 or more of the helmets, Cairns will give a 5% discount (\$1,300 off price of each helmet ordered). Following discussion and a demonstration by Captain McCune and agreement a second camera would contribute to safety and offer a cost-savings, Frank Flynn moved to authorize Chief Seng to place the order for a second Cairns Iris Camera with the Anchorage Fire & EMS order; Faye Ellerkam seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Faye Ellerkanp  
Faye Ellerkanp, Secretary

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1997, Roster and Total Runs:

Total Runs Made by Firefighters

FDID	NAME	ON DUTY RUNS	OFF DUTY RUNS	TOTAL RUNS
64	FF2 CHARLIE DAVIS	754	7	761
18	SGT DAVE DUGAN	601	82	683
19	FF2 ED BROWN	607	10	617
40	CPT JOE WOLFE	489	76	565
25	SGT DAN DOYLE	522	41	563
3	SGT LARRY HEAPHY	425	119	544
34	CPT SAM MCCUNE	496	12	508
35	FF2 TOM MARSHALL	496	1	497
23	FF2 MIKE WILLINGER	444	38	482
5	FF2 TONY GLASS	458	7	465
6	FF2 PAUL KURTZ	334	127	461
12	CPT. FRANK FLYNN	398	60	458
57	FF1 JOHN CHILKO		447	447
49	SGT JOHN ALBERS		432	432
32	FF2 ERIK SORENSEN	189	235	424
7	FF2 MIKE BIVEN	261	163	424
46	MAJ STUART MONOHAN	188	197	385
38	FF2 ALAN UNTHANK		362	362
26	FF2 KENT MONOHAN	348	8	356
68	FF1 MIKE MILLER		351	351
53	SGT JACKIE DEHART	154	182	336
2	CAPTAIN JOHN WALLING		317	317
65	CPT DON RYAN	163	137	300
28	SGT GEORGE SANTAMOURIS		299	299
52	FF2 BRIAN JENNEMANN		265	265
48	CPT JOHN VOLKERDING		254	254
56	FF1 DEBBIE RAY		228	228
45	FFR CHESTER REED		217	217
15	CPT KEITH MCBRIDE		194	194
33	FFR ADAM NAY		192	192
8	FF1 WILL VAIL		154	154
39	CPT HAL CLIFFORD		150	150
47	FF1 JUSTIN TAMPLIN		123	123
30	SGT PAT NOLAND		107	107
9	FFR CHRISTA BARNES		104	104
13	MARSHAL DENNY ENGEHL		103	103
20	SGT DAVE KAMER		90	90
59	FF2 GEORGE WIGGINS		89	89
66	FF1 JEFF MILLER		89	89
11	FFR PATTI BONNIE		79	79
54	FFR BOB ROSS		67	67
17	FF2 JIM WHITLOCK		62	62
44	FFR ANDREW WARD		60	60
14	FF2 RON UNTHANK		50	50
22	FF1 HUNTER LOUIS		49	49

Unknown dates but believed to be 1997:

## MORE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS

Your recent article ("Area needs more fire volunteers") is one that I feel needs comment, although I do not live in Oldham County. I live one mile from the Oldham line off Route 22, and our new subdivision has many of the same problems as the area covered by your article. The difference in our takes on the subject will be explained by the fact that I am a retired professional firefighter (from the Chicago suburbs) and a former volunteer firefighter as well.

I also realize that you were doing your job the best you could with the information provided by the locals. Herein lies the rub. The locals should not be rustling the bushes for volunteers; they should be clamoring for a full-time professional fire department.

The so-called young professionals cited as the most recent arrivals to the area have little, if

any, clue as to the level of protection (or lack of it) that they have. This is not to say that the volunteers do not do the best they can, but this is not their "job." In most places, it is a hobby, albeit a serious one, and in many places, it is a social function as well.

The most disturbing aspect of your article came from whoever gave you the information concerning the recruitment of non-firefighting personnel. Suppose an alarm was sounded and the only response was from these non-firefighting persons? It could happen at any time. What happens then? Duh! Cross-training is the single most important aspect of a volunteer service.

We also have the reason many areas cannot find volunteers staring us in the face. Most new residents to an area such as the one described in the article come from the city and expect service

as they have always known it — paid professionals in emergency service departments.

On a related note, one of the most important points of the proposed city-county merger would be the spread of paid professional firefighters to all areas of Jefferson County. I have heard some of the most ridiculous comments on talk radio concerning this, such as how "nice" the suburban equipment is compared to the city rigs. Well, guess what? Rigs do not put out fires! Firefighters put out fires, and professional firefighters do it better, faster and safer than their volunteer counterparts.

I have also heard callers contend that volunteers are better trained because they drill one evening every week. This is absurd. Contrary to popular belief, professional firefighters do not sit in the firehouse all shift wait-

ing for runs. Where I worked, we were required to document 36 hours of training and nine hours of physical fitness per month. We worked nine 24-hour shifts per month. That is five hours per shift of training and/or PT, not an evening per week.

Perhaps a follow-up look at this subject would be in order, but be forewarned you will receive little help from volunteer chiefs in exploring ways to put them out of a "plum" position in their local social hierarchy, and an outside expert on the subject may not wish to step on local politicians' toes. Believe me, as the millennium dawns, the volunteer service in urban areas is a dinosaur.

**ROBERT CISKOSKI**  
Louisville 40245

Mr. Ciskoski is retired from the Schaumburg, Ill., Fire Department. — Editor.

## IN DEFENSE OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

### 'The same training'

Regarding the March 1 letter, "More professional firefighters": ... I will ... focus on Oldham County, La Grange Fire and Rescue, since that is where my husband has served for 20 years and is the current fire chief.

In Kentucky, volunteer firefighters are required to complete the same training as the paid firefighters. The requirements set up by the state include 180 hours of training, which includes testing, physical fitness, hours put in driving the trucks, and use of the equipment. Not only do these firefighters put in the initial 180 hours of training; they also are required to attend one three-hour weekly training session. The department also is broken down into different divisions, and these groups put in an additional six to 10 hours a week. That doesn't include the time that over 90 percent of the department spends independently training and receiving instructions at the fire house. And each year all department personnel are required to attend fire training schools, the same schools the paid firefighters attend. During training sessions each week, the department has routine house burnings on condemned homes. ... You want to see trained professionals? Stop by the La Grange Fire and Rescue Department, or any of Oldham County's fire departments.

... There is no lack of protection in this district, and we can and do respond to alarms 24 hours a day, seven days a week with efficiency, professionalism and the same training that the paid firefighters receive.

Now, as far as this being a "plum position in their local hierarchy" ... my husband puts in more hours each week at the La Grange Fire and Rescue Department than astronauts train in a given week. He not only has to put in more training than anyone else — which includes classes

conducted by the state fire marshal, inspections and working on his own physical fitness — he is on call 24 hours a day. He cares more about his town, district and every firefighter in his department, and no one pays him for his care, concern or his time. When it comes to pride and self-respect, a person is going to give more to something he truly cares about, his own neighbors and friends. You can't buy that kind of loyalty; it comes from the heart.

Volunteers vs. paid? I'd put La Grange Fire and Rescue up against any paid firefighter in the state. ...

**BRANDI L. HEILMAN**  
La Grange, Ky. 40031

### 'The rich tradition'

The March 1 letter about the shortcomings of Jefferson County's level of fire protection was riddled with emotion and not necessarily founded in fact. The writer's presumption that, because the volunteer firefighter does not derive a paycheck from providing fire protection, his or her services are substandard is categorically wrong. My experience is that the rate or source of remuneration will not dictate the quality, reliability or competency of any group or organization to provide fire protection, whether paid or volunteer.

If the March 1 letter writer could objectively evaluate the fire service, he would find that there are as many unsafe, incompetent firefighters lurking in fully paid organizations as there are in volunteer or combination (part paid/part volunteer) organizations. To come to any other conclusion would be avoiding the truth.

The quality of the fire protection afforded this entire community is a matter of the drive and determination of those individuals charged with the responsibility to deliver it. Some are paid, some are not. Those of us who



BY PAT MCDONOUGH, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

North Oldham volunteer firefighter Karen Miller, left, held onto a rope during a demonstration last month by training officer Mike Hilliard.

hold ourselves to the tradition of service to our brothers and sisters in need are the future of fire protection. We will seek out the knowledge and develop our skills to meet the task. We will hand down the knowledge to fight fires and save lives to our sons and daughters. We will strive to set examples for the next generation to look up to. We will keep up the rich tradition of selfless service to others. Some will be paid, some will not.

**Capt. JOHN C. WALLING**  
Jefferson County Fire Service  
St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District  
Louisville 40237

### 'An invaluable service'

... A March letter I writer is hung up on the same issue as many — paid firefighter vs. volunteer — when the real issue is a higher level of service. His comment that paid firefighters "do it better, faster and safer than their volunteer counterparts" can be statistically challenged. In 1995, 83 of the na-

tion's approximately 1 million volunteer firefighters died in the line of duty, and 33 of the nation's approximately 300,000 paid firefighters died in the line of duty. My calculations do not show paid firefighters being safer. Regardless, the fire service as a whole must improve risk management.

I am of the opinion that if you asked citizens what they expect when they dial 911, they would say "highly trained individuals, as quickly as possible."

My job is to provide just that. My department operates on a property tax income of 8 cents per \$100 assessed property value. This generates nearly \$400,000 annually. To provide adequate fire protection for my 36-square-mile district with only paid firefighters, an income of \$1.2 million would be required for payroll alone, not to mention insurance, utilities, fuel, etc. This explains why fully paid departments require more than 50 cents per \$100 assessed property value.

With this in mind, we must

recruit and train highly motivated and civic-minded individuals to provide service. These individuals are trained to meet state certifications and provide an invaluable service to their neighbors. This is a solution to a community need.

... The fire service, as a whole, is trying to break the grip of tradition and expand into a progressive, responsible industry. There are many activities available for individuals who can't put out fires, such as administrative duties, recruiting, public relations, etc. This allows firefighters to spend more time training and responding to emergencies. If I have a retired person who is willing to deliver radios to the repair shop 20 miles from the station, and an alarm comes in, the firefighter who did not have to deliver those radios is on a fire apparatus responding to the alarm. It is not hard to see the value of this non-firefighting individual. ...

Each fire district holds an open meeting monthly, where the public can see the operation, educate themselves and make suggestions or complaints. ... I encourage the March 1 letter writer to attend these meetings. ... He could provide constructive assistance or request that his community's fire taxes be increased. (He might check with his neighbors on the tax increase.) ...

I agree with the letter's title, "More professional firefighters," they are greatly needed. However, the definition I find for a professional firefighter contains three ingredients: knowledge, skill and attitude. Nowhere in a definition can I find where a paycheck automatically makes one a professional. I consider myself a professional, and I also get paid to do it.

**MICHAEL MORGAN**  
Prospect, Ky. 40059

Mr. Morgan is assistant chief of the North Oldham Fire Department. — Editor.



Courtesy LF&amp;R:

David Howser on of Lyndon's Battalion Chief's was the model for the statue.

# Statue honors heroic firefighters

## New memorial lists 75 who died in line of duty

By JOE WARD  
The Courier-Journal

Steve Harrington was 25 when he died, a Buechel volunteer firefighter trying to find a small boy trapped on the second floor of a burning house.

That was 16 years ago, but Harrington's father still couldn't keep the tears out of eyes when he talked about it yesterday, at the dedication of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at Jefferson Square in Louisville.

"The ceiling fell," James Harrington said. "They couldn't find Steve until after the fire was over. They didn't get the little boy out either."

Steve Harrington always wanted to be a firefighter. "I was opposed to it" because of the danger, the elder Harrington said. But he said he is proud now. "I'm not sure I would have been able to make the effort he did."

Yesterday's ceremony recognized the effort made by Steve Harrington and 74 other firefighters who have died in the line of duty in Louisville and Jefferson County since 1874, when the first local firefighter was lost.

Community leaders and survivors of firefighters unveiled a 6-foot-tall bronze statue by Louisville sculptor Barney Bright, paid for with \$110,000 from city and county governments and community fund raising.

It depicts a firefighter carrying a baby in his arms and leading a small girl by the hand to safety. All 75 names of the fallen are engraved on an eight-sided, 3½-foot-tall black granite base.

James Harrington and other survivors — including grandchildren of firefighters who died in the 1880s — anchored a crowd of about 1,000, the whole outlined by uniformed firefighters from units throughout the county.

Those honored "are heroes not because of how they died but because of how they lived," Board of Aldermen President Bebe Melton



PHOTOS BY PAT McDONOUGH, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Louisville Alderman Bebe Melton comforted Angela Nutter, widow of Louisville firefighter Strawn Nutter, after the Fallen Firefighters Memorial was unveiled yesterday at Jefferson Square. Strawn Nutter was killed in 1994 when he was battling a fire that was found to be arson.

told the crowd.

Shively Mayor Jim Jenkins said the memorial "serves not only as a tribute ... but also as a daily reminder of the courage ... of firefighters throughout Jefferson County."

The monument faces the Hall of Justice across Sixth Street. Lt. Gov. Steve Henry said it was designed so that "anybody going by in a car can know immediately what it is."

Taps sounded and a distant bell tolled as retired firefighter Jim Murphy read the 75 names.

"They were the best Kentucky has to offer," Henry said. "We hope there will be no more names added. That's the goal."



Zion Melman, right, with the Lake Dreamland Fire Department, stood at attention with other firefighters at the ceremony.

# 1997 STMFD Fire District Operations Report

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## St. Matthews Fire Protection District

### 1997 Fire District Operations Report

William J. Seng  
Fire Chief



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## St. Matthews Fire Protection District

### MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District is committed to protecting the lives and property within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our community by providing rapid and professional, humanitarian services, essential to the health and safety of the citizens of our community.

We will accomplish our mission through education, prevention, fire suppression, medical services, and other related emergency and non-emergency activities. We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Seng".  
Fire Chief

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**

240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

William J. Seng  
Fire Chief

*Learn Not  
To Burn*

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March 12, 1998

To: St. Matthews Fire Protection District, Board of Trustees

The following information has been gathered to form a statistical analysis of the type of activities that the St. Matthews Fire Protection District was involved in during the 1997 calendar year. With this information we will be able to track what areas in the fire district have the most fire runs, what type of fire runs are most common, the busiest day of the week, and the hour of the day when most emergencies occur.

After careful evaluation of this information changes can then be made, if necessary, to our day to day operation to try to increase or improve our overall performance.

Also enclosed in this report is a yearly review of the Maintenance, Training, and Inspection Bureau.

In closing, I want the Board of Trustees to know that the firefighters of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District strive everyday to provide the citizens of this community with the best fire protection available and in the most cost effective manner as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Seng".  
William J. Seng  
Fire Chief

PS: Special thanks to the entire staff for compiling the necessary information to make this handbook possible.

### Fire Incidents

In 1997 the fire district responded to 1249 Fire runs and 617 EMT-D runs for a total of 1866. The following report is intended to give a brief summary of the activities of the fire district for 1997. The incidents are recorded using the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). These reports are sent to the State Fire Marshals Office, and will compile a statewide report that is available between March and July. The state forwards these reports to the National Fire Information Council (NFIC). They produce a report that is available between July and December.

There was a rise in private dwelling fires and stores and offices from 1996. There was also a rise in malicious and mischievous false calls from the previous year. There were also a great number of 'other responses' because of the flood in March of 1997. We also had a large increase of EMT-D runs, rising 22% from 1996. All of these points are illustrated further in this report.

There were no fire-related deaths or injuries for 1997. This is due to our excellent command and training efforts and should be applauded.

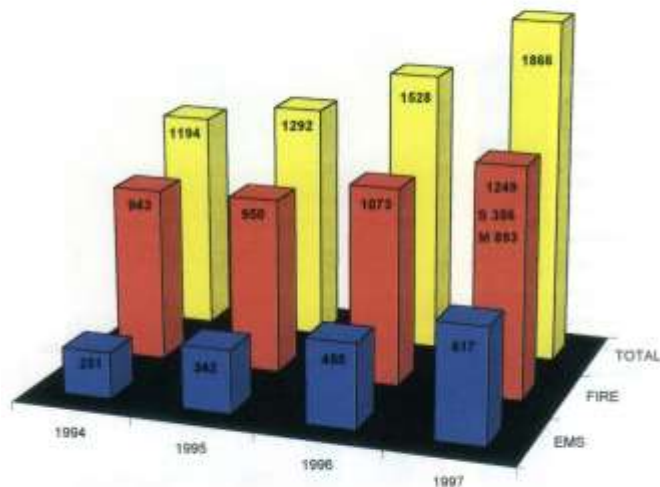
The massive rainfall in March offered the department a large challenge. With many basements flooding we provided many 'Good Intent' calls by offering our assistance to anyone who called. This assistance included natural gas shutoff, electrical shutoff, often times done though wading in 1-3 feet of water trapped in basements.

The department was also involved in the evacuation of a Woodlawn Park neighborhood. Many residents were displaced and needed our assistance getting out of their flooded homes. We also received help from the Worthington, and Harrods Creek Fire Districts in the form of boats for this evacuation.



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## Emergency Response 1994-1997

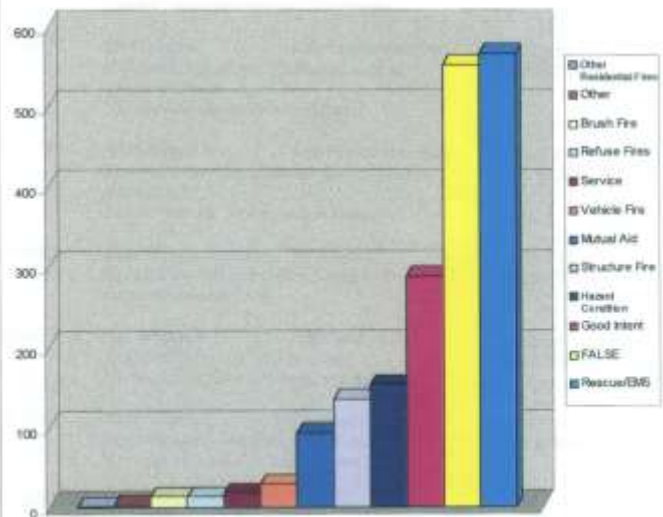


Increase over 4 Years 64%

## Fire Incidents 1997

Type of Fire		Type of Fire	
Structure Fire	135	Hazard Condition	153
Vehicle Fire	29	Service	18
Brush Fire	14	Good Intent	288
Refuse Fires	14	FALSE	552
Other Residential Fires	1	Mutual Aid	93
Rescue/EMS	566	Other	3
Total	1866		

## Fire Incidents 1997



## Structure Fires 1997

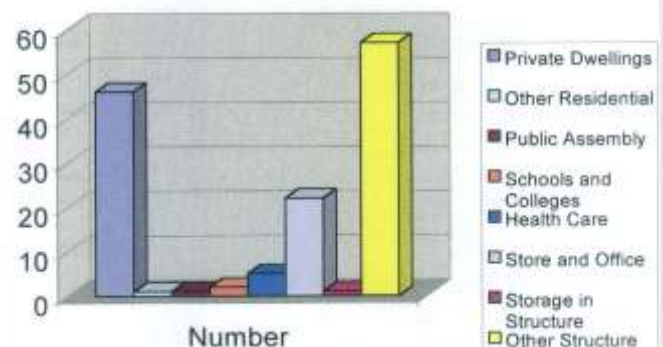
47 Structure fires were reported in 1997. Few of these could be described as working fires according to our requirements. Listed below are the structure fires, which reported a loss of \$5,000 or more, included are type of structure, time dispatched, address, and a brief summary.

01/09/97	<b>112 Fairlawn</b>	One Family Dwelling	1:15 a.m.
	Basement fire started by smoking materials.		Loss:\$135,000
	Smoke detector present and functioning		
02/28/97	<b>4013 Springhill</b>	One Family Dwelling	12:06 a.m.
	Dryer fire in the basement.		Loss:\$5,000
	Smoke detector present and functioning		
03/06/97	<b>98 Warrior</b>	One Family Dwelling	4:27 a.m.
	Fan motor seized and overheated starting fire in basement		Loss:\$1,000,000
	No working smoke detectors found		
06/05/97	<b>4305 Talahi Wy</b>	One Family Dwelling	12:30 p.m.
	Discarded smoking materials started kitchen fire in trash.		Loss:\$6,000
	Smoke detector present and working.		
10/08/97	<b>3906 Dupont Square</b>	Business	11:42 p.m.
	Rubbish fire inside building, ignition material undetermined.		Loss:\$179,205
10/24/97	<b>724 Wicklow</b>	One Family Dwelling	1:19 a.m.
	Electrical lamp ignited a attic fire		Loss:\$50,000
	No working smoke detectors in house		
11/20/97	<b>3830 Staebler</b>	Boarding House	11:43 p.m.
	Fire in upstairs bedroom, caused undetermined.		Loss:\$24,000
	No working smoke detectors in building.		
12/14/97	<b>1806 Bainbridge</b>	One Family Dwelling	8:49 a.m.
	Kitchen fire started by candle		Loss:\$250,000
	Smoke detectors present and working.		

## Structure Fire Breakdown

Type of Structure	Number	Estimated Dollar Loss
Private Dwellings	46	1535000
Apartment	0	0
Hotels/Motels	0	0
Other Residential	1	25000
Total Residential	47	1560000
Public Assembly	1	2000
Schools and Colleges	2	9000
Health Care	5	1600
Store and Office	22	184755
Industry, Utility	0	0
Storage in Structure	1	0
Other Structure	57	1500
Total of Other	86	194855

## Structure Fire Breakdown

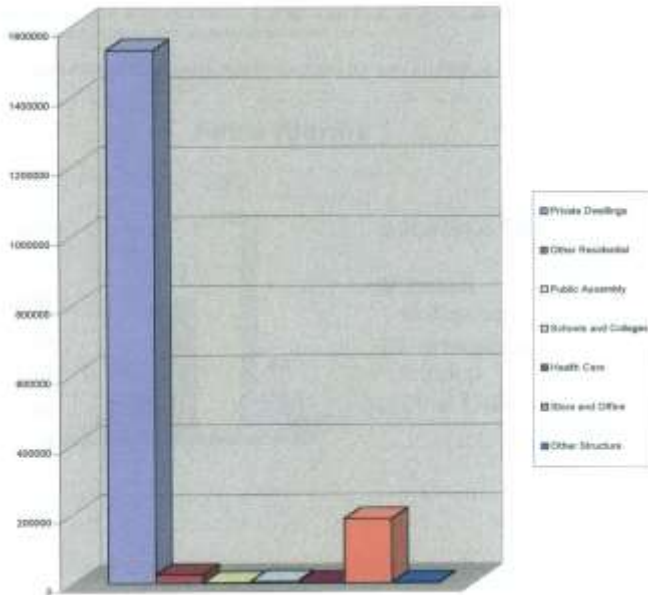


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## Estimated Structure Loss

The highest losses were found in private dwellings, which is where we made the most 'working fires'. Losses totaled at \$1,783,542. While this seems like a lot of money, saved property value for these involved structures was \$13,074,620.

### Estimated Structure Loss in Dollars



## False Alarms

Almost 30 percent of our emergency calls are attributed to false alarms. We responded to 552 runs that were false due to a large number of factors. This number has increased 1996 false alarm totals of 432. Unintentional tripping of alarms was the most common partially due to construction, and repairs.

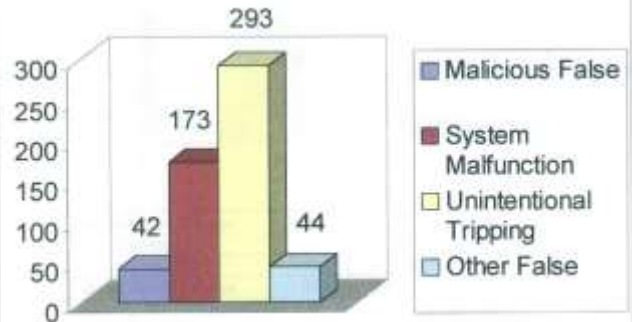
Malicious false alarms went up almost four times from last year. The reason for this is under investigation, and will be targeted by our public education department.

System malfunctions are an occurrence of an alarm activation caused by the alarm system itself.

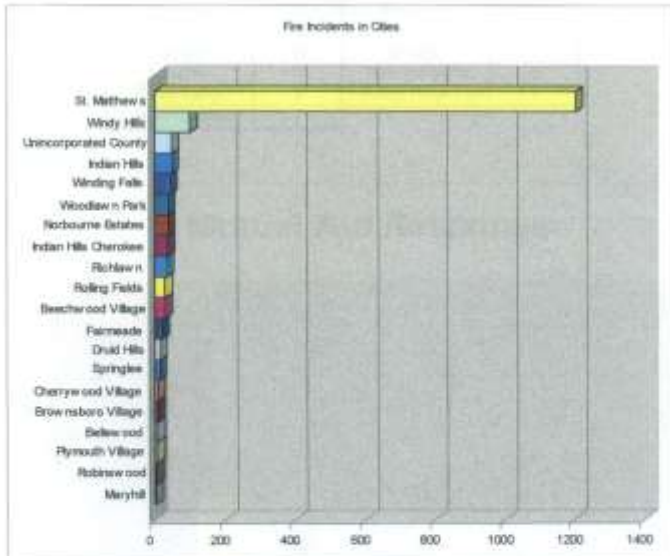
Unintentional false alarms are caused by other factors that set off the alarms, testing, cooking, steam, dust, or other accidental activation.

Other alarms include bomb scares, reports of incidents that were not found, etc.

### False Alarms



## Fire Incidents in Cities in Fire District in 1997

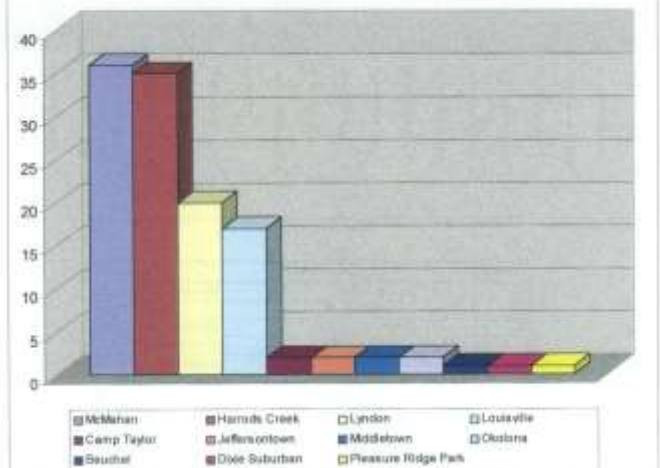


Brownsboro Village	8	Woodlawn Park	38
Bellewood	7	Winding Falls	44
Druid Hills	15	Maryhill	3
Beechwood Village	30	Norbourne Estates	37
Cherrywood Village	9	Plymouth Village	7
Fairmeade	20	Rolling Fields	30
Indian Hills	48	Richlawn	35
Indian Hills Cherokee	36	Robinswood	4
St. Matthews	1202	Springlee	11
Windy Hills	101	Unincorporated Jefferson County	48

## Mutual Aid Response 1997

Department	No. of Runs	Department	No. of Runs
McMahan	36	Middletown	2
Harrods Creek	35	Okolona	2
Lyndon	20	Beuchel	1
Louisville	17	Oldie Suburban	1
Camp Taylor	2	Pleasure Ridge Park	1
Jeffersonstown	2		

### Mutual Aid Response

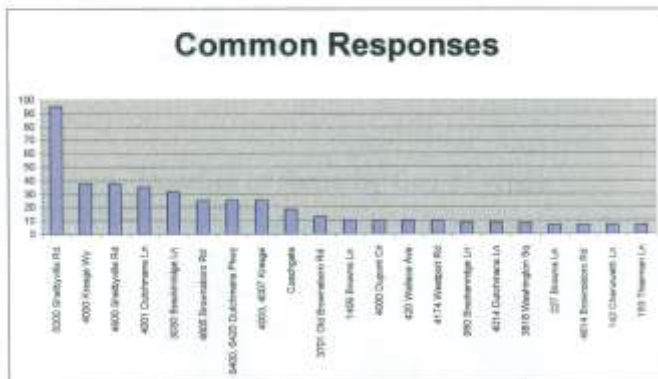




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## Common Responses

The following graph shows common addresses for runs that we responded to in 1997. Most of these were due to system malfunction, but there are some due to recurring EMS runs.

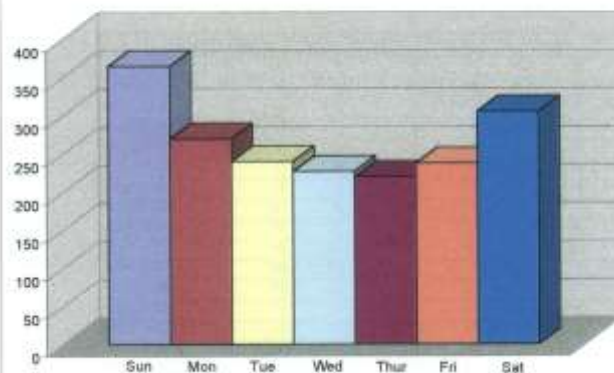


Address	Number	Address	Number
5000 Shelbyville Rd	10	954000 Dupont Cir	10
4000 Kresge	10	38420 Wallace Ave	10
4600 Shelbyville Rd	10	384174 Westport Rd	10
4001 Dutchmans Ln	9	35950 Breckenridge Ln	9
3000 Breckenridge Ln	9	324014 Dutchmans Ln	9
4800 Brownsboro Rd	8	253818 Washington Sq	8
4400, 4420 Dutchmans Pkwy	7	25227 Browns Ln	7
4003, 4007 Kresge	7	254614 Brownsboro Rd	7
Coastgate	7	18142 Chenoweth Ln	7
3701 Old Brownsboro Rd	7	13153 Therman Ln	7
1406 Browns Ln	10		

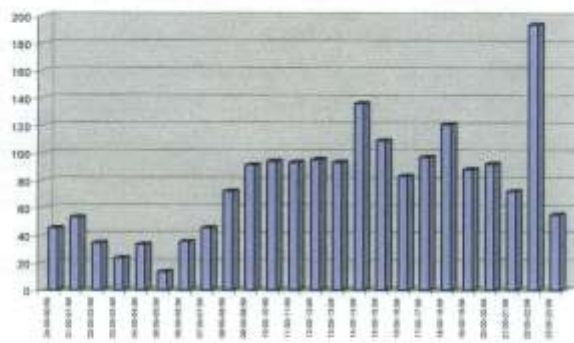
## Time of Day, Day of Week, and Response Time 1997

Our run load was dispersed pretty equally throughout the week. Sunday turned out to be the busiest day of the week with 20% of our runs occurring on this day. Thursday was the slowest with 12% of our runs on this day. The busiest single day turned out to be the weekend of March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with 288 runs in approximately 36 hours due to the "Great Flood" of 1997. The busiest hour being between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. with 10% of all runs occurring that hour. The slowest time was between 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. with 0.007% of all runs occurring that hour. Response times were excellent with the majority of all runs (77%) under 5 min.

## Number of Runs by Day of Week



## Number of Runs by Time of Day



Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
04:00-05:00	10	5	4	5	5	10	0	49
01:00-01:59	14	6	8	7	6	6	5	52
02:00-02:59	5	9	2	2	1	3	6	34
03:00-03:59	3	4	1	1	4	6	4	23
04:00-04:59	7	3	10	3	6	3	2	33
05:00-05:59	1	3	2	0	2	5	2	13
06:00-06:59	7	4	6	4	3	6	3	36
07:00-07:59	5	13	6	7	6	7	1	46
08:00-08:59	6	15	12	12	6	6	0	72
09:00-09:59	17	14	20	11	16	14	5	91
10:00-10:59	11	14	16	14	12	15	12	94
11:00-11:59	8	20	11	15	11	13	10	98
12:00-12:59	14	17	13	14	7	16	14	95
13:00-13:59	15	9	12	7	13	12	26	92
14:00-14:59	10	21	29	14	10	17	21	136
15:00-15:59	11	28	6	18	18	13	16	106
16:00-16:59	8	15	14	12	10	5	18	83
17:00-17:59	17	19	11	13	8	18	13	97
18:00-18:59	12	13	13	10	10	13	44	121
19:00-19:59	14	5	10	11	20	11	17	88
20:00-20:59	11	12	8	15	10	17	19	92
21:00-21:59	9	13	5	12	6	8	17	73
22:00-22:59	145	7	5	9	7	8	15	194
23:00-23:59	5	3	10	11	8	7	11	55
Total	305	270	240	227	220	238	306	1936

## Fire Summary Report Analysis 01/01/97-12/31/97

Fires in Structures by Fixed Property Use (FPU)	Number of Fires	Number of Civilian Fire Casualties	Estimated Property Damage From Fire
Private Dwellings FPU 410-419	46	0	1,535,000
Apartment FPU 420-429	0	0	0
Hotels and Motels FPU 440-449	0	0	0
All Other Residential FPU 400-409; 430-439 460-499	1	0	25,000
Total Residential Fires	47	0	1,560,000

Public Assembly FPU 100-199	1	0	2,000
Schools and Colleges FPU 200-299	2	0	5,000
Health Care FPU 300-399	5	0	1,600
Store and Offices FPU 500-599	22	0	184,755
Industry and Utilities FPU 600-799	0	0	0
Storage in Structures FPU 800-899	1	0	0
Other Structures FPU 900-999	57	0	1,500
Total Non-residential Fires	88	0	194,855

Other Fires and Incidents, Situations Found (SF)	Number of Fires	Number of Civilian Fire Casualties	Estimated Property Damage From Fire
Fire in Highway Vehicles (auto, trucks, busses, etc.) SF 13 MPT 10-29	29	0	52,700
Fire in Other Vehicles (planes, trains, etc.) SF 13 MPT 30-99, 00, 08	0	0	0
Fire Outside Structures with Value (storage, crops, etc.) SF 12 or 17	0	0	0
Fire in Brush or Wildlands SF 14	14	0	0
Fire in Rubbish incl. Dumpsters SF 15	14	0	0
All Other Fires SF 10, 16 or 19	1	0	100
Totals for Other Fires	58	0	52,800

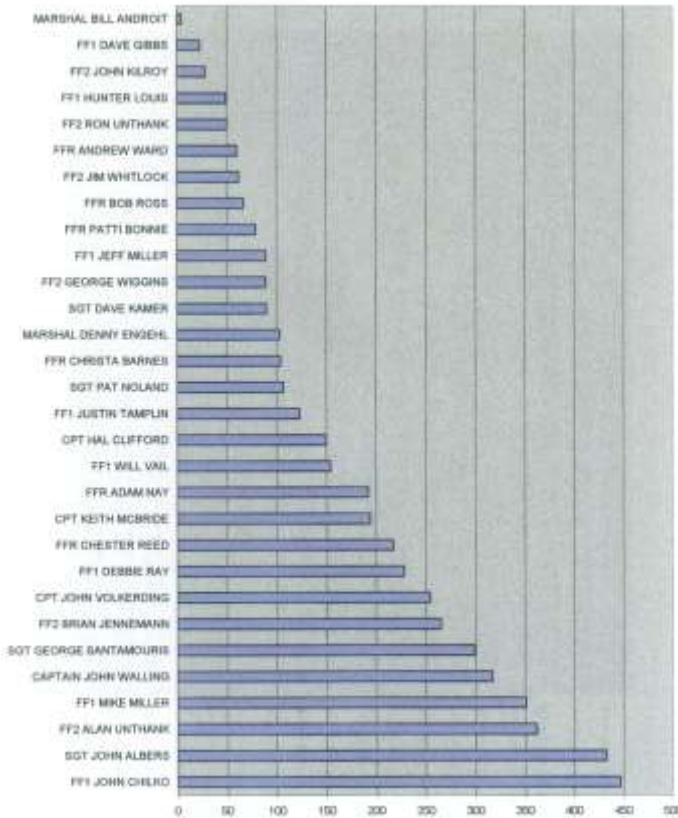
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Other Types of Emergency Situations Found (SF)	Number of Fires	Number of Civilian Fire Casualties Deaths Injuries	Estimated Property Damage From Fire
Rescue, EMS SF 30-39	617		
False Alarms SF 70-79	552		
Mutual Aid MA 2	93		
Hazardous Materials Response (Incl. CO) SF 41 or 47	123		
Other Hazardous Responses (arcing wires, bomb removal) SF 40, 42-46 or 49	30		
All Other Responses (flood) SF 20-29, 50-69 or 99	258		
Totals for Other Incidents	1673		

Breakdown of False Alarms	Number of responses
Situation Found (SF)	
1. Malicious, Mischiefous False Call	42
2. System Malfunction	173
3. Unintentional (tripping on interior device accidentally, etc.)	293
Other False Alarms (bomb scares, etc.)	44

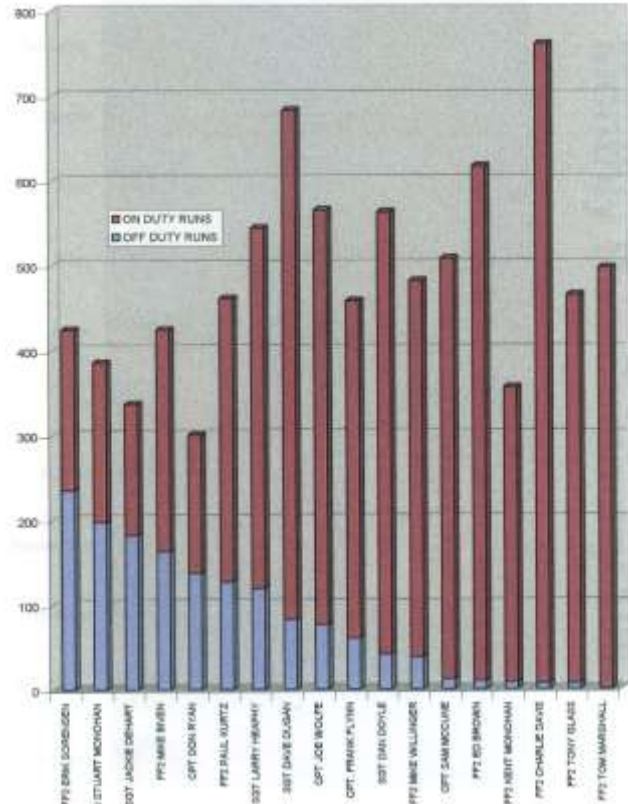
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Total Runs Made by Firefighters

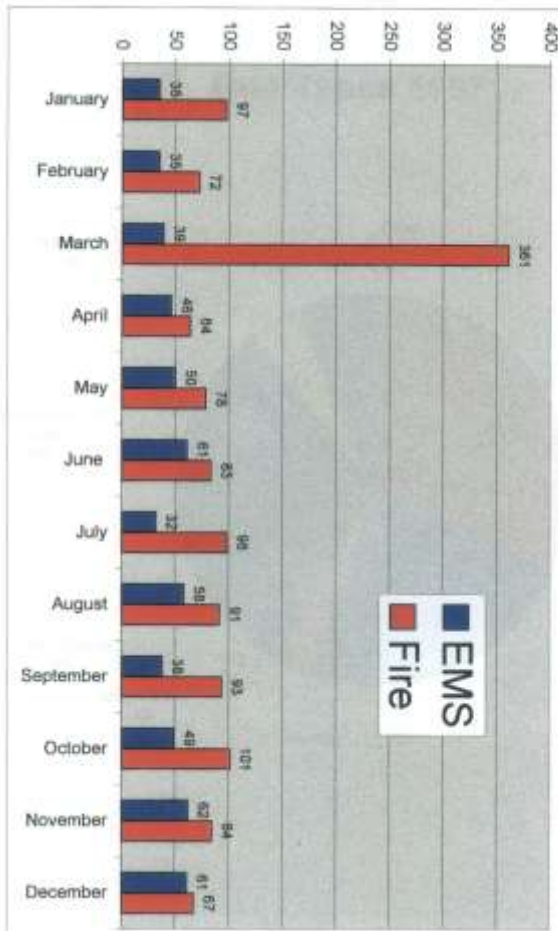
FDID NAME	ON DUTY RUNS	OFF DUTY RUNS	TOTAL RUNS
64 FF2 CHARLIE DAVIS	754	7	761
18 SGT DAVE DUGAN	601	82	683
19 FF2 ED BROWN	607	10	617
40 CPT JOE WOLFE	489	76	565
25 SGT DAN DOYLE	522	41	563
3 SGT LARRY HEAPHY	425	119	544
34 CPT SAM MCCUNE	496	12	508
35 FF2 TOM MARSHALL	496	1	497
23 FF2 MIKE WILLINGER	444	38	482
5 FF2 TONY GLASS	458	7	465
6 FF2 PAUL KURTZ	334	127	461
12 CPT. FRANK FLYNN	398	60	458
57 FF1 JOHN CHILKO		447	447
49 SGT JOHN ALBERS		432	432
32 FF2 ERIK SORENSEN	189	235	424
7 FF2 MIKE BIVEN	261	163	424
46 MAJ STUART MONOHAN	188	197	385
38 FF2 ALAN UNTHANK		362	362
26 FF2 KENT MONOHAN	348	8	356
68 FF1 MIKE MILLER		351	351
53 SGT JACKIE DEHART	154	182	336
2 CAPTAIN JOHN WALLING		317	317
65 CPT DON RYAN	163	137	300
28 SGT GEORGE SANTAMOURIS		299	299
52 FF2 BRIAN JENNEMANN		265	265
48 CPT JOHN VOLKERDING		254	254
56 FF1 DEBBIE RAY		228	228
45 FFR CHESTER REED		217	217
15 CPT KEITH MCBRIDE		194	194
33 FFR ADAM NAY		192	192
8 FF1 WILL VAIL		154	154
39 CPT HAL CLIFFORD		150	150
47 FF1 JUSTIN TAMPLIN		123	123
30 SGT PAT NOLAND		107	107
9 FFR CHRISTA BARNES		104	104
13 MARSHAL DENNY ENGEHL		103	103
20 SGT DAVE KAMER		90	90
59 FF2 GEORGE WIGGINS		89	89
66 FF1 JEFF MILLER		89	89
11 FFR PATTI BONNIE		79	79
54 FFR BOB ROSS		67	67
17 FF2 JIM WHITLOCK		62	62
44 FFR ANDREW WARD		60	60
14 FF2 RON UNTHANK		50	50
22 FF1 HUNTER LOUIS		49	49

Career Firefighter Response



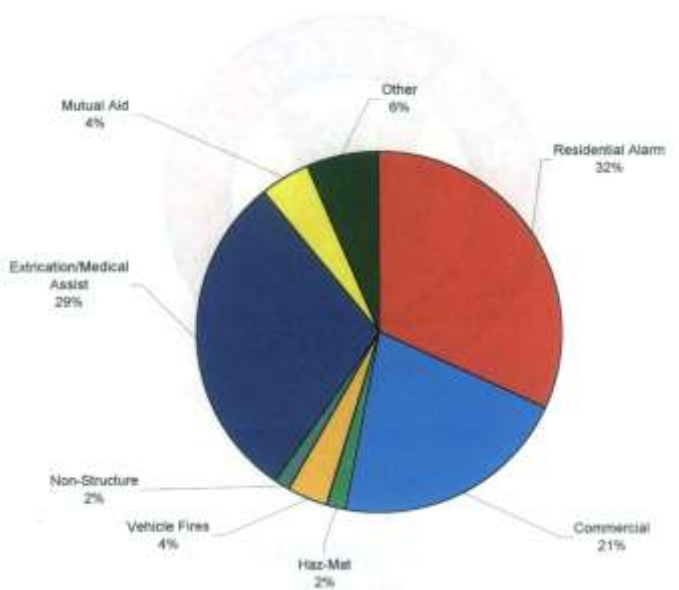


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Monthly Run Summary 1997

Run Types 1997



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- II. Maintenance Procedures
- III. Review of 1997 Apparatus & Equipment Maintenance
- IV. 1997 Accomplishments
- V. 1997 Maintenance Expenditures Chart

MAINTENANCE  
DEPARTMENT  
1997 YEAR END REPORT

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## I. Introduction

The maintenance department at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is directed by Major Ken Strange. He is assisted in this department by Sergeant Jackie Dehart. Major Strange and Sergeant Dehart take care of the maintenance and repairs of all the department vehicles located at both Station #1 and Station #2. This includes all of the following vehicles:

### Automobiles-

2601	1994 Chief's Car
2602	1993 Battalion Chief's Car
2613	1989 Fire Prevention Car

### Light Duty Trucks-

2690	1990 Passenger Van
2691	1989 Ventilation Truck
2692	1995 Pickup Truck

### Heavy Duty Trucks-

2632	1982 Mack - 1500 GPM Pumper
2633	1994 E-One Rescue Pumper
2634	1995 E-One Rescue Pumper
2635	1976 Mack - 1500 GPM Pumper
2653	1986 Seagrave Aerial
2657	1979 Seagrave Aerial

Major Strange and Sergeant Dehart also take care of any Building repairs that they are able to handle without outside contractors. When needed they are assisted by Firefighter Paul Kurtz and Firefighter Erik Sorensen.

## II. Maintenance Procedures

When a problem occurs with one of the department vehicles it is logged into the SunPro computer program under Maintenance and Apparatus as a Service Request by whoever discovers the problem. Major Strange reviews all of the Service Requests and decides whether or not the problem can be taken care of in house or will have to be sent out. He then assigns a Work Order to each Service Request. The Work Order goes either to Sergeant Dehart, if the work can be done in house, or to a specialized repair shop, if the problem cannot be taken care of in house.

All of the work that is done on the department vehicles is documented in the SunPro computer program by Major Strange.

### September 1997

• Front end work done on 2635	\$542.76
• Replace crossfire light on 2634	\$357.14

### October 1997

• Repair front seat frame in 2601	\$217.48
• New water pump for 2691	\$115.68

### November 1997

• Brake service on 2635	\$508.20
• New batteries for 2653	\$216.82
• Four (4) new tires for 2692	\$323.20

### December 1997

• New batteries for 2691	\$70.18
• New water tank sensor for 2634	\$205.50
• Two (2) new tires for 2602	\$109.22

The yearly routine services for all of the Automobiles (2601, 2602, & 2613) and the Light Duty Trucks (2690, 2691, & 2692) came to a total cost of \$420.89.

A total of \$1,200 was spent on small light fixtures and light bulbs.

A total of \$2,000 was spent on new tires for all of the department vehicles.

The total expenditures for 1997 in the Maintenance and Repairs department was \$22,000.

## IV. 1997 Accomplishments

Several routine maintenance projects were completed in 1997, along with several capital improvement items. All of the ground ladders and both of the aerial ladders were service tested during the month of May. Several of the ground ladders had to have minor repairs and those were taken care of in house. All of the ladders did pass the annual test.

All of the fire attack and supply hose were pressure tested and cleaned twice during the course of the year. Only one section of hose had to be replaced after

## III. Review of 1997 Apparatus and Equipment Maintenance

The following information is a month by month account of all repairs and maintenance on the apparatus and equipment that cost a significant dollar amount.

### January 1997

• Annual Equipment Service on Generators and Blowers	\$110.00
• Annual Brake Service on all Heavy Duty Trucks	\$200.00

### February 1997

• Bodywork on 2653 including painting and striping	\$4,000.00
• New Sign for ladder on 2653	\$467.62

### March 1997

• New Tires for 2601	\$227.00
• Repair oil leak in 2613	\$609.88

### April 1997

• Body work on 2692 including painting and striping	\$965.59
• One (1) new tire for 2632	\$262.26
• New vent window frame for 2657	\$310.00

### May 1997

• Front end work done on both 2601 and 2602	\$472.63
• Annual ladder testing done on aerial and ground ladders	\$1,287.50

### June 1997

• Repair springs on 2653	\$391.46
• Annual truck service	\$800.00

### July 1997

• Transmission Service on 2633 and 2634	\$569.00
• Primer Motor for 2634	\$265.00

### August 1997

• Replaced rear tires on 2634	\$988.16
• Front end work done on 2601	\$109.13

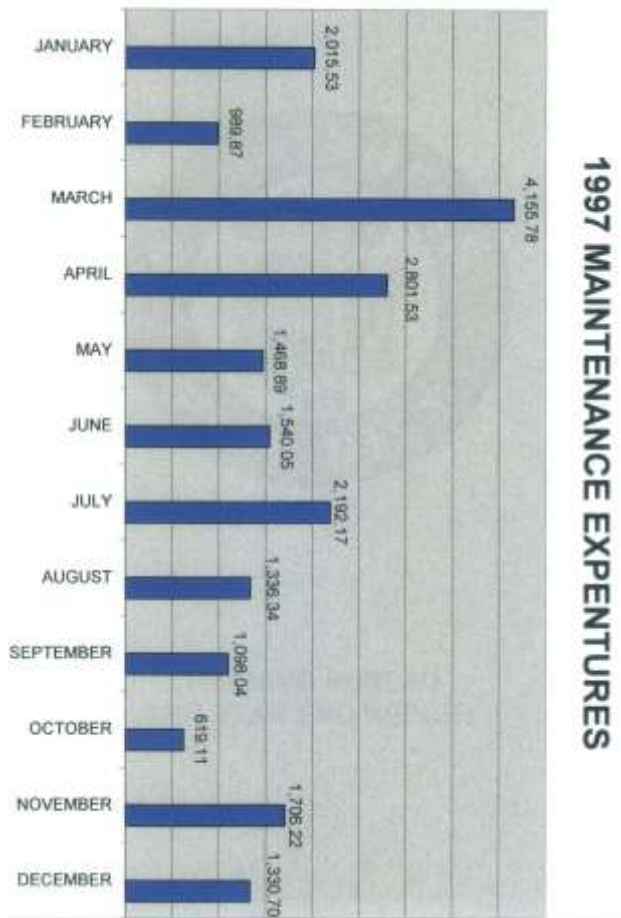
the annual testing. During 1997, 1200 feet of new 5" supply hose was placed on unit 2632 as well as replacing each engine companies 2 1/2" attack hose. Also, 200 feet of 2 1/2" hose was added to each of the engines for a total of 600 feet of 2 1/2" hose on each engine. An apparatus inventory was also completed on each of the vehicles that are owned by the fire district.

The biggest capital project during 1997 was the repair work that was done to unit 2653. A number of improvements were made on this vehicle including major bodywork and painting the roof white. Also, the warning light system was upgraded which included a new light bar and strobe lights for the front and rear of the truck. Two new sign panels were added on the aerial ladder as well.

There are also two projects that were started in 1997 and will be completed in 1998. The first of the two projects is the bodywork and repairs that are being done on unit 2632. This project is estimated to be complete sometime in February. The second project is the refurbishing of the fire districts antique fire truck, which the firefighters so fondly call "Betsy". This project is estimated to be complete sometime in the summer of 1998. The truck will look better than ever and will be the fire district's best public relations asset.



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## TRAINING BUREAU 1997 YEAR END REPORT

### I. Introduction

A review of last year's training brings out some interesting facts. The district as a whole had a total of 7408 training hours. This averages out to more than 154 hours per firefighter. These hours are over and above time spent making emergency runs. While the three weekly training sessions constitute the bulk of our training, many firefighters sought additional training outside of the district. The following is a list of these outside training opportunities:

Trench Rescue meetings	Kentucky State Fire School
Trench Rescue Competent Person Class	I.A.F.C.
Southeastern Chiefs Conference	Trench Rescue Exercise
EMT Course	CSX Tank Car Drill
EMT Recertification	Jefferson County Fire School
F.D.I.C.	Safety Officers Course
Staff & Command Course	

The fact that our firefighters are seeking additional training in these "other" areas indicates to me that our firefighters are not willing to stand still, but are striving for more advanced training.

### II. Training

In addition to our basic training, we had many specialized classes and drills during 1997. Kentucky Tech taught a hazardous material operations class in January. Firefighters John Chilko and Mike Miller took an EMT class in February. Sergeant Santamouris instructed a class on Aircraft Crash Firefighting in March. Louisville Gas & Electric brought out their classroom safety demonstration. The Jefferson County arson squad came out and taught a class on fire investigation procedures in April. We sent most everyone to the Middletown burn pan during June for fuel fire training. During November TARC came out and put on their bus safety demonstration.

Nothing seems to give our firefighters more enthusiasm or a better training opportunity than "live fire" training. In February we acquired the Ponderosa Steakhouse to use for training. We were able to conduct several hands on drills during our regular weekly trainings. On a Saturday we concluded our training with three live fire drills. This one structure allowed several recruits to gain valuable training that helped them with their goal of becoming a Firefighter I. We can only hope we are able to acquire another structure in 1998.

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### III. Recruiting

### IV. FDIC

### V. Engineers Class

### VI. Recruit Training

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## III. Recruiting

In late April we conducted our annual volunteer recruiting effort. We had five people respond with an interest in becoming volunteer firefighters. Two are stationed at station 2, and three make runs from station 1. To date all five are still onboard and over halfway through their training. Their recruit class should finish in late May or early June.

## IV. FDIC

The Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) was held again in Indianapolis. We sent four instructors in 1997 as we have in years past. The four-day conference allowed each instructor the chance to see and discuss training programs that are being used around the country. In addition to the classroom training courses, there are now hands on training and workshops conducted throughout the week.

## V. Engineers Class

During the month of August we started an engineer's class with five Firefighter II's. Captain Wolfe and a team of instructors have spent the last four months on both practical and classroom training. The group will have a review in February and start final practical evaluations in March.

## VI. Recruit Training

In 1997 we purchased the IFSTA Firefighter I CD-ROM program that follows the essentials second edition. The CD set allows our recruits to come by when ever they can and review the material for each chapter. All five recruits have participated, and are almost finished with all nineteen CD's. With the program we will now have permanent records that all recruits have been through the essentials material provided. Before we asked the recruits to read the book which may or may not have been done. In the future we hope to purchase similar programs for the Firefighter II's.

The training schedule for 1998 will remain almost the same as 1997 with several small changes. The Training Bureau plans on having an outside instructor coming in on the second Tuesday of each month to conduct specific training courses. We will also try to get the 24 member instructor group together several times during the year to evaluate our training efforts. On the fourth Tuesday night drill of each month the Bureau will plan on scheduling EMT recertification hours for our EMT's and First Responders.

## Training Totals 1997

NAME	DRILL	LECTURE	TOTAL
Andriot, Bill	60	31	91
Walling, John	99	94	193
Hesphy, Larry	83	54	137
Glass, Tony	80	59	139
Kurtz, Paul	141	122	263
Biven, Mike	156	175	331
Vail, Will	60	25	85
Barnes, Christa	59	36	95
Bonnie, Patti	27	30	57
Flynn, Frank	73	64	137
Enghehl, Denny	68	32	100
Unthank, Ron	39	21	60
McBride, Keith	78	49	127
Whitlock, Jim	20	14	34
Dugan, David	104	105	209
Brown, Ed	96	51	147
Kamer, Dave	75	40	115
Kilroy, John	44	16	60
Louis, Hunter	21	4	25
Willing, Mike	75	49	124
Doyle, Daniel	80	68	148
Monohan, Kent	83	60	143
Santamouris, George	73	87	160
Gibbs, Dave	38	14	52
Noland, Pat	33	27	60
Sorensen, Erik	152	161	313
Nay, Adam	60	36	96
McCune, Sam	139	51	190
Marshall, Tom	84	26	110
Unthank, Alan	110	49	159
Clifford, Harry	85	36	121
Wolfe, Joe	102	61	163
Ward, Andrew	21	3	24
Reed, Chester	65	45	110
Monohan, Stuart	168	160	328
Tamplin, Justin	36	22	58
Volkerding, John	90	64	154
Albers, John	82	61	143
Seng, Bill	120	114	234
Jennemann, Brian	87	57	144
DeHart, Jackie	95	67	162
Ross, Bob	47	35	82
Ray, Debbie	97	58	155
Chilko, John	108	169	277
Wiggins, George	63	55	118
Davis, Charlie	97	57	154
Ryan, Don	86	152	238
Miller, Jeff	53	48	101
Miller, Mike	89	127	216

# 1997 STMFD Fire District Operations Report



## I. Introduction

The St. Matthews Fire Prevention Bureau has been involved in fire prevention for many years and is pleased to announce that this year was one of its most productive years to date. Several of the runs made this year were minor incidents that could have been worse if not for the good fire inspection and education programs that are maintained by this bureau. With every business, mercantile, multi family dwelling, place of assembly and any other occupancy that is not a single family dwelling being inspected by this bureau, a high state of vigilance is sure to continue.

To date Captain Don Ryan and Firefighter Michael Biven do most of the fire inspections. Marshal Denny Enghehl and Marshal Bill Andriot occasionally do some inspections on Tuesday nights, but Captain Ryan and Firefighter Biven do all paper work and reinspections. Firefighter Erik Sorensen performs the valuable job of public education. With good education, training, and support the prevention bureau will continue to carry on its primary goal of providing fire and life safety for anyone who lives, works, shops, or visits the St. Matthews Community.

## II. Inspections

Currently the Bureau has Nineteen hundred and twenty four occupancies in the fire district, all of which were inspected in nineteen ninety-seven due largely to the addition of another fire inspector. From these there were four hundred and eighty three violations. The majority of these violations being inoperable exit signs and emergency lighting, out of date fire extinguishers, exit door obstructions, blockage of sprinkler heads from storage, and combustible materials being stored near electrical panels. There was a compliance rate of ninety six percent of the violations being resolved within the given thirty days. The remaining four percent were eventually found to be in compliance after the given thirty days, none of which had to be turned over to the State Fire Marshal's office.

On a normal day each inspector will do about ten to twelve inspections which includes all of the paper work involved. Each inspection is entered into the Sunpro Fire Inspection computer program. This keeps track of all inspections, reinspections, violations, and generates the appropriate letters. After creating a letter to mail to an occupant we fill out a State Fire Inspection Sheet to return to the State Fire Marshal's office. A paper file on each occupancy is kept to save building permits, letters from the occupant, fire and sprinkler system inspections, and any other information that cannot be saved in the computer system.

### St. Matthews Fire Prevention Bureau 1997 Prevention Summary

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- II. Inspections
- III. Building Permits
- IV. Key Safe Program
- V. Smoke Detector Program
- VI. Public Education
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The St. Matthews Fire Inspection Bureau also conducts all mutual inspections with the Jefferson County Code Enforcement office and the State Fire Marshal's office. This includes all new construction, day cares, hospitals, nursing homes, and public schools.

## III. Building Permits

Another job of the fire prevention bureau is to keep track of all building permits in the fire district. This includes both residential as well as commercial permits. By keeping track of all permits we have an idea of how much money is being spent on new construction in the district. The permit totals are as follows:

	January	February	March	April
<b>Res</b>	224,800.00	50,00.00	313,100.00	336,853.00
<b>Com</b>	490,280.00	1,554,000.00	288,800.00	1,209,827.00
	May	June	July	August
<b>Res</b>	42,500.00	1,164,325.00	846,444.00	1,071,350.00
<b>Com</b>	455,000.00	1,525,489.00	430,780.00	308,227.00
	September	October	November	December
<b>Res</b>	775,000.00	931,416.00	313,000.00	625,000.00
<b>Com</b>	717,010.00	2,214,500.00	335,700.00	128,000.00
<b>Totals</b>				
<b>Res</b>	8,716,988.00			
<b>Com</b>	9,657,613.00			
<b>Total</b>	18,374,601.00			

## VII. 1997 Accomplishments.

The Fire Prevention Bureau has made several accomplishments in nineteen ninety-seven. Not only was the entire district inspected, but also hundreds of violations were found which could have led to life and property loss.

To keep up with current changes and interpretation in the fire code we have maintained a consistent level of training. Every fire officer who is a Kentucky State certified Building Inspector is required to maintain sixteen (16) hours of continuing education courses a year. These continuing education credits are provided by classes sponsored by the State Fire Marshals office.

As in previous years, the St. Matthews Fire District participated in the Kentucky State Fair, which was held in August. Each of the fire departments in the county mans the Jefferson County Fire Safety Trailer for one day during the fair. The Fire Prevention Bureau coordinated this departments manning of the Fire Safety Trailer this year. The Second Annual Jefferson County Fire Safety Fair was held again this year at Cox's Park on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

A second successful fire drill / fire extinguisher class was held at NTS, located at 950 Breckenridge Lane. This drill provided an educational experience for the entire building.

One of the most noticeable changes that have been made this year is the addition of five-inch Storz connection to the sprinkler system connections. The Bureau would like all of the new construction in the district to use the new five-inch connection and would also like for some of the existing buildings to upgrade to them as well.

## VIII. 1998 Goals.

As the New Year begins, the fire prevention bureau has many goals for Nineteen Ninety-Eight. The Bureau's first goal is to strive to have more thorough inspections of the district and to catch any violations that may have been missed in the past. The second goal is to continue to provide a good working relationship with the community. The third and last goal is to maintain a good relationship with Jefferson County Code Enforcement and the State Fire Marshal's office. The Bureau is always open to any suggestions or criticisms that anyone has to offer.

## IV. Key Safe Program

The Fire Prevention Bureau has been extremely busy with the key safe program this year. With thirty-seven key safes in the district and four more on the way the Fire District will continue to have a means of easy access to many of the buildings in the fire district. The fire prevention bureau is looking forward to continuing this very useful and valuable program.

## V. Smoke Detector Program.

This year seventy-five percent of the family dwellings in the fire district have been covered promoting the smoke detector program. The program reminds people to check their smoke detector once a year and to change the battery. The firefighters offer to check the resident's smoke detector and if needed will install one for them. In addition to having the Engine Company go out every Sunday to various neighborhoods, a visit was made to each of the neighborhoods where house fires occurred this year. This includes fires on Bainbridge Road, Fairlawn Road, Warrior Road, and Wicklow Road.

## VI. Public Education.

The addition of Firefighter Erik Sorensen to handle public education has been very beneficial. The Bureau has had a very successful year getting its message across to the public. The following is a tally of Firefighter Sorensen's work to date (note FF Sorensen did not start with public education until July of this year). There were a total of seventy-eight public education events this year reaching out to sixty two hundred people. The events included but were not limited to fire extinguisher classes, birthday parties, Cubscout / Boyscout events, and the fire safety trailer. There is also a senior fire safety class being given at Baptist East Hospital in their sub-acute unit each month.

## IX. Closing Remarks

In Closing, the Fire Prevention Bureau has been a successful part of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. The staff is well informed and trained. The knowledge gained from the inspections done by the Bureau is just as valuable on the fire scene as it is for the Bureau. Information such as alarm and sprinkler location, roof and elevator access and other dangerous areas of a building are vital to an incident commander during the event of an emergency.

As another year has come and gone the fire district can rest assured that everything possible has been done to protect them from fire and life safety hazards.



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**Board Of Directors**

**Hal Clifford**  
**David C. Dick**  
**Thomas O. Eifler**  
**Faye Ellerkamp**  
**Frank A. Flynn**  
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**Officers**

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**Captain Joseph R. “Joe” Wolfe (P)**  
**Sgt. John Albers**  
**Sgt. Jackie DeHart (P)**  
**Sgt. Daniel Doyle(P)**  
**Sgt. Dave Dugan (P)**  
**Sgt. Larry Heaphy (P)**  
**Sgt. Dave Kamer**  
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**Sgt. George Santamouris**

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## January 8, 1998, New Legislation-Fire Protection District—Letter:

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### NEW LEGISLATION - FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

#### SECTION T OPERATIONAL MANUAL AND LEGAL FORMS COMPENDIUM

TO: JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE TRUSTEES & CHIEFS ASSOCIATIONS  
FAX TO: #502-574-5245

FROM: MAURICE A. BYRNE, JR., LEGAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: 1998 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

You received the name, address, home & work telephone numbers, and fax number of each Jefferson County member of the Kentucky General Assembly on October 24, 1997. Each Trustee and Fire Chief was requested to call or visit your Kentucky State Representative and Senator before the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly started.

Following is a "TOP TEN LIST" in working with members of the General Assembly:

- #10 Exaggerations are for fish stories, not for public policy. Be ACCURATE. If you don't know something, say so. Find out and report back later.
- #9 Understand all sides of an issue, not just your side. Be able to articulate all positions. Don't lead a legislator into a mine field of opposition. Sponsors of your bill need to be made aware of the down sides and potential opponents before they jump in with both feet.
- #8 Never lose your temper with a legislator. Never make demands. Never threaten a legislator, no matter how unreasonable his or her position. If someone is clearly against your issue, just move on.
- #7 Don't waste a legislator's time. Be polite, but make your points quickly, especially during a legislative session. Your bill is one of over a 1000 that must be considered.
- #6 Never fight a bill on the floor if you can do it in committee. Never fight a bill in committee if you can fight it ahead of time. The earlier the better. Decisions are often made in the legislative offices long before a vote is even scheduled.

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- #5 Don't tamper with issues that do not directly affect your issues. Otherwise you risk upsetting the sponsor, supporters and key players in the legislative process.
- #4 Remember that your bill never moves through the process in a vacuum. Hundreds of other factors and relationships affect the success or failure of your bill. You must remember that there are numerous intangible factors that affect a bill.
- #3 Brush up on the mechanics of the bill process. A technical maneuver may make the difference between success and failure.
- #2 Know that legislative action is usually spurred by "reaction." Priorities and decisions are based on numerous factors. You are not the only voice in the crowd.
- #1 Listen carefully to the words a legislator uses. "I hear ya" or "it makes sense to me" are not necessarily "yes" votes when you are counting heads. Elected officials as politicians can be masters at softening bad news or evading specific answers. Ask a legislative specific questions (e.g. Will you vote for this bill?).

#### CONTACT YOUR KENTUCKY REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR

- A. The best contact is a personal visit. If this is not practical, especially during the General Assembly, then the next best method of contact is by telephone.
- B. When the legislature is in session January 8 through April 15, 1998, the toll free message line to Frankfort is: 1-800-372-7181.
- C. When you write to your legislator in Frankfort, send it to:  
Senator/Representative  
Room 300, Capitol Building  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
- D. When writing to your legislator, remember: Be courteous. Don't be nasty, even if you disagree with a bill. Don't ask for the impossible. Say "well done" and "thank you" when deserved. Make it short, concise, and readable. Send a personal letter rather than a form letter. Identify yourself as a constituent. Be sure to include a return address. Be patient, wait a reasonable time before following-up.
- E. Copies of bills can be obtained by calling: 1-502-564-8100, Ext. 323,415, or 527.

MAURICE A. BYRNE, JR.  
Pager: #341-5300

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January 8, 1998, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

January 8, 1998

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 8, 1998 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Chair David Dick, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King and Paye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Joe Wolfe and Charlie Davis, SMFPD. Trustee Doug Mitchell, M.D. was absent.

Frank Flynn moved, Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed to approve the minutes of the December 11, 1997 meeting as written.

Treasurer Jim King distributed the Balance Sheet and Condensed Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the month of December, 1997, which were reviewed and pronounced in good order.

Chief William J. Seng reported on Fire Department operations:

- 1) Total alarms dispatched for month of Dec. . . . 129  
Total alarms . . . year to date . . . 1,862
- 2) Responded to one "big fire" on December 14 on Bainbridge Drive in Winding Falls. Due to power outage, this owner had a lighted candle burning which ignited the fire; no injuries; estimated \$100,000 property damage.
- 3) The second Cairns Iris camera has been ordered in conjunction with Anchorage Fire District's order.
- 4) The Department has two large drums (courtesy of Hal Clifford) to collect sweaters until February 21 in cooperation with KET's and "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood program" celebration of 30th anniversary. Sweaters will be delivered to designated agencies such as United Way and Family Resource Centers to be given to needy families.
- 5) Request the following expenditures be approved:
  - \* Annual SCRA testing with Orr Safety \$ 1,200
  - \* Digital Photo Camera for training and administration 1,600
  - \* 2 Additional Rescue Air Bags 2,000
  - \* Hazardous materials training course-CD-ROM 500
  - \* 6 sets turnout gear (complete yr's purchase) 6,000
  - \* Cordless Sawzall 340

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Following discussion, Hal Clifford moved to approve the six (6) items listed for January expenditures; Jim King seconded, motion passed. Total - \$111,640.00.

6) Reported that, after several meetings with the architect of the project, officials with the County Code Enforcement and a representative of Tafel Motors, to try to rer - the problem our inspector reported about a mistake on their project, Tafel Motors has agreed verbally to repair the wall to meet the code.


Trustees moved and seconded to go into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M. for discussion of personnel matter.

Trustees returned to Regular session at 8:20 P.M. Chair David Dick announced that no action had been taken.

Chief Seng reported the next regular meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is January 15, 1998 at Buechel Fire Protection District.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

January 8, 1998

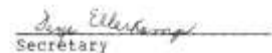
The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews at 8:30 P.M.

Present were: Chair David Dick, Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Paye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng. Director Doug Mitchell, M.D. was absent.

Minutes of the December 11, 1997 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

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1998: We think, Flammable Liquid training at Middletown Training Center, done each year for St. Matthews Firefighters.





# 1998 January 14, 1998, Smoking Policy-Fire Protection District:

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### SMOKING POLICY - FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

#### SECTION X OPERATIONAL MANUAL AND LEGAL FORMS COMPENDIUM

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#### I. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY ADOPT A SMOKING POLICY

The 1994 Kentucky General Assembly gave fire protection districts the right and authority to adopt a smoking policy for fire district office buildings and workplaces. The smoking regulation must be limited to office buildings and workplaces, and must include designated indoor smoking areas.

#### II. FOUR (4) ELEMENTS OF A SMOKING POLICY

A fire protection district's smoking policy must include four (4) elements:

1. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** A smoking policy can be adopted only by the Board of Trustees and it can regulate smoking only in buildings or workplaces;
2. **WRITTEN POLICY:** The smoking policy must be in writing;
3. **ACCESSIBLE INDOOR SMOKING AREAS:** The fire protection districts must provide accessible indoor smoking areas in any building where smoking is otherwise restricted; and,

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#### VI. KENTUCKY FIRE PREVENTION CODE

The Fire Prevention Code, Kentucky Standards of Safety, promulgated by the Kentucky State Fire Marshal contains specific regulations related to the prohibition of smoking in spaces where combustible materials are stored or handled. Other regulations relate to "no smoking signs", removal of "no smoking" signs, compliance with "no smoking" signs and ash trays (F-312.0). Smoking in places of assembly is also covered by the Fire Prevention Code (F-701.6). Other restrictions on smoking in the Fire Prevention Code relate primarily to industrial situations not normally applicable to fire protection districts See: F-1302.1, F-1501.4, F-3301.5, F-802.5.

#### VII. UNDERAGE SMOKING

Kentucky law prohibits an adult from assisting any person under the age of eighteen (18) in the purchase of any tobacco product at retail. Assisting anyone under eighteen (18) in purchasing cigarettes may involve fines up to \$50 for the first violation and \$100 for each subsequent violation.

#### VIII. SMOKING POLICY

The \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Protection District adopts the following written policy for smoking in the fire district's office building and workplaces located at \_\_\_\_\_ in Jefferson County, Kentucky, which was adopted by the Board of Trustees at its regularly scheduled meeting on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 199\_\_.

1. **NO SMOKING** of any tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars and pipes, shall be allowed at any time in any place in the building and workplaces of the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Protection District, except as specifically exempted below.
2. Smoking is allowed indoors in the room located \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Smoking is allowed outside the building in open areas where ventilation and air exchange are adequate and there are no restrictions placed by the fire marshal.
4. This smoking policy does not in any way distinguish between smokers and non-smokers in regard to employment and does not limit, segregate, or classify employees in any way that would deny any employment opportunities.
5. This smoking policy does not affect any of the standard operating procedures or other rules and regulations of the fire protection district.
6. This smoking policy is subject to the Kentucky Fire Prevention Code (Standards of Safety).

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4. **FAVOR SMOKING IN OPEN PUBLIC AREAS:** The policy must favor allowing smoking in open public areas where ventilation and air exchange are adequate and there are no fire safety restrictions.

#### III. SCOPE OF PROHIBITIONS

A smoking policy may prohibit smoking of any tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, or pipes. However, the statute applies specifically to "smoking" and does not include the use of chewing or snuffing tobacco products.

#### IV. CIVIL RIGHT TO SMOKE

The Kentucky Civil Rights statute makes it unlawful for an employer to discriminate against a person:

"because the individual is a smoker or non-smoker, as long as the person complies with any workplace policy concerning smoking."

Discrimination against smokers or non-smokers that comply with any workplace policy concerning smoking would include:

1. To fail or refuse to hire, or to discharge any individual, or otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment;
2. To limit, segregate, or classify employees in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive an individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect status as an employee; or
3. To require as a condition of employment that any employee or applicant for employment abstain from smoking or using tobacco products outside the course of employment.

Smoking discrimination is prosecuted similar to any other type of discrimination under the Kentucky civil rights law.

#### V. SMOKE TIME

Kentucky law does not require a fire protection district to provide extra time to firefighters, officers and others for "smoke breaks" during fire prevention, protection, or other fire service operations. However, Kentucky wage and hour law gives an employee a right to a reasonable period for lunch and two (2) breaks for a minimum of ten (10) minutes each, during an eight (8) hour work day. Although employees are not entitled to "extra time" to go to designated smoking areas, a fire district can not discriminate against or treat a smoker different when taking breaks or using any available "free time" during the work day.

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#### IX. KENTUCKY LAW ON SMOKING POLICY

- 61.165 Smoking policy for governmental office buildings or workplaces; exemptions

A policy for smoking in governmental office buildings or workplaces may be adopted by state, county, municipal, special district, or urban-county governments.

- (1) Any policy relating to smoking in state office buildings or workplaces shall:
  - (a) Be by executive order of the Governor or action of the General Assembly;
  - (b) Require the governmental authority to provide accessible indoor smoking areas in any buildings where smoking is otherwise restricted; and
  - (c) Favor allowing smoking in open public areas where ventilation and air exchange are adequate and there are no restrictions otherwise placed on the area by the state fire marshal or other similar authority.
- (2) Any policy relating to smoking in governmental office buildings or workplaces of counties, municipalities, special districts, or urban-county governments shall:
  - (a) Be adopted by the legislative body of the government;
  - (b) Be in writing;
  - (c) Require the government authority to provide accessible indoor smoking areas in any buildings where smoking is otherwise restricted; and
  - (d) Favor allowing smoking in open public areas where ventilation and air exchange are adequate and there are no restrictions otherwise placed on the area by the state fire marshal or other similar authority.
- (3) This section shall not apply to state universities, state-operated hospitals and residential facilities for the mentally ill and the mentally retarded, state-operated veterans' nursing homes and health facilities, and jails or detention facilities.

HISTORY: 1994 c 480, § 1, eff. 7-15-94

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## This time, city was prepared Snow beats '94 record



### Big difference: Temperatures were warmer

By MARK SCHAUER  
The Courier-Journal

Four years ago, 15.9 inches of snow fell on Louisville and paralyzed the city. Major roads were impassable, and ice-caked streets kept workers homebound for days.

This week, a record 16.7 inches had fallen by late yesterday and 2 to 4 more inches were expected overnight, yet the city was taking it in stride.

Even as snow fell through the night, forcing road crews to recharge their efforts to clear roads for today's rush hour, there was a sense of optimism, not defeat.

While road conditions worsened overnight, it did not immediately translate into more accidents in Louisville, said Officer Eric Johnson, a police spokesman. Johnson said most drivers seem to be heeding advice and staying off the streets.

Yesterday many workers had no problems driving around town, despite the accumulation and snowfall.

"Traffic's moving pretty good, although some people are moving a little too fast," said Penny Back. She said the most difficult part was getting car out of the driveway.

She was surprised and impressed that main drags such as Grinstead Drive were cleared so efficiently. "During the '94 blizzard, I just stayed home," Back said while filling up her car at a gasoline station on Bardstown Road.

While that storm prompted local and state governments to add snow-removal equipment and change snow-fighting tactics, a big difference this time was the temperature.

The storm four years ago began with freezing rain, then snow. Temperatures plunged to as low as 22 degrees below zero in the following days, making salt useless and plowing an exercise in futility.

This time, temperatures have continued to hover around freezing, keeping the snow wet instead of turning it to ice. Salt works best if the temperature is 20 degrees or

BY MICHAEL CLEVINGER, SPECIAL TO THE COURIER-JOURNAL  
Dathan Eslinger, 18, of Linton, Ind., jumped a snow mound at Ski Paoli Peaks yesterday.

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above, making it easier for plows to clear roads.

"The storms were very different, even though there was a similar amount of snow," said Jim Adkins, Jefferson County's assistant director of public works.

Twelve inches of snow fell Wednesday, and another 4.7 inches had accumulated by 9:30 last night, with another inch or two predicted before this morning. All of that was not on the ground, however; some of the snow melted because the ground was relatively warm after a month of above-average temperatures.

Many commuters waited until after rush hour before venturing into the city yesterday, and traffic all day was heavier than normal.

Major roads were clear, except for some slick spots, while most residential streets were passable if not clear of snow, city and county officials said.

Police said traffic accidents were down overall, but a six-car pileup on Interstate 65 tied up traffic for several hours. A young boy died in that crash and four other people were injured, two critically.

Transportation officials with Jefferson County Public Schools decided to close schools again today after driving bus routes yesterday afternoon. Officials said subdivision roads were still too dangerous for buses, and they were concerned that deep snow near some bus stops would be a hazard for children.

The child-care enrichment program will be open, and employees should pick up their paychecks at alternative sites between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

While motorists were pleased by the snow removal on major routes, some owners of businesses along Bardstown Road were angry when snow kicked up by a passing city snowplow broke their windows.

Phat T. Le woke to a report that his restaurant, Cafe Mimosa, 1216 Bardstown Road, had been broken into. But a security alarm actually had been set off when the windows broke.

A 9-by-6-foot window of his Vietnamese-and-Chinese restaurant was destroyed, and two smaller windows were cracked. Dirty snow and slush were thrown about 20 feet into the restaurant.

"I was so angry," Le said. "We put a cloth cover up over the window, but it (the plow) came by again. Boom! Boom! The cover blew off. He was driving like a crazy man."

The story was the same at Lilly's restaurant, 1147 Bardstown Road, where a 5-by-8-foot window was blown out. Manager Kevin Cassaro said snow was piled 6 and 7 feet high against the building's brick facade.

By late afternoon, the windows had been replaced and both restaurants had reopened.

Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, who surveyed the businesses, said the city's insurance will cover the damage. He said the city is still investigating but that it appears wet snow flew off the plow blade as if someone had thrown a hard snowball.

"It was just one of those freak accidents," he said.

Despite the large accumulation of snow, the Metropolitan Sewer District does not expect any serious flooding when it melts. Ron Brown, MSD's special projects coordinator, said crews are working to clear catch basins and other drainage areas of debris just to make sure.

Police in most districts in the city and county began taking reports on

## RANKING THE SNOWFALLS

Louisville's snowfall this week now tops the list of record snow accumulation in a 24-hour period. Lexington's snowfall is also shown.

LOUISVILLE		LEXINGTON	
1. Feb. 4-5, 1998	16.7"	1. Jan. 26, 1943	13.4"
2. Jan. 16-17, 1994	15.9"	2. Jan. 13, 1917	11.2"
3. Jan. 16-17, 1978	15.7"	3. Feb. 4, 1998	11"
4. Dec. 7-8, 1917	15"	4. Jan. 17, 1994	10"
5. Nov. 2-3, 1966	13.1"	5. Jan. 6, 1910	9.5"
		Dec. 6, 1910	
		March 28, 1947	

Source: National Weather Service  
\*Courtesy of the Louisville Courier-Journal



Kirk Davis, 37, of La Grange, a music teacher, said he didn't mind shoveling his driveway yesterday. "They asked us to clear a path for the mailman," he said.

said Mangrum, who was out driving with three friends. "I was on 264 out near Cane Run (Wednesday) and it was real tight. I didn't see any accidents today."

### Oldham County

Residents found their roads either clear of snow yesterday — or nearly covered.

County road crews began their day at 4 a.m. and had cleared the bulk of county roads by noon. State road crews, working from an equipment barn in Buckner, kept Interstate 71 free of snow and ice. State police in La Grange reported five minor injury accidents involving poor road conditions.

But in the county's small cities and subdivisions, road conditions were hit-and-miss.

When Tom Yenowine called the county road department yesterday to see when crews could make it to his Green Valley neighborhood, he was told it could be several days. So, as his subdivision's road commissioner, he searched for someone with a bulldozer to clear the streets. "The fellow we hired won't be here until this afternoon," he said before noon.

"There's a lot of roads in Oldham County that are not under the county maintenance agreement," county engineer Terry Rouch said. "If they want us to plow their roads, those are generally done last."

But many Oldham County residents had only snow-filled driveways to contend with yesterday.

In La Grange, Kirk Davis hefted an orange-scooped snow shovel and cleared a path down his driveway and out into Jefferson Street.

"They asked us to clear a path for the mailman," said Davis, 37, a music teacher at the Chance School in Jefferson County. "I don't mind."

On Fifth Street, Bennett Whitaker, 24, and Derrick Lynch, 22, were going door to door to see if anyone wanted their driveways cleared — fast. They were using a Bobcat owned by Lynch's father.

"Anything to earn an extra dollar," said Whitaker, who was hoping residents would pay \$15 to \$20 for 10 minutes' worth of snow plowing. But after four hours they hadn't come out as well as they'd hoped.

"They're all cheapskates," Lynch said.

On Woodcreek Drive, 7-year-old Aaron and 5-year-old Daniel Bell were too glad to be out of school yesterday — and again today — to worry about making money.

"I love snow," Daniel said. "You can jump in it and eat it," Aaron said.

### Bullitt County

Hebron Middle School eighth-grader Jessica Laswell, 13, said she was already bored by yesterday afternoon, but she didn't mind the unex-

minor accidents again after stopping at the height of the storm.

County totals were not available, but city police said they had reports on 10 non-injury accidents between 3 a.m. and 4 p.m. yesterday, compared with 72 during the same period Wednesday. There were 10 injury accidents, compared with 16 Wednesday.

The failures of 1994 led to many changes in how the city, county and state plan for snow. The city had 17 trucks in 1994; it now has 40, said Rudolph Davidson, director of Louisville's Department of Solid Waste Management and Services. Some of the older trucks were retired, while all the trucks have new plow blades.

All also have computerized spreaders that control the amount of salt put down, allowing it to be spread more efficiently, Davidson said. Before, the trucks had gates that had to be cranked open by hand.

A new dispensing system has been added that makes it easier to add calcium chloride to the salt, which helps it melt snow more effectively. And Davidson said workers are getting more training to prepare them for the snow than they'd gotten in the past.

The county still has the same number of trucks it had four years ago — 42 "front line" trucks and five that help in special situations — but they've been upgraded to newer models that hold twice the salt as the old trucks, Adkins said. The new trucks also run on diesel and are less prone to break down in cold weather than the older gasoline models.

The county is also using 22 pieces of snow-removal equipment contracted through four private companies, Adkins said, and it changed its contracts so the county has first dibs on them. The county was criticized in

1994 because some parking lots at private businesses were cleared before the county roads leading to them were. (The city has agreements with private contractors as well, but did not use them this time.)

The county also has agreed to take over the plowing of 450 miles of state roads — such as Dixie Highway, Outer Loop and Shelbyville Road — that the state Highway Department had difficulty getting to four years ago.

Driver Robert Mangrum said the difference between yesterday and Wednesday was like night and day. "It was real easy getting around."



BY PAUL BALDWIN, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Bennett Whitaker, 24, in front, and Derrek Lynch, 22, were going door to door in La Grange yesterday to see if anyone wanted their driveways cleared — fast. They were using a Bobcat owned by Lynch's father. "Anything to earn an extra dollar," Whitaker said.

pected break in her routine.

"I've been playing" in the snow, said Jessica, whose father, Joe, had used his tractor to make a snow hill that she was sliding down at their Fox Chase home.

Jessica's boredom might well increase today, as Bullitt County public schools canceled classes for a third day. Some secondary roads remained slick late yesterday afternoon, and "we're getting steady snow," Debbie Atherton, the district's transportation director, said around 9:30 p.m.

She said the days will be tacked onto the end of the school year.

Bullitt County chief dispatcher Tom Grossman said yesterday had been quiet. He didn't even want to guess how many wrecks there had been since the snow started falling Wednesday morning, but none involved injuries. "Mostly, it was cars sliding off the road," he said.

County Road Department supervisor Raymond Streble said his crews had been clearing roads around the clock since Wednesday morning. His only complaint? Snowbound subdivision residents clamoring to have their roads cleared immediately.

"Everybody wants to get out now, they want theirs done first," Streble said. "Just put in your paper that we can't do 'em all at one time. Just relax and take it easy."

At least one resident interviewed yesterday seemed content to do just that — up to a point.

Betty Froelicher, who lives on Riverview Drive in a rural part of Mount Washington, was trying to figure out how she would get to Louisville today to pick up her husband, Gene, who is returning from a South Carolina golfing vacation.

She acknowledged that county road crews were likely "up to their eyeballs with snow," but she had just one request: "I called them and asked if they could possibly clean off our street by tomorrow at 4 p.m. so I could go pick my husband up. They were very nice and said they would

put me on the list."

There still may be a catch, though.

"Heck, I can't even get out of my driveway right now," she said, noting that it's sloped and slick. "He just might have to stay in Louisville until it melts some."

#### Southern Indiana

Local and state police reported numerous accidents and at least five deaths — in Decatur, Jackson, Johnson and Vanderburgh counties.

Road crews worked 32-hour shifts in several counties, which got most major roads opened by early yesterday morning. By late yesterday afternoon, even with more snow falling and forecasters predicting accumulations between 1 and 5 inches through the night, highway department officials felt the worst was over.

"We're starting to get a handle on it," said Donald Stewart, superintendent of the Harrison County Highway Department.

#### Kentucky

The death toll climbed to at least seven people, including a young boy who died in a Louisville wreck and a 91-year-old Wayne County man who died while digging out his all-terrain vehicle.

Forty-nine counties and 25 cities had declared snow emergencies by yesterday. Many counties opened shelters.

Restoring power to more than 60,000 people in parts of Central and Eastern Kentucky was a major concern. By 4:30 p.m. yesterday, more than 21,000 people had power restored and another 7,000 customers were expected to overnight.

More than 300 Kentucky National Guard troops worked in snow-stricken areas.

Staff writers Paul Baldwin, Missy Baxter, Cynthia Eagles, Ben Z. Hershberg, Tom Loftus, Veda Morgan, Thomas Nord, Laurie Ogilvie and Richard Wilson contributed to this story.

#### SNOW DEPTHS IN KENTUCKY

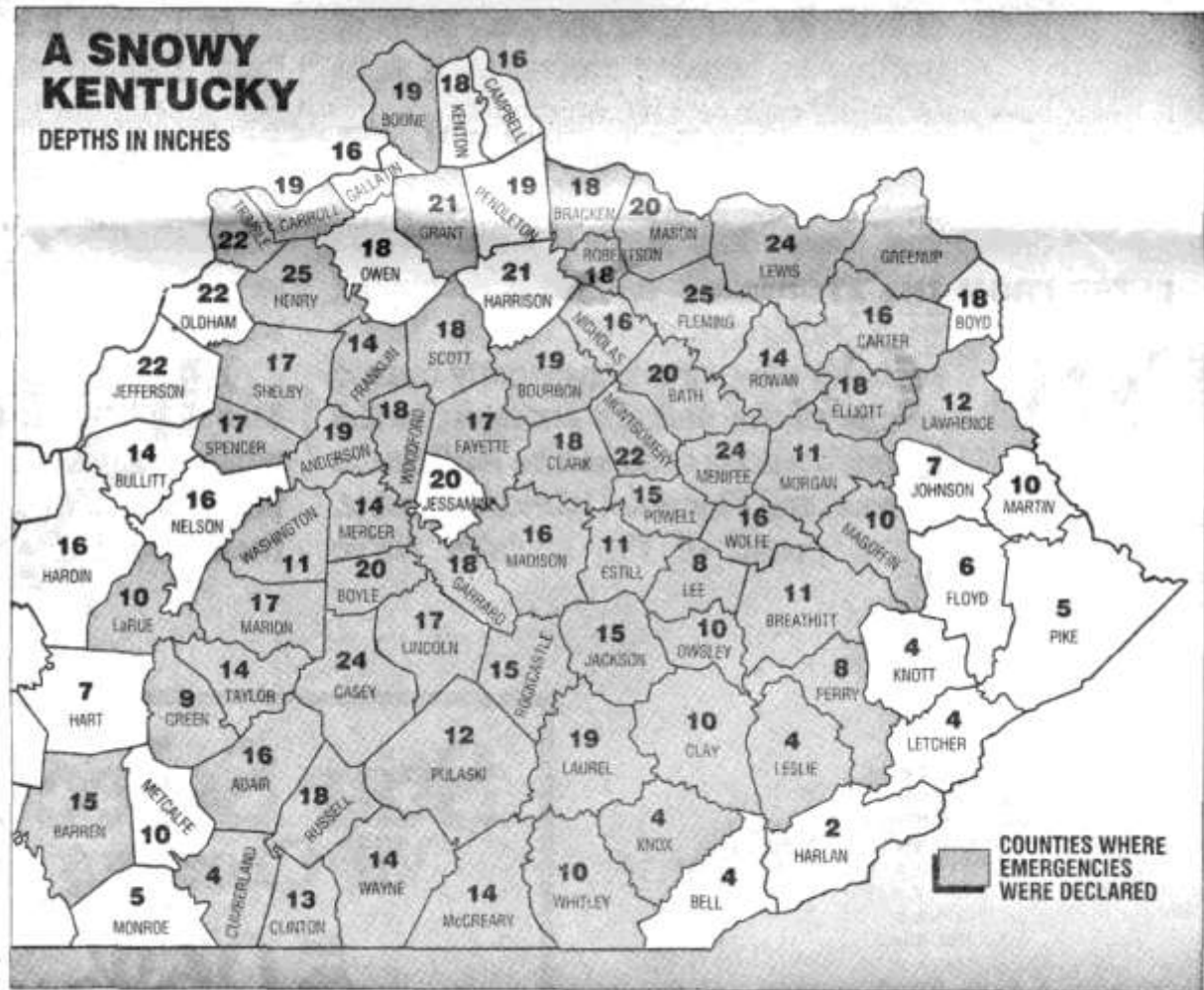
The National Weather Service yesterday reported these snow accumulations in Kentucky counties:

Allen	2 inches
Anderson	17"
Barren	5"
Breckinridge	5"
Bourbon	15"
Boyle	18"
Bullitt	10"
Butler	8"
Clark	14"
Edmonson	4"
Fayette	12"
Franklin	14"
Garrard	15"
Grayson	5"
Hardin	8"
Harrison	14"
Hart	10"
Henry	12"
Jefferson	13"
Jessamine	18"
LaRue	10"
Logan	7"
Madison	15"
Meade	7"
Mercer	16"
Monroe	4"
Nelson	10"
Nicholas	12"
Oldham	8"
Robertson	11"
Scott	12"
Shelby	10"
Simpson	4"
Spencer	12"
Trimble	9"
Warren	5"
Washington	14"
Woodford	14"



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BY WES KENDALL, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

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February 12, 1998, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

February 12, 1998

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 12, 1998 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees: Chair David Dick, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell M.D., Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Charlie Davis and Joe Wolfe, SMFPD; Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park.

Frank Flynn moved, David Dick seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 1998 meeting as written. Motion passed.

Chair David Dick, in the absence of Treasurer Jim King, presented the Auditor's Report for St. Matthews Fire Protection District and St. Matthews Fire Prevention District Holding Company Inc for year ended June 30, 1997. Financial statements for month ended January 31, 1998 were distributed and discussed. Trustees were pleased with the reports and sound financial condition of the District.

Chief Seng reported on Fire Department Operations:

- 1) Total alarms dispatched for month of Jan. . . 122  
Total alarms dispatched YTD/DATE . . . . . 122  
Ext/Medical assistance for January. . . . . 54
- 2) Received an offer from Anchorage Fire Department to purchase hose bought new for \$100 per section. Following discussion David Dick moved to declare the twelve sections of hose "surplus property" and to accept the purchase offer of \$1200; Faye Ellerkamp seconded; motion passed.
- 3) Referred to architect's drawing of the brick exterior for Station No. 1, and the architect's recommendation that the District should be ready to bid this sometime in mid-March. During discussion, Chair Dick reminded those present of the major expenses facing the District -- "new facade" for Building No. 1, retention program, major equipment, new ramp, potential salary survey. The Chair refuted the statement being circulated that "we have more money than we know what to do with". The truth is we don't have enough money to do everything we want to do.

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- 4) Request permission to order 12 Saberlites @ \$18.95 each - 227.40; 24 heavy Nomex hoods @ 18.80 ea - 451.20; 12 pr. NFPA gloves @ 39.94 pr - 479.28; total \$1,157.88. Permission granted; these are normal replacements, budgeted under equipment.

- 5) Request approval of the following items:
  - a. Conference registration for EMS seminar - \$2,000
  - b. PULSE Video-training tapes for 1998 - 936
  - c. Snow blade for 2692 - 3,200
  - d. Replacement vehicle for 1989 Ford with 4x4 utility vehicle - 30,000

Following discussion, Doug Mitchell moved to approve the expenditures a, b and c listed above, with the exception of d, replacement vehicle at \$30,000; total cost \$6,136; David Dick seconded, motion passed.

Moved and seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:05 pm for discussion of personnel matters.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:30 pm. Chair David Dick moved the LOSAP be terminated as of December 31, 1997. Anybody with accrued benefits be offered if they wish to receive cash at the current time if they wish to receive 85% of their accrued vested benefit; or the District will purchase the annuity as promised in the original plan and the only thing we will ask is as each person accepts he signs a release at the time; seconded by Doug Mitchell; 4 "aye" votes; one abstention; motion passed.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is February 19, at 7:00 P.M. at Fern Creek Fire Department (6200 Bardstown Road).

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

David Dick  
David Dick, Chairman

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

February 12, 1998

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews at 8:45 P.M.

Present were: Chair David Dick, Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell M.D. and Faye Ellerkamp. Director Jim King was absent.

Minutes of the January 8, 1998 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

David Dick  
David Dick, Chairman

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

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## February 19, 1998, Elections & Appointments of Trustees Fire Protection Districts:

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### ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS OF TRUSTEES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

#### SECTION C OPERATIONAL MANUAL & LEGAL FORMS COMPENDIUM

TO: JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE TRUSTEES & CHIEFS ASSOCIATIONS  
FAX TO: #502-574-5245

FROM: MAURICE A. BYRNE, JR., LEGAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OATH OF OFFICE FOR APPOINTED TRUSTEE Attached is a copy of an OATH OF OFFICE AS TRUSTEE, which is contained as form H(#4) in the Operational Manual & Legal Forms Compendium. The oath is required by KRS 75.170, and it is the same oath taken by every Trustee, whether appointed or elected (property owner or firefighter).

CERTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE Attached is a form that can be used in the CERTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE by the Board of Trustees, which is contained as form H(#3) in the Operational Manual & Legal Forms Compendium. The "certification" form is not required by law, but it can be used to document the time when an appointed Trustee begins to actually serve on the Board of Trustees.

NO "DISTRICT COURT ORDERS" All copies of the obsolete "order of the Jefferson District Court" should be destroyed. Since 1977, those old "order" forms have been meaningless and out-of-date. Presently, there is no order from district court or any other court. Since the establishment of the county judge/executive some twenty-one (21) years ago, the appointment is made by the County Judge/Executive, with approval of fiscal court. The appointed person takes office as a trustee when administered the oath of office. There is no "order".

Please let me know if you have any questions.

MAURICE A. BYRNE, JR.  
Pager: #341-3300

[2-24-98/810]

[MAB/FPD ELECTIONS: 02-19-98]

H(#4)

### CERTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The undersigned, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Protection District, at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees, took the following action:

1. WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Protection District received notice from Jefferson County Judge/Executive \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed by the County Judge/Executive and approved by the Jefferson County Fiscal Court, pursuant to KRS 75.031(1)(a), as a Trustee of the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Protection District, a copy of the notice of appointment is attached as Exhibit "A";

2. WHEREAS, it appears that \_\_\_\_\_ resides within the boundaries of Jefferson County, Kentucky, and has the qualifications under KRS 75.031 to be appointed and to serve as an appointed Trustee of the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Protection District and that \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed by Jefferson County Judge/Executive \_\_\_\_\_;

2. WHEREAS, \_\_\_\_\_ has been administered the oath of office prescribed by KRS, Chapter 75 and Section 228 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED by the Board of Trustees that \_\_\_\_\_ is declared a Trustee of the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Protection District to hold the office effective immediately for a term of office until the 30th day of June, 200\_\_\_\_.

EXECUTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

ATTESTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

[MAB/FPD ELECTIONS: 02-19-98]

H(#3)

### OATH OF OFFICE AS TRUSTEE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky as long as I continue a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully execute, to the best of my ability, the office of Trustee of the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Protection District according to law; and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the present Constitution, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this State nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, nor aided or assisted any person thus offending, so help me God.

I do further swear that I shall faithfully discharge my duties as Trustee for the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Protection District.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY )  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON ) SS

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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March 11, 1998: Working fire 302 Blankenbaker Lane: Pictures from STMFD:





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March 11, 1998: Working fire 302 Blankenbaker Lane: Pictures from STMFD:



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March 12, 1998, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

March 12, 1998

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 12, 1998 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Chair David Dick, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell, M.D., Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Stuart Monahan, Joe Wolfe, Ed Brown of SMFPD. Trustee Hal Clifford was present.

Frank Flynn moved, Hal Clifford seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 12, 1998 meeting as written; motion passed.

Treasurer Jim King reviewed the Balance Sheet & Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for the month of February, 1998. Mr. King reported the District has received just about all the monies due us; expenses will keep up; the year looks pretty good. We have settled up on a number of LOSAP liability payments last week; one payoff is up in the air; we have not settled with two others. Chief Seng pointed out the charge for lodging at SEAFD winter meeting in Birmingham (Master Card charge of \$184.39) will be reimbursed to the District. Mr. King suggested that all persons attending these training seminars should give a written report to the Board of the agenda and what the attendees learned.

Chief Seng reported on Fire Department Operations:

- 1) Fire District Runs for 1997:  
Fire - 1,300; EMS-566; Total for year - 1,866
- 2) Presented the 1997 Fire District Operations Report Manual to the Trustees, who complimented the Chief and staff on a job well done. Copies will be sent to the Mayors of cities served by the District.
- 3) Responded to a working fire on Trinity Hills Lane; occupant is a mental patient; no power, gas, etc. in house; saved 6 articles of clothing; burned himself; refused treatment. The Iris camera was useful in this fire.
- 4) Anchorage Fire Department purchased the surplus hose; their check was deposited today.
- 5) Captain Flynn and Chief Seng met with several administrators at Baptist Hospital East on March 10 to discuss an ongoing radio problem in the hospital. We suggested they install an in-house repeater system. This will allow St. Matthews personnel to be able to talk to each other from floor to floor, which we could not do in the past. If the project is approved

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It will cost the Hospital approximately \$18,000.

- 6) Plans for work at Station 1 are available for take home study.
- 7) Expenditure request for March 10, 1998:

Compressor Service	\$ 1,045.00
100 Residential Smoke Deter.	600.00
Spring CAAK Conference	450.00
Update FFI & purchase FFII CD	2,371.77
Update tel. system software	684.00
Conf. registration for South-eastern Fire Chiefs	3,000.00
Department physicals	8,000.00
TOTAL	\$16,150.77

Following discussion, Hal Clifford moved to approve the seven items listed above, total \$16,150.77; Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed.

Moved and seconded to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matter at 8:05 P.M.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:35 P.M. Chair David Dick announced that no action was taken.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is April 16, at 7:00 P.M. at Middletown Fire Department, 10217 Shelbyville Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

  
David Dick, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

March 12, 1998

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. MATTHEWS Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:45 P.M.

Present were: Chair David Dick, Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell, Faye Ellerkamp; and Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the February 12, 1998 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

  
David Dick, Chairman

  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

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## March 24, 1998, Letter:

March 24, 1998

Chief William Seng  
St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

Re: FDIC 1998  
Indianapolis, IN

Dear Chief,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend this years FDIC. It's refreshing to meet, mingle and learn with firefighters from across the country. I finally heard Chief Brunacini talk about different aspects of the service. It's good to get out of the box we live in and listen to new ideas and approaches to the problems and concerns we all share.

With our emphasis on accountability, and my position normally being a truck company officer, I tried to attend the classes and panel discussions in those areas. The classes I attended are listed below.

The Rapid Intervention Team Officer  
Operating Safely in the Built Environment ( General Session )  
Firefighter Accountability  
Truck Company Operations and Fire Ground Support

I had a number of things that we already perform routinely re-emphasized, and was exposed to a number of ideas that may have a place in training and operations. As we move ahead, I will try some of the new ideas in training applications and provide you with feedback.

On Friday we attended the equipment show. We saw different variations of the equipment we currently employ, however I don't think that there were any more cost effective or durable products to be seen.

Again, thank you, it was a worthwhile investment for both of us.

Sincerely,

  
Captain John Walling

## April 1, 1998, Letter:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**

240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

**William J. Seng  
Fire Chief**

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Raye O'Leary, Secretary

To: Chief Seng  
From: Major Monahan  
Date: April 1, 1998  
Re: FDIC 1998

I'm sending this memo to let you know about the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis March 18th through the 21st.

As in years past I took several of our firefighters to attend the seminars and apparatus show. This year Captain Ryan, Captain Walling and Firefighter Marshall were able to get time off from work and attend. These three had not attended the FDIC in the past. It was nice to see others in our organization being able to participate in such a good conference. One aspect that takes place at this event is the interaction of firefighters from around Jefferson County. Our firefighter's and others are able to meet, network and exchange ideas.

I had two areas of concern when I choose classes to attend. My choice's for classes were primarily with regards to improving training and changes in fire apparatus. The classes listed below are the ones I went to.

New York City-Phoenix Firefighter Interchange Program  
What should we do for drill?  
General Session  
Development of realistic hands-on training props  
Beyond NFPA Standard 1901  
Fire Apparatus Show

Next year I would like to budget so that each person will be able to participate in the hands on training that takes place on Monday and Tuesday of the week long conference.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Major Monahan

## April 2, 1998, Letter:

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April 2, 1998

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To: JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEES & CHIEFS

Re: LAWUIT BY JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY AGAINST SHERIFF: Report #4

FIRE DISTRICTS WILL NOT PAY 25% FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES

On Monday, March 30, 1998, Governor Patton signed House Bill 568 into law. As a result, the Jefferson County Attorney has filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit on collection of delinquent property taxes filed against Sheriff James Vaughn on May 29, 1997.

First Assistant County Attorney Scott Lilly reported today that H.B. 568 will increase the amount of delinquent taxes received by Fire Protection Districts by as much as thirty-three percent (33%) by eliminating the present 20% and 5% deductions. H.B. 568 provides:

1. TWENTY PERCENT (20%) COLLECTION FEES NOW ADDED TO TAXES: The 20% collection fee previously charged "shall be added to the total amount due on the delinquent tax bill," a 25% increase in the amount of delinquent taxes received.
2. TEN PERCENT (10%) CLERK'S FEES NOW ADDED TO TAXES: The 10% Clerk's fee (increased from 5%) on delinquent taxes collected "shall be added to the tax claim and paid by the persons paying the tax claim," eliminating 5% previously deducted.
3. TAX RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR EXONERATED BILLS: H.B. 568 allows a fire protection district to recover "any loss of ad valorem tax revenue suffered by a taxing district due to the exoneration of uncollectible tax bills [PVA cannot physically locate and identify the real property] . . . through an adjustment in the tax rate for the following year."
4. LAWUIT TO BE DISMISSED: The motion of the Jefferson County Attorney to dismiss the lawsuit against the Sheriff is scheduled for a hearing on April 6, 1998.

MAURICE A. BYRNE, JR.  
Counsel for JEFFERSON COUNTY  
FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEES & CHIEFS  
Pager: #341-3300

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April 6, 1998, Letter:

*Smoke Detectors  
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Henry A. Coffey  
Frank B. Ryan  
Douglas C. Mitchell, M.D.

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: April 6, 1998  
Re: District Activity

We responded to a working house fire on Blankenshaker Lane last Monday. The run came in around 8:30am and when we arrived on the scene the fire was already through the roof. Nobody was hurt however a passerby removed the homeowner from the house before our arrival. The owner was not even aware that his house was on fire. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined and I am not sure it ever will be. The Jefferson County Arson Squad, LG&F, and a private fire investigator still have not been able to determine the cause of the fire. We all agree that the fire started in the garage but what caused it is still a mystery. Another incident that occurred at this fire is that the first in crew experienced a large explosion while they were inside the house. The explosion was large enough to blow several doors off their hinges and to cause our crew to evacuate the house. The explosion is somewhat of a mystery also. County arson and LG&F have not been able to determine the cause of the explosions either. Let's just hope we never have a fire like this one again.

We also had an apartment fire at Mallard Crossing two weeks ago which caused major damage to one rental unit. Due to the fact that the 24/48 crew was already out on an EMS run, the first in unit was 2632, which had a crew made up totally of volunteers. (They loved every minute of it too.) The owner leaving grease on the stove caused this fire, which started on its own.

Unit 2653 had a main hydraulic cylinder go bad two weeks ago. The proper procedure to repair the cylinder is to rebuild it along with the other cylinder, which are used to raise and lower the ladder. The cost of rebuilding the cylinders was about \$500.00. We then had to have the ladder re-certified for operational use. This cost an additional \$400.00. The one advantage we had going for us was that the maintenance department was able to do all the labor involved in removing and replacing the cylinders which weigh almost 250 pounds each.

The architect held a pre-bid meeting here last Wednesday for all the contractors interested in bidding on the Station I project. There were about fifteen people who showed up, which Norm Berry's office said looks very promising. The bids are due back in about three weeks. I will get the exact date and let you know so that if any of the trustees would like to be there they can.

The advertisement for property owner trustee will be in this Wednesday's Neighborhoods section of the Courier Journal. Anyone who is interested in the position needs to submit their resume to the District by April 24<sup>th</sup>. We need to get the names of people who are interested so that we can place their names in the large add that Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association places for the election. Enclosed is a copy of the advertisement.

We are experiencing an electrical problem in one of our main breaker boxes in the basement. Ruckriegel Electrical says that the panel is old and is shorting out. He suggests that we replace it immediately due to the fact that if it goes out all the way, we would be without one phase of electricity until a new panel is installed. The panel would take about five to six weeks to deliver once it was ordered. The total cost for replacement is about \$4000.00

Enclosed are several items for you to review including two reports from firefighters who attended this year's FDIC in Indianapolis.

## Expenditure Request for April Trustees Meeting

Item	Cost	Budgeted
EMT Transition Course for all EMT's	\$2,250 ~	Yes
Annual Aerial and Ground Ladder testing	\$1,295 ~	Yes
Renew office copier agreement	\$450 ~	Yes
Replace old CPR manikins	\$1,300 ~	Yes
Annual volunteer recruiting ad on TV	\$550 ~	Yes
<del>Landscaping at Station I</del>	<del>~</del>	<del>Yes</del>



1998

April 9, 1998, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

April 9, 1998

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 9, 1998 at the SMFPD Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Chairman David Dick, Trustees Frank Flynn, James King, Douglas Mitchell, M.D., Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Stuart Monohan, John Walling, Larry Heaphy, SMFPD; Jack Noid, City of Woodlawn Park; Rick Tonini, Resident.

Frank Flynn moved, Doug Mitchell seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 1998 meeting as written; motion passed.

Treasurer James King distributed the Balance Sheet & Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the month of March, 1998, which were reviewed and found in good order.

Chief Seng reported:

- 1) Fire District runs for month of March . . . 134 EMS/Medical runs for March . . . . . 50
- 2) Responded to a working house fire on Blankenbaker Lane last Monday around 8:30 AM; the fire was already through the roof when we arrived. The Jefferson County Arson Squad, LG&E and a private fire investigator have not yet been able to determine the cause of the fire.
- 3) Signs out front of Station 1 and 2 for fire-fighter training classes. Also TRR Cable is running ad for recruits. Major Monohan has people signed up, waiting for the class.
- 4) Donation received from Al Entwistle of Day's Inn for an ice machine.
- 5) The ad announcing applications for property owner trustee election are available at Station 1 appeared in yesterday's NEIGHBORHOODS section of COURTESY JOURNAL. April 24 is deadline for receiving resumes; those names will be turned in to Terri for inclusion in the County ad for June 27, 1998 election.
- 6) Bid opening for work to be done on exterior of Station 1 is scheduled April 15 at 2:00 P.M.
- 7) Dennis Clare advises that any project costing above \$250,000 requires prevailing wages be paid.
- 8) Bids will be requested for District Insurance.

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- 9) The second Iris camera should be shipped by the end of the month.
- 10) Expenditures request:

(a) EMT Transition Course for all EMT's	\$2,250
(b) Annual aerial & ground ladder testing	1,295
(c) Renew office copier agreement	450
(d) Replace old CPR manikins	1,300
(e) Annual volunteer recruit TV ad	550
(f) Replacement panel for one of the main breaker boxes in basement	4,000
TOTAL	\$9,845

Following discussion, David Dick moved to approve six expenditure requests listed above; Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.

Frank Flynn moved, Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed to go into Executive session for discussion of personnel matters and litigation at 7:45 P.M.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:35 P.M. Chairman Dick announced that no action was taken.

Chief Seng reported that the apparatus report will be mailed to Trustees tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

*David Dick*  
David Dick, Chairman

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

April 9, 1998

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:50 P.M.

Present were: Chair David Dick, Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, James King, Doug Mitchell, M.D., Faye Ellerkamp; and Chief William J. Seng.

Minutes of the March 12, 1998 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

David Dick, Chairman

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

April 10, 1998, Letter:

*Smaller Detectors  
Save Lives*



ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District

240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

William J. Seng  
Fire Chief

*Learn How  
To Burn*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
David C. Dick, Chairman  
James King, Treasurer  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Harry A. Clifford  
Frank A. Flynn  
Douglas C. Mitchell, M.D.

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: April 10, 1998  
Re: Apparatus Replacement Schedule

Enclosed you will find several pages of information that have been compiled to give an objective view of the need for apparatus replacement at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. The information contained in this packet, along with additional information that will be sent out over the next couple of weeks, should be used by you to make an educated decision on our apparatus replacement schedule. You will note that the information that is provided to you today makes a strong case for a custom style apparatus rather than a commercial style apparatus for the reasons listed.

The future information I will be providing you with will pertain to the pro's and con's of commercial and custom apparatus, including price differences and life expectancy.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*William J. Seng*  
William J. Seng  
Fire Chief

1998

April 20, 1998, Special Trustee meeting:

May 8, 1998, Letter:

(AMENDED) MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

April 20, 1998

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 20, 1998, at Fire District Station No. 1 at 6:30 PM.

Present were: Trustees Chairman David Dick, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Stuart Monohan, SMFPD; Steve Cullen, Norman Berry Architect Associates; David Bentley, Thurman Company. Trustee Doug Mitchell, M.D. also attended.

Chair Dick announced the special meeting was called for discussion of the bids received for exterior masonry cladding of Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue.

Chief Seng presented copies of the two lowest bids received:

- (1) Thurman Co., Base bid - \$329,900; Alt. 1 - 9,100;
- (2) Hoehler, Inc., Base bid - \$345,000; Alt. 1 - 13,038.

Chief Seng introduced Mr. Cullen, Norman Berry Associates and Mr. Bentley, of the Thurman Company, who joined in a lengthy Q&A session. Chair Dick asked if this proposal would preserve the integrity of the building - or is it being considered for cosmetic reasons? The low bid of \$329,900 represents about \$17,500 a year in interest alone - if we paint this building, are we not better off? Mr. Cullen advised he would not recommend doing any kind of painting until the problems with the mortar are corrected. No action taken.

Chair Dick requested Chief Seng to make up costs for a replacement pumper and schedule of equipment for consideration at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

*David Dick*  
David Dick, Chairman

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**

240 Sears Avenue  
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William J. Seng  
Fire Chief

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

David C. Dick, Chairman  
James King, Treasurer  
Paul Dickerson, Secretary

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: May 8, 1998  
Re: District Activity

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Harry A. Gifford  
Frank A. Flynn  
Douglas C. Mitchell, M.D.

Enclosed you will find two large packets of information. The first packet contains information about a replacement pumper and other information associated with that pumper. The second packet contains information dealing with salary comparisons between a St. Matthews Fire Protection District firefighter and a firefighter employed by the City of Louisville. Please review this information so that you may be able to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have about these two topics.

George Santamouris has been selected as the Kiwanis Club 1997 Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. George will be honored at a luncheon given at the St. Matthews Community Center on Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>. I have enclosed George's bio for you to review. Congratulations George!

We will be conducting a PR class and have a pumper on display this Saturday at Bereans Christian Church for a pancake breakfast. If you get a chance, stop by and see our firefighters in real action...eating pancakes.

A house has been donated to the Fire District to burn next month for training purposes. It is located at 4175 Westport Road across from the Target Store. We have not had a house to train on in a long time so this should be a good opportunity for our new firefighters.

Just to let you know I am sitting in on the committee for the Holiday Lights Parade that is being sponsored by the St. Matthews Area Business Association. The Parade will be held in late November and Bowling Blvd. will be the main street that the parade will use. I will keep you posted as to how this event is developing.

See you at the Trustees meeting on Thursday.

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS  
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April 22, 1998, The Courier-Journal

**ST. MATTHEWS**

**Fire department  
may add brick veneer**

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District is discussing whether to put brick veneer on its fire station at 240 Sears Ave.

A low bid of \$339,000 from the Thurman Co. was announced at a special meeting Monday.

For the last four years, the firefighters have had trouble getting paint to adhere to the concrete-block building, which was built in 1969 and expanded in 1984, said Fire Chief William Seng. Moisture has been seeping in, he said.

Norman K. Berry and Associates Architects recommended brick veneer.

The district's board of directors is expected to decide at its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. May 14 at the station.

— Martha Elson

**Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews  
Outstanding Volunteer Firefighter  
of the Year**

Sergeant George Santamouris, a member of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District for five years, has been named St. Matthews Outstanding Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. While growing up in New York he spent a lot of time at the firehouses that dotted his neighborhood. Though as a child he didn't want to be a firefighter, he was impressed with the mechanics of fire fighting from the apparatus and the science of fire fighting itself.

Sergeant Santamouris came to Louisville in 1990 and moved to St. Matthews in 1993. He joined St. Matthews Fire Protection District in April 1993. "I didn't realize that Jefferson County was protected by a network of volunteer fire departments," said George. "Once I learned that, I set out to join my local fire department. It's a great way to serve the community."

Sergeant Santamouris is a member of the Fire District's Recruitment and Retention Committee and assists the training division with the new recruits. He is a Kentucky and nationally certified EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). Since joining the fire department, he has responded to and average of sixty percent of the Fire District's fire alarms and non-fire emergencies.

Sergeant Santamouris and his wife, Beverly, live in St. Matthews. He is a licensed aircraft maintenance technician and works at United Parcel Service where he is an aircraft maintenance supervisor.

**May 14, 1998, Trustee meeting:**

## May 14, 1998

4) Jim Smith has asked the Board to submit names for trustees to be appointed to the St. Matthews Board. Told him that Jim King was the board's recommendation for reappointment; his term expires June 30, 1998. Following discussion, the Board directed Secretary Ellerkamp to write a letter recommending David Dick, whose property owner term expires June 30, 1998, for appointment to fill the vacancy created by Chair Jim Graven's resignation.

## Board of Trustees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

## May 11, 1998

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary





Danny  
Grant

George  
Santamouris

## Kiwanis Club gives awards

The Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews has named its Police Officer and Outstanding Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.

Danny Grant, who has been with the St. Matthews Police since May 1996, was recently honored as the department's top officer. He was previously a member of the Shelbyville Police Department.

In addition to his regular patrol duties, Grant is a member of the St. Matthews Police Honor

*See page A-3*

## Kiwanis Club honors local policeman, fireman

*From page A-1*

Guard. He has also been active in many of the police department's crime prevention and public safety programs.

St. Matthews Police Chief Norm Mayer said, "Danny's work ethic is second to none, as he puts forth the effort to see that the job is done and done right."

Sgt. George Santamouris, a member of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District for five years, was named Outstanding Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.

Growing up in New York, Santamouris spent a lot of time at the firehouses that dotted his neighborhood. He was impressed with the mechanics of firefighting and the equipment involved.

He moved to Louisville in 1990 and to St. Matthews three years later.

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work of volunteer fire departments," Santamouris said. "Once I learned that, I set out to join my local fire department. It's a great way to serve the community."

The sergeant is a member of the fire district's recruitment and retention committee and assists in training new recruits. He is a certified emergency medical technician and has responded to about 60 percent of the district's fire alarms and non-fire emergencies.

Santamouris lives in St. Matthews and works at United Parcel Service as an aircraft maintenance supervisor.

*- Mark Shallcross*



1998

June 10, 1998, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Harry A. Gifford  
Frank A. Flynn  
Douglas C. Mitchell, AGO

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

June 10, 1998

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 10, 1998 at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Chair David Dick, Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell, M.D., Faye Ellerkamp, Chief William J. Seng, Larry Neaphy, SMFPD; Rick Tonini, Resident.

Frank Flynn moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting April 20, as amended, and the minutes of the regular meeting May 14, 1998 as written. Jim King seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer Jim King distributed the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenue & Expenditures for the month of May, 1998. Treasurer King handed out a proposed budget for the fiscal year 1998/99 and a recommendation that the tax rate be lowered to \$0.0825 per hundred of assessed valuation. Chief Seng presented a draft of a proposed budget. Discussion of budget and tax rate was delayed to follow Chief Seng's report on Operations.

**Chief Seng reported on District Operations:**

- 1) Total alarms dispatched for month of May . . . . 167  
" " " " Year to Date . . . . 680  
Extrication/med. assistance month of May . . . . 59  
" " " " Year to Date . . . . 266
- 2) Bud Harbameier, WHAS Crusade for Children, advised the St. Matthews Fire Department will receive an award for the largest increase for collection by Fire Departments.
- 3) Reminder: Election for Property Owner Trustee is set for Saturday, June 27 from 11 AM to 2 PM at Station 1.
- 4) Renewal of District's Insurance Coverage: David Dick moved to accept the proposal for insurance coverage for St. Matthews Fire Protection District as submitted by R. Alex Rankin, CPU (\$30,059.00); Hal Clifford seconded, motion passed.
- 5) Request to hire a summer intern: Following discussion Frank Flynn moved to authorize Chief Seng to hire Hunter Louis III as a summer intern to help with hydrant inspection and painting, grass cutting, etc.; David Dick seconded, motion passed.

Frank Flynn moved to go into Executive Session at 8:10 PM for discussion of personnel matter; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:50 PM. Chair Dick announced that no action was taken.

Chair Dick requested discussion on the Treasurer's report; budget drafts presented; and tax rate for FY 1998/99. Following lengthy discussion, the following actions were taken:

- 1) Jim King moved to approve the longevity pay scale presented by Chief Seng to the Board (Plan B with modifications recommended by Treasurer King, and approved by Trustees). Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed.
- 2) David Dick moved to adopt a property tax rate of \$0.085 per hundred of assessed valuation for fiscal year 1998/99; Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed.
- 3) David Dick moved to adopt the 1998/99 budget presented by Chief Seng, incorporating changes suggested by Treasurer King and approved by trustees. Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is June 18, at 7:00 PM at Black Mudd Fire Department (1714 Rangeland Road).

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

**Trustees Meeting Agenda**

June 11, 1998

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting.
- III. Treasurer Report, by Jim King.
- IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief William J. Seng.
- V. Executive Session.
- VI. Old Business.
- VII. New Business: The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is June 18, at 7:00 P.M., at Black Mudd Fire Department. (1714 Rangeland Road)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY**

June 10, 1998

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:40 PM.

Present were: Chair David Dick, Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell, M.D., Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the May 11, 1998 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

David Dick  
David Dick, Chair

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

David Dick  
David Dick, Chair

Faye Ellerkamp  
Faye Ellerkamp, Secretary

### July, 1998, Vote Certification:

James King, Treasurer

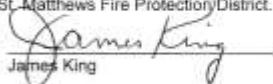
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July, 1998, Vote Certification:

Oaths mandated by  
228 of the Constitution Of Kentucky  
And KRS 75.170

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky so long as I continue to be a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully execute, to the best of my ability, the office of Trustee according to law; and I do further solemnly swear that since the adoption of the present constitution, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a Duel with deadly weapons within this State nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons. Nor have I acted as a second in carrying a challenge, nor aided or assisted any person thus offering, so help me God.

I do further solemnly swear that in accordance with KRS 75.170 I shall faithfully discharge my duties as Trustee for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

  
James King

Commonwealth of Kentucky )  
  ) SS  
County of Jefferson )

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by

James King this 9th day of July, 1998

My commission expires: July 15, 2000

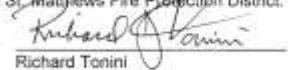
  
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I do further solemnly swear that in accordance with KRS 75.170 I shall faithfully discharge my duties as Trustee for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

  
Richard Tonini

Commonwealth of Kentucky )  
  ) SS  
County of Jefferson )

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by

Richard Tonini this 9th day of July, 1998

My commission expires: July 15, 2000

  
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**1998**

**July, 1998, New Trustee Richard “Rick” Tonini:  
Richard “Rick” J. Tonini**

**Firefighter April 8, 1972 to 1976, Trustee 1998 to Present (2010)**



**Born 12-29-52 in Louisville, KY**

**Moved to St. Matthews at age of 5**

**My father always had LFD radio through house 24/7**

**When LFD had large fire I would go with him to the fire. He was a “hat catcher” for LFD. He spent a lot of evenings at Truck 3, Preston and Merritt and rode out with them when they had a run.**

**I started riding my bicycle to STMFD fire house on St. Matthews Ave. when I heard the siren. As soon as I turned 18 I joined STMFD (1972). While a member I attended Western Kentucky University, Jefferson Community College, University of Kentucky and University of Louisville. After I returned home from Lexington I took advantage of the Department’s program to attend JCC for an associate degree in Fire Science. I was in the first graduation class with Russ and Bill Dieckman and the rest. During my last semester I was put on probation from the department for missing training. My classes (that the department was paying for) was on Tuesday night and I could not be in two places at one time. Chief John Monohan did not accept that excuse but did pay for the classes since I got an “A” in all of them. I purchased a house on St. Germaine Ct (with the help of Al Ring) in 1978 and later that year married Denise Davidson. We had two children, Lauren and Allison. Lauren was killed in an automobile accident while attending Auburn Vet School in 2003. Allison graduated from University of Georgia in 2008.**

**I have been employed at Tonini Church Supply Co since 1967. I am now a co-owner with my brothers and sister. Denise works for WHAS Crusade for Children as controller.**



**July 9, 1998, Trustee meeting: New E-1 pumper ordered to be 2631:**

July 9, 1998

Chief Seng reported on District Operations:

July 09, 1998

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Secretary

- 6) The tuition reimbursement program originally designed for MCC is now defunct. Chief Seng would like to offer a new program to include a correspondence course at University of Cincinnati and a college class at Eastern, Richmond, KY for reimbursement. The firefighter has to earn a passing grade; must be 12 months in service; following discussion on, Bill Tronzo moved to approve setting up the policy. Further discussion to be offered SNEPPD firefighters; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

James E. McDonald  
Secretary

1998

August 13, 1998, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

August 13, 1998

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, August 13, 1998, at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1, 240 Sears Avenue, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Rick Tonini, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Erik Sorensen, Dan Doyle, John Volkerding, Stuart Monohan, SMFPD; and Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park. Trustees Jim King and Doug Mitchell, M.D. were absent.

The trustees requested Trustee Frank Flynn to act as Chairman for tonight's meeting.

Hal Clifford moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 1998 meeting after correction was made on bid for the E-1 pumper to \$285,489 (article 5 on page 2). Rick Tonini seconded, motion passed.

Election of officers was deferred again because only four trustees were in attendance and no appointment has been made to fill the existing vacancy on the Board (from February 23, 1997).

Copies of the Financial Statement for month ended July 31, 1998 were distributed and discussed.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) Total alarms dispatched for month of July ..... 120
- 2) Since 2635 and 2657 were declared surplus, Major Monohan put together one packet and has had many inquiries. Ashland called re 2657; Pleasureville came twice to check pumper--no firm offers have been received to date.
- 3) Larry Heaphey injured his knee; the plan is to replace from day staff to fill his 24/48 schedule until he recuperates.
- 4) Unit 2634 was hit by a pickup truck on Saturday at the intersection of Westport Road and Harr Lane. No injuries sustained; however, the adjuster estimated \$30,000 to \$50,000 damage. Truck will have to be taken to the factory for repairs - an estimate of 45 days required for the repairs. Received the accident report today. Chief suggests he would like to place the order for the new pumper when Unit 2634 is delivered to the factory for repairs.
- 5) Insurance rates for this year's health insurance budgeted at 10% increase. The rates came in at 3% increase "across the board".

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

August 13, 1998

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:50 P.M.

Present were: Directors: Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Rick Tonini, Faye Ellerkamp; Chief William J. Seng; Directors Jim King and Doug Mitchell, M.D. were absent.

Frank Flynn acted as Chairman for the meeting at the request of the directors.

The minutes of the July 09, 1998 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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6) Flowers from the District were sent to express sympathy upon the death of Marshall Eldred's father.

7) One expenditure item: Purchase 3 RT radios (under Jefferson County contract, purchase 3 each year) cost \$3,588.00. Following discussion, Rick Tonini moved to authorize purchase of the 3 radios; Faye Ellerkamp seconded; motion passed.

Rick Tonini referred to a fax received from David Dick, former Treasurer and Chairman of the Board, expressing concerns:

(A) When the Board authorized the Chief to seek competitive bids for a new pumper it was indicated the bid must allow for delivery in June, 1999 or later, because (1) uncertainty about final cost of the building improvement requires extreme caution before authorizing new expenditures; and (2) in addition to the building cost issue the Board discussed the need to have a handle on revenue to be received in December through February because the major expenditures of the building and fire truck were going to reduce our surplus to near zero. It is very important to know that revenue won't be below the budgeted amount.

(B) Only one bid was received for the new pumper, which raises the question if the acceptance of the lone bid is appropriate. This has the appearance of a flawed and favored bidding. The Board should consider arranging a meeting with the bidders to indicate that E-One is not the automatic choice, that there is a true competitive bid system in place. A Board representative should see the bid request (perhaps specifications should be modified); meet with potential bidders and be present at the bid opening.

Rick Tonini said at least we should find out why these people did not bid. Chief Seng remarked that only 2 bidders met specs--Pierce and E-One the first time we solicited bids; the second time E-1 and RME. This time Pierce said he could not meet the specs for the roll-up door. Following discussion, Chief Seng stated the September 30 deadline for ordering should be observed. No action taken.

9) Changed vendors for pager number--because of announced increase from current \$4.75 per month to \$7.00; new vendor charge - \$5.00. Rick Tonini moved, Hal Clifford seconded, to approve the change in vendors; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

  
(Acting) Chairman

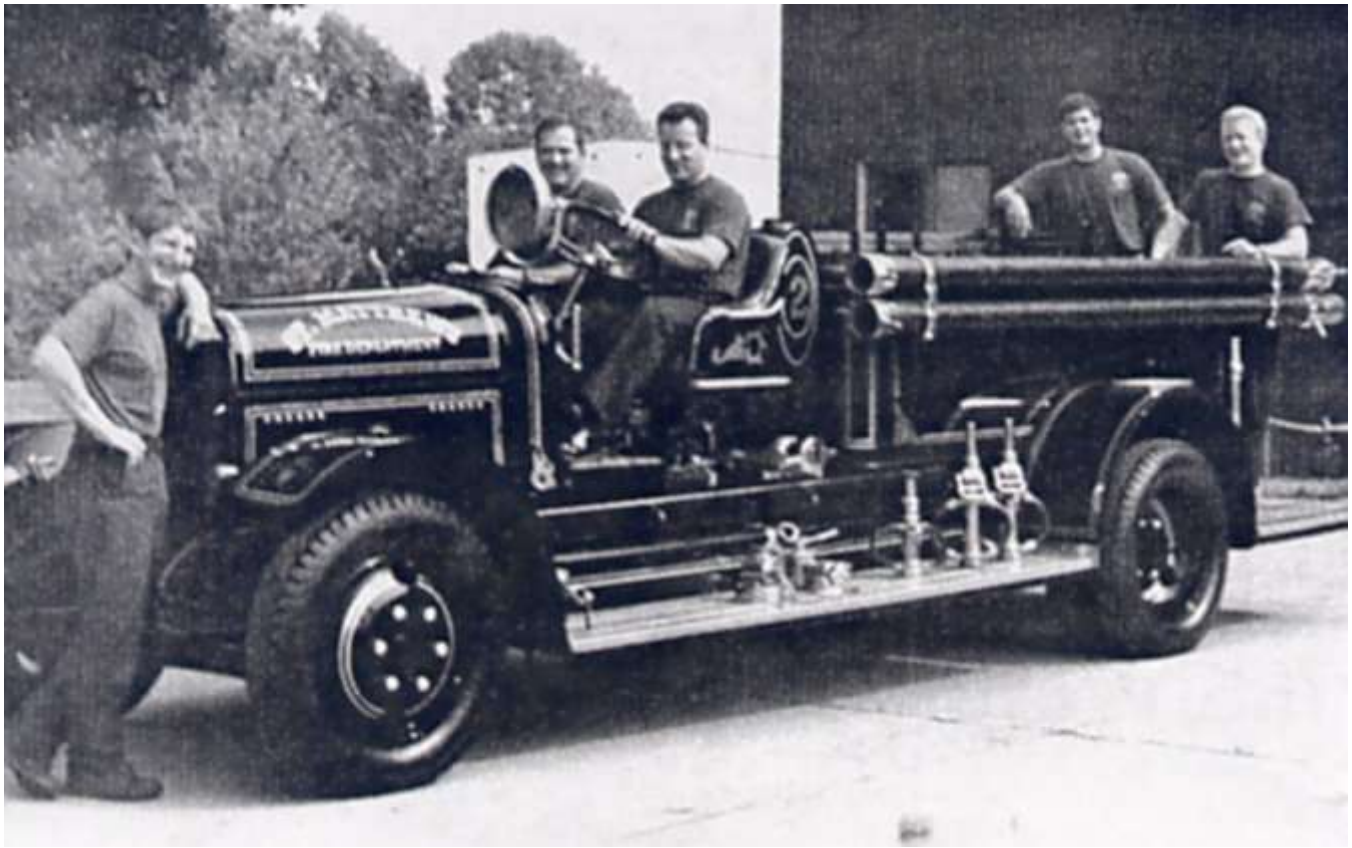
  
Secretary

  
(Acting) Chairman

  
Secretary

1998

August 19, 1998, *The Voice-Tribune*, photo & written by: Carrie Morrison. "Betsy" is back—Fire department rejuvenates '31 pumper.



A few of the St. Matthews Fire Department crew posed with "Betsy," a 1931 fire engine. Several firefighters and officers have worked eight hours a day for the past six months to restore the truck, which will be displayed at a convention next month. From left, Sgt. Jackie DeHart, Maj. Stuart Monohan, Chief Bill Seng and firefighters Paul Kurtz and Michael Biven.

1998

August 19, 1998, *The Voice-Tribune*, photo & written by: Carrie Morrison. "Betsy" is back—Fire department rejuvenates '31 pumper.

# **'Betsy' is back**

## **Fire department rejuvenates '31 pumper**

By **CARRIE MORRISON**  
**Staff Writer**

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"Betsy" has been barreling around St. Matthews for more than 60 years, but men still preen her, polish her and fuss over her. She's red hot, but she doesn't start the fires.

She puts them out.

That's because Betsy is a 1931 Seagrave pumper, the oldest of the seven fire trucks at the St. Matthews Fire Department. Officers and firefighters have been working since January to restore the truck, which last saw duty during the 1974 tornado aftermath.

"We decided it was time to give this vehicle its due," said Sgt. Jackie DeHart, who used to own DeHart's Auto Service in St. Matthews. "It was going to be a cleanup, fix-up, shine-up (project), and the further we got into it we realized how beautiful it could be if we did a frame-off restoration."

The truck will be exhibited at the International Association of Fire Chiefs annual convention

Sept. 12-15 at the Commonwealth Convention Center and the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center. Thousands of fire chiefs, including those from Louisville, Jefferson County and other local communities are expected to display old trucks and other memorabilia.

### **A 'colorful' life**

Retired Assistant Chief Jack Monohan, whose son Stuart is now a major, collects fire trucks himself. He drove Betsy many times during his 40 years of service. One of his last runs with the truck was the Greathouse Elementary School fire of 1971.

"(The truck) has seen a very useful and colorful life," he said. "I cut my teeth on it, as my father and my uncle did before me." Both relatives were chiefs in the 1930s and '40s.

Betsy was the second vehicle purchased by the 79-year-old department; the first had been a 1920 Model-T Ford nicknamed "Lizzie." DeHart's grandfather, board member J.J. Elder, wrote

*See page A-10*



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August 19, 1998, *The Voice-Tribune*, photo & written by: Carrie Morrison. "Betsy" is back—Fire department rejuvenates '31 pumper.

*From page A-1*

the check for the first payment on the \$6,500 Betsy in 1931. Soon the department could not afford the yearly payments; the only money it received was from the few St. Matthews businesses and property owners existing at the time, who paid a whopping \$3 a year for fire protection.

In 1933, a representative from the Seagrave Corp. came all the way to Louisville from Columbus, Ohio, to repossess the truck. He encountered assessment payer and next-door drugstore owner J.H. Ogden, who told him since he paid for fire service and therefore helped the department pay for their one-bay garage on Breckenridge Lane, he was the fire station's "landlord" and Seagrave could not legally retrieve anything on "his" property. The white lie caused enough confusion to buy time.

Soon, community businesses rallied around Betsy. The Ameri-

can Legion Zachary Taylor Post held dances and donated some of the ticket proceeds. Plehn's Bakery, the old Gulf gas station and the L&N railroad company also lent their aid.

According to Monohan, the '30s were full of adventures for Betsy. One fire in the area that is now Woodlawn was particularly difficult; the only available hydrant was down Westport Road, at what is now White Castle restaurant. Driving back and forth to fill the hose was costing time, so firefighters hijacked a dairy truck that was en route to nearby Zehnder Brothers' Creamery. The milk doused the flames, but firemen forgot to clean Betsy's hoses.

"So what happens to milk when it sours? ... It was a big old mess," recalled Monohan, who got firsthand accounts from his family long before he became a firefighter himself.

Since fire hydrants were few

and far between in those days, firemen were hard pressed to find convenient water sources, Monohan said. Betsy pumped water from Beargrass Creek and from local cisterns and wells. During a fire in the Oxmoor area, firemen dipped the pumps in what they thought was a cistern. When septic tank fluid came out instead, the men held their noses but fought undaunted.

### Bringing back Betsy

The St. Matthews Fire Department moved Betsy out of first-line service and made her auxiliary in the '70s. The truck's hoses couldn't hold the volume of water that newer models could, and Betsy's cable brakes, which worked like a bicycle's, were not as safe as the hydraulic brakes of today's Seagraves, E-1s and Mack pumpers.

Now, the restoration of Betsy includes updating the brakes and transmission, not to mention the painstaking task of removing nickel plating from the elaborate pump, finding solid brass underneath and polishing it religiously. DeHart said the effort has taken up to eight hours a day.

"Everybody's had a part in it," she said. "Every component of this thing adds so much glamour to it."

While all the firefighters are proud of Betsy, she gets little credit for heroism over the years.

"The truck didn't do anything," said Monohan. "The people in it did."

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September 10, 1998, Trustee meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

September 10, 1998

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 10, 1998, at the St. Matthews Fire District Station No. 1 at 240 Sears Avenue, at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D., Rick Tonini, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn; Chief William Seng; Stuart Monohan, John Volkerding, Dan Doyle, Kent Monohan, of SMFPD; Hon. Jack Noid, Woodlawn Park Councilmember.

Rick Tonini moved to accept the minutes of the August 13, 1998 meeting as written; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed.

The following officers were nominated and elected to hold office until June 30, 1999, or until their successors are elected:

Chairman - Faye Ellerkamp  
Treasurer- James L. King  
Secretary- Frank Flynn

Treasurer James King distributed Financial Statements which were reviewed and discussed. He addressed the cost of building project at Station 1, and reported that \$1,800 was saved by paying Workmen's Compensation insurance premium in one lump sum for the entire year.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- (1) Total alarms dispatched for month of August . . . 133  
Total alarms dispatched year to date . . . . . 974
- (2) Chief Seng worked at the Fire Rescue International all week; the show was a big success! 46 chiefs from overseas attended.
- (3) The renovation work at Station 1 is pretty much on schedule; brick layers expect to finish in October; completion date (cleanup, etc.) estimated to be November 19, 1998.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

September 10, 1998

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:30 P.M.

Present were: Directors Hal Clifford, Frank Flynn, Rick Tonini, Faye Ellerkamp, Doug Mitchell M.D. and Rick Tonini; and Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the August 13, 1998 meeting were approved as read.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Faye Ellerkamp  
Chair

Faye Ellerkamp  
Secretary

(4) SEPTEMBER EXPENDITURES REQUEST:

a) Plastic children's fire helmets for Fire Prevention Week in October	\$ 875.00
b) Water rescue training class @ SMFPD	300.00
c) Six new Personal Alert Survival System Devices	594.00
d) Instructors Conference-7 to York, PA	1,120.00
e) Demolition & installation of new Concrete Ramp at Station 1 (Kingsbury Concrete)	29,925.00
LOW BIDDER	
f) 9 new exterior lights Station 1	1,500.00
g) 3 new pagers	1,500.00
TOTAL	\$35,814.00

Following discussion, Doug Mitchell moved to approve the September expenditure requests as read; Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed.

Following lengthy discussion regarding replacement vehicle for the 1989 Ford, Doug Mitchell moved to authorize solicitation of bids for a 4-wheel drive that will accommodate needs as Chief Seng specifies; Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed.

Rick Tonini personally called the non-bidders who were solicited for bids on the new pumper (no answers were received to the District's letters seeking answers). Trustee Tonini reported the results of his contacts, and the consensus was the specs could not be met. During discussion, Chief Seng reported if our District rebid, we could expect a price increase scheduled for November 3d. If the District accepts the E-1 bid, and makes a \$200,000 down payment, the money will earn 6% interest (as prior year's contracts). Final decision was to sign the contract in October rather than September, at Treasurer King's request.

Frank Flynn has been working on proposals from hanks within the District. Trustees requested Captain Flynn to prepare a comparison sheet to submit with proposals for study next month.

Chief reported the total cost for restoring "BETSY", was \$8,100 - almost even with the donations received. One bill to pay to Advanced Plating for \$3,500 for chrome work. Doug Mitchell moved to approve payment of that bill; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed.

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Moved and seconded to go into Executive Session at 8:50 P.M. for discussion of personnel matter.

Trustees returned to regular session at 9:20 P.M. Chair Ellerkamp announced that no action was taken.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is October 15, at 7:00 P.M. at Camp Taylor Fire Department (4649 Poplar Level Road).

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Faye Ellerkamp  
Chairman

Faye Ellerkamp  
Secretary

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September 10, 1998, Trustee meeting:

September 19, 1998, Letter:

### September Expenditure Requests

1. Plastic Children's Fire Helmets - *100?* \$ 875.00  
-for Fire Prevention Week in October.
2. Water Rescue Training Class for Four Firefighters *Kramer* \$ 300.00  
-to be held at St. Matthews Fire Protection District. *12 to 15 students*
3. Six New PASS (Personal Alert Survival System) Devices *DeWitt* \$ 594.00  
-we are currently out of stock and several Firefighters are without them.
4. Instructors Conference for Two Officers *York* \$ 1,120.00  
-Tuition and Expenses to cover two St. Matthews Officers to attend Instructors Conference in Pennsylvania.
5. Kingsbury Concrete - Demolition and Installation of new Concrete Ramp at Station #1 *615* \$ 29,925.00
6. Nine New Exterior Lights for Station #1 *1500.00*  
-to replace old exterior lights and have all of the lights on exterior of building match.
7. *3.5 in pumper* *35814.00*

The 1998 Fire Rescue International is being held in Louisville this week. I am currently working with the Command Staff and will be in and out of the office this week and next week. If you need to reach me please call my pager (621-2601) and leave a message. I will call you back as soon as possible. If you are interested in attending a pre-show open house on Friday, September 11, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM please let me know as I do have tickets.

If you have been by Station #2 in the last few days, you will also notice that there are several "extra" trucks parked there. E-One is using Station #2 as a staging facility before actually putting the trucks in the show. All of the trucks should be gone by Wednesday evening.

As instructed by the Trustees at the last Board Meeting I have researched the cost of replacement vehicles for the 1989 Ford. The options I researched are as follows:

- 1999 Ford Crown Victoria @ \$22,000.00
- 1999 Ford Explorers and Chevy Blazers @ \$25,000.00
- 1999 Ford Expedition, Chevy Tahoe and GMC Yukon @ \$29,000.00

#### Capital Budget Items for 1998-99

Battery Conditioner	700
Headset for Pumper	550
20 ft. Hard Suction for Test Pit	500
Relocate Bank Room <i>12/2/98</i>	25,000
3 HT Radios	3,800
6 Fire Pagers <i>3 new in agency 480 ea.</i>	1,500
Replacement of 89 LTD (Includes Light Bar & Stripes)	33,000
Replacement of 87 Van (Includes Light Bar & Stripes)	30,000
Front Ramp <i>officer 3</i>	35,000
Old Rec Room	15,000
3 Battery Powered Drills	1,500
2 Sawzall	800
Storage Racks in Basement	1,500
2nd Floor Over Shop	4,000
5 SCBA Voice Amps	1,500
Tile Floor in Downstairs Classroom	1,400
4 New Skylights	3,800
3 Sets of Binoculars for Command Car & Pumper	2,400
9 Exterior Lights for Building	2,000
Landscaping Station #1	5,000
Total Capital Budget Items	170,450

Budgeted Excess of Revenue Over Operating Expenses

\$34,663

#### Capital Expenditure Items from 1997-98

New Pumper	300,000
Exterior Brick Work Station #1	350,000
Total Capital Expenditure Items from 1997-98	650,000

September 19, 1998

William J. Seng, Chief  
St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
240 Sears Avenue  
St. Matthews, Kentucky 40207

Dear Chiefs:

Last week our department viewed the 1976 Mack pumper which you have for sale. Our district operates on tax income of only a little over \$300,000 a year, with this we provide protection to around 180 sq. miles out of five stations.

Our county has for the past few years been the fastest growing county in the state which has added to demands from emergency services.

Our fifth station will be complete within the next 30-45 days and we are looking for a pumper for this station. Like I stated before due to limited funding we would like to make an offer of \$16,000 for the 1976 Mack, this is subject to a motion by our board of trustees on October 11, 1998.

Should you have any questions please call 477-1222. If not I will be in touch within a few days. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

*A.B. Allen*

Nathan B. Nation, Chief  
Spencer County Fire Protection District  
P.O. Box 491  
Taylorsville, KY 40071

cc: File

MALL ST. MATTHEWS

September 29, 1998

Chief William J. Seng  
St. Matthews Fire Department  
240 Sears Ave.  
St. Matthews, KY 40207

Colonel Norman Mayer  
Chief of Police  
St. Matthews Police Department  
7040 Grandview Ave.  
St. Matthews, KY 40207

Gentlemen:

Please accept our thanks and appreciation for the wonderful work performed by your respective teams during the construction accident last Friday. Your prompt, efficient response and professional management of the incident itself was exemplary. We are truly fortunate to have your services available to us during a time of need.

Please pass along our thanks and a sincere "job well done" to your teams from all of us at Mall St. Matthews.

Sincerely yours,

*Scott M. Howe*

Scott M. Howe  
Vice President & General Manager

cc: Arthur Druat, Mayor - City of St. Matthews  
St. Matthews City Council

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## Part of garage collapses



PHOTOS BY FNT ANDERSON FOR THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Four workers were injured early yesterday morning when a section of a parking garage under construction at a Jefferson County mall collapsed. Workers were pouring concrete on the second floor when a section gave way.

# Four hurt at mall project

By DARLA CARTER  
The Courier-Journal

Four construction workers were injured early yesterday morning when a small section of a partially completed parking garage collapsed at Mall St. Matthews in Jefferson County.

As workers were pouring concrete on the second floor of the garage, a 30-by-30-foot section of the floor gave way between 5 a.m. and 5:30 a.m., sending one man plummeting 20 feet, according to **St. Matthews Fire** Chief Bill Seng.

The cause of the accident is under investigation, but it appeared that "a piece of the form somewhere was not strong enough, and while loading it up with the weight, it gave way," Howe said. "Wet concrete is very heavy."

The wooden forms held the concrete in place until it dried and are then removed, Seng said.

The four workers — Jerome Blanks, 32, and Michael Johnson, 42, of Louisville, and Dwight Middleton, 49, and Stanley Deparnett, 31, of Indianapolis — sustained minor injuries, mostly cuts and bruises, a University of Louisville Hospital spokeswoman said. The men, whose addresses were unavailable, were treated and released.

But there were some tense moments at the construction site.

The **St. Matthews Fire** Department received word of the accident at 5:45 a.m. and



Construction workers yesterday waited to return to work after the accident at Mall St. Matthews. Four were treated at University of Louisville Hospital and released.

responded with five trucks, Seng said. Two ambulances from Jefferson County and a third from Anchorage also went to the mall on Shelbyville Road.

"We originally got the call that there was people trapped" under debris, Seng said. "But once we got here, that was not the case."

Three large concrete delivery trucks and a truck used to pump concrete to the garage's second floor had to be moved so emergency workers could get to the structure, Seng said.

The fire department used an aerial ladder with a rescue bucket attached to remove the injured men, who were pinned with rock beams and back boards, Seng said.

The workers were employees of Wilhelm Construction Co., which is helping to build the two-deck garage to accommodate customers for a mall expansion that includes a Lord & Taylor department store opening later this month, Howe said.

"It's a fresh section that's being worked on, and sometimes things like this happen.

You just hope everybody's OK," said Howe, who was called to the site by mall security shortly after the accident. "... I was very happy to hear the chief say that everybody was talking, and it appeared to be that nothing was life-threatening."

Wilhelm is a subcontractor of Lathrop Construction, the construction manager for the garage project and mall expansion, said Ray Benjamin, project manager for Lathrop.

Both companies will investigate the accident, Benjamin said.



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October 5, 1998, Letter:



To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: October 5, 1998  
Re: District Activity

Work on Station 1 continues to move forward. The brickwork should be done in about two weeks. The window replacement will start as soon as the windows arrive, which should be in about a week. The only over run so far has been the foundation on the east wall which cost an additional \$7,000 and trim around the over head doors that will cost \$2,000. As of right now I do not see any other additional expenses for which the contractor will be charging us. Steve Cullen, the architect for the project, said that everything should be completed by the end of the month.

2634 is still in Florida being repaired. I had a call last week from E-One and they said it should be ready to come back around the 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

The contract for the new pumper was signed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. The drawings for this pumper should be ready in about two to three weeks. Once the drawings are completed we will then be able to go down to E-One and go through the pre-build with them.

Tomorrow WHAS and Bud Harsmyere will be here at Station #1 to film us receiving an award for being one of the departments who had the highest percentage increase over last year's collection. If you want to get on TV and be apart of the celebration then be here around 11:30 am.

Sergeant Heaply is still off injured and is not scheduled to come back until October 12<sup>th</sup>. That's the good news. The bad news is that Sergeant DeHart will be off for a hernia operation for three to six weeks starting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. If possible I would like to keep Firefighter Louis on until she returns.

We have received only one bid for Unit 2635 (1976 Mack Pumper). This bid was received from Spencer County Fire Protection District in the amount of \$15,000. This seems to be a fair price considering its age and the amount of rust that it has.

Enclosed you will find various letters received from the public thanking us for a job well done.

Here are some dates of training drills and exercises that are out of our routine schedule:

Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> ;	Drill with Harrods Creek.
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> ;	Extrication exercise at the old quarry on Hubbards Lane.
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> ;	Flashover trailer at Fern Creek Fire Department.

Bid prices for the new command vehicle will be presented to the Board at this meeting.

I would like for the Board to consider a new bronze plaque for the outside of Station #1 to commemorate the new building remodel. The cost for one similar to the original is \$2,000.

## Expense Request for October 1998

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Approval for awards banquet at Big Springs Country Club.	\$5500.00
Replace 5in. hose for new pumper. (this is a special purchase with three departments)	\$5700.00
Replacement printer.	\$800.00
Eight sets of turnout gear.	\$8000.00

1998

October, 1998, Letters:

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for  
your kindness to me when  
you responded to the call  
at Fantastic Sam's and saw that  
I should go to Suburban  
Hospital.

You all were so kind.  
Everything was OK and I was  
allowed to come home.

I will always be grateful  
to you.

YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS  
WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

Sincerely  
Edith Gunkoff

Paul Kutz  
Joehie DeBout  
Don Ryan

• Captain Ryan + Crew (I'm  
sorry I don't know your  
names.) -

I want to thank you +  
let you know how much  
we appreciated all your all's  
help on Monday afternoon  
when Mallory was locked  
in the van. It was a  
scarey experience for  
both of us + your calm +  
professional help was so  
appreciated. You all  
certainly went above +  
beyond by <sup>using the</sup> Shop-vac to  
clean the glass + it was  
noticed. I hope we  
never need the help again  
but it is nice to know  
there are such caring  
people around to help  
if we do.

Thanks again,  
Dawn + Mallory Clark

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October 8, 1998, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors Save Lives*

*Learn How To Survive*

**ST. MATTHEWS Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
David C. Cox, Chairman  
James King, Treasurer  
Hoy Edwards, Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Harry A. Cahill  
Frank A. Rife  
Douglas C. McDaniel, M.D.

**William J. Seng**  
Fire Chief

Trustees Meeting Agenda October 8, 1998

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting.
- III. Treasurer Report, by Jim King. *Report 10,000.00 in cash. 10,000.00 in check. 210.00 in cash.*
- IV. Bank Report, by Frank Flynn. *Report 10,000.00 in cash. 10,000.00 in check. 210.00 in cash.*
- V. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief William J. Seng. *2000 calls. 1000 calls. 1000 calls.*
- VI. Executive Session.
- VII. Old Business.
- VIII. New Business: The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is October 15, at 7:00 P.M., at Camp Taylor Fire Department. (4649 Poplar Level Road)

*10/10 PM*

JEFFERSON COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
MONTHLY ALARM REPORT

FIRE DISTRICT 26 ST. MATTHEWS

MONTH ENDING September 30, 1998

TOTAL ALARMS DISPATCHED FOR THE MONTH 135

TOTAL ALARMS YEAR TO DATE 1274

TYPES OF ALARMS	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
RESIDENTIAL/SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS..	7	174
APARTMENT/MULTI FAMILY DWELLINGS.....	3	45
COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL/INDUSTRIAL..	47	324
MOBILE HOMES.....	0	0
GARAGES/BARN/OUTBUILDINGS.....	0	0
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.....	1	10
VEHICLE FIRES.....	9	49
NON-STRUCTURE.....	2	18
EXTRICATION/MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.....	48	447
GAS LEAKS/INSIDE OR OUTSIDE.....	0	16
MUTUAL AID.....	6	51
PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEM SOUNDING.....	0	2
OTHER.....	12	137

This report reflects the type of alarm dispatched and is not necessarily indicative of the actual emergency handled upon arrival.

## Bid Proposals for 1999 Sports Utility Vehicle

\*The following Vehicles will take 10-12 weeks for delivery once they have been ordered.

Dealer	Vehicle	Price
Bachman Chevrolet	Tahoe	\$ 30,813.50
Brinkhaus GMC	Yukon	\$ 29,864.50
Broadway Chevrolet	Tahoe	\$ 30,629.92
Courtesy Pontiac GMC	Yukon	\$ 31,621.67
Cross Pontiac GMC	Yukon	\$ 31,915.47

\*Cross Pontiac GMC has a Yukon available today at the price of \$32,900.00.

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## October 8, 1998, Trustee meeting:

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

October 8, 1998

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 8, 1998, at the St. Matthews Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees ~~Hal Clifford~~, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D., and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Seng, Firefighters Brown and Davis, Sergeant Dugan and Dwayne of Spencer County Fire Protection District.

Frank Flynn moved to accept the minutes of the September 10, 1998 meeting as written; Jim King seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Jim King distributed the monthly financial statements, which were reviewed and discussed. He reported that a payment of \$200,000 was made to E-One that will pay 6.5% interest until the new pumper is delivered. A payment of \$74,000 was made to the Thurman Company for the construction project. Everything appears to be in order.

Dwayne, a representative of Spencer County Fire Protection District was present to answer any questions relating to their bid of \$15,000 to purchase 2635. After discussion, and with Chief Seng's recommendation to sell 2635 for the bid price, Jim King moved to sell 2635 without the 5" hose or monitor for \$15,000 when 2634 returns from E-One. Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Captain Flynn reported on the Banking proposals and said that it appeared that Commonwealth Bank & Trust had the best overall package. After lengthy discussion the Trustees instructed Captain Flynn to have our accountant do a comparison on the proposals and to have Jeff Hafner attend the November meeting to answer any questions.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) Conducting talks with Jefferson County EMS regarding transportation of patients.

- 2) Sergeant Heaphy should return to work on October 15<sup>th</sup>, however Sergeant Dehart will be going off work to have hernia surgery on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chief Seng would like to keep Firefighter Louis employed part-time until Dehart returns.
- 3) There was a structure fire on Southview Road with moderate damage. No injuries.
- 4) October is Fire Prevention month and the department will visit many schools and be talking with thousands of students of all ages.
- 5) The department will be conducting an automobile extrication training exercise on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hubbards Lane quarry. The officers will be training at the flashover trailer on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) Chief Seng presented proposals for a new sports utility vehicle. There were five bids from five dealerships for either a Chevrolet Tahoe or a GMC Yukon. Jim King moved to approve the purchase of a GMC Yukon from Brinkhaus GMC for \$29,864.50 which was the low bid. Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed.
- 7) October Expenditures Request:

a) Awards Banquet @ Big Springs Country Club	\$5500.00
b) Replacement 5" hose for new pumper	\$5700.00
c) Replacement Printer	\$ 800.00
d) Eight Sets of Turnout Gear	\$8000.00
e) Plaque for Front of Firehouse	\$2000.00
Total	\$22000.00

Following discussion, Rick Tonini moved to approve the October expenditure requests; Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested permission to sell 3 old hand-held radios, the old 5" hose off of 2635 and the old monitor off of 2635. Frank Flynn moved to approve the request, Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Frank Flynn brought up the need to replace the remaining inadequate hand-held radios. After a brief discussion, Flynn moved to replace the remaining "older" hand-held radios. Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini moved and Doug Mitchell seconded to go into Executive session at 8:45 P.M. for discussion of personnel matters.

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Trustees returned to regular session at 9:10 P.M. Chair Ellerkamp announced that no action had been taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

October 8, 1998

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:20 P.M.

Present were: Directors ~~Hal Clifford~~, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D., and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the September 10, 1998 meeting were approved as read.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Chair

Secretary

Chairman

Secretary



1998

November 9, 1998, Letter:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS**  
**Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207  
**William J. Seng**  
Fire Chief

*Learn Not  
To Burn*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Fest Oberhaus, Chairperson  
James King, Treasurer  
Frank Flynn, Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Harry A. Gilford  
Richard J. Toner  
Douglas C. Mitchell, M.D.

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: November 9, 1998  
RE: District Activity Report

It's official, Tom <sup>Eisler</sup> Egler, Sr. is our new Trustee. After all of the rumors and whispering that has been going on for the last two years, we finally received a qualified candidate.

The work on replacing the front ramp started last week. Kingsbury Concrete will be replacing the ramp one half at a time. They said that this project should be completely finished around the end of November.

The rest of the station work has slowed down quite a bit. The bricklayers have completed laying the brick but the replacement of the doors and windows is not complete due to the fact that not all of the materials are on the site yet. As soon as I can get an accurate date of completion from the contractor I will let you know.

The 1976 Mack Pumper is gone and the check is in the bank. The 1200' of 5" hose that was on the truck has already been sold also.

Major Monohan, Captain Flynn and I will be traveling to Florida on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> to order the new pumper. Since we are ordering the pumper this late, I would not expect the new truck to be here before May.

Last week Captain Flynn and I met with Colonel Mike Riordan of Jefferson County EMS and Dr. Price with University Hospital about the possibility of the St. Matthews Fire District providing transportation services for the patients that we come into contact with. The process of meeting with the appropriate people to see if this would be a possibility has been very slow. There are apparently political as well as legal ramifications that could occur if this ever were to happen. Colonel Riordan assured me that he would have some kind of answer for us within the next few weeks. I will explain in more detail at this Thursday's Trustees meeting.

We recently received a call from Anthony Steir regarding two houses on St. Matthews Avenue that he wants us to burn down. After looking at them I think we can burn one of the houses down and then use the other house for forcible entry training. The addresses of the two houses are 157 and 161 St. Matthews Avenue.

Enclosed you will find the banking information review from Jeff Hafner. If you have any questions about the review please contact either Jeff Hafner or Captain Flynn.

### Expense Request for November 1998

1. Four (4) Fire Pagers	\$ 3,000.00 <del>\$ 2,000.00</del>	
2. Three (3) David Clark Headsets for 2632 & 2653	\$ 775.00	
3. Renewal of our Working Fire Video Training	\$ 493.00	
4. Repair of our Satellite Dish	\$ 1,357.00	Cable 4000 9-11-5
5. Warning Equipment and Striping of New Response Vehicle	\$ 2,310.00	
6. Three (3) Gear Racks for Station #2	\$ 1,800.00	
7. Fire Simulator for Fire Extinguisher Classes (see enclosed)	\$ 1,625.00	
8. Gift Certificates for Turkeys and Hams	\$ 1,400.00	
9. Four (4) Firefighters to Attend National Fire Academy Weekend in Bardstown	\$ 400.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,160.00</b>	
* Hotel provided by the state	10,178.00	

1998

November , 1998, New Trustee:

Thomas O. Eifler, Sr.

Trustee 1999 to present (2010)



Chief Executive Officer – Eifler Group

Born April 19, 1942, Louisville, Kentucky. Married Diana Melcher; three children, Thomas Jr., Timothy and Julie.

Graduate – University of Louisville. Attended Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Rutgers University.

Member: Life Member Optimist International; Mayor City of Indian Hills; Board – Chairman St. Matthews Fire District; St. Xavier High School, Finance Committee; Member Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools.

Past Member: Board of Trustees Bellarmine College; Chairman Board Overseers Bellarmine College; Board of Directors Assumption High School; President Board of Advisors St. Xavier High School; President & Treasurer St. Xavier High School Alumni Association; Board Member Louisville Orchestra; Board of Directors St. Xavier High School; St. Joseph Catholic Orphans Board; Board Chair Area Bank.

Public Services

Current : Mayor City of Indian Hills

Past : Former "A" District Commissioner – Jefferson County  
Public : Commissioner – City of Indian Hills  
Offices : Board Louisville/Jefferson County Redevelopment Authority

March 6, 1969, The Voice-Jeffersonian:



Thomas O. Eifler

## Bank appoints two assistant cashiers

President of two staff members of the bank department to assistant cashiers has been announced by A. M. Brinkley, Jr., board chairman and chief executive officer of the Citizens Public Bank and Trust Co.

They are Thomas O. Eifler, 26, and

are, and Raymond A. Schmidt, 26.

Eifler joined the bank staff in 1966 under the officer training program. He has worked in the credit department and was assistant manager of the branch-way office before joining the bank department. Eifler is a graduate of the University of Louisville and is secretary-treasurer of the Pulaski Optimist Club.

Cats may shine against Westport Warhawks


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Admitted game with the bank in 1969 as part of the outgrowth department. He has attended the University of Louisville, is past president of the South Eastern Christian Club, and is active in the Red Cross program.

1998

November 12, 1998, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

**William J. Seng  
Fire Chief**

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Faye Blankens: Chairperson  
James King, Treasurer  
Frank Flynn, Secretary

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Harry A. Olford  
Richard J. Toney  
Douglas C. Mitchell, M.D.

Trustees Meeting Agenda November 12, 1998

- ✓ I. Call to order.
- ✓ II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting.
- ✓ III. Oath of Office.
- ✓ IV. Treasurer Report, by Jim King.
- ✓ V. Bank Report. *Frank Flynn* — *Douglas C. Mitchell*
- VI. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief William J. Seng.
- VII. Executive Session.
- VIII. Old Business. ✓
- IX. New Business: The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is January 21, 1999, at 7:00 P.M., at Buechel Fire Department.

JEFFERSON COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
MONTHLY ALARM REPORT

FIRE DISTRICT 26 ST. MATTHEWS

MONTH ENDING October 31, 1998

TOTAL ALARMS DISPATCHED FOR THE MONTH 161

TOTAL ALARMS YEAR TO DATE 1435

TYPES OF ALARMS	MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
RESIDENTIAL/SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS..	27	201
APARTMENT/MULTI FAMILY DWELLINGS.....	5	51
COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL/INDUSTRIAL..	53	377
MOBILE HOMES.....	0	0
GARAGES/BARN/OUTBUILDINGS.....	0	0
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.....	2	12
VEHICLE FIRES.....	5	54
NON-STRUCTURE.....	0	18
EXTRICATION/MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.....	47	494
GAS LEAKS/INSIDE OR OUTSIDE.....	0	16
MUTUAL AID.....	6	57
PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEM SOUNDING.....	0	2
OTHER.....	16	153

This report reflects the type of alarm dispatched and is not necessarily indicative of the actual emergency handled upon arrival.

1998

## November 12, 1998, Trustee meeting:

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

November 12, 1998

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 12, 1998, at the St. Matthews Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D., and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Seng, Major Monohan, Captain Volkerding, Sergeant Doyle, Firefighters Kurtz and Sorensen. District Accountant Jeff Hafner, Jack Nold, Betty Walsh, and Maggie Tuton.

Jim King moved to accept the minutes of the October 8, 1998, meeting with the removal of Hal Clifford's attendance; Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed.

Chair Ellerkamp administered the Oath of Office to new board member Tom O. Eifler, Sr.

Treasurer Jim King reported tax revenues should be coming in soon early to mid-December through January. Updated Trustees on financial aspect of building progress, reports finances to be "in good shape".

Accountant Jeff Hafner reported on bank proposal comparisons. Using our previous year financial statements, comparisons were ranked as Commonwealth Bank being most advantageous followed by Stockyards Bank and then Bank One. Jeff Hafner informed the Board he felt it important for the District to know that he shares offices with David Hendermann who is on the Board of Commonwealth Bank. After brief discussion, Doug Mitchell moved to move District's banking business from Bank One to Commonwealth Bank and Trust immediately; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) Work on the front ramp is moving quickly and should be ready for use in approximately three weeks.
- 2) Work on the building is progressing slowly, we are still waiting on windows to be installed and painting work will cost more than expected.

- 3) Chief Seng and Captain Flynn met with Colonel Riordan and Dr. O'Brien regarding EMS transportation, will report back when more details are known.
- 4) The District has obtained two houses to train with on St. Matthews Avenue. One will be burned, the other will be used for forcible entry and ventilation training.
- 5) There were 161 runs for the month of October and 1500 year-to-date.
- 6) Unit 2691 responded to a mutual aid run with the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Protection District. In the course of responding, Unit 2691 blew out one of the rear tires. Upon inspection it was determined that all four rear tires should be replaced, and were.
- 7) November Expenditure Requests:

a) Six replacement pagers	\$3000.00
b) Three David Clark replacement headsets	\$ 775.00
c) Renewal of Working Fire Video subscription	\$ 493.00
d) Repair of satellite dish	\$1357.00
e) Warning equipment and striping for new vehicle	\$2310.00
f) Three gear racks for Station Two	\$1800.00
g) LP Gas simulator for extinguisher training	\$1625.00
h) Gift certificates for turkeys and hams	\$1400.00
i) Four firefighters to attend NFA weekend in Bardstown	\$ 400.00

After extended discussion, Rick Tonini moved to approve the purchase of items a-c, e, f, h and j for a total of \$10,178.00; Tom Eifler seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng also reported that the District received \$2400.00 for the 5" hose that was removed from Unit 2635.

Tom Eifler moved and Hal Clifford seconded to go into Executive session at 8:18 P.M. for discussion of personnel matters.

Trustees returned to regular session at 9:00 P.M. Chair Ellerkamp announced that the issue was resolved prior to conducting a disciplinary hearing. No further action was necessary.

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

November 12, 1998

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:10 P.M.

Present were: Directors Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D., and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the October 8, 1998, meeting were approved with the removal of Hal Clifford's attendance.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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Chairman

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Secretary



1998

December 10, 1998, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of  
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District

December 10, 1998

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 10, 1998, at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Seng, Major Monohan, Captain Wolfe, Firefighter Davis and Jack Nold of Woodlawn Park.

Tom Eifler moved to accept the minutes of the November 12, 1998, meeting as written; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Jim King reported bank balance was down to \$300,000.00 as of today's date. Treasurer King reported signing check for \$30,000.00 as payment for the front ramp, a \$22,800.00 check toward the renovation of Station One and we still owe approximately \$37,000.00 more toward the renovation of Station One. A new account has been set up at Commonwealth Bank to receive tax deposits from the Sheriff's Office, and the District received \$6,500.00 in State aid money.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) There were 149 runs for month of November.
- 2) There was a significant fire loss on Sequoia Road on 12/9/98. There were no injuries.
- 3) Chief Seng, Major Monohan and Captain Flynn attended a pre-build conference regarding the new pumper at E-One in Ocala, Florida.
- 4) Firefighter Davis will be retiring on 2/28. Chief Seng will present a proposal for his replacement at the January meeting.
- 5) Presented a revised attendance policy for review.
- 6) Distributed a pager inventory sheet.
- 7) December Expenditure Requests:

a) Prime rib dinner for 12/22	\$ 850.00
b) 5 exterior door locks for Station One	\$6486.66
c) Renew fire code subscription service (NFPA)	\$ 475.00
d) Annual Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC 1999) for four Firefighter-instructors	\$4000.00

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December 10, 1998

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- e) Supplies from Office Depot for new map books \$1400.00

After lengthy discussion, regarding exterior door locks Captain Flynn moved to purchase the locking system; motion failed for lack of a second.

The Board requested more information on life of the locks and more information on cost of doors with no key access. The Board also instructed the Chief to move forward with the rest of the construction.

Hal Clifford moved; Tom Eifler seconded to approve the rest of the expenditure list. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested approval to donate four of the old HT440 hand held radios to a less fortunate department. Tom Eifler suggested that we receive a letter of acknowledgment from the department. Rick Tonini moved to approve the donation; Hal Clifford seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng asked about which names to place on the commemorative plaque. The Board decided to use the current sitting members.

Hal Clifford moved to go into Executive session at 8:18 P.M. for discussion of personnel matters; Tom Eifler seconded.

Trustees returned to regular session at 8:40 P.M. No action taken by the Trustees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
Chairman

Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District Holding Company

December 10, 1998

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:50 P.M.

Present were: Directors Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.




The minutes of the November 12, 1998, meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

*Faye Ellerkamp*  
Chairman

Secretary

## 1998 Firefighters Shit Schedule:

1998 FIREFIGHTERS SHIFT SCHEDULE																							
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## 1998 St. Matthews Fire Protection District Report:

### St. Matthews Fire Protection District

#### 1998 Report

William J. Seng  
Fire Chief



#### Board of Trustees

Jim King  
Treasurer

Faye Ellerkamp  
Chairperson

Frank Flynn  
Secretary

Rick Tonini

Hal Clifford

Tom Eifler

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Thomas D. Eifler

February 11, 1999

To: The Communities of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District

The Following information has been gathered to form a statistical analysis of the type of activities that the St. Matthews Fire Protection District was involved in during the 1998 calendar year. With this information we will be able to track what areas in the fire district have the most fire runs, what type of fire runs are most common, the busiest day of the week, and the hour of the day when most emergencies occur.

After careful evaluation of this information, changes can then be made if necessary, to our day to day operation to increase or improve our overall performance.

I thought that the mayor's of the cities we serve would be interested in reviewing this information, so that they and their citizens will be more informed about the type of activities in which their fire district is involved.

Also enclosed in this report is a yearly review of the Maintenance, Training, and Inspections Bureaus.

In closing, I want you and everyone in your community to know that the firefighters of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District strive every day to provide the citizens of this community with the best fire protection available and in the most cost effective manner possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Seng".  
William J. Seng  
Fire Chief

PS Special thanks to the entire staff for compiling the necessary information to make this handbook possible.

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### St. Matthews Fire Protection District

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District is committed to protecting the lives and property within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our community by providing rapid and professional, humanitarian services, essential to the health and safety of the citizens of our community.

We will accomplish our mission through education, prevention, fire suppression, medical services, and other related emergency and non-emergency activities. We will actively participate in our community, serve as role models, and strive to effectively and efficiently utilize all of the necessary resources at our command to provide a product deemed excellent by our citizens.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Seng".  
Fire Chief

### Emergency Fire Incidents 1804-1800

#### Fire Incidents

In 1998 the fire district responded to 1116 Fire runs and 598 EMS runs for a total of 1714. These runs are further classified into 1021 single company runs (Station 1), and 693 multi company (Station 2) runs. The following report is intended to give a brief summary of the activities of the fire district for 1998. The incidents are recorded using the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). These reports are sent to the State Fire Marshals Office, and will compile a statewide report that is available between March and July. The state forwards these reports to the National Fire Information Council (NFIC). They produce a report that is available between July and December.

There was a decrease in private dwelling fire from last year decreasing from 47 runs in 1997 to 34 in 1998. "Other" fires classified in NFIRS decreased from 57 to 15 in 1998. Along with the decrease in fires the St. Matthews Firefighters saved over 62 million dollars in exposed property. The communities' losses were only 1.8% of what was saved. The amount saved is due mostly to the aggressive and professional manner in which our firefighters operate at the fire scene.

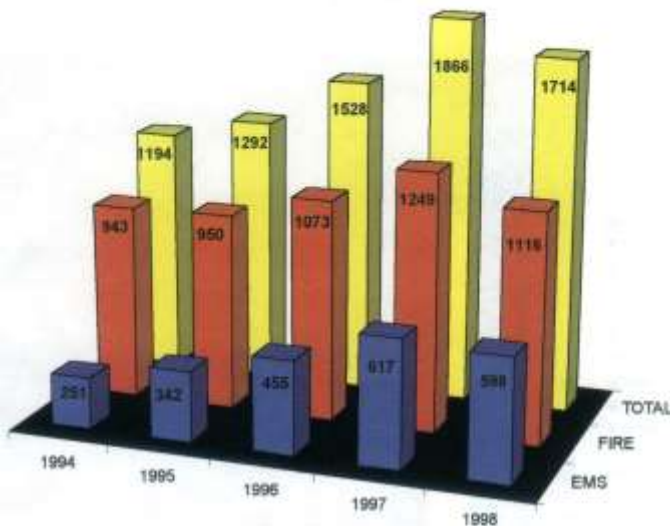
We also suffered no firefighter casualties or major injuries during the 1998. We also ensured that there were no civilian casualties or major injury due to fire in St. Matthews' area in 1998.

Our impressive statistics for the last year are all part of the excellent job our firefighters do. Our command staff, officer ranks, and firefighters have sacrificed their time, sweat, and sometimes blood to effectively protect the citizens of this community. They all should be commended for the excellent job they have put forth.

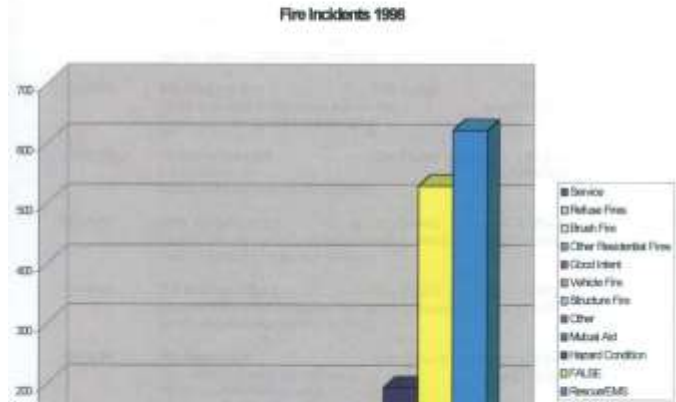
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# 1998 St. Matthews Fire Protection District Report:

## Emergency Response 1994-1998



Fire Incidents 1998			
Type of Fire		Type of Fire	
Structure Fire	49	Hazard Condition	135
Vehicle Fire	33	Service	4
Brush Fire	12	Good Intent	17
Refuse Fire	8	FALSE	530
Other Residential Fires	11	Mutual Aid	117
Rescue/EMS	622	Other	3
Total	1714		



## Structure Fires 1998

51 Structure fires were reported in 1998. Few of these could be described as working fires according to NFPA 1500. Listed below are the structure fires, which reported a loss of \$5,000 or more, included are type of structure, time dispatched, address, and a brief summary.

03/11/98	410 Trinity Hills	One Family Dwelling	8:14 p.m.
	House ignition started by cooking fire.		Loss: \$75,000
	Smoke detector not present		
03/30/98	302 Blankenbaker Ln.	One Family Dwelling	8:35 a.m.
	House fire started in garage.		Loss: \$350,000
	Cause not determined.		
	Smoke detector present, but not functioning		
04/19/98	507 Tiffany Ln.	One Family Dwelling	9:17 p.m.
	Chimney fire extended into floor		Loss: \$20,000
	Smoke detector present and working		
04/24/98	400 Wallace Ave	FOP Lodge	6:51 p.m.
	Small appliance malfunction started fire		Loss: \$50,000
	Smoke detector present and working.		
07/25/98	10 Arrowhead Rd	One Family Dwelling	1:56 p.m.
	Kitchen fire		Loss: \$400,000
	Smoke detector present and working.		
08/05/98	3800 Kingsbury Dr.	Apartments	8:45 p.m.
	Kitchen fire started by unattended cooking materials.		Loss: \$20,000
	Smoke detector present and working		
09/03/98	418 Breckenridge Ln.	One Family Dwelling	9:48 p.m.
	Kitchen fire started by unattended cooking materials.		Loss: \$10,000
	Smoke detector present and working.		
09/30/98	606 Southview	One Family Dwelling	2:49 p.m.
	Fire started by smoking materials.		Loss: \$150,000
	No smoke detectors present.		
10/24/98	3802 Ormond Rd.	One Family Dwelling	2:25 p.m.
	Fire started by smoking materials.		Loss: \$30,000
	Smoke detector present and working.		
12/09/98	204 Sequoia Rd.,	One Family Dwelling	12:42 p.m.
	Fire started in electrical system.		Loss: \$100,000
	Smoke detector present and working.		



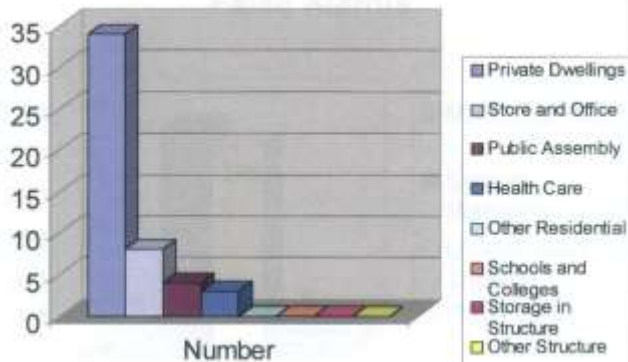
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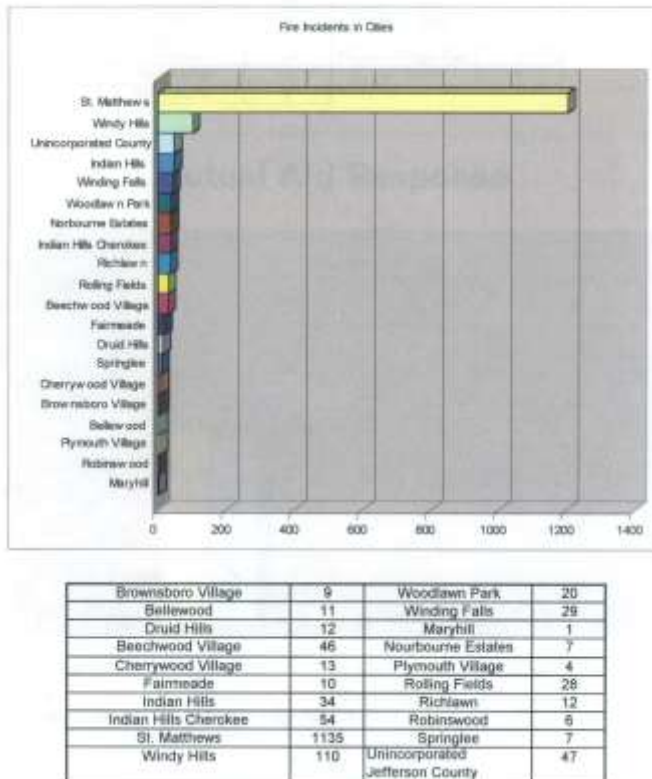
Structure Fire Breakdown 1998

Type of Structure	Number	Estimated Dollar Loss	Dollar Amount Saved
Private Dwellings	23	\$1,048,725	\$3,430,000
Apartments	11	\$24,600	\$4,000,000
Hotels/Motels	0	\$0	\$0
Other Residential	0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Residential</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$1,073,325</b>	<b>\$7,430,000</b>
Public Assembly	4	\$11,000	\$1,055,000
Schools and Colleges	0	\$0	\$0
Health Care	3	\$5,000	\$37,350,000
Store and Office	8	\$57,500	\$17,018,300
Industry, Utility	1	\$5,000	\$100,000
Storage in Structure	0	\$0	\$0
Other Structure	0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total of Other</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$78,500</b>	<b>\$55,523,300</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>\$1,151,825</b>	<b>\$62,953,300</b>

Structure Fire Breakdown 1998



Fire Incidents in Cities in Fire District in 1998



False Alarms

Almost 30 percent of our emergency calls are attributed to false alarms. We responded to 532 runs that were false due to a large number of factors. This number is decreased from 1997 false alarm totals of 552. The most false alarms encountered were caused by system malfunctions (270), while the number of unintentional tripping of alarms was not statistically significant from malfunctions.

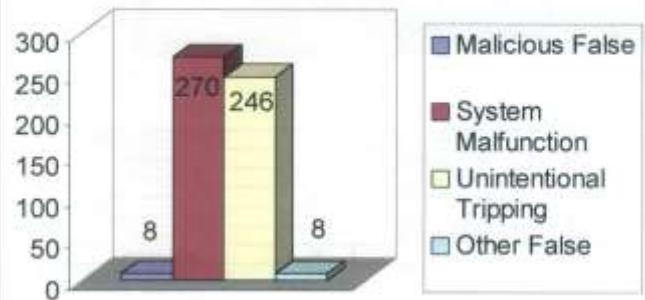
Malicious false alarms made a drastic decrease since 1997. We dropped from 42 in 1997 to only 8 in 1998. This was made a focus point in school public education programs, and the benefits have obviously paid off.

System malfunctions are an occurrence of an alarm activation caused by the alarm system itself.

Unintentional false alarms are caused by other factors that set off the alarms, testing, cooking, steam, dust, or other accidental activation.

Other alarms include bomb scares, reports of incidents that were not found, etc.

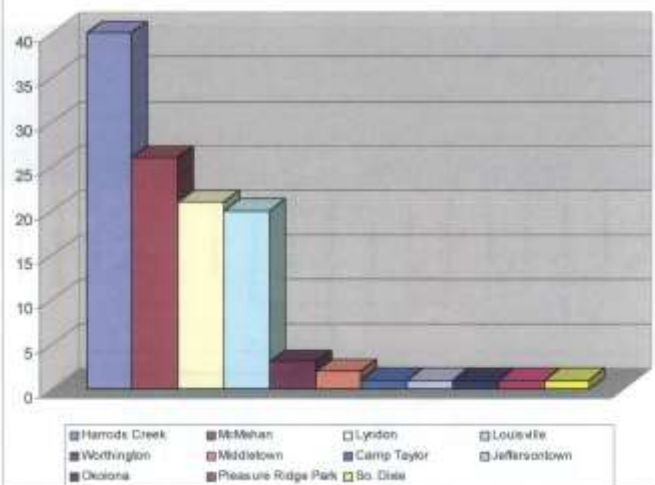
False Alarms



Mutual Aid Response 1998

Harolds Creek	40	Camp Taylor	1
McMahan	26	Jeffersonstown	1
Lyndon	21	Okolona	1
Louisville	20	Pleasure Ridge Park	1
Worthington	5	So. Dixie	1
Middletown	2		

Mutual Aid Response



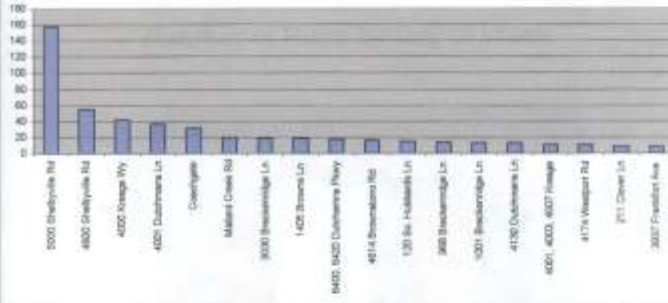
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## 1998 St. Matthews Fire Protection District Report:

### Common Responses

The following graph shows common addresses for runs that we responded to in 1998. Most of these were due to system malfunction, but there are some due to recurring EMS runs.

### Common Responses

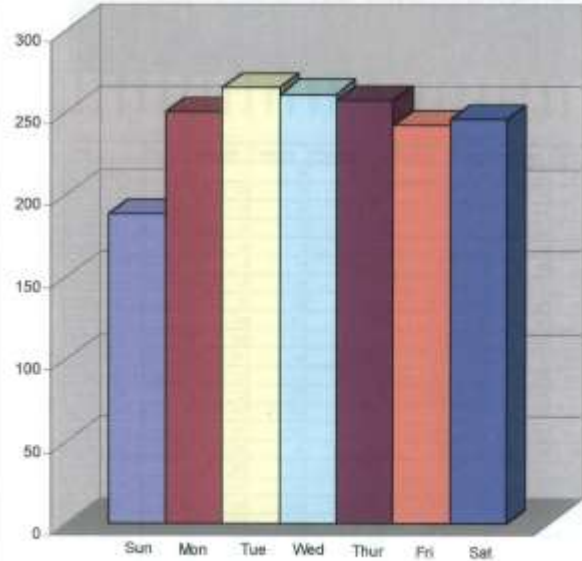


Address	Number	Address	Number
5000 Shelbyville Rd	155	4614 Brownsboro Rd	16
4600 Shelbyville Rd	45	120 So. Hubbards Ln	15
4000 Kresge Wy	35	365 Breckenridge Ln	14
4001 Dutchmans Ln	35	1001 Breckenridge Ln	13
Coachgate	32	4139 Dutchmans Ln	13
Matland Creek Rd	20	4001, 4003, 4007 Kres	11
3030 Breckenridge Ln	19	4174 Westport Rd	10
1405 Browns Ln	19	19211 Clever Ln	8
8400, 8420 Dutchmans Pkwy	18	3937 Franklin Ave	8

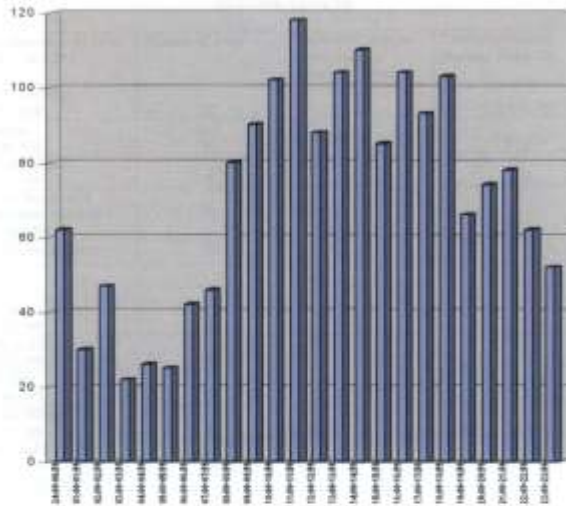
### Time of Day, Day of Week, and Response Time 1998

Our run load was dispersed pretty equally throughout the week. Tuesday turned out to be the busiest day of the week with 15% of our runs occurring on this day. Thursday was the slowest with 11% of our runs on this day. The busiest hour being between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. with 7% of all runs occurring that hour. The slowest time was between 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. with 0.012% of all runs occurring that hour. Response times were excellent with the majority of all runs (88%) under 5 min.

### Number of Runs by Day of Week



### Number of Runs by Time of Day



Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
24:00-01:00	8	2	9	12	9	5	17	62
01:00-02:00	4	7	5	4	3	3	4	30
02:00-03:00	21	4	5	10	10	5	11	47
03:00-04:00	4	3	1	2	1	1	10	22
04:00-05:00	3	3	2	4	7	3	4	26
05:00-06:00	4	4	2	5	2	2	5	25
06:00-07:00	3	7	4	9	7	5	7	45
07:00-08:00	4	5	12	4	11	9	1	46
08:00-09:00	8	13	20	9	10	9	11	80
09:00-10:00	11	14	17	6	16	14	12	80
10:00-11:00	10	22	14	17	17	13	9	102
11:00-12:00	15	18	11	30	16	16	18	118
12:00-13:00	6	3	20	19	19	11	10	88
13:00-14:00	8	17	14	22	12	20	13	104
14:00-15:00	16	16	18	13	15	15	15	110
15:00-16:00	10	15	9	14	14	14	9	85
16:00-17:00	10	20	11	30	14	15	14	104
17:00-18:00	7	19	17	12	11	16	11	93
18:00-19:00	19	14	23	30	10	12	9	103
19:00-20:00	11	11	6	5	12	15	6	66
20:00-21:00	11	10	14	10	9	4	16	74
21:00-22:00	10	10	11	14	12	6	14	77
22:00-23:00	5	8	13	7	3	12	5	62
23:00-24:00	0	2	7	2	8	17	11	52

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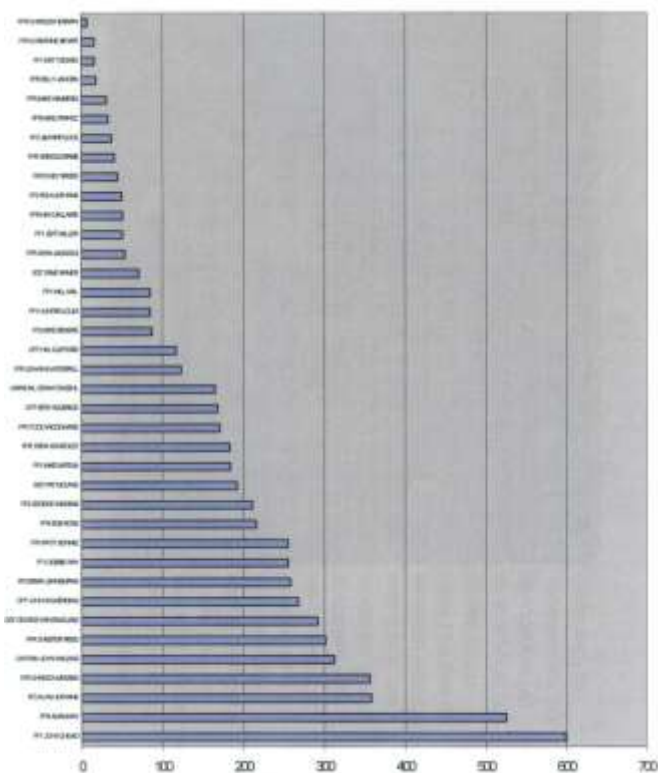
## Fire Summary Report Analysis 01/01/98-12/31/98

Fires in Structures by Fixed Property Use (FPU)	Number of Fires	Number of Civilian Fire Casualties		Estimated Property Damage From Fire
		Deaths	Injuries	
Private Dwellings FPU 410-419	23			1,048,725
Apartments FPU 420-429	11			24,600
Hotels and Motels FPU 440-449	0			0
All Other Residential FPU 400-409; 430-439 460-499	0			0
Total Residential Fires	34			1,073,325

Public Assembly FPU 100-199	4			11,000
Schools and Colleges FPU 200-299	0			0
Health Care FPU 300-399	3			5,000
Store and Offices FPU 500-599	8			57,500
Industry and Utilities FPU 600-799	0			0
Storage in Structures FPU 800-899	0			0
Other Structures FPU 900-999	0			0
Total Non-residential Fires	15			73,500

Other Fires and Incidents, Situations Found (SF)	Number of Fires	Number of Civilian Fire Casualties		Estimated Property Damage From Fire
		Deaths	Injuries	
Fire in Highway Vehicles (auto, trucks, busses, etc.) SF 13 MPT 10-29	33			25,000
Fire in Other Vehicles (planes, trains, etc.) SF 13 MPT 30-99, 00, 08	0			0
Fire Outside Structures with Value (storage, crops, etc.) SF 12 or 17	9			0
Fire in Brush or Wildlands SF 14	12			
Fire in Rubbish incl. Dumpsters SF 15	8			

## Volunteer Response



All Other Fires SF 10, 16 or 19	2			0
Totals for Other Fires	64			25,000

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Other Types of Emergency Situations Found (SF)	Number of Fires	Number of Civilian Fire Casualties		Estimated Property Damage From Fire
		Deaths	Injuries	
Rescue, EMS SF 30-39	622			
False Alarms SF 70-79	530			
Mutual Aid MA 2	117			
Hazardous Materials Response (Incl. CO) SF 41 or 47	108			
Other Hazardous Responses (arcing wires, bomb removal) SF 40, 42-46 or 49	110			
All Other Responses (flood) SF 20-29, 50-69 or 99	114			
Totals for Other Incidents	1601			

Breakdown of False Alarms	Number of responses
Situation Found (SF)	
1. Malicious, Mischievous False Call	8
2. System Malfunction	270
3. Unintentional (tripping on interior device accidentally, etc.)	246
Other False Alarms (bomb scares, etc.)	8

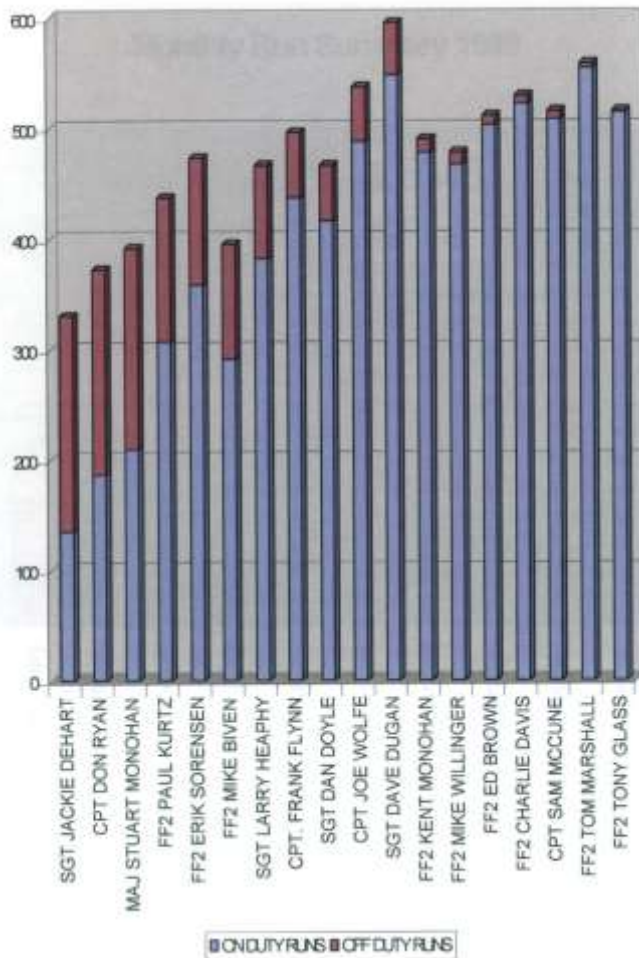
## Total Runs Made by Firefighters 1998

FDID NAME	ON DUTY RUNS	OFF DUTY RUNS	TOTAL RUNS
57 FF1 JOHN CHILKO		599	599
18 SGT DAVE DUGAN	548	47	595
35 FF2 TOM MARSHALL	554	4	558
40 CPT JOE WOLFE	488	49	537
84 FF2 CHARLIE DAVIS	522	7	529
33 FFR ADAM NAY		525	525
5 FF2 TONY GLASS	514	1	515
34 CPT SAM MCCUNE	508	7	515
19 FF2 ED BROWN	503	8	511
12 CPT FRANK FLYNN	437	59	496
20 FF2 KENT MONOHAN	478	12	490
23 FF2 MIKE WILLINGER	467	11	478
32 FF2 ERIK SORESEN	358	115	473
25 SGT LARRY HEAPHY	410	50	466
3 SGT PAUL KURTZ	382	84	466
8 FF2 PAUL KURTZ	307	130	437
7 FF2 MIKE BIVEN	291	104	395
46 MAJ STUART MONOHAN	209	182	391
65 CPT DON RYAN	186	186	372
38 FF2 ALAN UNTHANK		358	358
9 FFR CHRISTA MADSEN		356	356
53 SGT JACKIE DEHART	138	196	334
2 CAPTAIN JOHN WALLING		312	312
45 FFR CHESTER REED		301	301
28 SGT GEORGE SANTAMOURIS		292	292
48 CPT JOHN VOLKERDING		268	268
52 FF2 BRIAN JENNEMANN		258	258
11 FFR PATTI BONNIE		255	255
56 FF1 DEBBIE RAY		255	255
54 FFR ROB ROSS		216	216
59 FF2 GEORGE WIGGINS		211	211
30 SGT PAT NOLAND		192	192
4 FF1 MIKE MATEJA		184	184
24 FFR TIERA GONZALEZ		183	183
29 FFR TODD WOODWARD		171	171
15 CPT KEITH MCBRIDE		168	168
13 MARSHAL DENNY ENGEHL		165	165
27 FFR LEA-ANN WATERFILL		123	123
39 CPT HAL CLIFFORD		117	117
36 FF2 MIKE BENEKE		87	87
8 FFR WILL VAIL		85	85
22 FFR HUNTER LOUIS		85	85
20 SGT DAVE KAMER		71	71
55 FFR SEAN JACKSON		54	54
42 FFR NIKI DALLAIRE		51	51
66 FFR JEFF MILLER		51	51
14 FF2 RON UNTHANK		50	50
41 FFR CHET SPEED		45	45
10 FFR GREGG CRABB		41	41
17 FF2 JIM WHITLOCK		37	37
43 FFR MIKE FRANTZ		33	33
49 FFR MIKE WIMBERG		31	31
44 FFR BILLY JACOBS		18	18
16 FFR CHRISTINE BEYER		16	16
60 FFR MATT BOARD		16	16
31 FFR CHARLES HERMAN		7	7

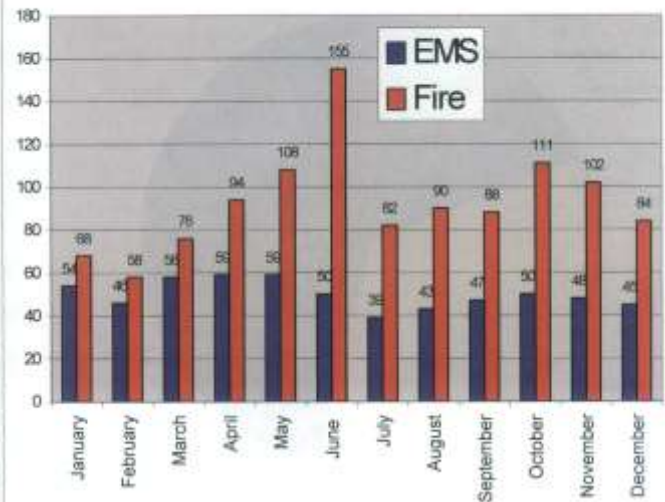


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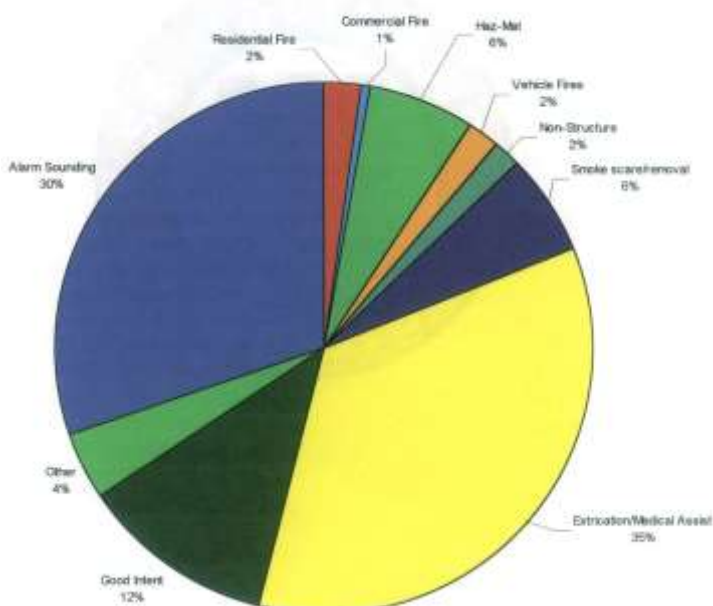
Career Firefighters On and Off Duty Response



Monthly Run Summary 1998



Run Types 1998



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# 1998 St. Matthews Fire Protection District Report:

## I. Introduction

The St. Matthews Fire Prevention Bureau has the responsibility of enforcing the Kentucky Fire Prevention Code and any related Jefferson County Ordinances. The Bureau is pleased to announce that 1998 was one of its most productive years to date. Several of the fire runs made this year were minor incidents that could have been worse if not for the continuous fire inspection and educational programs that are maintained by this bureau. With every business, mercantile, multi family dwelling, place of assembly and any other occupancy that is not a single family dwelling being inspected by this bureau, a high state of vigilance is sure to continue.

To date Captain Don Ryan and Firefighter Michael Biven are responsible for the fire inspections, all paper work and reinspections. Firefighter Erik Sorensen performs the job of public education. With good education, training, and support the prevention bureau will continue to carry on its primary goal of providing fire and life safety for anyone who lives, works, shops, or visits the St. Matthews Community.

## II. Inspections

Currently the Bureau has eighteen hundred and eighty one occupancies in the fire district. During the past year eighteen hundred and seventy eight inspections were made. This included all routine inspections and inspections made on reported hazardous conditions. The Bureau is still waiting to do nine inspections that are required to be done by the State Fire Marshall's office.<sup>1</sup> From the eighteen hundred and seventy eight inspections done there were four hundred and fifteen violations. The majority of these violations were inoperable exit signs and emergency lighting, out of date fire extinguishers, exit door obstructions, blockage of sprinkler heads from storage, and combustible materials being stored near electrical panels. There was a compliance rate of ninety two percent of the violations being resolved within the given thirty days. The remaining eight percent were eventually found to be in compliance after an additional thirty days, none of which had to be turned over to the State Fire Marshall's office.

<sup>1</sup> At this time the District is waiting on the following to be inspected by the state: Discovery Child Care, Susan House, Beargrass Christian Church Day Care, Baptist Hospital East Child Development Center, Happy House Day Care, Kinder Care, Christ Church United Methodist Kindergarten, St. Matthews Elementary and Dunn Elementary School.

On a normal day each inspector will do about ten to twelve inspections which includes all of the paper work involved. Each inspection is entered into the Sunpro Fire Inspection computer program. This program keeps track of all inspections, reinspections, violations, and generates the appropriate letters. After creating a letter to mail to an occupant we fill out a State Fire Inspection Sheet to return to the State Fire Marshal's office. A paper file on each occupancy is kept to save building permits, letters from the occupant, fire and sprinkler system inspections, and any other information that cannot be saved in the computer system.

The St. Matthews Fire Inspection Bureau also conducts all mutual inspections with the Jefferson County Code Enforcement office and the State Fire Marshal's office. This includes all new construction, day cares, hospitals, nursing homes, and public schools.

## III. Building Permits

Another job of the fire prevention bureau is to keep track of all building permits in the fire district. This includes both residential as well as commercial permits. By keeping track of all permits we have an idea of how much money is being spent on new construction in the district. The permit totals are as follows:

	January	February	March	April
<b>Res.</b>	\$1,244,000	\$484,025	\$1,288,800	\$96,200
<b>Com.</b>	\$506,200	\$225,900	\$3,085,800	\$1,616,700
	May	June	July	August
<b>Res.</b>	\$175,568	\$1,437,601	\$1,670,000	\$1,661,438
<b>Com.</b>	\$866,325	\$1,980,480	\$4,367,775	\$2,105,000
	September	October	November	December <sup>2</sup>
<b>Res.</b>	\$917,535	\$539,656	\$1,485,500	\$330,000
<b>Com.</b>	\$992,500	\$1,636,397	\$557,520	\$7,500
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>Res.</b>	\$11,330,323	<b>Com.</b>	\$17,948,097
		<b>Total</b>	\$29,278,420	

<sup>2</sup> The District is still waiting on the remaining Building Permits for the month of December.

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## IV. Key Safe Program

The Fire Prevention Bureau has been extremely busy with the key safe program this year. During 1998, the fire prevention bureau has added seventeen key safes at the following locations: Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology; Borders & Borders; Christ Church United Methodist; Covatta Apartments; Diplomat Arms Apartments; First Capital Bank of Kentucky; Hanover Place; ICI Dulux Paints; Lakeview; Logan's Roadhouse; Lord & Taylor; Mallard Crossing Clubhouse; Oldenberg Grill; Our Lady of Lourdes; Summit I; Summit II; and Texas Roadhouse. As of the writing of this report the District is waiting on the installation of key safes at 700 Executive Park, the Courtyard of St. Matthews, and one key safe in the Atrium for both 100 and 200 Executive Park. With a total of fifty-four key safes already installed, the Fire District will continue to have a means of easy access to many of the buildings in the fire district. The Bureau is looking forward to continuing this very useful and valuable program.

## V. Smoke Detector Program

The beginning of this year we saw the completion of the smoke detector program that was started last year. The program reminds people to check their smoke detector and change their battery once a year. Every Sunday the on-duty engine company tours the district offering to check the smoke detectors of the residents and if needed will install a new battery or smoke detector for them. In October, we responded to a fire at 3802 Ormond Road, the occupant was made aware of the fire by a smoke detector that was installed in her home by the St. Matthews fire Protection District earlier in the year. The installation of this smoke detector resulted in the occupant's safe egress from the house. This one incident alone shows the benefits of this program. This year the three twenty-four hour shift companies started the program again throughout the district. But with the Betsy restoration project, County Fire School, and the increased PR classes they have not had the time available to them this year that they enjoyed in the past.

## VI. Public Education

Nineteen hundred and ninety eight proved to be a busy year in public education. The District saw one hundred and six public education and public relations events during the year, all of which were coordinated by Firefighter Erik Sorensen with help from the three twenty-four hour shift companies. These events reached a total of six thousand five hundred and sixty people. The birthday parties are

becoming quite popular with the District sponsoring thirty parties reaching three hundred and ninety three children. A total of fifteen fire extinguisher classes were taught which included a live fire exercise in which all four hundred and fifteen attendees participated.

October's fire safety month was a big success with scheduled events almost every day of the month. The District put to use the Jefferson County Fire Safety trailer at eleven schools and taught two thousand three hundred and eleven children fire safety practices. The national great escape fire drill was also done October the sixth, in which we had all of our elementary schools perform a fire drill at the same time. Two of the schools each had one engine company in attendance. These events could not have happened as successfully as they did with out the help of the four career companies.

The past year we saw the start of a number of new programs. The Learn Not To Burn program was started with the goal of being implemented in all of the Districts daycare's. As of date seven of the nine daycares are participating. We have also started the Caring Bears program sponsored by the Target Stores chain. This program provides stuffed bears to present to children who have been involved in a traumatic event that the District may respond to. Currently the bears are kept on 2634 and have been used many times for the stated purpose. For the first time we took part in the Mr. Rogers Sweater Drive as a collection point. In the end the District collected one thousand two hundred and fifty three sweaters in four weeks.

Firefighter Erik Sorensen was appointed by the Fire Chief to be this Districts representative to the Public Information, Education, and Recruitment Committee (PIER), which deals with these subjects countywide. We also applied for a grant from the NFPA to become a pilot program for the Risk Watch Curriculum, which deals with health and life safety issues. The grant was not awarded because a letter of support from the county school superintendent was given in time for the deadline. Currently Firefighter Sorensen is working on funding for this program to be implemented next year. A typical day for the public educator depends on which of the various roles are assumed. A majority of time is spent preparing for classes to meet the needs of the students. Any classes and birthday parties to be scheduled are handled by Firefighter Sorensen.

For the up coming year we wish to start the Learn Not To Burn and Risk Watch programs in all of the Districts elementary schools. Second, we will finish the Learn Not To Burn program in the remaining daycares.

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## VII. 1998 Accomplishments.

The Fire Prevention Bureau has made several accomplishments in nineteen ninety-eight. Not only was the entire district inspected, but also hundreds of violations were found which could have led to life and property loss.

To keep up with current changes and interpretation in the fire code we have maintained a consistent level of training. Every member of the District who holds a certificate from BOCA is required to maintain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education courses every two years. To maintain those continuing education hours Major Monahan, Captain McCune and Firefighter Biven attended the spring CAAK Conference while Chief Seng, Captain Ryan and Captain Wolfe attended the fall CAAK conference. Captain Ryan and Firefighter Biven attended all monthly Jefferson County Fire Inspectors Association meetings (BOCA chapter #50) and the annual State Fire Marshals meeting. Additional educational hours were received at the JCFIA meetings.

As in previous years, the St. Matthews Fire Protection District participated in the Kentucky State Fair, which was held in August. Each of the Jefferson County Fire Departments mans the Jefferson County Fire Safety Trailer for one day during the fair. The Fire Prevention Bureau coordinated the manpower that was needed to successfully run the Fire Safety Trailer on St. Matthews appointed day. Also, the Third Annual Jefferson County Fire Safety Fair was held again this year at the Greenwood boat docks on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Both events were a great success. Captain Ryan and Firefighter Biven helped in the preparation and coordination that was required for both of these events.

Last year St. Matthews Fire District was the first Fire Department in Jefferson County to start using five-inch Storz connections on the sprinkler systems. The advantages of using the new connections are a reduction in the friction loss of the supply line to the sprinkler system and an ease of laying one supply line compared with the previous two. To profit from those advantages the Bureau will have all of the new construction in the district use the new five-inch connection.

We would also like for some of the existing buildings to upgrade to them as well. Currently the District has nine five-inch connections.

## VIII. 1999 Goals

As the New Year begins, the fire prevention bureau has many goals for Nineteen ninety-nine. The Bureau's first goal is to stay current with the proposed changes to the State Fire Code.<sup>1</sup> The second goal is to offer a full day Fire Code seminar to all St. Matthew's business owners and property managers. In an effort to be proactive, we would explain how the requirements of the fire code relate to them and possible ways to avoid future violations. This could be done in conjunction with St. Matthews Police to address any of their concerns. The third and last goal is to propose to the Mall St. Matthews, Suburban Hospital, Baptist Hospital East to change their sprinkler connections from a two and a half-inch Siamese to a five inch Storz connection. The Bureau is always open to any suggestions or criticisms that anyone has to offer.

## VIII. Closing Remarks

In Closing, the Fire Prevention Bureau has been a successful part of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. The staff is well informed and trained and the knowledge gained from the inspections done by the Bureau is just as valuable on the fire scene as it is for the Bureau. Information such as alarm and sprinkler location, roof and elevator access and other dangerous areas of a building are vital to an incident commander during the event of an emergency.

As another year has come and gone the fire district can rest assured that everything possible has been done to protect them from fire and life safety hazards.

<sup>1</sup> The proposal is to switch from the BOCA (Building Officials and Code Administrators) Fire Prevention Code and adopt the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 1 and 101, Fire Prevention Code and Life Safety Code respectfully.

## I. Introduction

The maintenance department at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District has expertly seen to the operational status of the vehicles located at Station 1 and Station 2. This includes the following vehicles:

### Automobiles-

2601	1994 Chief's Car
2602	1993 Battalion Chief's Car
2613	1989 Fire Prevention Car

### Light Duty Trucks-

2690	1990 Passenger Van
2691	1989 Ventilation Truck
2692	1995 Pickup Truck
2601	1999 Tahoe

### Heavy Duty Trucks-

2632	1982 Mack - 1500 GPM Pumper
2633	1994 E-One Rescue Pumper
2634	1995 E-One Rescue Pumper
2635	1976 Mack - 1500 GPM Pumper
2653	1986 Seagrave Aerial
2657	1979 Seagrave Aerial

The maintenance department consists of Major Ken Strange, who supervises the department, and Sergeant Jackie Dehart. This department not only tends to vehicle maintenance, but also takes care of our small engine tools, and building repairs that can be handled in house. When needed they are assisted by the officers and firefighters of all four companies.

## II. Maintenance Procedures

When a problem occurs with one of the department vehicles it is logged into the SunPro computer program under "Maintenance and Apparatus" as a service request by whoever discovers the problem. Major Strange reviews all of the service requests and decides whether or not the problem can be solved in house, or will it need to be sent out of house. He then assigns a work order to each service request. The work order goes to either Sgt. Dehart, if the work can be done in house, or to a specialized repair shop, if the problem cannot be taken care of in house.

Major Strange records all work done to department vehicles in the SunPro computer program.



**St. Matthews Maintenance Department  
1998 Prevention Summary**

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## 1998 St. Matthews Fire Protection District Report:

### III. Review of 1998 Apparatus and Equipment Maintenance

The following is a month to month account of all repairs and maintenance on the apparatus and equipment that cost a significant dollar amount.

#### January 1998

• Brakes serviced on 2633	747.02
• New tire for 2634	381.13
• New brakes for 2601	183.77

#### February 1998

• Body work and paint for 2632	\$3883.00
• Lightbar for 2632	\$1100.00
• Snow Plow for 2692	\$3200.00

#### March 1998

• Cascade system maintenance	\$1045.00
• New tire 2634	\$381.00
• Ladder repair 2653	\$247.00

#### April 1998

• Ladder Test 2653	\$395.00
• Cooling system repair 2632	\$209.34

#### May 1998

• Air brake repair 2653	\$150.55
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#### June 1998

• Ladder test 2653	\$395.00
• Ground ladder test 2653 & 2657	\$714.00

#### July 1998

• Engine repairs, O2 sensor 2602	\$603.93
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#### August 1998

• Carburetor repair 2613	\$205.00
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#### September 1998

• Brakes serviced 2692	\$585.75
• Annual Truck Service (all except 2634)	\$355.08

#### October 1998

• Passenger window fixed 2613	\$186.00
• Truck Service 2634	\$131.99
• Transmission Service 2634	\$262.00

#### November 1998

• Transmission service 2633	\$451.59
• Batteries replaced 2634	\$121.32
• 4 rear tires replaced 2691	\$130.44

#### December 1998

• New mirrors 2634	\$327.69
• Hose and engine repairs 2601	\$142.44

The total expenditures for 1998 in maintenance and repairs were \$22,520.86.

### IV. Accomplishments

Several routine maintenance projects were completed in 1998, along with several capital improvement items. All of the ground ladders and both of the aerial ladders were service tested. The ladder on 2653 needed some repair work on a cylinder which was repaired. All other needed repairs to ladders were made. All ladders did pass the annual test.

All of the fire attack and supply hose were pressure tested and cleaned twice during the course of the year. An apparatus inventory was also completed on each of the vehicles that are owned by the fire district.

We gave a facelift to the body of 2632, including a new light bar, and paint scheme. This accounted for a large capital expenditure for the year. We also sold 2635 to the Taylorsville/Spencer County Fire Department. This sale included the hose on the apparatus. We also got a new generator for station 1 to replace the old one. Another large expenditure was the snowplow, which was purchased for 2692. A new 1999 Chevy Tahoe was acquired for the fleet in December of 1998. Work to install the warning light system, siren, and striping is being planned and will continue at the first of the New Year.

Of course the biggest job in maintenance in 1998 was the refurbishing of "Betsy". This project was difficult, but as can be seen by the finish product it was well worth the work put into her.



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**Board Of Directors**

Hal Clifford  
David C. Dick, end  
Thomas O. Eifler, Sr. starts  
Faye Ellerkamp, became Chairman 9/1998  
Frank A. Flynn end 6/01  
James King  
Doug Mitchell  
Richard J. "Rick" Tonini, came on in June 1998

**Officers**

1998 Chief William "Bill" Seng (P)  
Major Stuart Monohan (P)  
Major Kenneth "Ken" L. Strange (P)  
Captain Hal Clifford  
Captain Frank Flynn (P)  
Captain Sam McCune (P)  
Captain, Keith McBride  
Captain Don Ryan (P)  
Captain John Volkerding  
Captain John Walling  
Captain Joseph R. "Joe" Wolfe (P)  
Sgt. John Albers  
Sgt. Jackie DeHart (P)  
Sgt. Daniel Doyle (P)  
Sgt. Dave Dugan (P)  
Sgt. Larry Heaphy (P)  
Sgt. Dave Kamer  
Sgt. George Santamouris

**Firefighters**

Mike J. Beneke  
Christine Beyer  
Mike Biven (P)  
Matt Board  
Patti Bonnie  
Ed Brown (P)  
John Chilko  
Greg Crabb  
Niki Dallaire  
Charlie Davis (P)  
Patrick Joseph Duerr  
Tony Glass (P)  
Tiera Gonzolez  
Charles Herman  
Jaret Hill  
Sean Jackson  
Billy Jacob  
Brian Jennemann  
Paul Kurtz (P)  
Scott Lewis  
R. Hunter G. Louis, Jr. hired as intern June 1998 (P)

Christa Madsen  
Tom Marshall (P)  
Mike Mateja  
Keith McBride  
Jeff Miller  
Kent Monohan (P)  
Adam Nay  
Patrick H. "Pat" Noland  
Debbie Ray  
Chester Reed  
Robert "Bob" Ross  
Erik Sorensen (P)  
Chet Speed  
Justin Tamplin  
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Ron D. Unthank  
William C. "Will" Vail  
Lea-Ann Waterfill, start  
James H. "Jim" Whitlock  
George Wiggins  
Mike "Fozz" Willinger (P)  
Mike Wimberg, start  
Todd Woodward, start

Marshal  
A. E. Andriot, Jr.  
Denny Engnehl

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1999, Unknown date: "Family Nite" at Station #1.



**Bob Ross, Chet Speed & Greg Crabb**



**Billy Jacob, Mike Wimberg & Mike Frantz**



**Mike Frantz, Jeff Miller, Dan Doyle & Mike Beneke**

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Staff Writer

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North and west side Station 1



North side Station 1



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## Fire station's face lift completed

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"I'd stick back on there," Monohan.

Renovations also included installation of new insulated frames. The work caused minor inconveniences to the firefighters.

"People in the neighborhood look good," said Monohan. "We didn't have any complaints."

Last year, firefighters installed state-of-the-art, commercial-grade equipment on the second floor. A new water meter, new gutters, a fresh coat of paint for interior offices, a new ventilation system to remove black soot and exhaust from the garage were also among the renovations in the last few years. But nothing on this scale had ever been done, said Monohan.

The St. Matthews Fire Department moved to 240 Sears Ave. in 1989 from a St. Matthews Ave. station. In 1989, station No. 2 was on the other side of the railroad tracks, at 4400 Browns-



Voice-Tribune staff photo by CARRIE MORRISON

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Courtesy Al Ring, 2001:



North side Station 1



East side Station 1



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Courtesy Al Ring, 2001:



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## January 14, 1999, Trustee meeting:

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

January 14, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 14, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, and Doug Mitchell M.D. Also present were: Chief Seng, Major Monohan, and Jack Nold of Woodlawn Park.

Faye Ellerkamp moved to accept the minutes of the December 10, 1998 meeting as written; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed.

In Treasurer King's absence the trustees reviewed the financials that were prepared by the Fire District accountant.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) There were 129 runs for the month of December. F.D. personnel are currently preparing the annual report.
- 2) The Fire District audit performed by our accountant will start on 01-15-99.
- 3) There was a fire at the new Steepleton building that is being renovated. Fire damage was minor, and there were no injuries.
- 4) The exterior of the Station 1 building project is nearing completion.
- 5) The new Chiefs vehicle, a 1999 GMC Yukon, has arrived.
- 6) The firefighter living at station 2 that was discussed last meeting, moved out and ceased membership on the department with no conflict.
- 7) Captain McBride has officially retired from his position as a volunteer Captain and Sergeant George Santamouris has been promoted to Captain.
- 8) January Expenditure Requests:
  - a) Equipment list for new pumper \$15,478.00
  - b) NFA Staff and Command Course (Doyle and Dugan) \$ 2,790.00

Hal Clifford moved to approve the January expenditure requests; Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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In light of the fact that the new Chiefs vehicle has arrived, Doug Mitchell moved to declare the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria surplus property and take sealed bids for the vehicle; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed unanimously. Chief Seng was instructed to run an ad that would meet the requirements for such a sale.

Captain Flynn gave a brief report on the status of the pension money that the District is distributing from the former VFIS Retention Plan.

The Chief requested approval to replace Firefighter Davis with a Fire Training Specialist (Training Officer) at a salary of \$32,000.00 which includes the State Incentive pay. If a candidate from within is selected for the position, then he/she will be paid \$32,000.00 including incentive plus longevity. This position will be a new category on the pay scale distributed by the Chief last June.

After lengthy discussion regarding the duties past and future of the current training officer, Frank Flynn moved to approve the hiring of the above stated position; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the inability to sell 2657 due to the surplus of similar vehicles in the market, and the bad rusting problem of these vehicles. Unit 2657 has been advertised in a national publication, and a mailing was sent to Fire Departments across the state with no results. Considering these factors and the fact that a rarely used truck is or will become a maintenance liability Doug Mitchell moved to declare unit 2657 surplus property and to sell it for the maximum amount of money that we can get; Frank Flynn seconded; motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

January, 14, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:05 P.M.

Present were: Directors Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn and Doug Mitchell M.D. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the December, 10 1999 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

## February 11, 1999, Letter:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS**  
**Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

**William J. Seng**  
Fire Chief

*Learn Not  
To Burn*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Harry A. Clifford  
Richard J. Tiers  
Douglas C. Mitchell, M.D.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Faye Ellerkamp, Chairman  
James King, Treasurer  
Frank Flynn, Secretary

Chairman

Secretary

Trustees Meeting Agenda

February 11, 1999

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting.
- III. Treasurer Report, by Jim King.
- IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief William J. Seng.
- V. Executive Session.
- VI. Old Business.
- VII. New Business: The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is February 18, 1999, at 7:00 P.M., at Fern Creek Fire Department.

## Girl, 9, crashes van into business



PHOTOS BY DAVID R. LUTTMAN, SPECIAL TO THE COURIER-JOURNAL.  
**St. Matthews police** investigators examined the scene where a minivan with a 9-year-old girl inside crashed into a Blockbuster Video store yesterday. "It's like she panicked and floored it," a witness said.

## Wreck kills video-store customer

By MARK SCHAYER  
 The Courier-Journal

A 9-year-old girl drove a minivan through a Jefferson County video store yesterday afternoon, police and witnesses said, killing a 21-year-old customer and injuring his roommate in a scene one bystander described as "pandemonium."

The girl was inside the Blockbuster Video store near Breckenridge Lane and Dutchmans Parkway with her mother, who gave her daughter the keys and sent her outside to the minivan, which was parked in front of the store, said Sgt. William Fitzgerald of the **St. Matthews police**.

The minivan backed up and hit a small tree, then drove forward into the store, he said. A witness said a

man outside yelled at the girl after the van hit the tree.

"It's like she panicked and floored it," said David Nitishin, who was eating by the window at a nearby Wendy's restaurant and looked outside after the van hit the tree.

"All of a sudden it just ran through the building. It was pandemonium."

Nitishin said there was no time for the customer who died to get out of the way. Nitishin said he ran inside to help, but the customer, who was near the new releases, was already dead and his roommate was running around in a panic.

"He was saying, 'Oh my God! Oh my God! I can't believe he's dead!'" Nitishin said.

The victim was identified as Jeffrey A. Rosko of Val-



BY STEVE DUBOIS, THE C-J

paraiso, Ind., by Jefferson County Deputy Coroner Carl Adams. An autopsy had not been performed, but Adams



The crash, which killed a 21-year-old customer of the video store and injured another person, left a gaping hole in the front of the store.

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said Rosko died of multiple injuries.

Rosko's 22-year-old roommate, who suffered head and leg injuries, was in good condition at Baptist Hospital East last night.

Police did not release the names of the injured man, or of the girl and her mother.

Police and witnesses said there were four employees and five or six customers inside the store when the van crashed through the window, but no one else was hurt.

Officials hadn't decided whether the mother or her daughter would be charged with anything. "At this time, it looks like an unfortunate accident," Fitzgerald said.

Jefferson County Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Joe Gutmann visited the store yesterday, but he said afterward that it was routine for prosecutors to be consulted in fatal accidents.

"That's not to be read that there will be charges or there won't be charges," he said.

Videos and broken glass were scattered everywhere inside the store. The van knocked over displays and came to rest after crashing into an office in back.

"I just thought it was somebody trying to park, and the next thing I knew, she was coming through," a customer told WHAS radio.



David Nitishin, who was in a nearby restaurant, saw the minivan crash into the store. "All of a sudden it just ran through the building," he said. "It was pandemonium."

The impact shook neighboring businesses. Some said it felt like an earthquake.

"It was like a big boom," said Angie James, a trainee manager at the Wendy's, who was at a drive-through window facing Blockbuster. "At first I thought it was a gunshot."

She said she looked outside and saw people running from the store.

A steady stream of customers tried to return videos, but a handwritten sign told them to take their videos to Blockbuster stores on Hubbards Lane or Hurstbourne Parkway.

Joe Luttrell, who was with his 7-year-old daughter, said he could sympathize with the mother. He said he also has an 8-year-old daughter, and he has locked his children in a car and run inside a store a few times, as long as he could see them through the window. But he said he would never leave the car running or leave them with the keys.

"Something like this can happen so fast," he said.



PHOTOS BY DAVID R. LUTWAL, SPECIAL TO THE COURIER-JOURNAL  
Jefferson County Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Joe Gutmann, left, spoke to a St. Matthews police sergeant. The minivan was behind them.

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Sgt. William Fitzgerald of the St. Matthews police



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## February 11, 1999, Letter:

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

February 11, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 11, 1999, at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D. and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Seng, Captains Ryan, Wolfe and Volkerding, Firefighter Sorensen, District accountant Jeff Hafner and Jack Nold of Woodlawn Park.

Hal Clifford moved to accept the minutes of the January 8, 1999 meeting as written; Faye Ellerkamp seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Jim King deferred the treasurers' report to district accountant Jeff Hafner. Jeff distributed the 06-30-98 audit, gave a brief report and answered questions. Jeff discussed presenting the county with a different form of our annual budget. Jeff also brought up the need to keep cash low for the reason of reducing risk.

Captain Ryan presented price quotes for new exercise equipment and requested the board to consider the purchase of the equipment. The price was \$8995.00 which included a \$2995.00 credit for our old nautilus system. Doug Mitchell moved to approve Captain Ryan's proposal; Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) There were 130 runs for month of January.
- 2) Distributed an expense statement regarding the station 1 building project.
- 3) The department will be conducting a live fire training on 02-16-99.
- 4) The bids were opened for the 1989 Ford Crown Victoria. Ron Unthank bid \$555.00 and Chief Seng bid \$601.00.
- 5) A committee is preparing the hiring process for the newly created position of Fire Training Coordinator.
- 6) There has been no interest in the sale of unit 2657.
- 7) The Chief will present a report to the board on the Fire District's status of the Y2K situation.

### 8) December Expenditure Requests: a) Carpet

\$3289.00

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b) CAAK conference for 3 Inspectors	\$1125.00
c) New Gas Meter	\$1450.37
d) Renew Pulse video subscription	\$936.00
e) SEAF in Dothan, Alabama-2 attendees	\$3000.00
f) Renew copy machine service agreement	\$450.00
g) Renovate the old rec-room	\$11,020.00
h) Landscape Station 1	\$2657.27

After some discussion, Doug Mitchell moved to approve the expenditure requests with the exception of items a and g; Jim King seconded; motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50.

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

February 11, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:55 P.M.

Present were: Directors Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D. and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the January 8, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

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## March 11, 1999, Trustee meeting:

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

March 11, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 11, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D. and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Seng, Major Monohan, Captain Volkerding, Firefighters Glass, Kurtz, Monohan & Sorensen, Jack Nold of Woodlawn Park, Shelly Nold of Horticulture Design & Development and Michael Hilliard of Harrods Creek Fire Department.

Rick Tonini moved to accept the minutes of the February 11, 1999 meeting as written; Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Jim King reported everything to be in order. District charges paid to ADP will be a little higher than normal due to W-2 preparation.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) Cincinnati Fire Department offered \$15,000.00 to purchase Unit 2657. Doug Mitchell moved to approve the sale; Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- 2) The Station one renovation is almost complete, with the front door being the last remaining item that the Thurman Company is responsible for. The district will withhold \$5000.00 until this is taken care of in a satisfactory manner.
- 3) Shelly Nold of Horticulture Design & Development answered questions regarding the Station One landscaping proposal that was approved at last months meeting.
- 4) The new exercise equipment approved at last months meeting is in and operational. Captain Ryan submitted a letter thanking the board for their consideration of this equipment.
- 5) The District will be switching to a new provider for department physicals due to a significant price increase from the current provider (MedSurv). The new provider is BaptistWorx, which is affiliated with Baptist Hospital East.
- 6) The new pumper is taking longer than expected and may not arrive until as late as June 1.

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

March 11, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:40 P.M.

Present were: Directors Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the February 11, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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- 7) The board discussed the building remodel proposal that was first presented several years ago.
- 8) March Expenditure Requests:
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| a) Annual SCBA testing & maintenance                      | \$1500.00 |
| b) Battery conditioner for station two                    | \$350.00  |
| c) Department physicals for 20 career and 34 volunteers   | \$8389.00 |
| d) Purchase of 3 award plaques for firefighters           | \$850.00  |
| e) Four Scott SCBA voice amplifiers                       | \$1200.00 |
| f) Add second floor to work shop for additional space     | \$4000.00 |
| g) Complete exterior trim painting of Station One         | \$7000.00 |
| h) Purchase 12 firefighter badges                         | \$605.00  |
| i) Hose testing unit to be shared with four departments   | \$600.00  |
| j) Replacement vacuum for Station One                     | \$438.00  |
| k) Registration for two firefighters to attend EMT School | \$600.00  |

Total: \$25532.00

After some discussion Tom Eifler moved to approve the named expenditures; Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng introduced Mike Hilliard as the new Fire Training Coordinator.

Captain Flynn re-addressed the issue of Trustee names to be placed on the new plaque. Captain Flynn felt that David Dick's name should also be included. The Board decided that it would be appropriate to add David's name in addition to the current seven members.

Chief Seng requested permission to submit a Certificate of Need application to the State to perform Emergency Medical Transport. The board denied the request citing the need for additional information. Chief Seng and Captain Flynn will obtain this information in the best manner possible.

Firefighter Sorensen has submitted a request for a grant from The Crusade for Children. The Crusade informed us that this is the first grant ever applied for by a Fire Department. Our request has made the second round for consideration.

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Chief Seng updated the board on the Y2K situation and provided the board with a cost analysis to take care of the problem. After lengthy discussion Rick Tonini moved to approve the cost of \$6600.00 to address the problem; Tom Eifler seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng also presented a proposal and cost analysis for Internet access with e-mail. There would be a fixed cost of \$1275.00 and a recurring monthly cost of \$250.00. After brief discussion Hal Clifford moved to approve the proposal; Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed with six yes votes and one no vote.

There was brief discussion regarding legislative representation for the 2000 session. No action was taken.

Hal Clifford moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 9:25 P.M.; Tom Eifler seconded.

Trustees returned to regular session at 9:32 P.M. No action taken by the Trustees.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

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Chairman

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Secretary

Courtesy, *A Walk With Ray, Memories of Raymond Joseph Kempf*, March 24, 1999: *The Courier-Journal*: The Kempf's lived at 157 St. Matthews Avenue and many of their children were members of STMFD or aided the department at time of emergencies. The family house was destroyed by training fire.

*The following is an article that appeared in the Courier-Journal, March 24, 1999*

## Old homes in St. Matthews pave way to office complex



### Kempf house near Westport dated to 1914

MARTHA ELSON  
The Courier-Journal

Mary Jean Kempf loves to tell stories about her family's 85-year-old homestead on St. Matthews Avenue.

She and her 11 brothers and sisters grew up there. In later years, more than 100 family members and a few neighbors gathered there each August for a turtle-soup dinner cooked in the back yard.

Kempf, a retired business manager for the Ursuline Campus Schools, lived there until she sold the property last fall to developers and moved to a Lyndon patio home.

The red-roofed house in the 100 block is gone now along with a bit of St. Matthews history — to make way for a \$4 million office condominium complex being built by local developers Anthony Steier and Sid Anderson. They expect it to be occupied by October.

Steier also is building the Westwood Office Condominiums on Westport Road across from Target, which he said are 65 percent sold. He expects them to be occupied by July.

Although the St. Matthews Avenue site is next to an automotive shop and other commercial properties and close to Westport Road and the railroad tracks, the change still comes as a surprise to some. The plans did not require a zoning change or public hearing by St. Matthews or the Louisville-Jefferson County Planning Commission.

Kempf's house was built in 1914 by her grandfather. She said her father and the owners of the properties on either side rezoned them for commercial use in the 1940s, before public review for rezonings was required.

A coal yard was operating near the tracks at that time. Kempf said her father was looking ahead to a time when he thought more commercial development was likely.

Kempf had put the property up for sale four years ago, but then changed her mind. A broker ap-

proached her last year, and she decided to sell. "You have to do what you have to do," she said last week. "It was time to move."

A couple of two-story office buildings with 28 units, and 100 parking spaces in front, are planned on the Kempf property and one next door.

To clear the property, Kempf's house was burned recently by the St. Matthews Fire Protection District as a training exercise. The house on the other property was demolished.

That house, which was built in 1910, was owned by Katherine Queeney, who also sold it to Anderson and Steier and moved last year to a retirement center. Queeney's sister-in-law, Thelma Duffy of St. Matthews, had operated a day-care center there for 20 years until the 1970s.

Duffy said last week it was sad to see the house torn down, but "there's not much we could do about it but remember the good times we had in it."

Staeblar Avenue resident Denise Vickers said last week she had no idea of the plan until the fire department came to burn down the Kempf house. "It's disappointing to see the houses go because this is a residential area," she said. Kempf's house "had the prettiest red, tin roof," she said.

"I'll miss seeing them," said David Colman, another Staeblar resident. Kempf is sentimental about her house, and she and her family have some important mementos. She has a painting of the house — showing a blooming tulip magnolia — on her mantle, a carved, wooden replica of it and a shadow box of it.

Before the house was burned, a nephew from Georgia interested in woodworking, took most of the hardwood floors and woodwork to use them in a house he's building. Kempf has a couple of wood window sills in her garage, along with some bricks from the house. The garage at the St. Matthews house also was moved by the family, and they dug up flowers and bulbs and transplanted them to their homes.

Pat Nicholson has rented the house two doors from the office site for six years and said she had gotten to know her neighbors. "It will never be the same," she said. "All of a sudden this street is going to be very busy."



BY STEVE JOURNAL, THE C-J

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## March 29, 1999, Letter:

## March Alarm Report

March 29, 1999

### Monthly Alarm Report

Chief Seng,

I would like to take a moment to thank you and the Board of Trustees for allowing me the opportunity to attend this year's Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis. At the conference I attended several seminars and one hands on class. I would like to give you a brief synopsis of the classes I attended.

Tuesday, I attended the Fire Ground Safety and Survival class. This class is geared towards helping the firefighter save himself or a fellow firefighter when things take a turn for the worse on the fire ground.

The rest of the week was spent in seminars. Most of the topics I chose revolved around truck company operations. The classes covered operations, tactics and considerations for the truck company officer and his expanded role as a rapid intervention team (RIT) officer.

In all the seminars I attended the RIT group and its responsibilities was discussed in depth. In today's environment of deeper penetration by firefighters due to better protective clothing and hotter fires due to building construction and materials, the RIT officer and his group has become one of the most important elements on the fire ground.

I would like to add that the hands on training was very important to the topics talked about in later seminars. Since I took topics that corresponded to the hands on training, I found the seminars and the hands on training were both enhanced.

Again, I would like to thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

Sincerely,

  
George Santamaria

Cc.

Faye Ellerkamp  
James King  
Frank Flynn  
Harry Clifford  
Richard Totino  
Douglas Mitchell  
Tom Eiller

To: Chief Seng  
From: Sergeant Doyle  
Re: Replacement Blinds

Chief,

This is a list of blinds we need to replace the existing blinds on the second floor. The blinds that are in place now are extremely worn. Most of them inoperable, not to mention an eyesore. The blinds I plan on replacing these with are a little different. The old ones are two per window, the new ones will cover the entire window with one blind. This saves a little money and looks better. I have listed prices from three companies, these prices do not include installation, and I will take care of the installation.

#### INSPECTIONS

(4) 48.5 x 47

#### WEIGHT ROOM

(7) 48.5 x 47

#### BUNK ROOM

(3) 48.5 x 47

#### TV ROOM/POOL ROOM

(4) 22.75 x 71

#### LARGE CLASSROOM

(4) 24.5 x 71

(2) 48.5 x 71

This is a total of 24 blinds

The Workroom- \$1,278.40  
Inside Outlet- \$1,002.67  
US Specialties- \$975.00

Fire District 26 St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Month Ending March 31, 1999  
Total Alarms Dispatched For The Month 109

#### Types of Alarms

Fire Explosion	
Structure Fire	2
Vehicle Fire	3
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	5
Rescue Call	
Emergency Medical Call	38
Extrication	2
Hazardous Condition, Standby	
Power Line Down	1
Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equipment	2
Chemical Emergency	10
Service Call	
Smoke, Odor Removal	3
Cover Assignment	8
Good Intent Call	
Good Intent Call Unable to Classify	4
Smoke Scare	8
Vicinity Alarm	1
False Call	
System Malfunction	6
Unintentional	15
Not Classified	1



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March 1, 1999, *The Courier-Journal*, Editorial letters: More Professional Firefighters: Your recent article ("Area needs more fire volunteers") is one that I feel Needs comment, although I do not live in Oldham County. I live one mile from the Oldham line off Route 22, and our new subdivision has many of the same problems as the area covered by your article. The difference in our takes on the subject will be explained by the fact that I am a retired professional firefighter (from the Chicago suburbs) and a former volunteer firefighter as well.

I also realize that you were doing your job the best you could with the information provided by the locals. Herein lies the rub. The locals should not be rustling the bushes for volunteers; they should be clamoring for a full-time professional fire department.

The so-called young professionals cited as the most recent arrivals to the area have little, if any, clue as to the level of protection (or lack of it) that they have. This is not to say that the volunteers do not do the best they can, but this is not their "job." In most places, it is a hobby, albeit a serious one, and in many places, it is a social function as well.

The most disturbing aspect of your article came from whoever gave you the information concerning the recruitment of non-firefighting personnel. Suppose an alarm was sounded and the only response was from these non-firefighting persons? It could happen at any time. What happens then? Duh! Cross-training is the single most important aspect of a volunteer service.

We also have the reason many areas cannot find volunteers staring us in the face. Most new residents to an area such as the one described in the article come from the city and expect service as they always known it—paid professional in emergency service departments.

On a related note, one of the most important points of the proposed city-county merger would be the spread of paid professional firefighters to all areas of Jefferson County. I have heard some of the most ridiculous comments on talk radio concerning this, such as hoe "nice" the suburban equipment is compared to the city rigs. Well, guess what? Rigs do not put out fires! Firefighters put out fires, and professional firefighters do it better, faster and safer than their volunteer counterparts.

I have also heard callers contend that volunteers are better trained because they drill one evening every week. This is absurd. Contrary to popular belief, professional firefighters do not sit in the firehouse all shift waiting for runs. Where I worked, we were required to document 36 hours of training and nine hours of physical fitness per month. We worked nine 24-hour shifts per month. That is five hours per shift of training and/or PT, not an evening per week.

Perhaps a follow-up look at this subject would be in order, but be forewarned you will receive little help from volunteer chiefs in exploring ways to put them out of a "plum" position in their local social hierarchy, and an outside expert on the subject may not wish to step on local politicians' toes. Believe me, as the millennium dawns, the volunteer service in urban areas is a dinosaur.

Robert Ciskoski, Louisville 40245. Mr. Ciskoski is retired from the Schaumburg, Ill. Fire department – Editor.

March 8, 1999, *The Courier-Journal*, Editorial letters: "The rich tradition." The March 1 letter about the shortcomings of Jefferson County's level of fire protection was riddled with emotion and not necessarily founded in fact. The writer's presumption that, because the volunteer firefighter does not derive a paycheck from providing fire protection, his or her services are substandard is categorically wrong. My experience is that the rate or source of remuneration will not dictate the quality, reliability or competency of any group organized to provide fire protection, whether paid or volunteer.

If the March 1 letter writer could objectively evaluate the fire service, he would find that there are as many unsafe, incompetent firefighters lurking in fully paid organizations as there are in volunteer or combination (part paid/part volunteer) organizations. To come to any other conclusion would be avoiding the truth.

The quality of the fire protection afforded this entire community is a matter of the drive and determination of those individuals charged with the responsibility to deliver it. Some are paid, some are not. Those of us who hold ourselves to the tradition of service to our brothers and sisters in need are the future of fire protection. We will seek out the knowledge and develop our skills to meet the task. We will hand down the knowledge to fight fires and save lives to our sons and daughters.

We will strive to set examples for the next generation to look up to. We will keep up the rich tradition of selfless service to others. Some will be paid, some will not.

Capt. John C. Walling, Jefferson County Fire Service, St. Matthews Fire Protection District, Louisville, 40207

1999

April 1, 1999, Letter:



To: Chief Seng  
From: Major Munchan  
Date: April 1, 1999  
Re: FDIC 99

The following information is a report from the Fire Department Instructors Conference held March 15-21 in Indianapolis.

This year as in years past I asked all of the instructors who would like to attend the FDIC conference. This year I was able to take three sewer instructors, which had never attended before. We sent two paid instructors (Major Monahan/Firefighter Sorensen) and two volunteer instructors (Captain Santamouris/Sergeant Wiggins).

Several years ago the FDIC started HOT (hands on training). The cost for this training was never added in the budget during the last three years. However this year we cut back on the hotel rooms by one day to allow the funds for four to attend one of the two days of "HOT" training.

After going through the HOT training my recommendation is to include the two days of Hot training in next year's budget. The drill evolution/s included in the two days of hands on training was great. In the one-day of training I took, we went through 8 sessions which included, fire-ground safety and survival, firefighter self-rescue, and RIT team rescue.

There are two other benefits that are derived from attending this conference that are not offered in the program. One is the information that is exchanged from the other eleven fire districts in Jefferson County that attended, and the second is the time that four of our firefighters spend communicating and training together.

I attended the following classroom sessions offered on Wednesday and Thursday.

National Fire Incident Reporting System  
Generation X Meets The Fire Service  
The Five R's of Motivation  
The Coaching Concept

1999  
National Fire Service Staff and Command Course  
Sheraton Fontainebleau Hotel  
Ocean City, Maryland

## Program

### Wednesday, March 24, 1999

6:00 p.m. REGISTRATION,  
GET ACQUAINTED SOCIAL AND BUFFET DINNER  
Sheraton Fontainebleau Hotel - Terrace Lobby

### Thursday, March 25, 1999

8:00 a.m. WELCOME

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
Charles J. Burkell  
Burkell and Associates  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Afternoon Session: FIRE SERVICE - MEDIA RELATIONS  
Harold R. Bruno, Jr.  
Director of Political Coverage (Retired)  
ABC News  
Chevy Chase, Maryland

FIRE BEHAVIOR FOR COMMAND OFFICERS  
Dr. James A. Milke, Associate Professor  
Fire Protection Engineering  
University of Maryland  
College Park, Maryland

### Friday, March 26, 1999

Morning Session: KEY LEADERSHIP MISTAKES AND MESS-UPS THAT YOU  
CAN AVOID  
Garry L. Bries, CAE, Executive Director  
International Association of Fire Chiefs  
Fairfax, Virginia

To: St. Matthews Fire District Board Members  
From: Sgt. George B. Wiggins  
Re: Fire Department Instructors Conference  
Date: April 6, 1999

April 6, 1999, Letter:

First I would like to thank you for allowing me to attend the Instructors Conference. I took part in two hands-on classes. The first hands-on class was Aircraft Firefighting for Structure Firefighters. This class was very informative and gave me a chance to experience fighting aircraft fires using training aids not available to local departments. We were able to encounter live fire in the passenger compartment of a commercial aircraft. We were also instructed how to safely remove victims from the burning aircraft by using hand lines as protection from the heat and fire. We also used a fuel pit to simulate a fuel fire on the ground which is a common hazard in aircraft fire and rescue. This knowledge can be extremely helpful because St. Matthews Fire District is in the fly zone of many planes that use Bowman Airfield. Just recently a small private plane crashed down in an open field in a nearby fire district.

The second hands-on class was Car Fires for Engine Company Operations. This class focused mainly on live fire attack and safe effective operations. This class provided a mass exchange of ideas from fellow firefighters from across the country. A lot of simple techniques were displayed that will make fighting a car fire a lot easier and less taxing on the personnel with a lot less damage to the vehicle. This class burned more than 100 cars in a two-day period to ensure that everybody got an equal opportunity to experience every role in the firefighting operations.

Not only did I attend the hands-on classes, I also got the chance to attend many lectures and discussions. The classes I attended were Rapid Intervention Team, Psychology of a Trapped Child, Truck Operations, Water Craft Firefighting and Flame Spread Awareness and Avoidance.

Once again thank you for the opportunity and finances that were given to me. I know that the knowledge I received during the week long conference will allow me to be a better firefighter in St. Matthews Fire District.

Thank You,

  
Sgt. George B. Wiggins III

1999

April 8, 1999, Letter:

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Thomas J. Ellis

To All Trustees:  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: April 8, 1999  
Re: District Activity

Sorry about the late report this month. I was taking a few days off to be with the kids this week during spring break and I forgot about the Trustees meeting. I thought it was next week.

I have already heard from Frank Flynn and Doug Mitchell that they will be out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

Cincinnati Fire Department should be here sometime this Friday to pick up 2657. The sale price was \$15,000. Don't worry, I won't let it get out the door without the cash in hand.

Mike Hillard has already started as our new Training Coordinator. I think that the hiring committee made an excellent decision hiring Mike and we all look forward to great things from him.

The painting and landscape work on the exterior of the building will start sometime next week if the weather holds out. The metal rain on the sides of the overhead doors should be installed within the next couple of weeks.

The second floor in the shop is about 75% complete. The floor decking is already in and we are just waiting on the stairs and the electrical wiring to be installed to complete the project.

As far as the old station #1 project (brick work) goes, there is still one detail left that needs to be finished and that is the front door. They have already replaced it once and just last week they installed it incorrectly again. I am waiting to hear back from the architect to let me know when they will return to fix it again.

The update on the computer system is going as scheduled. The new server has been installed and is running as expected. Internet access has been added to each workstation with e-mail capabilities to be added in a week or so. John Shackleton, who is a McMahon firefighter and a Network Engineer from Brown & Forman, has been helping me during this transition period when things have gotten too rough and I was in a little over my head.

You may not see this until next month but the district has paid out a lot in overtime during the last several weeks. This has been because several firefighters came down with the flu. Firefighter Heaphy and Firefighter Sorenson were also off for an extended period of time for strained backs and knees. Sergeant Doyle and Sergeant Dugan were away at the Staff and Command Course in Maryland for over a week, which also created several vacancies in their shifts. Everyone as of today is well and back to work. I hope this does not happen again.

After the last Trustees meeting I appointed a committee consisting of Major Monahan, Captain Flynn, Sergeant Heaphy and myself to put together a business plan for the department to consider providing transportation services to the patients that we come into contact with. Doug Mitchell as promised, provided

our committee with several questions that he thought were important and that we should provide answers to. We have also already met with several representatives from Florence Fire and EMS and have discussed their policies and procedures since they are similar in size to St. Matthews. I will keep you informed as this develops.

We will be starting our annual recruit drive next month and as usual you will see a portable yard sign at each station for several weeks. I hope this recruit drive is as successful as the one last year. The 1998 recruit drive produced about 12 people, 10 of which are still here.

Firefighter Sorenson may be at the Trustees meeting to voice his complaint with the District's current policy on light duty work. If you did not know our current policy states that if an off the job injury has occurred then all of your vacation and sick time must be used first before the district offers the employee a light duty position. As I mentioned to you earlier Erik was off for sometime last month because of a knee injury that occurred while he was off duty. He had to use all of his sick time and one or two days of his vacation time to cover him during this two-week period. He feels that this policy penalizes new firefighters because they do not have as much sick time built up as the veteran firefighters. I personally think that the policy adequately addresses the area of light duty work. Please let me know if you want me to respond to this any further.

Enclosed are several items for your review.

## Expense Request For April 1999

Item	Cost
Annual recruiting add on Cable Television.	\$600 ✓ <i>4 show</i>
24 replacement mini blinds for second floor. (this replaces broken and unrepairable blinds.)	\$975 ✓
100 Smoke detectors for Smoke Detector Program.	\$600 ✓
55gal drum of degreaser for the shop.	\$635 ✓
4 Helmets with nomenclature and flashlight brackets. (Same order as two years ago.)	\$1,513 ✓ <i>See order go</i>
Department T-Shirts (Minimum amount company will do them for)	\$750 ✓

1999

April 8, 1999, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of  
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District

April 8, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held of Thursday April 8, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Doug Mitchell M.D., Jim King, Rick Tonini, and Tom Eifler. Also Present were Tom Marshall, Mike Hilliard, Kent Monohan and Ty Gonzales.

Tom Eifler moved to accept the minutes of the March 11, 1999 meeting as written Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Jim King reported that Jeff Hafner has said that Commonwealth Bank has offered the District a 4.5% line of credit for 8 years. He also advised we use the new loan with Commonwealth to pay off the Bank One loan. We should also move all Sweep Accounts over to Commonwealth Bank from Bank One and close all Bank One Accounts.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) Runs for the Month of March were down to 109
- 2) Cincinnati Fire Department was to pick up unit 2657 with in the next several weeks.
- 3) April Expenditure Requests:
  - a) Annual recruiting add on Cable Television \$600
  - b) 24 Mini blinds for second floor \$975
  - c) 100 Smoke Detectors \$600

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

April 8, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Matthews Fire Prevention District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:40 P.M.

Present were Directors Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Doug Mitchell, M.D., Jim King, Rick Tonini and Tom Eifler. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the March meeting on the 11th were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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d) 35 Gallon Drum of degreaser	\$635
e) 4 Helmets with nomex hoods and flashlights	\$1,515
f) Department T-Shirts	\$750

Total: \$5,075

After discussion Hal Clifford moved to accept the named expenditures: Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Firefighter Tom Marshall asked the Board if we would take a look at the Sick and Vacation Time policy the Fire Department has in place now. After some discussion on the policy the Board decided to leave the current policy in place.

Hal Clifford's term expires June 30, 1999 he will not run for another term. Chief Seng will let it be known that there is an opening on the board for a firefighter rep.

Tom Eifler's appointment is also up June 30, 1999 he would like to be reappointed. Tom asked the Board to send a letter to the County Judge to be reappointed.

Rick Tonini made the motion to send a letter: Jim King seconded motion passed unanimously.

Firefighter Ty Gonzales asked the Board for a new computer room and library. She says there is really no place the firefighters can go and study and work on the computers. No action was taken Board would like to study her request.

Chairman

Secretary



1999

April 9, 1999, Letter:

May 11, 1999, Letter:

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The Honorable Rebecca Jackson  
County Judge/Executive  
Jefferson County Court House  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Attention: Schuyler Olt

Dear Judge Jackson:

The St. Matthews Fire Protection Board of Trustees has an impending vacancy for an appointed trustee as of June 30, 1999.

Thomas G. Eifler, a resident of Indian Hills in the District, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees resulting from the resignation of James P. Graves, whose term was scheduled to expire on June 30, 1999.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 8, 1999, the trustees unanimously recommended the re-appointment of Thomas G. Eifler for a three-year term, beginning July 1, 1999. Mr. Eifler is an asset to the District with his experience and knowledge of finances and investments. We would like to have him "on board".

Thanks for your consideration.

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Faye Ellerkamp, Chair

FE:ba

The painting of Station 1 is just about complete. The only thing left to do is the painting of the electrical utility pole on the west side.

If you have not noticed, the landscaping is in place and looks really good. It really enhances the appearance of the firehouse.

The second floor has been installed in the shop and the only thing left to complete the job is to install the stairs and the door.

I officially got a letter from E-One last week and they said our pumper would not be ready until August 11<sup>th</sup>. I guess the only good thing regarding that news is that we are still receiving 0% interest on our investment of \$200,000.

Enclosed are several additional comment letters from firefighters who have gone to training classes.

See you Thursday.

### Expenditure Request for May, 1999

Item	Cost
3 sets of turnout gear (This completes our 12 sets for the year.)	\$1,000
League fees for fire department softball team	\$350
Extra insurance coverage for softball team	\$265
4 new rear tires for 2634	\$823
International & Southwestern Fire Chiefs Conference	\$6,000
2 replacement computer monitors	\$500
1 replacement printer	\$1,000
Office remodel of old rec room.	\$11,000

1999

## May 11, 1999, Letters:

Chief Seng,

Thank you for allowing me to attend the 1999 FDIC in Indianapolis. The conference was extremely educational and has paved the way for many ideas to improve my performance both as an instructor and a firefighter.

The first seminar I attended was a 1/2 day hands on class on the operations and tactics of aircraft firefighting. This class was especially designed for departments with a small airport in the district, which could have plane wrecks in their area. Of course like in any other aspect of firefighting the key is planning and training.

The second seminar I went to was a 1/2 day hands on course on fighting car fires. This class offered many techniques for safely extinguishing car fires, with an emphasis on gaining access to the trunk and engine compartments.

The next day I attended a number of 2-hour lectures. The first lecture was on truck company operations. This seminar offered a number of tricks to make forcible entry, search and rescue, and ventilation quicker and more successful. I then attended "The Mythology of Fire Investigation". This course described some of the common misconceptions found with fire investigations. The instructor also showed how defendants in court could use these misconceptions. The final class I attended on Wednesday was entitled "Fire Safety Education: Props and Programs". This class introduced a number of inexpensive ideas for fire safety education. Some of these ideas I hope to use for our up and coming open house.

Thursday I attended the opening general session. This was basically uninformative, and quite boring. I then attended the first half of a course entitled "Defining and Redefining the Fire Service". This class was designed for volunteer departments, and how to combat the trend of becoming a paid department. I then caught the last half of "Northgate Station: Your One Stop Public Education Store" which was presented by the Ohio department who set up a public education booth in their local shopping mall. I then attended the "Survive Alive: The Ultimate Fire Prevention Program". This course was done by the Indianapolis Fire Department in their Fire Safety House. Indianapolis has a dedicated former fire station set up to teach fire safety. School children from across the city visit. This was an impressive demonstration. I was also introduced to the idea of getting a dog to help teach fire safety. I am presently looking into getting a dog, and training it for this purpose. I then attended the course entitled "The Five R's of Motivation". Basically this was a motivational speaker trying to motivate us to motivate.

On Friday we spent the day at the trade show. Mostly we investigated breathing apparatus for our upcoming purchase. I also took a look at a number of public education products, although none really excited me enough to investigate purchasing one.

Thank you for this opportunity to attend this conference. This was an excellent learning opportunity.

May 11, 1999

Erik

To: St Matthews Fire District Trustees

From: Sgt Dave Dugan

Subj: National Fire Service Staff and Command Course  
Ocean City, Md

The week of March 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 1999 I had the pleasure to attend the 1999 version of the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute's Staff and Command Course (affiliated with the University of Maryland).

The class was attended by 98 fire service personnel, from 17 states and the country of Panama. The class was extremely educational and enlightening and the instructors were on the cutting edge of their respective profession. The leadership group of the class did a wonderful job in making sure that the students interacted and created relationships with other students that will last a career. This was done so we can run ideas by each other and have a good working network outside of our respective departments.

The whole program was very well prepared and executed wonderfully. I thank you for creating the opportunity for me to attend the class, by approving the funds. The lessons learned are something I will use through my career and life.

I strongly recommend that all personnel in a leadership role attend this course.

Sincerely,



Attached please find the program schedule.

May 11, 1999

To: Chief Seng

From: Sgt. Doyle

Re: Staff & Command Class

Dear Chief Seng:

The class was a great experience for me and should be for anyone who attends in the future. This is a class that could be repeated periodically to refresh and renew all aspects of the Staff and Command criteria.

The things I learned and the contacts that I made told me that our Department and the situations we encounter are not very different from other Departments across the U.S. I know that every situation has its unique aspects, but in general we are all on common ground. I really feel that I learned as much after class as I did during it. Every night either during dinner or while having a few drinks, we discussed the relationship between our Departments and the class that day. During these discussions, I tried to picture how I could handle the same situations being discussed and I think I'd handle them well.

The speakers and staff were top notch and really put forth a lot of effort. There were a few speakers that really took over and made a great impression on the class. This was when the discussions really became interesting.

Sgt. Dugan and myself were among the youngest in the class and by far the lowest in rank. This however did not slow either of us down. We were put in charge of our perspective groups and handled ourselves and situations competently. I feel that this is a direct reflection on our Department and the good core of people we have within it.

The Networking established and knowledge learned will benefit the District and myself now and well into the future. I would recommend this class to all in management roles.

1999

May, 1999, Letter:



Vic Maier  
Jefferson County  
Public Works and Transportation  
511 Court Place  
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Dear Mr. Maier,

I'm sending you this letter to ask for your help. Several weeks ago I stopped at the first district yard on Hubbards Lane and asked Steve Estes for some help with our training program. He advised me to get in contact with you first before he and I would be able to work out any details.

Our fire station is located on Brownsboro Road next to the quarry and we would like to set up an automobile accident scene in the quarry. We usually use our parking lot for this type of training using only one car. But this year we have three cars and would like to set the scenario up with as few firefighters knowing about the drill as possible. Since the first district yard has plenty of off street parking and is out of the way, it would be perfect for our needs.

Our training is conducted on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM. We would have the cars towed in on a Tuesday afternoon and removed the following Wednesday morning. All of the gasoline, motor oil and batteries will be removed from the automobiles.

Steve had mentioned that the residents in the Clackgate condominiums might question our drill. We would be willing to talk with them first and securing their ok before beginning any training on your site.

Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
*Major Stuart Monahan*  
Major Stuart Monahan  
Training Coordinator

*OK from Betty Smith for writing*

May 13, 1999, Letter:



#### Trustees Meeting Agenda

May 13, 1999

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting.
- III. Treasurer Report, by Jim King.
- IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief William J. Song.
- V. Executive Session.
- VI. Old Business.
- VII. New Business: The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is June 17, 1999, at 7:00 P.M., at Eastwood Fire Department.

Fire District	26	St. Matthews Fire Protection
Month Ending	April 30, 1999	
Total Alarms Dispatched For The Month	108	

#### Types of Alarms

Fire Explosion	
Structure Fire	2
Outside Structure Fire	1
Vehicle Fire	2
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	6
Rescue Call	
Emergency Medical Call	39
Lock In	1
Extrication	1
Hazardous Condition, Standby	
Spill, Leak with No Ignition	1
Power Line Down	1
Arcing, Shorted Electrical Equipment	1
Chemical Emergency	4
Service Call	
Lock-Out	1
Cover Assignment	8
Good Intent Call	
Smoke Scare	5
False Call	
False Call, Unable to Classify Further	1
System Malfunction	15
Unintentional	18
Not Classified	1

1999

May 13, 1999, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of  
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District

May 13, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 13, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, and Doug Mitchell M.D. Also present were Chief Seng, Firefighter Hilliard and Jack Nold of Woodlawn Park.

Jim King moved to accept the minutes of the April 8, 1999 with the deletion of Doug Mitchell's attendance; Fay Ellerkamp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Jim King reported that the note on station two was paid in full. The district has approximately \$5000.00 left in Bank One and after the end of the statement cycle we will withdraw our remaining funds and conclude our business with Bank One. Treasurer King stated that the annual budget was to be submitted to the County Judge by June 1 and suggested that we submit last year's budget and amend the budget later. After lengthy discussion the Board decided to have a budget meeting on 05-17 at 6:30.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) There are a few repairs left on station 1 regarding the construction project. There are problems with the door locks and the district incurred expenses relating to the exhaust system due to a contractor mistake. Money will be withheld from the last payment until these items are satisfactorily completed.
- 2) The Station one landscaping project is almost complete.
- 3) E-One in Ocala, Florida has reported that the scheduled delivery of the new pumper is 08-11-99. This is much later than the originally anticipated delivery date. The district continues to earn 6% interest on our deposit of \$200,000.00.
- 4) May Expenditure Requests:
  - a) Three sets of turnout gear. \$1000.00
  - b) League fees for Fire Department softball team. \$350
  - c) Additional insurance coverage for softball players. \$265
  - d) Four new tires for 2634 \$823
  - e) International and Southeastern Chiefs Conference. \$6000.00

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f) Two replacement computer monitors.	\$500.00
g) 1 replacement printer.	\$1000.00
h) Office remodel of old rec-room.	\$11000.00
i) Four firefighters to attend Lexington fire school.	\$978.00

Total: \$21,916.00

Jim King moved to approve the above listed expenditures with the exception of item h for a total of \$10,916.00. Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng relayed a request from firefighter Jeff Miller for the fire district to sponsor a Bass-fishing tournament with the proceeds going to the Crusade for Children. Doug Mitchell moved to approve the request; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested approval to hire F.F. Hunter Louis as a "summer intern" at the rate of \$8.00 an hour. F.F. Louis would not work enough hours to qualify for CERS benefits. The request was approved.

Captain Flynn proposed contacting the City of Mockingbird Valley regarding providing their fire protection. The Board was in agreement with initiating talks with Mockingbird city officials.

The topic of legislative representation was revisited and a brief discussion followed. Jim King moved to approve contributing to this venture at the same rate the district contributed last legislative session; Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District Holding Company

May 13, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:40 P.M.

Present were: Directors Hal Clifford, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, and Doug Mitchell. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the April 8, 1999 meeting were approved with the deletion of Doug Mitchell's attendance.

Treasurer King reported that the note on Station Two in the amount of approximately \$225,000.00 was paid in full.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

Chairman

Secretary



1999

June 10, 1999, Letter:

June 10, 1999, Trustee meeting:

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**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
LEXINGTON, KY 40507  
William J. Seng  
Fire Chief

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Frank Flynn, Chairman  
Jim King, Treasurer  
Frank A. Ryan, Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Harry A. Eifler  
Robert C. Sells  
Douglas C. Mitchell, M.D.  
Thomas C. Miller

Trustees Meeting Agenda June 10, 1999

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting.
- III. Treasurer Report, by Jim King.
- IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief William J. Seng.
- V. Executive Session.
- VI. Old Business.
- VII. New Business: The next regular scheduled meeting of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association is June 17, 1999, at 7:00 P.M., at Eastwood Fire Department.

Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District Holding Company

June 10, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:55 P.M.

Present were: Directors Hal Clifford, Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the May 13, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of Board of  
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District

June 10, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 10, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Hal Clifford, Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D., and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Seng and Firefighter Marshall.

Tom Eifler moved to accept the minutes of the May 13, 1999 meeting as written; Hal Clifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Jim King reported that the budget for fiscal year 1999-2000 was filed in a timely manner. Treasurer King also reported that the budget for fiscal year ending 1999 appears to be on track. The Board approved the budget for fiscal year 1999-2000 that was discussed in a special meeting on May 17, 1999.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations.

- 1) There were 115 runs for the month of May.
- 2) Chief requested approval to give the Seagrave representative a \$300 finders fee for assisting with the sale of Unit 2657 to the Cincinnati Fire Department. Captain Flynn moved to approve the expenditure; Captain Clifford seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Luckett and Farley Architects gave an estimate of \$9000 for new drawings of Station One renovations.
- 4) No change on the status of the new pumper. Delivery date is still expected to be 8/11/99.
- 5) There will be a car seat safety fair at Station One on 6/12/99.
- 6) Would like for the fire district to host an open house commemorating 80 years of service.
- 7) There was lengthy discussion about increasing the tax rate from 8.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Dr. Mitchell requested information relating to run statistics, need for more paid personnel and other considerations.

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Fire district attorney Dennis Clare was present to discuss the possible annexation of the City of Mockingbird Valley into the St. Matthews Fire District. Mr. Clare explained the annexation process to the Trustees. Both Mr. Clare and the Trustees agreed that the best route to take would be to contact Mockingbird Valley City officials and indicate our desires. Mr. Eifler volunteered to set up a lunch meeting with the Chief and Mockingbird Valley City officials.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:52 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

# St. Matthews loses revenue when hospital gets non-profit status

## Suburban's sale hurts fire district

By MARTHA ELSON  
The Courier-Journal

Conversion of the old Suburban Hospital property to a non-profit use will mean a loss of thousands of dollars in property-tax revenue for St. Matthews and the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

And they stand to lose even more because of the recent purchase of a large car lot in Dupont Square for a Jewish Hospital facility.

The impact is especially severe for the fire district, whose only source of income is property tax.

"It's a hot topic of conversation," said Rick Tonini, who serves on both the City Council and the fire district board of trustees. "We're not complaining . . . but it is a loss, no matter how you look at it."

The fire district will lose \$20,000 in the 1999-2000 fiscal year, which begins next month, because non-profit Norton Healthcare last year bought Suburban from Columbia/HCA, which is a for-profit company, Fire Chief Bill Seng said. For tax purposes, Norton Suburban Hospital became non-profit Jan. 1. Operations with non-profit status do not pay property taxes.

The district also could lose about \$3,400 annually in the future, Seng said, as the result of non-profit Jewish Hospital Healthcare Services' recent purchase of a 9.5-acre site where Tri-City Oldsmobile-Subaru Volkswagen Inc. and Neil Huffman Nissan operate. Jewish plans a diagnostic and outpatient surgery center there.

That loss wouldn't occur for a while, however, because Tri-City has a year to relocate, and Neil Huffman Nissan has two years. Jewish Hospital then must apply to the state for non-profit status for that site.

The fire district's budget for fiscal 1999-2000 is \$1.7 million, reflecting the expected loss of Suburban's taxes. The district's board of trustees will discuss the loss of income at its next meeting, July 8, and is debating whether to raise its tax rate for fiscal 1999-2000 to compensate for the property-tax loss and also to improve services, Seng said.

Its tax rate is 8½ cents per \$100 of assessed value. The board is considering raising it by almost 18 percent to 10 cents, Seng said, which would increase revenue by about \$300,000. The board has until Sept. 1 to submit a proposed tax rate, and a public hearing would be held.

The city of St. Matthews, meanwhile, will see its fiscal 1999-2000 revenue drop by almost \$30,000 because of the Norton sale, and could lose another \$4,800 in the future as a result of the car-dealership property being sold, said City Clerk Gretchen Kaiser.

The city also would lose \$12,000 to \$15,000 in business-license fees from the car dealerships, she added. But it would get occupational-tax income from surgery center employees.

St. Matthews' total budget for the upcoming fiscal year is expected to be about \$7.8 million.

For the fire district, the drop in income comes at a difficult time. Citing an increasing number of fire and emergency runs — the district had 1,800 last year — officials have been considering buying a new engine for its Brownsboro Road station and hiring 12 more paid firefighters, Seng said. That would cost about \$443,000 a year and bring the number of firefighters to 30.

The fire district serves an area of about 7.5 square miles, bounded roughly by Interstate 264, Cannons Lane and Mockingbird Valley Road, that has about 35,000 people.

The area includes two hospitals — Baptist Hospital East is the other — which, like other large buildings, can generate numerous runs because they have many alarms and sprinkler systems.

Although the hospitals don't pay fire-district taxes, Seng noted that Suburban and Baptist East each donated \$10,000 to the district in 1992 to help start an emergency first-response program.

Besides raising taxes, the only way to get more money to add firefighters and offer other services is to cut from other parts of the budget, Seng said.

"There is a need for additional career firefighters," Seng said. "We're doing a study to see if that's feasible. Losing this income is making us open up our eyes to see if money's available. We're reviewing all options."

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**June 30, 1999, Independent Auditor's Report, edited:**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Directors and Trustees  
 St. Matthews Fire Protection District and  
 St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
 Holding Company, Inc.  
 Louisville, Kentucky

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. (the "District") as of and for the year ended June 30, 1999, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 1999, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated April 30, 2000 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions or laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual fund financial statement and supporting schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

*Henderson, Jesse & Company PLLC*

April 30, 2000

**ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND  
 ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
 HOLDING COMPANY, INC.**

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES  
 AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**

**JUNE 30, 1999**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	GENERAL	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	JUNE 30, 1999	JUNE 30, 1998
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 920,584	\$ -	\$ 920,584	\$ 460,861
Investments (Note E)	-	-	-	524,693
Deposit on fire apparatus	200,000	-	200,000	-
Premises and equipment (Note B):				
Building - Station 1	-	1,116,186	1,116,186	765,000
Building - Station 2	-	768,881	768,881	768,881
Major firefighting apparatus	-	1,059,873	1,059,873	1,274,473
Light duty firefighting apparatus	-	101,870	101,870	101,870
Automobiles	-	79,487	79,487	46,315
Furnishings, fixtures and other equipment	-	920,212	920,212	881,165
Accumulated depreciation	-	( 1,764,766)	( 1,764,766)	( 1,829,126)
Amount to be provided	-	-	-	234,138
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$1,120,584</b>	<b>\$2,229,743</b>	<b>\$3,350,327</b>	<b>\$3,838,667</b>

See notes to financial statements.

**ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND  
 ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
 HOLDING COMPANY, INC.**

**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES  
 AND ACCOUNT GROUPS (CONTINUED)**

**JUNE 30, 1999**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	GENERAL	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	JUNE 30, 1999	JUNE 30, 1998
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 10,957	\$ -	\$ 10,957	\$ 54,461
Long-term debt	-	-	-	255,138
Total liabilities	10,957	-	10,957	309,599
<b>Fund equity:</b>				
Investment in general fixed assets	-	2,229,743	2,229,743	1,990,978
Fund balance:				
Reserve for encumbrances	86,198	-	86,198	-
Unreserved	1,023,237	-	1,023,237	1,331,893
Total fund equity	1,109,435	2,229,743	3,339,178	3,322,871
<b>Total liabilities and fund equity</b>	<b>\$1,120,584</b>	<b>\$2,229,743</b>	<b>\$3,350,327</b>	<b>\$3,838,667</b>

See notes to financial statements.

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ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND  
ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND  
ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -  
GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

		1999			
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE	1998 ACTUAL
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Fire tax - real property	\$1,515,080	\$1,430,000	\$1,515,080	\$ 85,080	\$1,451,903
Fire tax - personal property	122,277	130,000	122,277	( 7,723)	134,488
Prior period taxes	34,025	30,000	34,025	4,025	25,525
Kentucky state aid	6,500	8,500	8,500	-	8,000
Other	71,155	17,400	71,155	53,755	32,125
Total revenues	1,739,037	1,602,900	1,739,037	136,137	1,676,305
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
Paid firefighters	940,762	961,007	940,762	20,245	875,980
Volunteer firefighters	18,185	54,300	28,185	36,115	137,053
Joint firefighters	93,289	78,500	93,289	( 14,789)	79,757
Vehicle	23,887	34,750	23,887	10,863	31,134
Building and equipment	71,540	71,000	71,540	( 540)	74,271
Communication	18,809	17,400	18,809	( 1,609)	18,198
General and administrative	116,283	130,230	116,283	13,949	119,508
Capital outlay	445,849	445,849	445,849	( 445,849)	154,181
Debt service: principal	254,135	30,000	254,135	( 219,135)	38,073
Interest	12,666	16,000	12,666	3,334	15,206
Total expenditures	1,995,404	1,396,767	1,995,404	( 598,637)	1,516,915
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	( 256,367)	205,133	( 256,367)	( 461,480)	149,392
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Proceeds of fixed asset dispositions	34,901	-	34,901	34,901	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures	( 221,466)	205,133	( 221,466)	( 426,579)	149,392
<b>FUND BALANCE - beginning of year</b>					
	1,331,093	1,331,093	1,331,093	-	1,186,231
<b>FUND BALANCE - end of year</b>					
	\$1,109,627	\$1,331,226	\$1,109,627	( \$221,599)	\$1,331,583

See notes to financial statements.



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GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

	1999		FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE	1998 ACTUAL
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		
<b>BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT EXPENSE</b>				
Equipment expense	\$ 25,000	\$ 16,718	\$ 8,281	\$ 20,440
Utilities	25,000	31,979	( 6,979)	26,408
Routine building service	4,000	4,302	( 302)	3,851
Building repairs	9,000	9,526	( 526)	7,907
Building supplies	4,000	6,750	( 2,750)	5,264
Equipment repair	4,000	3,184	806	10,221
	71,000	71,540	( 540)	76,271
<b>COMMUNICATION EXPENSE</b>				
Telephone	6,700	7,485	( 785)	6,111
Cellular telephone, pager and fax machine	4,700	4,637	63	4,284
Radio repair	5,000	6,177	( 1,177)	5,018
County alarm	1,000	810	190	783
	17,400	18,899	( 1,499)	16,196
<b>GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE</b>				
Civilian wages	45,700	44,359	1,341	43,680
Payroll taxes	3,400	3,416	16	3,404
Group insurance	6,160	2,111	4,047	216
Pension	4,070	2,184	1,886	3,044
Accounting and auditing	15,000	13,807	1,193	15,136
Legal:				
Legal fees	7,000	1,534	5,466	2,587
Advertising	300	78	222	284
Data processing	3,400	3,476	( 76)	3,629
Equipment repair	400	400	-	-
General insurance	28,000	30,465	( 2,465)	32,621
Postage	1,000	1,196	( 196)	498
Trustee fees	2,100	2,000	100	1,850
Office supplies	5,500	6,136	( 636)	4,504
Membership fees - associations	1,000	2,759	( 1,759)	2,925
Trustee association	700	-	700	2,000
Miscellaneous	4,000	2,359	1,641	1,886
	130,220	116,282	13,938	118,088

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND  
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HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1999

	1999		FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE) VARIANCE	1998 ACTUAL
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	\$ -	\$ 441,849	(\$441,849)	\$ 158,783
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
Principal	35,000	254,135	( 219,135)	35,063
Interest	16,000	12,668	3,332	13,206
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$1,298,787</b>	<b>\$1,993,404</b>	<b>(\$694,617)</b>	<b>\$1,326,883</b>

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND  
ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

SCHEDULE OF PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
<b>BUILDINGS</b>		
Station 1	31,116,186	\$ 765,000
Station 2	768,881	768,881
<b>MAJOR FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS</b>		
1991 Seagrave	5,000	5,000
1982 Mack	165,000	165,000
1976 Mack	-	95,000
1976 Mack equipment	-	10,000
1980 Seagrave	-	150,000
1980 Seagrave equipment	-	10,000
1986 Seagrave	259,170	259,170
1986 Seagrave equipment	14,083	14,083
1994 Emergency One Cyclone	264,619	264,619
Additions to 1994 Emergency One Cyclone	8,114	8,114
1995 Emergency One	295,917	295,917
	1,009,873	1,274,873
<b>LIGHT DUTY FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS</b>		
1989 Ventilation truck	62,043	62,043
1989 Ventilation truck equipment	1,000	1,000
1988 Ford service truck	13,520	13,520
1995 Ford pick up truck	25,107	25,107
	101,670	101,670
<b>AUTOMOBILES</b>		
1993 Ford Crown Victoria	14,491	14,491
1990 Ford	14,931	14,931
1994 Ford Crown Victoria	16,893	16,893
1999 Tahoe	33,172	-
	79,487	46,315

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ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND  
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HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

SCHEDULE OF PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture and fixtures - existing	\$ 136,219	\$ 136,219
1990 office equipment	1,686	1,686
Turnout gear - existing	14,401	14,401
Radio equipment	22,900	22,900
Radio equipment	12,129	12,129
Self-contained breathing apparatus	17,474	17,474
Self-contained breathing apparatus	6,560	6,560
Radio equipment	19,156	19,156
Furniture	3,429	3,429
Self-contained breathing apparatus	1,185	1,185
Self-contained breathing apparatus	2,436	2,436
Compressor	1,439	1,439
Treadmill	1,600	1,600
Building improvements	10,730	10,730
Exhaust system - Station 1	18,409	18,409
Computer system	20,341	20,341
Computer equipment	11,019	11,019
New roof	82,964	82,964
Lawnmower	2,390	2,390
Jaws of life	10,084	10,084
Saw	1,235	1,235
Vacuum cleaner	392	392
Television	594	594
Self-contained breathing apparatus	2,028	2,028
Telephone equipment	7,241	7,241
Commercial washer and dryer	5,995	5,995
Computer equipment	8,240	8,240
Radio equipment	1,208	1,208
Miscellaneous property improvements	41,497	41,497
Computer equipment and software	21,287	21,287
Exhaust system - Station 2	17,632	17,632
Ice machine	2,095	2,095
Radio equipment	2,593	2,593
Pressure washer	1,080	1,080
Copier	6,115	6,115
Carpet - Station 2	3,805	3,805

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND  
ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

SCHEDULE OF PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999 AND 1998

	1999	1998
FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)		
Pagers	\$ 3,249	\$ 3,249
Natural gas conversion	15,500	15,500
Fax machine	480	480
Pneumatic air bags	1,469	1,469
Five and one-half inch hose	6,060	6,060
Pump flow test kit	2,153	2,153
Fireproof file cabinet	2,439	2,439
Outside building improvements	12,606	12,606
Remodel - Station 1	68,620	68,620
Radio equipment	6,443	6,443
Computer equipment	26,670	26,670
Pagers	2,640	2,640
Generators - Station 1	31,813	31,813
Five inch hose	5,880	5,880
Outside building improvements - Station 1	94,105	94,105
1911 Seagraves restoration	3,003	3,003
Radio purchases	2,642	2,642
Door opening system - Station 1	4,782	4,782
Radio battery conditioner	1,098	1,098
Thermal imaging camera	85,700	85,700
Rescue air bags	1,078	1,078
Radio purchases	3,739	-
Multi gas monitor	1,450	-
Network system	8,190	-
Self contained breathing apparatus	1,632	-
Electrical switch	4,000	-
Hard suction hose	499	-
Gear locks	1,000	-
Five inch hose	5,676	-
Mini blinds	971	-
Fire hose	738	-
	<u>\$25,513</u>	<u>\$61,165</u>
TOTAL PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT	\$3,996,509	\$3,838,104

**ST. MATTHEWS**

# **Fire board to discuss raising tax rate**

Property levy may go from 8½ to 10 cents

By MARTHA ELSON  
The Courier-Journal

Faced with an increase in service calls and a decrease in revenue, the **St. Matthews Fire** Protection District's board of trustees is expected to consider raising its property-tax rate at a meeting tonight.

The district has until Sept. 1 to set the rate. It already has adopted a \$1.7 million budget for this fiscal year, which began last week, but it could be amended if a new rate is adopted.

The board meeting, which is open to the public, will be at 7 p.m. at the district's fire station at 240 Sears Ave.

The issue has been discussed recently, in part, because of a \$20,000 loss of property-tax income this fiscal year from the recent conversion of Norton Suburban Hospital to non-profit status and the likely conversion of a car-dealership property to non-profit status for a planned Jewish Hospital Healthcare Services facility.

"The only thing we can do is raise the rate of taxation," fire trustee Rick Tonini said recently.

Fire board chairwoman Faye Eller-kamp said this week that she thinks if the district considers raising the rate, it should be for next fiscal year.

The current tax rate is 8½ cents per \$100 of assessed value. The board is considering raising it almost 18 percent, to 10 cents per \$100, the maximum allowable rate, which would increase revenue by about \$300,000. With a 10-cent rate, the owner of a \$150,000 house would pay \$150 a year for fire protection. Fourteen of Jefferson County's 21 suburban fire districts currently have a 10-cent rate.

At tonight's meeting, Fire Chief Bill Seng said he plans to propose adding 12 paid, career firefighting positions, which could cost about \$443,000.

The district has experienced a 20 percent increase in service calls each of the past four years, while staffing levels have remained the same for the past seven or eight years, Seng said.

The district, which is roughly bounded by Interstate 264, Cannons Lane and Mockingbird Valley Road, currently has 18 paid firefighters and 30 volunteers.

If the board proposes raising the rate, it would be required to hold a public hearing, which likely would be scheduled for the Aug. 12 board meeting, said Dennis Clare, the fire district's attorney. If the district's revenue rose as the result of a higher rate by more than 4 percent of the previous year's revenue, residents could petition for a vote, Clare said.

**ST. MATTHEWS**

# **Fire district will keep same tax rate**

Trustees of the **St. Matthews Fire** Protection District voted last night to leave its property-tax rate at 8.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. They also voted to hire eight more firefighters, who would start Jan. 1, at a cost of \$352,000 to help staff Station No. 2, on Hubbards Lane, 24 hours a day.

The board discussed raising its tax rate to 10 cents, but it decided to use reserves, or borrow, if necessary.

— Martha Elson

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## July 8, 1999, Trustee meeting:

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

July 8, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 8, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Tom Eifler, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding; Chief William J. Seng; Firefighter Mike Hilliard; John Eckerle, City of Windy Hills; and Jack Nold, City of Woodlawn Park. Trustees Frank Flynn and Doug Mitchell were absent.

Treasurer Jim King moved to accept the minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as written, with correction (paragraph 4, line 4) from "special meeting" to Budget Committee meeting. Tom Eifler seconded, motion passed.

The Election Committee reported that the election for Volunteer Firefighter Trustee was held on Saturday, June 26, 1999 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Station #1. Votes cast totaled 35; John Volkerding received 22 votes, John Walling received 13 votes. John Volkerding was declared the new Trustee, term to expire June 30, 2003. The certification of the election was signed as prepared.

Trustee Tom Eifler received certification of his reappointment to the board of Trustees, term to expire June 30, 2002.

Chair Faye Ellerkamp administered the Oath of Office to Thomas O. Eifler and John Volkerding, Jr.

Rick Tonini moved to keep the current officers, casting one vote for the slate:

Chair - Faye Ellerkamp  
Treasurer - Jim King  
Secretary - Frank A. Flynn

John Volkerding seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Jim King reported the Budget for FY1999/2000 has been sent to the County Office as approved. Following discussion, Tom Eifler moved to adopt tax rate of \$0.085 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; motion died for lack of a second. Rick Tonini moved to defer approval of tax rate until after the Chief's report; John Volkerding seconded; motion passed.

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

July 8, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Station #1 at 8:30 P.M.

Present were Directors Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, James King, Rick Tonini and John Volkerding. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the May 13, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

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July 8, 1999

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Chief Seng reported on District operations:

1. Number of runs per month totaled 135; 91 Fire and 44 EMS.
2. E-One would like for our group to attend the pre-build session the last week of July or last week of August. This would be the third trip of 3 required in the past.
3. The District has received a Crusade of Children plaque for collecting one million dollars.
4. The Crusade for Children awarded a \$15,000 grant to the District for Erik Sorensen's Risk Watch Program. Trustees complimented and thanked Erik for a good job.
5. "Betsy was a big hit in the City of Robinswood parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Also was displayed as an antique in Taylorsville.
6. Have advised the contractor of unfinished work on the cladding job; we are withholding final payment (\$5,000) until work is complete.
7. Station #1's shop project is complete.
8. Annual truck test is being completed.
9. Architect Jay Stuart looked at our proposed building layout and quoted a price of \$3,000 to complete drawings to fit needs at Station #1. Following discussion, Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenditure; Jim King seconded; motion passed.
10. Suggested a real need for full-time staffing at Station #2. Presented a program to inform the Board of reasons to activate, plans for implementing, and costs.

Following discussion, Tom Eifler moved to retain the district's tax rate for 1999-2000 at \$0.085 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed.

Rick Tonini moved to hire eight people to staff Station #2 beginning January 1, 2000, when a 6-month review of income and expenditures will be available; Tom Eifler seconded; motion passed.

Jim King moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 9:00 PM; Tom Eifler seconded; motion passed.

Trustees returned to the regular meeting at 9:15 PM. Chair Ellerkamp announced that no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

July 8, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:55 PM.

Present were Directors Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, James King, Rick Tonini and John Volkerding. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the May 13, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary



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July 12, 1999, *The Voice – Tribune*, Wednesday, July 28, 1999. John M. Monohan Jr., former St. Matthews fire chief, dies at 87:

## John M. Monohan Jr., former St. Matthews fire chief, dies at 87

John M. Monohan Jr., 87, died Monday, July 12, 1999, at Pine Tree Villa Nursing Home.

Mr. Monohan joined the St. Matthews fire department in 1937, became chief in 1941 and retired as chief in 1977. During his years of service, he ran the department with a tough military-style approach, but was always fair. Many innovative and new methods made the St. Matthews Fire Department a model for others. In an interview when he retired, he said, "Steady growth. That's been the biggest accomplishment of this department. We've tried to grow faster than the community so we can provide adequate fire protection." Firefighters of his day still respect the leadership he provided.

He was also a retired employee of both Reynolds Metals and Raque Food Systems.

Born Nov. 26, 1911, he was a third-generation native of St. Matthews born on the family farm (present site of Mallard Crossing), the second oldest of four children of the late John and Sadie Monohan.

He was a lifelong member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and attended grade school there before going to St. Xavier High School and University of Louisville Speed School.

He married his grade school sweetheart, Katherine Marciliat, who preceded him in death. He was preceded in



death by a son, Stephen O. Monohan, and one grandchild.

Survivors: two sons, John M. "Jack" Monohan III of St. Matthews and Douglas L. Monohan of Atlanta, Ga.; a daughter, Mary M. Laidlaw of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; a sister, Mary Ellen Houston; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial in Calvary Cemetery. Ratterman's-Lexington Road Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial gifts: WHAS Crusade for Children or Holy Trinity Catholic Church building fund.

## John M. Monohan, who was St. Mat

The Courier-Journal

John M. Monohan, retired chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Association, died Monday at Pine Tree Villa. He was 87.

Monohan joined the department in 1936 and was chief from 1941 to 1977.

In an interview when he retired, he said: "Steady growth. That's been the biggest accomplishment of this department. We've tried to grow faster than the community so we can provide adequate fire protection."

He was also a retired employee of both Reynolds Metals and Raque

## St. Matthews fire chief for 36 years, dies

Food Systems and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

His survivors include two sons, John M. III and Douglas L. Monohan; a daughter, Mary M. Laidlaw; a sister, Mary Ellen Houston; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. The funeral will be at 12:30

p.m. Thursday at his church, 501 Cherrywood Road, with burial in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation is at Ratterman's Funeral Home, 3711 Lexington Road, from 2 to 9 p.m. tomorrow.

Memorial gifts may go to the WHAS Crusade for Children or his church's building fund.

## Lighter explodes; burning man leaps from balcony

The Courier-Journal

A St. Matthews man, whose butane lighter exploded and cloaked him in flames, leaped from the balcony of his burning second-floor apartment yesterday, then jumped into a nearby pond to relieve his burns.

Robert Lingaselter, 28, who suffered second- and third-degree burns

on his hands, arms and legs, was in stable condition last night at University Hospital.

The blaze occurred shortly after 6 p.m. at 4012 Waterford Circle, in the Waterford apartments between Hubbards Lane and Browns Lane.

Lingaselter, whom rescuers pulled from the lake, told firefighters he was in the living room of his apart-

ment when he tried to light a cigarette and the lighter exploded, said St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng.

No other injuries were reported.

Occupants of three other units were displaced because of water and smoke damage, Seng said. He estimated the blaze caused at least \$100,000 in damage.

July 20, 1999, Letter:

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M. RUSSELL RAKESTRAW II

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July 20, 1999

Ms. Faye Ellerkamp, Chairperson  
St. Matthews Fire District  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Ms. Ellerkamp:

As a former St. Matthews Firefighter, I am writing to respectfully suggest that St. Matthews Fire Station One be rededicated to the memory of John M. Monohan Jr. My reasons for this request are manifold.

Mr. Monohan served his community faithfully for over 40 years. As Chief of the Department for over 35 of those years, Mr. Monohan guided the growth of the department with a steady hand. Although his tenure saw both the department and the service area grow exponentially, his leadership assured that the service delivery levels kept pace with that growth. It is no small achievement that the department enjoyed a high level of innovation and a region-wide reputation for excellence while simultaneously being one of the most fiscally conservative fire departments in Jefferson County.

While the facts above would, in and of themselves, qualify Chief Monohan to be recognized as I have suggested, it is his personal leadership that is perhaps his most outstanding legacy. Although my good fortune to work with, and for, Chief Monohan was limited to the last eight years of his tenure, it is apparent to me that his commitment to excellence and to his community, along with his strong work ethic, were multiplied many times through the careers of his firefighters. Several of us that he taught and led went on to become successful chief fire officers in Kentucky as well as other states. Although the current generation of St. Matthews Firefighters did not work for him, Chief Monohan's leadership and foundation of excellence laid the groundwork for the excellent level of protection that the district's residents enjoy today. Additionally, his stewardship and assistance to nearby districts in the formation of their fire departments resulted in improved levels of protection to many of the residents of Eastern Jefferson County. It is impossible to recognize all of the contributions of this dedicated public servant.

Ms. Faye Ellerkamp  
July 20, 1999  
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Because Chief Monohan was a very modest man who rejected personal publicity, the residents of the district and the county are largely unaware of the positive impact that he had, and has, on their lives. For these reasons it seems fitting and proper that the station be dedicated to his memory.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
M. Russell Rakestraw II  
Former St. Matthews Firefighter and  
Former Fire Chief, Petersburg, Virginia

cc. Chief Seng  
John M. Monohan III



# Lightning damage is quickly cleared up

Phones, radios were out in St. Matthews City Hall

By SHERYL EDELEN  
The Courier-Journal

At first glance, the streak of lightning that hit St. Matthews City Hall last week brought nothing more than some smoke and a burnt smell.

That is, until the next day, when City Hall and police officials tried to use radio equipment or make a phone call. Then they discovered the lightning had damaged much of the computer and radio equipment used by the city's Police Department and City Hall offices.

However, city officials said the incident has had no lasting affect on day-to-day business.

"We had damage to just about everything electronic in our office except the lights," said St. Matthews Police Chief Norman Mayer. "But we had the repair people in here the next day; we got everything back in working order very quickly."

The same is true for the City Hall offices, said St. Matthews City Clerk Gretchen Kaiser. The strike damaged three office computers, some telephones and the office's dispatch radio, she said. The lightning also damaged the telephone in the three-story building's elevator.

But all essential equipment was quickly repaired.

Fire officials said the lightning apparently hit a satellite dish near the rear of the Grandview Avenue building's roof at 6:35 p.m. and apparently surged the building's length through a coaxial cable to the Police Department offices in front.

The St. Matthews/Eline branch of the Louisville Free Public Library, which is housed in the building and uses the satellite dish to receive public-education programs, sustained some damage to some of its Internet stations. Assistant branch manager Beth Nahinsky said the computer damage has been repaired.

All of the computers that handle city business — including the October tax-assessment mailings — are up and running, Kaiser said.

But some non-essential Police Department computers that were damaged by the strike will be replaced in several weeks.

New computer systems for both the Police Department and the City Hall offices were included in the city's 1999-2000 budget before the incident.

The city doesn't yet have all the bills from the repairs but expects most of the damage to be covered by insurance, Kaiser said.

The strike, however, sounded like it had done much more damage, said Kaiser, who worked late that evening. "It was quite a crash."

**"We got everything back in working order very quickly."**

St. Matthews  
Police Chief  
Norman Mayer



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## August 16, 1999, Trustee meeting:

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

August 16, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 16, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Rick Tonini and John Volkerding. Also present were Chief Seng, Major Monohan, Captain Wolfe, Sergeants Doyle and Dugan, Firefighters Brown, Hilliard, Kurtz, Sorensen and Stephanie Phillips.

Tom Eifler moved to accept the minutes of the July 8, 1999 meeting with the correction of item number 2 of the Chiefs' report. The pre-build trip to E-One would be the second of three. John Volkerding seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Jim King reported that the workers compensation was paid in one installment, which saves the district approximately \$1500.00. King also noted that the utility bill seems abnormally high.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) There were 135 runs for the month of July.
- 2) Chief Seng and Jim King will develop a plan for inventory/record keeping on the Coca-Cola account. The vending provider withdrew their services and now the district will handle the responsibilities with Sergeant Dugan overseeing the project.
- 3) August Expenditure Requests:

a) Sealing of Station 1 and 2 parking lots	\$4500
b) Cribbing for New Truck	\$1500
c) Upgrade Cairns IRIS Camera (1 at a time)	\$4400
d) 2 Foam Packs for Each First out engine	\$1200

Total: \$11600

Jim King moved to approve the above named expenditures; John Volkerding seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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A letter from former St. Matthews firefighter Russell Rakestraw was discussed. Mr. Rakestraw is suggesting that Station One be rededicated to the memory of former Chief John M. Monohan Jr. It was suggested that someone contact Mr. Rakestraw to determine exactly what he has in mind. The Chief will delegate this and research possibly incorporating this into the October Open House festivities.

Chair Ellerkamp distributed a letter from former chairman David Dick regarding the hiring of new employees. Chair Ellerkamp suggested that everyone read the letter at home and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

There was in depth discussion regarding the decision in the July meeting to hire additional employees without raising the tax rate. Captain Flynn voiced concern that there would not be enough funds to initiate this undertaking without the added revenue of a higher tax rate. After the discussion Captain Volkerding asked for clarification on the hiring timeline. The board reiterated that the process should move forward with the new employees to start at the first of the year.

Rick Tonini moved that the Trustees go into executive session at 8:15 to discuss personnel matters; John Volkerding Seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The Trustees returned from executive session at 8:25. Chair Ellerkamp announced that the Board had approved the hiring of George Wiggins to replace Kent Monohan effective September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Rick Tonini revisited the John Volkerding General Rubber situation. John Volkerding is a recently elected Trustee who sells merchandise to the District. Tom Eifler moved to allow John to continue doing business with the Fire District with the following stipulations:

- 1) If the merchandise is a city/county contract price (i.e. Turnout Gear) then no approval is necessary.
- 2) All other items must have three price quotes with consideration given to the lowest bidder.

Jim King seconded; motion passed unanimously.

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There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

### Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

August 16, 1999

Chairman

Secretary

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:40 P.M.

Present were: Directors Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Rick Tonini and John Volkerding. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the July 8, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

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August 25, 1999, *The Voice – Tribune*, St. Matthews fire station No. 2 to get full-time staff in January by Carrie Morrison. The St. Matthews Fire Department will provide a full-time staff at station No. 2 44 Brownsboro Road, starting January 1, 2000.

The station, which serves St. Matthews-area homes north of the railroad tracks, has been staffed by volunteers and off-duty career firefighters since it opened in 1989.

"The problem was, we were getting....two or three calls for service at a time," said Chief Bill Seng.

"The volunteer numbers are dwindling, and during the day, there are hardly any volunteers to respond because they're working their regular jobs," he said.

There are about 20 career firefighters and 30 volunteers working for the department out of its main station at 240 Sears Avenue. The four-bay station recently underwent renovations inside and outside, including new bricks, windows and the addition of a commercial kitchen.

At any given time at the two bay station No. 2, there will be four paid career firefighters and manning a full engine company/

"This will cut or response times down drastically to area north of the Brownsboro Road area – Rolling Fields, Robinswood, Indian Hills and Winding Falls," Seng said.

Station No. 2 is already equipped for firefighters to be around the clock, said the chief.

## St. Matthews fire station No. 2 to get full-time staff in January

By CARRIE MORRISON  
Staff Writer

The St. Matthews Fire Department will provide a full-time staff at station No. 2, 4400 Brownsboro Road, starting Jan. 1, 2000.

The station, which serves St. Matthews-area homes north of the railroad tracks, has been staffed by volunteers and off-duty career firefighters since it opened in 1989.

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professional staff

**NORTH OLDHAM**

# District hires first full-time fire chief

By PAUL BALDWIN  
The Courier-Journal

Rick Albers, who took over as chief of the North Oldham Fire Department yesterday, is the first paid full-time chief among the county's seven fire departments.

Albers, 44, was hired in July to succeed David Wade, who resigned. The department has a full-time employee to coordinate its staff, but a full-time chief was needed to handle the rest of the department's business, said Bob Martin, chairman of the North Oldham Fire Protection District.

"You need somebody who can keep up with all the paperwork and recruit volunteers and look at building new firehouses," Martin said.

Albers, who was chief of the Florence Fire Department in Northern Kentucky, said being a full-time chief will allow him to devote more time to running the department.

"It's tough to do a chief's job on a volunteer basis," Albers said. "You have to fulfill all the requirements of being chief and then you have to have a full-time job on top of that."

La Grange fire Chief Mile Heilman said he doesn't think Albers' paid position will lead to requests for other full-time chiefs, but the county's growth will likely necessitate more paid positions.



**Albers**

"I think it's dependent on what a district's needs are," Heilman said. "But I think eventually it's going to get that way."

North Oldham is a 36-square-mile district that runs east from the Oldham-Jefferson county line and north of Harrods Creek. Albers said between 8,500 and 9,000 people live in the North Oldham area, which includes the Hillcrest, Hunter's Ridge and Paramount Estates subdivisions.

In addition to the department's 32 volunteers, nearly a dozen firefighters from the Louisville Fire Department rotate part time in North Oldham's district, Martin said. But the department has been searching for more volunteers to keep pace with the district's growth.

Albers said one of the district's priorities is replacing its small, main fire station on Ky. 1793 in Goshen. The department is searching for three to five acres near its current station where it can build.

Albers, who had been chief in Florence since 1991, began his firefighting career as a volunteer with the St. Matthews department when he was a student at Waggener High School. He also worked with the Harrods Creek and Louisville departments, where he was a major in charge of the fire communications bureau when he left for Florence. In the early '80s, he worked as a part-time chief for Anchorage.

Martin said Albers' experience with paid and volunteer departments made him an excellent choice for North Oldham.

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September 9, 1999, Trustee  
meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of  
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District

September 9, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 9, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Tom Eifler, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding, Frank Flynn, Chief William J. Seng, Ed Brown, Joe Wolfe, Paul Kurtz, Jackie DeHart, Mike Biven, SMFPD; Jay Stewart, Architect; and Jack Nold, Woodlawn Park. Doug Mitchell, MD, was absent.

Jim King moved to approve the minutes of August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1999 meeting as written; Tom Eifler seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Jim King and the trustees reviewed the financial statements that were prepared by the Fire District Accountant. Chief Seng reported the new plan offered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield is a 20% increase, requiring co-payment for office visits and prescriptions.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

1. Total alarms dispatched for month of August 142  
EMS Calls 31
2. New truck is en route here; expected to arrive tomorrow.
3. Invitations to family night arrived late.
4. Open House for 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and rededication of Station No. 1 has been set for October 9, 1999. The Committee asked for ideas and approval for a budget. Following lengthy discussion, the trustees advised changing the date to October 24<sup>th</sup> or later to allow sufficient time for invitations, program, etc. Since the Board is conceptually in agreement with plans, Tom Eifler moved to authorize the Committee to choose a new date and proceed with plans for the Open House; budget subject to approval. Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed.

Chief Seng introduced Jay Stewart, Architect, who submitted the final drawings for proposed renovation at Station No. 1. No action taken.

Rick Tonini moved to go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matter at 7:55 P.M.; John Volkerding seconded; motion passed.

Trustees returned to Regular Session at 8:25 P.M.. Chair Ellerkamp reported that no action was taken.

Chief Seng advised that the next Trustees Association Meeting is scheduled at Pleasure Ridge Park at 7:00 P.M., Thursday, September 16, 1999. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M..

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Chairman

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Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY

September 9, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:40 P.M..

Present were: Tom Eifler, Jim King, Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding, Frank Flynn and Chief William J. Seng. Doug Mitchell was absent.

The minutes of the August 16, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M..

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Chairman

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Secretary



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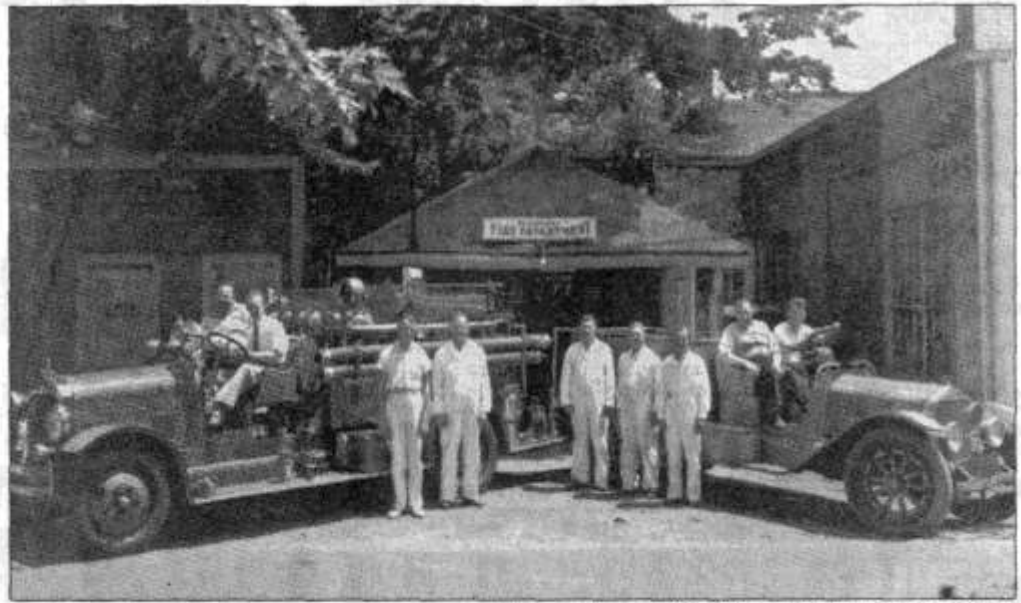
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Voice  
Sept 17, 1999*

### MEET THE AUTHOR

"St. Matthews: The Crossroads of Beargrass" will be introduced at the Beargrass/St. Matthews Historical Society's meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday at City Hall, 3940 Grandview Ave. Author Samuel W. Thomas will present a slide show, and books will be sold for \$29.95 plus tax.

A book signing is scheduled from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 21 at Hawley-Cooke Booksellers in Shelbyville Road Plaza.



UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVES

One 1940 photo reprinted in the history of St. Matthews shows a fire station on the east side of Breckenridge Lane. Many of the photographs in the book may be new to readers.

# Book tells history of St. Matthews

## Development in area is focus of narrative

By MARTHA ELSON  
The Courier-Journal

In the late 1700s, springs drew pioneer settlers to establish wilderness forts along Beargrass Creek in what's now the St. Matthews area.

Today, the sites of those forts are home to malls and office complexes.

It's an evolution chronicled in a new 224-page, illustrated hardback book, "St. Matthews: The Crossroads of Beargrass," by Louisville author Samuel W. Thomas.

The narrative is a comprehensive look at the history of land use and development in the area. Thomas — who has written several histories about Louisville, Crescent Hill and other topics — sug-

gests in the preface that it could be used as a case study in development.

The \$60,000 book project is sponsored by the Beargrass/St. Matthews Historical Society, whose members have long dreamed of having a full-fledged history of the area, said society president Thomas Wolford.

Also contributing to the effort were the city of St. Matthews, James Graham Brown Foundation, Jefferson Banking Corp., Wood and Marie Hannah Foundation and PNC Bank.

The work began 3½ years ago. "What started out to be a modest book has mushroomed into an extensive endeavor," Thomas wrote in his preface.

In the book's foreword, Wolford writes that he hopes the book will help establish a community identity, based on St. Matthews' heritage.

He says the book shows that "what was consistent, at every stage of development,



was that this particular community was successful. Each change was, in fact, an advancement."

But now, the future is less certain, he says, adding that it will be a "huge challenge" to determine where the community goes from here — as growth and commerce move even farther east.

The book is full of people and their reminiscences. For instance, a photo from about

1940 shows the Frank Meisner house and barn, now the site of Shelbyville Road Plaza. Meisner's son, Richard Leo Schuler, is quoted about his father farming there after World War I:

"He bought a tractor when my oldest brother got kicked out of the barn. . . . The old house, which was torn down for the plaza, stood about where the Burlington Coat Factory is now."

The book discusses how people fled to higher ground in St. Matthews after the 1937 flood — and how the automobile made the area more accessible.

There's information about churches and other neighborhood institutions, such as the late-1800s L. Bauer & Bros. Grocery & Tavern and, in more recent times, the White Castle restaurant and the old Vogue Theatre.

It also looks at the development of the area's subdivisions and shows a 1927 ad

that reads: "Tomorrow All Roads Lead to Druid Hills!"

One story tells how a hot-air balloon plummeted into the roof of a home during the 1949 St. Matthews Potato Festival.

There's a striking photo of Fanny Tommie Greathouse with her pupils in about 1930 at one of the early locations for a community school later named for her. (The old Greathouse school on Grandview Avenue, which was converted into City Hall several years ago, also houses the historical society — whose founding by Lynn Olympia also is recounted.)

Thomas tracked down and interviewed people in other states and assembled a collection of photos that may be new to many readers. "The hardest thing is getting people to think that their photographs are important," he said. "They think, 'Who would be interested in this little snapshot?'"



PHOTOS BY PAT MCDONOGH, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Clay Browning was all smiles as firefighters from St. Matthews handed out small fire helmets to his class at Dunn Elementary School yesterday.

## Firefighters show kids safe habits

Teachers learn how to incorporate life lessons into class

By STEVE CHAPLIN  
Special to The Courier-Journal

Some elementary school teachers in Jefferson County are going back to class with a firefighter as part of an effort to turn their own students into lifesavers.

The Risk Watch School Pilot Program, 2½-hour seminars funded with a \$15,000 grant from the WHAS Crusade for Children, aim to show teachers how to infuse their daily curriculum with safety lessons about everything from poisoning prevention to bike and pedestrian safety.

**THE PROGRAM** focuses on teaching children life skills that will help them prevent accidents.

At Dunn Elementary, where the curriculum is already in place, student counselor Charlotte Campbell said the program is an opportunity to weave age-appropriate life safety skills into various courses.

The program covers "everything from the little kids learning not to be afraid of firemen, to students going home and checking for smoke



St. Matthews firefighter George Wiggins talked with kindergartners at the school on Rudy Lane during a lesson on safety.

alarms in their parents' homes," she said.

"It falls right in with our school performance standards, and I think the whole school has bought into it," Campbell said. "It's really about everyday life."

Teachers at Dunn, where the seminar was offered two weeks ago, are already using science experiments to teach students about poisons. Teachers are also planning a hands-on

bike-safety program and threading other risk-reduction skills into their teaching, Campbell said.

The teachers are taught by St. Matthews firefighter Erik Sorensen, who has also offered the program at Walden School and St. Matthews Elementary.

Sorensen said the program is an opportunity to save lives.

"There is something there for every grade, from preschool to eighth

grade, that they can take with them into the home," he said.

St. Matthews Elementary principal Joe Leffert and 31 faculty members sat through Sorensen's presentation Tuesday afternoon.

Leffert said the program is a perfect fit with the Kentucky Education Reform Act's requirement for practical living education for fourth- and fifth-graders. It also can be easily employed in classes for younger students, he said.

"It is part of the natural flow of our curriculum," Leffert said. "It's pertinent information taught in an interesting way."

**THE PROGRAM** suggests storytelling for the youngest students and having the older students advocate safety ideas, Leffert said.

Even the youngest children can draw fire-escape plans for their homes, he said. The program also suggests teachers give tests before and after the program, to monitor gains in knowledge.

Teachers at Our Lady of Lourdes School on Breckenridge Lane next Thursday will be the last to attend Sorensen's seminar.

He said the St. Matthews Fire Protection District will look for more funding to buy the necessary guidebooks and classroom aids needed for future classes.

1999

October 9, 1999, Letter:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*

**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207  
William J. Seng  
Fire Chief

*Learn Not  
To Burn*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Faye Ellerkamp, Chairperson  
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Renee J. Papp, Secretary

October 9, 1999

Mr. M. Russell Fakestraw II  
562 Harlowe Lane  
Naperville, Illinois 60565

Dear Mr. Fakestraw:

This letter confirms our telephone conversations responding to your letter suggesting that St. Matthews Fire Station One be rededicated to the memory of John M. Monohan, Jr.

Thanks to you, the wheels were set in motion. Major Stuart Monohan and FF Eric Sorensen were appointed by Chief Seng to head the committee planning the Open House to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the St. Matthews Fire District and the rededication of Station One in memory of Chief John M. Monohan, Jr. The date is November 7, 1999 from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. Jefferson County "A District" Commissioner Russ Maple is planning a special Proclamation for the occasion. Jack Monohan is our Chief Consultant, the Board of Trustees is anxious for the day to be very special - everyone is working to make it happen! A special plaque has been ordered.

You will be receiving your invitation this week. Please be prepared to participate in the program.

We are looking forward to seeing you on November 7th. Thanks again for your suggestions and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Faye Ellerkamp  
Chairperson

cc -Chief William J. Seng  
cc -John M. Monohan III



An open house, sponsored by St. Matthews Fire Protection District, will run from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 7 at St. Matthews Fire Station #1, 240 Sears Ave. A display of fire apparatus, the fire safety house, Sparky the fire-prevention mascot and a display of home escape plans drawn by local school-children are planned.

Also, the main fire station, which was renovated last year, will be re-dedicated to the memory of former Fire Chief John Monohan Jr., who served on the department from 1937 through 1977 and was chief for 36 years.

October 28, 1999, The Courier-Journal

**ST. MATTHEWS**  
**Fire district plans station open house**

An open house sponsored by St. Matthews Fire Protection District will run from 1 to 5 p.m. Nov. 7 at St. Matthews Fire Station No. 1, 240 Sears Ave.

A display of fire apparatus, the fire-safety house, Sparky the fire-prevention mascot and

a display of home-escape plans drawn by local school-children are planned.

The station, which was renovated last year, also will be re-dedicated to the memory of John Monohan Jr., who served on the department from 1937 through 1977 and was fire chief for 36 years.

— Denise Smith



1999

October 11, 1999: Courtesy, <http://www.kyfa.org/>

Kentucky Firefighters Association

On October 11, 1999 the Kentucky Firefighters Association, Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association and the Kentucky Fire Commission saw the dedication of a dream for that was the day of dedication of the Kentucky Fallen Firefighters Memorial at Juniper Park in Frankfort Kentucky. This dream began in 1991 when Richard A Games was President. The construction was done by Keith Monument of Elizabethtown. The walls contain the names of those Kentucky Firefighters killed in the line of duty. What follows are pictures taken at the dedication of this fitting and wonderful tribute to their life. To better read the names of the fallen click on the left or right panel of the picture above. Best printing results will be obtained by setting your printer to landscape.





1999

October 11, 1999: Courtesy, <http://www.kyfa.org/>

Kentucky Firefighters Association



1999

November 3, 1999, *The Voice-Tribune*, by Mark Shallcross, St. Matthews Fire Department, open house is Nov. 7:

## St. Matthews Fire Dept. open house Nov. 7

By MARK SHALLCROSS  
Staff Writer

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District will hold an open house to celebrate 80 years of continuous service from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7, at Station No. 1, 240 Sears Ave.

The event also will include a ceremony to dedicate the station to the memory of former Chief John M. Monohan Jr., who died

last July. Monohan was a member of the department from 1937 until his retirement in 1977, serving as fire chief for 36 years.

Monohan's son, John Monohan III, said his father played an important role in making St. Matthews a model department in the area.

"He was instrumental in helping some of the other neighboring departments get started. He had a great working relationship with

the other chiefs," said John M. Monohan III, who retired in 1993 as assistant chief.

"As chief, he almost dedicated his life to the development of the department. He ran the depart-

ment with an iron fist, but he was really a pussycat. He was crusty on the outside, but he was real proud of the young guys who moved up under his watch."

*See page A-12*

## Fire dept. open house set for Nov. 7

*From page A-1*

John Monohan III said he father "shunned the spotlight," but wouldn't object to the plaque and photograph being dedicated at the station this weekend.

Monohan's son, Stuart, is a major in the St. Matthews District. Another son, Kent, recently left St. Matthews to serve with the Harrods Creek Fire Department.

"My father and his brother (Henry) served on the department

at the same time; my brother (Doug) and I served together; and Stuart and Kent were both on the department at the same time," said John Monohan III.

The celebration will feature a display of the district's fire apparatus, including "Betsy," the 1931 pumper that was fully restored last year. Fire Chief William Seng will present several special awards to past and current firefighters, including three who retired this year.

Local children will display their "home escape" plans that were drawn at school during fire prevention week. Sparky, the fire prevention mascot, will be on hand to lead tours of the fire safety house to children.

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October 14 1999, Trustee meeting:

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Minutes of Meeting of Board of  
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District

October 14, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 14, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Trustees Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D., Rick Tonini and John Volkerding. Also present were Chief Seng, Major Monohan and Firefighter Hilliard.

Rick Tonini moved to accept the minutes of the September 9, 1999 meeting as written. Tom Eifler seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Jim King reported that the line item corrections on the budget have been made.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) There were 141 runs for the month of September.
- 2) Architect Jay Stewart submitted a report and cost estimates.
- 3) The Open House will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) After a discussion regarding Legislative representation the Board instructed the Chief to send a letter explaining why St. Matthews will not participate.
- 5) October Expenditure Requests:

a) Repair shower stalls @ Station 2	\$3000
b) Repair Damaged Counter top @ Station 2	\$1500
c) Purchase 2 Computers for Training	\$4400
d) Paint Exterior of Training House	\$5000
e) Purchase 6 New Pagers	\$3000

Total: \$16900

Rick Tonini moved to approve the above named expenditures; Tom Eifler seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng presented a bid from Byerly Ford for a new Ford Pickup. For unknown reasons only one bid was submitted. Additional bids will be solicited.

Captain Flynn made a request for additional vacation time after an employee reaches 15 years. The Board requested a comparison of other department policies.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District Holding Company

October 14, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:40 P.M.

Present were: Directors Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Jim King, Doug Mitchell M.D., Rick Tonini and John Volkerding. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the October 14, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

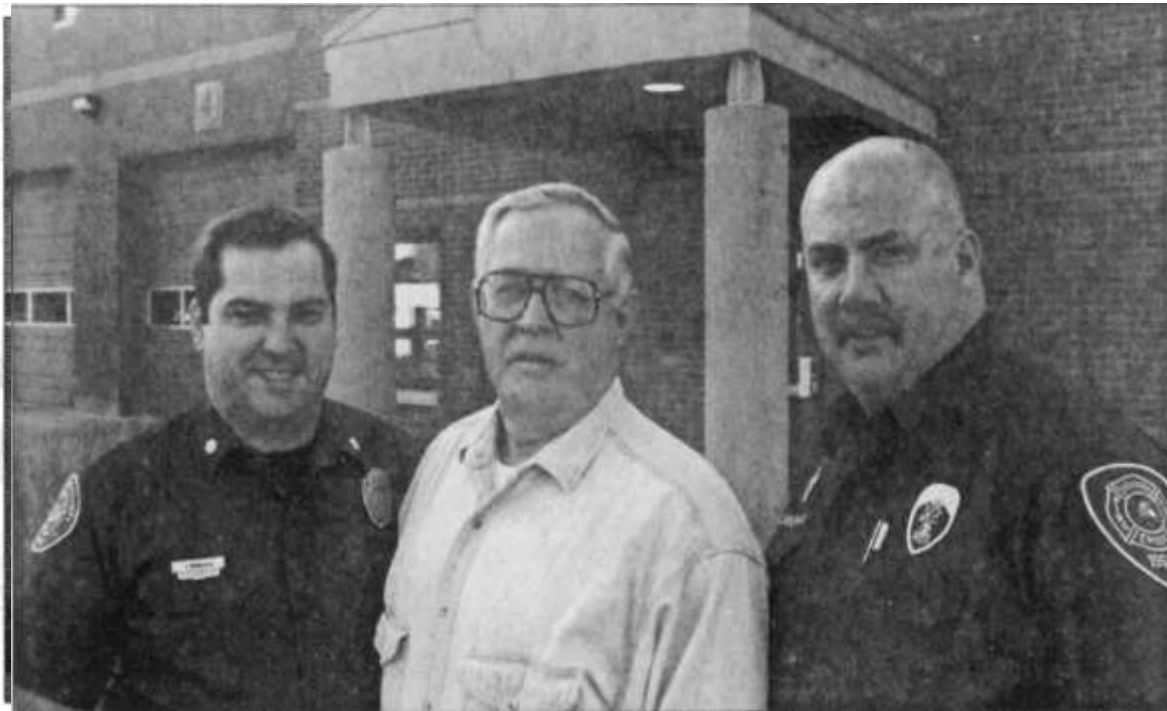
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Chairman

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Secretary



1999

November 5, 1999, *The Courier-Journal*, *Neighborhoods*, by Martha Elson, St. Matthews—  
Firefighting family's service to be honored:



Monohans have dominated the St. Matthews fire district including, from left, Stuart Monohan, John M. "Jack" Monohan III and Kent Monohan.  
BY MICHAEL HAYMAN, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

#### ST. MATTHEWS

## Firefighting family's service to be honored

By MARTHA ELSON  
The Courier-Journal

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District's history has been dominated by one name since the late 1930s — Monohan.

The late John M. Monohan Jr. joined the department in 1937 and served as chief for a record 36 years, from 1941 to 1977. He was one of six Monohans to serve.

John Jr., who died this summer at 87, will be honored Sunday when the fire district celebrates 80 years of service.

The district plans to rededicate its renovated station at 240 Sears Ave. and name it for Monohan.

The event will include an open house and a display of fire equipment including "Betsy," the department's 1931 restored pumper. But above all, Sunday's tribute is for all the Monohans and their more than 150 years of combined fire service.

The firefighting family tree starts with brothers John Jr. and Henry Monohan. Henry put in 30 years as a firefighter, including a brief stint as chief in 1941, before his brother took the reins. Henry then served on the board of directors until the late 1960s.

John Monohan Jr.'s sons, John M. "Jack" Monohan III and Doug Monohan, followed their father into firefighting. Jack Monohan, now 63, retired as assistant chief in 1993, after being with the department for 42 years.

#### Fire district highlights

- Incorporated, 1919.
- Moved into first firehouse, 1924.
- Moved headquarters to Sears Avenue, 1966.
- Became tax district in 1985.
- Major fires: Holy Trinity Church, 1937; St. Matthews Motor Co., 1943.
- A&P grocery, Lexington Road, 1945.
- Opened second fire station on Brownsboro Road 1989.
- 1999 donation to the WHAS Crusade for Children: more than \$1 million.

Doug Monohan, who now lives outside Atlanta, was a captain for eight years before leaving in 1974.

The third generation has served St. Matthews, too — Jack's sons Kent and Stuart Monohan.

Kent Monohan, 41, of Jeffersonville, Ind., was a firefighter with the district 15 years, before transferring recently to the Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Stuart Monohan is still there, a major in his 17th year, carrying on his grandfather's tradition.

"I was born into it," said Monohan, 35, of Cherrywood Village.

Sunday's tribute to his grandfather was suggested by Russell Rakestraw II of Naperville, Ill., a former St. Matthews firefighter who worked with John Monohan Jr. for eight years.

In a letter to fire district chairman Faye Ellerkamp, Rakestraw said Monohan guided the department's growth with a steady hand. "Although his tenure saw both the department and the service area grow exponentially, his leadership assured that the service . . . kept pace with that growth."

Jack Monohan, Sunday's master of ceremonies, remembers his dad's "no-nonsense" approach to running the department. He credits him with making St. Matthews a model department that was emulated by others.

His dad did not like a lot of fanfare, Monohan added, and "would



John M. Monohan Jr.

probably be embarrassed" by Sunday's tribute.

That's just why Rakestraw thinks he should be honored — so people in the community will know about his contributions.

Jack Monohan said his dad started a family tradition that's still going strong. "It's all he (Stuart) ever wanted to do," he said. "It's all I ever wanted to do."

Added Stuart Monohan, "It makes you pretty proud."



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November 7, 1999, Open House:

CHIEF JOHN M. MONOHAN, JR.

1911-1999

Chief Monohan was born on the family farm, known as Wildwood on Browns Lane in St. Matthews, (the present site of Mallard Crossing Apartments). He attended Holy Trinity Grade School, St. Xavier High School, and University of Louisville Speed School. He then followed his father's footsteps to the First National Bank of Louisville. After serving at the bank for a few years he went to work for Reynolds Metals Company, and then to Raque Manufacturing Company.

He was married in 1936 and he and his wife Katherine had three sons and one daughter and was a life-long member of Holy Trinity Church.

He joined the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department in March of 1937, became Chief in September of 1941 and retired in July of 1977. In September of 1941 he also was admitted to the Board of Directors, which he served on until his retirement. His brother, Henry, also served on the department as a firefighter, rising to the rank of Chief and also was a member of the Board of Directors. Chief Monohan had two sons, Jack, who started as a firefighter and became Assistant Chief and also Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Doug, who started as a firefighter and rose to the rank of Captain. The family tradition of Monohans in the fire service continues today with Chief Monohan's two grandsons, Kent, who started as a firefighter and is presently Training Officer at the Harrods Creek Fire Department, and Stuart, who started as a firefighter and is presently a Major with the St. Matthews Fire District.

During his years of service, Chief Monohan ran the department with a tough military-style approach, but was always fair. Many innovative and new methods made the St. Matthews Fire Department a model for others. In an interview when he retired, he said, "Steady growth. That's been the biggest accomplishment of this department. We've tried to grow faster than the community so we can provide adequate fire protection at all times." Firefighters of his day still respect the leadership he provided.

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November 7, 1999, Open House:

## ST. MFD HISTORY

- 1919 Incorporated June 11th
- 1924 First firehouse, 109 Breckenridge Lane
- 1931 "Betsy" delivered from Seagrave
- 1948 Received insurance class 8 rating
- 1954 Installed two-way radios in trucks
- 1957 Bought first quint in Kentucky
- 1966 Bought land for Sears Ave. station
- 1970 Moved into current station
- 1977 Chief Monohan retires after 40 years
- 1982 Received insurance class 2 rating
- 1985 Association becomes tax district
- 1989 Brownsboro station opens
- 1992 Started EMS response
- 1999 Crusade for Children tops \$1,000,000
- 1999 80 years of service to the community

## ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF  
CONTINUOUS SERVICE  
SINCE 1919

November 7, 1999

### November 7, 1999, Open House:

<b>ST. MATTHEWS FIRE CHIEFS</b>	<b>OPEN HOUSE MAIN PROGRAM</b>	<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1999</b>
<b>XAVIER SCHULER</b> 1919 - 1920	<b>WELCOME / OPENING</b> CHIEF SENG & CHAIRMAN ELLERKAMP	<b>MRS. FAYE ELLERKAMP</b> CHAIRMAN
<b>ANDREW W. NEICHTER</b> 1920 - 1937	<b>PROCLAMATION</b> COMMISSIONER RUSS MAPLE	<b>CAPTAIN FRANK FLYNN</b> SECRETARY
<b>RAYMOND M. YOUNG</b> 1937 - 1941	<b>REDEDICATION OF BUILDING</b> CHAPLAIN CHESTER REED	<b>JAMES L. KING</b> TREASURER
<b>HENRY A. MONOHAN</b> 1941 - 1941	<b>CHIEF MONOHAN DEDICATION</b> CAPTAIN RUSSELL RAKESTRAW (RET)	<b>THOMAS O. EIFLER</b> TRUSTEE
<b>JOHN M. MONOHAN JR.</b> 1941 - 1977	<b>FLAG RAISING</b> MAJOR KENNY STRANGE	<b>DOUGLAS C. MITCHELL</b> TRUSTEE
<b>ALBERT R. HAEBERLIN</b> 1977 - 1983	<b>RETIREMENTS</b> CHIEF WILLIAM J. SENG	<b>RICHARD J. TONINI</b> TRUSTEE
<b>FRANKLIN R. FLORENCE</b> 1983 - 1992	<b>SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS</b> CHIEF WILLIAM J. SENG	<b>CAPTAIN JOHN VOLKERDING</b> TRUSTEE
<b>WILLIAM J. SENG</b> 1992 - PRESENT	<b>BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION</b> CAPTAIN FRANK FLYNN	
	<b>GROUP PICTURE</b> SERGEANT JACKIE DEHART	
	<b>MASTER OF CEREMONY</b> ASST. CHIEF JACK MONOHAN (RET)	



### Doug, Kent, Jack & the plaque



                     & Kent installing...



### The 1970 Plaque



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November 7, 1999, Open House:



Keith McBride, Dave Kamer, Charlie Davis, Joe Wolfe, Chief Seng



Raising the flag



Chief William Seng



Jack Monohan



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November 7, 1999, Open House:



Rakestraw

Joe Wolfe & Speaker



Rick Albers, Marty Kamer, Chief Seng

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November 7, 1999, Open House:





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November 7, 1999, Open House:



**L to R: Adam Nay, Debbie Ray, Mike Beneke, Tiera Gonzalez, Ed Brown, Tony Glass, George Wiggins, John Walling, Nick Clark, Frank Flynn, Paul Kurtz, John Kilroy, Hal Clifford, Mike Frantz, Eric Sorensen, Gregg Crabb, Chester Reed, Dan Doyle, Joe Wolfe, William Seng, Dan Ryan.**



**Marty Kamer, Bill Seng  
Kamer,**



**Marty Kamer, Bill Seng**



**Denny Engnehl, Marty  
Mike Noon**

### November 7, 1999, Open House:





November 7, 1999:

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Speech by Russ Rakestraw

**SPEECH FOR STMFD DEDICATION**

November 7, 1999

**Acknowledgements**

Chairperson Ellerkamp  
Chief Seng  
Board Members  
Firefighters and Guests

**Introduction**

I am deeply honored to have been invited to speak before you today. Working with, and for, Chief Monohan was a life-changing experience for me and to be asked to help celebrate his service is quite humbling.

**Body**

Chief Monohan left an indelible mark on this department, on St Matthews, and on the lives of those who chose to follow him. Many STMFD members went on to become successful elected officials, entrepreneurs, business executives and fire chiefs. I believe that our success can be attributed, in part, to his leadership and to the values that he instilled in us.

Chief Monohan was a very complex individual and his lessons were neither taught nor learned easily. The values he so consistently demonstrated, however, became powerful beacons that guided our collective paths.

Although the values Chief Monohan modeled were many, I have chosen three which, in my opinion, both clearly define the man and demonstrate the impact of his leadership.

**Commitment**

The first of these values is commitment. Chief Monohan was committed to his community, his department and to providing excellence in fire protection. Chief Monohan's commitment to his community is most clearly demonstrated by his 36 years of service as Fire Chief. Being Fire Chief required that he spend from thirty to forty hours per week performing department-related activities as well as a willingness to be on call from

sixteen to twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. All of this was done without monetary compensation. This record alone would make Chief Monohan a remarkable public servant.

Chief Monohan's commitment to STMFD is no less remarkable. During his tenure he managed financial affairs, specified and purchased trend-setting major fire apparatus, supervised the design and construction of two fire stations, managed a comprehensive apparatus and facilities maintenance program, and led emergency operations. In many similarly sized departments, these activities would be the responsibility of several full-time positions. As one who has had responsibility for these functions, I recognize the enormity of the task.

Chief Monohan was also committed to excellence. I believe that if Tom Peters had known Chief Monohan and STMFD, they would have been included in his book, *In Search of Excellence*. Chief Monohan accepted no less than excellent performance from either himself or his firefighters. This excellence was demonstrated in many ways from technical innovations, such as quints and quads, two-way radios and self-contained breathing apparatus, to comprehensive training. What is notable about Chief Monohan's penchant for excellence was his avoidance of the traditional trappings of fire department success such as bigger and flashier apparatus and huge stations. He knew, and imbued in all of us, that excellence in firefighting came from efficient, effective operations and not from window dressing. A further tribute to Chief Monohan's excellence in leadership can be seen in the fact that STMFD residents enjoyed one of the lowest tax levy rates in Jefferson County. Chief Monohan recognized that throwing money at a problem is no guarantee of an effective solution. Those of us who served with him have benefited greatly from his insistence on excellence.

Chief Monohan was also deeply committed to his firefighters. There are people here today who, in times of crisis such as a serious family illness, learned of the Chief's commitment. He would take the person aside and quietly and respectfully pledge his and the department's support. These were not empty words but rather were words backed by the full resources of both the Chief and the department.

**Pride**

November 7, 1999:

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Speech by Russ Rakestraw

The second value that I would like to highlight is Pride. Chief Monohan was a proud man who was proud of his department. Pride in this context is not the self-congratulatory, high-fiving, we're number one gloating that passes for pride today. Instead Chief Monohan's pride was a deep, intense and humble pride that permeated STMFD.

The columnist Bob Greene, writing recently in the *Chicago Tribune*, told the story of Ted Williams, the last professional baseball player to hit over .400 in a season. In Ted William's last at bat in his last game, he hit a home run. As he circled the bases he looked down rather than up to the crowd and, in spite of a long standing ovation, refused to come out and acknowledge the crowd. When I read this I immediately pictured Chief Monohan in my mind. Chief Monohan's satisfaction came not from public accolades but from a deep sense of accomplishment.

All STMFD firefighters knew that ours was the best department. Our training and emergency response were second to none and woe onto any of us who were willing to accept less. Chief Monohan's infectious pride was a source of strength to many of us as we moved down our separate career paths. The humility of Chief Monohan's pride is well illustrated by his actions following the Greathouse School fire. When a citizen attacked the operation in the local press, Chief Monohan refused to "answer the ad" by engaging in public debate. His pride and wisdom in understanding the public's short attention span were remarkable. My sense too is that he understood, as Chief Alan Brunacini of Phoenix, AZ once said; "Never get into a battle with people who purchase ink by the barrel".

Courage

The third, and final, value that stands out is courage. Chief Monohan was, as are all firefighters, physically courageous. Chief Monohan was also courageous leader. He consistently demonstrated what I believe is the strongest courage of all; the courage to follow his own conscience. During my tenure as fire chief, it was demonstrated over and over that there are many agendas in the community other than effective fire protection and that the fire chief is constantly pulled and pushed in directions away from excellence in public protection. Everyone, from the mayor, to the city manager, to the city council, to the business owner and even the members of the fire department sometimes have agendas that run counter to effective emergency response. Chief Monohan was unmoved by these competing

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agendas. Today's world of "leadership via opinion polls" is the antithesis of Chief Monohan's leadership style. I suspect that those of us who have suffered, or seen our communities suffer, because of today's leadership, long for leaders with the courage of Chief Monohan.

In conclusion, let me say that I am both honored and humbled by the opportunity to stand before you today. Chief Monohan's impact on the lives of not only the citizens of St. Matthews but also the citizens of Eastern Jefferson County and the citizens of the jurisdictions that Chief Monohan's proteges went on to serve, is immeasurable. It is altogether fitting that the department rededicate this building to his memory. To those of you who served or serve as St Matthews firefighters I commend you for your commitment to excellence and your record of first-class fire and life protection.

Thank you and God bless.

1999

November 10, 1999, Letter:

M. RUSSELL RAKESTRAW II

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E-Mail: Rakestraw@aol.com

Minutes of Meeting of Board of  
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District

November 11, 1999

Nov 10, 1999

Dear Faye,

Thanks again for asking me to  
be a part of Sunday's program.  
Many of us, "veterans" deeply appreciate  
your efforts in developing the event.  
If I can be of any further  
assistance to you or St. Matthews  
F.D., please feel free to call upon  
me.

God Bless,

Russ Rakestraw

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 11, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell M.D., Rick Tonini and John Volkerding. Also present were Chief Seng, Major Monohan, Captain Wolfe, Sergeant Dugan, and Firefighters Brown & Kurtz.

Tom Eifler moved to accept the minutes of the October 14, 1999 meeting as written. Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed unanimously.

In Treasurer King's absence, Chair Ellerkamp relayed a suggestion from Treasurer King suggesting that expenditure requests that are brought to a meeting be held for a month to answer any possible questions. After discussing the suggestion no action was taken.

The Trustees reviewed the monthly financial report.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) There were 156 runs for the month of October.
- 2) Submitted an expense report for the Open House/Birthday Celebration.
- 3) Thurman Company has requested the final \$5000.00 payment on the Station 1 renovation. The Chief advised them that payment would be sent upon completion of the job.
- 4) The annual awards banquet will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) October Expenditure Requests:

a) Refinish upstairs office	\$8000
b) Purchase new Pickup Truck	\$24,837.50

After discussion, John Volkerding moved to approve the above named expenditures; Tom Eifler seconded; motion passed with 5 votes in favor and one vote against.

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There was lengthy discussion regarding the purchase of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. The matter was tabled until the December meeting.

The Chief made an additional expenditure request for a treadmill to be located at station 2. This would provide some exercise equipment for the newly assigned crews at station 2. The price for a used unit would be \$1000.00

Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenditure, John Volkerding seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Captain Flynn revisited the request for additional vacation time after an employee reaches 15 years. The Board requested additional information and will discuss the request at the December meeting.

Tom Eifler brought to the Trustees attention that a site being considered for the Ohio River Bridge would be in close proximity to the Fire District. This would mean that hazardous cargo transporters would be passing nearby on a regular basis. The Board will monitor the progress of any possible sites.

The Trustees went into executive session at 8:25 P.M. to discuss personnel matters.

The Trustees returned from executive session at 8:40 P.M., no action taken.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District Holding Company

November 11, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 8:40 P.M.

Present were Directors Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell M.D., Rick Tonini and John Volkerding. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the November 11, 1999 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

Chairman

Secretary

1999

November 17, 1999, *The Voice-Tribune*:



VOICE-TRIBUNE STAFF PHOTO

Three generations of the Monohan family were honored by the St. Matthews Fire Protection District at a Nov. 7 open house at Station No. 1. A plaque was dedicated to John H. Monohan Jr., who died in July after serving as fire chief for 36 years. From left, John's sons and former St. Matthews firefighters Doug and John Monohan III, and grandsons Stuart and Kent Monohan, firefighters with the St. Matthews and Harrods Creek fire departments, respectively.



1999

December 4, 1999, Letter:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**

840 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

**William J. Sang  
Fire Chief**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Faye Ellerkamp, Chairperson  
James King, Treasurer  
Frank A. Hyatt, Secretary

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To Burn*

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Harry A. Offert  
Richard J. Sporn  
Douglas C. Mitchell, M.D.  
Thomas D. Oiler

December 4, 1999

December 4, 1999

M. Russell Rakestraw, II  
562 Harlowe Lane  
Naperville, ILL 60565

Dear Russ,

THANK YOU!! All of us at St. Matthews Fire Protection District are very grateful to you for suggesting the rededication of Station 1 to Chief John Monohan, Jr..

THANK YOU!! We appreciate your agreeing to be our speaker for the special occasion. You did a beautiful, beautiful job!!

THANK YOU!! For bringing Margaret Kramer with you. Please convey our appreciation for her help. You all are great!!

THANK YOU!! For sending me the copy of your speech and for your other published articles which I have enjoyed and will cherish always.

Enjoyed meeting you at the post-Thanksgiving shopping at Dillard's. Please feel free to drop in when you get to Louisville.

Best Regards,

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT

Faye Ellerkamp, Chair  
Board of Trustees

Hon. Rebecca Jackson  
County Judge/Executive  
Jefferson County Courthouse  
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Judge Jackson,

THANK YOU!! All of us at St. Matthews Fire Protection District are very grateful to you for issuing the Proclamations for our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday and for Chief John Monohan.

We missed you but John Spellman was a good messenger. June Kelly Roy sang the National Anthem and added a special moment to the celebration.

We appreciate your dedication and service to all of us in Jefferson County.

Best Regards,

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE  
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*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**

840 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207

**William J. Sang  
Fire Chief**

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Faye Ellerkamp, Chairperson  
James King, Treasurer  
Frank A. Hyatt, Secretary

*Learn Not  
To Burn*

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Thomas D. Oiler

December 4, 1999

Hon. Russ Maple  
County Commissioner "A" District  
Jefferson County Courthouse  
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Commissioner Maple,

THANK YOU!! All of us at St. Matthews Fire Protection District are very grateful to you for issuing the Proclamation for our 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday and for Chief John Monohan. We appreciate your presenting Judge Jackson's Proclamations also. We are honored that you attended our celebration.

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December 9, 1999, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of  
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District

December 9, 1999

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 9, 1999 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Trustees: Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell M.D., Rick Tonini and John Volkerding. Also present were Chief Seng, Major Monahan, Captain Wolfe, Sergeants Doyle and Heaphy, Firefighters Crabb, Hilliard, Kurtz & Sorensen and former Chairman David Dick.

Doug Mitchell moved to accept the minutes of the November 14, 1999 meeting as written. John Volkerding seconded; motion passed unanimously.

In Treasurer King's absence, the trustees reviewed and briefly discussed the monthly financial statements.

Chief Seng reported on Department operations:

- 1) Thanked the Trustees for hosting the annual awards banquet.
- 2) The annual firefighter dinner will be on December 21<sup>st</sup>, all Trustees are invited.
- 3) October Expenditure Requests:

a) 26 Survival Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	\$62600
b) Eight sets of turnout gear	\$8000
c) Security locking system for both stations	\$7000
d) Video Projector for training	\$5000
e) Pump training program	\$825
f) Dual deck VCR for training	\$500
g) 12 winter coats	\$1880
h) 4 chairs for Station 2	\$1600
Total:	\$87505

After discussion, Rick Tonini moved to approve the above named expenditures; Doug Mitchell seconded; motion passed with four votes in favor and one vote against.

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Captain Flynn revisited the vacation request previously submitted. After lengthy discussion it was the consensus of the Board to review the request and involve it with all budget matters.

Doug Mitchell moved to address the vacation issue at budget time. Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The Trustees went into executive session at 7:45 P.M. to discuss personnel matters.

The Trustees returned from executive session at 8:45 P.M., no action taken.

The Trustees discussed Firefighter insurance coverages that are currently in place. Any additional coverages will be considered at budget time.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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Chairman

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Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of  
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District Holding Company

December 9, 1999

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews, at 9:05 P.M.

Present were Directors, Faye Ellerkamp, Frank Flynn, Doug Mitchell M.D., Rick Tonini and John Volkerding. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the November 11, 1999 were approved as written.

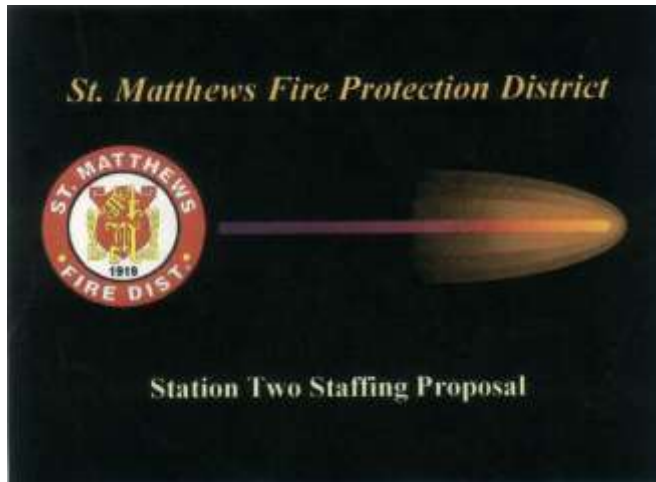
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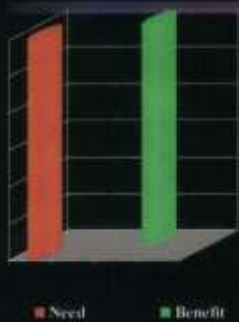
## 1999: Power Point Presentation for Staffing of Station Two:



### *Introduction*

The new millennium brings forth new challenges and new opportunities for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and the World. The presentation you are about to see is designed to help demonstrate the need for additional staffing at St. Matthews station two located at Brownsboro Road and Hubbards Lane. With this additional staff we plan to improve services to address several issues that face us as approach the year 2000. The increase in services will be in the form of reduced run times, less wear on apparatus, and greater productivity. Please sit back and keep an open mind to important topics, especially those that may save lives.

### *Station Two Staffing*

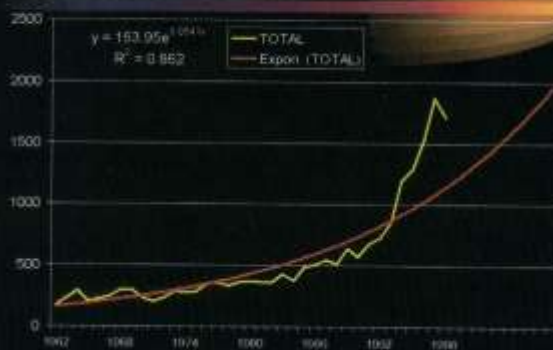


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- Determine the benefit

### *Determining the Need*

- Statistics will help show the trends
  - Number of runs past and future
  - Response times for runs
  - Fire losses
  - Effects of train traffic
  - Staffing levels for runs
  - Type of runs
  - Runs occurring at the same time

### *Response Trends since 1962*



### *Statistics from 1997 and 1998*

- Data on the charts used in the additional slides is compiled from 1997 and 1998 statistics.





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*Mutual Aid Responses*

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- These totals are for 1998
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*Determining the Need*

- These trends show the challenges
  - Increase in overall responses
  - Increase in response times
  - High fire loss north of the tracks
  - Decrease in volunteer staffing
  - Increase in single company runs
  - Increase in multiple runs at same time

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- We have shown the need for a 24 hour staff at station 2.
- We will entertain questions regarding the need.
- We will now look at the effect on the citizens, staff and budget.

*The Benefits*

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**Keith & Sandy McBride**



**Mrs. & Frank Flynn**



**Frank Flynn**



**Mrs. & Charlie Davis**

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**Mike Noland & Mike Beneke**



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**Dave and Mary Dugan**



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**Chief Bill Seng & Joe Wolfe**



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**Board Of Directors**

Hal Clifford, end June  
Thomas O. Eifler  
Faye Ellerkamp  
Frank A. Flynn  
James King  
Doug Mitchell  
Richard J. "Rick" Tonini  
John K. Volkerding, start

**Officers**

1999 Chief William "Bill" Seng (P)  
Major Stuart Monohan (P)  
Major Kenneth "Ken" L. Strange (P)  
Captain Hal Clifford  
Captain Frank Flynn (P)  
Captain Sam McCune (P)  
Captain Don Ryan (P)  
Captain Keith McBride, retires January  
Captain G. Santamouris  
Captain John Volkerding  
Captain John Walling  
Captain Joseph R. "Joe" Wolfe (P)  
Sgt. Jackie DeHart (P)  
Sgt. Daniel Doyle (P)  
Sgt. Dave Dugan (P)  
Sgt. Larry Heaphy (P)  
Sgt. Dave Kamer

**Firefighters**

Randy Addison  
A. E. Andriot, Jr.  
Mike J. Beneke  
Christine Beyer  
Mike Biven (P)  
Matt Board  
Ed Brown (P)  
John Chilko  
Nick Clark  
Steven Cole  
Greg Crabb  
Niki Dallaire  
Charlie Davis (P)  
Marshall Denny Engnehl  
Mike Frantz  
Tony Glass (P)  
Tiera Gonzolez  
Charles Herman  
Jaret Hill  
Mike Hilliard, start (P)  
Sean Jackson  
Billy Jacob  
Brian Jennemann  
John Kilroy  
Paul Kurtz (P)  
Scott Lewis  
R. Hunter G. Louis, Jr.

Tom Marshall (P)  
Christa Masden  
Mike Mateja  
Jeff Miller  
Kent Monohan (P)  
Adam Nay  
Patrick H. "Pat" Noland  
Anessa Parson  
Debbie Ray  
Chester Reed  
Robert "Bob" Ross  
Erik Sorensen (P)  
Chet Speed  
Richardson Stimphill  
Charles Thomas  
Alan D. Unthank  
Ron D. Unthank  
William C. "Will" Vail  
Lea-Ann Waterfill, end  
James H. "Jim" Whitlock  
George Wiggins  
Mike "Fozz" Willinger (P)  
Mike Wimberg  
Todd Woodward