

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

2003 — 2004

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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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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Jefferson County Fire Service website. At the top is a banner with the text "JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE" and "DEDICATION INTEGRITY SERVICE". Below this is a navigation menu with links like "Home", "About Us", "Services", "Contact Us", etc. The main content area is divided into several sections: "Company Profile" which describes the merger of Louisville and Jefferson County fire departments in 2003; "What's New" featuring articles on cold weather firefighting and a fire incident on I-75; "Service" and "Mailing Address" sections; "Hours of Operation" (Monday-Friday 08:00 a.m. - 04:00 p.m.); "Directions" with a map; and "Contact Information" at the bottom. There are also social media links for Facebook and Twitter.

January 3, 2003, *The Courier-Journal*, by Matt Batchelor: Fire Districts try exchange of personnel, equipment--

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By Matt Batchelor
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January 9, 2003, Trustee meeting: equipment--

Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

January 9, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 9, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Acting Chairperson Tom Eifler called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Jim King, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding, Joe Wolfe. Also present were Chief Wm. J. Seng, Asst. Chief Monohan, Captain Larry Heaphy, & Firefighter Nick Clark.

Tom Eifler explained that Chairperson Ellerkamp was not able to attend tonight's meeting and that he agreed to conduct the meeting at her request.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and Jim King moved and Jack Monohan seconded that they be approved with a change. The change being:

From: Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded that Chief Seng's request to retire and be rehired at the same rank and rate of pay be approved.

To: Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded that Chief Seng's request to retire and be rehired at the same rank and rate of pay be approved. Further, all future retire rehire requests will be perfunctory in nature and only require notification be sent to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to approve the minutes as corrected passed unanimously.

Jim King reported upon the financial reports.

Fire Chief Report

Assistant Chief Monohan reported that Chief Seng & Captain Wolfe are in retirement during the month of January. They both are expected to return to work in February.

Chief Monohan reported on repairs needed on the windows on the second floor of Station 1. He anticipated the repairs would cost approximately \$200.

Chief Monohan reported that the District is missing a Motorola hand held radio. An effort to ascertain if it has been misplaced or possibly stolen is underway.

Chief Monohan reported that the Fire Chiefs are expected to meet with the consultant that the merger group hired on Tuesday, January 14th.

Chief Monohan reported that 2658 is in the body shop and from there it is slated to go to the engine repair shop. He anticipates that this work will be completed and it being returned to service on this coming Friday or Monday.

Joe Wolfe reported that we received a rejection notice during the final round of notifications on FEMA grant requests. He noted that most departments received rejection notices early in the process and that this timing suggests that our grant request was considered for funding until the final cut. He anticipated submitting the same request if the program continues.

Chief Monohan reported that the Trustees Association has requested funding from the District in the amount of \$11,051.55. This money was to be used to fund a number of programs managed by the Association. Chief Seng recommended that the Board reject this request.

Jim King moved and John Volkerding seconded that the Jefferson County Fire Trustee Associations request for funds in the amount of \$11,051.55 be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Seng spoke briefly on the progress of the Merger Task Force. He reported that the Chiefs had hired the consultant. The consultant will be present at the next Task Force meeting on January 15 at Worthington #2. Seng also stated that the Fire Chiefs will be meeting to discuss wage scales.

Seng reported that he intends to meet with Chief Fredericks of the Louisville Fire Department to discuss the possibility of utilizing Quint 10 for response to the Dupont area.

Joe Wolfe moved and Jim King seconded that the Board move into executive session at 7:20 P.M.

The Trustee returned to regular session at 7:30 P.M. with no action taken.

Jim King moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 7:30 P.M.

Chairperson

Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

January 9, 2003

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 7:35 P.M.. Present were Directors Jim King, Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding, Tom Eifler, Jack Monohan, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the December 2003 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

2003

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Later, when I
again have a
checkbook, I would
like to send you all
a check for The Crusade
for Children! thought
that might be better
than anything I can
think of now.

Many thanks again
for what you all do
for so many every
day! Becky DeCamp
Fire 1-10-03 Swing Ln.

Dear Volunteers,
St Matthew's,
Harrods Creek
McMahan
Lyndon -

I want to thank all
of you for coming to
get me out! and help
with my house. I am
doing better and
better thanks to all
of you! Don't know who
to thank with EMS?,
but I thank them
also.



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The latest information on the house fire we had last month on Swing Lane is that the home owner who was rescued by us is out of the hospital and doing very well. She called here last week to get our mailing address so that she could send us a thank you card. Enclosed is a copy of that card.

January 152 2003, The Courier-Journal

Firefighters rescue woman from burning Louisville home

The Courier-Journal

A woman who firefighters rescued from her burning home late Friday was listed yesterday in serious condition at University Hospital.

The St. Matthews Fire Department was called to Swing Lane in eastern Jefferson County at about 11:35 p.m. after receiving a report of a house fire, said Rick Tonini, the department's public information officer.

When firefighters arrived at the scene minutes later they saw flames shooting from the home's roof and learned a person was still inside.

A search of the home found Becky De Camp unconscious and not breathing on the floor of her bedroom, Tonini said. Firefighters carried her from the home and began resuscitation efforts until Emergency Medical Services arrived and took her to the hospital, he said.

Tonini said it took firefighters about 30 minutes to contain the blaze, with assistance from the Harrods Creek, Lyndon and McMahan fire departments. St. Matthews Fire Capt. George Santamouris was overcome by smoke and had to be taken to the hospital. He was treated and released, Tonini said.

The cause of the fire, which began in a rear sun room and spread into the attic, is being investigated, he said.

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January 15, 2003, Merger Task Force Committee Meeting:

MERGER TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2003
Worthington FPD Station No. 2

Meeting Convened: 1804
Meeting Adjourned: 2051

Attendees: Harrods Creek FPD – Chris Aponte, Gregg Cobb, Ric Casali, Dan Hendrix, Deb Scott
Lyndee FPD – Jim Baker, Mike Holand, Mark Weber
St. Matthews FPD – Faye Elberhag, Stuart Monahan, John Tritz, Joe Wolfe
Worthington – Gary Yart, Rick Sakar, Harry Cooke, Jon Cooke, Ray Elms, Justin Kramer, Al Madock, Joel Hewitt, Jeff Schmitt, Paul Schmitt, Howard Whitman, Sam Yates
Other Guests – Rob Saxton, Principal, HR Help

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/FOLLOW UP REQUIRED
Introductions & Recap	<p>Chief Yart introduced himself and welcomed everyone. Each attendee thereafter introduced him or herself and told everyone which fire department they represented or belong to and what position they hold within that department. Our guest and the evening's speaker, Rob Saxton, will be slightly delayed.</p> <p>At last month's meeting it was agreed to hire Rob Saxton as our group's business consultant. In two other meetings that have occurred since our last meeting, much progress was made. Rob is facilitating us in the right direction. He has prepared a presentation for us this evening.</p> <p>Each district was tasked to go back to their board of trustees regarding the memo of understanding drafted by Ric Casali. Worthington and Lyndee have approved the memo. Harrods Creek will have a meeting on January 27 to review the memo. Ric will make it as simple forward as possible and he doesn't anticipate any problems with it from Harrods Creek's standpoint.</p>	

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	<p>Rob Saxton has worked hard to identify areas in the business/strategic plan as to where we want to head. He has begun using appropriate corporate terminology as well as fire department terminology to make sure we are on the same page. Ric Casali gave him a copy of the Strategic Plan. This presentation gives Rob a better understanding of what we are doing. As an example, Ric stated understanding the county's role versus the city's role, stated it to our particular fire stations. The Chief explained they in turn he would be able to understand it better.</p> <p>At the November meeting of the Merger Task Force Mike Holand was concerned members were not involved. He thinking to the group now as they are being having the clarity, Committee will help and know things better to move forward. Jim Baker welcomed additional comments from those who are involved in tonight's meeting. One of the Lyndee members said he plans to put a memo circulated as Ric's Bill, Lyndee. One other Lyndee member commented he is glad to see and to hear that will start this evening.</p> <p>Chief Yart asked what if they ran out of money to pay Rob before we meet again in April. Chief Aponte said if this happens, each Chief would take the matter back to their board. Chief Yart suggested we not forget to keep Ric's role in mind.</p>	
Compensation & Benefits	<p>At another meeting held last week, Chris Aponte suggested the four Chiefs, a union representative for each district, and others get together in a table about party a compensation survey throughout the districts. They met for an hour or two and all members must attend. There were some issues as well as an individual. They hope to get together where they can help something to be resolved. The initial plan, according to Aponte, is comparable with what is being proposed at Lyndee now. There are things to see where that has scale fits for you, giving the future.</p>	

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	<p>We recently received news that Kentucky Retirement Systems will be increasing the CERS employer contribution rate by 2 to 2.5% for hazardous duty employees. The Western Blue Cross Blue Shield health plan also has increased by approximately 10%. Employee costs are becoming very high. All of the districts have to deal with these same issues. Jeff Fidelity of Worthington FPD did a lot of work to put together a spreadsheet showing the minimum pay scales for the five districts. Worthington FPD employees were given upwards of \$10,000 per year raises after they reviewed the spreadsheet. He had to make progress to get people to the table to make decisions about compensation. If our trustees don't think it's the right thing to do, it won't be done.</p>	
Rob Saxton	<p>Rob was introduced by Chief Yart. Rob grew up in Lyndee in the protection district in Rolling Hills Subdivision off of Vesper Road. He left Lyndee two years ago and was involved in human resources for 20 years. He spent the last 15 years with his father Fred Chisholm from whom he was in charge of human resources and training for the company. For the last few years he has owned a human resources consulting business called "HR Help". Rob's involvement with us began when he received a call from Bill Seay to see if he would meet with the Chiefs. Rob has since met with them and been approved to help us move forward in the merger process. He hopes we have here tonight with a better understanding of where this process is, where it has been over the last year, and where it's going.</p> <p>Chief Yart said Rob has been helping to keep us focused and much progress already has been made with Rob's assistance.</p> <p>Rob stated he doesn't know much about fire protection and our industry. He has however helped organizations of all sizes from a small franchise with only two restaurants, all the way to the larger KFC.</p>	

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	<p>The title of Rob's presentation for this evening is entitled "The Power of Four: One One" copy attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Rob's presentation includes the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Background of Merger Consideration" "A Snapshot of the Districts Involved" "The Case for Change" "Stakeholders" "Coming Together" – A Range of Possibilities" "How the Merger Process Typically Works" <p>Rob pointed out that informing and educating the stakeholders is the most important part of this process. Approximately 60% of the stakeholders will move from employees made to being committed. Another 25% will be on the fence and 20% will self-select out. The 20% who are on the fence will likely move to commit because they will become excited about the 60% who moved from employees made to being committed. There needs to be a communication and education plan involving the stakeholders.</p> <p>"Business Learned From Others"</p> <p>"Next Steps"</p> <p><u>Questions Presented:</u></p> <p>Q: Are there any particular areas we should consider first? As an example, personnel instead of equipment? Or perhaps financial instead of personnel?</p> <p>A: You should let the most outstanding need drive the agenda. For me at Lyndee, it was personnel matter. We just couldn't staff the stations. When you do your initial approach with the stakeholders, you might find that surprising need.</p> <p>Q: Rob, you are invited player as a lobbyist in this area. What do you think of the process?</p>	
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January 15, 2003, Merger Task Force Committee Meeting:

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Topic	Discussion	ACTION/FOLLOW UP REQUIRED
	<p>Using our Jefferson County and Lincoln Police Departments as an example, from September on participants immediately contacted their own local Coal and fire department stations. With police stations they go to see police and city of design. (2-14-10) to provide training and develop a strategic process.</p> <p>Chief Apple said that as an independent entity they have a few plans. (3-14-10) of budget, as an example, negotiable a long time. It seems to him creating the strategic plan is a job for your ultimate kind of process.</p> <p>He said that training the others might start in the Spring of his process. He said that he said you "are that" strategy would be a focus and before we decide changing strategy by the adjustment in their priority.</p>	
Steering Committee	<p>Decision time. Who is actually going to do the strategic plan? Who is going to make up the Steering Committee?</p> <p>It was suggested perhaps the Vice Chairs and one representative from each district form the Steering Committee. The Committee needs to be more streamlined. There are still too many people to know they will be required to attend all the meetings, at all events. The steering committee of the Steering Committee is to actually go to some of the work. It was suggested each Steering Committee member have an appointee to carry out or to assist in the work that Steering Committee member can't attend a meeting could get their tasks done. He also noted to only use the elected committee representatives have the time and flexibility made available to them. His first suggestion is to participate in the Steering Committee. With the current group he felt it important to have enough members at each district, agree or disagree with. We might discuss the steering to participate by this group might make a decision if the solution of each district is required.</p>	

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	<p>RIC: Council both are don't need to worry about the government agencies. He would be satisfied if they don't go along with what we decide to do. Their really have to legal authority anyway. If they don't think the mayor we could talk to them. Several public agencies should be consulted, however their involvement should be limited to our consulting them. Providing them with general information from a public relations standpoint would be sufficient.</p>	
	<p>RAY: There is the Mayor of a small city. District 17 has 52% to 60% of all of the cases in Jefferson County. He feels we are wrong about not meeting a lot of much about him and not consider the concerns of the small cities. He says it's surprising how many concerns there are on the part of the small cities--there are several. Chief Jacobsen asked Ray if he knew someone who might want to participate from the small cities. Ray will bring it up at the next executive council meeting on January 17. Faye Denker also plans to attend that meeting.</p>	
	<p>Who should the Steering Committee be comprised of? It should include the four Chiefs, two Mayor, two board members, four volunteer firefighters, and four police firefighters. Ray Elm thinks Rick Soren would be a good representation from Worthington because of the multiple areas Rick could represent on behalf of that district. Ray would support Rick's being a despatch, if his board would approve it. Ray will bring it up at their next board meeting.</p>	
	<p>The Chiefs get more done at that Tuesday's Chiefs meeting. All Rick than they have accomplished in months.</p>	
	<p>The rest of the meeting attendees will make up the "Task Force". We need to clarify what the Steering Committee is to do, and what the Task Force is to do. The Steering Committee could form subcommittees, and then would be assigned different tasks.</p>	

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January 15, 2003, Merger Task Force Committee Meeting:

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	<p>Rob suggests the Chiefs continue to meet on Tuesday mornings. At the same time, it sounds like the boards will decide who the representatives will be. After those people are elected, we will go them in with what the Chiefs are doing. Gary Yurt raised a concern that another full month will go by before our boards meet again. That's a lot of time. He felt the Chiefs could put together the mission statement at their meeting this coming Tuesday.</p> <p>Some of the board representatives are present at tonight's meeting. Ric Cusick feels as long as all interests are represented, that's more important than the number of members who are selected.</p> <p>Chief Apone felt Harrods Creek will probably just need to come up with its career firefighter representative since Ric Cusick and Gregg Cobb (both Harrods Creek Trustees) and Don Hedrick (a Harrods Creek volunteer) are already present tonight. It is likely either Ric or Gregg will be Harrods Creek's board representative on the Steering Committee.</p> <p>Chief Yurt asked for how long should the Steering Committee meet? Once a week for four hours each week, as an example? Rob said he thinks it would not be necessary for the entire group to meet every week. Some people within from the group might need to meet more often. Some of the representatives from the Steering Committee should be scheduled to meet on a regular basis. Then meetings for the entire Steering Committee should occur perhaps monthly. It was decided to rename the "Merger Task Force Committee" the "Merger Oversight Committee" and that the Merger Oversight Committee meet on a quarterly, versus monthly, basis.</p> <p>Chief Yurt suggested we vote at tonight's meeting that he will form the Steering Committee by no later than the coming Monday. He stated Jeff Shank will be Warfington's career firefighter representative.</p>	

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	<p>The deadline for the submission of names for, as well as the makeup of the Steering Committee was decided this evening. The Steering Committee will be made up of one Chief, one board member, one volunteer firefighter, and one career firefighter from each of the four districts.</p>	
Legal Concerns	<p>The following observations were shared from John Threlk. It seems clear to him the group is moving forward. There are however a couple of threshold areas that have not been talked about. The first one is a quirk in the law about mergers that deals with indebtedness. It relates to how you can pay off indebtedness in a merged district. If the debt is substantial, we should discuss it. The second area is that for so many years the districts have financed the acquisition of real estate and apparatus through subsidiary entities. Some of these entities still have ownership. We should review our districts bylaws to be sure there are no issues of concern regarding ownership. Perhaps the newly merged department would have to lease all of the property and equipment for the first two years before the merged districts can make changes. We should look at the corporations to be clear about what they own and to be sure there are no impediments to property ownership as those may relate to the merger. We need to look at employee manuals for policy issues. We also should consider what other contracts or understandings the districts might have that might not terminate before the merger happens, which could be problematic. John has a list of 30 or 35 things he will turn over to the Steering Committee for review and consideration. Chief Apone suggested at some point in time we should have an attorney come in and research these types of items and find out if we have any issues.</p>	
Dates & Deadlines	<p>Submissions for names for the Steering Committee must be received by the Chiefs by no later than Wednesday, January 22, at noon.</p> <p>The Steering Committee's first kickoff meeting will be held on Wednesday, January</p>	

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	<p>25, at Harrods Creek's Station No. 1 starting at 1930.</p> <p>The Merger Oversight Committee will meet on a quarterly basis. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at Harrods Creek Station No. 1, starting at 1900.</p>	

Attachment
The Power of Four to One

Recorded by: Deb Scott

2003

January 16, 2003, *The Courier-Journal*, by Sheldon S. Shafer:

Local/Regional » News Item

Thursday, January 16, 2003

Telethon celebrates 50 years of giving Crusade for Children services have helped out about 3 million

 Mail this page

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The Courier-Journal

A reunion of beneficiaries, an appreciation concert and a history book will mark this year's 50th anniversary of the WHAS Crusade for Children.

Since 1954, the charity has raised and distributed about \$96 million for services that have helped about 3 million children across Kentuckiana. Firefighters have raised 56 percent of the money. The June 7-8 Crusade this year is expected to push total contributions past \$100 million.

At a news conference yesterday at WHAS-11's television studios on West Chestnut Street, officials announced several activities to commemorate the 50th charity drive:

- Courier-Journal columnist Bob Hill will write and local artist Julius Friedman will design and illustrate a book on the Crusade's history.
- Crusade week will begin June 1 with a reunion from 2 to 6 p.m. on the Great Lawn at Waterfront Park. Anyone who has received assistance from a Crusade-funded organization is invited, as are all Crusade volunteers.
- The Crusade weekend telethon June 7 will begin with a free program at the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Whitney Hall.
- On June 28, the Crusade's past and present volunteers will be honored at an appreciation concert.
- A black-tie gala at Kentucky International Convention Center is scheduled Sept. 13.

Two special-needs children who have received services from Crusade-funded agencies, Graham Maupin, 7, and Naudica Anderson, 6, helped unveil the Crusade's 50th-anniversary logo yesterday.

Graham's mother, Robin Maupin, said her son, who has cerebral palsy, has received therapy equipment through Easter Seals, which receives Crusade money.

"The Crusade has been wonderful," she said.

January 22, 2003, *The Voice-Tribune*: Other efforts this year include the sale of 50th-anniversary Crusade pins and bricks for a planned Crusade "Walk of Fame" on the sidewalk next to WHAS headquarters.

Crusade for Children begins 50th year

The WHAS Crusade for Children kicked off its 50th anniversary celebration on Jan. 15 with the unveiling of a new logo that features the silhouette of a boy. The Crusade, established in 1953, raises money for schools, agencies and hospitals that help special-needs children. In the past 49 years, the Crusade has raised nearly \$96 million; fire departments raise more than half of each year's donations by staging road blocks and other events.

2003

January 30, 2003, Jefferson County Fire Service Statistical Information:

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE SERVICE STATISTICAL INFORMATION

FIRE DISTRICT: ST. MATTHEWS

SQUARE MILES:

ANNUAL BUDGET:

ISO RATING:

OF FIRE STATIONS:

OF FULL-TIME FF:

OF PART-TIME FF:

OF VOLUNTEER FF:

OF PUMPERS:

OF AERIAL LADDERS:

OF SPECIAL UNITS:

CALLS FOR SERVICE:

ACTUAL "FIRES":

EMS RESPONSE:

OTHER RESPONSES:

2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1992
7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
\$2,400,000.00	\$2,300,000.00	\$2,100,000.00			
2	2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2	2
29	29	29	21	20	15
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22	27	31	35	18	21
3	4	4	4	4	4
2	2	1	1	2	2
1	1	1	1	1	1
1868	1719	1675	1584	1714	722
64	104	89	75	105	34
694	614	603	570	611	260
1147	1001	689	525	608	428

SUMMARY

SQUARE MILES:

ANNUAL BUDGET:

OF FIRE STATIONS:

OF FULL-TIME FF:

OF PART-TIME FF:

OF VOLUNTEER FF:

OF PUMPERS:

OF AERIAL LADDERS:

OF SPECIAL UNITS:

CALLS FOR SERVICE:

ACTUAL "FIRES":

EMS RESPONSE:

OTHER RESPONSES:

2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1992
377.35	377.35	344.35	344.35	344.35	344.35
\$30,426,975.80	\$27,311,547.60	\$24,291,853.80	\$20,898,715.40	\$18,915,033.80	\$12,011,313.49
40	40	38	37	37	37
297	247	218	188	181	105
62	66	77	83	60	24
648	654	572	591	550	663
81	84	80	75	75	71
25	24	22	18	18	17
49	47	40	37	36	37
16,869	15,852	14,767	12,930	12,299	6,505
1,686	1,700	1,535	1,542	1,142	1,069
7,786	6,578	6,655	5,500	4,962	1,521
28,771	28,181	6,720	6,101	5,077	3,100

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Sunday, February 2, 2003

Louisville man dies when truck slams into wall



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A Louisville man was killed early yesterday after the truck he was driving veered off the Watterson Expressway and into a stone wall near the Brownsboro Road exit, a spokesman for Louisville Metro Police said.

Herbert J. Headley, 44, of the 4300 block of Stoltz Court, died at the scene of massive traumatic injuries, said Robert Fraction, a Jefferson County deputy coroner.

Police said Headley's 2000 Chevy pickup was westbound when the accident occurred about 4:30 a.m.

Officer Dwight Mitchell said the department's traffic division is still investigating the cause of the accident.

Police had to close one lane of the Watterson and the ramp to Brownsboro Road for about two hours after the crash, he said.

2003

February 7, 2003, Letter:

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*



*Learn Not
To Burn*

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: February 7, 2003
Re: District Activity

Once again, I am happy to be back to work. Being off the month of January was okay but I missed the routine of coming to work and making fire runs.

The latest information on the house fire we had last month on Swing Lane is that the home owner who was rescued by us is out of the hospital and doing very well. She called here last week to get our mailing address so that she could send us a thank you card. Enclosed is a copy of that card.

Also included in your pack is copies of the response we have received from the surveys that we send out to homeowners and business owners after making a fire or EMS run. I will try to send you copies of these as they come in.

Enclosed is a letter that Rick Tonini wrote to all of the departments that were involved in responding to the house fire that night.

Since the new government took over in January there have been a lot of meetings concerning the fire service in Jefferson County. Our representative to this government group is Paul Barth who is the President of the Jefferson County Chiefs Association. Enclosed you will find various reports and news letters as it relates to current issues that are facing the Louisville and Jefferson County Fire Service.

The merger steering committee which is a sub-committee of the merger task force met for the first time last week at the Harrods Creek Fire Station. Enclosed is a large amount of paperwork that was handed out to this group. This steering committee will be gathering all the information necessary so that the merger task force (with ill will) be able to make an informed decision whether the merger of the fire districts is the right decision.

One the items discussed during the meeting at Harrods Creek Fire Station was the adoption of a new Mission Statement for all of the fire districts. Enclosed is a copy of our old mission statement and the proposed new one that the group has decided that we

Expenditures for February 2003

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Replacement Rescue Rope for all apparatus. (All are old and worn)	\$3,000.00
Electric rollup motor for shop door. (Current manual locking system very difficult to use, therefore is left opened and unlocked)	\$550.00
Final six sets of turnout gear for this budget.	\$2,000.00
Four RIT Team Rescue Packs. (This will complete all of our apparatus with the required Rapid Intervention Teams rescue packs.)	\$2,000.00
Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis. (see enclosed EA)	\$7,145.00

should adopt by ~~its~~ next meeting. I will bring this up at our next Trustees meeting on Thursday.

In the event of any major or multiple alarm fires, we may get a response from the Cabinet of Public Safety. Kim Allen who is the Cabinet Secretary may respond to the scene of any of these larger scale incidents along with William Summers who is the Deputy Mayor. Personally I look forward to meeting them on one of our emergency scenes.

This Friday and Saturday we will have 12 firefighters taking the National IFSAC Firefighter I and II test. Most of these firefighters have spent a lot of their own time studying to try and pass this very difficult test. All of them are to be commended for the amount of time and effort they have put into this endeavor.

2003

February 13, 2003, Trustee meeting:

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**PROPOSAL
WORK ORDER**

Quote No.
1712
Date
6/11/2007

Trustees Meeting Agenda February 13, 2003

Dated to: St. Matthews Fire Station
Attn: Carl Monahan
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207

For: 1st Floor Shower Repair

Description	Qty	Unit
1st Floor Shower:		
Remove and install new commercial shower drain and PVC shower pan		
Remove shower floor & six (6) inches of wall tile laid away		
Replace with new wall tile matching existing wall tile as close as possible.		
Tile shower floor with standard glazed 12x12 tile		
Standard 4x4 glazed ceramic wall tile		
Standard A4200 vinyl cap		
Standard A3461 regular 4x4 tile trim		
Standard 2x2 glazed shower door		
Standard Tile		
Seal		
Custom Ceramic Grout 504		
100# FPM 1/2" x 3/4"		
2 1/2" Epoxy grout and neutral pH 27" x 54"		
Custom Master Blend porcelain white glaze 504		
Custom 100 White unsanded grout 254		
Custom R11 Snow White sanded grout 254		
Slater Felt		
Seal		
Standard Setting Materials		

COLOR AND SHADE VARIATIONS ARE LIKELY AND SHOULD BE EXPECTED WHEN MATCHING NEW CERAMIC TILE AND GROUT TO OLD.

PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE AS FOLLOWS, NET 30 DAYS

Total \$2,331.5

THIS QUOTE IS VALID FOR 30 DAYS

SEE OTHER SIDE

- I. ✓ Call to Order
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. ✓ Treasurer Report, Jim King *Absent - No Report*
- V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VI. ✓ Old Business
- VII. ✓ New Business
- VIII. ✓ Executive Session *7:37 7:57*
- IX. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on February 20th at Fern Creek Fire District #1 @ 7:00pm.

**Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company**

February 13, 2003

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:05 P.M.. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding, Tom Eifler, Jack Monohan, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the January 2003 meeting were approved as written.

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

Chairman

Secretary

2003

February 13, 2003, Trustee meeting:

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Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

February 13, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 13, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding, Joe Wolfe. Chief Wm. J. Seng also attended.

Tom Eifler explained that Chairperson Ellerkamp was not able to attend tonight's meeting and that he agreed to conduct the meeting at her request.

The minutes of the January minutes were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Seng presented the Board with his expenditure request list for February. Items requested are:

- | | |
|---|---|
| • Rescue ropes to replace all old ropes. | \$3000 |
| • Electric rollup motor for shop door. | \$550 |
| • 6 sets of firefighter turnout gear. | \$2000 2,000. <i>granted</i> |
| • 4 Rapid intervention team rescue packs. | \$2000 |
| • Fire Dept Instructions Conference | \$7145 |

Jack Monohan moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the requested expenditure be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported to the Board that 12 additional members of the District recently completed IFSAC certification to Firefighter II. The Board commends these members for this accomplishment. These members are:

Captain Dave Dugan
Sergeant Ed Brown
Sergeant Paul Kurtz
Sergeant Tom Marshall
FF Nick Clark
FF Moss Clore
FF Greg Crabb
FF Chip Hayward
FF Patrick Montague

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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.

Fire Chief

FF Brandon Montgomery
FF Wayne Mosely
FF Ronald Renner

Chief Seng reported on a recent house fire on Swing Lane at which St Matthews firefighters rescued an unconscious resident from the building. After the rescue, members provided medical attention and she is expected to recover. The Board wanted to recognize the good work of the responding firefighters.

Chief Seng reported that the merger steering committee had assigned St Matthews with the responsibility of researching issues of budget and finance as it relates to merger.

Chief Seng presented to the Board the mission statement developed by the steering committee that would be used by the newly merged fire district. The Chief recommended that the StMFD adopt this mission statement as its own. So moved Tom Eifler and seconded by Jack Monohan.

Chief Seng reported that the City of Windy Hills has donated two Automatic External Defibrillators to the District. A letter of thank you will go out.

Chief Seng reported that he had received a request from Randy Lawson, president of the KFA for \$1000 to help cover expenses for their annual conference. Jack Monohan moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the StMFD provide \$1000 to the KFA for the purpose of hosting their conference. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the Board move into executive session at 7:40 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

General session resumed at 8:00 P.M. with no action taken.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 8:01 P.M.

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. MATTHEW'S

Fire Protection District

Safety First

Educate and Prevent

Be Prepared

Respond Quickly

Solve the Problem

Be Courteous

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2003

February, 2003, Incident Report:

March 1, 2003, Insurance Comparison:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (02/01/2003) And (02/28/2003)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	2	1.35%	\$0	***
111 Building fire	2	1.35%	\$0	***
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.35%	\$0	***
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.67%	\$0	***
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.67%	\$0	***
162 Outside equipment fire	1	0.67%	\$0	***
	9	5.08%	\$0	****
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
251 Excessive Heat, smother burns with no	1	0.67%	\$0	***
	1	0.67%	\$0	****
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	56	37.89%	\$0	***
350 Extrication, rescue, Other	1	0.67%	\$0	***
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.35%	\$0	***
	59	39.86%	\$0	****
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	4.05%	\$0	***
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.67%	\$0	***
442 Overheated motor	1	0.67%	\$0	***
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.35%	\$0	***
463 Vehicle accident, general cleaning	3	3.37%	\$0	***
	15	10.13%	\$0	****
5 Service Call				
521 Smoke or odor removal	4	2.70%	\$0	***
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	10	6.75%	\$0	***
	14	9.45%	\$0	****
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	6	4.03%	\$0	***
611 Dispatched & canceled en route	4	2.70%	\$0	***
622 Wrong location	1	0.67%	\$0	***
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.67%	\$0	***
652 Pests, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.67%	\$0	***

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (02/01/2003) And (02/28/2003)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
	13	8.78%	\$0	****
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.35%	\$0	***
715 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1	0.67%	\$0	***
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.67%	\$0	***
730 System malfunction, Other	4	2.70%	\$0	***
733 Smoke detector activation due to	6	4.05%	\$0	***
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	7	4.72%	\$0	***
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.67%	\$0	***
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire =	7	4.72%	\$0	***
744 Detector activation, no fire =	3	2.02%	\$0	***
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire =	5	3.37%	\$0	***
	37	25.02%	\$0	****

Total Incident Count: 148 Total Est Loss: \$0

HEALTH BENEFIT COMPARISON FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION

EFFECTIVE 10/01/02

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Mortgage Benefit Specialists, Inc.

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	ANTHEM HMO BLUE PREP PPO Deductible Required	(Current)	ANTHEM BLUE ACCESS PPO No Deductible Required IN NETWORK MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY	ANTHEM HMO BLUE PREP PPO Deductible Required	(Renewed)	ANTHEM BLUE ACCESS PPO No Deductible Required
Plan Maximum	\$5,000 Ind		\$1,000,000 Ind	\$5,000 Ind		\$5,000,000 Ind
Deductibles	\$0		\$100 S - \$300 F	\$0		\$100 S - \$300 F
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$1,500 Single \$3,000 Family		\$1,350 Single \$2,700 Family	\$1,500 Single \$3,000 Family		\$1,500 Single \$3,000 Family
Hospital	\$0 Copay \$0 Copay \$50 Copay		0%	\$0 Copay \$0 Copay \$50 Copay		0%
Surgical	\$0 Copay \$0 Copay \$0 Copay		0%	\$0 Copay \$0 Copay \$0 Copay		0%
Phys. Office Visits	\$15 Copay		\$15 Copay	\$15 Copay		\$15 Copay
Chro Office Visits	\$15 Copay		\$15 Copay	\$15 Copay		\$15 Copay
Allergy Injections	\$0 Copay		\$0 Copay	\$0 Copay		\$0 Copay
Immunizations						
Mammograms						
and Pap Smears						
Well-Child Care						
Adult Routine						
Physical Exam	\$15 Copay		\$15 Copay	\$15 Copay		\$15 Copay
Substance Abuse	\$0 Copay Unlimited		0%	\$0 Copay Unlimited		0%
Inpatient	\$15 Copay Unlimited		\$15 Copay Unlimited	\$15 Copay Unlimited		\$15 Copay Unlimited
Outpatient						
Arbitration	\$0 Copay		\$0 Copay	\$0 Copay		\$0 Copay
Prescription Drugs	\$5-\$50 Copay		\$5-\$50 Copay	\$5-\$50 Copay		\$5-\$50 Copay
Maternity	\$15-\$350 Copay		\$15-\$350 Copay	\$15-\$350 Copay		\$15-\$350 Copay
OB Care Supply	\$15 Copay/Per 24 Mo		\$15 Copay/Per 24 Mo	\$15 Copay/Per 24 Mo		\$15 Copay/Per 24 Mo
Maternity Visit Fee	\$15 Copay/Per 24 Mo		\$15 Copay/Per 24 Mo	\$15 Copay/Per 24 Mo		\$15 Copay/Per 24 Mo
Single	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$250.00		\$250.00
EC + Spouse	\$425.00		\$425.00	\$425.00		\$425.00
EC + Child(ren)	\$550.00		\$550.00	\$550.00		\$550.00
Family	\$675.00		\$675.00	\$675.00		\$675.00

2003

March 5, 2003, *The Voice Tribune*:



Voice-Tribune staff photo by STEVE RUSH

A 1992 Ford Thunderbird, right, with five occupants allegedly ran a red light at the intersection of Shelbyville Road and Breckinridge Lane on Feb. 27, striking a 1991 Ford Mustang convertible, injuring the lone passenger. The driver, 52-year-old Thomas Yenowine Jr. of St. Matthews, was taken to Norton Suburban Hospital. No one in the Thunderbird was injured. The driver, 24-year-old Reyes De La Cruz of Okolona, was arrested for driving without a license. The St. Matthews Police report said, "None of the passengers of unit one (the Thunderbird) knew their addresses or dates of birth."

Courtesy STMFD:



2003

March 6, 2003: *The Courier-Journal*. Merger discussed by fire districts, by Matt Batchelder. This month's merger of the Black Mudd and Okolona fire districts caught some Jefferson County fire chiefs by surprise.

"It happened so fast," said Pleasure Ridge Park Chief Doug Atwell. "We were hoping that we would be the first."

Okolona and Black Mudd merged after three months of formal discussions. Other departments have been debating the subject, at least informally, for more than 10 years.

During the past year, more than half of Jefferson County's 21 fire districts have seriously discussed merger with a neighboring department. But all but four of those discussions have broken off.

Proponents of merger, who often include the chiefs, say that combining departments would promote efficiency. It would allow more paid firefighters to make runs, and they could make runs faster than volunteers who are called in. Training, bookkeeping and legal costs could also be pooled.

Merger opponents, who often consist of the board members who run the departments, say merging would hurt because it would kill the sense of community pride that attracts volunteers, as well as the identities of unincorporated communities such as Worthington and Pleasure Ridge Park.

But Atwell said merger talks will continue because that's what taxpayers expect. As he sees it, voters approved the Louisville and Jefferson County merger because they believe merged governments can be more efficient, and they feel the same way about fire service. He said it doesn't make sense to have 21 fire districts serving the county.

The districts are from an earlier era, he said, when firehouses were manned completely by volunteers, and costs were so low that the state-imposed tax cap of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation was not a concern.

Financial considerations are another reason to merge, especially for departments in areas without growing tax bases. As the number of fire runs has increased and the number of volunteers stayed about the same, departments have hired more full-time firefighters, straining budgets. It was the major reason Black Mudd merged with Okolona, Chief Tab Baechle said.

"The reality is, at a rate of 10 cents per \$100, we're going to run out of money," said Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte.

Atwell also said that many departments have begun sharing such functions as training and purchasing, and are learning they have more in common than they thought.

"As we do these things, I think you'll see a lot of the fear people have about merger go away," he said.

He likens it to dating. In those terms, several departments have flirted during the past year.

By far the most complex relationship involves four eastern Jefferson County departments — Lyndon, St. Matthews, Harrods Creek and Worthington. They are talking about merging, and the discussion has gone further than any except Okolona and Black Mudd. The departments now train together, and trade trucks and firefighters to make runs together.

After starting with monthly talks, the departments formed a merger task force last month made up of 16 paid firefighters, volunteer firefighters, trustees and chiefs. A month earlier, the departments hired a human resources consultant to draft an organizational chart for a merged department.

"I think you're going to see a timeline come pretty soon" towards merger, said Worthington Chief Gary Yurt.

Harrods Creek's Aponte said the four chiefs support merger.

But there will be "months and months of work" going over the departments' finances and procedures. Then the boards of trustees must approve the work.

"The whole process is fragile right now," Aponte said. "At any point in time, one person, one entity can really throw this all out the window."

Middletown pulled out of the talks in November. Chief Donnie Brooks said the department wanted to build a new station and was worried that volunteer recruiting would suffer from a merger.

Edgewood approached Okolona about a merger about the same time Black Mudd did, but Okolona board of trustees Chairman Dorsey Powell said a financial review showed Edgewood would be too much of a liability.

Two other pairs of departments that considered merging broke off talks — South Dixie and Pleasure Ridge Park, and Buechel and Fern Creek.

Atwell said South Dixie firefighters were concerned about losing their identity and worried that Pleasure Ridge Park was trying to take them over. Not so, Atwell said. "We're just extending our hand." South Dixie's board of trustees decided to drop the matter in January, he said.

Fern Creek Chief Mike Schmidt said his department ended talks with Buechel recently because "there wouldn't be any benefit." He said new homes are added weekly to the tax rolls of his district, which is the largest suburban fire district in Jefferson County at 56 square miles, and the department is "financially secure."

March 6, 2003: *The Courier-Journal*. Merger discussed by fire districts, by Matt Batchelor.

But Atwell said merger is inevitable, because the traditional fire district boundaries are already becoming less relevant. For example, Pleasure Ridge Park has been making all high-priority runs to areas in Fairdale's district where PRP's station is closer than the Fairdale district's station, and vice versa. By the end of next month, he expects to reach a similar agreement with the Lake Dreamland district.

He predicts that eventually there will be only four districts, one west of Interstate 65 and three east. "Those four will one day come into one big fire department," he said. "The question is how long it will take."

4 East End fire departments discussing merger

The fire departments of Harrods Creek, Lyndon, Worthington and St. Matthews are still considering a merger.

The idea first came up in the fall of 2001, when the chiefs of the nine East End fire districts met to talk about the possibility of adopting a common pay scale and engaged in some "what if" speculation about merger.

Four of the departments decided pretty quickly that they weren't interested in merger. A fifth, Middletown, withdrew last fall; officials there decided that department would be better off as a separate district.

And then there were four.

The four districts still "brainstorming" about merger are all about the same size, with comparable budgets and coverage areas.

The chiefs have hired a consultant to help them get organized and eventually develop a detailed merger plan.

They believe a single district combining the expertise, equipment and human assets of four departments could provide better service.

They also note that revenue and funding growth in all these districts is limited. None expects an increase in personal or property taxes, so additional funding is available only from new con-



St. Matthews firefighter Greg Crabb buffed a floor on a quiet day at the Sears Avenue firehouse.

struction, real-estate development and higher property assessments.

A single larger district could save money by reducing duplication of services and taking advantage of economies of scale.

The idea behind merger is to make the best use of limited revenue and resources.

A snapshot of the four districts:

Harrods Creek: Founded 1952. 18 career personnel, 57 volunteers. Annual budget, \$2.1 million. Two stations, coverage area of 20 square miles.

Lyndon: Founded 1950, 27 career personnel, 39 volunteer. Annual budget,

\$2.6 million. Two stations, coverage area of 14 square miles.

Worthington: Founded 1943, 20 career personnel, 10 part-time, 34 volunteer. Annual budget, \$2.4 million. Two stations, coverage area of 17 square miles.

St. Matthews: Founded 1919. 31 career personnel, 23 volunteer. Annual budget, \$2.1 million. Two stations, coverage area of 17 square miles.

In all, the districts serve about 100,000 people and guard about 39,000 structures, including homes, retail, manufacturers and hospitals.

Each now has a seven-member board. The larger district resulting from merger would have a new board with seven members.

How merger works: Two or more districts must express an interest. Concept must have support of leadership, boards and counsel.

So far the departments have agreed on a concept, formed a steering committee and created a number of project teams. Eventually there will be a formal vote on merger, the naming of the new board, and finally, the hiring of a chief.

For additional information, including times and locations of meetings, visit the Jefferson County East End Merger Web site: www.jceem.org.

2003

March 7, 2003, Letter:



I hope everyone has been receiving e-mails or faxes from me about things that are going on with the new Metro Government. The Trustees Association wants all the trustees to be informed on anything that has to do with the fire service, so I will continue to forward these things on to you as I receive them.

We had another house fire last Tuesday night on Totem Road which is located in Indian Hills. The home owner apparently was using a defective toaster which set some combustibles on fire that were located on the counter top which then set the cabinets on fire. Unit 2658 (Capt. Wolfe, Sgt. Sorenson, Firefighters Board and Wiggins) were first on the scene and made an immediate and excellent stop of the fire. The fire was contained to just the kitchen area but the home suffered heat and smoke damage throughout. None of the occupants in the home were injured.

Due to Death In Family Unable to Attend
Capt. Ryan and Capt. Santamaria will be out of town next week in Maryland attending the Staff and Command Class. As I have reported to you earlier, this is a very intense program designed to help company officer level individuals obtain the knowledge and skills that are necessary to command emergency incidents at the next level. Wish them luck!

The merger task force is still moving along meeting twice a week to try and develop a strategic plan for a new merged fire district. The fire chiefs are still meeting weekly to develop and supply information for the task force. I think within the next couple of weeks you may see a timeline developed to help push this merger process along. Again, I will keep the information coming. (see enclosed letter to the small cities mayors)

The City of Windy Hills will have a small dedication ceremony during their regular monthly city meeting to be held here at St. Matthews Fire District Station 1 on Monday

March 17th at 7:00 pm. The city has donated two new AED's to be used in our First Responder Program. Enclosed is a copy of the press release that went out to several news agencies.

The firefighters are trying to put together a Golf Scramble for the four departments that have been discussing merger. Enclosed is some information about a possible scramble. I am sure if this does materialize that they will ask the fire districts to help off set the cost.

Enclosed you will find several EA's for the month of February. They should be self explanatory. If you have any questions about any of them please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Thanks

March, 2003, Believed to be Totem Road fire photos from STMFD first week in March:



Rick Tonini, Ken Strange & Denny Engnehl



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March 13, 2003, Trustee meeting:

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Trustees Meeting Agenda March 13, 2003

- I. ✓ Call to Order
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. ✓ Treasurer Report, Jim King
- V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VI. ✓ Old Business
- VII. ✓ New Business
- VIII. ✓ Executive Session *8:45 to 8:55*
- IX. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on April 17th at Dixie Suburban Fire Department @ 7:00pm.

March 12, 2003: *The Voice-Tribune*: Windy Hills donates defibrillators

Windy Hills donates defibrillators

The city of Windy Hills donated two automated external defibrillators (AED) to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District on March 10. The devices, valued at over \$5,600, will be kept on first-responder trucks. AEDs are crucial in providing immediate care to victims of cardiac arrest. St. Matthews already has two AEDs. The St. Matthews Fire Department, which covers a 7.5-square-mile radius that includes Windy Hills, has 20 career firefighters and 40 volunteers.

**Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company**

March 13, 2003

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:05 P.M.. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding, Tom Eiffer, Jack Monohan, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the February 2003 meeting were approved as written.

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

Chairman

Secretary

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March 13, 2003, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

March 13, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding, Joe Wolfe. Chief Wm. J. Seng also attended.

Also present were Nick Clark, John Treitz, Larry Heaphy.

The minutes of the February minutes were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Seng reported that incentive pay received from the state had not been included in the budget leaving the projected income short of actual figures.

Chief Seng also reported that at the current rate of overtime expenditures, he anticipates a budget overrun in that category. A discussion about overtime wages ensued.

John Trietz pointed out to the Board that the District has an obligation to submit a amended budget to the County Clerk.

Chief Seng reported that Capt Ryan was unable to attend the Staff & Command school due to a death in his family.

Chief Seng reported to the Board that Firefighter Mike Frantz's father had suffered a stroke and was in grave condition.

Chief Seng reminded the Board that the Merger Task Force was meeting at Worthington FD on March 12th. The committee will be pushing for a timeline to be established.

A working fire occurred in the City of Indian Hills on Totem Rd. The District responded rapidly due to companies already being turned out for an alarm sounding. The fire was quickly extinguished by first arriving companies.

John Trietz presented the Board with changes recommended to page 9 of the employee manual regarding the rehire of employees. Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the proposed changes be adopted and included in the employee manual. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board moved into executive session to discuss a employee matter at 7:45.

Open session reconvened at 7:58 with no action taken.

Chief Seng presented the following expenditures for approval:

• IFSAC testing fees for Firefighter I & II	\$1820
• Textbooks	\$723.60
• 8 fire helmets for new firefighters	\$1160
• 3 Battery chargers	\$2250
• Tile work, repair shower pan station 1	\$2331.50

Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the expenditures be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District is trying to put together a Golf Scramble for the four Districts (Harrods Creek, Lyndon, St. Matthews & Worthington).

Just trying to get a rough estimate of how many people would be interested in this event.

Please let us know by faxing me a list of interested people by Friday March 14th.

The fax should be sent to Attn: Mike Frantz @ 896-6555.

Thank you and I hope we can all get together soon!!

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March 19, 2003: *The Courier-Journal*: by Matt Batcheldor, 4 East county fire districts closer to merge Trustees may vote in June on proposal.

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Wednesday, March 19, 2003

4 East county fire districts closer to merger Trustees may vote in June on proposal

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By MATT BATCHELDOR
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The Courier-Journal

Leaders of four eastern Jefferson County fire departments that are considering merging say the time is near for their boards of trustees to vote on the issue.

Last week members of a steering committee studying consolidation gave themselves a deadline of next week to prepare final reports on legal, organizational and financial issues surrounding the potential merger of the Lyndon, St. Matthews, Harrods Creek and Worthington fire districts.

Those reports will be discussed at the next meeting, on March 26, and the matter will then go to the seven-member governing boards of each department.

Worthington Chief Gary Yurt said the merger process, after months of languishing, is picking up speed. The trustees could consider merger in June.

"It's looking like there are very few reasons not to" merge, Yurt said.

Representatives of the departments said they've made faster progress toward merger since hiring consultant Rob Saxton in December and forming a steering committee in January. They say Saxton, as a neutral third party, has made the meetings more focused, partly by suggesting deadlines.

In another development the chiefs see as significant, Saxton presented a timeline last month that suggests target dates for voting on merger, seating a new board of trustees to run the combined department, and beginning the process of selecting a new chief. It suggests the departments merge in July and hire a chief by September. The departments had never before discussed a timeline.

Saxton said the departments are moving along faster now because responsibilities have been defined more clearly. He helped form a steering committee on which career firefighters, volunteer firefighters, trustees and chiefs from each district have equal representation. The 10-member committee broke into four work groups that are studying different aspects of merger.

Harrods Creek is in charge of communication issues; Worthington is handling legal concerns; St. Matthews is looking at financial aspects; and Lyndon is considering the organizational structure of a combined department.

Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponie said his department has created www.jccem.org, a Web site devoted to merger issues. Visitors interested in the merger can read the minutes of past merger meetings, read about merger-related topics and post thoughts on an online forum.

Worthington's Yurt said his group is reviewing three key areas that would have to be resolved before merger: litigation, contracts and debts.

Joe Wolfe, a full-time St. Matthews firefighter, said his group is going over the accounting practices of the four departments to make sure it can offer valid comparisons between their budgets. One department, for example, may put spending for a certain item into a different category than another department.

Lyndon is creating an organizational chart, which has generated some heated discussion. Dan Hedrick, a Harrods Creek volunteer firefighter, suggested that the chart include specific positions for volunteers.

But Lyndon trustee Sheryl Smith said it might not be wise to specify positions for volunteers because it may not be possible to find a qualified volunteer for each position.

Merger has been discussed among various combinations of the 21 Jefferson County fire districts for more than 10 years. But no consolidation ever took place until last month, when Black Mudd and Okolona voted to join forces.

Yurt said that it's unfair to compare East End departments' efforts to the Okolona-Black Mudd merger, which occurred after just three months of talks.

He said the East End departments want to create a new district from scratch, with a board of trustees that includes representatives from each department. The four departments have expanding tax bases and want to be more efficient, while Black Mudd had declining tax revenue and basically asked Okolona to take over, he said.

The East End departments have been talking since fall 2001, when nine departments discussed going to a common pay scale. Four districts quickly dropped out because their boards did not support participation or because they did not perceive any need for a change, Saxton said.

Middletown pulled out in November. At the time, Chief Donnie Brooks said the Middletown department wanted to go ahead with plans for a new station and was worried that recruiting of volunteers would suffer from a merger.

Proponents of merger, who often include the chiefs, say that combining departments would make them more efficient. It would allow more paid firefighters to make runs, and their reaction time would be shorter because personnel at firehouses can respond more quickly than volunteers who are called in. Training, bookkeeping and legal costs could also be pooled and reduced.

Merger opponents, who often include the trustees, say consolidation would hurt the community pride that attracts volunteers and the identities of unincorporated communities like Worthington and Pleasure Ridge Park that aren't defined any other way. Also, some

volunteers say they can respond to fires just as quickly as paid staff.

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What's New

Background of Merger Considerations (02.26.2003 - MLH)

In fall 2001, chiefs from the nine East End fire protection districts discussed the possibility of converting to one common pay scale. That discussion led to a "what if" consideration for merger.

A number of the districts dropped out of the merger discussion based on perceived lack of board support, or a feeling from district leadership that there was not a compelling need to pursue such change.

During the spring and summer of 2002, five districts continued to show an interest in merger; Harrods Creek, Lyndon, Middletown, St. Matthews and Worthington. These chiefs met and brainstormed ideas around merger.

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A Snapshot of the Districts Involved (02.26.2003 - MLH)

	Founded	Personnel	Annual Budget	Area Served
Harrods Creek	1952	18 Car 57 Vol	\$2.1 mil	20 sq Miles (Two Stations)
Lyndon	1950	27 Car 39 Vol	\$2.6 mil	14 sq Miles (Two Stations)
St. Matthews	1919	31 Car 23 Vol	\$2.4 mil	8 sq Miles (Two Stations)
Worthington	1943	20 Car 10 PT 34 Vol	\$2.1 mil	17 sq Miles (Two Stations)

Merger Steering Committee

Key Milestones in the Merger Process

Milestone	-Status
-Chiefs/Boards Agree to Merger Concept	-Done
-Broad-Based Background Work and Research	-Done
-Steering Committee Formed	-Done
-Strategic Work Areas Identified	-Done
-Project Teams Assigned/Work Begins	-Ongoing
-Status Reports to Steering Committee	-Ongoing
-Boards Formally Vote On Merger	-TBD
-New Board Identified and Submitted for Approval	-TBD
-New Board In Place	-TBD
-Selection Process Begins for New Chief	-TBD
-Series of District Meetings with Career and Volunteer Personnel	-TBD
-New Chief In Place	-TBD

"Go forward. Make up your mind on course and direction of action and stick to it. The objective can easily be lost waiting for perfect conditions." General George S. Patton, Jr.

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MERGER TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2003 Worthington FPD Station No. 2

Meeting Convened: 1904

Meeting Adjourned: 2051

Attendees: Harrods Creek FPD – Chris Aponte, Gregg Cobb, Ric Cusick, Dan Hedrick, Deb Scott
Lyndon FPD – Jim Baker, Mike Noland, Mark Weber
St. Matthews FPD – Faye Ellerkamp, Stuart Monohan, John Treitz, Joe Wolfe
Worthington – Gary Yurt, Rick Baker, Harry Cooke, Jon Cooke, Ray Elms, Justin Kramer, Al Mudica, Joel Neild, Jeff Schank, Paul Schmitt, Howard Whitman, Sam Yates
Other Guests – Rob Saxton, Principal, HR Help

Introductions and recap: Chief Yurt introduced himself and welcomed everyone. Each attendee thereafter introduced him or herself and told everyone which fire department they represent or belong to and what position they hold within that department. Our guest and this evening's speaker, Rob Saxton, will be slightly delayed.

At last month's meeting it was approved to hire Rob Saxton as our group's business consultant. In two other meetings that have occurred since our last meeting, much progress was made, Rob is facilitating us in the right direction. He has prepared a presentation for us this evening,

Each district was tasked to go back to their board of trustees regarding the memo of understanding drafted by Ric Cusick. Worthington and Lyndon have approved the memo. Harrods Creek will have a meeting on January 27 to review the memo. Ric tried to make it as straight forward as possible and he doesn't anticipate any problems with it from Harrods Creek's standpoint.

Rob Saxton has worked hard to identify areas in the business/strategic plan as to where we want to head. He has begun using appropriate corporate terminology relative to how the plan would fit into our environment. Rob read, cover to cover, the book Chief Aponte gave him (Making the Pieces Fit). This publication gave Rob a better understanding of what we are doing. As an example, Rob didn't understand the county tax rate versus the city tax rate, relative to our particular circumstances. The Chiefs explained this to him so he would be able to understand it better.

At the November meeting of the Merger Task Force, Mike Noland was concerned members were not involved. He thinks its the same now as then and feels having the Steering Committee will help, and make things easier to move forward. Chief Baker solicited stakeholders comments from those who are present at tonight's meeting. One of the Lyndon members said he plans to put a letter of interest on Jim's desk tomorrow. One other Lyndon member commented he is glad to see decisions now will start to be made.

Chief Yurf asked what if we run out of money to pay Rob before we meet again in April. Chief Aponte said if this happens, each Chief could take the matter back to their board. Chief Yurf suggested we not forget to keep track of Rob's time.

Compensation & Benefits: At another meeting held last week Chief Aponte suggested the four Chiefs, a union representative from each district, and others get together to talk about parity in compensation/pay scales throughout the districts. They met for an hour or two and did not make much progress. There were some issues as well as sensitivities. They hope to get to a point where they can bring something to the boards. The latest pay scale from Middletown is comparable with what is being proposed at Lyndon now. They are trying to see where that pay scale fits for now and into the future.

We recently received news that Kentucky Retirement Systems will be increasing the CERS employer contribution rate by 2 to 2.5% for hazardous duty employees. The Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield health plan also has increased by approximately 15%. Employee costs are becoming very high. All of the districts have to deal with these same issues. Jeff Riddle, of Middletown FPD, did a lot of work to put together a spreadsheet showing the minimum pay scales for the five districts. Middletown FPD employees were given upwards of \$10,000 per year raises after they reviewed the spreadsheet. We need to make progress to get people to the table to make decisions about compensation. If our trustees don't think it's the right thing to do, it won't be done.

Rob Saxon: Rob was introduced by Chief Yurt. Rob grew up in Lyndon's fire protection district in Rolling Hills Subdivision, off of Westport Road. He left Tricon two years ago and was involved in human resources for 20 years. He spent the last 15 years with Kentucky Fried Chicken Tricon where he was in charge of human resources and training for the company. For the last two years he has owned a human resources consulting business called "HR Help." Rob's involvement with us began when he received a call from Bill Seng to see if he would meet with the Chiefs. Rob has since met with them and been approved to help us move forward in the merger process. He hopes we leave here tonight with a better understanding of where this process is, where it has been over the last year, and where it's going. Chief Yurt said Rob has been helping to keep us focused and much progress already has been made with Rob's assistance.

Rob admits he doesn't know much about fire protection and our industry. He has however helped organizations of all sizes from a small franchise with only two restaurants, up to the larger KFC.

The title of Rob's presentation for us this evening is entitled The Power of Four to One (see copy attached to these minutes).

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Rob’s presentation includes the following topics:

“Background of Merger Considerations”

“A Snapshot of the Districts Involved”

“The Case for Change”

“Stakeholders”

“Coming Together” . . . A Range of Possibilities”

“How the Merger Process Typically Works” - Rob pointed out here that informing and educating the stakeholders is the most important part of this process. Approximately 60% of the stakeholders will move from compliance mode to being committed. Another 20% will be on the fence and 20% will self-select out. The 20% who are on the fence will likely move to commit because they will become excited about the 60% who moved from compliance mode to being committed. There needs to be communication and education plan, in writing, for the stakeholders.

“Lessons Learned From Others”

“Next Steps”

Questions Posed to Rob

Q: Are there any particular areas we should consider first? As an example, personnel instead of equipment? Or perhaps finances instead of personnel?

A: You should let the most compelling need drive the agenda. For me at Tricon, it was personnel-related. We just couldn’t staff the restaurants. When you do your market research with the stakeholders, you might find that compelling need.

Q: Rob, you are a stakeholder, as a citizen in this area. What do you think of the process?

A: I’m excited about it. I believe in the cause. I live now by Harrods Creek and work in St. Matthews. The spirit of cooperation is very exciting in your group of Chiefs, as I see it. I see you have alignment already. Perhaps you could better leverage your volunteers.

Could you get by with fewer pieces of apparatus? The reality is that there are limited revenues and there are taxes. Revenue is somewhat capped. Costs are not—they continue to increase. This won’t be easy. It won’t be impossible. Keep leadership involved and everyone in line. Keep stakeholders informed.

Chief Yurt suggested we consider getting the Mayors of the small cities together and their councils or just the Mayors, for, as an example, a morning meeting, to talk with them about this plan. Perhaps we also could get business owners together. There are business associations within our districts.

Rob mentioned a letter Rick Baker wrote for The Courier-Journal about the merger. Rob recently heard Mayor Abramson speak. The fire districts are not on the Mayor’s radar screen although he thinks it might make some sense for a merger to take place.

Chief Aponte referred to page 8 of Rob’s presentation and said, from Harrods Creek’s standpoint, its board wants something tangible. The Chief asked Rob for clarification of the “names in boxes” [organizational chart] concept. Rob gave us examples of “strategic directional planks” for the merger process. After/Under those “planks” you would get more tactical with the plan, i.e., we would go from four Chiefs to one, four payroll systems to one, and down to one health insurance provider, etc. Then under each of those tactical areas would be a sub list of goals and things to do.

Chief Aponte asked Rob if developing the strategic plan will be the most labor intensive part of the merger process. Rob thinks not. He thinks, as an example, going to one payroll system will be more labor intensive.

Using our Jefferson County and Louisville Police Departments as an example, those separate organizations immediately became one, with one Chief and one command structure. Who knows when they’ll go to one uniform and one car design. You have to prioritize things and develop a sequence of events.

Chief Aponte said the actual implementation might take four or five years. Changes in trucks, as an example, might take a long time. It seems to him creating the strategic plan is a roll-up-your-sleeves kind of process.

Rob said our training departments might come to the forefront of the process. Maybe we should say our “new hire” training would be a focus area, before we consider changing training for the departments in their entirety.

Steering committee: Question rose: Who is actually going to do the strategic plan? Who is going to make up the Steering Committee?

It was suggested perhaps the four Chiefs and one representative from each district from the Steering Committee. This Committee needs to be more formalized. Those who will be tasked need to know they will be required to show up for meetings, as an example. The individuals who are on the Committee need to agree to actually do some of the work. It was suggested each Steering Committee member have an alternate to act in his or her stead in the event that Steering Committee member cannot attend a meeting and/or get their tasks done. We also need to make sure the elected career representatives have the time and flexibility made available to them by their supervisors, to participate on the Steering Committee. Will the career person be paid to participate? We should ensure all four districts agree on these issues. We might discover the interest to participate by this group might decline because of the volume of work that will be required.

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Rob suggested when we put together a Steering Committee we establish a connection to each of our stakeholder groups. That doesn't necessarily mean a government agency needs to have a representative on the Committee, but they should somehow be connected.

For the open forum meetings we held on October 20 and 21, 2002, more than 100 to 125 people attended from all five districts. This was a large informational meeting, the intent of which was to give the audience an opportunity to ask questions without our having to provide them with all the answers to their questions in those meetings.

We owe it to our stakeholders, particularly the members--both career and volunteer--to keep them informed. Rob reiterated the importance of involving, educating, and keeping the stakeholders informed. Where there is a void—in other words, if we don't do those things—people will be misinformed and some may try to block the process.

Chief Aponte feels we need to establish a formal Steering Committee and identify what that Committee is to be tasked with.

Rob suggests we include the appropriate people and appropriate coverage for this Committee. It was suggested we include the four Chiefs and one board member from each district. If we also include one volunteer firefighter and one career firefighter from each district, we would end up with 16 members on the Committee. Then we also have union and non-union career members. It was suggested we have one union representative as well as a Mayor from one of the small cities on this Committee.

Question rose: Couldn't the Chiefs represent the career members? No. It wouldn't be appropriate.

Ric Cusick feels we don't need to worry about the government agencies. He would be startled if they didn't go along with what we decide to do. They really have no legal authority anyway. If they didn't like the merger we could still do it. Small public agencies should be consulted; however their involvement should be limited to our consulting them. Providing them with general information from a public relations standpoint would be sufficient.

The rest of the meeting attendees will make up the “Task Force.” We need to identify what the Steering Committee is to do, and what the Task Force is to do. The Steering Committee could form subcommittees, who then would be assigned different tasks.

Ray Elms is the Mayor of a small city. District 17 has 50% to 60% of all of the cities in Jefferson County. He feels we are wrong about not needing to get much input from and/or not consider the concerns of the small cities. He says it's surprising how many concerns there are on the part of the small cities--there are several. Chief Aponte asked Ray if he knew someone who might want to participate from the small cities. Ray will bring it up at the next executive council meeting on January 27. Faye Ellerkamp also plans to attend that meeting.

Who should the Steering Committee be comprised of? It should include the four Chiefs, one Mayor, four board members, four volunteer firefighters, and four career firefighters. Ray Elms thinks Rick Baker would be a good representative from Worthington because of the multiple areas Rick could represent on behalf of that district. Ray would support Rick's being a designee, if his board would approve it. Ray will bring it up at their next board meeting.

The Chiefs got more done in this Tuesday's Chiefs meeting, with Rob, than they have accomplished in months.

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Rob suggests the Chiefs continue to meet on Tuesday mornings. At the same time, it sounds like the boards will decide who the representatives will be. After those people are elected, we will join them in with what the Chiefs are doing. Chief Yurt raised a concern that another full month will go by before our boards meet again. That's a lot of time. He felt the Chiefs could put together the mission statement at their meeting this coming Tuesday.

Some of the board representatives are present at tonight's meeting. Ric Cusick feels as long as all interests are represented, that's more important than the number of members who are selected.

Chief Aponte felt Harrods Creek will probably just need to come up with its career firefighter representative since Ric Cusick and Gregg Cobb (both Harrods Creek trustees) and Dan Hedrick (a Harrods Creek volunteer) are already present tonight. It is likely either Rio or Gregg will be Harrods Creek's board representative on the Steering Committee.

Chief Yurt asked for how long should the Steering Committee meet? Once a week for four hours each week, as an example? Rob said he thinks it would not be necessary for the entire group to meet every week. Some people within from the group might need to meet more often. Some of the representatives from the Steering Committee should be scheduled to meet on a regular basis. Then meetings for the entire Steering Committee should occur perhaps monthly. It was decided to rename the “Merger Task Force Committee” the “Merger Oversight Committee” and that the Merger Oversight Committee meet on a quarterly, versus monthly, basis.

Chief Yurt suggested we vote at tonight's meeting that we will form the Steering Committee by no later than this coming Monday. He stated Jeff Shank will be Worthington's career firefighter representative.

The deadline for the submission of names for, as well as the makeup of the Steering Committee was decided this evening. The Steering Committee will be made up of one Chief, one board member, one volunteer firefighter, and one career firefighter from each of the four districts.

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Legal Concerns: The following observations were shared from John Treitz. It seems clear to him the group is moving forward. There are however a couple of threshold areas that have not been talked about. The first one is a quirk in the law about mergers that deals with indebtedness. It relates to how you can pay off indebtedness in a merged district. If the debt is substantial, we should discuss it. The second area is that for so many years the districts have financed the acquisition of real estate and apparatus through subsidiary entities. Some of these entities still have ownership. We should review our districts’ bylaws to be sure there are no issues of concern regarding ownership. Perhaps the newly merged department would have to lease all of the property and equipment for the first two years before the merged districts can make changes. We should look at the corporations to be clear about what they own and to be sure there are no impediments to property ownership as those may relate to the merger. We need to look at employee manuals for parity issues. We also should consider what other contracts or understandings the districts might have that might not terminate before the merger happens, which could be problematic. John has a list of 20 or 30 things he will turn over to the Steering Committee for review and consideration. Chief Aponte suggested at some point in time we should have an attorney come in and research these types of items and find out if we have any issues.

Dates & Deadlines: Submissions for names for the Steering Committee must be received by the Chiefs by no later than Wednesday, January 22, at noon.

The Steering Committee’s first kickoff meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29, at Harrods Creek’s Station No. 1 starting at 1900.

The Merger Oversight Committee will meet on a quarterly basis. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2003, at Harrods Creek Station No. 1, starting at 1900.

Minutes of February 6, 2003 Meeting:

To: Merger Steering Committee From: Rob Saxton, HR Help Date: March 3, 2003

Subject: Minutes of February 26 Meeting

The most recent Merger Steering Committee meeting was held on February 26, at 7:00 PM at Lyndon Station #1.

Steering Committee Members present were:

Harrods Creek- Chris Aponte, Dan Hedrick
Lyndon- Jim Baker, Craig Newman, Michael Noland, Sheryl Smith
St. Matthews- Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding
Worthington- Gary Yurt, Rick Baker, David Williams, Jeff Schank

Others present were: Rob Saxton, Facilitator, Fred Simon, HC,
Matt Board, Eric Sorenson, George Wiggins, St. Matthews
Matt Batchelder, Courier-Journal

An Accountability Exercise was conducted at the beginning of the meeting. The following attachments were reviewed at the meeting:

-Prioritizing for Progress-Human Resource Program Analysis “Template”

Each project team provided an update on their work. (See Below) Each team is making very good progress and no team presented any “dealbreakers” at this point.
(Harrods Creek- Communication and Web Site, Lyndon- Org Structure and Selection Process, St. Matthews- Fiscal, Worthington- Legal)

Rob Saxton closed the meeting by presenting a “Key Milestone” template to provoke thinking on key actions and timelines. The group decided to address this at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on March 12 at 7:00 PM at Worthington Station # 2.

Minutes of Steering Committee March 17, 2003:

To: Merger Steering Committee From: Rob Saxton, HR Help Date: March 17, 2003

Subject: Minutes of March 12 Meeting

The most recent Merger Steering Committee meeting was held on March 12, at 7:00 PM at Worthington Station #2.

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Steering Committee Members present were:

Harrods Creek-	Rick Cusick, Dan Hedrick, Keith Brooks
Lyndon-	Craig Newman, Michael Noland, Sheryl Smith
St. Matthews-	Bill Seng, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan
Worthington-	Gary Yurt, David Williams, Jeff Schank

Others present were: Rob Saxton, HR Help; Sam Yates, Worthington Fire District

The agenda was:

- 1) Project Teams provided updates, each continuing to show progress.

Fiscal- Handouts were provided to the committee comparing current, Historical and projected tax income streams for each district.

Legal- Handouts were provided to the committee listing any significant legal issues impacting the merger process.

Communications- Handout was provided to the committee showing usage data on the new Merger Web Site.

Organization Structure- Progress reported in comparing job titles and department breakdowns among the four districts. Also, the team secured a copy of the Louisville city fire department organization chart for comparison purposes.

Human Resources- Each Chief continues to gather data on their own district HR policies and practices. Next step is to compare and contrast these policies and practices among the four districts.

- 2) The Committee engaged a discussion regarding a list of Key Milestones to be pursued as the merger process continues. That list is attached. (dates TBD by the Committee)

(March 12 Steering Committee Recap continues)

The group engaged a discussion regarding specific things that must be addressed prior to the boards being asked to formally vote on merger. Some of the things mentioned were:

- A proposed organization structure must be presented
- Common HR policies must be proposed
- District boundary lines and response protocol must be examined and communicated
- Major budget and fiscal “upsides” and “downsides” must be presented
- Any outstanding legal issues must be addressed
- Merger feedback from volunteer and career personnel should be communicated

- 4) Harrods Creek mentioned a training dinner they had scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 where they planned to communicate merger progress to volunteers and career personnel. They promised to report back to the committee the reaction and feelings from the volunteers and career personnel.

The meeting concluded with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 PM at Harrods Creek station # 1.

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March, 2003, Incident Report:

April 3, 2003, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {03/01/2003} And {03/31/2003}

Incident Type	Count	Pot of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pot of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	3	2,188	\$0	0.00%
121 Building fire	3	2,188	\$245,800	100.00%
138 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
	9	6,564	\$245,800	100.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
300 Person, emergency medical (EMS) call, Other	3	2,188	\$0	0.00%
312 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	38	27,738	\$0	0.00%
	41	29,926	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
420 Toxic condition, Other	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	10	7,299	\$0	0.00%
	14	10,215	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
510 Person in distress, Other	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	3	2,188	\$0	0.00%
511 Smoke or odor removal	4	2,924	\$0	0.00%
532 Police matter	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2	1,458	\$0	0.00%
	11	8,028	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	5	3,645	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & canceled en route	2	1,458	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	2	1,458	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	5	3,645	\$0	0.00%
	15	10,940	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {03/01/2003} And {03/31/2003}

Incident Type	Count	Pot of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pot of Losses
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	8	5,835	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, malicious false call, Other	2	1,458	\$0	0.00%
720 System malfunction, Other	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	9	6,564	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0,729	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	1,458	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	6	4,374	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	2	1,458	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	22	15,834	\$0	0.00%
743 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	5	3,645	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2	1,458	\$0	0.00%
	47	34,300	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 137 Total Est. Loss: \$265,800

Subj: District Activity
Date: 4/3/2003 11:14:38 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: seng@stmatthewsfd.com
To: rick@stmatthewsfd.com, mcmorahan@aol.com, jking@stmatthewsfd.com, vick204@aol.com, seng@stmatthewsfd.com, WtW@stmatthewsfd.com
File: WilliamSeng.vcf (208 bytes) DL Time (50667 bps) = 1 minute
Send from the Internet (Details)

Not a lot going on this week. Seems like all the meetings downtown have slowed up a little. Paul Barth is on vacation this week and next for Spring Break so we will not be getting any additional information for a while.

I will be leaving Friday morning to go on vacation for a week in Florida for Spring Break. Asst. Chief Monahan will be in charge while I am gone. Chief Monahan will be leaving town on April 10th for three days during this same time period. Capt Ryan will be acting chief in Sheryl's and mine absence. Everything will be back to normal on Monday, April 14th.

We received our renewal quotes in the mail last week on our health and dental insurance. The health portion took a 14% increase while the dental only went up 4%. We will need to discuss this next month when we get together to work on the budget. Just a reminder, the budget needs to be filed with Teri's office by June 1st.

There will be a Fire Chiefs and Trustees Social at Sheryl Smith's house on April 13th from 4 pm to 7 pm. Sheryl is the Trustee from Lyndon who is a lawyer. She has been very outspoken proponent of the fire districts merging. Her idea is to try to get all of the Trustees together in a relaxed atmosphere to discuss the issues about merging the fire districts. I think this will be a good opportunity for some of St. Matthews Trustees to be able to talk to some of those other trustees who are sitting on the fence. Sheryl lives at 906 Rugby Place which is located somewhere in the estates of Humstone. I will try to get everyone a detailed map to her house. Tina will try to contact you on Monday or Tuesday to see if you can make the event.

Unit 2691 (the Blower) is going into the repair shop next week to have air-conditioning work done to it.

Unit 2601 (Chief's Car) is going into the body shop next week to have a dent in the rear end repaired. Someone hit it in a parking lot somewhere and never reported it. Insurance paid about \$1800 of the repair. Our deductible was \$250.

Unit 2858 is in Lexington at the repair shop having some warranty work done to it. Should be back in Louisville on Friday.

Some of the items approved last month have been purchased and have been placed into service. They are as follows:

- IFSTA Fire Service Training Manuals
- IFAC Firefighter I & II Testing
- Three vehicle battery chargers
- Eight new firefighter helmets for the new recruits

The expenditure of \$1,160.00 that was approved to replace the shower pan in the second bathroom has not been spent. It appears that we have been able to repair a leaking pipe that may have been causing all of our problems.

Sometime on Friday you will be receiving your district packet of info. Inside you will find 3 EA's for next weeks meeting, they are as follows:

- Software update and scheduling add on module to our Firehouse Software Package
- Purchase of a used ice machine for Station II
- Replacement of the ice machine in the kitchen at Station I.

April 10, 2003, Trustee meeting:

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Trustees Meeting Agenda April 10, 2003

- Call to Order *C.R.C.*
- Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- Treasurer Report, Jim King
- Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng *Fayer's been up this year - NEED LETTER to Mayor*
- Old Business
- New Business
- Executive Session
- The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on April 17th at Dixie Suburban Fire Department @ 7:00pm. *2:05 Drafting*

✗ NEXT MT @ 5:30 Discuss Budget Before Reg 7:05 AM

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April 10, 2003, Trustee meeting:

Approved

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

April 10, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim King, and Joe Wolfe.

Also present were Captain Don Ryan (as acting chief) Tina Frieber, Capt Larry Heaphy.

The minutes of the March minutes were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Report

Capt Ryan reported that he and Chief Seng will attend a CAAK conference at Ky Dam Village on the coming Sunday until the following Wednesday.

Capt Ryan reported that 2658 has returned from E-One and still has some problems.

Ryan reminded the Board that Faye Ellerkamp's term is up on June 30th. After a short discussion the Board directed Tina Frieber to draft a letter of request for reappointment to the Mayor.

Ryan reminded the Board that the District is required to file a budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year by June 1. After a discussion, Chairperson Ellerkamp set a budget meeting for 5:30PM on May 8th prior to the regular monthly meeting. All Board members shall be part of the budget committee.

Expenditure Request

Captain Ryan presented the following expenditure list:

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|--|--------|
| • Scheduling software module Fire House Software | \$2915 |
| • Ice machine for second floor kitchen | \$998 |
| • Used ice machine for station 2 | \$400 |

Additionally, Joe Wolfe requested an emergency expenditure for a replacement computer for the business office.

\$1200

A discussion followed. Tina Frieber offered a brief description of the capabilities of the scheduling module for Fire House software. Jim King questioned the necessity of an ice machine in the 2nd floor kitchen and was satisfied when told that this was a replacement unit for one we already owned.

Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the expenditures, including a replacement computer be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe reported that St Matthews is graduating 8 new firefighters from the Jefferson Co Joint Recruit Class. The Board wanted to recognize Mike Richardson's hard work in the joint recruit training programs.

Joe Wolfe spoke briefly about the FEMA Fire Grant Program. Our grant proposal of last year was very close to funding. A similar grant request has been sent out. Our grant, if funded, would be for a NFPA 1583 compliant firefighter physical fitness program.

Being no more business, Jim King moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 7:30 P.M.

April 15, 2002, the Courier Journal

ST. MATTHEWS

League will have opening-day parade

An opening-day parade for the St. Matthews Little League will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthews Baptist Church, 3515 Grandview Ave.

The parade will travel down Shelbyville Road to the Little League field behind Ten Pin Bowling Lanes.

A St. Matthews Fire Depart-

ment truck will lead the parade. Floats, decorated by teams and their families, will participate.

Nine hundred players, ages 5-15, participate in the league.

— Denise Smith

2003

April 19, 2003, Parade, courtesy Wiley Brewer, former STMFD.



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2003

April, 2003, Incident Report:

May 2, 2003, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between (04/01/2003) And (04/30/2003)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Ret Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
110 Building fire	2	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
120 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
170 Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, Other	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
	8	5.79%	\$0	0.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
220 Overpressure rupture of air or gas	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
310 Rescues, emergency medical (EMS, call), Other	4	2.89%	\$0	0.00%
315 Medical assist, assist EMT crew	53	39.40%	\$0	0.00%
	57	41.30%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
420 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
430 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
435 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
440 Power line down	2	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
460 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	5	3.62%	\$0	0.00%
	12	8.69%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
510 Lock-out	2	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
515 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
540 Unauthorized burning	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
570 Crew assignments, standby, makeup	10	7.24%	\$0	0.00%
	14	10.14%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
610 Good intent call, Other	5	3.62%	\$0	0.00%
615 Dispatched & canceled on route	4	2.89%	\$0	0.00%
618 Smoke source, odor of smoke	4	2.89%	\$0	0.00%
	13	9.59%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Ret Loss	Pct of Losses
	12	8.69%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	8	5.79%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	2	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
735 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
737 Smoke detector activation due to	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
738 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
739 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
745 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
746 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	4	2.89%	\$0	0.00%
747 Detector activation, no fire -	4	2.89%	\$0	0.00%
748 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	3	2.16%	\$0	0.00%
	33	23.91%	\$0	0.00%
9 Special incident type				
900 Special type of incident, Other	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.72%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	138		Total Ret Loss:	\$0

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Approved

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: May 2, 2003
Re: District Activity

The Merger Steering Committee is still trudging along. The last meeting was held at Lyndon on Wednesday April 30th. The turnout at that meeting was not very good. There is really not any new news to report on. I think that they may try and get the entire trustees group to meet sometime in June. I will report more on this during our Trustees' meeting.

Currently, all of the fire apparatus and department vehicles are up and running without any need of repair. However, 2613 the 1999 GMC Yukon made a Fast Truck (2691) run to the MSD plant at the request of Lake Dreamland for a small fire they had at the plant. The problem is that ever since it has been back it has a terrible smell that won't go away. We have had the car outside and airing out for three days straight and it still smells of you know what! Hopefully with time it will go away.

The firefighter Trustee Election will be held here at Station 1 on Saturday June 28th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. We will need to appoint an election committee to work the election. As of now John Volkending is the only volunteer firefighter who has filed his name to run in the election.

As most of you know Faye Ellerkamp's term is up at the end of this June. As instructed, I have sent Faye's name down to the Mayors office along with the recommendation for Faye from our Board for her reappointment. Terri from the Trustees Office will let us know as soon as these appointments are made.

Enclosed are several documents for you to look over. I am trying to send most of the information to you during the week as I receive them. Some of the larger documents I usually wait towards the end of the month when I send the packets out.

Once a year Assistant Chief Monahan and I select the "St. Matthews Firefighter of the Year", for the St. Matthews Kiwanis Club. This year's selection is Captain Dave Dugan. Dave will be honored at a luncheon along with the St. Matthews Police Officer of the Year on May 20th at the St. Matthews Community Center. If you are interested in attending this luncheon please let me know and I will make the necessary arrangements so that you can join us.

I will be asking the Board at this next meeting to approve 4 more sets of dress uniforms for firefighters who would like to be on our department representative detail. This group of firefighters who make up this detail attend many different functions throughout the year. These firefighters take great pride in wearing these uniforms and they feel it is a great honor to be apart of this detail. I budgeted extra money in the uniform account so that we could purchase three or four sets a year.

All three items that were approved at last months meeting have been purchased and are currently in use. (Ice machine at Sta. 1 and 2, and Firehouse Software update.)

Expenditures May 2003


Item	Cost
4 sets of Class A Uniforms. (Mosley, Monahan, Montague, Dugan)	\$2,400.00 ✓
Phone voice mail system	\$3,329.00 → ? <i>Hold</i>
Placement of fire hydrant in rear of lot at Station 1.	\$7,000.00 → ? <i>Hold</i>
Fire department softball team registration fee.	\$200.00 ✓
2 sets of water rescue equipment for our members who are on the Jefferson County Water Rescue Team. <i>W/ Dry Suit</i>	\$3,500.00 ✓

*UNTIL LATER
DATE
(Maybe Mid Year)*

2003

May 8, 2003, Trustee meeting:

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**Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District**
May 8, 2003

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James King, Treasurer
Joe Wolfe, Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
John K. Wherding
Richard J. Tonini
Jack Monohan
Thomas G. Eifler

Trustees Meeting Agenda May 8, 2003

I. ☒ Call to Order 7:00

II. ☒ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

IV. ☒ Treasurer Report, Jim King

V. ☒ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng

VI. ☐ Old Business None

VII. ☒ New Business

VIII. ☒ Executive Session 8:25 to 8:28

IX. ☒ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on June 18, 2003 at South Dixie Fire Department @ 7:00pm.
8:28 End @ 8:35

** May 22nd 2003 Thur @ 7:00 PM Sta #1 } Budget
* June 20th 2003 Sat @ 11:00 to 2:00 } Final Review
• Faye
• Jack
• Tom*

**Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company**
May 8, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim King, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present were Chief Seng, Asst. Chief Monohan, Tina Friebert, Kent Monohan, Ron Renner & Kevin Moulton.

The minutes of the April minutes were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim King reported that at the District is currently spending \$201,000 monthly in order to operate. At that rate of spending he projected that the District would run into shortfalls by October.

Mr. King provided the Board with his proposed budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year which included a 3% pay increase for the employees. The Board reviewed and discussed this budget at some length.

Joe Wolfe provided the Board with a sample proposed budget that matched the Lyndon pay scale. Wolfe reported that matching the Lyndon scale would cost the District roughly 10% overall increase in employee salaries. Much discussion ensued. During this discussion, Jim King pointed out that Wolfe's budget did not reflect recent increases in the CERS employers contribution rate that rose to 18.5%.

Mr. King reported that the District must file a budget by the end of the month by law. Joe Wolfe objected to filing a budget without more opportunity to discuss this issue.

Tom Eifler moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the District file the budget as prepared by Jim King and that the Board meet on May 22nd at 7:00 PM at St Matthews Station 1 to discuss the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:40 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Tom Eifler, Jim King, Jack Monohan, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the April 2003 meeting were approved as written.

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

Chairman

Secretary

2003

May 8, 2003, Trustee meeting:

John Volkerding reported asked the Board to consider a participation incentive for the volunteer firefighters. He stated that the volunteer incentive program was discontinued and at that time it was promised that some program would replace it. He stated that no program has been instituted as of yet.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported that the District responded to a working fire at the Hooters Restaurant on May 3rd. The cause appeared to be electrical and started in the business office. Firefighters made a good stop but not before the building received significant damage.

The firefighter trustee election is to be held on Saturday, June 28th from 11-2 PM. The only candidate is John Volkerding. Chairperson Ellerkamp appointed herself, Jack Monohan & Tom Eifler to oversee the election.

Seng reported that the Worthington Fire District is considering dropping out of the merger talks. The steering committee will be presenting a report to Worthington's Board on June 4th in an effort to get them to delay a vote before hearing the full committee report in August.

Chief Seng reported that Captain Dave Dugan has been selected as the Kiwanis Club Firefighter of the Year.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures:

• Four sets of Class A uniforms	\$2400 —
• Phone voice mail system	\$3329
• Fire hydrant installed in rear lot	\$7000
• Softball team registration fee	\$200 ✓
• Two sets of water rescue equipment	\$3500 —

A discussion ensued about the requested expenditures.

Jim King moved, seconded by Tom Eifler, that the softball fee, swiftwater rescue gear and the Class A uniforms be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe moved and Jim King seconded that the fire hydrant be tabled for later consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion about the necessity of a voice mail system ensued. It was felt that although needed, the uncertainty of the merger and the fact that the adequacy of the phone system would be questionable, this expenditure should wait.

Tom Eifler moved and Jim King seconded that the requested phone voice mail system be tabled. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board moved to executive session at 8:20 P.M. to discuss a disciplinary measure.

General session resumed at 8:26 P.M.

Tom Eifler moved and Jim King seconded that the Chiefs recommendation on a disciplinary action be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:34.

May 22, 2003, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

May 22, 2003

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Trustees was held on Thursday, May 22 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. The purpose of the meeting was for the discussion of the 2003-04 budget. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim King, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present were Chief Seng, Tina Frieber, Paul Kurtz, Gregg Crabb, & Mike Richardson.

Chairperson Ellerkamp asked Treasurer King if he would like to begin the discussion. King declined saying that he had made his presentation during the May 8th meeting.

Joe Wolfe presented the Board with a chart that illustrated the pay rates of 3 other districts as they related to St Matthews Fire Districts pay scale. The three departments compared were Worthington, Lyndon & Harrods Creek. Wolfe also showed the Board a number of proposed budgets that proposed employee salaries increases ranging from 3% to 7%. Wolfe fielded a number of questions from the Board regarding these examples. A long discussion ensued.

Jim King moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the budget as submitted during the May 8th meeting, which included a 3% raise for employee salaries, be adopted. The motion failed 4-3.

John Volkerding moved and Joe Wolfe seconded that a budget reflecting a 6% pay increase for the employees be adopted. The motion failed 4-3.

Jack Monohan moved and Joe Wolfe seconded that the budget reflecting a 5.5% pay increase for the employees be adopted. The motion passed 4-3.

John Volkerding requested that the Board consider setting aside \$3500 for a volunteer firefighter participation incentive program. The program as he envisioned it award firefighters for participation in training and/or fire runs with gift certificates, etc. He asked that the funds be appropriated from the radio repair budget column.

John Volkerding moved and Rick Tonini seconded that \$3500 be taken from the Radio Purchases and Repairs budget line and be earmarked for a volunteer firefighter participation incentive program. The motion passed unanimously.

John Volkerding moved, and Tom Eifler seconded the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

May, 28, 2003, The Courier-Journal, by Matt Batchelor: Worthington Fire Board may decline merger.

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Wednesday, May 28, 2003

Worthington fire board may decline merger

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By MATT BATCHELOR
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The Courier-Journal

Leaders of the Worthington Fire Protection District will vote June 4 on whether to drop out of talks to merge with three other East End fire departments.

A Worthington trustee, Al Mudica, made a motion to do that at a May 7 trustees' meeting, said Ray Elms, chairman of the seven-member Worthington board of trustees. After discussion, Mudica agreed to delay a vote on his motion until next Wednesday's board meeting.

Surprised leaders of the other three departments — St. Matthews, Harrods Creek and Lyndon — pledged to make a pitch at the meeting to keep the talks going. They say there's no reason for Worthington to pull out — the departments have met since the fall of 2001 and say they need only until August to make their final proposal for merger.

"I call it a shock," Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte said.

"For them to just arbitrarily back out two or three months before this presentation was to be made seemed like not a very responsible thing to do," St. Matthews Chief Bill Seng said. "They spent time. They spent money. To back out before you get the information doesn't make any sense."

"That's no way to run a railroad," Lyndon Chief James Baker said.

Worthington trustee Rick Baker said he would vote to continue the talks. Trustees William Romine and Al Tomasetti said they were leaning against merger but would base their vote on the merger group's presentation. Another trustee, Howard Whitman, said he was undecided.

Mudica and fellow trustee Paul Schmitt did not return phone calls seeking comment, and Elms said, "I don't think it will be wise for me to tip my hand right now."

But both Romine and Rick Baker said they thought a majority of the board would vote to drop out if the vote were taken today. Romine said he has learned nothing that makes him support merger.

"I haven't been convinced that taking the taxpayer's money in the Worthington Fire District and putting it in a big pot is a benefit to the taxpayer," he said. "Nothing that I've heard has changed that."



BY STEVE DURBIN, THE C-J

"I haven't been convinced that taking the taxpayer's money in the Worthington Fire District and putting it in a big pot is a benefit."

William Romine

Rick Baker said that, if the vote were today, it would be 5-2 against merger. But he said he and Schmitt would vote to keep the talks going.

All four fire chiefs, including Worthington's Gary Yurt, said in an open letter to the 28 trustees of their departments that they support merger.

The public is invited to Worthington's meeting, which will be at 7 p.m. June 4 at Worthington Station 2, Goose Creek Road and Ky. 22.

The Worthington district straddles Ky. 22 and covers part of northeastern Jefferson and a bit of southwestern Oldham County. Of the more than 11,000 structures in the district, about 950 are in Oldham County.

Proponents of merger, including the chiefs, say that combining the departments would promote efficiency. It would allow more paid firefighters to make runs, and some say they could make runs faster than volunteers who are called in. Training, bookkeeping and legal costs could be pooled and reduced.

Aponte, the Harrods Creek chief, said response times might also improve because coverage areas will be based on what station out of eight in a merged department can respond fastest. Right now, the merger steering committee recommends breaking the merged departments into three coverage districts, with the goal of making all responses within five minutes. District 1 would have St. Matthews Station 1 and Lyndon Station 1. District 2 would have St. Matthews Station 2 and both Harrods Creek stations. District 3 would have Lyndon Station 1 and both Worthington stations.

Rick Baker, the Worthington trustee, supports merger in part because it would equalize salaries among the departments. That is a goal of the county firefighters union, which he heads.

But merger opponents, many of whom are on the boards that run the departments, say merging would hurt because it would kill the sense of community pride that attracts volunteers and would erode the identities of unincorporated communities such as Worthington.

They argue that because merging would cut four seven-member boards of trustees into a single seven-member board, Worthington community leaders would have less say about their fire department.

Worthington trustee Tomasetti is worried that, if merger takes place, all seven members of the board of the new, larger fire department would be appointed by Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson.

Tomasetti also expresses concern that firefighters would have too much influence over the merged department.

Tomasetti said he likes the system in which firefighters run the department's operations and mostly civilian leaders oversee the finances, so he is worried that four times as many firefighters would have too much influence over the management of a merged department.

If he had to vote today, he said, he would vote not to merge. But he said he could be swayed by the presentation at the next meeting.

"I just have too many questions," Tomasetti said. "I'd like to know more, and I will vote my conscience."

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May, 31, 2003, *The Courier-Journal*, by Sara Cunningham: Rescuers train for building collapses—Jefferson trench team, others seek to expand skills. Photos by Michael Clevenger.

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Rescuers train for building collapses
Jefferson trench team, others seek to expand skills

By SARA CUNNINGHAM
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Randy Robinette builds the training scenario for his team: It has just arrived on the scene of a structural collapse in a small building. Four people are trapped inside.

In response, Robinette's team gets to work building temporary braces on the outside of the practice building.

"Once they get the building shored, they can go in," said Robinette, who is the collapse response team leader for Prince George's County fire department in Maryland.

"We have to ensure the safety of the rescuers."

Robinette came to Louisville this week to help train firefighters and EMS personnel from Jefferson County and the surrounding area in structural collapse emergencies.

Yesterday's exercise at the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Training Center was part of the Jefferson County Fire Service Trench Rescue Team's efforts to expand its members' skills so they can develop a structural collapse team.

"We are trying to expand on what we have done for years. We don't really have a very established team in this area for structural collapses," said Chris Gosnell, assistant chief of the Okolona Fire Department.

Gosnell said the closest teams trained in structural collapse response are in Indianapolis and Nashville, Tenn.

While there have not been a great number of building collapses in the area, he said, there are a lot of instances where a structural collapse team could make rescues safer and faster.



Photos by Michael Clevenger, The Courier-Journal
Firefighters Jeff Knop and Blaine Todoroff braced a doorframe at the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Training Center, where emergency workers learned structural collapse rescue techniques. A mannequin represented a victim.



For example, a local team would have been helpful when tornadoes wreaked havoc on nearby counties earlier this year, said Brad Michel, captain of the Middletown Fire Department.

The overall goal, Gosnell said, is to keep expanding the number of people in the area who are trained and can be a part of the rescue team.

"We are trying to teach a core group of people about these techniques, and then they'll be able to go to their departments and teach the other people in their counties," he said.

Many people now in training are part of the trench rescue team, and similar to that group, the structural collapse team is to be assembled from the entire community, not just one area or department, Gosnell said.

Exercises like yesterday's are part of building a team, said Larry Heaphy, safety officer of the trench team and a firefighter for the St. Matthews and Anchorage fire departments.

"I can't put a price on these training exercises. It brings the group together, all departments and an outside instructor. You can't just go in there and do it if you haven't trained," Heaphy said.

Gosnell said it will take community support to get the structural collapse team to where it needs to be.

The trench rescue team has some equipment that can be used in structural collapses, but more is needed, he said.

"I can see potential for this, and it's unlimited with the talent that's in this community, but it'll take several components to make it happen," Gosnell said.

"We're a fledgling group. &ellipse; Hopefully this group will gain support and steam like the trench rescue team did."



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May 31, 2003: *The Courier-Journal*; Fire departments gain life-saving devices Defibrillators now in hands of first responders; by Megan Woolhouse. Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson announced yesterday that more than 30 portable defibrillators will be transferred from the trunks of police cars to fire trucks and other emergency vehicles in suburban fire departments.

Several fire stations in Jefferson County do not have the life-saving devices, which are used to shock a person's heart back into a regular rhythm during the first critical minutes of a heart attack.

The goal is to get the defibrillators as close as possible to people who are stricken, Abramson said on the front lawn of the McMahan firehouse, which is on Taylorsville Road.

Jewish Hospital donated 34 defibrillators, valued at \$3,000 each, to the Jefferson County Police Department in 2000 and 2002 to improve access to the devices.

Defibrillators also were given to Louisville International Airport.

Nearly one-fourth of the people who die of cardiac arrest could have been saved if they had been treated with a defibrillator within the first few minutes after they were stricken, McMahan Fire Chief Paul Barth said.

Maj. Troy Riggs of the Louisville Metro Police Department said that former county and suburban police officers have used the devices about 40 times since 2000 but that the defibrillators were not credited with saving anyone.

Riggs said some of the victims whom police treated with defibrillators died at a hospital.

Riggs said that moving the devices to the fire departments allows police officers to keep their primary focus on public safety and lets firefighters, who usually are the first on the scene of a medical emergency, handle health issues.

"They're mostly dealing with the patient, so it's better utilized in their hands," he said.

Barth, who will distribute the defibrillators as the mayor's liaison to the suburban fire districts, said 14 districts will receive the devices.

All but one of those districts have "first-responder" status, meaning that 911 dispatchers send firefighters as well as an ambulance to requests for emergency medical help, he said.

Barth said that most ambulances already are outfitted with defibrillators, but that firefighters should carry them too because they usually arrive first. He said the average response time for firefighters in the 20 suburban fire districts is four minutes. "In 90 percent of the cases, we're there first," Barth said.

He said several fire departments already have defibrillators but need more because of the number of medical-emergency calls they receive. The 20 districts received about 8,600 calls for medical help last year, he said.

The fire districts that received defibrillators are: Buechel, Dixie Suburban, Edgewood, Fern Creek, Harrods Creek, Highview, Lake Dreamland, Lyndon, Middletown, McMahan, Pleasure Ridge Park, South Dixie, St. Matthews and Worthington.

BY JAMIE RHODES, SPECIAL TO THE C-J



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May, 2003, Incident Report:

June 1, 2003: *The Courier-Journal*: The WHAS Crusade for Children at 50—An event that brings our community together, by Barry Bingham.

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between (05/01/2003) And (05/31/2003)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	2	1.29%	\$10,000	100.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
161 Special outside fire, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	5	3.22%	\$10,000	100.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
200 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	48	28.36%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extraction of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
361 Swift water rescue	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	41	30.32%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
428 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	4	2.58%	\$0	0.00%
448 Power line down	9	5.40%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	4	3.27%	\$0	0.00%
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
	31	20.00%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
510 Search in distress, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
521 Water evacuation	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
521 Smoke or odor removal	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, cleanup	4	2.58%	\$0	0.00%
	10	6.45%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	7	4.51%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & canceled on route	6	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
650 Struck: Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, order of smoke	3	1.93%	\$0	0.00%
	16	10.32%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, malicious false call, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
713 Telephone, malicious false alarm	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
715 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	11	7.09%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	6	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
740 Intentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	3	1.93%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	12	7.74%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	8	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	45	29.03%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	155		Total Est. Loss:	\$10,000

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Sunday, June 1, 2003

The WHAS Crusade for Children at 50

An event that brings our community together

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By BARRY BINGHAM Jr.
Special to The Courier-Journal

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the WHAS Crusade for Children. Actually the fund drive started in 1951 with a cancer crusade. But in its current configuration, the Crusade dates to 1954. Since then, the millions of dollars the Crusade has raised, have been spent to improve the lives of children throughout this region. Money raised in Kentucky is returned to this state while funds contributed in Indiana are returned to Indiana. And what Crusade money has done for children in this region is nothing short of a miracle.

It is hard to believe, but when the Crusade first started, many television stations in this country conducted telethons. Most of them fell by the wayside as more profitable programming came along and stations wanted to escape the burden of large, audience participation programming.

A couple of things made the WHAS Crusade for Children unique. The first was the decision that the funds raised by the Crusade would be allocated by an ecumenical panel of clergy rather than by the radio and television stations themselves. The result was the Moral Side of the News Panel, which has been involved in a weekly discussion program as well as the distribution of Crusade funds.

The second unique event was the challenge by the Pleasure Ridge Park volunteer Fire Department to other fire departments to become involved with the Crusade. This year 175 volunteer fire departments are expected to participate, a fund-raising effort that takes the Crusade to every street corner in this part of Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

The Crusades funds are equally widely disbursed. All 120 counties in Kentucky and 50 counties in Southern Indiana benefit from the Crusade bringing improved medical attention to children over this vast region.

Finally, the Crusade operates on an overhead of approximately 5 percent. Anyone who knows anything about charitable fund-raising realizes that this is a stunningly low figure. Charities that spend 15 percent to 20 percent of their incomes on overhead are considered exemplary, and there are many that spend more than half of their income to cover the cost of fund-raising and administration. In such an environment, the Crusade offers the best "bang for the buck" of any charity I know of.

I've heard it said that the Crusade is the one thing that binds this whole community together. If that is true, I'm proud that my family has been involved since day one. When anyone makes a list of the best attributes of this community, the WHAS Crusade for Children has to be near the top.

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Crusade tries to thank all those who helped
Charity holds 'reunion' a week before 50th telethon

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They came by the thousands to Waterfront Park yesterday — volunteers, firefighters, beneficiaries, donors — to celebrate next weekend's 50th WHAS Crusade for Children.

Billed as the Crusade's "Great Reunion," the event was intended simply to say thanks to the uncountable people who have helped the charity in uncountable ways, said Dan Miller, the Crusade's executive director.

Sometime during the telethon next weekend, the cumulative donations to the Crusade are expected to surpass \$100million. Crusade officials estimate that the charity has helped 3million children with special needs since the first Crusade, in 1954.

Yesterday's reunion on the Great Lawn featured about 25 antique pieces of firefighting apparatus brought in by fire departments, which Crusade officials credit with raising about 60 percent of the funds since the Crusade's inception. The Kentuckiana Corvette Club showed off some of its members' automotive gems just off the Great Lawn.

There were activities for children and performances by the Monarchs and other entertainers, who donated their services. Miller said sponsors covered all the costs of the event. Among them were PNC Bank, Coca-Cola, WHAS television, The Courier-Journal, Fast Signs and Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government.

Miller put the crowd at around 5,000. Noting the sunny sky, he said, "They say God looks out for fools, children and the Crusade."

Although the reunion was intended for people who have had some affiliation with the Crusade over the years, Miller acknowledged that there was no attempt to keep out the party crashers.



BY MARY ANN LYONS, THE COURIER-JOURNAL
Olivia Sordano, 8, left, her brother Cooper, 6, and Clara Egan, 5, played on a 1961 Stutz car owned by Ken Rabenack while enjoying the Crusade for Children "Great Reunion" yesterday at Waterfront Park.



BY MARY ANN LYONS, THE COURIER-JOURNAL
Family and friends waited for 20-month-old Alexis Martine to come down a slide yesterday during the Crusade's reunion celebration.

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June 2, 2003: *The Courier-Journal*: Crusade tries to thank all those who helped—Charity holds “reunion” a week before 50th telethon, by Sheldon S. Shafer.

"Maybe someone will like what they see and learn to like what we do," he said. "If nothing else, this is an opportunity to learn about the Crusade."

Among the throng yesterday were Robin Richardson, a bus driver for Jefferson County Public Schools, and Betty Rusbacky, a retired school-bus driver. They said the local bus drivers have been raising money for the Crusade for years. Their activities this year have included a dance, a bus rodeo, a yard sale and a barbecue, Richardson said. Last year the Jefferson County bus drivers raised more than \$40,000.

The drivers frequently haul children with special needs on field trips and other outings. Rusbacky said she has visited Kosair Children's Hospital, the top recipient of Crusade funding over its 49-year history, and seen firsthand how sophisticated medical equipment is helping save lives.

"The Crusade helps so many children. We never regret anything we can do to help them, too," Rusbacky said.

Amy Woodworth, 34, of Louisville said she was born with fetal-alcohol syndrome that has caused her speech and memory difficulties and coordination problems. But she tap-dances and has performed at Crusade fund-raisers as a way of repaying the charity.

She said Crusade-funded agencies helped provide her with braces and with a variety of special-education tools. "The Crusade is great. What it's doing is a blessing," she said.

Patrick Henry Hughes, 15, who is blind, has become a bit of a celebrity, performing at Crusade events and the Crusade itself in recent years. He plays the piano, and yesterday he took to the riverfront stage to sing "The Crusade Cannonball."

Patrick, who just finished his freshman year at Atherton High School and made straight A's, said he enjoyed the chance yesterday to visit with old friends he has met through the Crusade.

His father, Patrick J. Hughes, said that when his son was a year old, he appeared on the Crusade telethon for the first time. He said young Patrick needed artificial, or glass, eyes and that the family could not find the right kind in Louisville. A viewer in Lanesville, Ind., called in and steered the Hugheses to a source in Indianapolis, the elder Hughes said.

Since then, his son has benefited from Crusade largesse in many ways, including Crusade-funded computers with Braille software he uses in school.

Sherman Phillips Jr. and his wife, Kelly, who live in Jeffersonville, Ind., said they regularly donate to the Crusade. He said he drops money into the firefighters' boots every year, and she said she recently contributed a cheesecake and banana pudding to a local store's Crusade fund-raiser.

Sherman Phillips said one incentive for helping the Crusade is that a nephew, now 26, who is unable to walk, has been helped by Crusade donations that have provided him with a wheelchair, braces and other assistance.

Firefighters were out in full force yesterday. "The bottom line is that 100 percent of the

money goes to the kids," said Capt. Gary Doyle of the Harvoda Creek Fire Department. "No other charity can say that."

A rotating assortment of area entertainers and television, radio and other personalities will take turns interviewing, singing, dancing and amusing the television audience for more than 30 straight hours.

The headline show, at Whitney Hall at The Kentucky Center, will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, and will feature master magician Lance Burton, The Neville Brothers and Kenny Rogers. Tickets are available at the box office for \$20 and, of course, the proceeds benefit the crusade.

Fiery competition: When the broadcast starts, people will flock to the stations' studio at Sixth and Broadway to turn in their personal donations, and, just possibly, have a moment of stardom during the TV coverage.

This year, the station will set up a camera and fishbowl for donations in the parking lot, so that while the groups of fire departments are inside reading lists of donors from their communities, the camera can show individual citizens) young and old alike, as they pour their contributions into the coffers.

The firefighters, inside, will be amiable and working for the common cause, but whether they admit it or not, raising money for the crusade is a fierce competition for many of them.

Firefighters' efforts generally result in almost 60 percent of the money raised. The top three departments, routinely, are Highview, Pleasure Ridge Park and McMahan Fire District (in the Hikes Point area).

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District raised \$67,800 last year, according to Chief Bill Seng. This year, his men began collecting door-to-door and at road blocks on June 3 and will continue until about noon on Sunday. They can accept cash or checks made out to "Crusade for Children."

Seng said that his district's biggest rivals are McMahan and Lyndon, but with the exception of putting collection cans in area businesses, the district only raises money for the Crusade during the week of the event.

Unique event: The staff of five full-time employees and one part-time employee, along with WHAS; radio and TV, are responsible for publicizing, coordinating and staging the whole event.

The enormous task of allocating the money to those in the community requesting grants is done by an interdenominational board of ministers, currently comprised of 11 members.

"In all of the country, there's not another charity or event like the Crusade for Children," said John Blim, the event's marketing director. "I say that in a sense that there's nothing that's been grass-roots support (that this event does). It's the most successful local telethon in the country."

June 4, 2003: *The Voice-Tribune*: by Ashley O. Rosen, Big 5-0 Crusade for Children should reach \$100 million mark this year.

One child or a thousand: The crusade, one of the largest and oldest fund-raising campaigns in the nation, has taken in nearly \$100 million over the years. Three million children have been helped, ranging from individual kids whose families couldn't afford a wheelchair, leg braces or therapy to the multitudes of kids served by local hospitals in specialized units funded by the crusade.

In 2001 and '02, Norton Suburban Hospital applied for crusade grants and received a total of about \$50,000, to be used for expensive equipment in its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

A combination incubator for low birth weight babies and a transport Isolette, with ventilator and heater, were purchased. The Isolette allows fragile babies to be moved from the birth center to the NICU. The hospital's manager of the neonatal intensive care unit, registered nurse Charlotte Ipsan, found the appropriations of the funds by the crusade to be responsive to the needs of the community.

"Norton Suburban Hospital delivers more babies than any other hospital in Kentucky," she said. "The Crusade for Children is responding to the needs of our community by helping us care for our sick babies and their families.

A really big show: The weekend telethon will begin on WHAS-TV at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, and run until the last penny drops, probably in the wee hours of Monday morning. Last year, the tote board flashed \$6,231,731 when all was said and done.

June 6, 2003: *The Courier-Journal*: Firefighters like carrying the load—Friendly rivalry furls districts' fund raising, by Thomas Nord, Photos by Michael Hayman.

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Friday, June 06, 2003

Firefighters like carrying the load Friendly rivalry fuels districts' fund raising

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It all began with the bucket brigade.

The smell of smoke and the flash of flames brought out the citizenry, ordinary people suppressing their own fears and forgoing their own comfort to help a neighbor. It was not the most efficient way to fight a fire, this motley string of people and their leaky buckets, but it was great symbolism.

The bucket brigade was replaced by more modern firefighting techniques. But in places like Lafayette Township, Ind., a rural community of 6,378 Hoosiers in and around Floyds Knobs, there are 49,609 reasons to believe that the spirit of the bucket brigade is alive and well.

That's the number of dollars that Chief Michael Banet and his firefighters raised last year for the WHAS Crusade for Children. Each year around this time, a fervor grips Banet and his crew as they seek out every spare penny, nickel, dime, quarter and greenback in Lafayette Township. They are astoundingly good at what they do, shaking roughly \$7.77 from every man, woman and child in the township.

"That's a lot for a smaller community," Banet said. "But it always comes back to the kids. People respond when it comes to kids."

The relationship between Lafayette Township and the Crusade is as good an example as any of the special relationship between the telethon and the scores of fire departments — most of them volunteer, many of them rural — in Kentucky and Indiana that have made the Crusade their crusade.

According to Crusade officials, firefighters generate about 55 percent of the money that shows up on the famous tote board every year. Do a little math and that means \$52.8 million of the \$96 million given to the Crusade since it began in 1954 has passed through the hands of fire

departments.



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"No other community-based telethon has evolved into what we do or has raised the amount of money that we have raised," said Dan Miller, the Crusade's executive director. "And the grass-roots connection that makes us who we are is that involvement of the firefighters."

That \$52.8 million began, the story goes, with \$400 and a challenge from the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department. Although firefighters had been involved with the first few crusades, it was during the 1956 telethon that PRP Chief Ernie Bohler dropped that \$400 in the bucket and dared other fire departments in the area to beat it.

More than likely, Bohler had no idea what he was starting. But from that point on, it became an electric charge that courses through the community on the southwestern side of Jefferson County. Give someone a task, and they might do it. Lay down a challenge, however, and it becomes a matter of pride.

"I wasn't even born when they issued that first challenge," said Doug Atwell, the current PRP fire chief. "But if you were raised with the Crusade, by the time you get to join the fire department, it's in your blood."

They still have to fight fires every now and then in Pleasure Ridge Park, but the Crusade for Children seems to be the struggle that gives meaning to this department of 85 volunteers, 21 full-time and 10 part-time firefighters. In the 10 days leading up to the Crusade, PRP firefighters and their families blitz the community, which responds wholeheartedly with its money and time.

Almost all fire departments collect loose change at roadblocks set up at major intersections, but the PRP firefighters are like a machine that sucks money from your pocket. At its peak during Crusade weekend, Atwell said, several key intersections in his community generate as much as \$1,000 an hour.

Then there are the raffles and the golf scrambles and the bingos and the softball tournaments and the door-to-door cajoling. Atwell, in the spirit of Chief Bohler, has been known to don a Hawaiian skirt or even shave his head to motivate his troops during the annual Crusade kickoff. Not that much motivation is needed.

"We have people who have retired from firefighting for 10 and 15 years who always come back to help us," Atwell said. "On Crusade Sunday, we might have upwards of 200 people out there collecting for us."

The result is that, in the long history of the Crusade for Children, no other fire department has managed to raise as much money as PRP. Since 1954, the department has dumped just shy of \$4.15 million in cash and checks into the ubiquitous glass "fish bowls" at the WHAS studios downtown. If collecting for the Crusade were a sport, the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department would be its New York Yankees.

"We've had people drive over from the eastern part of Jefferson County just to donate to us," Atwell said. "They tell us that they want their money to go into a Pleasure Ridge Park boat. They like the idea of PRP being No. 1."



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HAYMAN, THE COURIER-JOURNAL
Louisville firefighter Joseph Graves accepted a motorist's Crusade donation Wednesday at the intersection of Bardstown Road and Grinstead Drive.



His whole goal in life was to beat PRP one time," said Bill Nord, coordinator of the Highview firefighters' campaign.

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June 6, 2003: *The Courier-Journal*: Firefighters like carrying the load—Friendly rivalry furls districts' fund raising, by Thomas Nord, Photos by Michael Hayman.

Let things get too warm and fuzzy, it's important to note that there are countless firefighters out there who still take Bohler's original challenge to heart. Don't let them kid you — in PRP they hear footsteps — Bill Nord's footsteps and those of the Highview Volunteer Fire Department.

Nord joined the Highview department in 1969 and fought fire s alongside his buddies for 16 years before suffering a heart attack in 1985. Sidelined from firefighting, he persuaded the chief to make him a full-time Crusade coordinator.

There was always something that grinded Nord about seeing those PRP folks on Crusade Sunday, with their sense that being on top was somehow the natural order of things. Nord wanted Highview, a small community hugging Outer Loop between Okolona and Fern Creek, to prove them wrong.

"The key is to have fun stealing the money from them," said Nord, 60, explaining his fund-raising technique. "When they see me coming, they just go ahead and get out their checkbooks, because they know I won't take no for an answer."

Highview is famous for its raffles, too. "We'll raffle anything," Nord said. "Anybody can raffle off a car. We raffle off \$10,000 worth of power tools. That gets people's attention."

With a little prodding, he will admit that the Crusade means more to him than most people. His daughter, Becky, went blind when she was 9, and Crusade dollars provided needed services and medical equipment. She is now 34 and married with two children.

It is such direct connections to the Crusade that fuel these firefighters' zeal, Miller said. There is nothing abstract about the Crusade for Children. The money raised in each county stays within that county. If the good people of Barren County send \$10,000 to Louisville, for example, \$10,000 comes back in the form of goods and services to help children there.

"It is a point of community pride," Miller said. "It give places like Highview and Pleasure Ridge Park a sense of identity." Atwell echoed that. "Our citizens tell me all the time how much this means to them, what a point of pride it is," he said. "It gives the people who live in southwest Jefferson County a chance to stand up and say, 'We beat all those East End fire departments. We're not the richy lawyers — we're the folks from Pleasure Ridge.'"

After years of coming oh-so-close, in 1998 Highview's firefighters finally topped PRP, bringing in \$252,800 to beat their rivals to the west by \$24,875. They have not looked back. In 2000, it got ridiculous, with Highview bringing in \$607,500 vs. PRP's \$284,563.

"My whole goal in life was to beat PRP one time," Nord said. "It was so much fun, I've made it my life's work."

And it is all to the good. When Highview, which still trails PRP by more than \$1 million in all-time donations, won its first yearly crown, Miller recalled the scene inside the studio.

"All the PRP guys were standing around to see if Highview finally topped them, and there was a moment of disappointment their faces — but no more than a moment," Miller said. "Then it erupted in stomping and cheering, because they knew that it meant so much more

money for the Crusade."

Over the years, the Crusade has strengthened its largely informal ties with the region's firefighters, down to the small details, such as assisting them in scheduling fund-raisers so as to avoid overlapping (and possibly missing out on a few precious dollars).

And Louisville Fire & Rescue is increasing its involvement. While city firefighters have long made their presence known with their donations, it wasn't until a couple of years ago that the department began to take a higher-profile role.

Lt. Col. Tom Arnold, an assistant chief with the Louisville department, said city firefighters had long been involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, youth camps and other outreach efforts. Meanwhile, logistics were a problem. Full-time firefighters work 24- and 48-hour shifts, making it difficult to organize the awesome fund-raising blitzes for which the volunteer departments are famous.

Last year Louisville Fire & Rescue formally raised \$53,000 for the Crusade. Louisville firefighters are now manning roadblocks and playing host to their own golf scrambles.

"We're getting there," said Arnold, whose daughter, born two months premature in 1980, survived thanks in part to medical equipment purchased with Crusade money.

"We want to do things that are going to make an impact. Firefighters are in the business of saving lives, and when you buy something that might help a child live, you've saved a life."



FIRE DEPARTMENTS AFTER 49 YEARS OF CRUSADING

Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District	KY	\$4,148,833.83
Highview Fire District	KY	\$2,058,711.84
Midway Fire District	KY	\$2,031,833.08
Cherokee Fire District	KY	\$1,838,248.37
Grassy Point Fire District	KY	\$1,494,997.56
New Albany City Fire District	IN	\$1,427,225.42
St. Matthews Fire District	KY	\$1,403,833.16
Midway Fire District	KY	\$1,371,421.78
Fern Creek Fire District	KY	\$1,186,714.82
Lynnton Fire District	KY	\$1,148,343.23
Franklin Fire District	KY	\$1,126,876.76
Harrods Creek Fire District	KY	\$875,476.34
Blue Station Fire District	KY	\$868,876.32
South Chase Fire District	KY	\$823,906.67
Eastland Fire District	KY	\$822,817.46
Greely Fire District	KY	\$813,846.88
Jefferson Fire District	KY	\$788,127.31
Seaford Fire District	IN	\$740,825.81
Ludington Fire District	KY	\$734,876.32
Lebanon Fire District	KY	\$693,831.42

NOTE: St. Matthews total will be short \$10,000 from the 1974 total they assigned to us.

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TOP RECIPIENTS IN ORDER

From Children's Hospital
Jefferson County schools
St. Hedwig School Child Fund. (St.)
Home of the Innocents
Lafayette Hospital

\$18,654,098.70
\$6,419,094.39
\$6,170,425.89
\$1,722,215.46
\$1,676,167.15

CRUSADE TOTALS

1974	\$100,238.02
1975	\$121,434.74
1976	\$141,088.84
1977	\$176,215.42
1978	\$186,731.51
1979	\$197,112.13
1980	\$200,174.21
1981	\$211,136.96
1982	\$234,348.86
1983	\$239,188.49
1984	\$271,882.88
1985	\$284,828.52
1986	\$315,348.51
1987	\$341,454.63
1988	\$358,212.64
1989	\$347,784.76
1990	\$375,292.39
1991	\$417,127.27
1992	\$440,286.35
1993	\$798,388.40
1994	\$1,004,286.36
1995	\$815,945.15
1996	\$910,432.64
1997	\$1,080,274.89
1998	\$1,245,026.74
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2000	\$1,433,937.90
2001	\$1,344,347.54
2002	\$1,664,078.95
2003	\$1,845,172.00
2004	\$1,888,125.72
2005	\$2,332,827.81
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2007	\$2,385,082.02
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TOP 20 ORGANIZATIONS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO CRUSADE 49

Westminster of Louisville	\$4,211,888.75
Regan Company, employees	\$2,734,844.09
Harold Electric Employees Fund	\$2,044,268.02
Jefferson County schools and employees	\$1,814,576.84
Northwest Hospital	\$1,390,240.00
Wheatley Company, employees and Ben Co.	\$774,382.47
Greater Louisville Hospital	\$611,242.87
First Louisville Assembly, West employees	\$553,115.07
Early Green - children	\$500,147.15
LSBC	\$450,475.50
St. Hedwig School Child Fund	\$442,196.80
Salmon City Bank Corp employees	\$380,200.00
Ford's Auto Sales & Leasing	\$344,587.88
Greater Louisville Housing Association	\$328,717.11
Louisville city employees	\$275,552.00
First National Bank Employees	\$247,586.00
Louisville Lumber	\$238,886.22
Children's Hospital of Louisville	\$218,248.83
St. Louis County of Louisville	\$200,788.47
Jefferson County employees	\$200,181.52

2003

2003, Crusade:

2003 CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN TALLEY									
Event	Tuesday Night	Wednesday Night	Thursday Night	Friday night	Saturday morning	Saturday Afternoon	Saturday night	Sunday Morning	Totals
2631	\$2,065.48	\$658.50	\$1,774.34	\$1,819.18					\$6,317.50
2633	\$1,654.40		\$1,483.25	\$1,079.71					\$4,217.36
2634	\$2,659.27	\$1,702.95	\$2,936.88	\$1,922.81					\$ 9,221.91
2653	\$1,387.55	\$1,212.02							\$ 2,599.57
2691	\$1,353.33								\$ 1,353.33
2658	\$1,968.56	\$1,317.33	\$2,710.46	\$2,292.75					\$ 8,289.10
2694		\$2,074.13	\$1,058.37						\$ 3,132.50
2613									\$ -
2692		\$933.72							
Misc									
Period									\$ -
Session Total	\$11,088.59	\$7,898.65	\$9,963.30	\$7,114.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$ 35,131.27
Last Year	\$9,638.71	\$4,468.91	\$7,387.75	\$9,822.80	\$8,001.21	\$ 9,562.95	\$7,743.83	\$13,393.81	\$70,019.97
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Difference	\$1,449.88	\$3,429.74	\$2,575.55	-\$2,708.35	(\$8,001.21)	(\$9,562.95)	(\$7,743.83)	(\$13,393.81)	\$ (34,888.70)

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Close Money Form

St. Matthews VFD
Department or Organization

1091 FD KY Jefferson
ORG KEY TYPE STATE COUNTY

Total Collected: 1,233,808.13

1999	75,100.17	13.0%	1989	24,309.10	1979	25,500.00
1998	86,350.00	62.6%	1988	30,000.00	1978	21,531.47
1997	53,091.00	30.9%	1987	24,100.00	1977	20,567.49
1996	40,563.00	15.2%	1986	30,463.00	1976	22,557.97
1995	35,208.02	10.3%	1985	29,773.00	1975	33,309.09
1994	31,928.86	0.7%	1984	27,482.87	1974	36,201.07
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2001	70,259.89	13.0%	1991	27,283.56	1981	27,441.66
2000	62,166.05	-17.2%	1990	25,404.15	1980	26,307.71
					1966-70	97,291.33
					1959-65	68,602.85

2003

June 9, 2003, Letter:

Smoke Detectors
Save Lives



Learn Not
To Burn

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: June 9, 2003
Re: District Activity

The 2003 WHAS Crusade for Children is finally over this year, and once again the St. Matthews Fire Protection District had another super year collecting money. We started collecting last Tuesday night and collected every evening during the week and all day on Saturday. Our total for this year was \$90,000.00 which is up \$20,000.00 from last year. We could not have done it without all the help and support from our firefighters, their families and friends, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and many other individuals who put in their time to help us out. Once again, **Thanks to everyone that helped!!**

One of the downside to Crusade is that it puts a lot of wear and tear on our equipment and facilities. This year we seemed to have made it through the week without any breakdowns. However, Station 1 didn't do as well. With about fifty people coming in and out of the building every day spilling soft drinks and dropping food everywhere it made for a big mess. It usually takes us about a week of cleaning to get it back to normal.

The merger meeting held last week at Worthington's Station 2 was far from normal. If you remember, this meeting was held in conjunction with Worthington's Board meeting to try and get their Trustees to postpone a vote to back out of the merger process. Most of their Board members were very negative and rude to everyone at the meeting. By the end of the meeting their board had decided to put off any type of vote until the board was able to see a full merger presentation which is scheduled to be shown in August. This same merger presentation will be made to the St. Matthews Board and firefighters somewhere around that time also. I will be able to give you some more details on how this meeting went at our Trustees meeting on Thursday.

The telephone voice mail system that was discussed at last months board meeting is scheduled to be discussed again at this Thursday's meeting. Some of the trustees were concerned if this system has the capability of growing if we merge, I checked with the

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vendor and they advised me that voice mail systems are usually exclusive to the phone system. In other words Toshiba Voice Mail only works with Toshiba Phone Systems, and NEC Voice Mail Systems only work with NEC Phone Systems. The Toshiba Voice Mail System that works with our phone system is capable of handling up to 85 hours of stored voice mail. Our telephone system is also able to handle future growth if the need ever arises. Our telephone system can handle a combination of up to 256 phones or telephone lines. For example, 200 telephones and 56 incoming telephone lines or any combination thereof is what the system can handle. The cost of the voice mail system does include installation, programming, and training, along with one year full service, parts and labor.

The other item being request for this months meeting are three handheld pocket PC's by IPAQ. These PC are starting to be used more and more in the everyday activities of the fire service. Several of our neighboring departments are already using these handheld devices in the field. They are very beneficial in helping fire and safety inspectors have access to historical and current information while being able to store new information and data as it relates to business and commercial inspections. They are also very helpful for firefighters who are conducting routine hydrant testing and inspections. Since this type of handheld device is compatible with our Firehouse Software, the information that is gathered in the field is simply brought back to the station where it is quickly downloaded into the main server. Other uses for these devices that are currently being used are district mapping projects and emergency telephone phone contact list for all of the areas businesses.

Expenditures for June 2003

Item

Toshiba Voice Mail System

3 IPAQ Handheld Pocket PC's

*Report Back Next Month Discuss w/ MERGER
\$ 650.00 EXCH*

Cost

\$3329.00

\$1950.00

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June 10, 2003, *The Courier Journal*, *Neighborhoods Section*, by Matt Batcheldor: Worthington fire district won't quit talks. 4 departments await task force merger report.

Worthington fire district won't quit talks

4 departments await task force merger report

By MATT BATCHELDOR
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The Courier-Journal

The Worthington Fire Protection District will not drop out of talks about merging with three other East End fire districts, as was proposed at last week's meeting of the Worthington board of trustees.

After hearing pleas to keep talking from the chiefs of the St. Matthews, Lyndon and Harrods Creek fire departments and his own, Worthington trustees Chairman Ray Elms delayed holding a vote on whether to continue to discuss combining until the merger task force delivers its re-

port Aug. 15. The task force is made up of four members from each department — a paid firefighter, a volunteer firefighter, a chief and a trustee.

"I believe we need to give them a little more time to present their case," Elms said in an interview after the meeting.

William Romine, treasurer of the seven-member board of trustees, said in an interview that the department would likely vote on merger Sept. 3.

The sometimes rancorous meeting Wednesday at the Worthington fire station on Goose Creek Road at Ky. 22 attracted about 50 firefighters and trustees and four Metro Council members, but few people from the general public.

Last month trustee Al Mudica moved to drop out of the merger talks. But Elms said the meeting got heated, and "I knew we weren't going to accomplish any-

thing," so the board agreed to delay the vote until last Wednesday's meeting.

But after hearing the appeals from the other departments — that they had been meeting since 2001 and needed only until Aug. 15 to complete the proposal for merging — Elms moved to delay a vote until the plan is finished.

Mudica agreed. Merger talks, he said, "could've gone on for months and months and months and months," he said. "Now we have it tied down to a completion date of Aug. 15."

Romine, who previously had declared himself unsold on merger, said he was encouraged by examples of proposed efficiencies a merged department could have.

"It gives me a bit better insight into how they're thinking," he said.

In a visual presentation Elms limited to 30 minutes, fire chiefs from the four departments made

hurried arguments that merger would increase efficiency.

They said it would allow more paid firefighters to make runs, which some say could result in faster response times. Training, bookkeeping, insurance and legal costs could be pooled and reduced.

Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte said the merger committee needs more time to produce numbers for how much could be saved by buying one insurance plan for all four districts, rather than four separate ones.

"I believe in the goal," he said. "I hope the Worthington board will do what's best for their citizens."

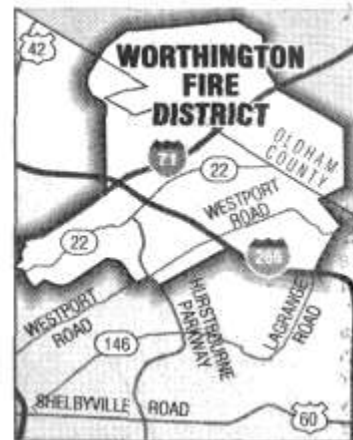
Response times might also improve because coverage areas will be based on what station out of eight in a merged department could respond fastest. The goal is to make all responses within five minutes.

But critics, such as Romine, are concerned that fire districts with booming property-tax revenues, like Worthington, will subsidize districts like St. Matthews that are almost fully developed.

In an interview, Aponte said all the departments will eventually have trouble raising money, because all the departments levy the maximum property tax the state allows, 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value. He said a merged department would delay financial problems.

Merger opponents cite concerns about whether volunteers would have enough of a role in the command structure of a merged department and whether all the old departments would be represented on the new board.

Aponte said volunteers will play a major part in the proposed command structure, and one assistant chief's spot would be filled



BY STEVE DURBIN, THE C-J

by a volunteer.

He said a merged department could appoint an advisory committee made up of people from the four boards who weren't appointed to the new board.

Metro Councilman Kelly Downard, R-16th District, offered to work with the boards of trustees on a process that would guarantee that all four are represented on the new board.

2003

June 12, 2003, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors
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Trustees Meeting Agenda June 12, 2003

- I. ✓ Call to Order 7:00
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. ✓ Treasurer Report, Jim King
- V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VI. ✓ Old Business
- VII. ✓ New Business
- VIII. ✓ Executive Session
- IX. The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on June 19, 2003 at South Dixie Fire Department @ 7:00pm.

**Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company**

June 12, 2003

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 9:15 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Tom Eifler, Jim King, Jack Monohan, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the May 2003 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

**Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District**

June 12, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 12, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present were Chief Seng, Greg Crabb, & Paul Kurtz.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim King was not present, Chief Seng pointed out that a mistake had been made to the profit and loss statement. He said that some personal property tax income had been inadvertently posted as real property income. This mistake has been corrected according to Seng.

The minutes of the May budget meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that they be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that the District had managed to collect \$90,000 for the Crusade for Children. A discussion ensued and the Board wanted to recognize the good work of Capt John Volkerding and Sgt. John Kilroy.

Chief Seng reported on the merger process. He stated that Worthington Fire District had opted to postpone any vote on the merger until its June 18th meeting in order to allow the steering committee to make a presentation on the merits of merger.

Seng reported that unit 2633 is in for transmission work and that the hydraulic generator on 2631 is down. It is his hope that the hydraulic generator will be a warranty repair.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures:

- Voicemail for station 1 \$3329.00

- 3 IPAQ hand held computers \$1950.00

A discussion ensued about options for voice mail and the necessity of this in light of a possible merger. Also, a discussion about the necessity of the IPAQ computers occurred. Joe Wolfe expressed reservations about the utility and reliability of these devices.

Tom Eifler moved and Joe Wolfe seconded the voice mail system be tabled for further research and that one IPAQ hand held computer be purchased for evaluation. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported on a request from the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association for \$1000 to fund a position of an assistant CAD administrator. Chief Sengs recommendation was against funding at this time. The Board took no action.

Tom Eifler moved for adjournment, Jack Monohan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire departments gain life-saving devices



PHOTOS BY JAMIE RHODES, SPECIAL TO THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson spoke at the McMahan firehouse. He said the goal is to get the best use out of the defibrillators.

Defibrillators given to first responders

By MEGAN WOOLHOUSE

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The Courier-Journal

Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson announced yesterday that more than 30 portable defibrillators will be transferred from the trunks of police cars to firetrucks and other emergency vehicles in suburban fire departments.

Several fire stations in Jefferson County do not have the life-saving devices, which are used to shock a person's heart back into a regular rhythm during the first critical minutes of a heart attack.

The goal is to get the defibrillators as close as possible to people who are stricken, Abramson said on the front lawn of the McMahan firehouse, which is on Taylorsville Road.

Jewish Hospital donated 34 defibrillators, valued at \$3,000 each, to the Jefferson County Police Department in 2000 and 2002 to improve access to the devices.

Defibrillators also were given to Louisville International Airport. Nearly one-fourth of the people who die of cardiac arrest could have been saved if they had been treated with a defibrillator within the first few minutes after they were stricken, McMahan Fire Chief Paul Barth said.

Maj. Troy Riggs of the Louisville Metro Police Department said that former county and suburban police officers have used the devices about 40 times since 2000 but that the defibrillators were not credited with saving anyone. Riggs said some of the victims whom police treated with

defibrillators died at a hospital.

Riggs said that moving the devices to the fire departments allows police officers to keep their primary focus on public safety and lets firefighters, who usually are the first on the scene of a medical emergency, handle health issues.

"They're mostly dealing with the patient, so it's better utilized in their hands," he said.

Barth, who will distribute the defibrillators as the mayor's liaison to the suburban fire districts, said 14 districts will receive the devices. All but one of those districts have "first-responder" status, meaning that 911 dispatchers send firefighters as well as an ambulance to requests for emergency medical help, he said.

Barth said that most ambulances already are outfitted with defibrillators, but that firefighters should carry them too because they usually arrive first. He said the average response time for firefighters in the 20 suburban fire districts is four minutes. "In 90 percent of the cases, we're there first," Barth said.

He said several fire departments already have defibrillators but need more because of the number of medical-emergency calls they receive. The 20 districts received about 8,600 calls for medical help last year, he said.

The fire districts that received defibrillators are: Buechel, Dixie Suburban, Edgewood, Fern Creek, Harrods Creek, Highview, Lake Dreamland, Lyndon, Middletown, McMahan, Pleasure Ridge Park, South Dixie, St. Matthews and Worthington.



Louisville Metro Police turned over 34 defibrillators to 14 fire departments. Firefighters often are first at an emergency scene.

2003

June 28, 2003, Former firefighter Rick Albers marries, is present Chief of North Oldham. During his career at STMFD Rick was HEAVILY involved in the side events of delivering animals, leaves, and just generally causing trouble. While on his honeymoon the chiefs office (temporally a trailer while new building is being built) was painted by fellow firefighters.



June, 2003, Combined Financials:

COMBINED BALANCE SHEETS

Item 35:	2001			2002		
	General Fund	General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts	Total (Memorandum only)	General Fund	General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts	Total (Memorandum only)
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS						
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$815,563	\$	\$ 815,563	\$97,964	\$	\$ 97,964
Accounts receivable, property taxes and other	56,768		56,768	15,310		15,310
Fund assets	4,849,409	4,849,409		4,783,462	4,783,462	
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$71,331	4,849,409	\$71,331	\$71,331	4,783,462	\$71,331
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,444	0	9,444	169,322	0	169,322
FUND EQUITY						
Fund balances	862,887		862,887	812,877		812,877
Unassigned		4,849,409	4,849,409		4,783,462	4,783,462
Investment in general fixed assets	862,887	4,849,409	5,712,296	812,877	4,783,462	5,596,339
Fund Fund Equity						
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$862,887	\$4,849,409	\$5,712,296	\$862,887	\$4,783,462	\$5,596,339

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS GROUP OF ACCOUNTS

	Land and Buildings	Vehicles and Fire Fighting Equipment	Communications and Other Equipment	Total
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2001	\$1,890,066	\$1,537,267	\$903,338	\$4,330,671
Purchased additions		552,310	82,266	634,576
Sales and disposals		(165,000)	(16,785)	(181,785)
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2002	1,890,066	1,924,577	968,819	4,783,462
Purchased additions		12,942	48,005	60,947
Contributed additions		5,000		5,000
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2003	\$1,890,066	\$1,942,519	\$1,016,824	\$4,849,409

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

Year Ended June 30:	2001			2002		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 94,259	\$ 49,010	\$ 45,249	\$ 94,259	\$ 49,010	\$ 45,249
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		812,877			1,116,181	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR		\$862,887			\$ 812,877	

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GENERAL FUND

Year Ended June 30:	2001			2002		
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
REVENUES						
Taxes	\$2,353,000	\$1,949,487	\$ (403,513)	\$2,296,264	\$2,294,054	\$ (2,210)
Interest	20,000	7,455	(12,545)	25,000	20,183	(4,817)
State aid, rent, and other (Note 5)	185,000	189,363	4,363	115,000	171,034	56,034
Sale of used equipment					35,801	35,801
Total Revenues	2,558,000	2,146,305	(411,695)	2,436,264	2,521,072	88,808
EXPENDITURES						
Fixed asset additions						
Building improvements, furnishings, and office equipment	98,215	48,805	(49,410)	55,000	82,206	27,206
Fire fighting equipment	48,000	12,942	(35,058)	180,776	592,310	391,534
Personnel operating expenses	1,649,548	1,701,458	51,910	1,610,039	1,592,552	(17,487)
Administrative expenses						
Insurance	32,800	34,558	(1,758)	32,000	29,148	(2,852)
Recruitment costs	187,214	216,355	29,141	196,178	202,501	6,323
Legal and accounting	13,500	19,938	6,438	13,500	6,621	(6,879)
Public education	2,700	2,674	(26)	2,500	2,663	163
Trustee's expenses	4,100	3,300	(800)	2,100	1,950	(150)
Wages and payroll taxes	83,800	83,829	29	80,639	80,502	(137)
Other supplies and miscellaneous	25,200	24,601	(599)	17,900	18,999	1,099
Operating expenses						
Utilities	38,800	35,299	(3,501)	55,100	48,335	(6,765)
Gasoline and oil	15,500	15,882	382	17,700	11,254	(6,446)
Fire fighting and training expenses	166,800	94,974	(71,826)	17,000	92,668	(75,668)
Other supplies and miscellaneous	1,700	510	(1,190)	17,650	11,150	(6,500)
Repairs and maintenance expenses						
Vehicles	24,800	26,869	2,069	40,000	18,474	(21,526)
Buildings	24,500	26,830	2,330	17,000	22,341	5,341
Communications equipment	48,500	28,411	(20,089)	31,500	9,344	(22,156)
Fire fighting equipment	28,800	35,691	6,891	28,000	28,410	410
Personal equipment	18,000	5,449	(12,551)	9,000	8,491	(509)
Total Expenditures	\$2,423,567	\$2,416,395	\$ (7,172)	\$2,403,636	\$2,814,288	\$410,652

2003

June, 2003, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between (06/01/2003) And (06/30/2003)				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
111 Building fire	06/21/2003	17:05:00	11 Extinguish	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
139 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other	06/25/2003	18:46:00		
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	06/23/2003	16:41:00	945 Investigate	945 Vehicle parking area
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	06/02/2003	07:23:00	11 Extinguish	960 Highway or divided
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
162 Outside equipment fire	06/23/2003	21:48:00	11 Extinguish	962 Residential street, road
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	06/01/2003	11:57:00	32 Provide basic life	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003774-000	06/01/2003	12:43:00	32 Provide basic life	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003775-000	06/02/2003	00:48:00	32 Provide basic life	418 Multifamily dwellings
06-003776-000	06/02/2003	10:09:00	32 Provide basic life	598 Business office
06-003777-000	06/04/2003	12:24:00	32 Provide basic life	428 Multifamily dwellings
06-003778-000	06/04/2003	18:23:00	38 Emergency medical	311 24-hour care Nursing
06-003779-000	06/05/2003	09:44:00	32 Provide basic life	418 Multifamily dwellings
06-003780-000	06/05/2003	15:25:00	32 Provide basic life	551 Personal service
06-003781-000	06/06/2003	11:43:00	30 Emergency medical	945 Vehicle parking area
06-003782-000	06/06/2003	10:58:00	30 Emergency medical	360 General retail, Other
06-003783-000	06/06/2003	14:45:00	30 Emergency medical	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003784-000	06/06/2003	16:20:00	32 Provide basic life	
06-003785-000	06/06/2003	16:20:00	32 Provide basic life	
06-003786-000	06/06/2003	19:20:00	32 Provide basic life	
06-003787-000	06/11/2003	18:45:00	32 Provide basic life	311 24-hour care Nursing
06-003788-000	06/12/2003	16:17:00	32 Provide basic life	428 Multifamily dwellings

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between (06/01/2003) And (06/30/2003)				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	06/12/2003	17:58:00	32 Provide basic life	321 Alcohol or substance
06-003779-000	06/13/2003	21:42:00	32 Provide basic life	522 Alcohol or substance
06-003780-000	06/16/2003	09:08:00	38 Emergency medical	428 Multifamily dwellings
06-003781-000	06/18/2003	00:20:00	38 Emergency medical	428 Multifamily dwellings
06-003782-000	06/18/2003	14:53:00	38 Emergency medical	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003783-000	06/18/2003	17:34:00	38 Emergency medical	598 Business office
06-003784-000	06/18/2003	20:03:00	38 Emergency medical	428 Multifamily dwellings
06-003785-000	06/18/2003	20:18:00	38 Emergency medical	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003786-000	06/18/2003	20:54:00	38 Emergency medical	130 Church, mosque,
06-003787-000	06/18/2003	20:54:00	38 Emergency medical	311 24-hour care Nursing
06-003788-000	06/18/2003	20:54:00	38 Emergency medical	548 Specialty shop
06-003789-000	06/22/2003	19:39:00	38 Emergency medical	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003790-000	06/24/2003	10:00:00	32 Provide basic life	311 24-hour care Nursing
06-003791-000	06/24/2003	12:05:00	32 Provide basic life	
06-003792-000	06/24/2003	14:20:00	38 Emergency medical	598 Business office
06-003793-000	06/24/2003	18:40:00	32 Provide basic life	598 Business office
06-003794-000	06/24/2003	19:43:00	32 Provide basic life	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003795-000	06/24/2003	20:57:00	32 Provide basic life	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003796-000	06/25/2003	17:40:00	32 Provide basic life	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003797-000	06/26/2003	10:19:00	38 Provide basic life	428 Multifamily dwellings
06-003798-000	06/28/2003	17:39:00		
06-003799-000	06/30/2003	17:51:00	32 Provide basic life	
Incident Type Count:	40			Percent of All: 31.0%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, see 311)	06/18/2003	01:15:00	10 Assistance, Other	428 Multifamily dwellings
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
355 Extrication, rescue, Other	06/30/2003	17:34:00	13 Provide manpower	951 Open land or field
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	06/09/2003	10:54:00	33 Extricate	961 Highway or divided
06-003780-000	06/23/2003	04:57:00	84 Investigate	

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between (06/01/2003) And (06/30/2003)				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
Incident Type Count:	2			Percent of All: 1.5%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	06/04/2003	22:30:00	11 Ventilate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
428 Carbon monoxide incident	06/04/2003	11:15:00	86 Investigate	428 Multifamily dwellings
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	06/04/2003	01:01:00	86 Investigate	849 Residential, commercial
06-003781-000	06/05/2003	13:48:00	86 Investigate	428 Multifamily dwellings
06-003782-000	06/15/2003	17:27:00	86 Investigate	463 Pipeline, pump, line or
Incident Type Count:	3			Percent of All: 2.3%
441 Heat from shock circuit (wiring), defective/over	06/04/2003	01:01:00	86 Investigate	428 Multifamily dwellings
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
444 Power line down	06/08/2003	14:10:00	88 Investigate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003783-000	06/23/2003	22:52:00	84 Remove to proper	463 Street or road in
Incident Type Count:	2			Percent of All: 1.5%
445 Arson, shorted electrical equipment	06/01/2003	20:37:00	84 Investigate	418 Residential street, road
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	06/10/2003	21:35:30	83 Remove hazard	961 Highway or divided
06-003784-000	06/22/2003	22:01:20	83 Remove hazard	963 Professional supplies
06-003785-000	06/28/2003	17:19:30	83 Remove hazard	963 Street or road in
06-003786-000	06/29/2003	17:19:30	83 Remove hazard	963 Street, Other
06-003787-000	06/29/2003	17:19:30	83 Remove hazard	963 Residential street, road

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between (06/01/2003) And (06/30/2003)				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	06/21/2003	19:11:00	46 Remove hazardous	300 Property use, Other
Incident Type Count:	6			Percent of All: 4.6%
509 Service Call, Other	06/07/2003	09:13:00	70 Assistance, Other	130 Hospital - medical or
06-003788-000	06/27/2003	20:43:00	88 Investigate	311 24-hour care Nursing
Incident Type Count:	2			Percent of All: 1.5%
511 Lock-out	06/04/2003	16:24:00	70 Assistance, Other	300 Property use, Other
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
521 Water evacuation	06/14/2003	22:39:00	86 Remove water	
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
531 Smoke or odor removal	06/02/2003	20:50:00	93 Ventilate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003789-000	06/06/2003	13:50:00	86 Investigate	428 Multifamily dwellings
06-003790-000	06/19/2003	18:47:00	88 Information	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003791-000	06/26/2003	00:12:00	86 Investigate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003792-000	06/28/2003	08:15:00	51 Ventilate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count:	5			Percent of All: 3.8%
571 Cover assignment, standby, cleanup	06/16/2003	08:24:00	81 Cancelled enroute	428 Multifamily dwellings
06-003793-000	06/16/2003	17:07:00	73 Provide manpower	360 Street, Other
06-003794-000	06/18/2003	18:02:00		
Incident Type Count:	3			Percent of All: 2.3%
600 Good intent call, Other	06/02/2003	17:04:00	88 Investigate	192 Truck
06-003795-000	06/02/2003	20:10:00	88 Investigate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
06-003796-000	06/10/2003	18:44:00	72 Assist animal	140 Clubs, Other

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June, 2003, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between (06/01/2003) And (06/30/2003)				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
Incident Type Count: 3 Percent of All: 2.3%				
611 Dispatched & cancelled on route				
03-0001744-000	06/05/2003	20:43:00	80 Cancelled enroute	629 Multifamily dwellings
03-0001883-000	06/17/2003	21:03:00	80 Cancelled enroute	929 Alcohol or substance
Incident Type Count: 2 Percent of All: 1.5%				
650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other				
03-0001803-000	06/19/2003	16:38:00	80 Cancelled enroute	969 Highway or divided
Incident Type Count: 1 Percent of All: 0.7%				
655 Smoke source, odor of smoke				
03-0001790-000	06/19/2003	10:44:00	86 Investigate	349 Clinics, doctors offices,
03-0001877-000	06/14/2003	10:34:00	86 Investigate	449 Hotel/motel, commercial
Incident Type Count: 2 Percent of All: 1.3%				
740 False alarm or false call, Other				
03-0001725-000	06/01/2003	14:04:00	83 Restore fire alarm	719 24-hour care building
03-0001849-000	06/20/2003	23:57:00	86 Information	449 Hotel/motel, commercial
03-0001881-000	06/23/2003	10:29:00	80 Action taken, driver	
03-0001949-000	06/28/2003	15:32:00	86 Investigate	969 Highway or divided
Incident Type Count: 4 Percent of All: 3.1%				
740 System malfunction, Other				
03-0001882-000	06/23/2003	12:43:00	86 Investigate	449 Hotel/motel, commercial
Incident Type Count: 1 Percent of All: 0.7%				
743 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction				
03-0000729-000	06/02/2003	10:34:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-0000744-000	06/02/2003	21:23:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-0000786-000	06/16/2003	14:23:00	86 Investigate	980 General retail, other
03-0000789-000	06/16/2003	00:09:00	86 Investigate	449 Hotel/motel, commercial
03-0000809-000	06/16/2003	08:36:00	86 Investigate	231 Hospital - medical or
03-0000811-000	06/16/2003	08:01:00	86 Investigate	231 Hospital - medical or
03-0000819-000	06/16/2003	13:11:00	86 Investigate	449 Hotel/motel, commercial
03-0000843-000	06/27/2003	18:04:00	86 Investigate	131 Church, mosque,

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between (06/01/2003) And (06/30/2003)				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
743 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction				
03-0001843-000	06/16/2003	04:33:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count: 3 Percent of All: 2.3%				
744 Heat detector activation due to malfunction				
03-0000704-000	06/14/2003	04:30:00	86 Investigate	429 Multifamily dwellings
Incident Type Count: 1 Percent of All: 0.7%				
749 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction				
03-0000740-000	06/19/2003	13:10:00	86 Investigate	429 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-0000768-000	06/11/2003	16:19:00	86 Investigate	282 Bank
03-0000781-000	06/15/2003	17:57:00	86 Investigate	589 Office, veterinary or
03-0000782-000	06/15/2003	18:16:00	86 Investigate	589 Business office
03-0000807-000	06/20/2003	14:41:00	86 Information	449 Hotel/motel, commercial
03-0000976-000	06/22/2003	12:25:00	86 Investigate	449 Hotel/motel, commercial
03-0000977-000	06/22/2003	20:04:00	86 Investigate	439 Residential board ing
03-0000981-000	06/27/2003	13:46:00	86 Investigate	141 Restaurant or cafeteria
Incident Type Count: 8 Percent of All: 6.2%				
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other				
03-0000787-000	06/27/2003	18:04:00	80 Action taken, Other	
Incident Type Count: 1 Percent of All: 0.7%				
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional				
03-0000835-000	06/21/2003	10:04:00	80 Information	579 Motor vehicle or boat
Incident Type Count: 1 Percent of All: 0.7%				
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional				
03-0000730-000	06/02/2003	14:00:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-0000735-000	06/04/2003	08:11:00	83 Restore fire alarm	131 Hospital - medical or
03-0000767-000	06/11/2003	09:20:00	83 Restore fire alarm	449 Hotel/motel, commercial
03-0000774-000	06/13/2003	17:10:00	86 Investigate	131 Church, mosque,
03-0000780-000	06/17/2003	23:15:00	83 Restore fire alarm	449 Clinics, doctors offices,
03-0000792-000	06/18/2003	12:33:00	80 Information	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-0000849-000	06/27/2003	08:11:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-0000847-000	06/28/2003	15:47:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-0000850-000	06/30/2003	08:29:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between (06/01/2003) And (06/30/2003)				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
Incident Type Count: 9 Percent of All: 6.9%				
744 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional				
03-0000199-000	06/04/2003	17:02:00	86 Investigate	439 Boarding/rooming house
03-0000181-000	06/10/2003	03:39:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-0000770-000	06/11/2003	23:00:00	83 Restore fire alarm	581 Department or discount
Incident Type Count: 3 Percent of All: 2.3%				
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional				
03-0000735-000	06/03/2003	13:39:00	86 Investigate	429 Multifamily dwellings
03-0000754-000	06/09/2003	13:57:00	86 Investigate	580 General retail, other
03-0000758-000	06/09/2003	18:51:00	83 Restore fire alarm	500 Mercantile, business,
03-0000773-000	06/13/2003	10:52:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-0000785-000	06/16/2003	08:06:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-0000789-000	06/17/2003	16:18:00	86 Investigate	449 Hotel/motel, commercial
03-0000838-000	06/26/2003	18:24:00	86 Investigate	449 Hotel/motel, commercial
Incident Type Count: 7 Percent of All: 5.4%				
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO				
03-0000777-000	06/23/2003	21:58:00	86 Investigate	429 Multifamily dwellings
Incident Type Count: 1 Percent of All: 0.7%				
Total Incident Count: 129				

total runs YTD = 852

July 1, 2003, The Courier Journal

ROLLING FIELDS

July Fourth parade starts Friday morning

The city of Rolling Fields off

Brownsboro Road will hold its third annual Fourth of July parade at 9:30 a.m. Friday, starting at Basswood and Club lanes. The St. Matthews fire department will lead the parade. Activities and refreshments will follow.

— Martha Elson

2003

July 1, 2003, Letter:

July 1, 2003, *The Courier-Journal*:

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS
Fire Protection District**
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**William J. Seng
Fire Chief**

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July 1, 2003:

Fire Chief William J. Seng
St. Matthews Fire District
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Chief Seng,

I am asking that you approach the board of trustees at the July 10th 2003 board meeting with my request to retire and be rehired by the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. I have met with the state retirement office once so far, but need confirmation from the fire district to be able to proceed with any further details and paper work.

I would like to be gone the month of January 2004 and return the first of February.

A written reply after the board meeting detailing any action would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stuart Monahan
Associate Fire Chief

Has Atty General?
Board meeting date?
Next year 2004
Bring up North March
Discuss w/ state
upon this return from
vacation

Local/Regional • News Item Tuesday, July 01, 2003

Van driver dies in St. Matthews after crash in yard Mail this page

The Courier-Journal

A man died yesterday afternoon when his van crashed into a construction trailer parked in a yard in the 300 block of Breckenridge Lane in St. Matthews.

The driver of the appliance repair van was pronounced dead at the scene by Jim Minton, a Jefferson County deputy coroner. Minton said he was not releasing the victim's identity yesterday, pending notification of the man's family.

The accident occurred about 1 p.m. just south of Warner Avenue.

The van was traveling south on Breckenridge when it crossed the northbound lane and struck the trailer, crushing it against a large tree in the yard, St. Matthews police Sgt. William Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald said it appeared the van's driver had suffered a medical emergency, possibly a heart attack. Minton said an autopsy is scheduled to be performed today to try to determine the cause of death.

Fitzgerald said a witness driving behind the van said that just before it crashed, it fell off the right side of the road and traveled through several yards before returning to the pavement.

It then crossed the road and drove through several more yards before hitting the trailer. Fitzgerald said no one was home at the residence at the time.

The van did not hit any other vehicles, and no one else was injured on the busy road.

"There's a lot of traffic," Fitzgerald said. "It could have been very bad."

St. Matthews police closed the 300 block of Breckenridge for about 90 minutes while they investigated the accident.

July 9, 2003; *The Voice-Tribune*:

William T. 'Tommy' Miller, retired owner of Harrods Creek Sanitation and member of First Baptist Church of Prospect, dies

William T. "Tommy" Miller, 69, died Monday, June 30, 2003.

Mr. Miller was retired owner and operator of Harrods Creek Sanitation and a member of First Baptist Church of Prospect.

He is survived by his wife,

Janice Miller; daughters, Lynn Craig and Donna Miller; a brother, Donald Lee Miller; and a granddaughter, Michele Craig.

Funeral services were private. Evergreen Funeral Home handled the arrangements.



(NOTE: At a meeting in Clarke Fennimore's basement discussing who should be the next officers, Tom (who I did not know well) suggested I (Al Ring) should be a Lieutenant because I rode out in charge in the day time all the time anyway. We should just make it official. Lot's of negative discussion, but I did make the vote to be a Lieutenant.)

2003

July 9, 2003, *The Courier-Journal*, by Matt Batcheldor: Firefighters to burn building, Old Chico's restaurant will be training ground

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Firefighters to burn building Old Chico's restaurant will be training ground

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By MATT BATCHELDOR
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Chico's Mexican restaurant in Hikes Point, which closed last month, will be burned down by the McMahan Fire Department as part of a training exercise.

Deputy Chief Joe Johnson said the first in a series of controlled burns was scheduled to begin last night, weather permitting. He said the building, at Hikes and Breckenridge lanes, will likely be burned to the ground Saturday.

Johnson said passing motorists should not be alarmed if they see the building on fire. "Pay attention to the roadway if you're driving," he said.

But people who really want to see the fire can grab a ringside seat. Johnson said the fire department plans to set up bleachers so people can watch from a safe distance.

The building at 3003 Breckenridge Lane was recently donated by the McMahan family, which owns a number of commercial properties in Hikes Point and for which the fire department is named. Skip McMahan, manager of the McMahan Group, said his family plans to lease the Chico's site to Fifth Third Bank, which plans a branch there.

Johnson said the burn is a rare opportunity for firefighters to practice search-and-rescue scenarios in a burning commercial building. It had been more than two years since McMahan burned something in its district.

Several other local emergency agencies are practicing, too. Yesterday, the Louisville Metro Police SWAT team performed drills. And at some point before Saturday, firefighters from the Louisville, Jeffersonton and St. Matthews fire departments will practice alongside McMahan firefighters.

Johnson said that the department will burn the building a section at a time over the next few days, assuming the weather cooperates.

McMahan said his family donated the building as a public service. "I just admire all those fellas," he said, speaking of the fire department.

Kitchen equipment was donated to Wayside Christian Mission.

The fire department was named after the McMahans because the family donated land for the first fire station on Hunsinger Lane, McMahan said. The department is now headquartered at 4318 Taylorsville Road.

The Chico's building has a long history on the Louisville restaurant scene. Café Sandrella's, a popular Hikes Point eatery, operated there from 1977 to 1992. From 1993 to 1994, it was home to City Slickers Steakhouse.

Chico's began renting the Breckenridge Lane building in 1994. The restaurant previously had operated since 1978 at 2945 Richland Avenue. McMahan said his family bought the building two years ago.



BY MICHAEL CLEVINGER, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

The Louisville Metro Police SWAT team trained Monday at the former Chico's restaurant in Hikes Point. The building, which has housed several restaurants, will be burned by Saturday for firefighter training. Bleachers will be available for onlookers to safely watch.



BY STEVE DUBBIN, THE C-J

2003

July 10, 2003, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*

*Learn Not
To Burn*

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Fire Chief**

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James King, Treasurer
Joe Wolfe, Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
John K. Volkerding
Richard J. Tonini
Jack Monohan
Thomas D. Eifler

Trustees Meeting Agenda July 10, 2003

- I. ✓ Call to Order 7:00
- II. ✓ Certification of Election *John Volkerding*
- III. ✓ Oath of Office
- IV. ✓ Election of Officers *SAME AS PAST YEAR*
- V. ✓ Adopt a Tax Rate for 2003-2004 Fiscal Year *PASS UNTIL NEXT MONTH (TO GET PVA CERT)*
- VI. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. ✓ Treasurer Report, Jim King
- V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VI. ✓ Old Business
- VII. ✓ New Business
- VIII. ✓ Executive Session
- IX. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on August 21st at Camp Taylor Fire Department @ 7:00pm.

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Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

July 10, 2003

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:30 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Tom Eifler, Jim King, Jack Monohan, John Volkerding, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the June 2003 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

July 10, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 10, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim King, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe moved and Jim King seconded that the reelection of John Volkerding to the position of firefighter trustee be certified. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the reappointment of Faye Ellerkamp be certified. The motion passed unanimously.

The oath of office was administered to John Volkerding and Faye Ellerkamp by Joe Wolfe.

Rick Tonini moved and Jack Monohan seconded that Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp, Treasurer Jim King & Secretary Joe Wolfe be reappointed to their current positions as board officers. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Jim King questioned Chief Seng as to why the District had accrued bank charges. Chief Seng said he would look into these charges and report back to King. King stated he would consider changing banks if the current bank continued to charge service fees.

Treasurer King questioned as to why the AFLAC premiums were included as a line item on the financials. He felt that since this need not be included since the individuals were responsible for the premiums.

Jim King raised a question to the validity of a \$63.84 on the Mastercard detail listed as "budget committee meeting luncheon". He felt that no budget

committee had been appointed and that the district be reimbursed for this amount. A long discussion ensued.

Jim King moved that the District be reimbursed for \$63.84 by the individuals that attended the "budget committee meeting luncheon". The motion died due to lack of second.

Jack Monohan moved and John Volkerding seconded that the Mastercard detail be corrected to say "budget review meeting luncheon" from "budget committee meeting luncheon". The motion passed with 6 yeas to 1 nay.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported that he had received a letter from Stuart Monohan requesting consideration of his Retire/Rehire request. A discussion ensued and Jim King pointed out that the City of St. Matthews contributes to a CERS account for Monohan due to his position as a city council member. He wanted Monohan to further research this relationship to address any conflicts that could arise from this. Joe Wolfe pointed out that no Board action was required on this request due to earlier established Board policy that required notification only and that all future requests would be perfunctory in nature.

Chief Seng presented the Board an expenditure request of \$600 for the evaluation and reprogramming of all District owned radios. Over the years, the radios have been programmed inconsistently and has caused some communication failures.

John Volkerding moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the requested expenditure be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board moved into executive session at 8:05 P.M.

General session resumed with no action taken at 8:26 P.M.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:26 P.M.

2003

July 16, 2003, *The Courier-Journal*, by Tonia Holbrook: Pink office shows firefighters' humor.

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North Oldham Fire Chief Rick Albers returned from his honeymoon to find that his office trailer had been painted pink. He took the gag, perpetrated by some of his firefighters, in good humor.

Chief's pink office trailer shows firefighter humor

By TONIA HOLBROOK
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When North Oldham Fire Chief Rick Albers returned to work last week from his honeymoon, he found his firefighters had given him a wedding gift he'd like to give back.

Albers' office, a construction trailer behind North Oldham Fire Station No. 2 in Gosport, had been painted pink with white polka dots and a soft lilac trim. The mailbox was likewise adorned with a new name for Albers' office — "polk-a-dot palace."

"In his younger days, he would have been the first person to do stuff like this," said Maj. Don Dahl, Albers' second in command. "We owe this to him on behalf of all the fire chiefs he terrorized coming up through the ranks."

Albers' trailer, where he moved his office when space was at a premium at the fire station, has been an ongoing joke among the firefighters and is among the features Albers said he can't

wait to lose when their new station is built.

The department plans to build a \$2.5 million station across Ky. 1793 that would boast 16,735 square feet, more than triple the size of its 23-year-old station. The new station also will include a tower and other amenities for training. The department hopes to break ground in mid-August and have it functioning by next summer.

And Albers will finally get an indoor office.

Until then, the 58 men and women under Albers' command probably will keep teasing him, Dahl said.

Last year, when Albers missed a training exercise, those who attended filled a 2,000-gallon portable water tank and placed it in front of his trailer door so he couldn't get in, Dahl said. In the tank were a scuba diver and several plastic pink flamingos.

And until last week, the mailbox in front of Albers' trailer was marked "tornado alley" — a jibe for the rough weather that makes Albers a little nerv-

ous when he's in there.

So after Albers' wedding on June 28, a committee of unnamed firefighters began planning a fitting gift, Dahl said. The members pooled their money and bought the most garish paint a local store had to offer, he said.

Capt. Phil Schaad said this and other pranks on Albers are part of the department's positive atmosphere. "That we can do this sort of thing and everybody gets a good laugh is indicative of the strong morale we have," he said.

Dahl agreed, adding that Albers is "very good-natured."

But after Albers saw his pink trailer last week, he ordered his crew to return it to its original battleship-gray luster. In defiance, they said it was too hot to paint outside.

"But for firefighters, you can't really say that with a straight face," Dahl said with a laugh.

So they've changed their story, telling Albers they can't find gray paint anywhere in town.



By Sam Upshaw Jr., *The Courier-Journal*

North Oldham Fire Chief Rick Albers returned from his honeymoon to find that his office had been painted pink.

The pink prank that firefighters pulled on Chief Rick Albers included polka dots on his mailbox. Albers took the gag in good humor.

2003

July 23, 2003, *The Voice-Tribune*: by Will Deshazer:



Voice-Tribune staff photo by WILL DESHAZER

The St. Matthews Fire Department cooled things off at Second Presbyterian Church's annual Smiley Camp on July 17. The camp, for ages 3 to 10, has arts, crafts, music and other activities. The fire department has made an appearance at the camp for 25 years.

July, 2003, Indicant Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between (07/01/2003) And (07/31/2003)				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
100 Fire, Other				
03-000817-000	07/01/2003	16:32:30	10 Fire, Other	320 General retail, Other
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container				
03-000914-000	07/27/2003	18:32:00	00 Investigation	410 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
131 Passenger vehicle fire				
03-000674-000	07/04/2003	11:39:00	11 Salvage	330 Property Use, Other
03-000994-000	07/27/2003	21:00:00	11 Salvage	399 Business office
Incident Type Count:	2			Percent of All: 1.5%
202 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other				
03-000871-000	07/04/2003	10:42:00	00 Investigation	
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
331 Medical assist, assist EMS crew				
03-000863-000	07/02/2003	07:42:00	31 Premise basic life	410 Multifamily dwelling
03-000864-000	07/02/2003	08:33:00	31 Premise basic life	410 Multifamily dwelling
03-000862-000	07/02/2003	20:16:00	31 Premise basic life	321 School care facility
03-000861-000	07/02/2003	21:43:00	31 Premise basic life	410 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-000860-000	07/02/2003	23:12:00	31 Premise basic life	410 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-000859-000	07/03/2003	11:39:00	31 Premise basic life	
03-000858-000	07/24/2003	18:02:00	30 Emergency medical	311 Two-story store
03-000857-000	07/25/2003	08:53:00	30 Emergency medical	410 Multifamily dwelling
03-000879-000	07/26/2003	09:28:00	31 Premise first aid	
03-000882-000	07/27/2003	07:43:00	31 Premise basic life	410 Multifamily dwelling
03-000880-000	07/27/2003	14:08:00	30 Emergency medical	410 Multifamily dwelling
03-000881-000	07/29/2003	07:52:00	30 Emergency medical	410 Street use only
03-000887-000	07/30/2003	09:30:00	30 Emergency medical	410 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-000886-000	07/30/2003	11:57:00	30 Emergency medical	340 Clinics, doctors offices
03-000885-000	07/30/2003	14:27:00	30 Emergency medical	340 Clinics, doctors offices
03-000883-000	07/30/2003	23:16:00	30 Emergency medical	410 Multifamily dwelling
03-000898-000	07/31/2003	15:20:00	30 Emergency medical	410 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-000895-000	07/31/2003	19:01:00	31 Premise basic life	331 Church, temple
03-000894-000	07/31/2003	20:18:00	31 Premise basic life	410 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-000893-000	07/31/2003	20:39:00	31 Premise basic life	410 Seafood/food store and

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between (07/01/2003) And (07/31/2003)				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
141 Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn				
11-0010091-000	07/04/2003	16:00:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
11-0100029-000	07/15/2003	01:01:00	86 Investigate	419 multifamily dwelling
11-0101067-000	07/22/2003	01:25:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count:	3			Percent of All: 2.24
142 Overheated motor				
12-0101000-000	07/21/2003	10:20:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.79
143 Light ballast breakdown				
11-0101047-000	07/29/2003	09:01:00	86 Investigate	550 Business office
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.79
144 Power line down				
13-0201001-000	07/04/2003	11:09:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
13-0201036-000	07/10/2003	16:11:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
13-0201068-000	07/12/2003	16:22:00	86 Investigate	902 Residential street, road
13-0201039-000	07/31/2003	22:18:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count:	4			Percent of All: 3.04
145 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment				
13-0201004-000	07/21/2003	16:08:00	86 Investigate	419 1 or 2 family dwelling
13-0201038-000	07/29/2003	15:11:00	86 Investigate	902 Street or road in
Incident Type Count:	2			Percent of All: 1.52
146 Accident, potential accident, Other				
12-0101065-000	07/01/2003	10:57:00	89 Remove Person	160 Restaurant or cafeteria
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.79
147 Vehicle accident, general cleanup				
13-0201004-000	07/21/2003	02:18:00	47 Remove Person	903 Street or road in
13-0201008-000	07/29/2003	13:22:00	89 Remove Person	990 General retail, Other
13-0201038-000	07/29/2003	07:39:00	47 Remove Person	902 Street, Other
13-0201040-000	07/31/2003	23:59:00	86 Investigate	902 Highway or divided
13-0201042-000	07/29/2003	16:09:00	89 Remove Person	902 Residential street, road

St. Matthews Fire Protection District					
Incident Type Report					
Alarm Date Between (07/01/2003) And (07/31/2003)					
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use	
All Medical assist, assist EMS crew					
03-00000001-000	07/02/2003	06:45:00	10 Fire/ice basic life	618	1 or 2 family dwelling
03-00000111-000	07/02/2003	18:15:00	42 Fire/ice basic life	628	Multifamily dwellings
03-00000112-000	07/02/2003	20:00:00	14 Fire/ice basic life	628	Multifamily dwellings
03-00000144-000	07/03/2003	00:05:00	30 Emergency medical	674	Residential board and
03-00000146-000	07/04/2003	08:10:00	30 Emergency medical	628	Multifamily dwellings
03-00000186-000	07/14/2003	04:17:00	31 Fire/ice basic life	242	Decor, central air and
03-00000193-000	07/14/2003	08:47:00	32 Fire/ice basic life	618	1 or 2 family dwelling
03-00000232-000	07/14/2003	22:00:00	32 Fire/ice basic life	618	1 or 2 family dwelling
03-00000314-000	07/15/2003	07:47:00	30 Emergency medical	711	24-hour care nursing
03-00000316-000	07/16/2003	10:20:00	30 Emergency medical	618	1 or 2 family dwelling
03-00000393-000	07/16/2003	11:20:00	30 Emergency medical	618	1 or 2 family dwelling
03-00000398-000	07/16/2003	10:10:00	32 Fire/ice basic life		
03-00000376-000	07/16/2003	14:20:00	32 Fire/ice basic life		
03-00000402-000	07/16/2003	18:25:00	32 Fire/ice basic life	618	1 or 2 family dwelling
03-00000416-000	07/21/2003	01:11:00	40 Fire/ice basic life	618	1 or 2 family dwelling
03-00000468-000	07/22/2003	11:00:00	32 Fire/ice basic life	628	1 or 2 family dwelling
03-00000493-000	07/22/2003	10:36:00	30 Emergency medical	400	Clinics, doctor offices
03-00000503-000	07/22/2003	14:29:00	30 Emergency medical	399	Business office
03-00000505-000	07/23/2003	09:25:00	32 Fire/ice basic life		
03-00000504-000	07/23/2003	14:52:00	32 Fire/ice basic life	308	Professional, engineer,
03-00000508-000	07/26/2003	11:57:00	20 Emergency medical	300	Clinics, doctor offices
03-00000564-000	07/29/2003	08:46:00	32 Fire/ice basic life		
03-00000580-000	07/29/2003	18:19:00	32 Fire/ice basic life	428	Multifamily dwellings
03-00000611-000	07/29/2003	01:00:00	32 Fire/ice basic life	618	1 or 2 family dwelling
03-00000673-000	07/29/2003	12:10:00	30 Emergency medical	618	1 or 2 family dwelling
03-00000842-000	07/31/2003	14:42:00	30 Emergency medical	536	Nursing office
03-00000883-000	07/31/2003	21:18:00	14 Fire/ice equipment	618	1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count: 47					
Percent of All: 38.6%					

412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	03-0000000-000	07/25/2013	1818:00:00 Informational	412 1 or 2 Family Dwelling
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.74
424 Carbon monoxide incident	03-0210074-000	07/25/2013	10:28:00 00 Investigation	412 1 or 2 Family Dwelling
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.74
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn				

Incident	Ala Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
Incident Type Count:	5			Percent of All: 1.00
100 Barrie Call, Other				
03-2004041-001	03/17/2003	12:04:00	88 Investigate	690 Business office
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.20
311 Lock-out				
03-2004056-000	03/31/2003	12:25:00	70 Assist/advise, Other	940 Vehicle parking area
03-2004077-000	03/14/2003	17:10:00	84 Investigate	940 Vehicle parking area
Incident Type Count:	2			Percent of All: 1.00
321 Smoke or odor removal				
03-2004075-000	03/31/2003	19:30:00	80 Information	410 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-2004084-000	03/31/2003	07:12:00	80 Information	500 Commercial, business
Incident Type Count:	2			Percent of All: 1.00
541 Unsubstantiated burning				
03-2004089-000	03/31/2003	12:11:00	80 Same as property	100 Church, mosque,
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.20
571 Driver assignment, standby, stoppage				
03-2004094-000	03/12/2003	08:51:00	80 Fall-in, standby	100 Restaurant or cafeteria
03-2004095-000	03/17/2003	01:03:00	80 Fall-in or stoppage	
03-2004097-000	03/20/2003	02:44:00	73 Provision personnel	900 Outbuilding, protective
03-2004098-000	03/12/2003	21:26:00	80 Information	420 Multifamily dwellings
Incident Type Count:	4			Percent of All: 3.00
600 Good intent call, Other				
03-2004099-000	03/05/2003	17:05:00	80 Investigate	
03-2004101-000	03/04/2003	13:04:00	80 Information	410 1 or 2 family dwelling
03-2004104-000	03/04/2003	19:04:00	80 Information	500 Commercial, business
03-2004117-000	03/05/2003	00:47:00	84 Investigate	940 Vehicle parking area
03-2004124-000	03/10/2003	04:42:00	84 Investigate	110 Hospital or medical use
03-2004126-000	03/11/2003	00:24:00	80 Cancelled enroute	840 Highway or divided
03-2004144-000	03/21/2003	10:22:00	84 Investigate	900 Protective, general law use
03-2004154-000	03/22/2003	20:01:00	80 Information	420 Multifamily dwellings

2003

July, 2003, Indicant Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between {07/01/2003} And {07/31/2003}				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
600 Good intent call, Other				
18-0000940-000	07/23/2003	21:49:00	86 Investigate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
18-0000977-000	07/28/2003	14:31:00	86 Investigate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count:	10			Percent of All: 0.4%
III Dispatched & canceled en route				
18-0000945-000	07/22/2003	11:03:00	93 Canceled enroute	941 Highway or divided
18-0000975-000	07/28/2003	18:33:00	93 Canceled enroute	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count:	2			Percent of All: 0.3%
881 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke				
23-0000919-000	07/24/2003	19:41:00	86 Investigate	429 Multifamily dwellings
23-0000982-000	07/25/2003	27:18:00	86 Investigate	258 Day care, in commercial
23-0000943-000	07/25/2003	27:31:00	86 Investigate	429 Multifamily dwellings
Incident Type Count:	3			Percent of All: 0.2%
882 Alarm, vapor, fog or dirt thought to be smoke				
23-0000940-000	07/10/2003	18:01:00	86 Investigate	941 Highway or divided
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
760 False alarm or false call, Other				
31-0000887-000	07/24/2003	19:15:00	86 Information,	331 Hospital - medical or
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other				
01-0000881-000	07/26/2003	18:33:00	86 Investigate	240 Clinics, doctors offices,
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm				
23-0000892-000	07/29/2003	17:42:00	86 Information,	331 Hospital - medical or
01-0000891-000	07/29/2003	21:07:00	86 Information,	331 Hospital - medical or
Incident Type Count:	2			Percent of All: 1.5%
721 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction				
01-0000874-000	07/23/2003	22:20:00	86 Investigate	889 Business office

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report				
Alarm Date Between (07/01/2003) And (07/31/2003)				
Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
Incident Type Count: 1				
Percent of All: 0.7%				
722 Smoke detector activation due to malfunction				
18-0000872-000	07/04/2003	10:31:00	86 Investigate	429 Multifamily dwellings
18-0000801-000	07/18/2003	22:18:00	86 Investigate	429 Multifamily dwellings
18-0000868-000	07/11/2003	10:33:00	43 Restore fire alarm	340 Clinics, doctors offices, other
18-0000913-000	07/13/2003	20:14:00	43 Restore fire alarm	340 General retail, other
18-0000820-000	07/14/2003	18:14:00	43 Restore fire alarm	340 General retail, other
18-0000821-000	07/14/2003	18:38:00	86 Investigate	429 Multifamily dwellings
18-0000823-000	07/15/2003	10:24:00	86 Investigate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
18-0000826-000	07/11/2003	14:31:00	86 Investigate	460 Miscellaneous, commercial
18-0000826-000	07/11/2003	14:59:00	86 Investigate	131 Church, synagogue, other
18-0000832-000	07/17/2003	09:49:00	86 Investigate	340 General retail, other
18-0000840-000	07/18/2003	19:43:00	86 Investigate	340 General retail, other
18-0000841-000	07/21/2003	05:31:00	86 Investigate	340 General retail, other
18-0000870-000	07/27/2003	18:43:00	86 Investigate	429 Multifamily dwellings
Incident Type Count: 13				
Percent of All: 9.9%				
715 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction				
23-0000850-000	07/01/2003	11:31:00	86 Investigate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
23-0000854-000	07/03/2003	11:58:00	86 Investigate	460 Miscellaneous, commercial
23-0000810-000	07/12/2003	20:18:00	86 Investigate	460 Miscellaneous, commercial
23-0000816-000	07/13/2003	13:58:00	86 Investigate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
23-0000869-000	07/27/2003	17:38:00	86 Investigate	340 General retail, other
Incident Type Count: 5				
Percent of All: 3.8%				
726 CO detector activation due to malfunction				
23-0000869-000	07/01/2003	24:58:00	86 Investigate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
23-0000869-000	07/08/2003	21:49:00	86 Investigate	418 1 or 2 family dwelling
Incident Type Count: 2				
Percent of All: 1.5%				
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other				
23-0000844-000	07/09/2003	09:24:00	86 Information,	429 Multifamily dwellings
23-0000818-000	07/23/2003	13:07:00	86 Investigate	330 Business office
23-0000811-000	07/28/2003	07:43:00	86 Investigate	340 General retail, other
Incident Type Count: 3				
Percent of All: 2.1%				
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional				

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report

Alarm Date Between {07/01/2003} And {07/31/2003}

Incident	Alarm Date	Time	Primary Action	Property Use
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional				
33-0000947-000	07/21/2003	15:33:00	86 Investigate	331 Hospital - medical or
33-0000965-000	07/25/2003	13:52:00	63 Restore fire alarm	331 Hospital - medical or
33-0000966-000	07/26/2003	07:10:00	88 Information,	429 Multifamily dwellings
33-0000978-000	07/29/2003	16:14:00	86 Investigate	180 Eating, drinking places
33-0000980-000	07/31/2003	08:44:00	80 Information,	331 Hospital - medical or
Incident Type Count:	5			Percent of All: 3.8%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire - unintentional				
33-0000890-000	07/09/2003	17:03:00	80 Information,	519 Food and beverage sales,
Incident Type Count:	1			Percent of All: 0.7%
Total Incident Count: 131				


Fire Runs YTD = 983

2003

August 8, 2003, Letter:

August 14, 2003, Trustee meeting:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: August 8, 2003
Re: District Activity

Dates to Remember:
August 14, 2003 at 7:00pm, St. Matthews Trustee Meeting
August 19 & 20, 2003 at 7:00pm, Merger Presentation for Firefighters
Location: The Temple, 5101 U.S. Hwy 42
August 27, 2003 at 7:00pm, Merger Presentation for all Trustees
Location: The Temple, 5101 U.S. Hwy 42

The merger steering committee will still be meeting several more times before the actual presentations are made to both the firefighters and the trustees. I am sure that John Treitz would like for the districts to vote on this issue at their next regular scheduled district trustees meeting or sooner if possible. If this holds true, I would like for the Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire District to call a special meeting on either August 28th or 29th so that we can be the first fire district to vote on the petition to merge the four fire districts. I thought this might make the St. Matthews Fire District look good from a public relations standpoint by being the first of the four districts to vote on this issue. We can talk about this in more detail at next Thursday's Trustees meeting.

The only fire apparatus that needs service work this week is Unit 2631. There is an EA requesting to install a roof mounted air conditioning unit at the cost of \$1064. This installation would be for a complete RV style A/C unit that would run off of the hydraulic generator. The current factory installed A/C unit is in need of repair and the maintenance department thinks that installing this unit and not repairing the other will give us better service and less headaches down the road.

The only expenditure we had last month had been for a \$600 radio service on all of the radios that the fire district owns. This radio service started this week and should be completed by the end of next week.

There are several expense requests (EA's) included in this package. Most of them have descriptions attached to them explaining what the expenses are for. If you have any questions about any of them please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Jan Setz with Cotton & Allen called this week and said that we should have a copy of the audit to review at our next Trustees meeting. He plans on meeting with Jim King and myself sometime during the first of next week to review the first draft.

**Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District**

August 14, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on August 14, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue at 7:00 P. M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Jim King and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief Bill Seng, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Firefighter Greg Crabb, and Firefighter Wayne Mosley.

Rick Tonini moved to accept the minutes of the July 10th meeting. Jack Monohan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Jim King gave the treasurers report. He reported that the budget was in good shape and we would be receiving \$10,504.00 in back interest from Commonwealth Bank that they owed us due to an accounting change.

Jim King moved that we approve the 10 cents per 100.00 tax rate on real and personal property for 2003-2004. Rick Tonini seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Captain Frank Flynn appeared to inform the board the current status of the board owned annuity for retired assistant chief Jack Monohan. Tom Eifler will investigate a possible buyout to end the boards liability for the future.

Chief Seng reported:

- 1) Merger Steering Committee will make presentation to firefighters and the public August 19 & 20, 2003 at 7pm and again on August 27th for Board Members and the public. All meeting will be at the Temple, 5101 U.S. Hwy 42
- 2) Radio Service approved last month should be completed within a few weeks.

Expenditure Requests for August

1. Laptop Computer for Training	\$1500.00
2. IAFC Conference for Chief Seng & Asst. Chief Monohan	\$2205.00
3. 100 Uniform Sweatshirts	\$1675.00
4. 2 RJT Kits to complete purchase of one per unit	\$2785.00
5. 6 SCBA parts for New Recruits	\$ 576.00
6. Annual NFPA Flow Tests for SCBA	\$1064.00
7. RV Style Air Conditioner for 2631	\$1069.00
8. 10 Year Smoke Detectors for Sunday Program	\$1154.34
9. Remove Dead Tree at Station 2	\$ 575.00
10. EMT Class for 3 Firefighters	\$1416.00
11. Annual Firehouse Software Training seminar for Asst. Chief Monohan and Tina Freibert	\$2044.00
	\$17564.84

Rick Tonini made a motion to approve expense requests. Tom Eifler seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler moved to go to executive session at 7:50 P.M. Jack Monohan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Board returned from executive session at 7:55 P.M.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P. M.

A house that looks 'at home'

Owners wanted a new place, but with a lived-in look.

With a million uses and purposes, the house that is well-loved and well-used is the one that is most at home. It is the one that is most at home in the neighborhood, the one that is most at home in the neighborhood, the one that is most at home in the neighborhood.

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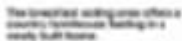
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The master's room features a large, arched doorway leading to a bright, airy space with a white countertop and wooden cabinets.



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If you go...

While the house is being built, the owners are looking for a new place to live. The house is being built in a new location, and the owners are looking for a new place to live. The house is being built in a new location, and the owners are looking for a new place to live.

Owners wanted a lived-in look

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arched opening is located between the entry hall and dining room. A paneled, arched opening between the entry hall and family room is 48 inches deep so a closet could be built on one side of it in the family room and the basement stairway on the other.

Jane Graven worked with her daughter-in-law, Jessica Graven, an interior designer, on decorating the house. "We had a great team" with Jessica, Winston and Isaac, Jane Graven said.

The dark red, yellow and cornflower blue colors the women chose flow throughout the home. Traditional furnishings include lots of country French and farmhouse styles.

The sofa with a traditional Lawson arm is a dark red with a small gold diamond design. Two French bergère chairs show off a yellow and red toile fabric with a contrasting red check on the backs, webbing and cushion bases.

A rectangular, wooden country-style table sits between two club chairs upholstered in a red, yellow, blue and green plaid fabric. A lamp with a rooster base sits on the table.

The oak coffee table that had been in Jane Graven's family originally was a dining table and has been cut down. The drop leaf, grooved table behind the sofa once belonged to Jane Graven's mother, Jane Lynch of Louisville, and her late father, Robert Lynch.

A round pedestal table by the sofa holds a red porcelain lamp with a multi-colored floral design.

The family room walls are yellow, and the woodwork is white. Red, blue and gold dominate a kilim rug.

The dining room has dark red walls, and the pedestal dining table is cherry. Two Queen Anne-style chairs with cream leaf-patterned damask seats are paired with four Windsor chairs.

A walnut farmhouse breakfast table displays Jane Graven's collection of blue and white porcelain. The simple brass chandelier that had been in the old house has been painted black.

A farmhouse-style bench sits in the entry hall, which has yellow, tree-ear tone, striped, painted walls. The bench's seat shows off a floral design in the colors of the house, plus green and red and white and a dark red background. The kilim rug there also is in the house colors.

Colors in the screened-in porch are



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The exterior of the Graven's home has a columned wraparound porch and big trees in front, dark green battens-board shutters and copper trim.

neutral, with the dark natural wicker lounge seat and sofa sporting beige and cream cushions with a vine motif. Cushions on the dining and a chair are cream and beige striped. Black metal nesting tables and a former black metal tea cart serving as an end table contrast with two wicker end tables. The rug is a steel. The beaded-board ceiling and woodwork are white.

The kitchen walls are yellow, and the farmhouse-style cabinets have brushed antique bronze cup pulls on the drawers and knobs on the doors. The countertops are beige and brown granite. The backsplashed base of the island are plink board.

The distressed black island chairs with sheep backs have red and white gingham checkered cushions. The country French-style breakfast table and chairs have blue and white checkered cushions with a small gold leaf.

Bookcases flank the window seat by the table. The seat's cushion is blue, yellow, white and red striped with red cording. The simple chandelier is a beaded bronze.

The painted steel rag in the breakfast area is bordered in a red and natural harlequin pattern with a scrollfield in natural on a red background.

A low-Curt Stuart-style chest is used for the vanity in the powder room. A traditional mirror with a gilded frame hangs on the wall above it. The dark gold wallpaper with a cornflower-blue folk farm scene includes roosters, cattle, boys fishing and women milking goats. The area rug is white and cream silk.

An arch made of plink board was put on part of the wall by the whirlpool

bathtub in the master bathroom. The wallpaper is a gold, white and blue stripe with a vine pattern. The wall behind the dressing table features a round leaded window with rosewood glass. The two white vanities have beaded powder pulls. The floor is hardwood.

Jane Graven calls the master bedroom a "work in progress." The walls are yellow, and the bed's headboard, chest and nightstand are country French. The top cloth on a round nightstand is a blue and white fabric in an Oriental design like the commode. The table's undercloth is a yellow, blue and red stripe.

Two chairs are to be covered in a red plaid. A niche was built into a wall by the fireplace to house the television.

Jim Graven noted that he got a big garage and basement. With all the wall space in the basement, he plans to display his collection of late-1800s and early-1900s billiard memorabilia. And naturally, a pool table can be found there, along with a snooker table. Stained-glass light fixtures hang above them.

Two sporadic chairs sport a billiard motif. An etched print from the pool-playing movie "The Color of Money," with Tom Cruise and Paul Newman, hangs on one wall. An old gas pump stands at one end of the basement.

A base-bell-leather-colored sofa, chair and ottoman make up the seating area. One end table is a brass chest, and the other is an eight-sided wood table.

When asked how he likes the finished house, Jim Graven said, "I keep waking up every morning wondering when we have to check out."



The oak coffee table was cut down from a dining table. The chairs are done in red, yellow, blue and green fabric.

4 fire districts see savings in merger

Their trustees due to vote in next month

By **MATT BATCHELDOR**
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The Courier-Journal

Because of rising costs and limited income, four eastern Jefferson County fire districts can't continue to provide the current level of service unless more money is available.

But a merger of the Lyndon, St. Matthews, Worthington and Harrods Creek departments could create a more efficient department, and the savings could be spent on providing better service.

Those are the main positions of a group that advocates merg-

ing the four departments.

It will offer its findings to the board of trustees of each department at a special meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at The Temple, at Lime Kiln Lane and U.S. 42.

The meeting is open to the public, and fire officials say that it's important that people attend because the makeup of the fire departments may affect the cost and service that residents receive.

Over the next month the boards will vote separately on whether to merge.

The St. Matthews Fire District has scheduled a special meeting to vote on the issue at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at its Station 1, 240 Sears Ave.

The trustees control the hiring of personnel and the purchase of equipment and facilities at each department.

Property owners in each fire district pay a yearly tax of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on

their houses and other property. That is the maximum tax rate that state law allows fire departments to charge.

The merger group's goal is to not cost taxpayers any more than the department's current budgets.

"This will not necessarily reduce costs," said Rob Saxton, an independent consultant hired by the four boards. "In most cases, most of those savings will be redirected and invested in other areas to make things even better."

Proponents of merger, including the four fire chiefs, say that combining the departments would promote efficiency. It would allow more paid firefighters to make runs, and some say they could make runs faster than volunteers who are called in.

Also, training, bookkeeping and legal costs could be pooled and reduced.

Proponents also say that re-

sponse times could improve because the coverage areas will be based on which of the eight firehouses could respond fastest.

The merger steering committee recommends breaking the merged departments into three coverage districts.

Lyndon Chief James Baker acknowledged that the leadership of a new department could ignore the merger group's recommendations.

Merger opponents, including some trustees, say merger would kill the sense of community pride that attracts volunteers.

And they say it would erode the identities of unincorporated communities such as Worthington.

They argue that because merger would replace four seven-member boards of trustees with a single seven-member board, few-

er community leaders would be involved with fire departments.

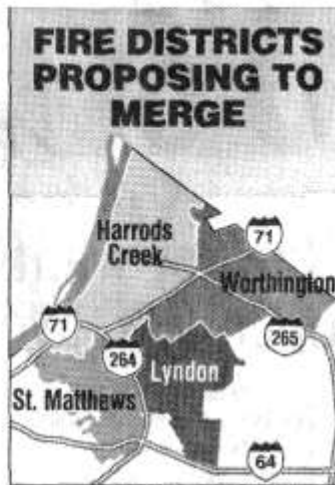
Under Kentucky law, fire districts can have no more or less than seven trustees.

Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte said if merger is approved, the departments would nominate seven of their 28 trustees.

According to state law, the Louisville Metro Council would have to approve any merger, and Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson would have the final say on who becomes a trustee.

Aponte said the five metro council members who represent the four fire districts have assured the merger group that they will ensure that the seven nominated trustees are appointed to the new board.

The four departments have been discussing merger since the



BY STEVE DURBIN, THE C-J

fall of 2001.

The merger committee was formed in January, and Saxton was hired to guide its work.

Aponte said the merger proposal is an all-or-nothing deal—it will take the approval of all four boards to make it work.

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August 28, 2003, Special Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Special Meeting

August 28, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on August 14, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue at 5:30 P. M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Jim King Joe Wolfe and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief Bill Seng, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Firefighter John Kilroy, Firefighter Mike Beneke, Marshal Denny Engnehl, Marshal John Chilco, Captain Larry Heaphy, Captain Hal Clifford, Sergeant Tony Glass, Firefighter David Meiners, Firefighter Kent Dayton, Firefighter George Wiggins, Captain Kent Monohan, Captain Dave Dugan, Chief Chris Aponie from HCFD, Keith Brooks from HCFD and Matt Bateholder from the Courier Journal.

Rick Tonini thanked the Steering Committee for the hard work put in on developing the merger plan.

Jim King moved to approve the merger resolution as written (See Attached document) Rick Tonini seconded. Roll Call vote as follows

Jim King	yes	Rick Tonini	yes
Jack Monohan	yes	Jim King	yes
Faye Ellerkamp	yes	John Volkerding	yes
Joe Wolfe	yes		

Motion was approved unanimously.

Jack Monohan moved to adjourn at 6:15 P.M. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Chairman

Secretary

To the Mayor, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government
c/o The County Clerk, Jefferson County, Kentucky

JOINT PETITION FOR MERGER OF THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE LYNDON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, THE WORTHINGTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND THE HARRODS CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (the "Joint Petition for Merger")

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District
The Lyndon Fire Protection District
The Worthington Fire Protection District
The Harrods Creek Fire Protection District

PETITIONERS

The Petitioners, The St. Matthews Fire Protection District, The Lyndon Fire Protection District, The Worthington Fire Protection District and The Harrods Creek Fire Protection District, state for their Joint Petition for Merger as follows:

1. Petitioners are fire protection districts operated pursuant to KRS § 75.010, located in Jefferson County, Kentucky.
2. Petitioners desire to merge into one (1) fire protection district pursuant to the provisions of KRS § 75.020.
3. Copies of the Resolutions of the Trustees of each of Petitioners are attached hereto as Exhibits A, B, C, and D, respectively.
4. The territory to be merged is comprised of the existing territories of each of the Petitioners more particularly described in the meets and bounds description and in the map set forth in Exhibit E attached hereto and made a part hereof.
5. The reasons for the merger are to improve the operating efficiency of the Petitioners, to minimize the duplication of effort and resources between the respective Petitioners, to make optimal use of the Petitioners' financial resources so that more funds may be directed to recruiting of firefighters and the purchase of equipment, and to provide for more efficient and effective service to the public within their service territories.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

At a meeting held on August 28, 2003, the Trustees (collectively, the "Trustees") of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District (the "St. Matthews District"), adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Trustees have determined that it is in the best interest of the St. Matthews District to merge with the fire protection districts of Lyndon, Worthington and Harrods Creek (together with the St. Matthews District, the "Districts") into one (1) fire protection district pursuant to KRS § 75.020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Trustees hereby adopt the attached Petition for Merger whereby the Districts will merge with each other into one (1) fire protection district pursuant to KRS § 75.020;

RESOLVED FURTHER that, following the execution of the Petition for Merger by all of the Trustees, any Trustee is authorized to deliver and file the Petition for Merger on behalf of the St. Matthews District with the Jefferson County, Kentucky Clerk, and to execute and deliver such other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the Petition for Merger.

The foregoing Resolutions were adopted with the following Trustees voting "Yes":

the following Trustee(s) voting "No":

and the following Trustee(s) abstaining or absent:

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District

By: _____, Chairman

(SIGN)

August 28, 2003, Special Trustee meeting:

6. A copy of the Notice of the filing of the Joint Petition for Merger, to be published in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter 424, is attached as Exhibit F.

WHEREFORE, Petitioners respectfully request as follows:

1. If no written objection or remonstrance in accordance with KRS § 75.020 is made to this Petition, that the Mayor, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government enter an Order pursuant to KRS § 75.020(4)(c) granting this Joint Petition for Merger merging Petitioners into one (1) fire protection district.

2. If, pursuant to KRS § 75.020(4)(d), written objection or remonstrance in accordance with KRS § 75.020 to this Petition is filed, that the Mayor, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government give prompt notice to Petitioners of such objection and schedule a hearing pursuant to KRS § 75.020(4)(e).

3. That if there is such a hearing pursuant to KRS § 75.020(4)(e), the Mayor, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government find that failing to complete the merger will materially retard the functioning of the fire districts and adversely affect the residents, and then enter an Order pursuant to KRS § 75.020 granting this Joint Petition for Merger merging Petitioners into one (1) fire protection district.

WITNESS the signatures of Petitioners as of this _____ day of _____, 2003.

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District

The Lyndon Fire Protection District

By: _____, Chairman

By: _____, Chairman

By: _____, Secretary

By: _____, Secretary

The Worthington Fire Protection District

The Harrods Creek Fire Protection District

By: _____, Chairman

By: _____, Chairman

By: _____, Secretary

By: _____, Secretary

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Friday, August 29, 2003

St. Matthews fire district votes to merge



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By MATT BATCHELDOR
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The Courier-Journal

Citing increased costs and limited income, the board of trustees that runs the St. Matthews Fire Protection District voted unanimously yesterday to merge with the Lyndon, Harrods Creek and Worthington fire districts.

St. Matthews is the first of the districts to vote on merger, which they have discussed since 2001.

"I think it sends a strong message to the community and the other districts merging with us that we were the first to vote," said St. Matthews Chief Bill Seng.

"The unanimous vote shows all of our trustees are comfortable with the move we made."

Chiefs of the other three departments say their boards will probably vote on whether to merge at their regularly scheduled board meetings next month.

If all the boards vote to merge, a combined department could be in place by next year. If even one department votes not to merge, the deal is off.

Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte said that he thinks that St. Matthews' approval adds momentum for the other three boards to vote in favor of merger. But he noted that of the four districts, "St. Matthews was the easy group." There is more skepticism toward merger among some of the other districts' trustees, he said.

The Lyndon Fire District will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for firefighters to discuss whether to merge. The meeting will be held at Station One, 8126 New La Grange Road.

A merger would create a fire district about the same size as the former city of Louisville, which is covered by Louisville Fire & Rescue. A merged department would have an annual budget of nearly \$10million, more than 100 paid firefighters and nearly 150 volunteers.

Proponents of merger, including the four fire chiefs, say that combining the departments would promote efficiency. They say it would allow more paid firefighters to make runs, which could speed response times. Also, they say, training, bookkeeping and legal costs could be pooled and reduced.

Proponents also say that response times could improve in another way: Coverage areas will be based on which of the eight firehouses could respond fastest. The merger steering committee recommends dividing a merged department into three coverage districts.

Opponents, including some trustees, say merger would kill the sense of community pride that attracts volunteers. And they say it would erode the identities of unincorporated communities like Worthington.

They also argue that because merger would replace four seven-member boards of trustees with a single seven-member board, fewer community leaders would be involved with fire departments.

The Louisville Metro Council would have to approve any merger. Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson would nominate trustees for the newly combined district, and the Metro Council would have to confirm the nominees.

2003

August, 2003, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (08/01/2003) And (08/31/2003)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
I Fire				
100 Fast, Other	3	1.43%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	2	1.12%	\$4,000	100.00%
200 Outside combust. fire; Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
251 Outside combust. trash or waste fire	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	7	3.65%	\$4,000	100.00%
J Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
110 Rescue, emergency medical (EMS) call, Other	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
111 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	59	29.33%	\$0	0.00%
112 Medical assist, AED applied on patient	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
111 Lockup (if lock out, use 511)	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
112 Extraction of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
113 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	66	32.28%	\$0	0.00%
K Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)				
400 Hazardous conditions, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
412 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	7	3.57%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	5	2.58%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	3	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
449 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
452 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
462 Vehicle accident, general mishap	8	4.13%	\$0	0.00%
481 Attempts to burg.	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	31	15.81%	\$0	0.00%
L Service Call				
100 Service call, Other	3	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
110 Service in progress, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
111 Lock-out	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
112 Water problem, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
122 Water or steam leak	4	2.16%	\$0	0.00%
123 Smoke or odor removal	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
140 Appliance problem, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
151 Cover assignment, standby, missing	10	5.14%	\$0	0.00%

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (08/01/2003) And (08/31/2003)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
	20	11.29%	\$0	0.00%
I Good Intent Call				
100 Good intent call, Other	4	2.25%	\$0	0.00%
111 Dispatched & cancelled en route	4	2.25%	\$0	0.00%
151 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
152 Street, vapor, fog or mist thought to be	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	11	6.21%	\$0	0.00%
I False Alarm & False Call				
100 False alarm or false call, Other	5	2.82%	\$0	0.00%
110 Malicious, malicious false call, Other	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
110 System malfunction, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
113 Smoke detector activation due to	9	5.08%	\$0	0.00%
115 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	5	2.82%	\$0	0.00%
140 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	4	2.25%	\$0	0.00%
143 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	4	2.25%	\$0	0.00%
145 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	5	2.82%	\$0	0.00%
145 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	40	22.59%	\$0	0.00%
K Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
813 Wind storm, tropical/hurricane aftermath	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
814 Lightning strikes (no fire)	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 177 Total Est. Loss: \$4,000

Total Run year to date = 1162

2003

September 4, 2003, *The Courier-Journal*, Metro Briefs—Worthington rejects merger with fire districts.

Metro Briefs

Worthington rejects merger with fire districts

Four East End fire departments considering merger were reduced to three last night, after the trustees who run the Worthington Fire Protection District voted 4-3 against combining with the Lyndon, Harrods Creek and St. Matthews fire districts.

It was unclear last night how the vote would affect a possible merger of the remaining three. Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte had said in a recent interview that if one of the departments voted against consolidation, the entire merger was off.

The St. Matthews Fire District trustees voted unanimously for merger last Thursday.

The Lyndon board is scheduled to vote Monday, and the Harrods Creek trustees will vote later this month.

The departments have been discussing merger since fall 2001.

September 4, 2003: *The Voice-Tribune*, St. Matthews fire district OKs merger—Lyndon, Harrods Creek, Worthington to vote soon.

St. Matthews fire district OKs merger

Lyndon, Harrods Creek, Worthington to vote soon

By ASHLEY O. ROSEN
Staff Writer

At an Aug. 28 meeting, the board of trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District voted 7-0 in favor of a proposed merger of their district with the Lyndon, Harrods Creek and Worthington fire districts.

The remaining groups are expected to vote at their regular monthly board meetings in September.

The districts, faced with increased costs and limited in-

come, began merger discussions about two years ago. The Middletown district was involved in the initial meetings, but dropped out in the fall of 2002, feeling that its community's interests would be best served by a stand-alone department.

If merged, the fire district would be about the same size as the former city of Louisville's, with about 250 paid and volunteer firefighters, and a budget of almost \$10 million.

Proponents of the merger cited efficiency and elimination of duplication as a basis for their support. Areas such as vehicle maintenance and reduced fleet

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St. Matthews fire district OKs merger

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size; a condensed, combined insurance package; audit costs; shared training resources; and group purchasing power of supplies and equipment are among the potential cost-savings.

Opponents say that merger would diminish the sense of community in the districts, thereby reducing the number of volunteers; and a smaller board of trustees would reduce the number of community leaders with involvement in fire departments.

The St. Matthews trustees' unanimous support of the plan should encourage the other districts to support the merger, said St. Matthews Chief Bill Seng.

"I think it sent a strong message to our firefighters and the citizens as well as the other districts that the presentation and research had such an impact on (our trustees) that they felt so strongly in favor of (merger)," he said.

The board of the Worthington Fire District is expected to vote on Sept. 3, with the Lyndon district voting on Sept. 11 and the Harrods Creek district on Sept. 22. If the proposal is approved by the group, it then will be sent to the Louisville Metro Council and Mayor Jerry Abramson for approval and the mayor would nominate trustees for the newly-merged district.

After reviewing the extensive research and data compiled by the 16-member Merger Steering Committee over the past six months, Seng said he expects the other districts to concur with the St. Matthews vote.

"If the other trustees from the other boards vote based on the information presented, (which included) so many positives and very few negatives, ... I think they would vote favorably for the merger," he said.

If approved, the target date for the merger to become effective is Jan. 1, 2004.

Names for the merged fire district and whether each would keep its separate name have not been discussed.

2003

September 5, 2003, Letter:

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: September 5, 2003
Re: District Activity

I am sure everyone has heard by now how the vote went at the Worthington Board meeting. I am still trying to keep a positive attitude on the whole thing but it is difficult. I am not sure if the merger is still totally out of the question yet, so keep your fingers crossed. I will discuss this in more detail on Thursday.

Unit 2613 (1999 GMC Yukon) just went into the shop to have it's transmission replaced. The estimated cost of this repair is about \$1600.

The only other apparatus repair that is still in the works is the hydraulic generator on Unit 2631 (2001 E-One Pumper). This repair has been ongoing for sometime and it should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Enclosed are several different e-mails for you to read about comments that have been made about merger.

Expenditure Request

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Annual Truck Service	\$ 1,500.00
(2) HVAC Units, Station 2	\$12,781.00
Seal & Stripe both Station Lots	\$ 7,600.00
Annual Ladder Testing	\$ 1,200.00
Tires #2613	\$ 400.00
(6) sets of Fire Gear	\$ 7,000.00
(7) Minitor Fire Pagers	\$ 3,700.00
Total Expenses	\$34,181.00

September 7, 2003, STMFD lost the daughter of former firefighter and present Trustee Rick Tonini:

Lauren Tonini, daughter of Councilman Rick and Denise Tonini, dies at 21

Lauren Tonini, 21, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2003, in Auburn, Ala.

Miss Tonini was a student at Auburn University, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority, a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Survivors: her parents, Rick and Denise Tonini; a sister, Allison Tonini; grandparents, Addie Davidson and Elmore and Cleona Tonini; aunts and uncles, Dana Davidson, Nan and Jim Milliman, Ed and Carol Tonini, Doris and Jim Thomas, Mary and Ernie Wilding, Barbara and Chips Cronen, Frank Tonini, John and Rita Tonini, Bill and Susie Tonini, Joan Tonini and Joe and Kathy Tonini; and many loving cousins.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with buri-



al in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Ratterman's Funeral Home, 3711 Lexington Road.

Memorial gifts: charity.

Indian Prayer

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glint on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you wake in morning bush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft starlight at night.*

*Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there. I did not die.*

Author Unknown

In Memory of Lauren Blake Tonini

Date of Birth
July 13, 1982
Louisville, Kentucky

Date of Death
September 7, 2003
Auburn, Alabama

Place and Time of Service
10:00 AM Thursday September 11, 2003
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
508 Breckenridge Ln.
Louisville, KY

Interment
Thursday September 11, 2003
Calvary Cemetery
1600 Newburg Road
Louisville, KY

2003

September 10, 2003, *The Courier-Journal*, Neighborhoods:

AROUND THE COUNTIES

fire districts.

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— Matt Batchelder

LYNDON

Trustees favor merger with three fire districts

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September 24, 2003: *The Courier-Journal*, Neighborhoods, Lyndon: Trustees favor merger with three fire districts. The board of trustees that runs the Lyndon Fire Protection District voted unanimously Monday to merge with the St. Matthews, Harrods Creek and Worthington fire districts.

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September 11, 2003, Trustee meeting:

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Trustees Meeting Agenda September 11, 2003

- I. ✓ Call to Order
✓ *1 MIN. OF SILENT PRAYER FOR TONINI FAMILY*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. ✓ Treasurer Report, Jim King
- V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VI. ✓ Old Business
- VII. ✓ New Business
- VIII. ✓ Executive Session *7:22 PM — 7:30*
- IX. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on October 16, 2003 at P.R.P. Fire Department, Station #6 @ 7:00pm.
7:32

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

September 11, 2003

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 7:35 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Tom Efler, Jack Monahan, & John Volkerding.

The Minutes of the August 2003 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

2003

September 11, 2003, Trustee meeting:



Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

September 11, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 11, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, Asst. Chief Monohan and Captain Monohan.

A moment of silence was observed for Trustee Rick Tonini and his family who lost their daughter Lauren Tonini in a car accident.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Joe Wolfe seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. Corrections all being typographical in nature. The motion passed unanimously.

No treasurers report was presented due to Jim Kings absence.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported the Lyndon Board of Trustees had voted 7-0 in favor of the 4 to 1 merger. The steering committee of the merger group will meet on Sunday, 14th of September.

Chief Seng presented the following expenditure requests:

• Annual truck service	\$1500.00
• 2 HVAC units for Station 2	\$12,781.00 —
• Seal & stripe both Station 1 & 2 lots	\$7,600.00
• Annual ladder testing	\$1,200.00
• Tire for 2613	\$400.00
• Six sets of fire gear	\$7,000.00
• Seven Minitor fire pagers	\$3,700.00
• Company Officers Development Course	\$3,530.00

After some discussion, Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the expenditure list be approved excluding the 2 HVAC units, which are tabled for consideration at a later date. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Chief Monohan showed the Board a demo unit of a Touch Book computer. Chief Seng anticipates requesting this technology in the future.

Joe Wolfe moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the Board move into executive session at 7:23 P.M.

Open session reconvened at 7:32 P.M. with no action taken.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 7:33 P.M.

■ Supporters may push for another vote next year, when new members are elected to Worthington's board of trustees.

By MATT BATCHELDOR
mbatcheldor@courier-journal.com
The Courier-Journal

Proponents of merging four East End fire departments say they may bring the issue up again next year, even though the trustees of the Worthington Fire Protection District voted against merger this month.

The advocates of consolidation say that combining the Worthington, Harrods Creek, St. Matthews and Lyndon fire districts could cut response times and make a more efficient department.

It would not, however, save any money — the key reason a

Worthington trustee gave for deciding against the idea shortly before the Worthington trustees met on Sept. 3. The vote was 4-3 against merger.

Because a majority of the trustees of the other three districts would have voted for merger, Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte said merger supporters may push for another merger vote next year, when new members are elected to Worthington's board of trustees.

"We're potentially putting it on ice ... until there's a change in ownership," Aponte said.

Each board of trustees would have to approve a merger to make it effective. But if even one pro-

merger supporter joins Worthington's board, there would be enough votes to support merger.

"I think it may be wise to see if there is any change on the board," St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng said.

Aponte said the chiefs don't favor merging only the Lyndon, St. Matthews and Harrods Creek departments because that would produce a geographically inefficient district, with Worthington being a gap in the middle. Also, if the three merged, and Worthington later decided it wanted to merge with them, it couldn't for two years, according to state law.

Worthington Fire Chief Gary Yurt, a merger supporter who was

on a committee of 16 from the four departments, said the issue is dead as long as his department's current trustees are in office. But Aponte said the pro-merger committee will continue to meet.

Worthington trustee Paul Schmitt, who cast the deciding vote against the merger, said he originally supported it. But he changed his mind after seeing a computer presentation the pro-merger group gave to trustees just days before his vote.

"If I've heard it once, I've heard it multiple times — we're not going to save any money."

He decided that the three other districts, which have had limited growth and therefore a

relatively static tax base, want to merge with Worthington because of its burgeoning tax base.

State law restricts a fire district's property-tax rate to a maximum of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value, which all four departments already levy.

As a result, Schmitt said, St. Matthews, Harrods Creek and Lyndon are running out of money because there is little new construction to increase their revenue.

But Worthington, which has much new construction and gets more money with each new or ex-

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FIRE DISTRICTS CONSIDERING MERGER



BY STEVE DURBIN, THE C-J

Worthington blocks merger of four East End fire districts

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panded building, could subsidize the other districts, he said.

Lyndon Chief James Baker said the Worthington area would get better service as a result of merger, which is more important than money considerations. He said that if Worthington has so much money, maybe it should lower its tax rate.

Merger talks started in fall 2001, and the 16-member committee started meeting twice a month at the beginning of this year, studying whether merger would make sense.

The group, including the chiefs of all four of the districts, agreed that it did. The committee said that, because of rising costs and limited income, the districts couldn't continue to provide the current level of service.

The group advocating merger readily acknowledges that it won't save

money, but they do contend that it would promote efficiency. More runs could be made by paid firefighters, who already would be at the stations, and therefore could react more quickly than volunteers.

Also, training, bookkeeping and legal costs could be pooled and reduced. On the other hand, some costs would rise. Everybody would be put on the same pay scale, for example, which would be the highest of the four.

Each of the fire departments also acts as a first responder to medical emergencies, often arriving to save someone's life before an ambulance gets there, Aponte said.

But Schmitt said such runs are driving up the number of calls for firefighters, and that is requiring the department to hire paid firefighters, which drives costs up.

Worthington went from 277 runs in 1992 to 1,283 in 2002. Of last year's runs,

515 were medical-related. There were no medical runs in 1992.

Merger opponents, including some trustees, also say merger would kill the sense of community pride that attracts volunteers.

And they say it would erode the identities of unincorporated communities such as Worthington.

They argue that, because merger would replace four seven-member boards of trustees with a single such board, fewer community leaders would be involved with fire departments.

Under Kentucky law, fire districts can have no more or less than seven trustees. Aponte, the Harrods Creek chief, said that if merger is approved, the departments would nominate seven of their 28 trustees.

According to state law, Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson would nominate trustees, and the Metro Council would confirm them.

2003

October 6, 2003, Letter:

October 9, 2003, Trustee meeting:



Enclosed in this month's packet you will find several items for you to review.

- Rejection letter from FEMA on our grant application.
- Proposed Fire Hydrant Ordinance
- McMahan Fire District letter to the City of St. Regis.
- Certified PVA numbers

2631 is in Lexington for the next several days having the hydraulic generator replaced with a brand new one. The replacement of the generator and the labor involved is under warranty.

The parking lot at Station One was sealed and striped last week. The lot at Station Two is scheduled to be sealed next week. I will be asking the board at the next meeting for an additional \$725 to replace some damaged asphalt by the rear doors at Station Two before they proceed with the sealing project.

It is that time of the year again where we start planning for the fire department Christmas Banquet. I am planning on using the same numbers for the banquet as we did last year for budgeting purposes. It is also the time of year that we provide the Kroger gift certificates to the firefighters which replaced the actual buying of hams and turkeys every year.

I have done some research on the insurance program that the County dropped this year that covered firefighters for death and dismemberment. It appears that we do have the same type of coverage through our own carrier but the firefighters would be losing out on the additional coverage through the Counties plan. I would like to run some ideas by the board at our next meeting on this issue.

As discussed last month Firefighter Adam Nay resigned from the department without any hesitation or problems.

Tina's new computer blew a spark plug last week, actually a CPU Processor which left it lifeless. Since it was under warranty the repair to the machine will not cost anything. The problems occurred when they told us it would be four weeks to get it back. Since this machine did all of the payroll and bookkeeping work we could not do without a machine for that long. After talking to both Faye Ellerkamp and Jim King we decided to purchase another machine and get it up and running before we sent the old one off. Things are running fine now and when the computer comes back from the repair shop we will pass it down to replace one of our older and slower computers. The replacement cost for the new computer was \$780.00.

Enjoy the reading and I will see you on Thursday!

Expenditure Request for October 2003

Item	Cost	Budgeted
Asphalt Repair Station Two	\$735.00	Yes
Christmas Banquet at Big Springs (includes length of service awards)	\$3800.00	Yes
Kroger Gift Certificates (65 ft x \$35.00)	\$2275.00	Yes
Fire Department Dinner	\$1500.00	Yes



Trustees Meeting Agenda October 9, 2003

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. Treasurer Report, Jim King
- V. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng *AVAC - Report to Spring*
- VI. Old Business *Meeting Update (Smith King work - \$2.2) (Save in Spring)*
- VII. New Business *Reunion*
- VIII. Executive Session
- IX. The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on October 16, 2003 at P.R.P. Fire Department, Station #6 @ 7:00pm.

5 Apt. Build (Sunnyview) For Building In Spring
1 Rest. Build (St. Matthews Ave) For Building

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

October 9, 2003

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 7:50 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Jim King, Tom Eifler, Jack Monohan, & John Volkerding.

The Minutes of the September 2003 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

2003

October 9, 2003, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

October 9, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 9, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim King, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, Louis Stoke, Nick Clark, Larry Heaphy.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed 5-0 with two members abstaining.

Treasurers Report

Jim King reported that he projects that the District will run short of operating funds prior to the receipt of tax income. He plans to set up a line of credit to bridge this period. He also suggested that the District push back any non-critical expenditures until such time as tax revenues start to come in.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng suggested that the budgeted replacement of the HVAC system at Station 2 be pushed back until the spring when the District is in a better cash position.

Chief Seng reported that the District was involved in saving a life utilizing the AED during a medical assist run.

Bill Guant of Jefferson Development has offered to donate 5 apartment buildings for fire training purposes. The buildings are currently abandoned and are located on Sunnyview Ln.

The District is looking into another building for the purposes of training. The Kayrouz restaurant building is slated for demolition and Chief Seng is investigating with Walter Wagner if this is possible.

Merger has been placed on the back burner because of the Worthington "NO" vote. He hopes the issue will be revisited later.

Chief Seng reports that the Louisville Metro Government has dropped the ADD policy for volunteer firefighters that was maintained by the Jefferson County Government. Chief Seng plans to explore the costs of maintaining this coverage.

2631 is still in Lexington at the E-One dealership having its generator replaced.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures:

• Asphalt repair at Station 2	\$735
• Awards banquet	\$3800
• Kroger gift certificates	\$2275
• Firefighters dinner	\$1500

Jack Monohan moved, Tom Eifler seconded that the requested expenditures be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan reported that the reunion committee is beginning planning on the 2004 firefighters reunion. He pointed out that it would also be the Fire Districts 85th anniversary. He suggested that the District should consider combining the reunion with the anniversary celebration.

Rick Tonini thanked the Board and the Fire Fighters for their support after the loss of his daughter to a motor vehicle accident.

Tom Eifler moved that the Board go into executive session at 7:35 PM.

The Board returned to general session at 7:45 P.M.

John Volkerding moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the Board accept Tom Eiflers recommendation to assign the ownership to an annuity that the District holds on Jack Monohan to Mr. Monohan. He further moved that the contract be amended to release the District from any further liability relating the to retirement account. This would be by mutual agreement between Jack Monohan and the District. The motion passed 6-0 with Monohan abstaining.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:50 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Dear Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Applicant:

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which is now incorporated within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), I would like to thank you for applying for a grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming interest in this program we are not able to fund your application at this time. As you may know, we received over 20,000 applications which contained over \$2.2 billion in requested assistance from fire departments across the country. Because of the extremely high volume of applications and the amount of funding actually available, many of the applicants who demonstrated great need and worthy project proposals could not receive awards this year.

While it is not possible for us to give a detailed account of how each individual application was rated in the competitive process, we can tell you that your application was not among those that went into the second phase of our competitive review, the peer reviews. Those applications that most closely matched up with the higher funding priorities for each eligible activity are the ones that did go to peer review. The goal of peer reviewing applications that most directly match up with established program priorities is to maximize the benefits of the funds for the fire community. Information about these priorities was published in the Federal Register in our Notice of Funds Availability for this year's grant program and in the Program Guidance which was posted on our website.

In order to improve the competitiveness of your next grant request under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, we recommend that you review the portion of your application in which you answered specific questions about the activity areas of funding for your proposed grant. Compare the activity priorities of our Program Guidance for 2003 with your answers to the questions in the application. If your answers consistently or partially deviated from the higher priorities, then your application would not score competitively against other applications that were more focused on the priorities. Additionally, each activity is scored independently of other activities, but the scores are then weighted based on the dollar value of the requests. If your application had a high dollar item or activity included in your application which was a low priority, that item or activity would have adversely affected your scoring and taken it out of the competitive range.

Most of the applications that did not go to panel were requests for vehicles. As you may know, the law limits the amount of funding that we can award for vehicles. That limit is 25 percent of the appropriated funding, which equates to \$187.5 million for the 2003 program year. We received about 5,600 vehicle requests totaling almost \$1.0 billion in Federal funds in this most recent application period. With this level of demand, we had to limit the number of applications sent to panel to those meeting the highest priorities. Again, we suggest that you review the program's priorities and compare them with the declarations in your application.

Please understand that funding for the continuation of this program is a decision that must be made by the U.S. Congress and future applications may differ from this year's application. Nevertheless,

the work you have already done to submit your application for the 2003 appropriation should be a useful resource for your department. As such, I encourage you to keep a copy of your application for your records. You may be able to use it as a reference for a future grant program, or even share it with your community as the outline of a strategic plan for the enhancement of your department.

Again, we are sorry that we were unable to fund your request this year. Please check our website at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/> for information on the future of this grant program. Your interest in this program has clearly demonstrated the need and resourcefulness of America's fire service. FEMA and the USFA will continue to work closely with fire service organizations to support the vital work of our Nation's firefighters.

Thank you again for your dedication and sacrifice.

Sincerely,

R. David Paulison
U.S. Fire Administrator

2003

October, 2003: Reunion committee adopts Certificate for Fire History Book.

November 7, 2003, Letter:

EARN A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE

TO
"Ruth's Chris" FAMOUS STEAK HOUSE

Your St. M.F.D. Reunion Committee is sponsoring a contest with three 1st prizes for the top three St. M.F.D. alumni that provide the most information to be used in Major Al Ring's history of the department. Not 1st, 2nd, & 3rd but three 1st prizes!

We want to make this the most interesting and exciting book of its kind. That's why we need your help. Please look through your old stuff for anything about the history of the Department no matter what its age.

There are a few simple rules:

1. Submissions may be newspaper clippings (or copies thereof), photos (or copies thereof), or, for the most contest credit, personal stories and/or remembrances of your time with our fire department. Stories may be funny, sad or anywhere in between and should be mostly true. (The editor retains the right to edit stories for format or to protect the guilty.)
2. Prizes will be in the form of gift certificates to "Ruth's Chris" or another local restaurant if you prefer. If you live out of town, tell us the restaurant's name and we will get the gift certificate for you.
3. Decisions of the judges (the Reunion Committee) regarding prize awards are final and committee members are not eligible for prizes.
4. Any and all former and present St. M.F.D. members are eligible and encouraged to participate. (Except for those noted in #3 above)

Submission should be sent to:
Gar Davis
2211 Brownsboro Rd.
Louisville, KY 40206
502 893-3333

The book is currently over 1000 pages and contains fascinating histories and numerous photos. Acknowledgement will be given in the book for those who contributed. The committee encourages YOU to be a part of this exciting project.

Don't put it off! Get started today!

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Fire Protection District**

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(502) 893-7825

**William J. Setz
Fire Chief**

*Leaves Not
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To: All Trustees
From: William J. Setz
Date: November 7, 2003
Re: District Activity

I have changed some of the single company run response around the Westport Road area which was once the responsibility of Station 2. This area will now be the responsibility of Station 1 for all single company runs. After looking over data for the past 12 months, response times can be reduced by allowing Station 1 to respond to this area. Both stations will still respond to this area for all multi-company runs.

Lyndon Fire District has been put on an automatic dispatch with us in the areas of I-64 and I-264. They will be responding with us in those areas due to their quick access to the expressways from LaGrange Road.

We participated with the Federal EPA and several other agencies this week in a mock disaster drill that took place downtown. You may have read about it in the Courier Journal last Monday about what the Fed's were trying to get accomplished as it relates to Weapons of Mass Destruction. I personally didn't feel like it accomplished very much due to the fact that we were used very little during the whole exercise. Most of the comments that I have heard were negative in the fact that the interaction between the City and County fire agencies was very poor. I am still not very sure who to blame that on. I guess the saying that "some things never changes" still holds true.

I apologies to some of you that stopped by here last Tuesday night during training to receive your flu shot from the Health Department. As you are aware they were a no show. I talked to the director that next day who apologized for not showing up. She listed several internal problems for not being able to keep the appointment. Med East who provides us with our physicals was able to provide the same service for us at the same cost. This was the second time that the Health Department has pulled this same stunt. From now on, we will just use the services of Med East.

Invitations were sent out yesterday notifying everyone of the date and location of the annual awards banquet at Big Springs. Please look for those invitations in your mail box today or tomorrow. I would like for the board to consider purchasing a few special capital prize gifts to be giving away at the banquet as door prizes. I have checked with several other departments and they all purchase several large door prizes to be given away during the banquet. Most of these door prizes are in the form of small TV's, VCR's or some other electronic items. I will explain in more detail during the meeting on Thursday.

Thanks

There are not any other purchase requests for the month

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painting and other activities will be featured.

— Pat O'Connor

ST. MATTHEWS

Halloween festival is Saturday in park

St. Matthews will hold its sixth annual Halloween festival in Brown Park from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday in the park, at Kresge Way and Browns Lane.

Trick or treating will begin at 1:30 p.m. Booths will be set up by St. Matthews-area businesses and others.

Among the other attractions are live music by Donny Dynamite & Dynamos, a dancing gorilla, two trucks from the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, hayrides, a St. Matthews police car, clowns, a petting zoo, games, hot air balloon rides, Metro Mounted Police, helium balloons and refreshment sales to benefit the Waggener High School cheerleading program. Last year's event attracted about 1,500 chil-

dren, plus adults, said organizer and City Councilwoman Mary Jo Nay.

— Martha Elson

CRESCENT HILL

Pumpkin contest to be held Sunday

The Annual Crescent Hill Community Council Great Pumpkin Carving Contest will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday on the grounds of Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S. Peterson Ave. Children are invited to bring their own pumpkin and carve or decorate it and enter it into contests for ages 3-5, 6-7, 8-9 and 10-12. Refreshments will be provided.

— Denise Smith

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PEWEE VALLEY

Arts and Crafts Day set for Saturday

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November 13, 2003, Trustee meeting:

*Snake Detectors
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Trustees Meeting Agenda November 13, 2003:

- I. Call to Order ✓
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting ✓
- IV. Treasurer Report, Jim King *\$140,600.00* ✓
- V. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng ✓
- VI. Old Business - *HAVE TRES. (JIM KING) BONED*
- VII. New Business - *CAUSAGE SAFETY CONCERNS* ✓
- VIII. Executive Session
- IX. The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on January 15, 2003 at Buechel Fire Department @ 7:00pm. *Joint Mtg w/ Chiefs*

✓ 12-16-03 TUE. PRIM RIB DINNER

2002 St. Matthews Fire District Awards Banquet

Big Springs CC	\$2,500.00
Awards	\$100.00
Decorations	\$100.00
Disc Jockey	\$500.00
Screen Rental	\$85.00
Total	\$3,285.00

Projected 2003 St. Matthews Fire District Awards Banquet

Big Springs CC	\$2,800.00
Awards	\$1,000.00
Decorations	\$100.00
Disc Jockey	\$500.00
Screen Rental	\$100.00
Total	\$4,500.00

Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

November 13, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 13, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim King, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim King reported that he projects that the District will run short of operating funds prior to the receipt of tax income. The District has \$140,000 cash on hand and that expenditures will overrun this. He plans to set up a line of credit to bridge this period.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported that he has received a letter from the Bonnywood Association stating some concern of the use of the Sunnyview Rd. site for firefighter training. The Chief said he would respond appropriately.

Seng reported that the Mallgate Apartments are now known as Creekside and is in the process of receiving a 5 million dollar renovation.

Seng reported on his investigation on the cost of continuing the accident policy coverage previously provided by the Jefferson County government. The cost of the policy is \$1073.25 annually.

Chief Seng reported that 2658 is in the shop for warranty body work.

Chief Seng reported that the Metro Council has approved legislation regulating roadside collection. He anticipates that this law will have no effect on our operations.

Chief Seng reported that the station response boundaries will be realigned beginning December 1. The change expands Station 1 single company response to an area roughly bounded by Rudy Lane and Massie Avenue.

Chief Seng reports that he is still in discussion with Chief Fredericks of Louisville FD regarding closest station responses.

John Volkerding moved to allow Chief Seng to purchase capital prizes for the firefighter awards banquet. The motion died due to lack of second.

John Volkerding moved to approved \$1073.25 for the purchase of an accident policy to replace the old Jefferson County policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler moved to adjourn, Jim King seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:58 PM.

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

November 13, 2003

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:00 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Rick Tonini, Jim King, Tom Eifler, Jack Monohan, & John Volkerding.

The Minutes of the October 2003 meeting were approved as written.

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

2003

November, 2003, Annual Awards Banquet, courtesy STMFD:



Jackie DeHart



Jackie DeHart



Larry Heaphy & wife



Stuart Monohan, Faye Ellerkamp & Chief Bill Seng



Stuart, Kent & Jack Monohan



John Volkerding, Larry Heaphy, Chief Bill Seng

2003

November, 2003, Annual Awards Banquet, courtesy STMFD:



Gregg Crabb



Larry Heaphy & gang



Larry Heaphy & gang

2003

November, 2003, Annual Awards Banquet, courtesy STMFD:



Stuart Monohan, John Volkerding & Chief Bill



John Volkerding, Larry Heaphy, Chief Bill Seng



2003

November, 2003, Annual Awards Banquet, courtesy STMFD:



Nancy & Tony Glass



Nancy & Tony Glass

2003

November 13, 2003, *The Courier Journal*, Fire chiefs question rules on collections Crusade might suffer under council's plan, by JOSEPH GERTH:

Local/Regional • News Item

Thursday, November 13, 2003

**Fire chiefs question rules on collections
Crusade might suffer under council's plan**

 Mail this page

By JOSEPH GERTH
jgerth@courier-journal.com
The Courier-Journal

Suburban fire chiefs are lobbying the Metro Council for changes in a proposed ordinance that would put stricter controls on roadside solicitations.

The problem, according to McMahan Fire Chief Paul Barth, is that the ordinance, as scheduled to be voted on tonight, would force the solicitors — including those collecting for the WHAS Crusade for Children — off the street at dark and during inclement weather.

Barth said the fire departments that work late on Crusade weekend all have bright lights and firetrucks with strobes to make collecting safe and that the ordinance needs to define "inclement weather."

But council members who support the ordinance as written say the rules are needed to protect not only those collecting donations but also people in vehicles.

"If it's dark, if there are leaves on the street, if it's raining ... I don't care what precautions you take, it's more dangerous," said Republican Caucus leader Kelly Downard, who represents the 16th District.

Glen Stuckel, R-17th, one of the chief sponsors of the legislation, agreed and added, "We're not trying to hurt the Crusade, and I don't think we will hurt the Crusade."

The proposed ordinance is the result of what some say is a proliferation of groups collecting money at intersections in recent years. In the past, most groups collecting donations were required only to have a general permit for solicitation; churches and some school groups didn't even need that.

The proposed ordinance would require people collecting donations in the streets to be at least 18 years old, have photo identification, wear reflective clothing, have a flashing light, safety cones and a large sign identifying the charity they are collecting for, as well as a nametag with the same information.

The ordinance would apply to all groups, including churches and schools.

Stuckel said the proposal on roadside solicitation is the most comprehensive he has seen — short of ending the practice completely.

"To be perfectly honest, we got a lot of people who said just do away with soliciting altogether. That wasn't our purpose," he said.

Council member James Peden, who is an assistant chief with the Highview Fire Department, said he would like to see changes made in the ordinance.

Peden, R-23rd, said firefighters are trained well enough to know if weather makes roads too dangerous for them to be standing in a median collecting money.

And he said the lights used by the fire departments give drivers plenty of warning that people might be in the roadway.

Peden's department doesn't work around the clock like some departments do on Crusade weekend, but he said forcing his department to stop collecting at 9 p.m. would cut its Crusade collection by about \$3,000.

"It would put a crimp in what we have traditionally done," Peden said, adding that he expects amendments to be filed to address the firefighters' concerns.

Stuckel said, however, that he would oppose any changes in the legislation.

"I think it's good as written," he said. "We spent the last three months going over this and doing it the right way."

2003

November 26, 2003, *The Voice-Tribune*, Dave Dugan. November 26, 2003, Incident Report:



DAVE DUGAN

The St. Matthews Community is proud to honor Dave Dugan.

Dave Dugan was born and reared in Louisville. He and his wife Mary are parents of two children, Alex, who is 8, and Chris who is 10.

Dave graduated from St.

Leonard School in 1976, from Trinity High School in 1980 and from Jefferson Community College with an associates degree in Fire Science Technology in 1993. He served in the United States Coast Guard for four years and was Honorably Discharged in 1985.

Dave was hired as a paid firefighter in 1987, and became a Captain in 2000. He has logged over 5100 hours of fire training since 1987. He became a member of the Kentucky Critical Incident Response Team during 2003. The team assists firefighters in dealing with psychological effects of difficult events they have experienced on the fire ground.

During 2003, he also became an IPSAC certified firefighter I and II. The Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews selected him for "Firefighter of the Year" for 2002.

Page 5-6 THE VOICE-TRIBUNE Wednesday, November 26, 2003

COMMUNITY PRIDE BREAKFAST

December 10, 2003
7 a.m.

ST. MATTHEWS COMMUNITY CENTER

PROGRAM	Tammy Gaddage, SMABA President.
WELCOME	Dan Lane
INVITATION	Karen's Deli & Catering
BUFFET	Linda Bader - <i>Platter provided by Girl Scouts</i>
MUSIC	Trinity High School Choir, Director Ken Bechtloff
INTRODUCTIONS & THANK YOU'S	Pat Carrien, Community Pride Chairman
SPEAKER	Davee Cox, WAVE-TV
AWARDS	Tammy Gaddage, SMABA President
	Booths: Hospital East St. Matthews Area Ministries
	Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews St. Matthews Community
	Southern Suburban Hospital St. Matthews Elementary School
	Rotary Club of St. Matthews St. Matthews Lions Club
	St. Matthews Area Business Association Walden School
	<i>Platters donated by Ave Breidge of Colonial Design of St. Matthews</i>

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (11/01/2003) And (11/30/2003)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
3 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	2	1.18%	\$17,000	100.00%
114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
	7	6.25%	\$17,000	100.00%

3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist. assist EMS crew	42	37.50%	\$0	0.00%
1112 Medical assist. AER applied no shocks	1	0.9%	\$0	0.00%
131 Lock-in (if lock out, use 551)	1	0.9%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	3	2.67%	\$0	0.00%
	47	41.96%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	1.78%	\$0	0.00%
420 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
443 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
443 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	7	6.25%	\$0	0.00%
	13	11.60%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, Other	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	2	1.78%	\$0	0.00%
541 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
571 Other assignment, standby, workout	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
	5	4.46%	\$0	0.00%

4 Good Intent Call				
400 Good intent call, Other	6	5.35%	\$0	0.00%
411 Dispatched & canceled en route	3	2.67%	\$0	0.00%
451 Smoke alarm, order of smoke	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
471 Alarm release investigation w/ no alarm	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
	11	9.82%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
710 System malfunction, Other	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
723 Smoke detector activation due to	3	2.67%	\$0	0.00%
724 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
733 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
726 CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	1.78%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
742 Smoke detector activation, no fire	10	8.82%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire	3	2.67%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire	4	3.57%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
	29	25.89%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 112 Total Est. Loss: \$17,000

Total runs YTD = 1542

2003

December 8, 2003, Letter:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: December 8, 2003
Re: District Activity

On behalf of the entire department I would like to thank the entire Board for giving our firefighters the opportunity to get together at this years awards banquet. The entire evening went very smoothly and was very well attended by all. Once again, thanks!

Don't forget to mark your calendars the annual Christmas Dinner is December 16th. We will start eating around 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to have a good meal and also visit and meet the firefighters.

The Hartford Insurance policy that Louisville Metro had dropped has now been reissued in our name. The first year premium was \$1,073.18. This policy covers all members with a death and dismemberment policy during emergency runs.

I have been in contact with the Jefferson County's Sheriff's Office and they advise that our first deposit will be made on December 10th. Jim King should be able to tell us on Thursday if this deposit went through.

The only expenditure requests for this month are the annual Fire Department Instructors Conference and a computer based fire simulation program. Please see the enclosed request form for details.

See you Thursday!

December 8, 2003, Report of Tax Collections:

November
Col. John E. Aubrey, Sheriff
Sheriff's Report of Tax Collections
2003 TAX YEAR
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Fund # 126

Tax Type	Collections	Penalties	Gross Taxes	Discount	Net Collections	Sheriff's Commission
Real Estate	<u>905,833.54</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>905,833.54</u>	<u>(18,117.03)</u>	<u>887,716.51</u>	<u>(8,677.17)</u>
Tangibles						
1.7 Sched A. Equip.	10,954.34	0.00	10,954.34	(219.09)	10,735.25	(107.35)
4.0 Noncommercial Aircraft	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.1 Documented Boats	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.0 Total Schedule D.	65.98	0.00	65.98	(1.32)	64.66	(6.65)
8.2 Other Tangible Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.1 Merchants Inventory	3,645.82	0.00	3,645.82	(76.89)	3,768.93	(37.69)
3.2 Finished Goods	1,665.57	0.00	1,665.57	(33.31)	1,632.26	(16.32)
3.5 Goods/Whouse Resid.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.6 Goods/Whouse Transit	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Sub-Total	16,531.71	0.00	16,531.71	(330.61)	16,201.10	(162.01)
8.6 Franchise Tax						
Tangible	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Real Estate	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Sub-Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
KBTA						
Add'l Bills	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Sub-Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9.1 Airlines/Railroads/Railways	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	<u>922,365.25</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>922,365.25</u>	<u>(18,447.64)</u>	<u>903,917.61</u>	<u>(9,039.18)</u>

Prior Yr Refunds 0.00

Due District 894,878.43

Prepared by James E. O'Daniel
Chief Financial Officer
12/08/2003

Sheriff *Col. John E. Aubrey*
Col. John E. Aubrey

2003

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Trustees Meeting Agenda: December 11, 2003

- I. ✓ Call to Order *7:00*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. ✓ Treasurer Report, Jim King
- V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VI. ✓ Old Business *None*
- VII. ✓ New Business
- VIII. ✓ Executive Session *None*
- IX. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on January 15, 2003 at Buschel Fire Department @ 7:00pm.

**Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company**

December 11, 2003

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:00 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Rick Tonini, Tom Eifler, Jack Monohan, & John Volkerding.

The Minutes of the November 2003 meeting were approved as written.

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

**Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District**

November 11, 2003

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 11, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, Louis Stoke, Matt Board, Larry Heaphy and Nick Clark.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

In Jim King's absence Chief Seng reported that tax funds have started to come and that \$894,878.43 has been deposited.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng thanked the Board for the annual awards banquet.

Chief Seng invited the Board to the annual roast beef dinner. The date is December 16th.

Chief Seng presented with a training expense request in the amount of \$6555.00 for the FDIC. This conference is held in April and there is no need for the Board to act on the request at this time.

Chief Seng presented the Board with a expenditure request for a computer based fire simulator program in the amount of \$550. After a brief discussion Jack Monohan moved and John Volkerding seconded that this expenditure be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng gave the Board a brief update on the merger as it impacts the Fire District.

Chief Seng reported that the Hartford Insurance policy has been purchased to replace the policy that the Metro Government discontinued.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting adjourn at 7:50 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman

Secretary

2003

December 14, 2003, by Wiley Brewer, former member:

Beechwood Village visit



2003

December 14, 2003, by Wiley Brewer, former member:

Beechwood Village visit



2003

December 16, 2003, Pictures Courtesy STMFD, Prime Rib Dinner:



Kent, Jack & Stuart Monohan



Rick Toni & John Volkerding



2003

December 20, 2003, Roster:

ST. MATTHEWS FD FIRE RUN ROSTER

Date: 12/20/2003

Fire Run _____ Public Education _____ Training _____ Mutual Aid _____

Fire Run #: 03- _____ EMS Run #: _____

Location: _____ Situation: _____

Dispatch: _____ Responding: _____ On Scene: _____ Control: _____ Clear: _____

(PLEASE MARK X IN INELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT)

Name	FD#	EMT	Signa
Beneke Mike, Sergeant	360189	046142	
Board Matt, F.F. 2	140702	045061	
Brown Ed, Sergeant	190784	21719	
Chilko John, Marshal	570596	N/A	
Clark Nick, F. F. 2	150199	40245	
Clifford Hal, Captain	390479	FR	
Clore Moss, F. F. 2	660500	38688	
Crabb Greg, F. F. 2	100998	45382	
Craycroft Mark, F. F.	680301	N/A	
Dayton Kent, F. F. 2	300901	4876	
DeHart Jackie, Sergeant	530787	25441	
Doyle Dan, Captain	250684	17439	
Dugan Dave, Captain	180285	21835	
Engnehl Denny, Marshal	130849	N/A	
Flynn Frank, Captain	120584	19834	
Frantz Mike, F. F. 2	431098	46120	
Glass Tony, Sergeant	050486	21837	
Green Dan, F. F. 2	670802	N/A	
Hayward Chip, F. F. 1	510102	N/A	
Heaphy Larry, Captain	031077	7571	
Johnson Mike, F. F. 1	081002	N/A	
Johnson Scott, F. F. 1	580802	N/A	
Jones Todd, Recruit	550603	N/A	
Kilroy John, Sergeant	210199	N/A	

Name	FD#	EMT
Kurtz Paul, Sergeant	060493	37352
Lewis Scott, F. F. 1	200599	48022
Louis Hunter, F. F. 2	220594	N/A
Marshall Tom, Sergeant	350380	19226
Meiners David, F. F. 1	620301	49829
Miskell Derrick, Recruit	520603	N/A
Monohan Kent, Captain	260976	6427
Monohan Stuart, Asst. Chief	461281	17582
Montague Patrick, F. F. 2	540301	43416
Montgomery Brendan, F. F.	600301	49892
Mosely Wayne, F. F. 2	640500	42711
Moulton Kevin, F. F. 2	241100	41108
Nay Adam, F. F. 2	330597	N/A
Panisiak Adam, F. F. 1	161002	N/A
Renner Ron, F. F. 2	420199	49459
Richardson Mike, F. F. 2	070502	N/A
Roberts Tadd, F. F. 1	371102	N/A
Rutledge Jed, F. F. 1	630802	N/A
Ryan Don, Captain	651281	17466
Seng William, Fire Chief	500578	7644
Slyter Matt, F. F. 1	610802	N/A
Sorensen Erik, Sergeant	321094	39677
Stoke Louis, F. F. 2	290100	40420
Strange Kenny, Major	690870	19842
Vail Richard, F. F. 1	310102	N/A
Volkerding John, Captain	480578	FR
Wiggins George, F. F. 2	590497	40206
Willinger Mike, Sergeant	230484	21721
Wolfe Joe, Captain	401279	18194

2003

December 23, 2003, Letter:

December, 2003, Incident Report:

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (12/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)

Incident Type	Count	Pct. of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct. of Losses
Fire				
11 Building fire	1	0.73%	\$40,000	96.77%
14 Chimney or fire fire, confined to chimney	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
31 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.73%	\$2,000	3.22%
	3	2.20%	\$62,000	100.00%

1 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire

140 Explosion (no fire), Other	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%

2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents

111 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	59	43.38%	\$0	0.00%
111 Lock-In (if lock out, use 111)	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
112 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	4	2.94%	\$0	0.00%
111 Rescue or EMS standby	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
	65	47.79%	\$0	0.00%

3 Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)

421 Refrigeration leak	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
460 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
	7	5.14%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call

511 Lock-out	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	5	3.61%	\$0	0.00%
541 Unauthorized burning	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, reveup	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
	9	6.61%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call

600 Good intent call, Other	6	4.41%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & canceled en route	7	5.14%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct. of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct. of Losses
	14	10.29%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call

700 False alarm or false call, Other	5	3.61%	\$0	0.00%
711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	6	4.41%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	2.94%	\$0	0.00%
734 CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	6	4.41%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	5	3.61%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	5	3.61%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
	37	27.20%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 136

Total Est. Loss:

\$62,000

Total runs for 2003: 1686

December 23, 2003

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Faye Ellerkamp, Chairperson

Re: Al Ring's Research for St. Matthews Fire District Book

Please be advised that the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District has given Al Ring, retired member of the Fire Department, authority to research and use all District pictures, newspaper articles, advertisements, and any other data in the files available for use in the historical book he is preparing for the Fire Department's 85th Anniversary.

Thanks for any help you can offer.

2003, Incident Report Summary:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Ret Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	16	0.00%	\$0.00	0.00%
110 Building fire	19	0.00%	\$000,000	0.00%
111 Fire in structures other than in a	1	0.00%	\$000	0.00%
112 Cooking fire, confined to cooktop	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
114 Outflow or fire fire, confined to chimney	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
118 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
119 Mobile property (vehicular) fire, Other	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
120 Hazardous vehicle fire	17	0.00%	\$10,000	0.00%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
141 Grass fire	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
150 Outside rubbish fire, Other	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	4	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	4	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
160 Special services fire, Other	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
161 Outside equipment fire	2	0.00%	\$000	0.00%
170 Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, Other	3	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
	79	0.00%	\$910,000	0.00%
2 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheated -no fire				
200 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheated	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
201 Overpressure rupture of air or gas	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
240 Explosion (no fire), Other	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
241 Explosive heat, scorch burns with no	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
	5	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
300 Rescue, emergency medical (EMS) call, Other	10	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
310 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	277	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, AED applied without shocks given	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
312 Medical assist, AED applied with shocks	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
320 Lock-in (if lock out, use 311)	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
330 Decommission, retrain, Other	3	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
331 Extrication of victims from vehicle	16	0.00%	\$10,000	0.00%
332 Removal of victims from stalled elevator	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
340 Shift water rescue	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
341 Rescue or EMS standby	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
	423	0.00%	\$10,000	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)				
400 Hazardous condition, Other	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Ret Loss	Pct of Losses
4 Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)				
410 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	8	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak natural gas or LPG	17	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	8	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
415 Toxic condition, Other	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
420 Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
425 Chemical spill or leak	8	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
426 Refrigeration leak	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
428 Carbon monoxide incident	5	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical - wiring/equipment problem, Other	11	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	10	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	11	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
443 Light ballast breakdown	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
444 Room line down	20	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	19	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
446 Accident, potential accident, Other	4	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
447 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
448 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	12	0.00%	\$000	0.00%
449 Attempts to burn	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
	204	0.00%	\$000	0.00%
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, Other	8	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
510 Person in distress, Other	8	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	18	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
520 Water problem, Other	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
521 Water evacuation	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or sewer leak	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
530 Smoke or odor removal	25	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
540 Animal problem, Other	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
550 Animal service or other governmental agency	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
560 Police matter	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
561 Unattended burning	3	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
570 Cover assignment, standby, overlap	128	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	84	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
610 Disoriented or stranded en route	27	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
620 Wrong location	3	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
630 Stuck, stuck gas mistaken for smoke, Other	4	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
640 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	28	0.00%	\$0	0.00%

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Ret Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Alarm, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
601 Alarm release investigation w/ no alarm	3	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
	162	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	46	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malfunction, Audible/visual false call, Other	10	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
712 Telephone, malicious false alarm	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	4	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
715 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
720 System malfunction, Other	10	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
730 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	5	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
731 Smoke detector activation due to	28	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
732 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
733 Alarm system activated due to malfunction	8	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
734 CO detector activation due to malfunction	8	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
735 Miscellaneous malfunction of alarm, Other	11	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
740 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	8	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
741 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	28	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
742 Detector activation, no fire	24	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
743 Alarm system activated, no fire -	8	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
744 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no fire	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
	464	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
800 Wind event, tornado/hurricane assessment	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
801 Lightning strike (no fire)	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
9 Special Incident type				
900 Special type of incident, Other	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
910 Citizen complaint	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
	2	0.00%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 1679

Total Ret Loss:

\$934,710

2003, Incident Report Type/Day of Week:

Incidents by Incident Type/Day of Week
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)
and FDID = "56296"

Day of Week	Count	Percent	Day of Week	Count	Percent
100 Fire, Other			1	0.18 %	
Sunday	2	0.12 %			
Monday	2	0.12 %			
Tuesday	3	0.16 %			
Wednesday	1	0.06 %			
Thursday	4	0.24 %			
Friday	3	0.16 %			
Saturday	1	0.06 %			
	16	0.97 %			
111 Building fire					
Sunday	1	0.06 %			
Monday	5	0.30 %			
Tuesday	7	0.42 %			
Wednesday	4	0.24 %			
Thursday	2	0.12 %			
Friday	4	0.24 %			
Saturday	2	0.12 %			
	18	1.05 %			
112 Fire in structures other than in a					
Monday	1	0.06 %			
	1	0.06 %			
113 Cooking fire, confined to container					
Thursday	1	0.06 %			
	1	0.06 %			
114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to					
Thursday	1	0.06 %			
Friday	1	0.06 %			
	2	0.12 %			
118 Trash or rubbish fire, contained					
Friday	1	0.06 %			
Saturday	1	0.06 %			
	2	0.12 %			
139 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other					
Wednesday	1	0.06 %			

Incidents by Incident Type/Day of Week
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)
and FDID = "56296"

Day of Week	Count	Percent	Day of Week	Count	Percent
14	0.87 %				
303 Removal of victim(s) from stalled					
Wednesday	2	0.12 %			
	2	0.12 %			
363 Swift water rescue					
Monday	1	0.06 %			
Thursday	1	0.06 %			
	2	0.12 %			
381 Rescue or EMS standby					
Wednesday	2	0.12 %			
	2	0.12 %			
400 Hazardous condition, Other					
Tuesday	2	0.06 %			
Saturday	1	0.06 %			
	3	0.18 %			
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill					
Tuesday	1	0.06 %			
Thursday	2	0.12 %			
Friday	1	0.06 %			
Saturday	2	0.12 %			
	6	0.36 %			
421 Chemical spill or leak					
Monday	1	0.06 %			
Wednesday	2	0.12 %			
Friday	1	0.06 %			
Saturday	1	0.06 %			
	5	0.30 %			
423 Refrigeration leak					
Friday	1	0.06 %			
	1	0.06 %			
424 Carbon monoxide incident					

Part missing

St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Incidents by Incident Type/Day of Week
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)
and FDID = "56296"

Day of Week	Count	Percent	Day of Week	Count	Percent
2	0.12 %				
142 Outside equipment fire					
Monday	2	0.12 %			
Tuesday	1	0.06 %			
	3	0.18 %			
179 Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, Other					
Tuesday	1	0.06 %			
	1	0.06 %			
208 Overpressure rupture, explosion,					
Wednesday	1	0.06 %			
Friday	1	0.06 %			
	2	0.12 %			
221 Overpressure rupture of air or gas					
Wednesday	1	0.06 %			
	2	0.06 %			
240 Explosion (no fire), Other					
Wednesday	1	0.06 %			
	1	0.06 %			
251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no					
Tuesday	1	0.06 %			
	2	0.06 %			
300 Rescue, emergency medical (EMS) call,					
Sunday	2	0.12 %			
Monday	1	0.06 %			
Tuesday	2	0.12 %			
Wednesday	1	0.06 %			
Thursday	1	0.06 %			
Friday	1	0.06 %			
Saturday	1	0.06 %			
	10	0.60 %			
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew					
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew					
Sunday	48	2.92 %			
Monday	93	5.64 %			
Tuesday	99	5.94 %			
Wednesday	114	6.92 %			
Thursday	74	4.44 %			
Friday	94	5.74 %			
Saturday	47	2.82 %			
	567	34.38 %			
311 Medical assist, AED applied w/stocks					
Wednesday	1	0.06 %			
	1	0.06 %			
312 Medical assist, AED applied on shocks					
Tuesday	1	0.06 %			
Wednesday	1	0.06 %			
Saturday	1	0.06 %			
	3	0.18 %			
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use BIL)					
Sunday	1	0.06 %			
Monday	2	0.12 %			
Tuesday	1	0.06 %			
Thursday	1	0.06 %			
Saturday	1	0.06 %			
	7	0.42 %			
399 Rehydration, rescue, Other					
Monday	1	0.06 %			
Friday	2	0.12 %			
	3	0.18 %			
412 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle					
Monday	2	0.12 %			
Tuesday	1	0.06 %			
Wednesday	1	0.06 %			
Thursday	4	0.24 %			
Friday	1	0.06 %			
Saturday	2	0.12 %			

Missing

2003

2003, Incident Report Type/Day of Week:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incidents by Incident Type/Day of Week

Alarm Date Between (01/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)
and FDID = "56296"

Day of Week	Count	Percent	Day of Week	Count	Percent
510 Person in distress, Other	1	0.06 %	240 Animal problem, Other	1	0.06 %
Sunday	1	0.06 %	Monday	1	0.06 %
Monday	1	0.06 %	551 Assist police or other governmental	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	1	0.06 %	Sunday	1	0.06 %
Wednesday	1	0.06 %	552 Police matter	1	0.06 %
Thursday	1	0.06 %	Monday	1	0.06 %
Friday	1	0.06 %	561 Unauthorized burning	2	0.12 %
Saturday	1	0.06 %	Thursday	1	0.06 %
511 Lock-out	3	0.18 %	Friday	1	0.06 %
Sunday	3	0.18 %	571 Cover assignment, standby, moving	1	0.06 %
Monday	3	0.18 %	Sunday	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	4	0.24 %	Monday	19	1.09 %
Wednesday	4	0.24 %	Tuesday	6	0.36 %
Thursday	3	0.18 %	Wednesday	6	0.36 %
Friday	1	0.06 %	Thursday	10	0.60 %
Saturday	18	1.09 %	Friday	9	0.49 %
520 Water problem, Other	3	0.18 %	Saturday	19	1.09 %
Tuesday	3	0.18 %	600 Good intent call, Other	8	0.46 %
521 Water evaluation	1	0.06 %	Sunday	20	1.16 %
Sunday	1	0.06 %	Monday	13	0.76 %
Monday	3	0.18 %	Tuesday	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	2	0.12 %	Wednesday	1	0.06 %
Wednesday	2	0.12 %	Thursday	11	0.66 %
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.06 %	Friday	19	1.09 %
Sunday	1	0.06 %	Saturday	4	0.24 %
Monday	2	0.12 %	600 Good intent call, Other	45	2.54 %
Tuesday	3	0.18 %	Sunday	8	0.46 %
531 Smoke or odor removal	3	0.18 %	Monday	30	1.69 %
Sunday	3	0.18 %	Tuesday	13	0.76 %
Monday	3	0.18 %	Wednesday	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	3	0.18 %	Thursday	11	0.66 %
Wednesday	3	0.18 %	Friday	19	1.09 %
Thursday	10	0.60 %	Saturday	4	0.24 %
Friday	4	0.24 %	671 Hazmat release investigation w/ no	1	0.06 %
Saturday	5	0.28 %	Monday	1	0.06 %

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incidents by Incident Type/Day of Week

Alarm Date Between (01/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)
and FDID = "56296"

Day of Week	Count	Percent	Day of Week	Count	Percent
532 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.06 %	735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	18	1.02 %
Sunday	1	0.06 %	Friday	4	0.24 %
533 System malfunction, Other	2	0.12 %	Saturday	4	0.24 %
Sunday	2	0.12 %	736 CO detector activation due to	1	0.06 %
Monday	2	0.12 %	Sunday	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	1	0.06 %	Monday	1	0.06 %
Wednesday	1	0.06 %	Tuesday	2	0.12 %
Thursday	4	0.24 %	Wednesday	2	0.12 %
Friday	4	0.24 %	Thursday	2	0.12 %
Saturday	2	0.12 %	Friday	2	0.12 %
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	19	1.09 %	Saturday	2	0.12 %
Sunday	2	0.12 %	741 Unintentional transmission of alarm	8	0.46 %
Monday	2	0.12 %	Sunday	2	0.12 %
Tuesday	2	0.12 %	Monday	2	0.12 %
Wednesday	1	0.06 %	Tuesday	2	0.12 %
Thursday	1	0.06 %	Wednesday	6	0.36 %
732 Smoke detector activation due to	5	0.30 %	Thursday	3	0.18 %
Sunday	5	0.30 %	Friday	2	0.12 %
Monday	19	1.09 %	Saturday	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	12	0.72 %	742 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	22	1.25 %
Wednesday	10	0.60 %	Sunday	1	0.06 %
Thursday	14	0.84 %	Monday	2	0.12 %
Friday	18	1.02 %	Tuesday	1	0.06 %
Saturday	18	1.02 %	Wednesday	2	0.12 %
734 Heat detector activation due to	69	3.82 %	Thursday	1	0.06 %
Sunday	1	0.06 %	Friday	1	0.06 %
Monday	1	0.06 %	Saturday	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	2	0.12 %	743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	1	0.06 %
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	12	0.72 %	Sunday	1	0.06 %
Sunday	12	0.72 %	Monday	13	0.76 %
Monday	8	0.48 %	Tuesday	13	0.76 %
Tuesday	8	0.48 %	Wednesday	4	0.24 %
Wednesday	7	0.42 %	Thursday	10	0.60 %
Thursday	4	0.24 %	Friday	6	0.36 %
736 CO detector activation due to	1	0.06 %	Saturday	6	0.36 %
Sunday	1	0.06 %	745 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	6	0.36 %
Monday	1	0.06 %	Sunday	6	0.36 %
Tuesday	1	0.06 %	Monday	13	0.76 %
Wednesday	1	0.06 %	Tuesday	13	0.76 %
Thursday	1	0.06 %	Wednesday	4	0.24 %
737 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.06 %	Thursday	4	0.24 %
Sunday	1	0.06 %	Friday	2	0.12 %
Monday	1	0.06 %	Saturday	2	0.12 %
Tuesday	1	0.06 %	746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no	1	0.06 %
Wednesday	1	0.06 %	Sunday	1	0.06 %
Thursday	1	0.06 %	Monday	2	0.12 %
738 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.06 %	Tuesday	2	0.12 %
Sunday	1	0.06 %	Wednesday	2	0.12 %
Monday	1	0.06 %	Thursday	2	0.12 %
Tuesday	1	0.06 %	Friday	2	0.12 %
Wednesday	1	0.06 %	Saturday	1	0.06 %
Thursday	1	0.06 %	747 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1	0.06 %
739 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.06 %	Monday	1	0.06 %
Sunday	1	0.06 %	Tuesday	1	0.06 %
Monday	1	0.06 %	748 Lightning strikes (no fire)	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	1	0.06 %	Saturday	1	0.06 %
Wednesday	1	0.06 %	749 Catfish complaint	1	0.06 %
Thursday	1	0.06 %	Wednesday	1	0.06 %

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incidents by Incident Type/Day of Week

Alarm Date Between (01/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)
and FDID = "56296"

Day of Week	Count	Percent	Day of Week	Count	Percent
811 Dispatched & canceled on scene	2	0.12 %	871 Hazmat release investigation w/ no	1	0.06 %
Sunday	2	0.12 %	Thursday	1	0.06 %
Monday	1	0.06 %	Friday	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	13	0.76 %	872 False alarm or false call, Other	8	0.46 %
Wednesday	8	0.46 %	Sunday	8	0.46 %
Thursday	4	0.24 %	Monday	4	0.24 %
Friday	13	0.76 %	Tuesday	3	0.18 %
Saturday	8	0.46 %	Wednesday	3	0.18 %
820 Wrong location	1	0.06 %	Thursday	12	0.72 %
Tuesday	1	0.06 %	Friday	6	0.36 %
Friday	1	0.06 %	Saturday	3	0.18 %
821 Wrong location	1	0.06 %	712 Malignant, mischievous false call, Other	48	2.66 %
Saturday	1	0.06 %	Sunday	1	0.06 %
822 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke	2	0.12 %	Monday	1	0.06 %
Wednesday	2	0.12 %	Tuesday	1	0.06 %
Thursday	1	0.06 %	Wednesday	2	0.12 %
Friday	1	0.06 %	Thursday	2	0.12 %
823 Wrong location	4	0.24 %	Friday	2	0.12 %
824 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	2	0.12 %	Saturday	2	0.12 %
Sunday	2	0.12 %	713 Telephone, malignant false alarm	1	0.06 %
Monday	3	0.18 %	Friday	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	1	0.06 %	714 Central station, malignant false alarm	1	0.06 %
Wednesday	2	0.12 %	Sunday	1	0.06 %
Thursday	3	0.18 %	Monday	1	0.06 %
Friday	4	0.24 %	Tuesday	1	0.06 %
825 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	0.12 %	Wednesday	1	0.06 %
Sunday	2	0.12 %	Thursday	1	0.06 %
Monday	3	0.18 %	715 Local alarm system, malignant false	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	2	0.12 %	Sunday	1	0.06 %
Wednesday	2	0.12 %	811 Catfish complaint	1	0.06 %
Thursday	2	0.12 %	Wednesday	1	0.06 %
Friday	2	0.12 %	812 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1	0.06 %
Saturday	2	0.12 %	Monday	1	0.06 %
826 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	0.12 %	Tuesday	1	0.06 %
Sunday	2	0.12 %	813 Lightning strikes (no fire)	1	0.06 %
Monday	3	0.18 %	Saturday	1	0.06 %
Tuesday	2	0.12 %	814 Catfish complaint	1	0.06 %
Wednesday	2	0.12 %	Wednesday	1	0.06 %
Thursday	2	0.12 %	815 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	1	0.06 %
Friday	2	0.12 %	Monday	1	0.06 %
Saturday	2	0.12 %	Tuesday	1	0.06 %

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incidents by Incident Type/Day of Week

Alarm Date Between (01/01/2003) And (12/31/2003)
and FDID = "56296"

Day of Week	Count	Percent	Day of Week	Count	Percent
	48	5.33 %			0.06 %
744 Detector activation, no fire -					
Sunday	4	0.24 %			
Monday	3	0.30 %			
Tuesday	4	0.24 %			
Wednesday	4	0.24 %			
Thursday	4	0.24 %			
Friday	2	0.12 %			
	23	2.39 %			
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire -					
Sunday	5	0.54 %			
Monday	13	0.76 %			
Tuesday	13	0.76 %			
Wednesday	4	0.45 %			
Thursday	10	0.40 %			
Friday	9	0.45 %			
Saturday	6	0.36 %			
	67	4.06 %			
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no					
Sunday	1	0.06 %			
Monday	2	0.12 %			
Tuesday	2	0.12 %			
Wednesday	3	0.18 %			
Thursday	1	0.06 %			
	9	0.54 %			
813 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment					
Monday	1	0.06 %			
	2	0.06 %			
814 Lightning strikes (no fire)					
Saturday	2	0.06 %			
	1	0.06 %			
811 Gas leak complaint					
Sunday	5	0.06 %			

2003

2003, STMFD photos, undated:



2003

2003, STMFD photos, undated:



2003

2003, STMFD photos, undated:



2003

2003, STMFD photos, undated:



2003

2003, STMFD photos, undated:



2003

2003, STMFD photos, undated:



2003

2003, STMFD photos, undated:



2003

2003, STMFD photos, undated:



Recruit Class 5



Recruit Class 5



Recruit Grad Green



Recruit Grad Group



Recruit Grad Mike Johnson



Mike Johnson Panisiak

2003

2003, STMFD photos, undated:



Recruit Grad Scott Johnson



Recruit Flashover



Recruit Flashover Group



Recruits in flash Can



Roberts



2003

2003, STMFD photos, undated:



Jack Monohan's museum—garage!!



Mike Johnson Recruit



2003

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Mike Frantz (P)	Adam Panisiak
Dan Green	Ron Renner (P)
Hase, Myron, start	Tadd Roberts, start
Chip Hayward	Jed Rutledge
Mike Johnson	Matt Slyter
Scott Johnson	Louis Stoke (P)
Todd Jones	Richardson Stimphill
Dennis Lage	Alan D. Unthank
Marshall	Richard Vail
A. E. Andriot, Jr.	Marc Wessels, start
Denny Engnehl	George Wiggins (P)
John Chilko	

2004

January 5, 2004, Letter:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: January 5, 2004
Re: District Activity

Happy New Year!!

I hope everyone made it through the holiday season without any major problems this year.

Assistant Chief Monohan started his thirty day sabbatical January 1st. He will be back to work full-time with us on February 1st. Like the others in the past, Stuart has turned in his car for others to ride in his place while he is gone and he also took all the necessary requirements to maintain his health and dental insurance through COBRA.

The Prime Rib Dinner night here at the fire station last month went really well. We had invited several former members who have recently retired along with several of the Reunion Committee members to come and share in on the good food and fun. This is one of the many activities that we do throughout the year that you can count on for a large turnout. A special thanks to Faye who provided us with the desserts again this year. They were great.

We had a small house fire last week at 3943 Kennison Avenue. The fire was contained to the attic portion of the second floor and kitchen area. The fire was ruled accidental due to faulty wiring from a previous remodeling job. The repairs to the house will probably run in the \$20,000 range with damaged contents running around \$10,000.

I received a call from Councilwoman Ellen Call two weeks ago asking if I had anyone that could serve on the Kentucky State EMS Board. The State's only requirement was that you had to be an EMT. I told her that Larry Heaphy would be a great person for the job since he is our EMT-D coordinator and he also serves on Anchorage Fire and Ambulance District as an Assistant Chief. Just today I received word that Larry was

appointed by the Governor and that he will start serving on the Board right away. I am not sure what I have gotten Larry into but he says he is looking forward to it.

Don't forget about the annual meeting for the Trustees and the Fire Chiefs on January 15th 7:00pm at the Buechel Fire District.

There are not any capital expenditure requests for this month.

See you at the meeting on Thursday!

2004

January 6, 2004, taken by Gar Davis for consideration of Cover of St. Matthews Firefighters, 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky:



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2004

January 8, 2004, Letter: January 8, 2004, Trustee meeting: Actual minutes missing at this time—

EDWARD E. MANASSAH
PRESIDENT & PUBLISHER

The Courier-Journal

January 8, 2004

St. Matthews Fire Dept. Alumni Association,
240 Seana Ave.
Louisville, KY 40207
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Dear Mr. Davis:

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Trustees Meeting Agenda January 8, 2004

- I. ✓ Call to Order 7:00
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. ✓ Treasurer's Report, Jim King
- V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VI. ✓ Old Business
- VII. ✓ New Business
- VIII. ✓ Executive Session
- IX. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on January 15, 2004 at Buechel Fire Department @ 7:30pm.

**St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Summary Balance Sheet
As of January 31, 2004**

	Jan 31, 04
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	1,761,886.62
Accounts Receivable	15,335.15
Total Current Assets	1,777,221.77
Fixed Assets	4,803,503.40
TOTAL ASSETS	6,580,725.17
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	152,883.82
Other Current Liabilities	2,649,185.48
Total Current Liabilities	2,802,069.30
Total Liabilities	2,802,069.30
Equity	3,778,655.87
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	6,580,725.17

2004


January 16, 2004: *The Courier-Journal*, & *The Voice-Tribune*, January 21, 2004: Obituaries: A.E. "Fireman Bill" Andriot.

A. E. "Fireman Bill" Andriot, Jr.

Firefighter, March 11, 1958 to 2004, Lieutenant, Captain, Sergeant, Fire Marshal, Director

A.E. 'Fireman Bill' Andriot, vice president for the old Thornbury Toys and member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, dies

A.E. "Fireman Bill" Andriot, 82, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at Norton Suburban Hospital.

 Mr. Andriot was a vice president for the old Thornbury Toys, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Bishop Spalding Knights of Columbus, where he was a past Grand Knights and a Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lila Lea; and a sister, Lynn Cousens.

He is survived by sons, Bill (Suzanne) Andriot and Jim (Donna) Andriot; a brother,

Pete (Betty) Andriot; brothers-in-law, Lou (Jackie) Phillips and Cliff (Mary Jane) Deibel; and grandchildren, Brian, Elizabeth, Kimberly and LeaAnn Andriot and Jim and Lynn Sagona.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park. Ratterman's Lexington Road Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial gifts: Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 477, New York, NY 10163.



MR. ANDRIOT

Fire Fighters

Civic duty, excitement all in one

(Third of a series)

If you see a man going towards a fire in St. Matthews on a bicycle, it's likely to be Albert Andriot, of 4035 Massie Ave.

...

Mr. Andriot, a member of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, often finds he can get to the fire through the traffic far more quickly on a bike than in a car.

Bicycles and fires are his two vocations. He is service manager for Thornbury's Bicycle & Toy shop on Breckinridge Lane and he has been a volunteer firefighter for two years.

"I just moved out here two years ago," he said. He hails from the West End. "I found I could meet a lot of friends, get a lot of excitement, and do a civic duty all in one by joining the Fire Department."

Like all the volunteers, he serves without pay.

Mr. Andriot, 38, belongs to Holy Trinity Church and the Knights of Columbus.

January, 2004, Incident Report:

2004

February 3, 2004: Fire at Jims Body Shop on St. Matthews Avenue. Small fire in an old paint ventilation system.

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2004} And {01/31/2004}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
130 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.73%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
	6	5.21%	\$0	0.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
251 Excessive heat, smother burns with no	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	16	32.30%	\$0	0.00%
312 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
	38	33.04%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
424 Gasoline spillage incident	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	1.73%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
461 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	5	4.34%	\$0	0.00%
	14	12.17%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, Other	4	3.47%	\$0	0.00%
513 Lock-out	2	1.73%	\$0	0.00%
512 Water or steam leak	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
511 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
	10	8.69%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & canceled en route	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
611 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	2	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	1.73%	\$0	0.00%
	8	6.95%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
710 System malfunction, Other	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
720 Smoke detector activation due to	4	3.47%	\$0	0.00%
730 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
738 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.86%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke Detector activation, no fire -	8	6.95%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	2	1.73%	\$0	0.00%
741 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	5	4.34%	\$0	0.00%
	38	33.04%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 115

Total Est Loss:

\$0



Don Green, Captain Volkharding on side two

Interior overhaul



Captain Joe Wolfe checking for extension on the roof

Captain Mike Richardson doing overall



2004

February 4, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, by Matt Batcheldor, Worthington fire districts OK merger.

Local/Regional » Neighborhoods » News Item

Wednesday, February 04, 2004

Worthington fire districts OK merger

Move could thwart wider consolidation



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By MATT BATCHELDOR
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The Courier-Journal

The Worthington Fire Protection District in Jefferson County and Worthington East Fire Protection District in Oldham County voted to merge last month, creating the only Jefferson County fire department that takes in part of another county.

Merger proponents say the merged district will better represent the Oldham area. The Oldham district has had a separate seven-member board of trustees that contracted with the Jefferson District for fire protection, but only had authority over the tax rate and renewal of the contract.

Because Worthington East had no firefighters of its own, residents should experience no change in fire protection.

Worthington East trustee Denia Crosby said the Oldham board approached the Jefferson board.

"It just seemed like the right thing to do," she said. "We sat through the other board's meetings, but ... we were never involved at all."

The merger will be final unless a protest petition is filed that includes more than 51 percent of the property owners of either district.

It enlarges the Jefferson district about 25 percent, bringing it to about 17 square miles. The Oldham County board will cease to exist, but its members could apply for two vacancies that will occur on the Jefferson board this year, said Al Tomasetti, the chairman of the Jefferson board. "I feel these people deserve a place," he said.

The chiefs of the St. Matthews, Harrods Creek and Lyndon fire departments say the merger was intended to prevent a merger with them. Kentucky law says that once a merger occurs between two districts, the new one can't merge with any other district for two years.

"It's obviously a political move on their part to stop it," said Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte. He contends that a large merged department covering most of eastern Jefferson County would be more efficient.

"It's sad, but that's what state law says, and I guess we've got to abide by that," said St. Matthews Chief Bill Seng.

Worthington Chief Gary Yurt, a proponent of merging with the other three Jefferson departments, did not reply to messages seeking comment.

Worthington nearly merged with the three departments in September, but the deal fell through when Worthington trustee Paul Schmitt changed his mind, resulting in a majority vote against merger.

Proponents of merging the four departments had hoped to bring up the issue again after the terms of two members of the Worthington board expire this year, and new, possibly pro-merger people replace them.

Schmitt said that preventing Worthington from merging with the other three districts wasn't a consideration in merging with the Oldham County district, which has been discussed for five years.

He said Worthington's trustees are preparing to build a third firehouse, this one in the Norton Commons development near the Oldham County line, and they want to lock in the Oldham County coverage area because it would be within a mile of the new station. All three stations will be in Jefferson County.

Before the merger, the Oldham County Worthington board could have chosen South Oldham Fire Protection District as its provider of fire protection. Even so, firefighters from the new Worthington station would have continued to make runs because they are so close, but not be paid for them.

"To me, the thing I couldn't see is building a firehouse so close to an area that's really not our district," he said.

Greg Davis, an attorney who represents Worthington and Worthington East, explained why there were two districts to begin with. He said the Worthington Department began as a nonprofit corporation that covered parts of both counties and relied on donations. The department eventually was separated into Oldham and Jefferson taxing districts because state law at the time did not allow such districts to cross county lines.

The merger is not final. People who oppose it have three weeks after the merger is advertised in the newspaper to gather a petition of protest and send it to their county clerk. Davis said it should be advertised this week.

There could be two petitions, one for Jefferson and one for Oldham. If an Oldham petition had the signatures of 51 percent of the property owners in the Oldham part of the district, then Oldham County Judge-Executive Mary Ellen Kinser can schedule a hearing. If another petition were to include 51 percent of the property owners in the Jefferson part of the district,

then Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson can hold a hearing.

If Kinser found that not merging "will materially retard the functioning" of the Oldham district, then she must approve the merger. The same goes for Abramson, with the Jefferson district. If there is no petition, the merger must be approved.

The law also says any "aggrieved person" in either district can "bring an action in Circuit Court to contest the decision." But it gives no further details.

2004

February 8, 2004, Working fire at a condominium, Mocking Valley Road and Mellwood Avenue:



Louisville Fire and Rescue had a working condominium fire at the corner of Mockingbird Valley Road and Mellwood Avenue yesterday, around 12 noon. By accident we were also dispatched to the scene because of a mix up in the dispatch office. As far as working fires go it was a good one. The fire started in a big below level garage which was about 50 ft by 40ft in size. A man who was renting the garage space but did not live in the complex had a battery that he was trying to charge, it exploded and caught his car on fire. From there, two more cars and three motorcycles caught fire causing a real mess. To make a long story short, we did help the city a little at the beginning of the fire but then took a back seat role when all of their personnel starting showing up.

February 9, 2004, Letter:

2004

February 12, 2004, Trustee meeting:

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Fire Chief**

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: February 9, 2004
Re: District Activity

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Hunter Louis has approached the fire district about burning the house down located at 4209 Rudy Lane for training purposes. If there are not any objections we will probably get started around the last week of February. I will talk to the board in more detail about this during the meeting on Thursday.

The front hubs of the 4- wheel drive of unit 2692 had to be replaced last week due to long term wear. Both Major Strange and Sergeant DeHart made this repair in-house. Parts for the complete repair were only \$230.00.

Unit 2658 received a small dent in one of its compartment doors and will have to be repaired. Hall's Body Shop will make the repair next week. The estimate for the repair was \$335.00

I am sure that most of you are aware that Fireman Bill Andriot passed away about two weeks ago. The fire department was involved in both the funeral and the procession. Bill Jr. and Jim Andriot could not thank us enough for what we did. I don't know if you heard this or not but Greg Crabb one of our FF's played the bag pipe solo during the funeral. Believe me when I tell you that there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

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Trustees Meeting Agenda: February 12, 2004

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. Treasurer Report, Jim King
- V. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Executive Session
- IX. The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on February 19th at Okolana Fire Department, Station #1 @ 7:00pm.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

February 12, 2004

Expenditures February 2004

Item	Cost
Department Physicals (Med East)	\$10,000
Rear tires for unit 2631 and 2658 (Goodyear Tire)	\$ 2,300
Chemical degreaser for the shop (Cantrol)	\$ 580
Computer Training System (shared cost w/other depts.)	\$2,500
IAFC Conference (pre registration for August Conference)	\$3,700
Registration	\$800
Air Fare	\$600
Hotel	\$1500
Meals	\$600
Car Rental	\$200

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:00 P.M.. Present were Directors Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding, Tom Efler, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the January 2004 meeting were approved as written.

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

2004

February 12, 2004, Trustee meeting:

Approved

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

February 12, 2004

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 12, 2004 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding, Joe Wolfe. Chief Wm. J. Seng also attended.

Guest in audience were Cam Metcalf, Matt Board, George Wiggins, Larry Heaphy, & Erik Sorenson.

The minutes of the January meeting minutes were read and Tom Eifler moved, Rick Tonini seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Cam Metcalf of 4205 Rudy Lane addressed the Board with his concerns about the property at 4209 Rudy Lane which the Fire District plans to use for live fire training. He voiced concern for his property because he had recently replaced the roof and felt that earlier notification should have been made. He also voiced concern for the trees on his property. Chief Seng will address his concerns.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Seng reported on a working fire at the condominiums at Mockingbird Valley Road at Melwood. Although in the city, St. Matthews units responded and assisted LFD in the incident.

Chief Seng reported briefly on legislation in Frankfort that could effect the Fire District.

- HB 412 – Removes the language that requires a 2 year waiting period after a merger of Districts for any other mergers to occur. This has passed the house and is in senate committee.
- HB 409 – Would raise the district tax ceiling from .10 to .15.
- The Heart/Lung bill has passed the house with the support of the League of Cities.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures.

• Annual physicals	\$10,000
• Rear Tires, 2631 & 2658	\$2,300
• Degreaser	\$580

• Computer Training System (shared cost)	\$2,500
• IAFC Conference	\$3,700
• Speaking fee, Dr. Bryan Stanford	\$500

Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded that these expenditure be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng asked for a brief executive session at 7:45 PM.

Open session resumed at 7:55 PM.

Tom Eifler moved for adjournment, Rick Tonini seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 7:55 PM.

Letter to Board from Al Ring

Faye Ellerkamp, Chairman of the Board of Trustees
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
240 Sears Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky 40207

February 16, 2004

First, thank you and the Board for your permission and cooperation in gathering information for the book called *St. Matthews Firefighters, 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky*. I sincerely appreciate all the help I have received.

There are really two projects that the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association and I are working on. First, the above mentioned book, and secondly, an organized collection of historical material on the St. Matthews Fire Department. This collection is comprised of the various research materials contributed to the book-making process. It presently consists of 1690+ computer pages of information in chronological order, including 2670+ graphics, 1460+ documents, 470+ letters and over 702 newspaper and other articles. The collection covers the period of 1919 to the present.

I would like to respectfully request that the Board seriously consider a process to preserve the history of the department. Personally, I plan on continuing a collection for the present, but that can't go on forever. Also, just to put things into perspective the older items were somewhat easier to gather than say from the period of 1990 to 2000 (of which we have only a few items). Currently, the process all depends on a little luck and who is available to help. Since Jack Monahan came back on the Board in 2000, he has been a tremendous help. However, if we should lose Jack as a source, it would hurt the process tremendously. This would all be in addition to whatever record keeping system you presently have in place.

I recommend that a more reliable system should be considered, one that is quick, easy, and has minimal if any real expense, etc. The Board could consider making someone in the department responsible for gathering certain listed items, marking them clearly and filing them in a designated place. This would not be a laborious task, but an important one. The Board could then decide who might have access to this information.

I have enclosed a list of items I would like to see kept in these files. As you will see all of these items could be very easily kept in a specific place with one person responsible, and the Board or administration could oversee the collection. The most real expense might be newspaper articles (if the department is not presently getting the papers), however I feel certain something could be worked out there. Pictures are presently being taken, but are not fully identified. They would need to be dated, identified and store at least one copy of each in a specified place on a CD disc.

I hope you will truly consider my request. Again, thanks for all the help and I hope to see all of you at the July 31, 2004 reunion.

Sincerely,

Al Ring
Former Firefighter and Board member
7686 E. Camino Amistoso
Tucson, AZ 85750
520-529-0910
ringal@comcast.com

Items that I feel should be kept in this chronological file:

Dated Copies of *The Courier-Journal* & *The Voice-Tribune* newspaper articles related to the department.

Articles (about the department or members) that might appear in any magazines or other publications.

Letters from the Chief to the Board of Trustees members.

Copies of the minutes of the Board meeting.

Copy of the yearly audit of finances of the Board.

Pictures or JPC's in files, identified giving date, location, who involved, and event. The pictures would be of fires, firefighter events such as banquets, retirement parties, special events, reunions, etc. (These pictures could be saved on a disc and placed right in the file.)

Information on major expenditures such as apparatus, special tools, expansion of fire stations etc.

Copies of rosters made at least quarterly to try and catch the arrivals and departures of firefighters.

Any personal information such as obituaries of former or present firefighters, Board members and similar type items.

February 21, 2004:

You Are Invited To Attend the Graduation Ceremony of Jefferson County Recruit Class #7

Saturday, Feb 21, 2004 7:00 PM Baptist East Hospital Auditorium

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

CALL TO ORDER	Capt Mike Richardson
POSTING OF THE COLORS	Highview Color Guard Louisville / Jefferson County Pipe & Drums
INVOCATION	Recruit Firefighter Marc Wessels
OPENING REMARKS	Chief Gary Yurt – JCFA Asst Chief Dave Goldsmith – JCFA
REMARKS FROM COORDINATOR	Capt Mike Richardson
SPEECH FROM CLASS SPOKESPERSON	To Be Announced
CLASS SLIDE SHOW	Class #7
CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION	Asst Chief Dave Goldsmith Capt Mike Richardson
CLOSING REMARKS	Asst Chief Dave Goldsmith
REFRESHMENTS	Jefferson County Instructors Association

Class #7 Graduates

Ron Bell	Worthington	Todd Jones	St Matthews
Jason Burt	Highview	Larry Krueer	Lyndon
Tom Creagh III	Worthington	Todd Ludwig	Fern Creek
Nicholas Dabenko	Worthington	Forest Marcum	St Matthews
Kyle Echiner	Zoneton	Derrick Miskell	St Matthews
Justin Habenstein	Worthington	Dan Richardson	Highview
Anthony Hammond	Zoneton	Sam Sanford	Okolona
Jonathan Hammond	Zoneton	Thomas Scott	St Matthews
Myron Hase	St Matthews	Alex Stevens	Fern Creek
John Huckleberry	St Matthews	Marc Wessels	St Matthews
Mike Johnson	Highview	David Wimberg	Lyndon

Question or Comments Please Contact:
Mike Richardson St Matthews Fire 893-7825

2004

February, 2004, Incident Report:

March 8, 2004, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between (02/01/2004) And (02/29/2004)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	3	2.83%	\$29,000	93.87%
111 Building fire	2	2.83%	\$400	1.17%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
338 Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	2	0.94%	\$2,000	0.14%
	8	7.54%	\$32,400	95.12%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	17	34.90%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in /it lock out - use KIL	2	1.88%	\$0	0.00%
350 Extrication, rescue, Other	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victims from vehicle	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
	41	39.62%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
660 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	0.94%	\$1,000	4.17%
663 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	5	4.71%	\$0	0.00%
	10	9.43%	\$1,000	4.17%
5 Service Call				
513 Person in distress, Other	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
515 Lock-out	2	1.88%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	2	2.83%	\$0	0.00%
573 Cover assignment, standby, workup	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
	7	6.60%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	6	5.85%	\$0	0.00%
611 Suspicious or unattended route	3	2.83%	\$0	0.00%
631 Smoke alarm, not of alarm	2	1.88%	\$0	0.00%
	11	10.57%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type				
7 False Alarm & False Call				
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	2	1.88%	\$0	0.00%
711 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
739 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
740 Misfunctional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	2	1.88%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detectors activation, no fire -	1	0.94%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	2	1.88%	\$0	0.00%
	29	27.35%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 104				
Total Est. Loss:			\$23,400	

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: March 8, 2004
Re: District Activity

Date on this letter?

The training fire went off without any problems last Saturday morning. We started the fire about 9:00 am and the house was on the ground by noon. The weather really cooperated with us that morning by keeping the smoke from reaching any of the surrounding houses. As far as I know we did not receive any complaints that morning.

As far as the equipment goes, everything is up and running without any breakdowns.

Several Saturdays ago Jefferson County Recruit Class#7 held its graduation ceremony at Baptist Hospital East. The St. Matthews Fire District had seven of the twenty-three graduates in the class. Enclosed you will find a copy of the ceremony brochure. They all did a great job through the entire program. St. Matthews's firefighter John Huckleberry was presented an award for the top recruit in the class.

Please keep an eye on the e-mails and faxes I send out from time to time on legislative updates. As of today there still is not any new info on the two bills that were introduced to have the language changed in CH 75 about the two year wait requirement. (HB-412 and SB-259) Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from Metro Councilmember Ellen Call who wrote a letter on our behalf about SB-259. I hope it will help.

The Health and Safety Class that Dr. Bryant Stamford will be presenting to us has been scheduled for Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm at the Baptist East Hospital auditorium. Please mark your calendars so that you will be able to attend. As soon as a brochure becomes available I will forward one to you.

3-13-04

Expenditures for March 2004

Item	Cost	Budgeted
Replace two roof top HVAC units at Sta. 2	\$13,131	YES
Rust repair on unit 2633	\$1,421	YES

on floor?

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March 11, 2004, Trustee meeting:

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Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

March 11, 2004

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Trustees Meeting Agenda March 11, 2004

- I. ✓ Call to Order 7:15
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. ✓ Treasurer Report (Jim King Absent - No Report, other than attached)
- V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VI. ✓ Old Business *Approval* { + Replacement of 2 Computer Work Station *Approved \$1200.00*
- VII. ✓ New Business { + New Class "A" uniforms for 3 people *Approved \$1800.00*
- VIII. ✓ Executive Session *NONE*
- IX. The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on April 15th at Lake Dreamland Fire Department, @ 7:00pm.

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

March 11, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 7:50 P.M.. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding, Tom Eifler, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the February 2004 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 11, 2004 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding, Joe Wolfe. Chief Wm. J. Seng also attended.

Guest in audience; Paul Kurtz.

The minutes of the February meeting minutes were read and Tom Eifler moved, Rick Tonini seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim King being absent the trustees conducted a brief discussion of the financial reports.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng advised that the seminar by Dr. Bryant Stamford will be held on March 23rd at Baptist Hospital East at 7:30 P.M.

HB 412 is a bill deletes the language that requires a 2 year waiting period after a fire district merger. The bill has passed the House and is in a Senate committee. Efforts are being made to send it to the floor for a vote.

Chief Seng reported that the Rudy Lane training fire went well. He further reported that another structure may be available in the Maryhill Estates area.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures:

- | | |
|------------------------|----------|
| • 2 HVAC for Station 2 | \$13,131 |
| • rust repair for 2633 | \$1,421 |

Joe Wolfe brought up the need to replace 2 obsolete computer towers. Only towers are needed. No monitor. The costs of this should be around \$500 each.

John Volkerding requested money to be made available for additional dress uniforms.

Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the Chiefs expenditure list be approved and that 2 computer towers, not to exceed \$1500, and 3 uniforms not to exceed \$2000 be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe moved to adjourn, seconded by Rick Tonini. The motion passed unanimously at 7:45 PM.

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March 2004, on the Twoway.com web site:



St. Matthews Fire Dept. Alumni Association Inc.



240 Sears Ave. Louisville, Ky. 40207

Cordially Invites You to Attend

What: A gathering of all member past and present. (Reunion party)

Where: The Saint Matthews Community Center, 310 Ten Pin Ln. Louisville, Ky

When: Saturday July 31st 2004 6:00 till 11:00 P.M.

Why: Because it's time after 85 years!

Bring: Stories to impress the new guys.

Food: Beef tenderloin, sautéed mushrooms, country ham, chicken salad, meat balls, potato salad, pasta, veggies & dip, spinach dip with pumpernickel bread, cheese, grapes, free soft drinks and a coupon for two free beers, then cash bar. We remember how you can just & away.

Cost: \$ 15.00 per person (Spouses or significant others welcome)

Bonus! A history book of the St. Matthews Fire Department will be delivered to all of those who have pre-ordered. If there are any left over, they will be sold on a first come first served basis. This book would make a great gift and is a must for all alumni of the St. Matthews Fire Department. Cost: \$35. \$5 discount if paid prior to 4-1-04 and an additional \$3 discount to current and past firefighters. (Limit 1 at the alumni price) You may order as many copies at the pre-printing price as you like.

Hot Combo! \$37.00 + \$1.62 tax (\$38.62) gets you 1 person's admission and 1 St. Matthews Fire Dept. history book.

Come join the fun. We expect a large gathering of 150-200. People will be coming from all over the country. You could possibly see 15 fender meetings at once! Make your plans now! We will be giving a roster to each member at the event. This will include names of all past and present members, a brief history of the dept., welcome letters from the Chief, The Board of Directors, The Mayor of St. Matthews, and the Louisville Metro Mayor. We will have a display table of pictures and other memorabilia for all to enjoy. If you have any pictures or fire collectables, please bring them with you.

If you are unable to attend but would like a commemorative

roster mailed, please send \$10 (postage and handling) to the above address and include a note that you are not attending and specify the address where you would like it mailed.

Very Important! Now is the time to send your check in. Please send \$15 for each person attending. The Board of Trustees has been kind enough to provide major financial support for everything except alcohol. The ads in the roster and your \$15 allow us to make this a 1st Quality and memorable event. The sooner you send it in the better we will be able to prepare for the correct number of attendees. Please do it now!! Send \$15 per person to:

St. Matthews Fire Dept. Alumni Association Inc.

240 Sears Ave.

Louisville, KY 40207 Thank you,

If you have any questions, feel free to call anyone on the reunion committee "04"

Rick Albers 292-2248

Bill Andriot 893-3789

Gar Davis 899-3333

Clark Fenimore 896-4716

Jack Monohan 895-0813

Mike Noon 452-6492

Russ Rakestraw 895-6228

Please tear off and send in with your payment, check as many items as you like.

_____ I will be attending with _____ person(s) and have enclosed a check for \$15.00 per person Amount _____

_____ I can not attend, but have enclosed \$10.00 to have a roster mailed to me. Amount _____

_____ I am an alumnus and would like to pre-order a history book to pick up at the reunion and have enclosed \$28.62 for the book and sales tax. (limit one) Amount _____

_____ I would like to pre-order _____ additional history book(s) with the \$5 pre-order discount and have enclosed \$31.80 per book Amount _____

including sales tax.

_____ I would like the "Hot Combo" for 1 person and 1 book, I have enclosed \$38.62 including sales tax. Amount _____

Name _____

Address _____

Total enclosed _____

March 12, 2004, The Courier-Journal

ST. MATTHEWS

Talk will cover fire district's history

John "Jack" Monohan III, retired assistant chief of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, will speak about the district's history at the Beargrass/St. Matthews Historical Society's meet-

ing at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Louisville Free Public Library's St. Matthews/Eline branch, 3940 Grandview Ave.

Monohan also will discuss former St. Matthews firefighter Al Ring's forthcoming book on the history of the department, which was formed in 1919.

The book is being published by Butler Books in Louisville.

— Martha Elson

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About the author:

Alan (Al) D. Ring is a former St. Matthews firefighter and board member (1964 to 1990) having moved to St. Matthews in 1951 at age 8. A Waggoner High School graduate, Al was the owner of a local service station, realtor and home builder. He retired to Tucson, Arizona in 1998 with his wife, Karen and son, Evan. Retired, Al is doing research, writing a newspaper column with his brother and writing books on local mining history. If you have any additional information on the St. Matthews Fire Department, please contact him at ringal@msm.com.



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Book store price: \$34.95 \$5 discount if paid prior to 5-1-04

Special pre-order price: \$29.95+tax

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Amount _____

I would like to pre-order _____ history book(s) @ \$29.95ea with the \$5 pre-order discount and have them shipped to me for \$7.95 each. If shipping to Kentucky please add \$1.80 sales tax.

Amount _____

Name _____

City _____

Address _____

State & Zip _____



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March 2004:

84 YEARS OF FIREFIGHTING IN ST. MATTHEWS KY

This is the long awaited history book of the St. Matthews Fire Department, written by Major Al Ring. It is the result of many years of research assembled into an interesting and "fun to read" format.

There are hundreds of pictures of fires and the firefighters fighting them. You will find interesting articles, short stories like "I remember when", pictures of parties, shenanigans, and much much more.

This wonderful book covers the history of the department from its beginning in 1919 through 2003 and is a must for past and current members of the fire service. It also makes a great gift.

RESERVE YOUR COPY TODAY !

Please use the enclosed order form.

(Orders placed prior to May 1st.)

Pre-purchase price for Firefighters \$27.00

plus tax

First delivery expected by July 31st at the reunion.

(After May 1st)

Bookstore price \$35.00



March 23, 2004, Letter:



JEFFERSON COUNTY
FIRE SERVICE

March 23, 2004

Ms. Faye Ellerkamp, Chairperson
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Board of Trustees
240 Sears Ave.
Louisville, KY 40297

Dear Faye:

This letter is being sent to you in response to your letter dated March 11, 2004 wherein you expressed the concerns that your Board members have relative to Chief Paul Barth's recent appearance at a state Legislative Committee meeting in Frankfort. Thank you for advising me of the Board's concerns. I will attempt to respond to them hereinafter.

As you know, the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association has always done its best to stay neutral regarding all political issues. Sometimes that has been difficult, given the current political climate and the issues facing us during the recent merger of the city and county. However, you may rest assured that this will continue to be the policy as long as I am Chairman. There are just too many divergent political views in our organization for us to come down on one side or the other.

Chief Barth's decision to attend the previously referenced committee meeting in Frankfort was, I think, the correct one. The Mayor requested his presence and he agreed to go because he felt that it was in the best interest of all the fire districts in the county to do so, given the fact the Mayor does make routine decisions that can and do affect the well being of the fire districts. I have talked with Chief Barth on several occasions regarding this issue, as well as the issue of neutrality, and am convinced that he did the "right" thing in complying with the Mayor's request. Chief Barth assures me that he will continue to strive to remain neutral in his position as fire liaison as other issues come up. I believe him.

In the last paragraph of your letter there was a statement made that the St. Matthews Board of Trustees apparently believe that Chief Barth has a "personal agenda" which he has allowed to interfere with his duties as fire liaison. I have talked with the Chief about this and he has assured me that he does not have a personal agenda in this matter, or any other, which would affect his duties, and works only for the betterment of the Jefferson County Fire Service. Having observed Chief Barth's conduct during the year that he has held the liaison position, I must say that he has worked intelligently and diligently toward this end and has, to my knowledge, never displayed any personal agenda while working for us. He simply seems to truly enjoy the work, and I feel we are very fortunate to have him as fire liaison, especially during this time of transition.

Again, please assure your Board that we will continue to do everything we can to remain in a neutral position as other issues arise.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Very truly yours,

Jack Clark

Jack Clark, Chairman
Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association

C: Chief Paul Barth

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Fire Chiefs Association
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Remembering the Tornado

30 years later, survivors recount twister's punch in new book

By **MARTHA ELSON**
 melson@courier-journal.com
 The Courier-Journal

Thirty years after the tornado of April 3, 1974, mowed through Louisville — inflicting the heaviest damage from the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center to Northfield in the northeast — people still relive the effects.

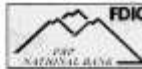
"To this day, about once a year, I will still dream that I am in some strange building, aware of an oncoming tornado, and searching with other strangers for a safe place to hide," Lee Putney of eastern Jefferson County recalls in a 30th-anniversary book about the tornado that will be released Saturday.

Putney was driving east on Brownsboro Road after passing the Crescent Hill Golf Course and Bauer's (now Azalea) restaurant when he stopped at a grocery in the small shopping center next to Chenoweth Lane.

"I could see a thick, black swirling mass picking up debris and cars and headed directly for me!" he wrote. He dived under a checkout counter and heard a "huge explosion" as the tornado hit, blowing the roof off the store and smashing its glass front.

When he emerged, his car was demolished and the surrounding area in Rolling Fields and Indian Hills looked like a scene from "Gone With the Wind," he recalled last week. "There was nothing but total devastation and destruction." He still thinks he is experiencing a form of "post-traumatic stress syndrome."

Putney is among more than 50 people whose accounts are included in the hardback pictorial book, titled "Tornado: A Look Back at Louisville's Dark Day, April 3, 1974," edited by William S. Butler and published by



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SPECIAL REPORT



The '74 Tornadoes

Coverage from April 3, 1974 of the storms that ripped through the region.



This view of the rolling storm's "rolling pin" formation was taken from an upstairs window of a house near Plantation, off Westport Road.



30 years later, survivors recount twister's punch in new book

Page

Butler Books

Butler, who lives in the Lexington Road area, lived in Indian Hills in 1974. He recounts his experiences with the tornado in the introduction to the book.

"It was unforgettable in every way," he wrote. The tornado missed his family's house, but a tree flattened his Fiat, and his family moved out because the area was without electricity for about two weeks, he said.

Butler had still expected to find a "pretty rich vein of interest" in the tornado 30 years later, but he was amazed to receive "hundreds and hundreds" of e-mail messages and phone calls when he put out a request last spring for people's photos and memories — especially from the hardest-hit areas in the Highlands, Crescent Hill, Rolling Fields, Indian Hills, St. Matthews and Northfield.

Experts estimated that in Cherokee Park, 10,000 trees were lost in 90 seconds, Butler writes in the book. He even heard from people out of state who had moved away or had just heard about the tornado. Both the Weather Channel and the National Weather Service also have been interested in his research, he said, and he has already added 1,000 copies to the first printing, bringing it to 3,500.

Debby Donnellan, who moved to Tyler Park in the Highlands in 1999, said last week that "every March, everybody comes up and says, 'Do you remember 1974?'"

She wasn't here for the 1974 tornado, but she and her family had intended to move into a house in La Grange in Oldham County the day a tornado struck there in 1990, leaving "spears of glass" stuck in the walls in her daughter's room, she said.

Her family was still staying in a hotel because a moving van had broken down in North Carolina. And in 1979, her house in Lexington caught fire as the result of a tornado. "Any tornado, it is not something you ever forget," she said.

The 1974 tornado (or a related one) also moved across parts of Oldham County, and officials in Bullitt County are testing additional weather-alert sirens that were



Experts have estimated that 10,000 trees were lost in Cherokee Park. This view shows the meadow and hills below Hogan's Fountain.



Dan Siebert looked out from what was left of his upstairs window in the apartment he was renting in Crescent Hill in 1974.

2004

March 31, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*:

installed in the wake of a 1996 tornado that ripped across the northern part of the county. It caused about \$75 million in damage.

About Top Jobs

The 1974 tornado was among about 20 in Kentucky and 148 that struck from Alabama to Michigan that day. More than 300 people (including two in Louisville) were killed, and more than 5,000 were hurt. The twisters also did nearly \$600 million in damage.

Real-estate developer Cash Lewman, who was living in the Cherokee Triangle in 1974, described in the book how a "renaissance of sorts" began in the Highlands in the aftermath of the tornado, after some people who couldn't face rebuilding their damaged homes took their insurance settlements and moved out.

"A lot of investors and developers jumped at the chance to buy Highlands property at bargain prices," including Lewman and other younger people, she wrote.

Anne Rives and her family had been looking for an old house with lots of trees when they moved to the Glenview Manor area off Lime Kiln Lane just east of Northfield. They were in Florida when the tornado struck and had just had some of the trees trimmed — shortly before the tornado eliminated them, Rives recalled in the book.

Upon returning to Louisville, "as we came to our house, it looked like a war zone," she said last week. Rives, who now lives in Prospect, recounts in the book how they retrieved her ruined wedding dress from a tree and how a part of it was made into a handkerchief that her daughter carried in her wedding last year. At the time, "we just got busy rebuilding," Rives said.

The book contains a photo of downed trees and grave markers in Zachary Taylor National Cemetery on Brownshoro Road.

Administrators at Cave Hill Cemetery considered it "sheer luck" that the tornado missed Cave Hill, superintendent Lee Squires said last week. It came down Bardstown Road toward Cave Hill but veered to the east at Grinstead Drive and headed toward Crescent Hill.

To the south, at the old Snyder's delicatessen at Bardstown and Bonnycastle Avenue, where the Leatherhead shop is now, Leatherhead owner Nick Boone had just bought a corned-beef sandwich. Boone, whose recollections are included in the book, was preparing to walk back to his store, which was then to the east, toward Speed Avenue, but he ended up running as fast as he could.

"I heard this big train whistle, and then thought ... that's something besides a train because we don't have a train around here," he said last week.

"I ran through the door and told the customers to hit the deck," he recounted in the book. Although his sign was blown down to Speed and he lost roof shingles (some of which mysteriously showed up in his locked Toyota Land Cruiser), the damage to his store was minimal.

But Bardstown Road was closed off all the way to Eastern Parkway, and his store had to shut

down for weeks, he said. Boone also is a farmer in the Bardstown area and is used to being able to see a storm coming. But on the day of the tornado, "it was already there," he said.

Dan Siebert recounts his harrowing experiences in an apartment in an old home that was damaged in Crescent Hill and how a stack of notecards for a term paper was untouched by the tornado. The owner rebuilt, and Siebert moved back in, but first he "ran away" to Hawaii for about eight months. "It kind of blew me away," he said last week. He's now an attorney living with his family in Seneca Gardens.

The book includes photos that residents sent in and many taken by Dick Tong in the WAVE Radio traffic helicopter and Dick Gilbert in the WHAS Radio traffic helicopter. Gilbert said a tornado also had been reported at Terry and Greenwood roads in Pleasure Ridge Park, according to the book.

Now-retired Courier-Journal photographer Larry Spitzer, whose photos also are in the book, kept seeing weather bulletins coming in about tornadoes elsewhere in the state while working that day at the newspaper at Sixth Street and Broadway.

He went to the roof to check out the weather and took rare photos as the tornado crossed Interstate 65 at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center — not knowing then that it was a tornado. It blew the horse barns down and tore open the roofs of Freedom Hall and the East Wing.

"It wasn't like an elephant's trunk," Spitzer recalled last week. "It was more like a wide, wide black wall." But he was struck by the flash of transformers exploding in its path, and he and a reporter headed east to check the situation out.

After parking at Interstate 71 and the Watterson Expressway, they walked on to Northfield — arriving just minutes before people began crawling out of what remained of their houses, Spitzer said.

"There was just this horrendous destruction," he said. "They were yelling for family members, wondering where they were."

One of Spitzer's photos showed a stunned Pat and Bill Blankenstein in front of their heavily damaged house in Northfield. Pat Blankenstein, now 67, said last week she didn't have a radio or television on at the time, and the only way she knew the tornado was coming was that her daughter's ears were popping. They rebuilt their house, but moved about 10 years ago to a townhouse near Northfield. "I don't get all uptight over it anymore," she said, regarding the threat of tornadoes. But they do have a weather alert system that sounds an alarm.

On the other side of the Watterson, along Blankenbaker Lane, developer-to-be Jeff Underhill, then 13, was at home with his 17-year-old sister, eating ice cream and watching "Gomer Pyle" on television.

He thought it was odd that the family's golden retriever — who normally bounded into the back yard when let out of the house — sniffed around on the porch and immediately wanted back in. The eerie-looking sky was pinkish-orange, and Underhill didn't hear any birds, he said last week.

His dad, George Underhill, who recounted the family's experiences in the book, had called from downtown to warn them of a tornado in Brandenburg and suggested first that they go to the fortified fireplace in a 200-year-old log cabin in the back yard — which was gone after the storm. Then he changed his mind and told them to go to the basement.

Jeff Underhill said he heard his sister shriek in the kitchen, watching a large tree flip back and forth. They grabbed the dog and a portable radio and headed downstairs.

But the radio went dead, and "my sister and I both thought everything was going to cave in, and we were in our last moments."

Neighbors helped them out of the basement of their demolished house, and their parents cried with relief when they found them safe about an hour later — after running up Blankenbaker Lane from River Road past the rubble of their home.

"We could not believe they were alive!" George Underhill wrote in the book.

The Underhills rebuilt their house and others on the street, and Jeff Underhill said the experience taught him not to place too much value on possessions.

Despite their losses, "I think we were very fortunate that day," he said. "As much as the human race can make advances, in the end, Mother Nature's a pretty awesome force that can give and take away."

2004

March 31, 2004, Incident Report:

April 5, 2004, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between {03/01/2004} And {03/31/2004}				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 First Alarm, Other	1	0.69%	\$500	0.17%
111 Building fire	2	1.39%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.69%	\$7,500	99.83%
143 Grass fire	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
	5	3.49%	\$8,000	100.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	60	41.55%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use S11)	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
350 Extrication of victim(s) from	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
351 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.39%	\$0	0.00%
352 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
	65	45.45%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
421 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
443 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	11	7.89%	\$0	0.00%
	17	12.88%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
511 Smoke or odor removal	5	3.49%	\$0	0.00%
541 Animal problem	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
542 Animal rescue	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, makeup	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
	9	6.39%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	4	2.79%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	10	6.99%	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
630 Alarm, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
631 Smoke scare, smell of smoke	7	4.99%	\$0	0.00%
	19	13.20%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	4	2.79%	\$0	0.00%
735 System malfunction, Other	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	2	1.39%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire	1	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire	12	8.39%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire	3	2.09%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire	4	2.79%	\$0	0.00%
	28	19.58%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	143		\$8,100	

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: April 5, 2004
Re: District Activity

Sorry for the delay in getting this activity sheet out to you before now but with the board meeting being in the second week of the month it is difficult sometimes to get it out any earlier. The bank statement from Commonwealth Bank & Trust usually does not show up here until the end of the first week.

I think most of you are aware by now that HB 412 has passed both the State House and Senate and has also been signed by the Governor. This is the HB that did away with the two year waiting requirement for fire districts to merge with another district if they have already merged with another district within that two year period. Worthington Fire District just merged with their east district this month but with this new law in place they will be able to merge with other districts as soon as another opportunity becomes available.

Within the past 2 months we have been experiencing some roof leaks here at Station One. This repair work is covered under warranty however they seem to be having a difficult time stopping the leaks. Hopefully they will have it repaired soon because we are starting to run out of replacement ceiling tiles.

The two new HVAC units have been installed at Station Two and are working as expected. The other ones were in such bad shape I think a fan and a block of ice might have even worked better than what they were doing.

Bryant Stamford put on his health seminar here at Station One last month. The information that was given in his lecture was very eye opening. Everyone thought the seminar was excellent and well worth the expense. Let's just hope that some of the attendees will practice what Bryant was preaching.

If possible, I would like to get together with the board in the near future to discuss the upcoming budget for 2004-2005. With the possibility of merger being brought up again in July it might be a good opportunity to also review the merger plan that the committee developed last year. We can discuss this in more detail during the board meeting.

Unit 2633 is still at Hall's Body Shop having the repair work done on the paint. Major Strange thinks the work should be completed by the end of this week or no later than the first part of next week.

Unit 2658 needs to have a front and rear brake job as soon as Unit 2633 returns from Hall's. The complete job will cost \$2594.90. See attached EA.

As a reminder to the Board, we will have two trustees whose terms are set to expire on June 30th of this year, Jack Monahan who is the property owner representative and Jim King who is the appointed representative. We need to provide the Mayor's office with the appropriate paperwork on these positions that are set to expire. We can also discuss this issue in more detail during the board meeting on Thursday.

I will have one personnel issue to bring up in executive session this Thursday. Please allow about an extra fifteen to thirty minutes to discuss this issue.

Expenditure Request for April 2004

Item	Cost
Brakes for Unit 2658	\$2594.90
4 Sets of turnout gear	\$4500.00

2004

April 8, 2004, Trustee meeting:

Apr 8

Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

April 8, 2004

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 8, 2004 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Trustees present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim King, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng.

The minutes of the March minutes were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Seng presented the Board with a letter from Jack Clark in response to the letter sent by the St Matthews trustees outlining the districts concerns in regard to Chief Barth's actions in his position as county fire service liaison. A discussion ensued.

Chief Seng reported that the District received a check for \$720 from the Louisville Water Company for work that was performed for them.

Chief Seng reported that Jewish Hospital has offered to pay for the Tuesday night meal as a token of appreciation.

The District will participate in the sampling St. Matthews event on June 17th.

The District will participate in the little league parade on April 17th.

Expenditure Request

Chief Seng presented the following expenditure requests:

- Smoke detectors \$1000
- Reunion committee \$2500
- Station 2 weed control \$340

Rick Tonini moved and Jim King seconded that the expenditures be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested that the Board authorize him to hire a summer intern from ECU as has been done in the past. At a \$10 hourly rate, the Chief projects that the program will cost \$1600 monthly for a total of no more than \$6400. Rick Tonini moved and Jim King seconded that this expenditure be approved as requested by the Chief. The motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan announced his intention to seek reelection to the Board of Trustees.

Jim King expressed his desire not to be reappointed to the Board.

The Board moved into executive session at 7:43 to discuss a personnel matter.

General session resumed at 8:15 with no action taken.

Being no further business, Jim King moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 8:15.

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

April 8, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:20 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Joe Wolfe, Tom Eifler, Jim King, Jack Monohan, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the March 2004 meeting were approved as written.

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

2004

April, 2004, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {04/01/2004} And {04/30/2004}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
	5	4.27%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
300 Rescue, emergency medical (EMS) call, Other	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	43	36.75%	\$0	0.00%
3111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
	45	38.46%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	3.41%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	3.41%	\$0	0.00%
	16	13.67%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
511 Person in distress, Other	2	1.70%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	3	2.56%	\$0	0.00%
550 Public service assistance, Other	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
561 Unauthorized burning	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
	8	6.83%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & canceled en route	7	5.98%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	1.70%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	1.70%	\$0	0.00%
	12	10.25%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	6	5.12%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	2	1.70%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	3	2.56%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	1.70%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	3	2.56%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	8	6.83%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	2	1.70%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.85%	\$0	0.00%
	31	26.49%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 117 Total Est Loss: \$0

YTD=484

2004

May 1, 2004: Poplar Hill house fire, Derby Day 2004 with HCFD.



Tony Glass standing, Greg Crabb kneeling
Jackie DeHart heading to another assignment



Battalion Chief Hal Clifford speaking with Captain Kent Monohan and crew

May 2, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*:

Fire damages restaurant roof

The Courier-Journal

St. Matthews firefighters battled a blaze at the Ruby Tuesday restaurant on Shelbyville Road about 9 last night.

No injuries were reported.

The fire was contained to the roof of the building at 5001 Shelbyville Road and was out by 9:10 p.m. A St. Matthews fire dispatcher said electrical problems apparently caused the fire.

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TALK ABOUT RESTORING THE DRAFT RAISES CONCERNS

'Strengthen the nation'

A useless draft of the unwilling, to do the unnecessary, produces the unproductive, unhappy citizen. A military draft would be a waste and a distraction to our highly technical military. Two years of military service would mean two years of training and no years of useful employment to active duty military field units. The recent spate of calls for the restoration of a military draft by members of Congress and others is wrongly based.

I would concur in a call for shared sacrifice in the defense of the homeland. It is highly probable that a terrorist group could bring to these shores a weapon or weapons of mass destruction — nuclear, chemical or biological. Every clue about today's global terror network would indicate that an attack would be calculated for mass casualties, including especially first responders.

A draft or compulsory first responder training, recovery operations' skill sets training, and lifelong growth in training and skill would make sense. Schools up to college might compel such training on a par with "civic service" hours that many schools now require. Such a national, organized approach, based on existing state emergency management, would truly strengthen the nation.

Why aren't our educated and well to do beating a path to the Red Cross for training, to the vol-

unteer fire departments? That would be more useful than any draft and a lesson to the world that all our citizens are in this war. Training is better than a supply of duct tape for civic preparation (although duct tape is useful).


ROBERT C. BRENZEL Sr.
Louisville 40220

Brenzel is retired as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Air Force and was with the St. Matthews volunteer Fire Department from 1954 to 1968. — Editor.

2004

May 10, 2004, Letter:

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**William J. Song
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Paul Edwards, Chairman
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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Song
Date: May 10, 2004
Re: District Activity

Unit 2092 (1995 Ford Pickup) is out of service due to a transmission problem. We should know later in the week how long it will be out of service. *Repair Approx. 300*

At this time, all of the other apparatus and vehicles are in good working order.

Don't forget that the WHAS Crusade for Children is the first Saturday and Sunday in June. We will be out in full force all that week.

As it stands now, Jack Monahan is the only candidate running for the property owner trustee position this June. Jack has submitted all of the necessary and required paperwork before the May 23rd deadline.

Bob Crammer with T Mobile will be at our meeting on Thursday evening to discuss building a cell tower at our Station 2. It appears that they are ready to build and start using the tower immediately.

We had a busy Derby Day fighting fires at two different locations. Hiernals Creek Fire Department had a house fire, which required about ten companies from about four different fire departments. They had two engine companies and one truck company from St. Matthews along with the pickup truck with two firefighters and one of our Battalion Chiefs. While that fire was going on, McMahan Fire Department had an engine company standing by at our station one when a fire at Ruby Tuesday's was reported. That fire was brought under control with the help of one of our engine companies and a truck company from Lyndon along with the McMahan engine.

Below are some dates as it relates to the budget and when things are to be filed.

Ex-session 8:00

APRIL

- (1) BUDGET: Discussion for final approval at May Trustees meeting.
- (2) TAX RATE: Prepare to discuss proposed TAX RATE at May meeting.
- (3) ELECTIONS: Approve nominations and advertisement.
- (4) UNIFORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT: Approve and have filed with Department for Local Government by May 1.

MAY

- MAY 1: UNIFORM FINANCIAL INFORMATION REPORT must be filed with Department for Local Government. (copy to county clerk)
- (1) BUDGET: Final approval of budget for filing with Public Safety Cabinet Sec. Kim Allen.
 - (2) REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE: Discuss Preliminary Assessments and adjustments necessary based on last three (3) years.
 - (3) PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE: Discuss assessments and adjustments necessary based upon last three (3) years.
 - (4) ELECTIONS: Insure advertisement (property owner) or notification (firefighter) of election.

JUNE

- JUNE 1: Absolute due date to file FY 04/05 budget with Louisville Metro Public Safety Cabinet Secretary Kim Allen.
- JUNE 26: Trustee Election 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- (1) TAX RATE: Adopt TAX RATE for proposed if HB 44 applies.
 - (2) HB 44: Schedule HB 44 HEARING in JULY (if necessary).
 - (3) HB 44: Schedule two (2) legal advertisement for HB 44 HEARING in Neighborhood Section. (2) HB 44 HEARING on TAX RATE.
 - (4) CERTIFY MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RATE (6-8-00).
 - (5) AUDIT: Insure records will be available to CPAs on JULY date as agreed.
 - (5) AUDIT: Notify CPA.

Expenditure Request for May 2004

Item	Cost	Budgeted
Pressure testing all 52 SCBA cylinders (OSHA & NIOSH requirement)	\$675.00	Yes
Annual Pump Testing on all four apparatus (2631, 2633, 2634, 2658)	\$400.00	Yes
1200 ft of 5" hose. (Replaces hose on 2633. Over ten years old)	\$6000.00	<i>Yes</i>

May 12, 2004: *The Voice-Tribune*:



by contributing photographer SAM HAVERSTICK

St. Matthews volunteer firefighter Mark Craycroft participated in a training exercise at a home on Ormond Road in the St. Matthews area on May 8. He cut a hole in the roof of the house, a process called ventilation, which allows super-heated gasses to escape and offer better visibility for firefighters. The house is scheduled to be burned in a live fire training session on Saturday, May 15.

2004

May 10, 2004, Letter:

May 13, 2004, Trustee meeting:

Minutes missing at this time—

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*



*Learn Not
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Trustees Meeting Agenda May 13, 2004

- I. ✓ Call to Order 7:00
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. ✓ Treasurer Report, Jim King (By Bill Seng) *Proposed Budget Figure - Mt. Vernon ok to District - FW 5/21/04 @ Noon*
- V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Executive Session
- IX. The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on June 17th at Harrods Creek Fire Department station #1, @ 7:00pm.

Guest - Bob ~~XXXX~~ CRAMER - re T-MOBILE REF. CELL TOWER FOR STA. #2 LOCATION

Annex D What is it?

The facts: ... There are approximately 125,000 fire apparatus in the U.S. built prior to the 1991 version of NFPA 1901.

The figures:

- **13% (16,250 units)**
are older than 30 years
- **33% (41,250 units)**
are older than 20 years
- **54% (67,500 units)**
are older than 15 years

Most communities do not have 15 year old garbage trucks, police cars or school buses.... So, why do we allow more than half of our fire fighters to ride in vehicles older than 15 years?

The help: Annex D – You Can Live By It!

NFPA 1901 Annex D addresses the problem of older vehicles that do not incorporate current features and safety standards. The annex recommends replacement of vehicles 20 years and older. For vehicles under 20 years and built prior to the 1991 standards, Annex D recommends upgrading or replacement.

Annex D is designed to help departments determine if an apparatus is in need of upgrading or refurbishing.

Beginning with the 1991 edition of NFPA 1901, a number of significant safety features were incorporated into the standards: fully enclosed riding areas, stronger aerial ladders, auxiliary braking systems, reflective striping, improved warning lights and no roof-mounted audible warning devices, to name a few.

By upgrading to equipment that meets the newer NFPA 1901 standards, you can significantly reduce the potential of serious injury or death resulting from injuries sustained in accidents or operation of these vehicles.

NFPA 1901 Annex D – Read It, Live By It

2004
May 29/30, 2004, Memorial Day Weekend Storms:



2004

May, 2004, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between (05/01/2004) And (05/31/2004)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	4	2.31%	\$400,000	100.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
121 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
142 Truck, or brush and glass mixture fire	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
143 Outside equipment fire	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	9	5.20%	\$400,000	100.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
221 Overpressure rupture of air or gas	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	42	24.27%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
342 Search for person in water	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
365 Watercraft rescue	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	49	26.32%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
405 Hazardous condition, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	27	15.60%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arming, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	43	24.85%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, Other	13	7.02%	\$0	0.00%
510 Person in distress, Other	3	1.73%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
520 Water problem, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	3	1.73%	\$0	0.00%
542 Animal rescue	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
559 Public service	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between (05/01/2004) And (05/31/2004)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
5 Service Call				
571 Code assignment, standby, turnover	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	25	14.45%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
611 Disappeared & canceled en route	4	4.62%	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
631 Smoke alarm, not of smoke	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
632 Smoke alarm, not of smoke	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	15	8.67%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	4	2.31%	\$0	0.00%
710 System malfunction, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
720 Smoke detector activation due to	4	2.31%	\$0	0.00%
730 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	2.31%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	4	4.62%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
	30	17.34%	\$0	0.00%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
807 Severe weather or natural disaster, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:		173	Total Est Loss:	
			\$600,000	

Total runs YTD 647

May 20, 2004 Media Alert:

BORDERS

Media Alert
Issued May 20, 2004

St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni
Association is pleased to announce a new book.

Who: Alan D. Ring, former St. Matthews firefighter, now retired to Tucson, AZ, where he writes a newspaper column and books on local mining history

What: Discussing and Signing *St. Matthews Firefighters: 84 years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky*

When: Saturday, July 31, 2004 at 2 p.m.

Where: Borders Books & Music
Shelbyville Road Plaza
4600 Shelbyville Road
502-893-0133

Why: This true story celebrates 84 years of the firefighting in St. Matthews, KY.

Contact: Arlene Morse
Borders
Louisville, KY
502-893-3800/ FAX 502-896-0452

This event is free and open to the public.

2004

June 2, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*: Firefighters honored for rescue, Award given to four from St. Matthews, by Christopher Hall

OUTH END / SW • WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2004

St. Matthews firefighters honored for rescuing woman

By CHRISTOPHER HALL

Special to The Courier-Journal

When St. Matthews firefighters found Becky DeCamp in January of last year, she was unconscious from smoke inhalation and barely breathing, and fire was raging through her home on Swing Lane.

Capt. Frank Flynn and firefighter Greg Crabb were searching her house as the other two members of their company, Sgt. Paul Kurtz and firefighter Kent Dayton, worked outside and additional personnel struggled to bring the blaze under control.

The four firefighters rescued DeCamp, now 68, from the conflagration and kept her alive, actions that earned them a joint commendation from the St. Matthews Kiwanis Club last month as St. Matthews Firefighter of the Year.

St. Matthews police officer Dennis McDonald was to be honored as Officer of the Year at another ceremony yesterday. He is a DARE officer and Waggener High School's resource officer, and he recently managed the department's accreditation efforts.

After almost a year and a half, the firefighters still vividly remember the fire on Jan. 10, 2003, that almost took DeCamp's life. They arrived close to midnight, Flynn recalled, and saw a car in the driveway, leading them to believe someone might be in the house.

While Kurtz and Dayton helped hook up hoses, Flynn and Crabb first tried to figure out where the bedroom might be and then headed into the house, which was full of smoke.

"It was pretty much zero visibility, so we had to crawl along on our hands and knees and feel our way around," Flynn said.

Eventually the two firefighters found the bedroom, still unable to see much of anything, and happened upon DeCamp's inert form next to her bed. Flynn said it was apparent DeCamp had been asleep, awoke briefly and tried to flee but was overcome by the smoke.

Crabb said it is difficult to describe what went through his mind at that moment.

"You really can't believe it. I never ex-



By MICHAEL HAYMAN, THE COURIER-JOURNAL

Frank Flynn, left, Greg Crabb, center, and Paul Kurtz were named St. Matthews Firefighters of the Year. Also named was Kent Dayton.

pected to find anybody, really," he said. "The training just kind of kicks in, just takes over, and you bring them out, start the process. You don't really have time to think about it till after it's over with."

Crabb and Flynn hurriedly got DeCamp outside, and while Crabb started rescue breathing on her, Flynn and Kurtz headed back into the house to search for other possible victims. Fortunately, DeCamp was the only one. Her husband, Mike, who died last year, was in a nursing home at the time.

DeCamp was breathing "at most" four times a minute, Flynn said, and she was rushed to University Hospital, where she stayed for just over a week.

She recovered fully and now lives in a condominium on Massie Avenue, not far from one of the fire department's stations. She repaired and sold her house.

DeCamp said she doesn't remember anything about the fire but a glimpse of her neighbors' lights and dark smoke, and she jokes that her dog, Jefferson, was the smart one, fleeing through his "doggie door" at the first sign of trouble. As for all of the firefighters who answered the call that night, particularly her four rescuers, she said:

"I can't tell you how grateful I am for them. There aren't any words to say how grateful I am for the work they do."

The firefighters are all pleased to have been honored, but even more, it seemed, they are thankful they were able to save a life.

"It feels great," Kurtz said. "Of course, we were just doing our jobs, what we enjoy doing, but it is great to be recognized for doing what we love."

Flynn said the experience was, for a firefighter, comparable to hitting a home run to win the World Series. To save somebody, "that's the best feeling in the world," said the 20-year veteran.

St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng said the Kiwanis Club gives the award every year, and this year it was easy to decide who would get it. He called the four men's accomplishment "nothing short of a miracle."

Dr. Ran Florence, a member of the club and chairman of the event honoring the firefighters, was a firefighter for 15 years himself, so he was particularly glad to honor the efforts of Crabb, Dayton, Flynn and Kurtz.

"It's great when you are able to honor someone not only for the hard work they put in, but also for an exceptional effort when people's lives are on the line," Florence said. "These are four men who are not only heroic for their actions, but they are great assets to the community."


This is what make all the training and hard work worth it—way to go guys—

2004

June 8, 2004, Letter:

June 9, 2004: *The Voice-Tribune*:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: June 8, 2004
Re: District Activity

- ✓ Our total collections this year for the WHAS Crusade for Children was \$89,281.78. This is \$700.00 less than what we collected last year. Everyone worked very hard this year despite several interruptions that hampered our efforts throughout the week. On one occasion, we had six fire runs in a one hour period that really slowed our efforts. Special thanks should be given to Captain John Volkerding who orchestrated the whole event, and also to Tina Freiheit who put in just as many hours.
- ✓ We had a mishap last week where one of our firefighters (Mike Frantz) accidentally put 19 gallons of gasoline into one of the fire trucks (2631) that runs only on diesel. This made the truck start acting rough and eventually made it stop running. The repair facility had to drain all of the fuel that was in the tank and also replace all of the fuel injectors in the engine. The entire repair bill cost was \$3,400.00. I am checking with our insurance company to see if there is any type of coverage for this accident. I will keep you posted on its progress.
- 100% Deduct On Insur.?
- ✓ Don't forget we will need to appoint an election committee at this upcoming trustees meeting. The election is June 26th. Jack Monahan is the only candidate who is on the ballot.
Page #26E = Committee 11 to 2.
- ✓ During the big storm last week lightning took out all of our computer equipment at our Station 2, which includes two work stations and a router. The replacement cost for this equipment is about \$1,500.00. I have notified our insurance carrier of this incident also.
- 200% Deduct On Insur.?
- ✓ I plan on giving the board some information during Thursday's board meeting on the hiring process to replace Firefighter Mosely. I would like to have the new firefighter on staff by July 1.
Motion Passed to Hire From Within.
- ✓ Enclosed you will find a copy of the contract with Powertel of Kentucky who would like to build a cell tower at Station 2. I have already forwarded a copy to our legal counsel.

Expenditures for June 2004

Item	Cost
1. Repair body work on Unit 2602. (storm damage)	\$796.50
2. Complete set of cribbing for 2653.	\$1,950.00
3. Computer for Fire Sta #2 (see check, let's go, p. 4)	\$1,500.00



by contributing photographer MICHAEL FOLQUET

Crusading the streets

Firefighter Mike Frantz of the St. Matthews Fire Department collected money for the 51st annual WHAS Crusade for Children on Shelbyville Road in St. Matthews on June 4. The crusade raised more than \$6 million, slightly less than last year's total, which was attributed to the recent bad weather reducing the number of available volunteers. Highview Fire Department was the top fund-raiser with more than \$411,000 and the Archdiocese of Louisville raised more than \$216,000.

2004

June 10, 2004, Trustee meeting:



Trustees Meeting Agenda, June 10, 2004

- I. ✓ Call to Order 7:22 PM
- II. X Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *Not Available @ this Meeting*
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report, Jim King
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
- VI. ✓ New Business *Washington Valley*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session 8:42 to 8:51
- IX. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on June 17th at Harrods Creek Fire Department station #1, @ 7:00pm.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

June 10, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:30 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the May 2004 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

June 10, 2004

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 10, 2004 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, Mike Willinger, and Lois Stoke.

Secretary Joe Wolfe reported that the May minutes were not available due to a computer malfunction. He apologized and promised to have them available for the July meeting. *Not Ready for July - Ready & will be Available later*

Treasurers Report

No report presented for Jim King was not present.

John Volkerding commented on the financial statements which included a discussion on CERS rates, tax rates, etc.

Chiefs Report

The St. Matthews Fire District collected \$89,281.78 in this years Crusade for Children. He thanked John Volkerding for his efforts as chairman for the crusade effort.

2631 received damage when an employee inadvertently put unleaded fuel in its fuel tank. The repair is \$3400. Seng reported that the District's insurance carrier will cover this loss less the \$1000 deductible.

The Trustee election will be held on June 26th between 10 AM and 2 PM. Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe & Jim King will serve as the election committee.

Chief Seng reported that he expects the Metro Mayor to appoint Jim Graven to the Board of Trustees. His term will begin on July 1.

Station 2 took a lightning strike during a recent storm. Two computers and the network router received damage. Chief Seng placed the damage at \$1500. Seng stated that insurance will cover the damage with a \$200 deductible.

*Look into Rare, Delicate Antiques Bureau
Chief to look into this & Report Back*

Chief Seng asked for the Board's approval to start the hiring process to fulfill a vacancy. Chief Seng stated that he felt that enough qualified candidates would apply if the process was held to an internal process only. Some discussion followed and Joe Wolfe expressed concerns about inconsistency in the hiring practices.

Jack Monohan moved and Rick Tonini seconded that Chief Seng appoint a hiring committee and that the position be posted for an internal hire. The motion passed unanimously.

The Metro Council will honor Captain Flynn, Gregg Crabbs & Kent Dayton at their meeting for their role in the successful rescue effort during the Swing Lane fire.

Chief Seng presented the following expenditures for the Boards approval:

- Body work on 2602 storm damage \$396.50
- Cribbing \$1950
- Replacement computers for Station 2 \$1500

Rick Tonini move and Jack Monohan seconded that the expenditure list be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng presented the Board with Don Ryan's request for retire/rehire as has previously been established.

Jack Monohan moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the Ryans request for retire/rehire be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng presented the Board with a communications tower contract as proposed by Powertel. A long discussion ensued. *Look at Tom & Chief Met - 18,000 TEL. ongoing discussion*

Jack Monohan moved and Rick Tonini seconded that Chief Seng continue to negotiate with Powertel and return to the Board with his recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng asked for a brief executive session at 7:47 PM.

General session resumed at 7:50 PM with no action taken.

A discussion on the budget ensued.

John Volkerding moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the 2004-2005 budget be approved and that a 2% salary increase be included for all employees. The motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan moved to adjourn, Rick Tonini seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 8:27 PM.

2004

June 10, 2004, Trustee meeting: Letter & Budget Worksheet

June 10th, 2004

Fire Chief William J. Seng
St. Matthews Fire District
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, Ky 40207

Dear Chief Seng,

I am asking for board of trustee approval to grant my request to retire and be rehired by the St. Matthews Fire District. I have contacted the State Retirement Office for details but need confirmation from the fire district to be able to proceed.

My twenty-year anniversary date will be this December 15th. With your approval I would be gone the month of January 2005 and return the first of February.

I am very proud of the fact that after twenty years of service my records and files are spotless. I have no written reprimands in my file and have an excellent sick day history.

I look forward to continuing my service as a St. Matthews Fire Captain.

Sincerely,

Captain Don Ryan

*Vote
Approved
6-10-04*

Budget Worksheet

Item	2003-2004	2004-2005
Real Prop	2295000	2349000
Personal	160000	180000
Prior	20000	20000
Incentive	90000	90000
Inc Pensi	15000	15000
Int Inc	5000	10000
Income	2585000	2664000

Physical	11600	11600
Uniforms	10500	10500
Turnout	15750	15750
Recreation	16000	16000
Training	36000	36000
EAP	1500	1500
Education	2000	2000
Fuel	16000	17000
Maint	28000	35000
Equipment	25000	25000
EMT	5000	5000
SCBA	4000	4000
Utilities	38000	38000
Computer	10000	10000
Building	24500	24500
Phones	11000	11000
Pagers	3000	3000
Radio	13500	13500
Alarm	500	500
Accting	6500	6500
Legal	7000	8000
Legal Adv	500	700
Data Process	5500	6000
Tax Rolls	500	500
Insurance	33500	36000
Postage	1000	1000
Trustee Fees	1800	1800
Office Supplies	8500	8500
Membership	2500	2500
Trustee Assc	2000	2000
Legislative	1500	1500
Public Ed	2700	3500
Bank Charge		
Misc		
Total	345350	358350

Overtime	160000	160000
Incentive	90000	90000
FICA	110138	110138
Group Health	246000	260000
Group Life	4500	4800
Dental	19775	22000
CERS	263377	314344
Workmans Cmp	46000	46000
Exp Reimb	35000	35000
Ret Payment	2400	
Total Person	2150853	2215945

Capital	38797	39705
Reserve	50000	50000

Summary		
Operating Exp	345350	358350
Personnel	2150853	2215945
Capital	38797	39705
Reserve	50000	50000
Total Exp	2585000	2664000

Salaries	1173663	1173663
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A day at play in the park

Activities give families a chance to relax at St. Matthews Festival

By SCHEM SMITH
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The Courier-Journal

Hannah Landgrave, 9, sat under a small tree in Brown Park yesterday and carefully wiped the sweat from her face so it wouldn't ruin her makeup.

Hannah and about 20 other children were waiting for a chance to perform for hundreds of families who had gathered for the fourth annual St. Matthews Festival.

"I just hope it doesn't rain — because if it does, there goes the lip-stick," Hannah said.

Despite few sprinkles, Hannah and her fellow dancers from Dance Unlimited wowed the festival audience yesterday.

The free one-day event, which ran from noon until 6 p.m., was held in Brown Park, at Browns Lane and Bowling Boulevard.

Festival goers were also treated to clowns, pony rides and a wide array of inflatable attractions. A "kid zone" was set up and included an inflatable rock wall for climbing, a giant inflatable alligator that let children crawl down its throat and a clown who turned balloons into various shapes.

There were five food vendors and an amusement booth set up by the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

Pat Henson, chairman of the festival, said the event continues to grow each year because families like the idea of having fun for no cost. The St. Matthews Area Business Association and other sponsors

were free the bill for the festival.

"We have worked very hard to make it a free event for families," Henson said.

"It's an opportunity for us to give back to the community."

And that attitude is what attracted Valerie Jefferson and her daughter, Kimberly, 5.

Jefferson, who lives near the Hikes Point area, said going to the festival is more like going home.

"To me it's like a reunion," she said. "I feel safe and at home in this community."

The fire department brought a 1931 firetruck for people to look at. The truck, which was the first motorized firetruck in the city, was restored in 1998.

Capt. Frank Flynn said the department enjoys getting out and mingling with people.

"The kids love to see us out there," Flynn said. "We love it."

For Hannah's mother, Laura Landgrave, the annual event is more than just fun. It's also a chance for her daughter to grow and learn about community.

"It's good for her to get her confidence up by performing in front of people," Landgrave said.

More than 2,000 people were expected to visit the park yesterday, but an exact number is hard to determine when the event is free, Henson said.

"We hope to continue doing this," she said. "We want to show the community we care."



Haley Spooner, 4, of Radcliff, Ky., above, rode a horse at the festival, held at Brown Park. At left, clown V.C. "Duster" Kern inflated balloons into a variety of shapes as he entertained children.



2004

June 16, 23, 2004—*The Voice –Tribune* ran this add in various sizes from ¼ page to smaller all month of June.

*St. Matthews Fire Dept.
Alumni Association Inc.*
Is excited to announce the new book

St. Matthews Firefighters

*84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky
by Al Ring*

This book is a reference piece and the first illustrated and documented story of the St. Matthews Fire Department from its beginning in 1919 through 2003. There are 84 years of documents, letters, interviews, newspaper articles, pictures and more that vividly tell the story of the fire service and firefighters. Historical data from this book and the documentation of the events from these 84 years will be of significant interest to researchers, fire and local history buffs and former department members. This true story is about the strengths of over 650 people who were involved with the department over the past 84 years. Men and women from all walks of life, educational levels, etc. came together to create a very unique and compelling story. They set and maintained the bar for all levels of the firefighting service. There were, and continue to be, a much respected fire



department) the firefighting industry. The citizens of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and citizens of Kentucky have every right to be very proud of these fine dedicated professionals.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
ALAN (AL) D. RING is a former St. Matthews firefighter and board member (1964 to 1990) having moved to St. Matthews in 1951 at age 8. A Waggoner High School graduate, Al was the owner of a local service station, realtor and home builder. He retired to Tucson, Ariz., in 1998 with his wife, Karen, and son Evan. Retired, Al is doing research, writing a newspaper column with his brother and writing books on local mining history. If you have any additional information on the St. Matthews Fire Department, please contact him at ringal@msn.com.



This book would make a great gift for those "hard to buy for" friends!
Book store price: \$34.95
Special pre-order price: \$29.95 + tax
Delivery expected late July

Mail in & make checks payable to:
St. Matthews Fire Dept. Alumni Association Inc.
240 Sears Ave., Louisville, KY 40207

☐ I would like to pre-order _____ history book(s) with the \$5 pre-order discount and have enclosed \$31.75 per book including sales tax. (for local pick-up) Amount _____

☐ I would like to pre-order _____ history book(s) @ \$29.95 ea. with the \$5 pre-order discount and have them shipped to me for \$7.95 ea. If shipping to Kentucky please include \$3.80 sales tax ea. Amount _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State & Zip _____

June 17, 2004: Letter from Al Ring to the Board of Trustees.

Faye Ellerkamp
Board of Trustees
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
XXXX Tina sending me all home addresses.
XXXX

June 17, 2004

First, thank you for all the cooperation from you, the Board, officers and firefighters of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District on obtaining information for the book called *St. Matthews Firefighters, 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky*. I have been fortunate enough to see an advance copy of the book (the rest to be here in less than a month) and as the author I must tell you how proud I am of it but more importantly of the contents of the book. With 208 pages and 512 graphics it really tells the story of the men and women who made up the department for the last 84 years.

I really feel this is a project that the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association, and the present and past members of the department can be very proud of. Because of this I hope the department will take advantage of whatever public relation may be gained. There will be or course sales of the book, we have printed 1000, advertising and interviews. Hopefully the results will be long lasting and beneficial to the department for many years to come. I can assure you that the book is a very "positive" though very truthful account of the department.

Second, I would like to make a request. Because advance sales have already passed 250 books it appears the book will be a success and I would like to request the following: That the Board purchase a copy of the book for each present member which numbers about 50. This would be a fine addition to the firefighters personal library and certainly be of interest to them and maybe even create more of a sense of pride than they already have in the department. Along with this I would suggest an additional 25 to 50 books for future members of the department and well a great gift for visiting dignitaries that come to the department. The New York Firefighters that visited the area last year come to mind. Of course the Alumni Committee has assured me that they will honor the 40% off price they offer book stores, so for about \$21.00 each you can create a lot of good will.

Jack Monahan or Gar Davis will be able to answer any questions you might have and help in any way.

Thank you for your time,

Al Ring
Former Firefighter and Board Member

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June 16, 23, 2004—*The Voice –Tribune*:



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Kiwanis Club honors firefighters, police officer

The Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews recently presented its St. Matthews Firefighter of the Year and Police Officer of the Year awards. In cooperation with Fire Chief Bill Seng and Police Chief Norman Mayer, the Kiwanis Club annually honors members from each department for their public service to the community. The firefighters' award went to several men this year – Capt. Frank Flynn, Sgt. Paul Kurtz, Kent Dayton and Gregg Crabbe, who all helped save an unconscious woman from a burning house. "It was a job well done and almost a miracle rescue," Seng said. From left, Dr. Ran Florence, who is chairman of the honors committee, Kiwanis president Ron Voll, Flynn, Crabbe, Dayton, Kurtz and Seng.

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June 23, 2004, The Courier-Journal, Worthington fire board election could tip merger-vote balance



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Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Worthington fire board election could tip merger-vote balance

By MATT BATCHELOR
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The Courier-Journal

A little-known election Saturday may help determine the future of 12 of Jefferson County's 20 fire districts.

Each of those districts will elect one property owner to its seven-member board of trustees, the group that runs each department.

In Worthington, the outcome might determine whether the district merges with the Harrods Creek, St. Matthews and Lyndon departments.

The Worthington district covers 17 square miles in Jefferson and Oldham counties.

If Worthington elects one more merger supporter to its board, a merger of the four departments could be approved this year, Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte said.

Incumbent Bill Romine, who is seeking re-election, opposes merger while challenger Amy Leenerts has not made her views known. Leenerts, who is married to Worthington volunteer firefighter John Leenerts, did not return several phone messages to her home seeking comment.

Worthington's trustees voted 4-3 in September not to merge with the St.

These are the candidates for trustees representing property owners in these fire districts. The elections will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the locations listed below.

DIXIE SUBURBAN — 9606 Dixie Highway ■ Arthur Miller, 2301 Fust Ave., 40216
EDGEWOOD — 1127 Orchard Ave. ■ Eleanor Hest, 6003 Cordia Drive, 40219
FAIRDALE — 10015 Mitchell Hill Road ■ Howard L. Goldman Jr., 7707 Leanne Drive, 40254 ■ Jack West Jr., 12802 Holston Hill Road, 40119
FERN CREEK — 4200 Stardown Road ■ Wendy Marie Oser, 11005 Clear Stream Court, 40291 ■ Joseph A. Renner, 8912 Standynway Drive, 40291 ■ Gerald D. Swan, 9601 Oak Hardy Road, 40299
HARRODS CREEK — 8905 U.S. 42 ■ David Dick, 3117 Runnymede Road, 40222 ■ Thomas Wobbe, 9008 Wagman Way, 40222
HIGHVIEW — 7308 Fegenbush Lane ■ Louis C. "Bud" Harbamer Jr., 6906 Oakview Court, 40291
JEFFERSONTOWN — 10540 Waterson Trail ■ Thomas E. Ruckelshaus, 3611 Canterbury Drive, 40299
LAKE DREAMLAND — 4803 Cane Run Road ■ Richard Lee Star Sr., 4124 Lake Dreamland Road, 40216
MIDDLETOWN — 108 Union Lane ■ Stephen M. Lineweaver, 14010 Hickory Ridge Road, 40245 ■ Danny R. Ison, 1631 Tucker Station Road, 40299
OKOLONA — 8501 Preston Highway ■ Z. Grey Vincent, 5011 Farnous Way, 40219
ST. MATTHEWS — 940 Seem Ave. ■ John M. Monahan II, 430 Chatterwood Road, 40207
WORTHINGTON — 4700 Murphy Lane ■ Amy Lynn Leenerts, 4414 Sussex Court, 40241 ■ William F. Romine, 7711 Circle Crest Road, 40241

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Matthews, Lyndon and Harrods Creek fire districts. The other districts supported the move, and their chiefs say they would push the issue again if there were a pro-merger majority on Worthington's board.

"It allows us maybe in the future to provide more resources, better-placed resources ... without those invisible barriers" of district boundaries, Aponte said.

Five of Saturday's 12 fire trustee elections are contested — in Fairdale, Fern Creek, Harrods Creek, Middletown and Worthington. The other districts with elections are Dixie Suburban, Edgewood, Highview, Jeffersonstown, Lake Dreamland, Okolona and St. Matthews.

The eight districts not holding elections Saturday will hold them next year.

State law gives trustees elected by property owners two spots on the board. Two other board members are firefighters elected by their peers, and three are appointed by Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson. Property-owner trustees serve four-year terms. The law sets their pay at no more than \$25 per meeting.

Elections are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the last Saturday in June at the main firehouse in each district. Anyone who is 18, owns real estate or a vehicle in the district and lives there qualifies to vote.

But few people do. Often, fewer than 10 people vote in an election.

A log showing how many people voted at Worthington's last election was not available, the department's attorney, Greg Davis, said. Romine, the Worthington trustee who is running for re-election, laughed when asked how many people vote in Worthington. He said it's usually fewer than 10. Before this year, he had not had a contested race since he joined the board in 1993.

But he said he's campaigning for his job this time.

"I think this will be the first time there's really some effort being extended," he said. Romine, a former manager who spent 31 years with Dow Chemical, said he's recruiting friends in the district to vote.

In Harrods Creek, both candidates said they are undecided about the merger issue, but a majority of the district's trustees supports it, and the election won't change that.

June 29, 2005, The Courier-Journal

JEFFERSON ROLLING FIELDS

Independence Day Parade is Saturday

Rolling Fields will hold its fourth annual Independence Day Parade at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, starting at Basswood and Club lanes. The St. Matthews Fire Protection District will lead the parade, which will be followed by activities and refreshments.

— Martha Elson

David Dick, a certified public accountant who was on the St. Matthews fire board for eight years until he moved out of the district, said he's eager to return to a fire board. He said he's a fiscal conservative who is skeptical of big spending. During his tenure, he blocked the board from raising its taxes from 8 cents per \$100 to 10 cents, which is the state-allowed cap. "The minute I left, they raised it," he said. "I always worry about spending too much money in these outfits."

Dick said departments need to try to recruit volunteers, not just hire more full-time firefighters. He said he found out about the position from friends at the department.

Thomas Wobbe, who has spent five years as a certified workers' compensation adviser and insurance adviser, said friends at the department also recruited him. He said he became interested in being a trustee because of those friends and because the Lyndon fire district is insured through his employer.

He said he's concerned about running an efficient department because Harrods Creek can't raise its tax rate above 10 cents.

Trustee candidates in Fern Creek, Fairdale and Middletown said there are no particular issues being discussed in those contests.

Fern Creek candidate Wendy Oser said she got interested in the job when she saw a sign posted outside the fire station seeking candidates. She said her husband is a full-time firefighter at Middletown, and she would apply her knowledge about firefighting as a trustee.

The two other Fern Creek candidates — Joseph Renner and Gerald Swan — said they want to contribute to the community. Renner's two sons are Fern Creek firefighters. Swan is a 40-year veteran of the department who retired this year.

In Fairdale, candidate Howard Goldman said he agreed with a 25 percent tax increase the department imposed last year to pay for more full-time firefighters. The incumbent trustee, Jack West Jr., who's running for re-election, voted for the tax increase. He did not return phone calls seeking comment.

In Middletown, Steve Lineweaver said he found out about the job from friends on the fire department. Danny Ison said he became interested in fire districts during a failed bid for the Metro Council in 2002. Both said they want to study the possibility of merger.

"Do we need 20 district fire departments?" Ison asked. "How does Middletown fit into the mix of it?"

2004

June 30, 2004, Combined Financial Statements:

COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Governmental Activity</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 922,169
Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other	61,559
Capital assets, net of depreciation (Note 3)	2,349,358
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	3,333,086
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	27,182
NET ASSETS	
Investment in capital assets	2,349,358
Unrestricted	956,546
Total Net Assets	3,305,904
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	\$ 3,333,086

COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Governmental Activity</u>
EXPENSES	
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$ 2,232,824
Operating expenses	74,970
Repairs, maintenance, and supplies expenses	184,011
Depreciation expense	239,763
Total Expenses	2,731,568
GENERAL REVENUES	
Property taxes	2,481,538
Interest earnings	15,263
State aid, rents, and other	110,832
Total General Revenues	2,607,633
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(123,935)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,429,839
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 3,305,904

2004

June 30, 2004, Combined Financial Statements:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District and
St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 6

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND

JUNE 30, 2004

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 922,169
Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other	61,559
TOTAL ASSETS	983,728
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	27,182
FUND BALANCE	
Unreserved	956,546
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 983,728

St. Matthews Fire Protection District and
St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 7RECONCILIATION OF THE COMBINED
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 956,546
Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the combined statement of net assets is different because:	
Capital assets, net of depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, not reported in the general fund	2,349,358
Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 1,305,904

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

- (B) collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name; and
- (C) uncollateralized or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or its trust department or agent, but not in the entity's name.

At June 30, 2004, cash was categorized as follows:

	Governmental Activities			Bank Balance	Carrying Amount
	A	B	C		
June 30, 2004	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 912,169	\$ 922,169	\$ 922,169

The District maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The District has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The District believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

NOTE 3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2004 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Buildings and improvements	\$ 2,201,564	\$ 13,656	\$ 0	\$ 2,215,220
Fire fighting equipment	1,798,379	0	0	1,798,379
Other equipment	710,376	8,513	0	718,839
Vehicles	139,139	0	0	139,139
Total Cost	4,849,458	22,169	0	4,871,627
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(878,522)	(72,559)	0	(951,081)
Fire fighting equipment	(810,714)	(95,454)	0	(906,168)
Other equipment	(491,766)	(30,225)	0	(521,991)
Vehicles	(95,454)	(21,535)	0	(116,979)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(2,276,456)	(219,769)	0	(2,496,225)
Net Book Value	\$ 2,566,952	\$ (217,994)	\$ 0	\$ 2,349,358

St. Matthews Fire Protection District and
St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 8COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUND

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	General Fund		Over (Under)
	Budget	Actual	Budget
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$ 2,475,000	\$ 2,481,538	\$ 6,538
Interest earnings	5,000	15,263	10,263
State aid, rents, and other	105,000	110,832	5,832
Total Revenues	2,585,000	2,607,633	22,633
EXPENDITURES			
Fixed asset additions			
Building improvements, furnishings, and office equipment	28,395	19,367	(9,028)
Fire fighting equipment	2,802	2,802	0
Personnel operating expenses	1,774,938	1,789,663	14,725
Administrative expenses			
Insurance	33,500	35,456	1,956
Retirement costs	265,777	256,422	(9,355)
Legal and accounting	14,000	17,763	3,763
Public education	2,700	2,886	186
Trustee's expenses	3,800	800	(3,000)
Payroll taxes	110,138	102,915	(7,223)
Other supplies and miscellaneous	19,500	18,067	(1,433)
Operating expenses			
Utilities	38,000	40,670	2,670
Gasoline and oil	16,000	15,847	(153)
Fire fighting and training expenses	93,350	83,823	(9,527)
Other supplies and miscellaneous	500	0	(500)
Repairs and maintenance expenses			
Vehicles	28,000	36,374	8,374
Buildings	32,100	31,448	(652)
Communication equipment	27,500	24,266	(3,234)
Fire fighting equipment	34,000	30,634	(3,366)
Personal equipment	10,000	4,771	(5,229)
Total Expenditures	2,533,000	2,513,974	(19,026)
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 52,000	\$ 93,659	\$ 41,659
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			862,887
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$ 956,546

See Notes to Combined Financial Statements

St. Matthews Fire Protection District and
St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 9RECONCILIATION OF THE COMBINED STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 93,659
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The change in net assets reported for governmental activities in the combined statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the combined statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation (\$239,763) exceeded capital outlays (\$22,169) in the current period.

(217,594)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ (123,935)
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2004

June, 2004, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (06/01/2004) And (06/30/2004)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.52%	\$0	0.00%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
162 Outside equipment fire	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
	7	5.34%	\$0	0.00%

3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
300 Rescue, emergency medical (EMS) call, Other	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	37	28.24%	\$0	0.00%
322 Vehicle accident with injuries	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.52%	\$0	0.00%
	41	31.29%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	4	3.05%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	7	5.34%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	3	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	2	1.52%	\$0	0.00%
	21	16.03%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, Other	2	1.52%	\$0	0.00%
510 Person in distress, Other	2	1.52%	\$0	0.00%
521 Water evacuation	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	3	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
554 Assist invalid	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
561 Unauthorized burning	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	3	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
	13	9.92%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	3	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & canceled en route	6	4.58%	\$0	0.00%
631 Authorized controlled burning	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
641 Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	1.52%	\$0	0.00%
	13	9.92%	\$0	0.00%

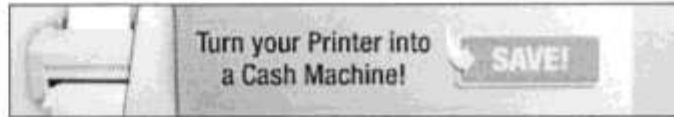
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	5	3.81%	\$0	0.00%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	4	3.05%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	6	4.58%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	3	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	2	1.52%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	7	5.34%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	2	1.52%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	3	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
	36	27.48%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 131 Total Est Loss: \$0

Total Runs YTD = 801

2004

July 6, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, Strong storms down trees knock out power, by Jennifer Frazer:



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Tuesday, July 06, 2004

Strong storms down trees, knock out power

Man escapes injury as ash hits house; 21,000 across area lose electric service



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As storms raked Kentucky yesterday, Mike Adams was watching through the back window of his home on Eline Avenue in St. Matthews when he noticed the wind turn violent.

Moments after he moved away from the window, an ash tree about three feet in diameter fell and cut through the first and second floors of his house.

It landed where he had been standing, he said.

"I walked into the front room. I hadn't even turned around when that tree came down," he said. "Most of the tree is in my kitchen now."

Adams said, "To be honest, it looks pretty bad from the outside. But it is worse from the inside."

Today, forecasters predict a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m., with temperatures in the 90s.

The high winds generated by a line of severe thunderstorms downed tree limbs and cut power to as many as 21,000 customers in the Louisville area. By 10 p.m., power had been restored to slightly more than half of those customers, said Laura Douglas, spokeswoman for Louisville Gas and Electric.

All power should be back on by midday



BY DAVID R. LUTMAN, SPECIAL TO THE C-J
The storm knocked this tree onto Mike Adams' house on Eline Avenue. "It looks pretty bad from the outside," Adams said. "But it is worse from the inside."



Workmen from Tiger Paws Tree Service cut away a tree that had fallen on a house at 427 Fairlawn Ave. in St. Matthews. Trees were reported down across Jefferson County.

2004

July 6, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, Strong storms down trees knock out power, by Jennifer Frazer:

today, Douglas said.

Outages also hit other parts of the state and Southern Indiana.

The storm knocked down a "pretty substantial list" of trees and wires, concentrated in southwestern and eastern Jefferson County, particularly in St. Matthews, said supervisor Vince Luney of the Louisville Metro Police Suburban Command Center.

The areas hardest hit by outages were the South End, Fern Creek and the East End, including St. Matthews, although power was out in other scattered areas, Douglas said. Power will be restored with priority given to hospitals, emergency centers and schools, Douglas said, and then with priority to the largest number of customers who can be served by a given repair.

Customers can contact LG&E for storm-related issues at 589-3500.

The National Weather Service reported that 0.26 inch of rain fell at Louisville International Airport and 0.40 inch fell at Bowman Field.

In Southern Kentucky, the weather service issued a tornado warning for Monroe County. Authorities said wind downed trees and power lines and ripped roofs off houses. But there were no reports of a tornado touching down, said Rick Lasher, a meteorologist with the weather service in Louisville.

Dozens of downed trees blocked roads throughout Daviess County, said Paul Nave, the county's 911 director. "A significant amount of the county is out of power," he said.

As much as 2½ inches of rain fell within an hour in portions of Daviess County, the weather service said, and there were reports of flooding in some streets and creeks in Owensboro.

The storm cut power in Campbellsburg, Kentucky State Police said.

In Southern Indiana, nearly 1,000 customers were without power at one point, but service was restored to all but three by about 10 p.m., said Angeline Protogere, spokeswoman for Cinergy/PSI.

The storm also cut off power to about 32,000 customers in southwestern Indiana, mainly in Vanderburgh, Posey and Warrick counties, said Mike Roeder, a spokesman for Vectren.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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2004

July 7, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, by Martha Elson: St. Matthews fire history chronicled by ex-firefighter, Book published ahead of alumni group's reunion:

St. Matthews fire history chronicled by ex-firefighter

Book published ahead of alumni group's reunion

By MARTHA ELSON

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The Courier-Journal

At \$2.5 million, the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's budget is now one of the largest of the 19 suburban departments in Jefferson County.

But in 1932, during the Great Depression, the St. Matthews fire service had only \$150 in the treasury and was struggling to pay a balance of about \$4,650 on a new \$6,500 pumper truck named Betsy.

A fund-raising dance that year at the Zachary Taylor American Legion Post brought in only about \$10, and in 1933 the company that had sold the pumper to the department began the process of repossessing it. The St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association had been formed in 1919, and contributions from residents and others to pay for fire equipment were voluntary, too.

It wasn't until 1938 that the debt was paid off, after the truck pumped out many basements during the 1937 flood, former St. Matthews firefighter Al Ring of Tucson, Ariz., writes in "St. Matthews Firefighters: 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky," published by Butler Books of Louisville.

The new fire engine-red hardback book, with flames and a photo of the restored Betsy on the cover, is due out in time for a second reunion planned for July 31 by the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association. The first reunion was in 2001. The names of about 650 men and women who have been associated with the fire service are listed in the back of the book.

Ring, a member of the association who served with the fire department from 1964 to 1990, compiled and laid out the book and wrote the transitional text. He completed his fire career as chairman of the district's board. Among the benefits he derived were "the ability to make

quick decisions," he wrote.

Ring's work life after he graduated from Waggener High School included running service stations in St. Matthews, selling real estate and building houses. He moved to Tucson in 1998 after retiring.

The association formed an eight-person book committee. Besides Ring, its members are Rick H. Albers, A.E. "Bill" Andriot III, E. Gar Davis, Clarke Fenimore, John M. "Jack" Monohan III, Mike Noon and Russell Rakestraw.

Six members put up \$1,000 each to get the printing of the 208-page book started, and 1,050 copies have been printed.

Firefighting is "in our blood," Andriot said. "It's just a part of our lives."

Ring and Monohan, who retired as assistant chief in 1993, decided about 1974 to compile a history of the department, and they researched hundreds of letters, documents, pictures, records and newspaper articles.

Ring said that he's a pack rat by nature and that his mother had made a scrapbook of his years with the fire service. He went through files in the basement of the fire station on Sears Avenue and also scoured microfilm at the Louisville Free Public Library. He and Monohan weren't able to finish the project in the 1970s because of other responsibilities, and the idea was not revived until about six months before the 2001 reunion.

The book details the major fires in the area, including one in 1921 in Jefferson-town that "burned almost half the town due to all wood frame buildings," according to the book. St. Matthews sent men to help.

It also discusses other notable fires: One in 1937 that caused about \$130,000 in damage at Holy Trinity Catholic Church and School; one in 1941 that destroyed about 150 tons of hay, milking machinery and other equipment at the old Plainview Dairy on Hurstbourne Lane near Shelbyville Road, after about 425 cows were herded to safety; one in 1962 that destroyed the A&P supermarket at 3726 Lexington Road; and one in 1971 at Greathouse Elementary School on Grandview Avenue, now St. Matthews City Hall.

2004

July 7, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, by Martha Elson: St. Matthews fire history chronicled by ex-firefighter, Book published ahead of alumni group's reunion:

BOOK SIGNINGS

Al Ring will sign copies of "St. Matthews Firefighters: 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky" on:

■ July 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. at A Reader's Corner, Breckenridge Lane and Willis Avenue.

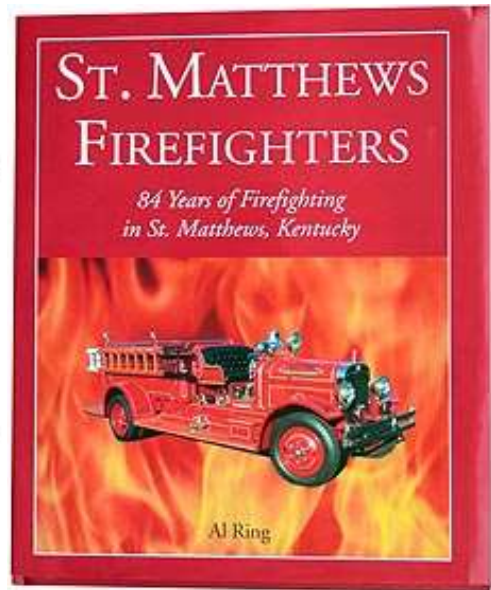
■ July 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Borders Books & Music in the Shelbyville Road Plaza.

The book also will be available at other bookstores later this month and at Doll's Market, 3620 Brownsboro Road; Davis Electronics, 2211 Brownsboro Road; and at the Kroger stores at 279 N. Hubbards Lane, 2200 Brownsboro Road and in the Holiday Manor shopping center.

The book is priced at \$34.95 but it can be pre-ordered for \$29.95. For more information, call 893-7825.



Retired St. Matthews firefighter Al Ring, who now lives in Tucson, Ariz., compiled and laid out the book and wrote the transitional text.



This photo taken by former *Courier-Journal* photographer Michael Coers showing firefighters battling a blaze at the old Greathouse School on July 9, 1971, is among those included in "St. Matthews Firefighters: 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky." The book details the major fires in the area, including those outside St. Matthews. Shown from left are Ralph Haeblerlin, Rich Herdt Jr. and Dennis Bryant.

Davis writes in the book's foreword about firefighting "heroes." He also talks about advances since the Betsy days, including new safety gear, enclosed cabs, air conditioning and seat belts. "One of the biggest changes is that they do not let the firefighters ride on the tailboard!" he wrote.

The fire service started off in the Frankfort Avenue garage of one of the as-

sociation's incorporators, A.J. Eline. Today, it has two stations, both staffed around the clock, on Sears Avenue and at Brownsboro Road and Hubbards Lane.

Despite the early lean years, Ring writes that Monohan's late father, who was chief from 1941 to 1977, told him that "the downfall of volunteer fire departments may well be too much money."

Some suburban departments have

merged, and the St. Matthews department is discussing consolidation with others. Ring said he thinks more mergers are inevitable because of the need to cut costs.

"The present (tax) code was set up when it (the fire service) was 90 percent volunteer," he said. "Now it's almost just the opposite. It's a whole different world and much more expensive."

2004

July, 2004, Advertisement:

July 8, 2004, Trustee meeting:



St. Matthews Fire Dept. Alumni Association Inc.



240 Sears Ave. Louisville, KY 40207

Cordially Invites You to Attend

- What:** A gathering of all members past and present. (Reunion party)
Where: The Saint Matthews Community Center, 310 Ten Pin Ln. Louisville, KY
When: Saturday July 31st 2004 6:00 till 11:00 P.M.
Why: Because it's time after 85 years!
 We had a GREAT time at the party 3 years ago.
Bring: Stories to impress the new guys.
Food: Beef tenderloin, sautéed mushrooms, country ham, chicken salad, meat balls, potato salad, pasta, veggies & dip, spinach dip with pumpernickel bread, cheese, grapes, free soft drinks and a coupon for two free beers, then cash bar. We remember how you can put it away.
Cost: \$15.00 per person (Spouses or significant others welcome)
Bonus! A history book of the St. Matthews Fire Department will be delivered to all of those who have pre-ordered. If there are any left over, they will be sold on a first come first served basis. This book would make a great gift and is a must for all alumni of the St. Matthews Fire Department. Cost: \$35. \$5 discount if paid prior to 4-1-04 and an additional \$3 discount to current and past firefighters. (Limit 1 at the alumni price) You may order as many copies at the pre-printing price as you like.

Hot Combo! \$37.00 + \$1.62 tax (\$38.62) gets you 1 person's admission and 1 St. Matthews Fire Dept. history book.

Come join the fun. We expect a large gathering of 150-200. People will be coming from all over the country. You could possibly see 15 tender meetings at once! Make your plans now!

We will be giving a roster to each member at the event. This will include names of all past and present members, a brief history of the dept., welcome letters from the Chief, The Board of Directors, The Mayor of St. Matthews, and the Louisville Metro Mayor.

We will have a display table of pictures and other memorabilia for all to enjoy. If you have any pictures or fire collectables, please bring them with you.

If you are unable to attend but would like a commemorative roster mailed, please send \$10 (postage and handling) to the above address and include a note that you are not attending and specify the address where you would like it mailed.

Very Important! Now is the time to send your check in. Please send \$15 for each person attending. The Board of Trustees has been kind enough to provide major financial support for everything except alcohol. The ads in the roster and your \$15 allow us to make this a 1st Quality and memorable event. The sooner you send it in the better we will be able to prepare for the correct number of attendees. Please do it now!!! Send \$15 per person to:

St. Matthews Fire Dept. Alumni Association Inc.
 240 Sears Ave.
 Louisville, KY 40207

If your address has changed, please include a note with your check so we can make the corrections.

Thank you,

If you have any questions, feel free to call anyone on the reunion committee "04"

Rick Albers 292-2248
 Gar Davis 899-3333
 Jack Monohan 895-0813
 Russ Rakestraw 895-6228

Bill Andriot 893-3789
 Clark Fenimore 896-4716
 Mike Noon 452-6492

Please tear off and send in with your payment, check as many boxes as you like.

_____ I will be attending with _____ person(s) and have enclosed a check for \$15.00 per person.	Amount _____
_____ I can not attend, but have enclosed \$10.00 to have a roster mailed to me.	Amount _____
_____ I am an alumni and would like to pre-order a history book to pick up at the reunion and have enclosed \$28.62 for the book and sales tax. (limit one)	Amount _____
_____ I would like to pre-order _____ additional history book(s) with the \$5 pre-order discount and have enclosed \$31.80 per book including sales tax.	Amount _____
_____ I would like the "Hot Combo" for 1 person and 1 book, I have enclosed \$38.62 including sales tax.	Amount _____
Name _____	Total enclosed _____
Address _____	

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 Jack Monohan, Secretary

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 Jack Monohan
 Thomas J. Eifer

Trustees Meeting Agenda July 8, 2004

- I. ✓ Call to Order 6:52 *explains Jim Graven to board*
- II. ✓ Certification of Election
- III. ✓ Oath of Office *Faye - Chair, Joe - Secy, Jim - Treas.* } **Passed**
- IV. ✓ Election of Officers
- V. ✓ Adopt a Tax Rate for 2004-2005 Fiscal Year .104 *Per & Per Paying*
- VI. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- IV. ✓ Treasurer Report *E. Seng on All checks* } **Aug 2**
- V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng *Chief Seng, Tom, Rick* } **+ Bonding**
- VI. ✓ Old Business
- VII. ✓ New Business
- VIII. ✓ Executive Session
- IX. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on August 19th at Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department station #6, @ 7:00pm.

ch. 28 / Jan to Oct w/ Jim on # Records, etc.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

July 8, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:05 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Tom Eifer, Jim Graven, Jack Monohan, John Volkering, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the June 2004 meeting were approved as written.

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

2004

July 8, 2004, Trustee meeting:

Approved

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

July 8, 2004

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 8, 2004 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 6:58 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng.

Chairman Ellerkamp welcomed newly appointed trustee Jim Graven to the board.

The election committee reported that Jack Monohan was unopposed in the taxpayer election and received more than the required number (1) of votes.

John Volkerding moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the taxpayer trustee election results be certified reflecting that Jack Monohan is the trustee elect. The motion passed unanimously.

The oath of office was issued by Secretary Joe Wolfe to Jim Graven and Jack Monohan.

Rick Tonini moved to nominate Faye Ellerkamp as Chairman, Jim Graven as Treasurer, and Joe Wolfe as Secretary. Tom Eifler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng brought to the Board's attention the necessity of having Jim King's signature removed from the authorized signers on the checking account. Jim Graven felt as treasurer that it would be good policy to require two authorized signatures on all checks and signaled his intention to make that the policy of the District.

Chief Seng advised the Board that it would be appropriate to adopt a tax rate for 2004-2005.

Tom Eifler moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the District adopt 10 cents per \$100 of value for real property in the fiscal year 2004-2005. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the District adopt 10 cents per \$100 of value for real property in the fiscal year 2004-2005. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion of the minutes ensued. Rick Tonini moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven asked that the financial statements given to the Board members include a summary of all checks issued on the District accounts. He feels this will improve accountability.

A discussion of the financial statements occurred in which it was pointed out that the District completed the fiscal year about \$116,000 under budget.

Tom Eifler moved and Joe Wolfe seconded that \$50,000 be earmarked for reserve in the 2004 calendar year and that \$50,000 be earmarked for reserve in the 2005 calendar year. The motion passed unanimously.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported that he, Rick Tonini and Tom Eifler met with Powertel to discuss the communications tower proposal. In this meeting the District offered a counter proposal of \$1500 monthly with 3 years of rent abatement to Powertel. No word back at this time.

Chief Seng reported that the hiring process is underway to fill a vacancy. Eight candidates were interviewed.

Chief Seng read a letter to the Board from the author of the historical book of the St. Matthews Fire Department in which he offered the wholesale price for no less than 50 copies purchased. The books would make good awards and good will gestures to dignitaries etc.

Jim Graven moved and John Volkerding seconded that 50 copies of the book be purchased for the amount of \$1,050. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that Mike Fratz received a minor injury during a training exercise.

The Chief reported that Cotton and Allen are conducting a required audit. He believes that this is the fourth year of a five year contract.

Chief Seng reported briefly on two multi fatal accidents that the District responded to that occurred on the interstates.

Being no new business, Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 8:04 P.M.

2004

July 13, 2004, Storms:



SWIFT-WATER RESPONDERS



Photos By Pat McDonagh, The Courier-Journal

Members of the Jefferson County Swift-Water Rescue Team pulled Harrods Creek Fire Chief Chris Aponte, playing the role of a victim, into their boat during a training exercise last month on the Ohio River.

Team takes action in crises

Crew has grown into vital role

By Gregory A. Hall
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The Courier-Journal

As severe storms struck Kentucky and Southern Indiana on Memorial Day weekend, a special rescue team from the Louisville area rushed to Henryville, Ind., where a flash flood had trapped people in cars and homes.

Working in the dark and heavy rain, the Jefferson County Swift-Water Rescue Team pulled seven people from cars and evacuated seven more from buildings threatened by

rising water.

"We couldn't have got by without them," said Doug Dunlevy, the chief of the Monroe Township fire department, which serves Henryville.

That's not bad for a squad that started three years ago as a small rescue team focused on eastern Jefferson County.

Today, the rescue squad comprises 100 firefighters from the Middletown, Harrods Creek, St. Matthews, Buechel, Highview, Lyndon, Pleasure Ridge Park and Pewee Valley fire departments, plus some members of Jefferson County's Emergency Medical Services.

All are trained to provide expertise in rescues above the water's surface, usually during flooding or in cases where



St. Matthews fire Capt. Kent Monohan said the rescue team's members view education as part of their job.

someone is trapped on the ice on a river, lake or pond.

Working under the county fire chiefs association, the crew now is a resource for both the Jefferson County and Kentucky emergency management agencies.

Also, the group is one of four in Kentucky available to help other states. The others are in Lexington, Boone Coun-

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QUICK TAKE

About the rescue crew

Squad size: 100

Departments: Middletown, Harrods Creek, St. Matthews, Buechel, Highview, Lyndon, Pleasure Ridge Park and Pewee Valley fire departments, and Jefferson County's Emergency Medical Services.

Specialty: Rescues on or above the surface of the water — for instance, in flooding and when someone is trapped on the ice on a river, lake or pond.

Equipment: Boats from the Harrods Creek and PRP departments. In the process of buying a rescue boat and trailer.

When water's high

The Jefferson County Swift-Water Rescue Team recommends these tips when dealing with high water.

► Never drive through moving or standing water. As little as 12 inches of moving water can wash most vehicles off a road, said Capt. Kent Monohan of the **St. Matthews Fire Department**.

► If in a car stalled in rushing water, stay in the car. It can protect you from debris.

► Don't try to rescue someone else in moving water; inexperienced would-be rescuers often need rescuing.

► If you are in a house, listen to news reports and evacuate if told to.

► Don't walk into standing water in a basement because of the electrocution danger.

RESCUE TEAM | Rapid response on water

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ty in Northern Kentucky and Campbellsville.

The squad borrows boats from the Harrods Creek and PRP fire departments but will soon add its own rescue boat and trailer, for which the Louisville Metro Council approved spending \$15,000 last month.

"I think it's far exceeded anybody's expectations," said Travis Bell, a team member from St. Matthews who is about to join the PRP department as a captain.

The rescue team has traveled to Bullitt, Oldham and Spencer counties in Kentucky, as well as Henryville. Last year, 30 crew members were sent to Cumberland, Md., before Hurricane Isabel was forecast to hit land.

The hurricane came ashore elsewhere and no rescues were required of the crew. "Fortunately, we didn't need to use them, but we were really glad they were here," said Edward McDonough, a spokesman for the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

At the beginning

The team got its start, in part, after Middletown Fire Chief Donnie Brooks saw children had been playing on iced-over ponds and wondered whether his staff would be able to handle a rescue if someone fell through.

He started to seek training for his firefighters, setting up the department's rescue team as a first step.

Some of those firefighters, certified as instructors in July 2001, began teaching others. They worked with Harrods Creek, which had had a rescue team since the late 1980s, to form the countywide group, which was recognized as such by the firefighters association in November 2001.

The team has enough members from various departments



By Pat McDonough, The Courier-Journal

Sean Canto of the Harrods Creek Fire Department, left, helped to rescue "victim" Chris Aponte during the training session last month.

to ensure that fire protection isn't jeopardized when crews are called out, said Brad Learn, deputy director of the Louisville Metro Emergency Management Agency.

Having such a large team also helps in such situations as when Maryland officials called for help, Learn said.

"By having multiple individuals from multiple agencies, they were able to quickly pull together a group of people who could make that commitment and be deployed," he said.

Different backgrounds

Team members come to the swift-water rescue group through a variety of experiences.

Bell said he grew up around Chesapeake Bay, where the group was sent for Hurricane Isabel. "I knew exactly where we were going," he said.

St. Matthews Capt. Kent Monohan, who lives in Jeffersonville, Ind., said he grew interested in water rescue after taking a scuba-diving course. He works on the side as a rescue diver at hydroplane races on the Ohio River.

Practice time

The calls for aid can be infrequent, but squad members say they stay sharp through training. They are required to have 25 hours of training a year, although most get 35 to 50, Bell said.

"They're very passionate about what they do," he said.

During a rescue exercise late last month on the Ohio, team members practiced "power bucking," rescuing an obese swimmer or someone who can't move by slipping straps around the person being rescued and flipping him or her up into the boat.

Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte, the "victim" for the practice, shook his head from side to side when he was flipped into the boat with a quick snap of the strap.

The crews also practiced a "J-hook," spinning the boat quickly to help get leverage to pull an immobile person into the boat.

Team members wear helmets in the water, both for protection and for identification. The helmet's color corresponds to the level of training, and the absence of a helmet helps identify someone as a victim, Monohan said.

Monohan said team members view education as part of their job. They want, for example, to encourage the public to stay away from rushing water, particularly when it's rushing over a road.

And firefighters are part of their target audience, he said, noting that firefighters often, with good intentions, enter high water wearing heavy fire gear.

"It happens quite a bit," he said.

July 28, 2004: *The Voice-Tribune*, Memories ablaze, New Book tells history of St. Matthews fire department, by Ashley O. Rosen.

Memories ablaze

New book tells history of
St. Matthews fire department

By ASHLEY O. ROSEN
Staff Writer

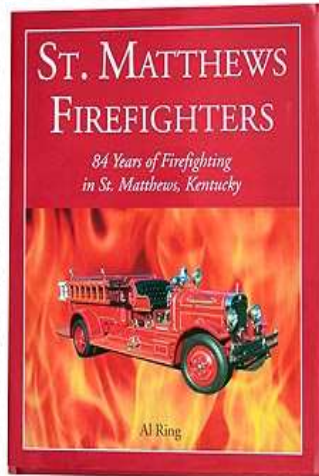
The St. Matthews Fire Protection District, among the largest of the 19 suburban departments in Jefferson County, has two fire stations that are staffed 24 hours a day. The facilities, one on Sears Avenue and one at the intersection of Brownsboro Road and Hubbards Lane, house three pumper trucks, a ladder truck and a quint, a state-of-the-art fire truck.

Things weren't always so sophisticated for the men and women who serve the St. Matthews area.

The budget, now \$2.5 million a year, was once dependent totally upon donations by residents and others.

In fact, in the early 1930s, the company's one truck, a pumper named "Betsy," was in danger of being repossessed. The truck's work in pumping out homes after the devastating flood of '37, a deed often rewarded by donations, was what finally allowed the department to pay off the debt on the truck.

In a new book, retired St. Matthews firefighter Al Ring, now



Al Ring will sign copies of "St. Matthews Firefighters" on July 30 at A Reader's Corner and on July 31 at Borders Books & Music.

a Tucson, Ariz., resident, recounts the history and highlights of the department.

"St. Matthews Firefighters: 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky," published by Butler Books of Louisville, was completed by Ring and others in time for a reunion of the St. Matthews Fire Department

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Book chronicles fire department

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Alumni Association that will be held on Saturday, July 31, at the St. Matthews Community Center on Ten Pin Lane.

This is the second such reunion the group has held - a 2001 gathering drew about 200 former firefighters and others associated with the department.

The book is appealing to a wider public than merely those at the station houses, said the district's bookkeeper, Tina Preibert.

"I've had a lot of people, St. Matthews residents, call and say they are interested in reading the book," she said. "They want to get some insight into what's in it."

The book project began in 1974 when Ring and former assistant chief John M. "Jack" Monohan III decided to research and put together a historical perspective on the department. After intensive research, the project was sidelined for other responsibilities; it was not resurrected until just before the 2001 reunion.

Ring and Monohan had the assistance of six other men - Rick H. Albers, A.E. "Bill" Andriot III, E. Gar Davis, Clarke Fennimore, Mike Noon and Russell Rakestraw - compiling photos and text about major fires in the area and advances in equipment and safety gear.

Major fires mentioned in the book include one in 1937 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church and school; one in 1941 at the old Plainview Dairy; one at the old A&P supermarket on Lexington Road in 1962; and a 1971 one at Greathouse Elementary School at what is now the site of St. Matthews City Hall on Grandview

Avenue.

Ring said the area's rich history shines through in the book.

There are 650 plus men and women who have made that organization since 1919," he said. "Starting out at the very earliest they had the Elines and the Rudys, heads of the community, acting as firefighters and board members."

"It's about fires, of course, but it's a story about people. That tells the history of the community - the people of St. Matthews should be proud of that fact that their department was a leader and set the trends in volunteer firefighting. And they continue to lead. They realize that they have to prepare for the future."

More than technology has

changed for the department.

What began in 1919 as the all-volunteer St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association, the department now consists of 30 paid and 20 volunteer firefighters.

The department is discussing the possibility of consolidation with some of the nearby districts, as some other suburban departments have done.

About 1,000 copies of the 280-page, bright red, hardcover books have been printed.

Ring will sign copies of the book, which sells for \$34.95, on Friday, July 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at A Reader's Corner, at 138 Breckenridge Lane, and on Saturday, July 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Borders Books & Music in Shelbyville Road Plaza.

For details, call 893-7835.

2004

July 29, 2004, courtesy Al Ring:



Al Ring at Station 1



Morning fire run off Rudy Lane on Ambridge



July 30, 2004:

2004



*St. Matthews Fire Dept.
Alumni Association Inc.*



Is proud to announce... the book signing of

St. Matthews Firefighters
84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky
Al Ring

Friday July 30th
6 - 8 PM

A Readers Corner

138 Breckinridge Lane @ Willis Ave.

Meet "AL RING"

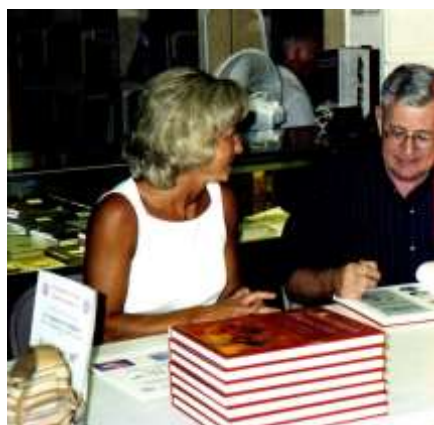


This book will make
a great gift for those
"hard to buy for"
friends and relatives.

It is a "must have"
for all alumni of the
St. Matthews Fire
Department.



July 30, 2004, Pictures from Al Ring, A Readers Corner.



2004

July 30, 2004, Gar Davis & Al Ring at book signing:



July 31, 2004:

BORDERS

Media Alert
Issued May 20, 2004

St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni
Association is pleased to announce a new book.

Who: Alan D. Ring, former St. Matthews firefighter, now retired in Tucson, AZ, where he writes a newspaper column and books on local mining history.

What: Discussing and Signing *St. Matthews Firefighters: 84 years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky*

When: Saturday, July 31, 2004 at 2 p.m.

Where: Borders Books & Music
Shelbyville Road Plaza
4600 Shelbyville Road
502-893-0133

Why: This true story celebrates 84 years of the firefighting in St. Matthews, KY.

Contact: Arlene Morris
Borders
Louisville, KY
502-893-3800/ FAX 502-896-0452

This event is free and open to the public.

**ST. MATTHEWS FIREFIGHTERS:
84 Years of Firefighting in
St. Matthews, Kentucky**

MEET THE AUTHOR

Alan Ring

Saturday, July 31st at 2:00 p.m.

SHELBYVILLE ROAD PLAZA

BORDERS.

2004

July 30, 2004: Borders books signing:



Al Ring



Gar Davis & Al Ring



Group listening to small talk.



Book Buyers.



Turned out to be David Walling, John Walling's brother.



2004

July 31, 2004, Al Ring— Talk At Borders:

Good Afternoon

I have been asked to spend a few minutes telling the story about creation of this book—*St. Matthews Firefighters—84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky*. I would like to thank Borders and their people for buying our book and allowing us to be here. Also let me thank the following people for without them there wouldn't be a book.

First my wife Karen, who helped edit and allowed me the time to work on the book. Then Jack Monohan, who's knowledge of the department is just unbelievable and his wife Marylyn who was fantastic in helping edit the book. Then of course the St. Matthews Firefighters Reunion Committee, who not only helped edit and sell the book but individually put up the money to get it printed. Gar Davis, Rick Albers, Bill Andriot, Clarke Fenimore, Mike Noon, Russ Rakestraw.

Then over the years all the people who loaned, gave, helped gather information for the book, including the present Chief Bill Seng and the Board of Directors. OK

I should mention that I became a member of the department in 1964 and spent the next 26 years, almost 1/3 of my life, on the department wearing many hats that included firefighter, Crusade for Children Chairman, President of Firefighters' Inc., Public Relations Officer, Training Officer, Lieutenant, Captain and Major then member of the Board ending as Chairman of the Board.

Truthfully some of the very best years of my life and most enjoyable. I really loved 98% of the things I was involved with on the department.

Around 1974 Jack Monohan and myself were working on various projects for recruiting and put together a shot history of the department. We decided that we really needed to gather the available information on the department and write a book on its history.

With Jack's expertise and knowledge of names dates etc. and my searching the library micro film on newspapers, attics, interviews, etc. we gathered a tremendous amount of information-- However due to time restraints, families, and other commitments we just never got around to doing the book....

The good thing---we had a lot of information and pictures, he kept a set and I kept a set until I gave mine to the Bluegrass Historical Society in the mid 1990s.

Then 6 or 8 months before the 2001 St. Matthews Firefighters reunion I decided to organize what information I still had. So I put everything in the computer. I also had my mothers scrap book on my fire career, and then came to Louisville and spent days copying Jacks stuff and items we found at the fire house, and even took a ton of information back to Tucson.

Anyway by the reunion I had chronologically enter everything we had and printed it out making one 3" binder full of pictures, documents, articles, etc. of the department. I brought it to the reunion and it was a hit. Everyone wanted a copy.

While there we gathered more stuff and the Reunion committee agreed to help and Rick Albers and John Noon started copying more information from the fire house and sending it to me.

I would enter it all in the computer, send a disk to Gar, he would print out four copies and the group would edit as best they could and sent them back to me.

Well, 1800 pages later with 1600 pictures, 900 documents, 600 articles and 400 letters (3 full binders full when printed) we had our book. Our coffee table book would be about foot thick and cost \$500.00 a copy.

After a lot of thinking and talking, I decided to make the book with the committee helping edit it. This was late 2003.

We discussed hiring an editor or a person to put it together etc. etc. but we didn't have the money, so I agreed to do it.

Bill Butler from Butler books helped by telling me how to set things up, but me being a novas I would get things almost done and then he would say hay, try not to have hyphens at the end of a line, so every page had to be redone. I got that done and then he would say we need more space around pictures, every page has to be redone. Etc. etc.

This wouldn't have been so bad except we had set a deadline of the 2004 Reunion and Bill said we need about 5 months for the printing so February of 2004 was target date. We were in about our 5 re-due when on January 17 I had a heart attack, so 2 stints and 5 days in the hospital I was back working daily on this thing and we finally finished. There were many more deadline items to do but I won't go into them now but boy did we learn a thing or two.

The printers sent 3 books ahead in June and Gar sent me one which I received on an already emotional day for me, June 17, the day we buried my hero President Ronald Reagan. It made my day, to say I wasn't excited and proud would be lying. The book turned out much better than expected.

What's in the book—Well let me mention a few of the larger more well know fires that will bring back lots of memories for many of you, especially if you are an old-timer. These and many more fires are covered in detail from funny ones to very tragic ones---

1937 Holey Trinity Church on Shelbyville Road.

1943, St. Matthews Motor Company, Chenoweth Lane, Frankfort and Shelbyville Road. Old Consolidated Building.

1945 A & P Food store where the Rainbow Blossom store is on Frankfort Avenue.

1954, Variety Millwork Company where Chenoweth School is now.

2004

July 31, 2004, Al Ring— Talk At Borders:

1954, Consolidated Sale's Company, Chenoweth Lane, Frankfort & Shelbyville Road—White Castle building
1956, Walser Company at 4050 Westport Road, New Years Eve.
1957, St. John Lutheran Church on Breckenridge Lane.
1960, Terry's Texaco on Frankfort Avenue.
1965, Minish & Potts on Fairmeade Road
1965, Ballerina, on Breckenridge Lane
1966, Jamestown Apartments 4 complete units—Breckenridge Lane.
1966, 2 major fires at Palmer Asbestos & Rubber Company. On Westport Road.
1969, Louisville Boat Club, though not our district, we were heavily involved. River Road.
1969, Marshall Planing Mill, Westport Road
1969, Jamestown II, Breckenridge Lane
1971, Greathouse School on Grandview.
1972 Louisville Country Day School, Breckenridge Lane
1975, St. Matthews Dodge, Shelbyville Road.
1976, Nanz & Kraft, Breckenridge Lane
Numerous fires at Mallgate Apartments over the years presently changing its name as we speak.
1987 Coach Gate Condominiums.

Remember these are just a few of the many fires discussed in this book.

Intermingled in all this is the story of the department and how it grew from being one of the first fire departments in the state with no money, to a leader in the fire service, that most St. Matthews residents are just not aware of.

Starting with a handful of men (all volunteers), a hand pumper, no money, to having to hide the engine Betsy (cover) from Seagrave Co., from being repossessed, to making a few runs per month to making 300 to 400 runs a year in the 1960's and 1970's to a first class department today making almost 2000 runs a year with about 30 paid firefighters backed up by a handful of volunteers.

Let me mention a few of the things this department has accomplished over its 84 years---

After a long a rough start, became financially sound and is today.

One of the first department in the state to use two-way radios.

One of the first department in the state to use self contained breathing apparatus.

Department has managed to grow faster than the community.

Made training of the firefighters a mainstay of the department. And also maintained a aggressive stance on training, firefighting and looking to the future.

Has been a leader in modern apparatus and equipment.

First volunteer department to go to tractor drawn aerial trucks. First volunteer department to obtain a class 2 insurance classification rating.

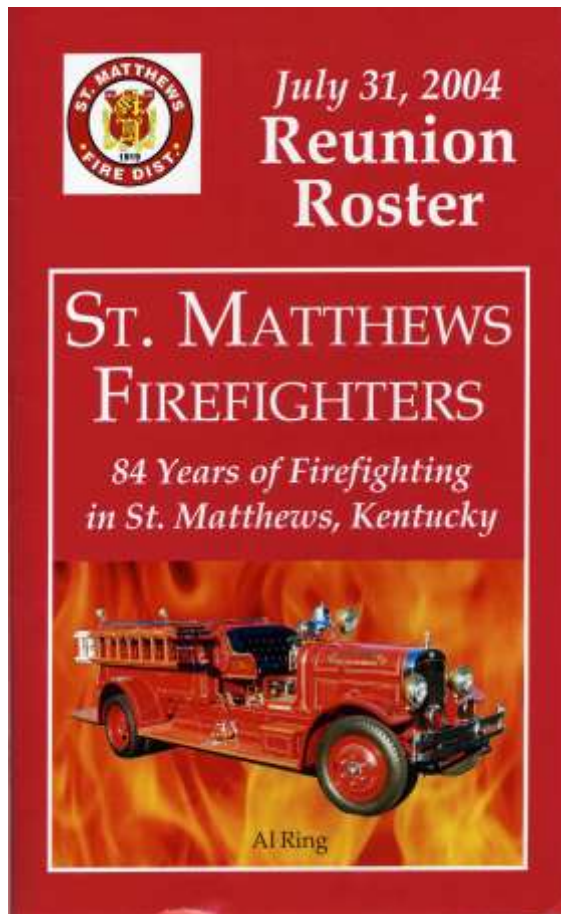
Today it is a well managed, well organized well respected fire department providing tremendous services to the people of its District.

One final note—yes there have been ups and down in the department and the book covers them--but what's really important is that book tells the story of the over 650 men and women of the community who have made up the department for the past 84 years. It's a story about people---the firefighters, the Board Members, the staff people such as secretaries and even the commissioned collectors who collected money from citizens in the 1930s through the 1950s. It's a story of the community.....

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Thank You

to:

Mr. Bill Butler
and Butler Book Publishing Co.

*Mr. Butler went above and beyond
in his assistance making our
new book become possible.*

*"St. Matthews Firefighters,
84 Years of Firefighting in
St. Matthews Kentucky"*



JERRY E. ABRAMSON
MAYOR

July 31, 2004

To All Volunteers
Saint Matthews Fire Protection District

Dear Friends:

As Mayor, it pays to keep abreast of milestones in our city, and I understand that you will soon be celebrating the 84th anniversary of your station. Congratulations on 84 years of outstanding service to the community!

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in Kentucky. Your long-standing tradition of excellence and preparedness has made you one of the best as well. Each past and present volunteer firefighter has helped to protect countless citizens from the damage and danger posed by out of control fires. In doing so, you have demonstrated bravery, strength of character, and a dedication to our community that others would do well to emulate.

In honor of St. Matthews Fire Protection District's service to Louisvilleans, I am issuing a mayoral proclamation officially declaring Saturday, July 31, 2004, *Saint Matthews Fire Protection District Day*. In doing so, it is my hope that all those who know you will take time to thank you for all that you have done for them, their families, and our hometown. You have every reason to be proud! Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

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Welcome to all current and former members of the St. Matthews Fire Department:

Many years have come and gone since we have seen many of the faces that will be here with us today. It seems like just yesterday that I was putting on my turnout and pulling up my boots with you guys for the first time. We were all in a hurry to find a spot on the tailboard of one of the trucks to respond to the big one.

Tailboard riding days is a long lost tradition of the past. But one thing that we have not lost is the friends and memories that we all have made while we were a member of this department.

I hope everyone will enjoy this reunion as much as I will. Telling stories of the big fires we had and seeing old faces will sure keep the flame burning bright in my heart for many years to come.

If you have the opportunity, please stop by the station and see how the equipment and fire suppression tactics have changed over the past 85 years. We would be more than happy to treat you to a first class tour of this top notch and state of the art organization.

Sincerely,

William J. Seng
Fire Chief

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WELCOME to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's reunion to celebrate 84 years of firefighters service.

The Board of Trustees appreciates the work of the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association in planning the reunion. Our thanks also to former St. Matthews firefighter and board member Al Ring, author of the "St. Matthews Firefighters" book.

We are proud to be one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in our community and proud of the growth and accomplishments achieved through the years.

Thanks for all of your contributions!

Best wishes for a wonderful reunion!!

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CHAIRPERSON

*The St. Matthews Fire Department
Alumni Association Inc.*
wishes to recognize

AL RING

for his 26 years of devoted service to the
St. Matthews Fire District;
his dedication to preserving the rich
history of the Fire Service in St. Matthews;
his hard work and efforts to record this
history by authoring a book;
and for keeping fresh,
many wonderful memories, good times
and friendships that make up the fraternal
bond of all those who served the
St. Matthews Fire Department.

THANK YOU AL,

from all
Past and Present Members
of
St. MFD



July 31, 2004, Reunion.

2004
Pictures courtesy Sam Wolfe:



Saturday morning committee meeting. Clark Fenimore, Rick Albers, Jack Monohan, Mike Noon, Gar Davis and Russ Rakestraw



Clarke Fenimore, Marilyn Monohan and guest



Chief's car "Colonel" Al Ring arrived in



Harry Babcock & Russ Rakestraw



Al Ring & Betsy



Karen & Al Ring - Harry Babcock

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Pictures courtesy Sam Wolfe:



Betsy



Sam Wolfe & Dennis Bryant



Al Ring & Rob Helm



Russ Rakestraw & Al Ring

Pictures courtesy Al Ring:



Al Ring



Karen & Al Ring with Harry Babcock

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Pictures courtesy Al Ring:



Al Ring on Betsy with Harry Babcock & Russ Rakestraw



The Cake



Display table



Susan Andriot, Brian Martin & Al Ring



Al Ring, Sam McCune and Mike Davis
Al Ring, Kyle Reagan, Margo Monohan & Dave Kamer



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Pictures courtesy Al Ring:



Russ Rakestraw, Al Ring and Sam McCune



Al Haeberlin, Al Ring, George Haeberlin & Dave Kamer



Al Ring & Rob Helm



Faye Ellerkamp, unknown and Marilyn Monohan



Gar Davis



Al Ring receiving plaque, Gar Davis



Joe Wolfe, Tony Justice, Rick Albers Al Ring, Gar Davis

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Pictures courtesy Al Ring:



Joe Wolfe, Rick Albers, Al Ring & Gar Davis



Joe Wolfe, Al Ring, Gar Davis



Al Ring & Joe Wolfe



Karen & Al Ring

Pictures courtesy Mike Noland:



Code three to reunion

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Code 3



Al Ring



Jackie DeHart



Karen & Al Ring



Harry Babcock



Ken Reising



Denny Enguehl



Al Ring signing the "Book"

July 31, 2004, Reunion.

2004

Pictures courtesy Mike Noland:



Mike & Sandy Davis,, Sam McCune



Mike Davis



Leah McCune



Sandy Davis



Gene Herrick & Jackie DeHart



George Haeberlin & Gene Herrick



Al Haeberlin & Ralph Kempf



Margo & Doug Monohan



Lisa & Tom Carroll



Denny Lange



Russ Rakestraw



Jack Monohan & Al Ring



Jack Monohan & Al Ring



Susan & John Walling



Betsy

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Betsy



Sam McCune & Keith McBride



Greg Cobb & Todd Merdley



Rick Albers & Jackie DeHart



Tom Kaelin, Dave Kamer & Tim Golden



Blaine Bishop



David Dick & Harry Babcock



Gilbert "Gippy" Liebert



Clarke Fenimore



Bud Morgan



Ralph Kempf



Tom Thornbury & George Haeberlin



Gary Doyle



Mike Noon



Doug Monohan

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Karen Ring & Margo Monohan



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Kyle Reagan



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John Chilko and Paul Saurer



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Pat Malone



Clarke Fenimore, Ken Reising & Al Ring



Brian Martin & Janice Noon

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Keith McBride, Stuart Monohan & Jack Monohan. Sam McCune, Rick Albers, Gar Davis & Al Ring. Joe Wolfe, Rick Albers & Al Ring



Joe Wolfe, Rick Albers, Gar Davis & Al Ring



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Bill Andriot & Rick Albers



Al Ring & Joe Wolfe



Display Table



Monitor



Tone Generator



Rich Herdt Plaque

July 31, 2004, Reunion.

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Rich Herdt License Plate



Joe Wolfe & Gar Davis



Brian Martin, Todd Merkle, Ken Reising & Gary Doyle



Jim Hytken



Rick Albers, Brian Martin, Todd Merkle, Ken Reising, Gary Doyle & Jim Hytken



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Suzanne Andriot & Sam Wolfe

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George & Al Haerberlin



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David Dick & Al Ring

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Jackie DeHart



David Dick, Jackie DeHart, Kent Dayton
Rick Tonini & Gregg Cobb



Sam Wolfe & Dennis Bryant



Dennis Bryant, Rob Helm, Sam Wolfe



Dennis Bryant, Tim Golden, Rob Helm



Jim Smith & Oscar Von Allman



Cindy Hytken, Cyndi & Brian Martin



Jim Jackson, Jim & Bob McGrath



Blaine Bishop

2004

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Pictures courtesy Mike Noon:



Betty Jean & Gregg Cobb



Rick Albers, Malcolm McMakin Todd Merkle



Walter Fletcher



Jim Graven, Harry Babcock & Melch Zehnder



Valerie Seng & Guest



Al Ring



Lisa Carroll, Robb Helm, Tom Carroll
Kyle Reagan



Ken Reising, Malcolm McMakin,



Mike Davis & Sam McCun



Phil Iwan & Skip Golden



Tony & Fran Justice



Brian Martin & Tony Justice

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Joe Wolfe, Mike & Sandy Davis



Sandy Davis & Hal Clifford



Gary Doyle



Jim Graven, Bud & Jane Morgan



Ralph & Martha Kempf, Joanie & Haeberlin



Clarke Fenimore & Jim Smith



David Kamer, Tom Kaelin & Tim Golden



Brian Martin, Unknown, Jim Hytken



Melch Zehuder, Pat Maloney & Walt Frank



Jim Graven, Jackie DeHart, Davis Dick



Dennis Lange, Kent Dayton & Dennis Bryant



Rick Albers, Al Ring & Gar Davis

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Al Ring



Suzanne & Bill Andriot & Rick Albers



Mike Noland



Jack Monohan & Sam McCune



Rick Albers, Jack Monohan, Mike Noland
Sam McCune



Display



John Volkerding & David Kamer



Cake



Daughter & Tricia Davis with guest

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Mike Davis, Al Ring & Sam McCune



Mike Davis, Al Ring & Sam McCune



Dave Kamer, Keith McBride, Mike Davis



Joe Wolfe & Gar Davis



Jackie DeHart, Robb Helm, Sam Wolfe

Dave Kamer, Mike Davis, Keith McBride,
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July 31, 2004, Reunion.

August 18, 2004: *The Voice-Tribune*:



The St. Matthews Fire Department celebrated its 85th anniversary with a reunion of former and current firefighters and board members on July 31. Dennis and Kristen Bryant, left, visited with Al Haeberlin, a former chief who was the last chief of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department. Dennis is owner of Rowland-Bryant Electrical Contracting Co., and Al retired after 44 years with General Electric Co.



Cindy Martin, left, posed with Todd Merkley and Cindy Hytken at the reunion. Cindy is a registered nurse at Frazier Rehab, Todd is a jewelry designer and Cindy works at The Temple.



Rick Timini, left, visited with Car Davis at the reunion.



From left, Walt Fletcher and Mike Davis lined up to have their St. Matthews Firefighters book autographed by author Al Ring, who was a long-time St. Matthews firefighter.

July 31, 2004, Reunion.

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August 18, 2004: *The Voice-Tribune:*



From left, Jim Grooms, Harry Buford, Jackie Delich and David Dick all enjoyed the reunion. Jim is owner of Thompson's Hardware and David is a CPA. We don't understand the meaning of it, but Jim said that this group is "still wanted" for something that happened in the past.



Susan Washburn and J.R. Linder were on hand for the reunion. Susan is director of human resources for the Gulf House Hotel and Linder and J.R. is former owner of Linder Fire Extinguisher Co. They drove the 1953 Fordback to the reunion.



Alberta and Clarke Femimore enjoyed the reunion. Alberta was a former member of the St. Matthews City Council and Clarke is president of Quail Chase Golf Club.



Gar Davis spoke to the people at the reunion about Al King's book about the St. Matthews Department.



Gar Davis called everyone's attention to the 85th anniversary of the St. Matthews Fire Department.



Vicki and Mona Cline were on hand for the party. Vicki works in public relations for Jewish Hospital East and Mona is a full-time St. Matthews firefighter.



From left, Terry Dayton, Makenna Davis and her mother Teresa Davis and Kent Dayton were all on hand for the reunion. Terry owns Colonial Designs of St. Matthews, Makenna is a student at Sacred Heart Academy, and Teresa is the wife of Gar Davis. Kent is a former Louisville firefighter, who now is a St. Matthews firefighter. He and his crew were "Firemen of the Year."



From left, Tom Kaelin, Mardi Galvin, Dave Kerner and Janet Noon were on hand for the reunion.

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July 31, 2004, Reunion.

August 18, 2004: *The Voice-Tribune*:



From left, former St. Matthews firefighter Ken Isenring, who is retired and now lives in Clayton, N.C., former firefighter and businessman Al Ring of Tucson, John Walling, who retired with 22 years service, and Sam Walls, who is retired and now lives in Texas, all enjoyed the reunion.



From left, Jim Graves, Harry Babcock and Mel Zehnder posed for a photo at the reunion.



Al Ring, second from right, was presented a framed fireman's axe for his service to the St. Matthews Fire Department. From left, Joe Wolfe, Rick Albert, Al Ring and Gar Davis.

July 31, 2004, Reunion.

2004
August 18, 2004: *The Voice-Tribune:*



July 30, 2004, Letter:

2004

July, 2004, Incident Report:

... T-Mobile ...

July 30, 2004

St. Matthews Fire Department
Attn: Chief Bill Song
200 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207

Re: Recent Lease Negotiations

Dear Bill,

T-Mobile is in the midst of an extreme period of growth that is causing us to pause and reassess our priorities. The recent lease we have been negotiating is being put 'on hold' for a period while we complete this evaluation.

This does not mean we are closing the door on a lease for your property or the need for a cell site in your area, but rather this site may face a delay of 1 to 3 years before we go forward. Because of this uncertainty, T-Mobile does not anticipate signing any more leases during the remainder of 2004.

T-Mobile and its Real Estate Group appreciate your interest and look forward to working with you in the future, when our plans and direction for the future are clearer. If you have questions about this letter, your property or our intent, please feel free to call Sally Powell, Real Estate and Zoning Manager @ 901-381-8704.

Thank you again for your willingness to work with us.

Sincerely,

Bob Crammer
Bob Crammer
Site Acquisition
T-Mobile USA, Inc.

Cr: File
Sally Powell

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (07/01/2004) And (07/31/2004)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	4	1.39%	\$0	0.00%
114 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	4	1.39%	\$2,000	100.00%
142 Brush, or brush and grass mixture fire	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
	14	4.87%	\$2,000	100.00%

2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents

311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	11	3.61%	\$0	0.00%
322 Extinction of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
	12	3.95%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)

409 Hazardous conditions, Other	2	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
413 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
414 Carbon monoxide incident	4	1.39%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problems, Other	4	1.39%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	2	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power (line down)	88	28.96%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, arched electrical equipment	4	1.39%	\$0	0.00%
446 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
447 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	7	2.42%	\$0	0.00%
	115	40.04%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call

510 Service Call, Other	2	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	8	2.64%	\$0	0.00%
512 Water or steam leak	2	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
513 Snow or ice removal	3	0.99%	\$0	0.00%
540 Animal rescue	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
542 Police matter	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, sweep	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
	12	4.10%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	8	2.70%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & canceled on route	11	3.61%	\$0	0.00%
612 House alarm, call of smoke	2	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
613 Stench, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
614 Hazardous gas bottle	2	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
	25	8.11%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call

701 False alarm or false call, Other	4	1.39%	\$0	0.00%
702 System malfunction, Other	4	1.39%	\$0	0.00%
703 Operator activation due to malfunction	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
732 Smoke detector activation due to	17	5.62%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system trouble due to malfunction	8	2.64%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	22	7.29%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	4	1.39%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	7	2.42%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.34%	\$0	0.00%
	66	22.99%	\$0	0.00%

8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster

810 Lightning strike (no fire)	2	0.69%	\$0	0.00%
	2	0.69%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 287

Total Est Loss:

\$2,000

Sched Runs YTD = 1089

2004

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August 6, 2004, Letter:

August 11, 2004, Letter:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: August 6, 2004
Re: District Activity

You may or may not have been contacted about changing the Trustees Meeting for August. There will be no change, we will have our normally scheduled meeting next Tuesday, August 12th.

Forest Mancum, our new firefighter, started on August 1st. He has been assigned to Captain Doyle's crew temporarily. All of the crews are going to have some type of personnel changes, which will start on August 7th. Changing the crews periodically gives the firefighters an opportunity to experience different officers and firefighters as well as different work responsibilities. Forest has been married to his wife Allison for about one month. He has two daughters, Laila 7 and Laine one month.

I hope everyone was able to attend the reunion that was held last Saturday. It was a huge success! I don't know the final numbers yet but the community center was packed! Hats off to all of those who helped put it on.

The merger steering committee met about two weeks ago to see if there was still a commitment from the entire group concerning merger. It was very apparent that all of the districts wanted to proceed with the merger plans and wanted to act as soon as possible. The Worthington Fire District voted last Wednesday night to merge the district as soon as possible. Their vote was 4 to 2 in favor of merger. One of their board members was sick and unable to attend the meeting; I was told he was probably a no vote, which would not have made any difference. Lyndon is the next district to vote, which will be next Monday, followed by St. Matthews on the second Thursday and Harrods Creek on the fourth Monday. Who knows, maybe this time it may go?

Asst. Chief Monahan and I will be attending the International Fire Chiefs Conference in New Orleans next week for about 4 days. We will be leaving on Wednesday and returning on Sunday. Capt Don Ryan will be Acting Fire Chief while we are out of town.

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August 11, 2004

Board of Trustees
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
240 Sears Avenue
St. Matthews, KY 40207

Dear Board,

I am sorry that I'm not able to attend the August meeting on Thursday. I will be in Athens Ga. taking my daughter to college for the beginning of her freshman year. She has to be there at 9:00 am on Friday morning making it impossible for me to attend on Thursday night.

I wanted to at least express my opinion on the very important vote expected to take place at our board meeting. If I were in attendance, I would vote to support merger of the four districts into one. I believe this merger would be in the best interest of our constituents, both volunteer and career firefighter's safety and the future of Jefferson County firefighting.

I have been around St. Matthews Fire since my childhood. I have seen many changes and improvements in that time and feel this is a necessary next step. It does not diminish the sad feeling I have in my gut for an organization, that I love, is changing. But I think if we are honest with ourselves we can admit that this organization has been evolving since its inception. Times, people, equipment, attitudes and NFPA requirements have changed over time. We cannot let our memories and feelings cloud our decision when our responsibility is to our customers, employees and members. We have to ask ourselves: What's best for them? Not what's best for me?

Thank you for your time. I'll see everyone next month if not sooner.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Tappin

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter from Bob Crammer from T-Mobile about the proposed cell tower for Station 2. It appears that they are backing out of the deal due to various reasons.

The audit that has been going on has turned up an error that needs to be reconciled as soon as possible. It appears that one of our firefighters has a loan through Kentucky Deferred Comp. which automatically deducts his payments through his pay check by the means of ADP Payroll Services. However, last October ADP stopped making the deductions from his pay check but the fire district kept making his payment to Kentucky Deferred Comp. for his loan. This means that the firefighter owes the District about \$3,800. in back payments. I will explain more in detail at the board meeting.

Unit #2631 was found to have cracks in the frame and has been sent to E-One to be repaired under warranty. It is expected to be back in the next couple of weeks.

The repairs to Station one after the July storm is still ongoing. We have had to contact a sheet metal contractor to repair all of the damaged guttering that was torn down by the neighbor's tree behind us. The tree also damaged the training house and our emergency generator. I would estimate all of the repairs to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$10,000. We have been working very closely with our insurance agency to make sure all damages are covered.

Have a good weekend!

Expenditures for August 2004

Item	Cost	Budgeted
6 Motorola Fire Pagers	\$3,000	Yes
6 sets of turnout gear	\$7,800	Yes
EMT Continuing Education	\$800	Yes

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August 12, 2004, Trustee meeting:



Trustees Meeting Agenda August 12, 2004

- I. ✓ Call to Order 7:00
 - II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
 - III. ✓ Treasurer Report *OK'd by Berg - check*
 - IV. ✓ Fire District Merger Resolution *Passed 6 to 1*
 - V. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
 - VI. ✓ Old Business *None*
 - VII. ✓ New Business *None*
 - VIII. ✓ Executive Session *X*
 - IX. The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on August 19th at Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department station #6, @ 7:00pm.
- Get Chief Allen Report*
- Absent (Tonini) But, Letter Stated He Was For Merger*

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

PUG ~~July 8, 2004~~

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 8:30 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, Jack Monohan, and John Volkerding.

The Minutes of the July 2004 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

August 12, 2004

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, August 12, 2004 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Attorney John Trietz also attended.

Jack Monohan moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Graven asked that the normal agenda be suspended so that the merger resolution could be dealt with. No objections were raised.

A discussion of the merger resolution ensued and a few procedural questions were answered by John Trietz. Trustee Rick Tonini could not attend the meeting but was phoned and was placed on speakerphone so he could hear the proceedings. Tonini expressed his support for the merger resolution.

Joe Wolfe presented the following motion to the Board:

"I move that the Trustees have determined that it is in the best interest of the St. Matthews District to merge with the Lyndon Fire Protection District, the Worthington Fire Protection District, and the Harrods Creek Fire Protection District into one fire protection district pursuant to KRS 75.020.

I further move that the Trustees hereby adopt the attached Joint Petition for Merger whereby the Districts will merge with each other into one (1) fire protection district pursuant to KRS 75.020 and authorize the Chairman and the Secretary, or their designees, to execute the Joint Petition for Merger on the behalf of the Trustees of the St. Matthews District."

Jack Monohan seconded the motion.

Voting aye were Faye Ellerkamp, Jim Graven, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan & Joe Wolfe.

No nays were noted.

Trustee Rick Tonini did not vote due to his absence. Included in the minutes is a letter of support by Mr. Tonini. See attachments.

Jim Graven expressed the opinion that the Mayor should be sent slate of eligible and interested candidates instead of a slate of seven as proposed by the steering committee. All members present expressed an interest in serving on the newly formed Board of Trustees.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Graven reported that the District is liquid. He pointed out ~~that~~ that the ~~new~~ check detail is now included in the Board packet.

Graven led a brief discussion of the Districts reimbursement for travel expenses policy. He felt that more accountability for the per diem should take place in the form of an expense report. After a brief discussion, it was decided not to alter current policy.

Graven led a discussion of the financial statements.

Jim Graven moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the financial statements be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Graven brought up the issue of an expenditure request for the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association in the amount of \$1500 for legislative liaison. Graven expressed concerns that this money is being ineffectively do to poor performance of the Association's lobbyist. During a discussion all trustees present expressed disappointment with the Associations lobbying effort.

Jim Graven moved and Tom Eifler seconded that this payment to the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association be suspended due to lack of service. The motion passed unanimously.

Gravens reported on a bill received from Ogden Newell & Welch in the amount of \$3737.00 for the merger project. Questions were raised as to whether this amount represented the Districts share or if this bill should be shared with the other merging fire districts. Gravens will verify this.

Gravens had questions related to another legal bill received from our council. It was determined that this expense was the result of legal council during an employee disciplinary procedure. Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that this legal bill be paid. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Graven led a discussion about the Fire Inspector Don Ryan's activities as related to new construction inspections and plan review. He felt that the amount

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of service delivered justified the imposition of a fee to the developers presenting plans and building within the District.

After a discussion, Graven recommended and moved that the following fee schedule be approved for plan review and new construction inspections. Tom Eifler seconded.

Commercial plan review	\$150
Multi-family residential	\$100
Residential	\$0

The motion passed unanimously.

Expenditure request were presented by Joe Wolfe. They are as follows:

• 6 sets of turnout gear	\$7800	budgeted
• 6 motorola pagers	\$3000	budgeted
• EMT continuing education	\$800	budgeted
• Repairs to 2631	\$3719	

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the expenditures be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe presented the Board with the 2005 Tax Rate Certification for motor vehicles and watercraft. The 2004 rate was \$.10 per \$100 of assessed value.

Jack Monohan moved and John Volkerding seconded that the 2005 rate be set at \$.10 per \$100 of assessed value. The motion passed unanimously.

New employee Forest Marcum was introduced to the Board. He answered a few questions and the members welcomed him.

Capt Kent Monohan spoke briefly to the Board about a potential deployment of the Jefferson County Water Rescue Team to Florida for hurricane Charlie. A number of St. Matthews Fire District employees could be deployed.

Jack Monohan moved and Jim Graven seconded that the meeting adjourn at 8:24 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Description		Parts	Labor
Remove and replace the engine installation		\$415.00	\$900.00
Remove and replace the four motor on the left pump panel		\$44.00	\$750.00
Replace the R4 roll up door		\$189.00	\$225.00
Remove and replace the engine cooler bracket		\$96.00	\$150.00
Inspect and advise on radiator leaking antifreeze		\$0.00	\$150.00
Remove and replace the left front body light		\$42.00	\$75.00
Replace missing hardware on the under body steps		\$0.00	\$150.00
Trim/reshoot and adjust door gap, adjust inoperative		\$0.00	\$75.00
Inspect that the windshield wiper pump is functioning properly and clear the hoses		\$0.00	\$150.00
Send unit out for four wheel alignment		\$618.00	\$0.00
Remove and replace the plastic trim above the passenger seat, seat is broken and pad is falling down		\$125.00	\$225.00
		\$1,609.00	\$2,250.00

Total = \$ 3,719.00

Approved

Chairman

Secretary

August 12, 2004, Trustee meeting: Jefferson County Fire Service, 2003 Statistical Summary

JEFFERSON CO. FIRE SERVICE - 21 SUBURBAN FIRE DISTRICTS 2003 STATISTICAL SUMMARY - METRO STATS

Fire District
Point of Contact:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Time Period:	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	Monthly Average
EMPLOYEES & VOLUNTEERS														
Paid Full-Time Firefighters:	29	29	29	29	29	29	29						201	28.7142857
Paid Part-Time Firefighters:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
Volunteer Firefighters:	27	28	29	29	28	23	23						185	26.4285714
RUNS DISPATCHED	115	106	143	117	173	131	287							
Fire Only	77	65	79	70	121	88	231						729	104.142857
EMS	38	41	64	47	52	43	56						343	49
TYPE OF (FIRE) RUNS														
Structure Fires	2	3	2	0	4	1	4						16	2.28571429
Auto Fires	3	0	1	1	2	2	8						15	2.14285714
False Alarms	38	29	28	31	30	36	60						258	36.8571429
Unintentional	8	11	20	12	15	13	25						104	14.8571429
Other	26	22	28	26	70	34	130						336	48
RESPONSE TIME														
Average Minutes from Dispatch to On-Scene	4:25	4:22	4:14	4:17	4:53	4:28	4:10						1.2902778	0.1843254
FIRE INJURIES / DEATHS														
Injury: Firefighter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
Injury: Citizen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
Death: Firefighter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
Death: Citizen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
PROPERTY DAMAGE AMOUNT														
INSPECTIONS & INVESTIGATIONS														
Fire Safety Inspections:	14	97	131	121	112	128	92						695	99.2857143
Fire Investigations:	0	0	0	0	1	0	0						1	0.14285714
Criminal Arrests:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0
COMMUNITY														
Service Events or Firehouse Usage	18	16	11	11	12	17	19						102	14.5714286
Smoke Detector Requests	6	5	8	9	10	4	3						45	6.42857143
New Construction Permits	6	0	20	4	10	12							52	8.66666667
AED USE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						0	0

* April 2 AED usage - (1) save

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August 12, 2004, Trustee meeting: STMFD Merger Resolution

August 23, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, by Matt Batcheldor, Fire districts set for merger:

RESOLUTIONS AMENDING PRIOR RESOLUTIONS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

At a meeting held on September 2, 2004, the Trustees (collectively, the "Trustees") of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District (the "St. Matthews District"), adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Trustees have previously determined that it is in the best interest of the St. Matthews District to merge with the Lyndon Fire Protection District, the Worthington Fire Protection District and the Harrods Creek Fire Protection District (together with the St. Matthews District, the "Districts") into one (1) fire protection district pursuant to KRS § 75.020;

WHEREFORE, the Trustees have previously approved resolutions adopting a Joint Petition calling for such merger, and have authorized the filing of the Joint Petition and such other action as may be necessary to effect the merger;

WHEREFORE, the Trustees have determined that in order to ensure the proper and efficient operation of the merged District, the initial Trustees of the new district must be comprised of those individuals, currently serving as Trustees of one of the Districts, who have both knowledge of the constituent Districts and their operation, and the background, experience and ability to operate the merged district and conduct its activities, and that such Trustees should be named in the Joint Petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Trustees hereby adopt the attached Joint Petition for Merger, which replaces and supercedes the Joint Petition for Merger previously approved by the Trustees on 8-12-, 2004, whereby the Districts will merge with each other into one (1) fire protection district pursuant to KRS § 75.020, the Initial Board of Trustees being named in such Joint Petition, and authorize the Chairman and the Secretary, or their designees, to execute the Joint Petition for Merger on behalf of the Trustees of the St. Matthews District;

RESOLVED FURTHER that, following the execution of the Joint Petition for Merger by the Trustees of all of the Districts, any Trustee is authorized to deliver and file the Joint Petition for Merger on behalf of the St. Matthews District with the Jefferson County, Kentucky Clerk, and to execute and deliver such other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the Merger.

The foregoing Resolutions were adopted with the following Trustees voting "Yes":

the following Trustee(s) voting "No":

and the following Trustee(s) abstaining or absent:

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District

By: _____

_____, Chairman

_____, Secretary

Local/Regional » News Item

Monday, August 23, 2004

Fire districts set for merger

Better service, same tax rate promised

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By Matt Batcheldor
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The Courier-Journal

Citing increased labor costs and a state cap on tax rates that's kept revenue flat, four of Jefferson County's 19 suburban fire districts are on the verge of merging.

Such a merger, fire officials say, would give them the economies of scale that would allow the merged department to continue to grow and provide residents better service for the same tax rate.

"It's a better way to operate a business such as ours," Worthington Chief Gary Yuri said. "It'll knock out a lot of repetitive spending. We're silly not to try that."

Three of the four fire districts recently approved the merger — Worthington, Lyndon and St. Matthews. The fourth, Harrods Creek, is expected to approve it at 7 tonight, when its board of trustees meets at the district's main firehouse, 8905 U.S. 42.

After the current district boundaries are eliminated, units from the closest station would respond to fires and medical emergencies — sometimes up to a minute faster than now, fire chiefs say.

A new chief would be hired, but that cost would be offset by other savings, chiefs said. Lyndon Chief James Baker, a 41-year veteran, would retire, and the three remaining chiefs would become assistant chiefs. No jobs would be eliminated or added.

If the merger passes, it would create the county's largest fire department, spanning 65 square miles. It would have a \$10million budget.

All districts could be united

The merger would add momentum to a trend that started last year and one that some fire chiefs say will lead to the merger of all 19 suburban districts.

The Black Mudd district has merged with Okolona, South Dixie has joined Pleasure Ridge

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August 23, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, by Matt Batcheldor, Fire districts set for merger:

Park, Edgewood has voted to merge with Okolona and other districts have started merger talks.

Fairdale Chief Don Wittry said "it is inevitable" because of increased labor costs that the 19 suburban districts eventually will be one. "Most everyone would tell you that," he said. "We are realists here. I do believe it would be good... when the time is right."

Pleasure Ridge Park Chief Doug Atwell said he thinks there first will be western, central and eastern fire districts that later would become one suburban department. Fire districts in outlying areas with room for new development continue to generate new tax revenue, but more built-out districts such as St. Matthews and Lyndon project that revenue won't be able to match expenses in the next 10 years or so.

For example, from 1999 to 2002, the only statistics readily available, Worthington's tax revenue jumped an average of 25 percent per year, while Lyndon's only went up 6 percent a year. But during the same period, Worthington's budgeted expenses rose much faster — an average of 34 percent per year, compared to Lyndon's 6 percent.

And nearly all of the fire districts say they need more revenue because, over the last 10 years, they have hired more than 200 full-time firefighters to cope with declining numbers of volunteers and to staff emergency medical responses that have nearly doubled their runs. Those runs are usually made by full-time firefighters based at the firehouse.

Fire departments don't respond to many fires anymore. The 19 suburban departments combined reported that only 5 percent of their runs last year were fires, but 40 percent of their runs were emergency medical responses. There were 264 fires reported last year and 2,186 emergency medical runs, out of 5,420 total runs.

Most of the remaining calls were for false alarms or cleaning up automobile accidents.

If the departments merge, residents of the four districts would continue to pay property taxes at a rate of 10 cents per \$100 — the state maximum for fire districts.

The 19 suburban fire districts operate independently of metro government. The only connection is that Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson appoints three of their seven trustees. Two are property owners elected by their peers and two are firefighters elected by theirs.

Mixed views

Residents of the four districts poised to merge had mixed opinions about it.

"I think it's great," said Don Biere, a Worthington resident who retired from the Army after 43 years. "I think all of them (the 19 suburban districts) should merge."

But John McCarthy, who has operated Lyndon Lanes bowling center on La Grange Road for more than 40 years, said he doesn't see any advantages to merger. McCarthy, who was one of the Lyndon department's original volunteers, said merging would discourage volunteers from joining because the tight-knit community that is the Lyndon department would lose its identity.

Ella Eaves, a retired accountant who lives in the Prospect area, said she trusts Harrods Creek Fire Chief Chris Aponte when he says merger is a good idea. "Basically, I don't have any problem with a merger," she said.

Three years in the making

The four eastern Jefferson County districts have been discussing merger since 2001, and formed a 16-member committee made up of four representatives from each department.

The merger group's recommendations — which would have to be approved by a merged board — would separate the departments into three divisions. Response times would improve in some areas.

For example, Lyndon's station on La Grange Road is closer to Mall St. Matthews than either of St. Matthews' stations, but St. Matthews now makes all runs there, Chief Bill Seng said. And the St. Matthews station at Hubbards Lane and Brownsboro Road can respond faster to the Holiday Manor area than Lyndon crews on La Grange Road.

Saving money

The committee suggests getting rid of three fire engines, which would save the departments more than \$1 million over the next five years.

Departments also could save money by cutting the number of lawyers and accountants representing them from four to one, and they could hold joint training sessions.

Worthington trustee Melissa Ames said it's an opportunity to reduce redundancy.

But a few of the four district's trustees have spoken against merger. Worthington trustee Al Mudica, who voted against it, said it's unfair that Worthington taxpayers will support a department that includes areas outside Worthington.

"I'm not too happy about how my tax dollars are going over to St. Matthews or the others."

August 24, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, Harrods Creek fire district approves merger plan:

Harrods Creek fire district approves merger plan

The Harrods Creek Fire Protection District voted last night to merge with the Lyndon, St. Matthews and Worthington districts.

Those three approved the merger earlier this month.

The matter now goes to Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson for his approval, and a public notice will be published.

The merger will be final unless at least 51 percent of the property owners in any of the districts sign a petition protesting the action within 30 days of the publication of the notice.

August 25, 2004: *The Voice-Tribune*, News Briers: Four metro area fire districts merge: Four of metro Louisville's 19 fire districts have merged in order to save on labor expenses and compensate for stagnant tax revenue rates. The districts-St. Matthews, Lyndon, Harrods Creek and Worthington-now make up the largest local fire district, comprising 65 square miles. The district will have an annual budget of \$10 million and could begin functioning as a single entity as early as January.

August 31, 2004, Letter:

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO: Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District will be held at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40207 on Thursday, September 2, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. (local time).

The purposes of this meeting are:

- To discuss and vote on an amended Resolution approving the merger of the St. Matthews, Lyndon, Harrods Creek and Worthington Fire Protection Districts (the "Districts") into a single district, and selecting the Trustees for the new merged district.
- To discuss and vote on authorizing the filing of a Joint Petition calling for the merger of the Districts and the taking of such other action as may be needed to effect the merger.
- To discuss and vote on the current trustees from the Districts who will be Trustees of the new district.
- To conduct the normal business session and give the monthly reports that is usually given in the regular monthly meetings.

Dated: August 31, 2004 Faye Elberkamp, Chairperson

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August, 2004, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between (08/01/2004) And (08/31/2004)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	1	0.80%	\$1,000	100.00%
121 Passenger vehicle fire	3	2.40%	30	0.00%
130 Special outside fire, Other	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
	5	4.00%	\$1,000	100.00%
2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
200 Rescue, emergency medical (EMS) call, Other	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
211 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	35	28.00%	30	0.00%
232 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	3	2.40%	30	0.00%
253 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	2	1.60%	30	0.00%
	41	32.80%	90	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
440 Electrical, wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	1.60%	30	0.00%
443 Power line down	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.60%	30	0.00%
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsing	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
483 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	10	8.00%	30	0.00%
	17	13.60%	90	0.00%
5 Service Call				
511 Lock-out	1	0.80%	20	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	2	1.60%	30	0.00%
533 Public service	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, backup	8	6.40%	30	0.00%
	12	9.60%	90	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	2	1.60%	30	0.00%
611 Dispatched & responded on route	10	8.00%	30	0.00%
621 Wrong location	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
630 Prescribed fire	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
650 Steam, Other gas released for smoke, Other	2	1.60%	30	0.00%
651 Smoke, steam, odor of smoke	2	1.60%	30	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
671 Signal release investigation w/ no hazard	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
	21	16.80%	90	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.80%	30	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	2	1.60%	30	0.00%
733 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	3.20%	30	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	6	4.80%	30	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	9	7.20%	30	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	2	1.60%	30	0.00%
745 Alarm system sounded, no fire -	5	4.00%	30	0.00%
	31	24.80%	90	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	125		Total Est. Loss:	\$1,000

Total Runs year-to-date = 1,215

September 1, 2004: The Courier-Journal, All Counties—St. Matthews, Fire District's trustees to nominate new leaders. Matt Batchelder:

ST. MATTHEWS

Fire district's trustees to nominate new leaders

The board of trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District will meet at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow — a week early — to decide which trustees to recommend for a new, merged fire department. The meeting will be held at the main St. Matthews firehouse, 240 Sears Ave.

The St. Matthews board has agreed to combine with the Harrods Creek, Lyndon and Worthington departments, forming the East Louisville Fire Protection District.

Each department has a seven-member board. Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson will appoint a single seven-member board for the new department, based on the recommendations of the current boards.

—Matt Batchelder

September 2, 2004, Letter:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Berg
Date: September 2, 2004
Re: District Activity

- ✓ Don't forget we will be meeting this evening at 5:30 pm for the September Board meeting instead of next week.
- ✓ The merger steering committee will also meet this evening at 7:00pm here at St. Matthews Station 1. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ✓ Unit 2651 is still at E-One getting the repair work done. It is scheduled to be back here on September 17th.
- ✓ We received a \$1000 donation from Wal-Mart last week. Wal-Mart, as part of their Grand Opening gave out about \$15,000 to 15 different charity and service organizations.

Asst. Chief Monahan has requested permission to contact both Baptist Hospital East and Norton's Suburban Hospital about a donation of either money or equipment towards laptop computers for field use. I told him I would run this idea by our Trustees first. The St. Matthews Board of Trustees in the past has indicated it was going to contact the hospitals for a monetary donation to help offset expenses because of the many false alarms and fire runs made to those facilities. I thought it would be best to run Asst. Chief Monahan's idea before the board first so that it would not conflict with any other plans or ideas that might be in the works.

Sergeant Ed Brown has advised me that he will be retiring from the fire department at the end of October 2004. Although I have not received anything in writing yet I suspect very strongly that he will follow through with his decision to retire. As soon as I receive Ed's official notification of retirement I would like to proceed immediately with the process to promote one of our firefighters to the rank of Sergeant. I then would also like to immediately replace the promoted firefighter with that of a newly hired firefighter who would be selected from our volunteer ranks.


*Ed Brown
Retiring
Fire Dept.
To the District*

*Approved by
Fire Chief*

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Joe Wolfe, Secretary

*Let's
Reconsider
@ 5:38*

Special Trustees Meeting Agenda September 2, 2004

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:34 PM*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business: *None*
- VI. ✓ New Business
- VII. ✓ Election of Trustee to the new board *J. M. Monahan*
- VIII. ✓ Discuss and vote on an amended resolution approving merger
- IX. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on October 21st at McAtahan Fire Department @ 7:00pm.

OVER @ 6:22 PM

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

September 2, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 6:25 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, & John Volkerding.

The Minutes of the August 2004 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

September 2, 2004

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Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jim Graven, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present were Chief Seng, Asst. Chief Monohan, Tina Frieber, Mike Richardson, Denny Engnehl, and Paul Kurtz.

The minutes were read and discussed. Tom Eifler pointed out two grammatical errors. Joe Wolfe noted these agreed to correct them.

Jack Monohan moved and John Volkerding seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed 6-0 with one abstention.

Treasures Report

Treasurer Graven reported that all budget categories appear to be in line with the exception of overtime pay, which is high. When questioned by Graven, Chief Seng stated that overtime pay is higher in the summertime due to vacations etc. He believed that this budget item will tend to balance out over the year.

Graven commented on the extra work and required on the check registered and thanked her for a job well done.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported that the District responded to 125 runs during August.

Chief Seng reported that the plan review fee schedule approved by the Board had been put into place.

Chief Seng stated that 2631 was still at E-One for repair.

Chief Seng reported that he accepted a \$1000 donation from Walmart.

Chief Seng reported that Asst. Chief Monohan has been talking with representatives of Baptist East Hospital, Nortons Suburban Hospital, as well as

Ken Flemming and Ellen Call of Metro Government about securing donations to the District. He stated that Monohan has received preliminary agreement for each to donate \$4000. This money would be used to purchase lap top computers for the apparatus. The consensus of the Board was that Monohan should continue to pursue this.

Seng reported that Ed Brown has signaled his intention to retire at the end of October. He sought the Boards guidance as to filling this position. A brief discussion ensued.

Jim Graven moved and John Volkerding seconded that the Chief hire a replacement at his convenience.

Old Business

New Business

Chief Seng reported on the progress of the steering committee. He reported that Joe Wolfe is slated for the career firefighter position and that St. Matthews secured a second seat on the Board of the new merged district. Jim Graven stated that John Volkerding was pivotal in securing this seat. The seat available is an appointed position to expire on June 30th of 2005.

The floor opened for nominations for this appointed position.

John Volkerding nominated Tom Eifler, second by Jim Graven.

Rick Tonini nominated Jack Monohan, seconded by Joe Wolfe.

The vote was taken by a show of hands. *JACK MONOHAN* received 4 votes and Tom Eifler received 3 votes.

John Trietz presented the Board with a resolution amending the prior resolution of the Board of Trustees regarding the proposed merger.

Joe Wolfe moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the resolution be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business, Jack Monohan moved and John Volkerding seconded that meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:23 P.M.



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All Fired Up!

Don't be alarmed when you see what's in this man's garage

By Mark Ray

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PHOTO BY BARRY WESTERMAN

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by Mark Ray

photography: Barry Westerman

2004

September 29, 2004, *The Voice-Tribune*:
Wife of former STMFD member Dan Sullivan

Margaret M. Sullivan, mother of race car driver Danny Sullivan, dies

Margaret M. Sullivan, 78, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Baptist Hospital East.

Mrs. Sullivan was a member of the Louisville Country Club.

Survivors: her husband, Dan J. Sullivan Jr.; two daughters, Susan Andriot and Tracy Brewer (John); two sons, Danny Sullivan (Brenda) and Tommy Sullivan (Cathy); one sister, Nancy Mather; 10 grandchildren, Laurie, Amy and Meg Andriot, Driscoll, Jack and Peter Sullivan, Tierney Simpson and Sarah, Campbell and Dan Brewer; and one great-grandchild, Nate Allen.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. Pearson's Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial gifts: Cerebral Palsy Kid's Center, 982 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, KY 40217.



October 5, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, by
Matt Batcheldor, Fire merger hits health-care
snag:

Local/Regional • News Item

Tuesday, October 05, 2004

Fire merger hits health-care snag 4 districts oppose joining state plan

Mail this page

By Matt Batcheldor
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The Courier-Journal

A planned merger of four eastern Jefferson County fire protection districts might be in jeopardy.

The hitch is a 2002 state law that requires any new entity, such as a new fire district, to join the state health-care plan if it wants to be part of the state retirement system.

Changes in that plan are being protested by public schoolteachers and state employees.

None of the four fire districts — St. Matthews, Lyndon, Harrods Creek and Worthington — discovered the law until after they voted to merge in August.

Lyndon Chief James Baker said the law is a "deal-killer" if the districts aren't allowed to opt out of the state health plan.

The plan calls for higher contributions from participants and inferior coverage to the policy that the departments currently carry, St. Matthews Chief Bill Seng said.

A committee that has been working on merger details will give a public update on health-insurance negotiations with the state at a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at the main Lyndon fire station, 8126 NewLaGrange Road.

Firefighters also say they don't want to leave their health plan because they have it in common with the 15 other suburban departments in the county. The departments receive a group discount, so costs for the other departments could go up if the four departments leave the plan, Seng said.

If the departments can't find a way around the law, the merger will fail, Seng said. Firefighters then would try to change the state law, he said.

John Treitz, an attorney for the four districts, and the four fire chiefs said they are unsure how much more firefighters would have to pay under the state plan.

Bill Hanes, executive director of Kentucky Retirement Systems, said the 2002 state law came about at the behest of Carol Palmore, a former state personnel secretary.

Palmore argued that all employees in the retirement system, which provides health insurance for retired state workers, should be paying into the state health system when they are younger and generally healthier, Hanes said.

Because they were paying for the retirement system but not the health plan, a disproportionate number of retired people were entering the health plan who had never contributed to it. And older people cost the health system more because they generally use it more.

That drives up insurance costs for younger, working people who participate in the state health plan.

2004

October 11, 2004, Letter:

October 12, 2004, Trustee meeting:

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William J. Seng
Fire Chief

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: October 11, 2004
Re: District Activity

It seems like it has been forever since our last trustees meeting. I think if all goes well this Thursday you shouldn't miss much of the UofL football game against Miami. I will do my best to make it as short as possible.

Unit 2631 (1999 E-One) is back from E-One and is back in full service. There still are a few minor repairs that still need to be made over the next few weeks but they are repairs that our maintenance department can complete in-house.

The maintenance department also just completed putting new tires on 2631 (1999 E-One), 2694 (2000 Ford Pickup), 2602 (2000 Chevy Tahoe).

Major Strang will be completing yearly oil changes and lubrication on all of the fire district's trucks by the first of next month.

We still have some minor repairs that need to be made to the training house after the storms that hit back in the early summer. The hold up appears to be that the contractor is waiting on the new windows that have been ordered to complete the job. The repairs to the main station roof and to the generator have already been completed.

Tina is at home and appears to be recovering from her recent surgery as well as expected. Her doctor originally told her that she would need to be off for six full weeks. However, if she is feeling up to it she may contact her doctor to see if he would allow her to return to work a week or two earlier on a limited schedule basis. I will keep you posted on how this goes.

I am sure most of you guys that are not on the steering committee have been keeping up with the progress of the merger by either reading the newspaper or by reading the Steering Committee minutes that I send out once a month. I have no real news to tell you how the process is going other than the fact we need to spend sometime during the upcoming Trustees meeting to discuss several issues that have arisen.

There has been an issue that has come up recently about the amount of money we owe our workmen's compensation carrier for the last fiscal year. It appears that a mistake was made on our part as far as it relates to overtime calculations. Cowan and Allen our accountants are reviewing the records and will make any corrections as needed.

I still have not received any official notification from Ed Brown on his retirement date. It appears that he is going to use the rest of his vacation days to cover the month of November and use November 30th as his retirement date. As soon as Ed provides me with a letter of his retirement I will move forward with the process of hiring a new firefighter.


With that in mind, we are in the process of establishing a promotional list for the rank of sergeant. This process will start the last week of October and will take several days to complete.

Both the back and front aprons at Station 2 are in bad need of replacement. We have several bids to fix the rear apron which is around \$3,500. The front apron which is concrete is more along the line of \$25,000. I am recommending that we hold up on the concrete work until late spring of next year. This will also allow us to see where we are as it relates to our budget.

The only other budget request for the month is for \$1500.00 to attend a symposium on Volunteer/Combination Fire Service. There is about 5-10 local fire chiefs who are attending this conference. Please see the enclosed brochure for further info.

See you Thursday

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Trustees Meeting Agenda October 14, 2004

- I. ✓ Call to Order
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *As Corrected*
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
- VI. ✓ New Business
- VII. ✓ Executive Session
- VIII. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on October 21st at McMahan Fire Department @ 7:00pm.

**Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company**

October 12, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 7:50 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Jim Graven, Rick Tonini, Tom Eifler, Jack Monohan, & John Volkerding.

The Minutes of the September 2004 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

2004

October 12, 2004, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

October 12, 2004

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 12, 2004 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, John Trietz, & Tim Eifler.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and Jim Graven moved and John Volkerding seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Graven reported that all appears to be in order.

Joe Wolfe moved, and Jack Monohan seconded that the treasurers report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng presented the following expenditures.

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|--------------------------------------|--------|
| • Asphalt repair at Station 2 | \$3500 |
| • Combination Fire Service Symposium | \$1500 |

Joe Wolfe moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the expenditures be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler presented the Board with a draft management statement to be included with the Districts audit. The letter was reviewed by all members and a brief discussion took place. John Volkerding moved and Jim Graven seconded that the letter be approved as presented and included in the audit. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Jim Graven summarized a meeting that he and Chief Seng had with representatives of the PVA and Sheriffs office regarding the taxation of tangible property. It was discovered at this meeting that due to some error, by some party, a large portion of the tangible property tax was never collected. Graven reported that these taxes had not been collected for perhaps 20 years. Graven stated that these taxes would be included on this years tax bill and should have an impact of \$150,000 plus annually.

A discussion ensued as to the Districts options for collecting back taxes or recovering the income lost. John Trietz and Tim Eifler of Ogden, Newell and Welch spoke briefly about options available to the Board. John Trietz stated that although he has not finished studying this issue, he felt that litigation may be required to recover these funds.

Joe Wolfe moved and John Volkerding seconded that John Trietz, as our legal council, be authorized to take whatever steps necessary to recover the tax revenue lost as a result of the oversight, to include legal action. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler pointed out that his son, Tim Eifler, works for our legal firm. He stated that Tim may be required to work on the Districts case due to this issue being within the realm of his legal specialty. He wanted to make all Trustees aware of this.

A discussion ensued regarding Tim Eifler's relationship with our law firm and whether this represented in any way a conflict of interest with Trustee Eifler.

Rick Tonini moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the Trustees of the Fire District recognize the that the son of Trustee Tom Eifler, Tim Eifler, as an employee of Ogden, Newell and Welch (our law firm), may be required to work on legal issues of the Fire District in regards to the recovery of lost tax revenues. The Trustees of the District feel that this relationship in no way constitutes a conflict of interest. The motion passed unanimously with Tom Eifler abstaining.

Old Business

Chief Seng reported the Merger Steering Committee had asked that each of them go back to their Boards and seek a recommitment to the merger. He stated that a number of issues had arisen that are different than what had been previously reported. One issue being that the Worthington firefighters do not participate in Social Security and want to continue not to. The lawyers working with the steering committee feel that the only way to accomplish that is for the Districts to be merged into Worthington Fire District. A discussion ensued.

Jack Monohan moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the St. Matthews Fire District Trustees withdraw from the proposed merger of fire districts and rescind all previous resolutions regarding the merger. This action is taken because it appears to the Trustees that the merger talks had reached an impasse and that irreconcilable differences exist between the parties involved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Wolfe, seconded by Tom Eifler. The motion passed unanimously at 7:41 P.M.

October 14, 2004, Joe Wolfe E-Mail:

Dear Steering Committee Member,

I regret that I must report to you that at its regular monthly meeting on October 14, 2004, the Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District voted unanimously to withdraw from the four to one merger. This decision was based upon what the Trustees felt were unrecoverable roadblocks relating to employee benefits and pay. Sadly, outside forces which none of us have any control over lead us to this conclusion.

It's our sincere hope that all the hard work of the steering committee has not gone in vain. Perhaps the important thing this process has taught us is that we are more alike than we are different and we hope to maintain and build upon the strong relationships that have been forged.

Sincerely,

Captain Joe Wolfe,
St. Matthews Steering Committee Member

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

October 18, 2004

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 18, 2004 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, Wade Hendricks, Eric Sorenson, George Wiggins, and Louis Stoke.

Wade Hendricks spoke briefly to the Board regarding the need to adopt the tax rate for real and personal property for the 2004-05 tax year.

Jack Monohan moved and Jim Graven seconded that the tax rate be set at 10 cents per \$100 dollars of value for both real and personal property. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler moved and John Volkerding seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 6:10 P.M.

October 18, 2004, Special Trustee meeting:

2004

October 21, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, by Martha Elson,---St. Matthews fire district finds tax collection mix-up,

St. Matthews fire district finds tax collection mix-up

Department will get additional \$156,000

By Martha Elson
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The Courier-Journal

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District will see an increase of about \$156,000 in its tax revenue this year after discovering that some taxes were not being collected from more than 1,000 businesses in St. Matthews.

The district has a budget of about \$2.5 million.

Because of a mix-up in the collection and billing system, the taxes

have not been collected since the fire district was created in 1984, Jim O'Daniel, the department's chief financial officer, said yesterday.

The taxes are for tangible property — equipment and inventory — worth \$156 million this year. The tax on business real estate has been collected, O'Daniel said.

Tax bills that will be sent out Nov. 1 will include the increase, O'Daniel said.

The tax rate for both real and tangible property is 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Jim Graven, treasurer of the fire protection board, said the district is looking into whether it is entitled to back taxes for 20 years, which he estimated could amount to more than

\$2 million.

Among the affected taxpayers are Target, Dillard's and other businesses in Mall St. Matthews, The Springs and Shelbyville Road Plaza, said Graven and Fire Chief Bill Seng.

"This is the first I've heard of this," St. Matthews Schwinn owner Chuck Davis said yesterday.

"All along, we assumed we were getting that tax," Seng said.

O'Daniel said the mix-up related to different codes for billing purposes that were assigned by the state Revenue Cabinet to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District as a whole and to the city of St. Matthews, which makes up most, but not all, of the district.

The city formerly paid the St.

Matthews fire department for fire service, but when the district was incorporated in 1984 and began collecting taxes itself, the separate codes were continued instead of being consolidated, O'Daniel said.

Graven, who is a new treasurer for the district, said he noticed the error this year when he saw a chart sent by the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association that compared St. Matthews' income for the tangible property tax with that of the other 19 fire districts in Jefferson County.

St. Matthews' tangible property-tax collections totaled \$27,135.86, while other districts were collecting much more.

Fairdale received \$733,223, for example.

October 26, 2004, Minutes of the St. Mathews Fire department Alumni Association. Present Gar Davis, Russ Rakestraw, Rick Albers, Jack Monohan, Clarke Fenimore, Bill Andriot and Mike Noon. Several ideas on increasing book sales were discussed—Ads in Fire Service Periodicals, Repeating Newspaper ads, Christmas gift ads, Retail Outlet-Readers Corner, St. Matthews Feed N'Seed, colonial Deigns, etc. Approximately 1/3 of the original 1000 books are still left. However, enough have been sold to retire the debt. All of the retail stores have paid us except Border's. Discussed advertisers in both Reunion Roster booklets. Agreed to sell books to alumni members for \$18.00 each. Discussed paying sales tax on books. Andriot to research rates for the Courier-Journal and agreed to be the point of sale, accepting orders by credit cards, etc. Mike Noon to talk to John Chalek for Voice Newspaper help. Jack Monohan to work on 3 periodicals. Albers suggested E-bay and Silver Trumpet.

October 27, 2004, *The Voice-Tribune*, St. Matthews Fire District sets tax rate, by Jacob Glassner: ---

St. Matthews Fire Protection District sets tax rate

The trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District held a short meeting on Oct. 18 and adopted a tax rate for both real and tangible property of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The meeting came days after the district discovered at its regular board meeting that for the past 20 years taxes on tangible property, which is equipment and inventory, had not been collected from more than 1,000 businesses in St. Matthews.

The finding will result in a \$156,000 increase in tax revenue this year for the district, which has a budget of \$2.5 million.

The uncollected taxes on tangible property resulted from a mistake in the billing and collection system that had gone unnoticed since the fire district was created in 1984.

Fire Chief Bill Seng said that the mistake resulted in a loss of \$2 million in revenue and that the district is currently looking into whether back taxes may be collected.

— Jacob Glassner

October 28, 2004, Special Trustee meeting:

2004

October, 2004, Incident Report:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

October 28, 2004

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Monday, October 28, 2004 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.

The purpose of the special meeting being to discuss a employee issue and possible litigation.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, John Volkerding, Rick Tonini and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, Asst. Chief Monohan, Tim Eifler, Mike Frantz, Paul Kurtz, and John Trietz.

Tom Eifler moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the Board move into executive session. The motion passed unanimously at 5:08.

The Board left executive session at 5:58 P.M. with no action taken.

Tom Eifler moved and Jim Graven seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 5:58 P.M.

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {10/01/2004} And {10/31/2004}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	3	1.94%	\$0	0.00%
132 Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mature fire	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
171 Cultivated trees or nursery stock fire	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	9	5.84%	\$0	0.00%

2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire

201 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%

3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents

300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	56	36.36%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	60	38.96%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)

411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
431 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light ballast	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	8	5.19%	\$0	0.00%
	20	12.98%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call

511 Lock-out	1	1.94%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moving	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	4	2.59%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	15	9.76%	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	7	4.54%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	3	1.94%	\$0	0.00%
	27	17.53%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call

700 False alarm or false call, Other	4	2.59%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	5	3.24%	\$0	0.00%
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	4	2.59%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	4	2.59%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	7	4.54%	\$0	0.00%
	33	21.42%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 154

Total Est Loss:

\$0

Total runs YTD = 1,502

Fire district ends plan for merger

St. Matthews notes benefits problems

By Matt Batcheldor

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The Courier-Journal

Two months after they voted to support merger, officials of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District have decided not to join with the Lyndon, Harrods Creek and Worthington departments.

St. Matthews trustee Rick Tonini said the merger, billed as a way to improve service, was scuttled because of disagreements over the health-care plan and who should receive Social Security benefits, among other issues.

Tonini said fellow trustees realized they couldn't get the job done by Jan. 1, the target date for merger. "This train that was flying to the Jan. 1 deadline, the wheels just started falling off of it," he said.

Chiefs of the other three departments said St. Matthews' move might doom the merger, which would have created the county's largest fire department, spanning 65 square miles.

The chiefs and other representatives of the three districts will meet tomorrow to discuss whether they still want to merge. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the main Harrods Creek fire station, 8905 U.S. 42.

All four fire district boards voted in August to merge. But the merger has not taken effect because the paperwork was never forwarded to the office of Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson, said St. Matthews Chief Bill Seng.

Shortly after the vote to merge, the fire districts hit a snag. They discovered a 2002 state law that said that any new or merged district must enroll firefighters in the state health-care plan to be in the retirement plan.

Employees rejected the state health-care plan because it would increase premiums and lower benefits. It's the same plan that teachers and state workers protested.

Firefighters also said they didn't want to leave their health plan because they have it in common with 15 other suburban departments in the county. The departments receive a group discount, so costs for the other departments could increase if the four departments leave the plan.

To get around the state's requirement, the departments considered merging three of the departments into one existing department, instead of creating a new department.

FIRE | St. Matthews pulls out of merger

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But that didn't work either because of two main issues:

► Worthington's employees don't pay into Social Security,

and the other departments do. Worthington firefighters didn't want to start paying, and representatives of the other departments didn't want to give up or reduce their Social Security ben-

efits, Worthington Chief Gary Yurt said.

► There were disagreements about which of the 28 trustees would run the new department. Under the initial merger plan,

Abramson would appoint seven new trustees to run it, with representation from each of the three departments.

But if three departments merged with an existing department, the trustees of the existing department would have to resign to make seats available for

others. Some trustees were not willing to do that.

Seng said St. Matthews has not ruled out a merger, but it won't happen anytime soon.

"It doesn't mean we won't go back to the drawing board, it's just that there won't be a big push right now," he said.



Paul Schmidt cooled off his chili yesterday during the Chili Cook-Off at Churchill Downs. This was the first time he had attended the event.

Track spices up day of racing

Churchill holds Chili Cook-Off

By Robert Smith
Contributing journalist
The Courier-Journal

Woody Zorn won't say he's a chili expert, but he knows what his stomach likes.

"Chili needs to clear your sinuses, melt the wax in your ears and burn the fat in your soul," said Zorn, a St. Matthews resident who was among thousands who attended the sixth annual Chili Cook-Off yesterday at Churchill Downs.

About a dozen restaurants and four local fire departments offered up their own special twist on the meaty dish. Track patrons were treated to free samples of the different chilis, then asked to vote for their favorite.

In addition to eat, patrons could listen to local bands and national favorites, like country star Andy Griggs.

Celebrity judges, including Francine Carver from WHAS Radio, crowned KTV's Restaurant as the new "Official Chili" of Churchill Downs. The restaurant received \$2,500 for having the best recipe and also won \$500 for this year's Showmanship award.

The audience choice award went to Ann's by the River, which was also awarded \$500. Fire department bragging rights went to a \$500 prize went to the McMahan Fire Protection District, which beat out three others — London, St. Matthews and Worthington.

Capt. Kenny Ambach of the McMahan department cooked the 30 gallons of chili, which be-

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Chef Tony Serrilli of the RockWall restaurant is in front of a dozen restaurants and four fire departments.

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came the winning batch.

Ambach said the key to good chili is good ingredients.

"I make my own chili powder," he said. "You're always trying to make the biggest, hottest pot."

Although their chili wasn't voted the best, the cooks from the Worthington Fire District said it's just as good.

"The only thing to add to our chili is the spoon," said Capt. John Leenerts.

Track visitor Nina Cole, who lives in Elizabeth, Ind., found the chili tasting a little too much for her tongue. In between samples, she sucked

on a peppermint to cool things down.

"These are really burning my mouth like crazy," she said, but added that the cook-off was "great."

Jennifer Cox, spokeswoman for Buffalo Crossing restaurant in Shelbyville, Ky., said the key to her restaurant's chili is the meat — buffalo, of course.

"Some say they don't even realize they had it (buffalo)," she said.

No matter what's in the mix, patron Gabe Fritz said it's all about filling up.

"At first it was a little confusing because there were all these lines," Fritz said about yesterday's event. "But we're getting full for free."

"I make my own chili powder. You're always trying to make the biggest, hottest pot."

CAPE KENNY AMBACH, of the McMahan fire department

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November 13, 2004

Mr. Jeffery D. Schielke
518 Bailey Drive
Batavia, IL 60510

RE: Visiting Fireman

Dear Jeff:

Enclosed is the book "St. Matthews Firefighters" which we recently discussed by phone. I would appreciate your review in the next publication. Additional information about purchasing the book is as follows:

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November 16, 2004: *The Courier-Journal*, by Matt Batchelder, Fire-district merger talks resume—St. Matthews board pulled out last month--

Fire-district merger talks resume

St. Matthews board pulled out last month

By Matt Batchelder
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The Courier-Journal

The Lyndon, Worthington and Harrods Creek fire districts have agreed to continue merger talks despite St. Matthews' decision to pull out of the plan.

The three districts will work to devise a new plan by mid-January.

"I think it's doable," Harrods Creek Chief Chris Aponte said Thursday at a meeting of a merger committee. "I think it's the right thing to look at it."

The committee, composed of representatives of the three districts, agreed to develop a cost analysis and meet again on Jan. 27.

The boards of trustees that oversee the four districts voted to merge in August.

But the process stalled when the boards learned that a 2002 state law requires firefighters in any new or merged district to enroll in the state health plan in order to be in the state retirement plan.

Firefighters support the state retirement plan, in which they are enrolled, but oppose the state health plan. They say the state plan would cost more and have fewer benefits—the same reasons teachers gave when they recently protested proposed changes in the plan.

Citing that and other reasons, St. Matthews district trustees voted to pull out of the merger last month.

Firefighters also said they didn't want to leave their health plan because they have it in common with 15 other suburban departments in Jefferson County. The departments receive a group discount, so costs for the other departments could increase if the four departments leave the plan.

But now that the state has adopted a new health plan to satisfy teach-

FIRE DISTRICTS CONSIDERING MERGER



ers, the three remaining districts will take a look at it, said Sheryl Smith, a Lyndon trustee.

To get around the state's requirement, the districts considered merging three of the departments into the fourth department, instead of forming a new one.

But disagreements over which

trustees would leave a merged board have scuttled that for now.

The health-plan issue may become moot because the state may pass legislation next year that would force everyone in the state retirement system to accept its health plan, said Ron Wolf, a state-government lobbyist for Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson.

If that were the case, the merger could advance.

The state is looking for ways to control costs in its health plan, which is taking on a disproportionate number of retirees and not enough younger workers.

Bringing more working people into the pool could slow the increase in costs.

Wolf said he and Abramson want the merger to succeed.

"Anything we can do to enhance your efforts, we would do that," he said.

A successful merger would be a model for "a number of departments in the county," Wolf said.

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Wednesday, November 17, 2004

J'town's 24-hour ladder truck a rare blessing



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By Matt Batcheldor
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Some fire chiefs across Jefferson County say that Jeffersontown's decision to staff a ladder truck exposes a key inequality in suburban fire service: Departments like Jeffersontown's that can pay more firefighters can offer better fire protection.

Last month, 14 Jeffersontown firefighters hired this year finished training and began staffing a ladder truck, which is used for rescue and ventilation as well as for extinguishing fires. Jeffersontown's department became the first one in suburban Jefferson County to staff a ladder truck around the clock.

Chief Jack Reckner said the new staffing will help his department put fires out faster. Ventilation equipment helps remove toxic smoke, and nozzles attached to an aerial ladder can attack fires from above.

"Ladder trucks some refer to as an elaborate toolbox," Reckner said. "It means there is a crew whose sole responsibility is ventilation as needed. They can bring the rescue tools for a car crash. (The truck crew) really and truly does all of the rescue type of work."

Other chiefs — of departments such as Lake Dreamland's and Okolona's — agree. They said that if they could afford to hire firefighters to staff a ladder truck, they would.

"The lack of an income or a limited income is really holding us back from doing things that other suburban-type fire departments and other urban-type fire departments can do," Okolona Chief Rich Carlson said.

Jeffersontown's ladder truck has been staffed by volunteers, as in other departments. But the paid crew



By Sam Haverstick, Special to the
Courier-Journal

Among a crew of Jeffersontown firefighters staffing the department's ladder truck, are, from left, Joe Ott, Kevin Culver, Capt. Ricky Ruckriegel, Ed Goodyear and Sgt. Darin Nation.

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November 17, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, by Matt Batcheldor, J'town's 234-hour ladder truck a rare blessing—

because they'll already be at the station when calls come in, Reckner said.

Jeffersontown has more money to spend on a ladder truck because it is not a first responder to medical emergencies, one of three Jefferson County departments that are not first responders. (First responders offer basic life support like CPR and defibrillation to stabilize patients but do not administer medicines or take people to hospitals.)

Jeffersontown's ambulance service, which is separate from the fire department, provides medical runs within the city.

Jeffersontown also benefits from a growing tax base, meaning that its tax revenues go up even though its property-tax rate, like that of 18 other fire departments, is limited by state law to a maximum of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Departments whose territory is already mostly developed have more stagnant tax revenues and can't afford new hires.

Departments have long complained that the state ceiling on fire taxes is too low.

When a fire occurs, departments usually send two engines (to pump water) and a ladder truck, Reckner said.

In Jefferson County, usually one and sometimes two of those engines are staffed with paid firefighters, who can roll out of the station at a moment's notice.

But the ladder truck is staffed by volunteers who must get to the station, gear up and then leave for the fire.

Reckner said those minutes can make a big difference.

In Jefferson County, only Louisville Fire & Rescue, which serves the territory within the old city limits, has ladder trucks staffed full time, Reckner said.

Other departments said they can't afford one.

"We can't do that at St. Matthews," Chief Bill Seng said.

St. Matthews backed out of merger talks last month over health care issues. The three other districts are continuing talks.

He said that was one reason St. Matthews voted to merge with the Lyndon, Harrods Creek and Worthington departments. Once merged, the new department could afford to staff a ladder truck at a central station that could go to all fire runs.

He said any fire chief would staff a ladder truck if possible. "If there were more tax revenue coming in, they would spend it on personnel," he said.

Lake Dreamland Chief John Wilkinson said he would definitely hire more people if he had the money.

"I've got five people (paid staff) working 8 (a.m.) to 4 (p.m.), and that takes a third of my budget," he said. "If I had more money, I would have more stuff."

Okolona's Carlson said that staffing a ladder truck is a long-term goal, but his department can't afford to do so now.

Jeffersontown's budget has expanded rapidly because of several business that have moved into the Bluegrass Industrial Park, new subdivisions and new stores that have appeared on or near busy streets like Hurstbourne Parkway. Its budget swelled from just more than \$1 million in 1992-93 to \$4.2 million for 2003-04.

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November 17, 2004, Trustee meeting:



To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: November 17, 2004
Re: District Activity

It seems we have had a lot of expensive vehicle repairs over the last several months. The latest of which has been 2653 with a major engine repair at the cost of \$3,800.00. Also 2634 is currently in the shop having repair work done to fix a faulty seal on the pump transfer case. It should be back in full service this Thursday.

We also have had to replace tires on several vehicles over the last several weeks. They are as follows: 4 on 2601, 4 on 2602, 4 on 2694, 2 on 2692, and 2 on 2631.

Both John Treitz and Tim Eifler will be present at the board meeting this evening to discuss the latest issues as it relates to the collection of back taxes. You should have received by either e-mail or fax some of the letters that will be going out this week to the business owners explaining about the bill for the back taxes.

Brendan Montgomery was the new firefighter who was hired the first part of November. He is replacing Ed Brown who is retiring after 10 years of service as a career firefighter and 10 years of service as a volunteer. Please congratulate Ed as he starts his new journey into his golden years in which he will spend all of his time and effort trying to get senior citizens or AARP discounts on all of his purchases.

Since Ed Brown held the position of a Sergeant, a test was given to all the eligible firefighters to see who would be Ed's replacement for his Sergeants position. The firefighter who finished number one on the list was Gregg Crabb. Gregg started his new position two weeks ago riding as the Sergeant on 2658 for Captain Dave Dugan.

Captain Dave Dugan is going to have surgery on his shoulder at the end of this month and will miss approximately 2 1/2 months of work. The current plan right now is to fill those vacancies with overtime.

Tina Freibert has been off from her surgery now for approximately 7 weeks. Her doctor says she needs to stay off work for at least one more week.

The awards banquet is scheduled for Saturday December 4th. I hope everyone has gotten their invitations by now. Last year we only had 4 recipients who receive service awards. This year we have a bumper crop of recipients who will be receiving awards. Eleven in total, ranging from 5 to 55 years. Please call in and RSVP whenever possible.

One of the first major projects that we are going to have to complete this early spring is the replacement of the concrete ramp at Station 2. It has deteriorated so severely over the last six months to point that it has developed pot holes. Early estimated cost could be as high as \$25,000.

Expenditures for November 2004

Item		Cost
Kroger Gift Cards	(\$40x65)	\$2,600
Replacement batteries for HT Radios	(\$70x10)	\$700
Prime Rib Dinner		\$1,500
Annual Awards Banquet		\$8,500
Dinner at Big Springs CC	(\$25x100)	\$2,500
Decorations and DJ		\$1,000
11 Length of Service Awards		\$2,500
4 Capital Door Prizes		\$2,500

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

November 17, 2004

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, November 13, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, Assistant Chief Monohan, Matt Board, Erik Sorenson, Moss Clore, Greg Crabb, Tim Eifler, and George Wiggins.

Tim Eifler of Ogden, Newell and Welch spoke with the Board regarding the tangible goods tax bills. Back tax bills covering the period from 1999-2003 are being sent out by the County Sheriff. He expected that the bulk of the revenues will be received within 60 days due to the fact that most taxpayers pay these bills within the discount period. The Sheriff retains a 1% fee for the collection of these taxes.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim Graven reported that during the period of the administrative assistants absence, Val Seng assisted with the District's bookkeeping. Graven wanted to express his thanks which was echoed by all members of the Board of Trustees.

Graven reported that the check detail looks to be in order.

Graven predicted that the District may run out of operating income six to seven days prior to receipt of tax income. He has made arrangements with Commonwealth Bank to float this shortfall until the income is received.

Jack Monohan moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the Treasurers Report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported that 2653 is in for engine repairs that will cost an estimated \$3800 and that 2634 is in the shop for repairs. He stated that every piece of fire apparatus has required some major repairs during the year.

Seng reported that Brendan Montgomery has been hired to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Sgt. Ed Brown. He stated that an evaluation process was conducted to identify the best candidate for promotion to the Sgts. Position vacated by Brown. Greg Crabb was the successful candidate.

Chief Seng reported that Capt. Dave Dugan will be off work for approximately 2 1/2 months due to a shoulder injury requiring surgery. His position will be filled utilizing overtime pay.

Chief Seng reported that he expects Tina Freibert to be off work for another two weeks. He stated that she has been putting in some hours.

Chief Seng reminded the Board that the awards banquet is set for December 4th and Big Springs Country Club.

Chief Seng requested approval for the following expenditures:

- Kroger gift cards \$2600
- Batteries for portable radios \$700
- Prime Rib Dinner \$1500
- Awards Banquet \$8500

Tom Eifler moved and Jim Graven seconded that the expenditure list be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini spoke briefly about the possibility of altering the sick leave policy. He believes there is benefit to adding a cash value to the employees' sick days. The main benefit is a deterrent to over use of sick leave. The issue will be studied for possible consideration in the near future.

Chief Seng reported that Russ Maple is interested in representing the District to the State Legislature. Seng stated that the Board had opted not to fund the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Associations request for \$2,500 for these services as provided by Bob Benson. Seng requested that that \$2,500 be made available to retain Russ Maple's services.

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November 17, 2004, Trustee meeting:

Tom Eifler and Jack Monohan seconded that Russ Maple be hired and that Chairman Ellerkamp be authorized to execute the appropriate documents designating him as our representative. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the Board move into executive session to discuss an employee matter. The motion passed unanimously at 5:55 P.M.

The Board returned to regular session at 6:03 P.M.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the Board approve Sgt. Jackie DeHarts request for retirement effective April 13, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 6:05 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

November 17, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 6:10 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Rick Tonini, Jim Graven, Tom Eifler, Jack Monohan, & John Volkerding.

The Minutes of the October 2004 meeting were approved as written.

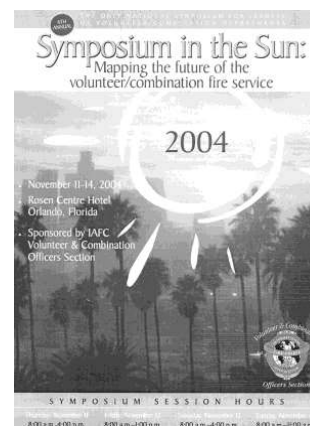
There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Summary of Tangible Personal Property Tax Rolls - 1999 - 2003

Assessment Date	Total Taxable Fair Cash Value	Tax Rate per \$100 FCV	Gross Taxes Due
1/01/99	140,050,780	0.085	119,043
1/01/00	117,972,059	0.100	117,972
1/01/01	140,273,567	0.100	140,274
1/01/02	151,089,384	0.100	151,089
1/01/03	160,784,667	0.100	160,785
			689,163

Offered discount if paid within 30 days of billing: 2%

Gross taxes due after discount: **675,380**



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November 17, 2004, Trustee meeting:

Symposium in the Sun:
Mapping the future of the
volunteer/combination fire service

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Thursday, November 11	Friday, November 12	Saturday, November 13	Sunday, November 14
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

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Friday, November 12
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Symposium Session

Thursday, November 11
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Pre-Conference Workshop Session

Developing a High Quality Volunteer Program
Training Program in Briefing
This presentation will provide tools to use in developing a new model for training volunteer and career personnel, as well as tools to ensure the quality of your training program. The presenters will share assessment and reporting systems and implementation processes that can be used to assist in determining the level of knowledge, skills and abilities of individuals, companies and battalions. This presentation will discuss presentation techniques, learning abilities and accountability of personnel to be trained.

The Practice of Safety and Command
Atlanta Fire Chief Dennis L. Rubin brings his 31 years of fire service experience to this thought-provoking workshop. Chief Rubin's passion will engage you or anger you — you be the judge!

Influencing and Persuading Through Leadership
A major shift has taken place in the nature of management. Leadership today finds that the command and authority approach no longer works in an environment where people do not just ask "what should I do?" but "why should I do it?" Successfully answering these questions requires a leader to influence organizational members through constructive forms of persuasion. This session will provide you with an overview of the three forces that paved the way for the change from command and authority approach to the age of influencing and persuading. You will also learn the four crucial components of effective management by persuasion: the principle source of a persuader's influence and your personal influence style.

A Journey of Change—How Do You Lead a Combination Department?
This session will address transitioning from an all-volunteer organization to a combination department consisting of career, contract, part-time, and paid on-call. Attendees will discuss the need to provide fire/rescue/EMS services in a timely manner, while addressing the expectations of the taxpayers along with concerns of budgets, staffing, recruitment, retention and dealing with the changing generations. This journey is one person's observations, workings and reflections on what has worked, what could have worked, and if we could have done it better, what would we have changed. The session will close with a thought process of professional growth and development, coupled with relationships between the chief, the trustees and the membership.

in the Sun: volunteer/combination fire service

Saturday, November 13
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Interact: Techniques for Fire Chiefs
This is a program that gives fire chiefs the basic tools and knowledge necessary to initiate contact and communicate with local, state and federal elected officials concerning fire and emergency service issues. This workshop includes discussion about communication methods, etiquette, credibility and maintaining relationships, as well as basics of governmental process.

Why Fire? Are We Safe?
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An Introduction to Firefighting
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Reflections on the Fire Service
This session will provide different perspectives on the art and science of dealing with your local government.

Reflections on the Fire Service
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2004

November 17, 2004, Trustee meeting:

Fact Sheet Questions & Answers

- Q:** How does the St. Matthews Fire Protection District (the "Fire District") fund its operations?
- A:** The Fire District maintains two firehouses and five emergency vehicles (including three fire engines and two ladder trucks). The Fire District has thirty full-time firefighters on staff and an additional twenty-five volunteer firefighters. The cost of this equipment and these employees is funded by an annual property tax levied on real property (land and buildings), motor vehicles and tangible personal property (primarily business inventory, furniture and fixtures) located in the Fire District.
- Q:** When did the Fire District begin levying property taxes?
- A:** From 1919 until late 1984, the Fire District was a volunteer fire department funded by voluntary contributions from businesses located in the department's service territory. By petition of property owners residing in the service territory, the Fire District formally organized as a "fire protection district" in December 1984 and first levied property taxes in 1985.
- Q:** What is the Fire District's role in billing and collecting its property taxes?
- A:** It has none. The Fire District annually sets its property tax rate but, by statute, does not prepare, review or mail tax bills, nor does it collect its property taxes.
- The Jefferson County PVA annually assesses or values all property in Jefferson County for taxation purposes, and this information is given to the Jefferson County Clerk. The Fire District annually levies its property tax rate and similarly provides that tax rate to the Jefferson County Clerk. The County Clerk is required to prepare tax bills showing the PVA's assessment information, the tax rates of the Fire District and other local taxing districts, and the total taxes due. Then, the Sheriff is required by law to mail these bills and to collect the taxes. Taxes collected by the Sheriff are forwarded by the Sheriff to the Fire District and other local taxing districts. Since at least 1999, the Jefferson County Sheriff has contracted with the Jefferson County Clerk both to prepare and to mail the tax bills.
- Q:** Why did the Fire District only recently discover this error?
- A:** Taxpayers in the Fire District *outside* the City of St. Matthews have been billed and have paid the Fire District's tangible personal property tax since 1985. Since it was receiving substantial tax revenues from the businesses which were paying the tax, the Fire District had no reason to know of the error made in preparing and sending these tax bills to taxpayers *inside* the City of St. Matthews until recently.

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Since 1985, the local officials charged with preparing and mailing tax bills for the Fire District and other local taxing districts have *never* included the tangible personal property tax rate on bills issued to business taxpayers in the City of St. Matthews. As a result, the Fire District's tangible personal property tax receipts have been consistent each year; therefore, it had no reason to question whether the PVA, County Clerk and/or Sheriff had made a mistake. Recently, the Fire District participated in potential merger negotiations with several fire districts in Jefferson County. As part of that process, the Fire District received a summary of the tangible personal property tax receipts of the other fire districts in the county. In comparing their revenues with those of the Fire District, there appeared to be a discrepancy in tax collections. Only through the admissions of officials in the PVA and Sheriff's offices was the error discovered.

- Q:** Why does the Fire District need to collect these back taxes when it was able to operate for so long without them?

A: The demands on the Fire District have increased substantially in the last five years.

In particular, there has been record expansion and new construction of hospitals in the Dupont area, all of which are nonprofit and, therefore, are exempt by the Kentucky Constitution from paying any property taxes. The Fire District answers a disproportionately large number of calls to these facilities, severely stressing the District's available equipment, personnel and funds. Further, the volume of medical runs has increased substantially as all of the firefighters are medically trained and act as first responders. In addition, a second fire station was added in 2000 in an effort to better serve the community; the required staffing and insurance costs recently have increased for both facilities.

The Fire District has been forced to delay or forego necessary maintenance of its equipment to meet these demands and to operate within its budget. For the future it is critical that a reserve fund be established for emergency and other unexpected repairs so that the Fire District can preserve its ability to effectively protect the individuals and businesses in the community.

Businesses in the City of St. Matthews have received reliable, professional fire protection for *twenty years* without paying a significant portion of their Fire District taxes. At this time, the Fire District has asked the PVA, Jefferson County Clerk, and the Jefferson County Sheriff to perform their statutory duties and to collect unpaid taxes for the last *five years*.

November 17, 2004, Letter:

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Dear Taxpayer:

You may have seen the article that appeared in The Courier Journal on October 21, 2004 regarding the collection process for 1999 through 2003 tangible personal property taxes; a copy of the story is enclosed. As indicated, in the near future you will be receiving bills for these back taxes that cover business equipment and inventory. This letter explains the basis for the bills and the reasons why they are being mailed only now.

Four weeks ago, the Chief and Treasurer of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District met with officials from the offices of the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) and Jefferson County Sheriff in an effort to determine why the Fire District's tangible personal property tax receipts were so much different than comparable districts in the county. After much discussion, the officials indicated that they simply had failed to bill business taxpayers in the City of St. Matthews for the Fire Protection District's tangible personal property tax. Only after the Fire District's investigation did they further explain that they have failed to do so every year since 1985, when the Fire District was formed and first levied this tax.

The Fire District has asked the Jefferson County Sheriff, Jefferson County Clerk, and PVA to correct the situation and issue additional tax bills for the *last five years (1999 - 2003)*. Because the collection of these taxes was delayed through no fault of the taxpayers, these bills have no penalty or interest added at this time; further, these bills will not be due for at least thirty (30) days from the date mailed to the taxpayer. The Fire District apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the longstanding omission of the officials responsible for the billing and collection of these taxes. We deeply regret any difficulty that this delay may cause you and your business.

We appreciate your continued support of reliable, professional fire protection for your business.

Sincerely,

Chief William Seng
St. Matthews Fire Protection District

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November 20, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, by Martha Elson—Fire district seeks back taxes—

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Saturday, November 20, 2004

Fire district seeks back taxes

St. Matthews businesses object



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By Martha Elson
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St. Matthews businesses — like it or not — will give the fire protection district a big holiday check this year.

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District learned last month that it was owed 20 years' worth of back taxes. The Jefferson County attorney's office said yesterday it is legal to recoup about \$862,000 for this year and the five previous years from more than 1,100 businesses.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, which collects the tax for the fire district, expects to begin Tuesday to mail out tax bills on the businesses' tangible property (inventory and equipment) for 1999 through last year, said Jim O'Daniel, chief financial officer for the sheriff's department. Bills for this year were sent out Nov. 1.

Business owners interviewed objected to the plan.

It's the "same old stuff," said Allan Morris, owner of Burdorf Interiors on Shelbyville Road. "We don't really get asked. We just get taxed."

Morris estimates he has an inventory of about \$2million, which would mean a tax bill of about \$2,000 just for this year.

"Now is not a good time to be hitting businesses with additional things they weren't expecting," said Karen Kayse, co-owner of Mel Owen Music on Shelbyville Road, citing the state of the economy. She especially objects to being billed for all five years at once.

Fire district officials asked the sheriff's department, the Jefferson County clerk and the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator's office to issue additional tax bills.

John Schardein of the county attorney's office told the parties yesterday that the fire district was legally entitled to the back taxes.

The businesses being billed "already saw the benefit" of fire service, Schardein said. "It's a bill that should have been sent out, but wasn't. It's not a new tax."

The tax applies to big and small businesses alike. Dillard's department store's assessed tangible property value of about \$15million would bring in \$15,000 to the fire district for this year alone, O'Daniel said. The tax applies to other businesses in Mall St. Matthews, too, though not to the mall itself.

At the other end of the spectrum, St. Matthews Hardware, 3919 Shelbyville Road, would pay \$116.27 for this year on \$116,266 worth of inventory, O'Daniel said.

Pete Hammer, owner of St. Matthews Hardware and president of the St. Matthews Area Business Association, said that while he has high regard for the fire district, it's "too late" to collect the tax now. "There should be something to protect us on that. You snooze, you lose, even though it wasn't their fault."

Jim Graven, the fire district board treasurer, said the district sought back taxes for five years, rather than the entire 20 years, because going back more than five years likely would be viewed as asking for too much and might be too confusing to track down.

But it's possible the district, which has an annual budget of about \$2.5million, still might go after the remaining 15 years of back taxes, said attorney John Treitz, who represents the fire district.

The tax rate for both real and tangible property is 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

The taxes were not collected because of a bookkeeping error in the records that the sheriff's department and other county and state agencies use in assessing property and collecting taxes. The fire district levies the tax but does not send out the bills.

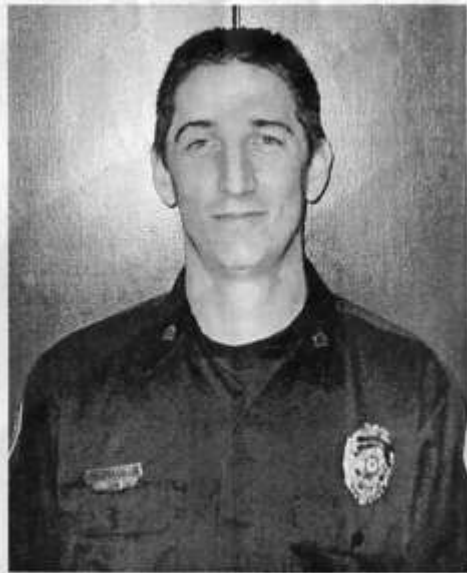
Graven and Fire Chief Bill Seng discovered something was wrong when a comparison chart showed much higher revenues from tangible property taxes in other local fire districts.

Fire district officials have sent out a letter that says the district "has been forced to forego necessary maintenance of its equipment. ... For the future it is critical that a reserve fund be established for emergency and other unexpected repairs."

The department needs to replace a 20-year-old truck within the next year or so that will cost \$500,000 to \$700,000, Seng said.

Rick Tonini, co-owner of Tonini Church Supply off Breckenridge Lane and also a fire district trustee, sees both sides.

"Obviously it's a burden" financially, said Tonini, who also is a St. Matthews City Council member. "But I also understand ... that the only way fire protection districts have to have income is to tax what they're legally allowed to tax," he said.

November 24, 2004, *The Voice-Tribune*:**GREG CRABB**

St. Matthews Community is proud to honor Firefighter Greg Crabb.

Greg was born in Louisville and raised in Middletown. In 1966, he graduated for St. Francis. He attended the University of Colorado and the University of

Louisville.

Greg started with St. Matthews Fire Protection District in 1998 as a volunteer and was hired in 2000. He is proud to say that he has held the rank of Firefighter since 1998.

He currently resides in Crescent Hill.

**PAUL KURTZ**

St. Matthews Community is proud to honor Firefighter Paul Kurtz.

Paul was born in Louisville and raised in St. Matthews. He is a 1992 graduate of St. Matthews very own Trinity High School. He received an Associates Degree in

Fire Science from J.C.C.

Paul started with St. Matthews Fire Protection District in 1993 and has held the rank of Sergeant since 2000.

He enjoys spending time with his lovely girlfriend Christy Hebert.

November 24, 2004, *The Voice-Tribune*, News Briefs, Fire Department wants back taxes. The St. Matthews Fire Protection District has asked the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, county clerk and property valuation administrator to send tax bills to at least 1,100 St. Matthews businesses in an effort to recoup back taxes. The district is considering collecting nearly \$862,000 for 2004 and the preceding five years, but may not seek back taxes for the other 15 years. Real and tangible property in St. Matthews is taxed at a rate of 10 cents per \$100 of assessment value.

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FRANK FLYNN

St. Matthews Community is proud to honor Firefighter Frank Flynn.


Frank was born in Louisville and raised in St. Matthews. He graduated in 1984 from Wagner High School. He received an Associates Degree in Fire Science from J.C.C.

Frank started with St. Matthews Fire Protection District right out of high school in 1984. He holds the rank of Captain since 1993.

He is married to his lovely wife Julie and has 2 children: Will, age 10, Caroline, age 8 and 2 stepdaughters: Marly, age 12, and Katie, age 11. All children attend Lourdes.

Frank currently is living in St. Matthews and a member of Our Lady of Lourdes.


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KENT DAYTON

St. Matthews Community is proud to honor Firefighter Kent Dayton.

Kent's career in the fire service began in 1969 with the Harrods Creek Fire and he was promoted to the rank of Major. In 1974 he entered into firefighting with the City of Louisville Division of Fire and was promoted through the ranks to Captain. While in serving with the City Kent was involved in most of the special services division, Dive Team, Confine Space Team, Trench Team, and their Color Guard. He retired in 1998 with 24 years of service. Kent worked at several different jobs when he decided to apply for employment with the St. Matthews Fire and Rescue in 2001. He is now enjoying the fire service again in his own neighborhood.



2004

November, 2004, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (11/01/2004) And (11/30/2004)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
132 Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
	7	5.14%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	46	33.82%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 311)	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
	47	34.55%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
421 Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light ballast	3	2.20%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3	5.14%	\$0	0.00%
	18	13.23%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
510 Person in distress, Other	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
	10	7.35%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	14	10.29%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
611 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	3	2.20%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
671 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
	22	16.17%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
713 Telephone, malicious false alarm	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	3	2.20%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	3	2.20%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	2.20%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	2	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	5	3.65%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.73%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	4	2.94%	\$0	0.00%
	32	23.52%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 136

Total Est Loss:

\$0

Total runs YTD = 1,438

2004

December 2, 2004: *The Voice-Tribune*, by Mary Alan Woodward, Contributing Writer--Protecting home and hearth—Louisville native Bill Seng rose through the ranks to become fire chief of St. Matthews district.



BILL SENG

Seng Bio

Name: Bill Seng

Position: Fire chief, St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Age: 45

Education: Holy Trinity Elementary School; Waggener High School; B.S. degrees in criminal justice and fire safety, Eastern Kentucky University

Family: Wife, Valerie; son Billy, 16; daughter Chelsea, 14

Birthplace: St. Matthews

Except for seeing the occasional fire truck come screaming by us at an intersection, few of us have had many personal encounters with the men, and sometimes women, who have dedicated themselves to protecting us.

Bill Seng, 45, has come to the aid of many homeowners and businesspeople in his 26 years in the department. First serving as a teen-aged volunteer and now as fire chief of the 7.5-square-mile St. Matthews Fire Protection District for the past 14 years, he knows how the public's perception often differs from the reality of fighting fires.

"A lot of people remember the old 'Emergency' television show, where there was always action going on. That looked pretty exciting," he said. "But there was also 'Leave It to Beaver', in which Gus, the fireman, was about 80 years old and sat on a bench the whole time. People are surprised to find out what our work is really like."

Television heroes: As a boy growing up in St. Matthews, the son of the late Edward L. Seng and wife Mary Dee, Seng was first fascinated by TV shows about law enforcement, not firemen.

Seng decided to become a policeman, a goal that stayed on his mind as a student at Holy Trinity Elementary School and Waggener High School, where he dated his future wife, the former Valerie Renkes.

But the police department didn't use teen-age assistants, so the closest he could come was as a volunteer firefighter.

Several of his friends at Waggener were St. Matthews volunteer firemen, but Seng had to wait until he reached the minimum age of 18.

"I was only 17 when I graduated, so I had to wait to do the training on weekends in my freshman year at college." —

Seng enrolled at Eastern Kentucky University in 1977 and earned two bachelor's degrees by 1986: the first in criminal justice, in 1981; and the second in fire safety.

"While I was studying criminal justice, I started thinking more and more about firefighting, because of my weekend work in St. Matthews," he said. "So I minored in fire science. That emphasized arson investigation, which was interesting:

The evidence was still at the crime scene, telling you what happened. It was like on the old 'Quincy' show."

One foot in: After graduating from ECU for the first time, in 1981, Seng went to work as an emergency medical technician for the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Service (EMS). During the day, he made runs in Louisville, but by dinnertime, it was time to drive to ECU for classes that would earn him his second degree.

"At the time, EMS was operated by the police department," Seng said. "With my B.S. degree in criminal justice, I was ready to apply for becoming a police officer. I figured I had one foot in the door."

Although the St. Matthews department had been all-volunteer during Seng's earliest service in 1978, it was beginning to hire more and more career firemen by the mid-'80s. In 1986, Seng was offered a position as a full-time firefighter.

With eight years of experience already to his credit, he said yes.

Rising in the ranks: With thoughts of life as a policeman behind him, Seng threw himself wholeheartedly into becoming a professional firefighter.

"I always wanted to advance, so I was constantly going to school," he said. "I took programs at the National Fire Academy (in Maryland), especially in management. As time went by, I rose through the ranks."

2004

December 2, 2004: *The Voice-Tribune*, by Mary Alan Woodward, Contributing Writer--Protecting home and hearth—Louisville native Bill Seng rose through the ranks to become fire chief of St. Matthews district.

In 1992, Fire Chief Franklin Florence retired, and Seng was appointed fire chief by the fire district's seven-member board. Although its makeup changes occasionally, it usually comprises three members appointed by the county judge, two property owners within the fire district and two firefighters.

For the second half of 1992, Seng was acting fire chief, but that appointment was made full-time, with the title of fire chief, in January 1993.

"At the time, I was very young -just 32 - which made me the youngest fire chief in the county," he said. "I thought it might be a disadvantage to me, but it wasn't. Now, there aren't too many chiefs older than I am."

Round-the-clock care: Over the last quarter-century, Seng has seen many changes in the St. Matthews fire district. There are now two firehouses:

Station One, at 240 Sears Ave., which includes Seng's office, was built in 1970; it is staffed by about 30 full-time firefighters and around 25 volunteers.

The second station, located on Brownsboro Road just east of Hubbards Lane, was built in 1989 and is always staffed by an engine company that comprises four full-time, career firefighters.

St. Matthews has had female firefighters over the years, but at present, there are none.

"Years ago, when this was a volunteer department, St. Matthews was still a farming community with small businesses. Employers would let their workers make runs. Today, they couldn't afford to do that, so the volunteer pool has been drying up. Even now, many older people tend to think that we're still volunteers. They still ask, 'Do you ever get paid?' Yes, we do."

When minutes count: Seng credits technology with reducing the number of fires and other challenges his men face. Building materials, fabrics and other items are often made of flame-retardant materials. Smoke detectors and sprinkler systems reduce the chances for flames to get out of control.

In the past, fires had more time to build up. It took longer to notify the volunteer firemen and then they had to drive to the station to get their equipment. Now stations are staffed and volunteers are easier to reach.

Around 1992, the department began making "first-responder" runs, in which St. Matthews firefighters supplement EMS personnel who are answering life- or-death calls. They now keep up their EMS training and carry external defibrillators, which they use about 400 times a year.

"A few years before I joined, firefighters started wearing SCBA gear (self-contained breathing apparatus)," he added. "Before then, we called firemen 'leatherlungs,' because they had to inhale so much smoke. Now the fire service is very safety-conscious. St. Matthews has always been blessed with state-of-the-art equipment for the guys, and they appreciate it."

On the run: Seng, who lives in St. Matthews with his wife and two teen-age children, spends most of his workday on administrative duties. However, he still goes on runs, serving as the incident commander at larger fires.

That involves taking his car to the site of a fire at a house or business, often arriving before the engine company does.

"We do what we call a size-up, trying to find out if the building is occupied, deciding what kind of equipment the firefighters will need. The incident commander is like the coach of the team, in that he calls the plays."

Seng noted that it's rare to see major fires in St. Matthews today. In 1978, the department made about 350 runs, with perhaps 10 to 15 involving blazes of any impressive size.

Today, Seng estimated, the department makes about 1,600 runs per year, in part because more smoke detectors means more false alarms. Of that number, only two or three runs involve substantial blazes.

About 80 percent of a modern firefighter's time is spent at the station.

"The most memorable stories from this kind of job are, of course, the ones that involve saving a life," he said. "Two years ago, there was a fully involved house fire, and we found a woman in her bedroom. We started life-saving efforts on her, and later she came to the station and thanked us."

"Another time, a man had a heart attack while roofing his house. Since we carry external defibrillators, we were able to shock him and bring him back to life. He also came over later and thanked the guys."

A better word: There also are times when the department's efforts are not successful.

"That bothers each of us, of course, and we start imagining our own family members in the same kind of situation," he said. "We have critical-incident stress classes to help us deal with the deaths and injuries we see."

But Seng believes that educating the public about fire prevention and safety will reduce runs.

"We put on Fire Safety Week every October, and do presentations in schools to teach kids how to 'stop, drop and roll,'" he said. "We remind adults to keep their smoke detectors operating and to develop an escape plan."

"I guess that in the future we'll still be known as the St. Matthews Fire Protection District," he added. "But our people do such a good job, I like to think of us as the St. Matthews Fire *Prevention* District."

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December 4, 2004, STMFD Banquet:




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December 8, 2004, Letter:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: December 8, 2004
Re: District Activity

*Learn Not
To Burn*



**ST. MATTHEWS
Fire Protection District**
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207
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- Please don't forget that tomorrow's trustees meeting and every meeting hereafter will start at 5:30 pm.
- I would like to start off by thanking each and every one of you for coming to the Awards Banquet last Saturday night. Everyone out there said that they really had a good time. I also think that it means a whole lot to the firefighters by having you there and showing your support in what they do for this community. Thank You!!!
- The computer project that Asst. Chief Monahan has been working on is making some progress. Jewish Hospital has called and said that they are sending us a check next week. Baptist Hospital East and Metro Government have already agreed to finance this project and will be sending us the funds shortly. The only other player who has not stepped up to the plate yet is Norton's Suburban. We are having a difficult time trying to track down the right individuals who can make it happen. I will keep you posted.
- It appears that we are not going to have to borrow any money this year to keep things running. As you know we have had to borrow money for a short time for the last two years during the month of December.
- The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office will be making the first of our income deposits this Friday. It will be interesting to see how much the deposit is and what the difference is from last years due to the fact that the 2004 Tangibles will be included. As soon as it is made I will let you know what the amount is.
- As of now I do not have anything to report on where we stand as it relates to the back taxes. I am sure our Treasurer will have a report to give during the meeting.
- Captain Dave Dugan had his shoulder surgery last week and is doing fine. The only down side is that he will be out of work for about 2 1/2 months.
- Matt Bachelder from the Courier Journal has been calling several fire chiefs trying to get information about station manning and firefighter salaries. He said that he is gathering info for a future article and he is not sure when it will be in the newspaper.
- Please don't forget about the prime rib dinner night on Tuesday December 21st at 7:00pm.
- Enclosed you will find an e-mail from Trinity's President Rob Mullin to the Trinity Board Members. I thought you might find it interesting.

Expenditure Request For December 2004

86	Sweatshirts	\$1,500.00
	Annual FH Software Training Class, Charlotte, North Carolina	\$3,800.00
	March 2005, (Stuart Monahan, Dan Doyle, Tina Freibert)	

Trustees Meeting Agenda December 9, 2004

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:25 PM*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
- VI. ✓ New Business
- *Chapter 75 Resolution (Tom Efler)
- VII. ✓ Executive Session *@ 5:45 - 6:10*
- VIII. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on January 20th at Buechel Fire Department @ 7:00pm, this will be a joint meeting with the Chief's Association.

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

December 9, 2004

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 6:15 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Rick Tonini, Jim Graven, Tom Efler, Jack Monahan, & John Volkerding.

The Minutes of the November 2004 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

2004

December 9, 2004, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

December 9, 2004

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, December 13, 2003 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, Assistant Chief Monohan, Tim Eifler, John Treitz, Mike Frantz, Paul Kurtz, Tina Freibert.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim Graven reported that the checking account balance is around \$50,500 and that a payroll of \$53,000 is due this coming Friday. Graven believes that the District will not need to borrow operating funds.

Graven led a brief discussion of the financials and tax bills.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported that the District responded to 136 runs in November. The total for the year to date is 1638.

Chief Seng distributed a letter to the Board from Captain Frank Flynn. Flynn's letter described the experience he had with our health insurance during the recent birth of his child. He thanked the Board for providing a high quality benefit package to the employees.

Chief Seng reported that he is changing to a different carrier to provide phone service to the District. He expects savings of \$100 monthly.

Seng also reported that he has changed the dumpster service with an anticipated savings of \$150 per month.

Chief invited the Board to the annual prime rib dinner on Dec. 21 at station 1.

Assistant Chief Monohan reported that he had received grants in the amount of \$5500 each from Norton Suburban and Jewish East Hospitals for the purchase of tablet computers for the fire apparatus. He expected Ken Flemming and Ellen Call to make funds available from metro government as well.

Chief Seng had the following expenditure requests:

- 86 sweatshirts \$1500
- Firehouse Software Training Seminar for 3 attendees \$3800

Tom Eifler moved for executive session at 5:50 PM.

The board moved back into general session at 6:05

Rick Tonini moved and Jim Graven seconded that a gift be distributed to each employee equal to 2% of their gross salary. The motion passed unanimously.

John Volkerding moved and Jim Graven seconded that the Trustees adopt a points plan similar to HCFD for distribution of bonus checks. This system will reward participation in training and runs. The motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan moved and Jim Graven seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 6:14 P.M.

December 9, 2004, Trustee meeting: Letter—

December 9, 2004

St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District:

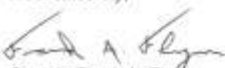
As many of you are aware, my wife, Julie, and I recently welcomed our new baby boy, Charles Michael, into our lives. Charlie's birth, as well as his extensive prenatal care, has given me great cause to call attention to the wonderful benefits I receive as a St. Matthews Firefighter.

Julie's pregnancy was considered high risk and as a result, a number of medical procedures were performed to insure the safety of both mom and baby. Our nine months awaiting Charlie included: several ultrasounds; an amniocentesis; an attempt to turn a breech baby; and for the grand finale, an emergency C-section. I am thrilled to report not one of these procedures cost us the first cent. Charlie is ours free and clear!

In today's rocky healthcare climate I am keenly aware that the salary and benefits package we are offered as St. Matthews Firefighters is truly a rarity. Not only is our coverage extensively thorough, our salaries are kept fully intact since we do not contribute to premium costs.

I know I speak for all of us when I say thank you for such an outstanding show of support for your St. Matthews Firefighters. Most every day we have reason to be grateful for our generous benefits package. The birth of my son brought many of those days to light (no doubt with many more to come) and I wanted to take this opportunity to say we are a fortunate department to have you as our Board of Trustees.

Most sincerely,


Captain Frank A. Flynn
St. Matthews Fire Department

2004

December 9, 2004, Trustee meeting: Financials—

1:18 PM
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Actual Basis

St. Matthews Fire Protection District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through December 2004

	Dec-04	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
5000 - Real Property Tax	1,230,252.00			
5001 - Personal Property Tax	11,870.00			
5002 - Prior Period Taxes	24.00			
6140 - Incentive Pay From State	10,126.00			
6160 - Incentive Pension Contribution	3,500.00			
6060 - Interest Income, CD's	337.71			
Total Income	1,237,975.00			
Gross Profit	1,237,975.00			
Expense				
10 - Other Expenses				
6300 - Physicals and Immunization	0.00			
6320 - Uniforms	979.00			
6340 - Turnout Gear	7,987.00			
6360 - Recreation-Station's #1 & #2	10,733.21			
6380 - Training Expense	3,576.02			
6385 - Employee Assistance	0.00			
6391 - Education Assistance	0.00			
6500 - Fuel(All vehicle fuel)	1,035.00			
6600 - Repairs and Maintenance	12,945.50			
6700 - Equipment Expense	1,145.34			
6707 - EMTD Expenditures	309.04			
6709 - SCBA Purchases & Repairs	1,104.30			
6720 - Utilities	4,116.50			
6775 - Computer Purchases & Repairs	532.07			
6785 - Building Maintenance & Supplies	12,694.00			
6800 - Phones	952.40			
6830 - Personal Papers	305.40			
6880 - Radio Purchases & Repairs	942.00			
6920 - County Alarm	0.00			
6999 - Uncategorized Expenses	0.00			
7060 - Accounting and Auditing	1,025.00			
7060 - Legal Expenses-Professional	40,084.12			
7100 - Legal Advertising	0.00			
7105 - Data Processing	565.30			
7110 - District Tax Refs	0.00			
7120 - Insurance	11,673.10			
7140 - Postage	206.10			
7160 - Trustee Fees	150.00			
7200 - Office Supplies	912.25			
7240 - Membership Fees-Associations	358.22			
7260 - Trustee Association	0.00			
7270 - Legislative Representation	0.00			
7275 - Public Education	-30.00			
7300 - Bank Charges	0.00			
Total 10 - Other Expenses	119,492.01			

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Actual Basis

St. Matthews Fire Protection District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through December 2004

	Dec-04	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
T - Personal Expenses				
6000 - Salaries(FF's)	116,401.04			
6001 - Overtime Wages	12,481.50			
6002 - Incentive Wages	7,748.00			
6020 - Employers Fica(Fa)	7,934.69			
6060 - Group Health Insurance	22,188.05			
6080 - Group Term Life	341.00			
6090 - Dental Insurance	1,939.00			
6100 - CERS-Employees Portion(Fa)	24,929.19			
6120 - Workman's Compensation	0.00			
6200 - Expense Reimbursement	6,267.40			
Total T - Personal Expenses	204,223.27			
9362 - Capital Expenditures				
9407 - Merger Expenses	0.00			
9411 - Seal Parking Lot	0.00			
9362 - Capital Expenditures - Other	0.00			
Total 9362 - Capital Expenditures	0.00			
9700 - Reserve	0.00			
Total Expense	323,665.28			
Net Income	914,309.71			

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Actual Basis

St. Matthews Fire Protection District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through December 2004

	Jul - Dec 04	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
5000 - Real Property Tax	1,209,157.16	2,349,000.00	-1,139,842.82	51.48%
5001 - Personal Property Tax	84,298.10	163,000.00	-78,701.81	45.54%
5002 - Prior Period Taxes	22,281.64	20,000.00	2,281.64	111.48%
6140 - Incentive Pay From State	61,851.24	64,000.00	-2,148.76	95.0%
6160 - Incentive Pension Contribution	12,931.00	16,000.00	-3,069.00	80.82%
6060 - Interest Income, CD's	1,235.66	12,000.00	-10,764.34	10.21%
Total Income	1,391,712.81	2,674,000.00	-1,282,287.00	52.05%
Gross Profit	1,391,712.81	2,674,000.00	-1,282,287.00	52.05%
Expense				
10 - Other Expenses				
6300 - Physicals and Immunization	840.00	15,000.00	-14,160.00	7.97%
6320 - Uniforms	2,739.11	9,700.00	-6,960.89	27.99%
6340 - Turnout Gear	14,734.62	15,700.00	-965.38	93.23%
6360 - Recreation-Station's #1 & #2	15,494.28	15,000.00	494.28	103.29%
6380 - Training Expense	10,132.67	32,250.00	-22,117.33	31.42%
6385 - Employee Assistance	844.76	1,500.00	-655.24	42.88%
6391 - Education Assistance	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
6500 - Fuel(All vehicle fuel)	6,117.24	17,000.00	-10,882.76	47.79%
6600 - Repairs and Maintenance	23,504.15	33,000.00	-9,495.85	71.23%
6700 - Equipment Expense	7,080.62	23,000.00	-15,919.38	30.31%
6707 - EMTD Expenditures	974.78	5,000.00	-4,025.22	19.5%
6709 - SCBA Purchases & Repairs	1,636.88	3,000.00	-1,363.12	46.77%
6720 - Utilities	16,241.90	38,000.00	-21,758.10	42.74%
6775 - Computer Purchases & Repairs	409.38	10,000.00	-9,590.64	4.39%
6785 - Building Maintenance & Supplies	25,087.79	23,000.00	2,087.79	109.08%
6800 - Phones	4,820.94	11,000.00	-6,179.06	44.74%
6830 - Personal Papers	1,328.95	3,000.00	-1,671.05	44.3%
6880 - Radio Purchases & Repairs	8,327.92	10,000.00	-1,672.08	63.33%
6920 - County Alarm	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
6999 - Uncategorized Expenses	0.00			
7060 - Accounting and Auditing	9,720.00	8,500.00	1,220.00	149.54%
7060 - Legal Expenses-Professional	45,477.55	8,000.00	37,477.55	617.83%
7100 - Legal Advertising	0.00	700.00	-700.00	0.0%
7105 - Data Processing	2,921.53	8,000.00	-5,078.47	46.89%
7110 - District Tax Refs	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
7120 - Insurance	37,172.90	36,000.00	1,172.90	103.08%
7140 - Postage	149.59	1,000.00	-850.44	14.96%
7160 - Trustee Fees	900.00	1,800.00	-900.00	50.0%
7200 - Office Supplies	3,069.34	7,000.00	-3,930.66	43.85%
7240 - Membership Fees-Associations	1,329.80	2,500.00	-1,170.40	53.18%
7260 - Trustee Association	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
7270 - Legislative Representation	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
7275 - Public Education	441.53	3,500.00	-3,058.47	12.62%
7300 - Bank Charges	-27.57			
Total 10 - Other Expenses	249,401.31	341,357.00	-91,955.69	71.89%

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Actual Basis

St. Matthews Fire Protection District Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July through December 2004

	Jul - Dec 04	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
T - Personal Expenses				
6000 - Salaries(FF's)	628,803.86	1,200,000.00	-571,196.14	52.34%
6001 - Overtime Wages	77,867.70	160,000.00	-82,132.30	48.44%
6002 - Incentive Wages	45,883.33	90,000.00	-44,116.67	57.39%
6020 - Employers Fica(Fa)	50,883.33	112,138.31	-61,255.47	45.44%
6060 - Group Health Insurance	129,423.04	360,000.00	-230,576.96	69.79%
6080 - Group Term Life	2,343.50	4,800.00	-2,456.50	48.9%
6090 - Dental Insurance	8,675.30	22,000.00	-13,324.70	43.71%
6100 - CERS-Employees Portion(Fa)	122,051.96	316,000.00	-193,948.04	38.61%
6120 - Workman's Compensation	10,563.00	46,000.00	-35,437.00	22.92%
6200 - Expense Reimbursement	59,865.07	55,000.00	4,865.07	88.84%
Total T - Personal Expenses	1,109,475.54	2,243,838.00	-1,134,362.46	49.01%
9362 - Capital Expenditures				
9407 - Merger Expenses	205.00			
9411 - Seal Parking Lot	3,300.00			
9362 - Capital Expenditures - Other	0.00	36,700.00	-36,700.00	0.0%
Total 9362 - Capital Expenditures	3,505.00	36,700.00	-33,195.00	10.10%
9700 - Reserve	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	1,143,980.54	2,674,000.00	-1,530,019.46	57.48%
Net Income	255,732.27	0.00	255,732.27	100.0%

2004
December 9, 2004, Trustee meeting: 2004 Tax Year—

December
Col. John E. Aubrey, Sheriff
Sheriff's Report of Tax Collections
2004 TAX YEAR
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Fund # 126

Tax Type	Collections	Penalties	Gross Taxes	Discount	Net Collections	Sheriff's Commission
Real Estate	<u>1,084,020.06</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,084,020.06</u>	<u>(19,729.40)</u>	<u>1,064,290.66</u>	<u>(10,642.91)</u>
Tangibles						
1.7 Sched A. Equip.	212,579.13	0.00	212,579.13	(3,713.54)	208,865.59	(2,088.66)
4.0 Noncommercial Aircraft	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	(0.50)
4.1 Documented Boats	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.0 Total Schedule D	1,975.31	0.00	1,975.31	(12.18)	1,963.13	(19.63)
8.2 Other Tangible Property	350.79	0.00	350.79	(7.02)	343.77	(3.44)
3.1 Merchants Inventory	204,425.04	0.00	204,425.04	(3,822.15)	200,602.89	(2,006.03)
3.2 Finished Goods	853.70	0.00	853.70	(17.07)	836.63	(8.37)
3.5 Goods/W/ouse Resid.	358.22	0.00	358.22	(7.18)	351.04	(3.51)
3.6 Goods/W/ouse Transit	<u>1,082.52</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,082.52</u>	<u>(21.65)</u>	<u>1,060.87</u>	<u>(10.61)</u>
Sub-Total	421,674.71	0.00	421,674.71	(7,600.79)	414,073.92	(4,140.74)
8.6 Franchise Tax						
Tangible	1,527.85	0.93	1,528.78	0.00	1,528.78	(15.29)
Real Estate	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Sub-Total	1,527.85	0.93	1,528.78	0.00	1,528.78	(15.29)
KBTA						
Add'l Bills	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Sub-Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9.1 Airlines/Railroads/Railways	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	<u>1,507,222.62</u>	<u>0.93</u>	<u>1,507,223.55</u>	<u>(27,330.19)</u>	<u>1,479,893.36</u>	<u>(14,798.93)</u>

Prior Yr Refunds 0.00

Due District 1,465,094.43

Prepared by James E. O'Daniel
Chief Financial Officer

Col. John E. Aubrey, Sheriff

2004

December 9 & 16, 2004, *The Voice-Tribune*, Advertisement for Book.

December 13, 2004, Proclamation:

**St. Matthews Fire Dept.
Alumni Association Inc.**
Is excited to announce the new book

**St. Matthews
Firefighters**
84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky
by Al Ring



This book is a reference piece and the first illustrated and documented story of the St. Matthews Fire Department from its beginning in 1919 through 2003. There are 84 years of documents, letters, interviews, newspaper articles, pictures and more that vividly tell the story of the fire service and firefighters.

Historical data from this book and the documentation of the events from these 84 years will be of significant interest to researchers, fire and local history buffs and former department members.

This true story is about the strengths of over 650 people who were involved with the department over the past 84 years. Men and women from all walks of life, educational levels, etc. came together to create a very unique and compelling story. They set and maintained the bar for all levels of the firefighting service. There were, and continue to be, a much respected fire

department in the firefighting industry. The citizens of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and citizens of Kentucky have every right to be very proud of these fine dedicated professionals.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
ALAN (AL) D. RING is a former St. Matthews firefighter and board member (1964 to 1990) having moved to St. Matthews in 1951 at age 8. A Waggener High School graduate, Al was the owner of a local service station, realtor and home builder. He retired to Tucson, Ariz., in 1998 with his wife, Karen, and son Evan. Retired, Al is doing research, writing a newspaper column with his brother and writing books on local mining history. If you have any additional information on the St. Matthews Fire Department, please contact him at ringal@msn.com.

This book would make a great Christmas gift for those "hard to buy for" friends!

Mail to & make checks payable to:
St. Matthews Fire Dept. Alumni Association Inc.
240 Sears Ave., Louisville, KY 40207

☐ I would like to order _____ history book(s) and have enclosed \$37.05 per book including sales tax. (for local pick-up) Amount _____

☐ I would like to order _____ history book(s) @ \$42.90 ea. including \$7.95 ea. for shipping. If shipping to Kentucky address, please include \$1.80 sales tax ea. Amount _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State & Zip _____ Tel # _____

A Proclamation

from the Mayor of the

City of Windy Hills, KY

in Appreciation and Acknowledgement of a
Quarter Century of Community Service by

Faye Ellerkamp

Whereas, the esteemed Faye Ellerkamp has served the City of Windy Hills, KY in the most vital dual positions of City Clerk and Treasurer for twenty-five years with utmost integrity and diligence; and

Whereas, she has perceptively and carefully recorded all city activities, proceedings, ordinances and facts regarding the population and properties of our fair city; and

Whereas, she has prudently managed the investment of city funds, judiciously pursued and collected all revenues due the city, and demonstrated the highest degree of care for city finances and record keeping; and

Whereas, she has volunteered her own home to serve as City offices, administrative support facility and records storage; all at personal sacrifice, inconvenience and intrusion of her property;

Now Therefore, I, Louis A. Phillips, Mayor of the City of Windy Hills, Kentucky, proclaim and acknowledge the sincere appreciation, admiration, and respect of a grateful community for a job well done.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of December, 2004.


Mayor Louis A. Phillips
City of Windy Hills, KY

2004

December 22, 2004, Memorandum & earlier letter:



JEFFERSON COUNTY
FIRE SERVICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairpersons, Boards of Trustees
Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service

FROM: Jack Clark, Chairman
Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association

SUBJECT: MEETING ON DEC. 21
CALLED BY ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DIST. CHIEF BILL SENG

Organizations:
Fire Trustees Association
Fire Chiefs Association
Fire Alliance
Firefighters Association
Fire Inspectors Association
Fire Instructors Association
Public Information,
Education & Recruitment

Chief Bill Seng of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District has requested a meeting to be attended by all Suburban Fire Service Chiefs as well as a trustee representative from each Jefferson County Fire District. Chief Seng states in his E Mail on this subject: "The purpose of this meeting is to get all of the chiefs and trustees on board to sign a resolution supporting a bill that St. Matthews will file with the Kentucky Legislature increasing the ten cent cap in Chapter 75."

This memorandum is being written to state that the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association has endorsed no such legislative proposal. To my knowledge, Chief Seng has never brought this issue to the association and it therefore has never been discussed nor approved at any meeting. The Trustees Association is therefore not responsible for this issue being introduced. Its introduction and any ramifications, which may come from it, are the sole responsibility of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

For your information, the Trustees Association Governmental Affairs Committee discussed this issue during the last session of the KY General Assembly. The members of that committee were subsequently advised by a member of the House leadership that such a bill would never make it out of committee and, that its introduction might just be negative grist for the media mill. The bill was therefore never introduced during the last session. To my knowledge, this issue is still a very explosive one which should be handled with the utmost care and now might not be the time to introduce a bill which will allow fire taxes to be increased, especially given the fact that the COURIER JOURNAL is about to publish a series of articles which, we have been told, will not be flattering to say the least. However, each district will need to make its own decisions regarding this issue. I just wanted to make sure everyone knew that the Trustees Association was not involved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Subj: FW: Fire District Tax Increase
Date: 12/19/2004 4:16:37 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Seng@stmatthewsfd.com
To: m1monahan@aol.com

—Original Message—

From: Wolf, Ron [mailto:Ron.Wolf@loukymetro.org]
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2004 11:06 AM
To: 'seng@stmatthewsfd.com'
Cc: Donnie Brooks (E-mail); Barth, Paul; Wolf, Ron
Subject: Fire District Tax Increase

CHIEF SENG,

Chief Brooks sent me the information regarding your meeting next Tuesday, December 21st, to discuss an increase the amount a fire district can charge. Unfortunately, I have another commitment at that time and will be unable to attend. However, this is a matter "near and dear" to me, for which I would like to share a few of my thoughts with you (in no particular order):

#1. I am in agreement the ceiling should be raised. However, I understand that St. Matthews is only looking at a 2 cent increase, to 12 cents. I would encourage establishing a higher ceiling, with "stair steps" in place so that no district can increase a dramatic amount at any time. This would be done to insure the property owners of "rate stabilization" and not "tax shock" and would also help protect the districts in the long run.

#2. I have been told that Russ Maple may be your lobbyist to get this through the legislature. While I am not the biggest fan of the JCFTA, I would ask that you reconsider Mr. Maple's involvement. He does not have any recent experience with the legislature. Also, I don't believe he will be well-received in the Republican controlled Senate. If you don't wish to utilize Bob Benson, there are several other individuals I can suggest you consider.

#3. I am very concerned that St. Matthews is giving the other districts only a week's notice prior to the beginning of the legislature. I feel this is not the best cooperation that should take place between the districts. Please know that most, if not all, would be glad to entertain the idea of trying to raise the tax ceiling. Working together, we would have a far greater chance of getting this accomplished. I am thankful that St. Matthews is having the meeting. I would ask for you folks to work with the rest of the districts on this matter, instead of "going it alone." I believe it would be better for the image of the fire protection districts to be more united in their legislative attempts. Also, please know that in the up-coming "short session," you will need 60% approval in both chambers to get a tax increase. This may not be the best time to introduce this

measure. Finally, with the future article from Matt Batchelder, this is even more of a reason to stay together.

#4. Going back to #1, we (being all the districts) can write into this proposed change in the legislation that this increase will only go to those districts who meet/implement the following:

1. have full-time personnel
2. is a "first responder"
3. provides/participates in:
EMS/ambulance services
swift water rescue
trench rescue
other such specialty services

The reason for these distinction is the fact that the VFD in Jackson County, KY (and other rural areas) does not provide the above services, but still puts out fires. The districts in Jefferson and possibly some in the northern Kentucky counties, do provide additional services on a daily basis. It is for these reasons these districts need the additional funding...we are doing much more than just putting out fires. These services are wanted and needed in our respective areas. We are glad to provide them, but are no longer in an financially feasible position to continue those services under our current tax structure. This should not be a Jefferson County issue. Make the legislation broad enough that any district can qualify if they meet the standards established with these legislative changes.

Bill, I will be glad to work with you and any other individuals or districts on this matter. Please do not misunderstand...I am on your side. However, I would like to offer further suggestions and insight on this issue so that we can continue to do our job and provide the services our residents want and need in a fiscally responsible manner. Please know that I do intend to attend your January Board meeting to discuss this issue with them as well.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions/comments or concerns you may have.

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December 18, 2004, Letter

Subj: FW: Fire District Tax Increase
Date: 12/19/2004 4:15:52 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Sengi@stmatthewsfd.com
To: m1monchan@aol.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe Wolfe
Sent: Saturday, December 18, 2004 3:28 PM
To: William Seng
Subject: RE: Fire District Tax Increase

Chief, I believe that Ron may be right about some of his concerns. I heard that Jack Clark has sent out an inflammatory response to this initiative. We should not back down in the face of Clark's attack. Judging for the tenor of his letter, I believe he is speaking more for Jack Clark than in the interest of the JCFTA. I think he feels that somebody is playing in his sandbox. Maybe this will force the JCFTA to address this issue more aggressively. Perhaps Jack would like to come to our January meeting to express these feelings in person?

As far as the timing.....does anybody believe the timing will ever be "right"? As far as the politics of the situation....I have to leave that to people who understand the upside down world of Ky politics. I do know one thing.....we will never get the legislation passed if it is never introduced.

Thanks Joe

2004

December 22, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*, by Jessie Halladay, Elderly woman dies in after St. Matthews house fire in St. Matthews.

Local/Regional » News Item

Wednesday, December 22, 2004

Elderly woman dies in after St. Matthews house fire in St. Matthews

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By Jessie Halladay
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The Courier-Journal

An elderly woman died last night despite St. Matthews firefighters' efforts to rescue her from a burning house on Ormond Road.

Firefighters were called to the 3800 block of Ormond Road, west of Chenoweth Lane, about 9 p.m., said Rick Tonini, spokesman for the department. When they arrived, they found fire and heavy smoke pouring out of the front of the house.

Neighbors in the front yard told firefighters that an elderly woman lived inside, so they began a rescue effort, Tonini said.

Firefighters found a woman, whose identity has not yet been released, unconscious and unresponsive in a first-floor bedroom, Tonini said.

While trying to carry the woman out of the house, one firefighter slipped partially through a section of floor that had collapsed. The firefighter was not seriously injured.

A second firefighter was able to get the woman out of the house into the driveway, where they began CPR until paramedics arrived, Tonini said.

The woman was taken to Baptist Hospital East but did not survive, Tonini said.

Fire investigators were on the scene last night, trying to determine the cause of the blaze.

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December 28, 2004, *The Courier-Journal*:

St. Matthews businesses damaged in morning fire

Two businesses along Breckenridge Lane suffered heavy damage yesterday from an early morning fire.

Firefighters responded to the blaze at 126 Breckenridge Lane just after 3 a.m., said Lt. Col. Tom Carroll of Louisville Fire & Rescue.

Damage from the fire was contained in the House of Dragon restaurant and VIP Cleaners, Carroll said. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

It took about an hour for about 32 firefighters to bring the blaze under control, Carroll said.

2004

December 31, 2004: *The Courier-Journal*, by Matt Batcheldor, Fire district sues offices over taxes—

Fire district sues offices over taxes

\$1.5 million sought in St. Matthews

By Matt Batcheldor
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The St. Matthews Fire Protection District is suing the Jefferson County sheriff's and clerk's offices, claiming that the agencies failed to collect more than \$1.5 million in taxes for the district over 19 years.

It also is suing the county Property Valuation Administrator's insurance company, blaming the PVA for the same thing. Tim Eifler, the fire district's attorney, said he did not know which agency was to blame but it was one or a combination of the three.

"I think it's fair to say that the fire district was forced to go through this (legal) process," Eifler said.

"The fire district every year lawfully levied its taxes, and they simply failed to do what they're supposed to do."

The uncollected tax was the yearly tangible property tax, 10 cents on each \$100, that primarily affects businesses' inventory and equipment. The fire district also levies taxes on real estate, which was collected, Eifler said.

Eifler said insurance companies representing the three offices would be responsible for paying the damages if the lawsuits, filed yesterday, are successful.

He said he is not sure whether businesses would be responsible for paying any of the back taxes — the sheriff's office would have to determine that.

Carl Yates, a spokesman for the sheriff's office, referred comment to the Jefferson County attorney's office, where spokesman Bill Patteson declined to comment.

Paula McCraney, a spokeswoman for County Clerk Bobbie Holsclaw, declined to comment.

Property Valuation Administrator Denise Harper Angel, who was elected to the state Senate and is leaving office today, said the PVA is not responsible for the error.

She said the office, where she worked for 30 years, only assesses property and assigns tax codes for particular areas.

"I think the fire district is going after anything that they think they can collect on," Harper Angel said. "It's really a sad thing that this is going on at the end of my term here."

Eifler said the total amount of back taxes due from 1985 to 2003 has not been determined, but it is more than \$1.5 million.

Jim Graven, a trustee on the fire district's governing board, said he discovered the tax-collecting error in October after reviewing a list of tax revenues for

all 19 fire districts in the county and noticing that St. Matthews' revenue was strikingly lower.

The fire district notified the sheriff's office, which then discovered that tangible property taxes had not been collected since the district was created in 1984 to the 2003 tax year, said Jim O'Daniel, the sheriff's office's chief financial officer.

The fire district told the sheriff's office to collect the tangible property tax for 2004.

O'Daniel said the mix-up was related to different codes for billing purposes that were assigned by the state Revenue Cabinet to the St. Matthews fire district as a whole and to the city of St. Matthews, which makes up most, but not all, of the district.

Last month, the St. Matthews fire district asked the sheriff's office to collect back taxes from businesses for 1999 to 2003.

Later, the district decided to sue for all 19 years of back taxes.

Undated photos from 2004—courtesy STMFD:



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2004 STMFD members:

Chief Officers & 40 Hour Weekday Staff



Chief Seng



Asst. Chief Monohan



Capt Ryan
Fire Marshall



Capt Richardson
Training Coordinator



Maj. Strange
Maintenance



Sgt DeHart
Maintenance

1st Shift - Red Days



Capt Doyle



Sgt Willinger



FF Frantz



FF Mosely



Capt Monohan



Sgt Marshall



FF Renner



FF Moulton

2004

2004 STMFD members:

2nd Shift - Blue Days



Capt Heaphy



Sgt Glass



FF Clark



FF Stoke



Capt Wolfe



Sgt Sorenson



FF Board



FF Wiggins

3rd Shift - Green Days



Capt Flynn



Sgt Kurtz



FF Crabb



FF Dayton



Capt Dugan



Sgt Brown



FF Clore



FF Montague

2004

2004 STMFD members:

Volunteers - Officers, Marshals, Sergeants



Capt Clifford



Capt Volkerding



Marshal Chilko



Marshal Engnehl



Sgt Beneke



Sgt Kilroy



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2004

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2004

December 2004, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (12/01/2004) And (12/31/2004)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	2	1.18%	\$10,000	100.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
130 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
162 Outside equipment fire	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
	8	4.73%	\$10,000	100.00%

3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	73	43.19%	\$0	0.00%
3111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
	76	44.97%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light ballast	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	8	4.73%	\$0	0.00%
	21	12.42%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call				
522 Water or steam leak	4	2.36%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	4	2.36%	\$0	0.00%
	11	6.50%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	6	3.55%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	8	4.73%	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	5	2.95%	\$0	0.00%
650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
	23	13.60%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	5	2.95%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	5	2.95%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	8	4.73%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	5	2.95%	\$0	0.00%
	30	17.75%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 169

Total Est. Loss:

\$10,000

Total Runs YTD = 1808

2004

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Thomas O. Eifler
Faye Ellerkamp
James King, end
John M. "Jack" Monohan, III
Richard J. "Rick" Tonini
John K. Volkerding
Joe Wolfe
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2004 Chief William "Bill" Seng (P)
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Sgt. Mike "Fozz" Willinger (P)

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Matt Board	8/2004
John Chilko (Marshall)	David Meiners (Volunteer)
Nick Clark (P)	Derrick Miskell (Recruit)
Moss Clore	Patrick Montague (P)
Greg Crabb	Brendan Montgomery, (P) hired
Mark Craycroft	11/2004
(Volunteer)	Wayne Mosely (P)
Kent Dayton (P)	Kevin Moulton (P)
Denny Engnehl (Marshall)	Adam Panisiak (Volunteer)
Frederick Fischer	Reinhart, Brandon (Recruit)
Mike Frantz (P)	Ron Renner (P)
Dan Green (Volunteer)	Tadd Roberts (Volunteer)
Hase, Myron (Recruit)	Matt Slyter
Chip Hayward (Volunteer)	Richardson Stimphill
Huckelberry, John (Recruit)	Thomas, Scott, (Recruit)
Chad Johnson	Louis Stoke (P)
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Scott Johnson (Volunteer)	Richard Vail
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Departments fed by taxes, get little public scrutiny



By David R. Lutman, Special to The Courier-Journal

Some state legislators think the law governing fire districts should be beefed up so that the public gets more information. Above, St. Matthews firefighter George Wiggins responded to a call at an apartment complex last month.

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Supported by increasing property taxes, Jefferson County's 19 suburban fire districts are no longer all-volunteer departments, but sophisticated operations spending more than \$30 million a year on salaries and other expenses.

Yet their growth over the past 10 years has occurred with little oversight by government agencies or attention from taxpayers.

Few people vote in elections for board members who run the departments, many records that districts are required to provide to the public were not filed last year and no one at the state or county level keeps tabs on what is being filed — or not filed, *The Courier-Journal* has found.

For example:

► Fifteen of the 19 districts

either failed to file or were inconsistent in submitting records to the state or Jefferson County clerk last year. Districts could be penalized by the state in some cases, but that's not happening.

► Taxpayers elect only two of the seven trustees on each board; the rest are chosen by firefighters or appointed. Most times, elections, which are held during three hours on a Saturday in June, are decided with hardly anyone voting. Ten or fewer people voted in 13 districts' most recent property-owner elections.

Paul Barth, president of the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association, said Kentucky's laws governing fire districts need to be reviewed "from top to bottom."

Barth, who is also chief of the McMahan district and suburban fire liaison to Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson, said he was shocked that departments weren't filing appropriate paper-

work. "If the law is broken, there should be some type of penalty," he said.

Barth said, however, that he approves of the way elections are handled, and he said the makeup of the boards doesn't need to be changed.

One legislator wants elections moved to coincide with other local elections.

Still other legislators think the state's law governing fire districts should be beefed up to ensure the public has more information and to hold departments accountable.

"These are no longer the quaint neighborhood, rural, volunteer fire groups," said state Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville. "We need to add some oversight."

Today, in a special four-page pullout section that begins on Page A7, we explain the workings of the county's fire-district system — one that even fire chiefs acknowledge not many people understand.

INSIDE | FOUR-PAGE PULLOUT SECTION ON SUBURBAN FIRE DISTRICTS



Missing records break law

Several fire districts didn't submit required minutes or financial records to the county last year. **A7**

Elections often draw few

District elections often draw fewer than 10 voters, and candidates may be in charge of counting the votes. **A7**

Data can't prove benefits

Districts can't prove service is faster with paid firefighters because the way they track response times is flawed. **A9**

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Sources: Individual fire districts

By Steve Durbin, The Courier-Journal

turbed" that many departments are not following the law, and he agreed that stricter penalties need to be considered.

State Rep. Steve Riggs, D-Jeffersontown, chairman of the House Local Government Committee, said he would "certainly consider changes" in the laws governing fire districts.

"It seems to me like the biggest area of concern is, is the board made up properly and

can the election process be improved?" Riggs said.

Byrne, the attorney for the Jefferson County trustee association, said the state legislature has changed the law before when people criticized the system as not being open enough.

The legislature set the standard date for fire trustee elections in 1996 in response to a 1988 *Courier-Journal* series that questioned the system, Byrne said.



By Keith Williams, The Courier-Journal

In the last year, seven departments failed to file required financial reports with the Jefferson County clerk, and 11 were lax on the minutes from monthly trustee meetings. The county files are shown in June here.

Revenue growth

The chart shows fire districts' revenue change over a 10-year period.

Fire district	Revenue	
	1992-93	2002-03
Anchorage	N/A	\$1,093,841
Buechel	\$515,277	\$1,044,180
Camp Taylor	\$512,426	\$865,040
Dixie Suburban	\$82,648	\$117,624
Eastwood	\$210,884	\$867,222
Edgewood	\$352,197	N/A
Fairdale	\$454,744	\$1,001,316
Fern Creek	\$619,464	\$1,699,504
Harrods Creek	\$798,996	\$2,231,060
Highview	\$585,459	\$1,172,349
Jeffersontown	\$935,398	\$3,077,551
Lake Dreamland	\$422,798	\$951,155
Lyndon	\$1,012,655	\$2,576,735
McMahan	\$510,300	\$967,680
Middletown	\$2,260,656	\$3,758,357
Okolona	\$983,677	\$2,359,764
Pleasure Ridge Park	\$1,481,261	\$3,375,247
St. Matthews	\$1,306,301	\$2,445,136
Worthington	\$602,209	\$2,360,208
Total	\$13,647,350	\$31,963,969

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the last Saturday in June.

"That's not good democracy," Riggs said.

But Maurice Byrne, an attorney who represents the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association, said the current system works.

"I think what makes it work, (is) if it's not done right, one side is going to complain."

Rep. Ron Crimm, R-Middletown, said that some fire departments have a hard time finding two residents to fill the current elected positions.

"If we can't find two, how are we going to find five?" Crimm said. "Show me how you will get these people."

Paul Barth, Abramson's liaison to the fire districts, said he backs the current system. He would like more people to be involved, he said, but "I'm not sure that there's anything else we can do."

Barth, who is also chief of the McMahan department and president of the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association, said districts have tried to get more people involved. He said they sponsor a cable TV show shown on Metro TV channel 25. Some districts play host to community events, send out newsletters and have Web sites.

Barth said the reason people aren't more involved with their fire districts is that they are happy with them the way they are.

Critics complain that residents have little say over the fire districts or the tax bills they send out, which tend to increase each year.

Former Eastwood Trustee Jackie Wolford, who spent two



By Chris Hall, Special to The Courier-Journal
Worthington Trustee Bill Romine, shown voting in June, retained his spot in a disputed election. A challenger complained that voter eligibility hadn't been checked.

decades on the board, said residents have little say because the districts don't do a good job of advertising the trustee positions. She said that's the only way to get new people on the trustee boards and create more oversight.

"It's called new blood," she said. "You need new ideas on the board."

But another critic, Sharon Woodring of Fairdale, said property owners don't get to elect enough trustees to make a difference. Woodring, head of Fairdale Area Concerned Citizens, said the two elected residents on the Fairdale Fire District's board are outnumbered by the appointed representatives and the firefighters.

"You don't stand much chance," she said. "It's two against five."

During fire-district elections on June 26, a couple who showed up to vote at the main Worthington firehouse asked then-Trustee Paul Schmitt if they needed to show any iden-

tification. No, the election is on the "honor system," he said.

Worthington candidate Amy Leenerts later challenged the election because trustees weren't checking voters' names and addresses.

"How are we supposed to know who these people are?" said Leenerts, who lost by 25 votes.

She asked the board to throw out the election results, but it refused and ruled that her opponent, incumbent Bill Romine, was the winner.

Fairdale trustees didn't check identifications at their election either. Trustee Chairman Jim Beeler said trustees would check records if they didn't know the person. But the records they use — like the ones Worthington had on hand — provide only street addresses in the district, not a list of property owners. Therefore, there is no immediate way to prove that people who show up to vote are qualified to do so.

In a 2000 change to state law governing fire trustee elections, the General Assembly lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

But, Byrne said, it also inadvertently deleted language that prevented firefighters from voting in property-owner elections. So firefighters now can vote in both firefighter and property-owner elections, and they often control who wins.

Trustees say they don't serve for the money. State law caps their pay at \$25 per meeting. More than a dozen trustees said in interviews that they joined their boards to help the community, much like joining a club or doing other volunteer work.

Suburban fire district elections

Chart shows the total number of votes cast at suburban fire districts in their last elections for property-owner trustee.

Fire district	Votes cast	District's population
Anchorage	3	2,157
Buechel	1	16,662
Camp Taylor	3	6,068
Dixie Suburban	1	2,593
Eastwood	4	5,327
Edgewood	1	1,649
Fairdale	149	23,483
Fern Creek	37	26,453
Hamods Creek	48	15,024
Highview	10	21,035
Jeffersonstown	2	32,709
Lake Dreamland	1	9,071
Lyndon	21	32,578
McMahan	4	14,545
Middletown	98	35,095
Okolona	4	54,602
Pleasure Ridge Park	9	62,733
St. Matthews	8	24,972
Worthington	131	20,493

Sources: Individual fire districts; 2000 census
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"A lot of people think everybody up here is paid a tremendous salary," Okolona Trustee Sue Floyd said. "People have no idea these people are all volunteers."


But people elected as property-owner trustees, as well as those appointed by Abramson, tend to have ties to firefighters or other trustees in their districts.

At the Camp Taylor Fire Protection District, for example, where Chief Harold Adkins and Deputy Chief Steve Adkins are father and son, there are several family or friendly connections.

Trustee Larry Barry is married to Harold Adkins' ex-wife. Trustee Gary Fields used to be Harold Adkins' roommate.

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Trustees Robert Newton and Mike Long are firefighters at Camp Taylor, and Long is married to Harold Adkins' daughter. The district's receptionist and bookkeeper, Darlene Harris, is also a trustee.

People find out about trustee positions "from a neighbor or a firefighter," Worthington Chief Gary Yurt said. "We're not putting any signs up that say, 'trustees wanted.'"

The elections must be advertised in the newspaper a month before they happen. The ads must list the time, date, place and who's running. But there is no requirement that departments advertise that people can apply to be a trustee, or set forth a deadline to apply.

"When the legal advertisement comes out, it's too late" for people to apply to be trustees, Byrne said. He said that's a problem, but he said state law would have to be changed to fix it. Jack Clark, president of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association, defended the election system. He said that before he helped rewrite a state law that was passed in 1996, there was no uniform date for the elections. He asked the legislature to set the fire elections in June to separate them from November politics.

And he said the state legislature was wise to, since 1956, give county judges the power to have significant input on the boards. "I don't think they (legislators) could have done any better," said Clark, who has been a trustee in Buechel since 1981. The law was amended in 2000 to give the Louisville metro mayor the responsibility to appoint trustees in Jefferson County.

HOW FIRE DISTRICTS ARE ORGANIZED

Board of Trustees

► Each fire district is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. Three are appointed by Mayor Jerry Abramson, two are firefighters and two are property owners who are elected.

► The board decides how the district's money is spent. It also appoints volunteers and hires and fires employees. The revenue it spends comes from a tax on real and personal property, generally 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, which appears on property-tax bills. The board meets monthly.

Chief

► The fire chief is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the department and reports to the board.

Captain

► A captain is in charge of a four-person crew, including himself, that rides on the same truck. He reports to the chief.

Sergeant

► A sergeant drives the truck and has authority over firefighters. He reports to a captain.

Firefighters

► Firefighters are responsible for a number of things other than fighting fires: responding to medical emergencies, cleaning spills on roadways and keeping the firehouse and equipment clean. They report to a sergeant.

Fire marshal

► Each department has a fire marshal who inspects buildings to make sure they meet fire codes.

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GARY YURT, chief in the Worthington Fire District

Medical-response duties add to fire departments' runs

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Chances are, the first unit that responds to a medical emergency in suburban Jefferson County won't be an ambulance.

It will be a firetruck.

Sixteen of the 19 fire districts are automatically dispatched to medical emergencies to offer first aid. And because they often are closer to someone with an emergency than an ambulance, they often arrive much sooner than Jefferson County EMS. They give heart-attack victims and people with other life-threatening problems a better chance of

survival.

The fire districts have joined the ranks of first responders gradually over the past decade as they have hired more full-time firefighters.

That means suburban firefighters are making more runs.

The number of runs the 19 departments made rose to 16,659 in 2003 from 6,865 in 1992. Nearly half of the runs in 2003 — 7,660 — were for medical emergencies. Firefighters are trained to offer life-saving aid, but they don't administer drugs or transport injured people to hospitals.

The fast-growing Worthington fire district in eastern Jefferson County had only

277 calls in 1992. In 2003, it had 1,258 calls, and 491 of those were EMS runs.

Worthington Chief Gary Yurt said firefighters make medical responses because they want to feel needed. When they're not fighting fires, they would rather save lives than sit around or fix up their stations.

"Saving somebody from a burning building can be a once in a lifetime opportunity," he said. "We know any day we might get that call of saving or rescuing somebody's life when it comes to medical care."

No one asked the fire districts to make EMS runs. In 1992, former Jefferson County

EMS director Mike Riordan said fire chiefs from St. Matthews and Okolona approached him about dispatching them as first responders in their districts. Riordan agreed.

The snowstorm of January 1994 convinced other suburban departments to join them, said Paul Barth, the departments' liaison to Mayor Jerry Abramson. That storm's nearly 16 inches of snow made it impossible for ambulances to reach some outlying areas. But firetrucks could, Barth said.

Since then, Jefferson County EMS has come to depend on the service. When a metro government task force recommended creating a metro EMS

agency in 2003, it suggested that the fire districts continue to be responsible for first-responder runs.

But that means residents of two districts — Dixie Suburban and Camp Taylor — may wait longer for an ambulance because those departments don't make EMS runs.

Jeffersontown's fire district also does not automatically respond to first-responder runs because Jeffersontown has a private ambulance company, Rural Metro Ambulance, that makes runs there. Chief Jack Reckner said fire crews will make runs when specifically requested, not automatically. But he added that the local ambulance company

usually arrives quickly because it is based in Jefferson-town. Dixie Suburban doesn't do runs because it is an all-volunteer department, so firetrucks couldn't respond quickly enough to make a difference.

Camp Taylor Chief Harold Adkins said his department will make EMS runs when requested, but he said it can't afford to pay staff to go on every medical run.

"If we ever get into this (first-responder program), it's going to take anything from \$60,000 to \$80,000 out of my budget. I have a small budget, and my income is not like the departments with \$2 (million) to \$3 million."

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Fire response data flawed, can't prove tax hikes' benefits

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Suburban fire chiefs in Jefferson County say their districts' rapidly rising taxes have paid for full-time firefighters that allow them to respond to fires faster.

But they can't prove they're providing faster service because the way they track response times is flawed.

There are three problems with their response times:

- They track the first unit on the scene, which may be a chief's car with no firefighting equipment, instead of a firetruck.

- They include "nonemergency" responses to calls for such things as cleaning up antifreeze left on the road after an accident, and firefighters don't hurry to calls that aren't emergencies.

- They include runs the departments make to aid departments outside their district, some of which could take 20 minutes.

"We know that there are some inherent flaws in the reporting process," said Paul Barth, who is president of the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association, chief of the McMahan district in Hikes Point and suburban fire-district liaison to Mayor Jerry Abramson.

Barth, who helped create the current response-tracking system, said he wants to make it better but can't until the bugs are worked out of a new system for dispatching police, fire and EMS. Eventually, that should produce reliable response times, he said. But he's not sure how soon that will happen.

Greg Frederick, chief of Louisville Fire & Rescue, said Louisville doesn't count outside-the-district runs, but its response times also are flawed because it tracks the first unit on the scene and nonemergency runs.

Frederick said the current system is not able to subtract chief's car runs or nonemergency runs from the totals, but the new dispatching system will do so once the bugs are worked out.

Departments elsewhere, including Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Lexington, don't have such flaws in their response times.

Cincinnati has a sophisticated system that tracks response times automatically at the central dispatch center. It tracks the first fire unit on the scene, and doesn't include nonemergency and out-of-district runs, said Roy Winston, the Cincinnati department's district chief for communications.

Chiefs in Lexington and Indianapolis said they track response times the same way Cincinnati does, except they track some outside-the-district responses. But the chiefs said those runs are so few that they don't skew the sta-

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Jefferson County's 19 suburban fire districts make far more outside-the-district runs because they have agreements to automatically back each other up. Louisville Fire & Rescue does not have those agreements and rarely leaves its district. Lexington Battalion Chief Glyndon Carlton, whose department has been tracking response times since about 1993, said his department has been able to determine where to build fire stations based on the response-time data.

Barth said he has been compiling response times from each of the suburban departments since the beginning of 2003 at the request of metro government.

Before that, departments tracked response times sporadically, if at all. Fairdale, for example, has kept some response times only for the last two years, Chief Don Wittry said.

"In the years before, we've had problems with our record keeping," Wittry said.

Buechel, which hired its first paid employee in 1978, has tracked response times only for "the last couple of years," Chief Jonathan Yuodis said.

Dixie Suburban, which has the highest response time in the county, according to Barth's statistics, had never before tracked response times, Chief Tim Robbins said. Dixie Suburban is the only Jefferson County department without a full-time firefighter.

Eastwood Chief Brent Davenport said his department probably has cut response times in half since adding full-time firefighters — eight in the last five years. But he said the statistics he keeps wouldn't show it.

Here's why: Even before full-timers, the chief responded to fires in his car. It would often be the first unit to arrive, because the chief can respond to a fire quickly in his car whether he's at the station or not. The response time measured how fast the chief arrived, even though he had no equipment to fight the fire.

"That's just the way the system works," Davenport said.

John Granito, a national expert in response times, said there is no national data to compare the districts' response times — in part because there is no agreement on what a response time is.

"There is no national benchmark," he said.

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When St. Matthews firefighters aren't making emergency runs, they may be found cleaning the station and the firetrucks.

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8:45 — Willinger makes his morning rounds around the station, up to the second level, past the kitchen, TV room and billiards room, down the stairs. There is a corridor where a fire pole once connected the upper and bottom floors. It was removed a few years ago because a firefighter injured his ankle when sliding down.

11:40 — The four crew members hop aboard the truck, lights and sirens off, and drive to lunch at Qdoba Mexican Grill on Breckenridge Lane.

12:40 p.m. — The truck returns to the station.

1:07 — St. Matthews Fire Marshal Don Ryan stops at the station before heading out for his afternoon inspections. Ryan and three other inspectors scrutinize all new construction and make yearly inspections of 2,000 existing businesses.

2:57 — The crew is dispatched to a two-car collision down the street — at Sears Avenue and Shelbyville Road.



St. Matthews firefighter Mike Frantz, left, and Capt. Dan Doyle cleaned up after an auto accident on Shelbyville Road in March. Such runs are common for their crew.

2:59 — The crew is on the scene. There are no injuries, and the firefighters begin mopping up antifreeze that spilled on the road. Doyle said later that most of the runs St. Matthews firefighters make are to clean up hazardous materials, like antifreeze, and responding to medical emergencies. Fires are rare. He said there is no typical day. "No runs or 10 runs, it's still a regular day," he said.

3:27 — The crew returns to the station.

3:45 — Doyle heads to a grocery to get cooking supplies for a firehouse dinner.

4:15 — Doyle returns to the station and begins preparing stuffed pasta and shells for dinner. Cooking meals and eating together "brings us closer," he said.

4:46 — The crew hears that St. Matthews Station No. 2 on Brownsboro Road is dispatched to a car fire on the westbound Watterson Expressway be-

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5:20 — Volunteer firefighter Scott Johnson comes in and looks at the equipment on the trucks in preparation for a training test.

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EACH FIRE DISTRICT IN BRIEF

ANCHORAGE

Founded: 1911.
Population: 2,157.
Square miles: 4.8.
Stations: 1.
Runs: 253.*
Equipment: Two pumps, hose wagon, three command cars, two ambulances.
Firefighters, paid: 24.
Firefighters, volunteer: 2.
Annual pay for full-time firefighter: \$24,682-\$36,907.*
Chief's salary: \$62,500.
Chief: Walter Lage.
Phone: 245-6755.
Web site: www.anchoragereadems.com.
Board of Trustees: Newman Guthrie, Ron Wilder, William D. Berger, Will Fulton, Donald V. Welsh, Darryl Mitchell, William Blakely.



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EASTWOOD

Founded: 1953.
Population: 5,327.
Square miles: 45.
Stations: 2.
Runs: 335.*
Equipment: Three engines, pumper, rescue truck, tanker, two quints, three command vehicles, one service truck.
Firefighters, paid: 12.
Firefighters, volunteer: 16.
Annual pay for full-time firefighter: \$29,807-\$29,750.*
Chief's salary: Volunteer.
Chief: Brent Davenport.
Phone: 245-1400.
Board of Trustees: Dennis Carithers, Clara Dixon, Robert McGary Jr., Cheryl Fust, Larry T. Roberts, Hank Kerr, Tracy Tipton.



Davenport

EDGEWOOD

(will merge with Okolona in July)
Founded: 1957.
Population: 1,649.
Square miles: 6.
Stations: 1.
Runs: 350.*
Equipment: Four engines, one ladder truck, five cars, two EMS vehicles, one other service vehicle.
Firefighters, paid: 12.
Firefighters, volunteer: 14.
Salary range for full-time firefighter: \$18,500-\$26,528.*
Chief's salary: \$38,000.
Chief: Kyle Brown.
Phone: 964-6011.
Board of Trustees: Doug Sharp, Stan Bridges, Elanora F. Hicks, Daniel G. Milburn, Ron Keelner, Robert Gibson, David Lee McGraw.



Yuodis

BUECHEL

Founded: 1942.
Population: 16,662.
Square miles: 79.
Stations: 1.
Runs: 51.*
Equipment: Four engines, ladder truck, five cars, two EMS vehicles, service vehicle.
Firefighters, paid: 35.
Firefighters, volunteer: 38.
Annual pay for full-time firefighter: \$22,049-\$43,434.*
Chief's salary: \$65,535.
Chief: Jonathan Yuodis.
Phone: 431-0085.
Web site: www.buechelfire.com.
Board of Trustees: John W. Clark Jr., Gerald L. Strange Jr., Henry Ott, Garland "Jack" Miller, Wayne C. Mosely Sr., Rex Evans, Kenneth Hill.

HARRODS CREEK

Founded: 1952.
Population: 15,074.
Square miles: 20.
Stations: 2.
Runs: 899.*
Equipment: Four engines, two ladder trucks, rescue truck, service truck, two small rescue boats, fire boat, EMS response vehicle, three command vehicles.
Firefighters, paid: 25.
Firefighters, volunteer: 40.
Annual pay for full-time firefighter: \$32,626-\$58,398.*
Chief's salary: \$74,000.
Chief: Chris Aponte.
Phone: 228-1351.
Web site: www.hcfd.org.
Board of Trustees: Robert Cusick, Thomas Wubbe, Joan F. Conner, Fred Simon, Norm Raderer, Byron Leer, Gregg Cobbi.



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FAIRDALE

Founded: 1952.
Population:
23,483.
Square miles
33.

Stations: 2.
Runs: 66L.*

Equipment:

Four engines, Wittry
ladder truck,
field unit, minipumper, four com-
mand vehicles, vehicle for fighting
wild fires and forest fires.

Firefighters, paid: 12.

Firefighters, volunteer: 25.
Annual pay for full-time firefight-
er: \$27,059-\$36,841.*

Chief's salary: \$47,000.

Chief: Don Wittry.

Phone: 366-0122.

Board of Trustees:

James Beeler
Jeff Martin
Linda Johnstone
Gerald Davis
Theodore K. Longacre
Pam Hicks
Jack West Jr.



CAMP TAYLOR

Founded: 1943.
Population: 6,068.
Square miles: 5.2.
Stations: 1.
Runs: 424.*

Equipment: One quad (equipment
with extra ground ladders), one en-
gine, two quints (combination en-
gine/ladder truck), hazardous ma-
terials unit, minipumper, service
truck, four command vehicles.

Firefighters, paid: 7.

Firefighters, volunteer: 39.

Annual pay for full-time firefight-
er: \$15,850-\$43,613.*

Chief's salary: Volunteer.

Chief: Harold Adkins.

Phone: 966-5001.

Board of Trustees:

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DIXIE SUBURBAN

Founded: 1953.
Population: 2,593.
Square miles: 2.
Stations: 1.
Runs: 107.*

Equipment:
Four pumpers;
service truck,
two cars.

Firefighters, Robbins
paid: 1.

Firefighters, volunteer: 26.

No full-time firefighters.

Chief's salary: \$8,750.

Chief: Tim Robbins.

Phone: 448-6711.

Board of Trustees:

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FERN CREEK

Founded: 1945.
Population:
26,453.
Square miles:
56.

Stations: 4.
Runs: 970.*

Equipment:

Seven pum-
pers, pumper/
tanker, tanker, quint, brush unit, res-
cue truck, three service trucks, five
command cars, four miscellaneous
cars.

Firefighters, paid: 18.

Firefighters, volunteer: 45.

Annual pay for full-time firefight-
er: \$24,642-\$35,642.*

Chief's salary: \$48,202.

Chief: Mike Schmidt.

Phone: 239-7075.

Web site: www.ferncreekfire.com

Board of Trustees:

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HIGHVIEW

Founded: 1939.
Population:
21,035.
Square miles:
25.

Stations: 3.
Runs: 527.*

Equipment:

Three pum-
pers, ladder
truck, rescue pumper, two pickup
trucks with tanks.
Firefighters, paid: 10.

Firefighters, volunteer: 43.

Annual pay for full-time firefight-
er: \$25,334-\$42,764.*

Chief's salary: \$70,000.

Chief: Rick Larkins.

Phone: 239-3561.

Web site: www.highviewfire.com.

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JEFFERSONTOWN

Founded: 1909.
Population:
32,709.
Square miles:
35.

Stations: 3.
Runs: 844.*

Equipment:

Four
pumpers, two
ladder trucks, three service vehicles,
tanker, rescue truck, transport van,
squat truck (engine with telescoping
hose), brush/field unit, emergency
support unit, six command cars.



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January 2, 2005, *The Courier-Journal*, by Matt Batchelor, Departments fed by taxes, get little public scrutiny.--

Suburban fire districts: Insulated and unwatched

EACH FIRE DISTRICT IN BRIEF

<p>JEFFERSON Founded: 1940. Population: 25,035. Square miles: 72. Stations: 2. Runs: 1,254.* Equipment: Four pumps, two quints, ladder truck, one rescue truck, six command cars, three service trucks. Firefighters, paid: 50. Firefighters, volunteer: 3. Annual pay for full-time firefighter: \$26,747-\$75,278.* Chief's salary: \$70,491. Chief: Jack Redwine. Phone: 257-7300. Web site: www.jeffersonfire.com Board of Trustees: Thomas E. Ruckriegel William H. Sparks Elaine Fischer Ray Eagle Matt Keith Donald Thomas John E. Gregg</p>	<p>LAKE DREAMLAND Founded: 1938. Population: 3,071. Square miles: 17.5. Stations: 2. Runs: 485.* Equipment: Four pumps, quint, field unit, passenger van, hazardous materials unit, five command cars. Firefighters, paid: 12. Firefighters, volunteer: 41. Annual pay for full-time firefighter: \$23,376-\$22,622.* Chief's salary: \$12,000. Chief: John Wilkerson Sr. Phone: 447-2236. Board of Trustees: Wilbert George John Wilkerson Jr. Cheryl Lanes Melman Matthew Kohler Robert Boam Richard Blair James Abby</p>	<p>MIDDLETOWN Founded: 1940. Population: 25,035. Square miles: 72. Stations: 2. Runs: 1,254.* Equipment: Four pumps, two quints, ladder truck, one rescue truck, six command cars, three service trucks. Firefighters, paid: 34. Firefighters, volunteer: 32. Annual pay for full-time firefighter: \$30,260-\$64,488.* Chief's salary: \$70,000. Chief: Dennis Brooks. Phone: 249-7555. Web site: www.middletownfire.com Board of Trustees: Ron Wolf James A. Fickler II Lisa Davis Gary Kruse Seren G. Zady Deborah R. Yencovine Stephen M. Lineweaver</p>	<p>ST. MATTHEWS Founded: 1985. Population: 24,372. Square miles: 6. Stations: 2. Runs: 1,085.* Equipment: Four pumps, ladder truck, ventilation fan truck, three command cars, two service trucks. Firefighters, paid: 29. Firefighters, volunteer: 21. Annual pay for full-time firefighter: \$28,038-\$57,032.* Chief's salary: \$75,329. Chief: Bill Seng. Phone: 973-7625. Board of Trustees: Page Eberhart Jim Green Tom Elfer Rick Torani John Volkening Joe Wolfe Jack Monahan</p>	<p>WORTHINGTON Founded: 1943. Population: 20,493. Square miles: 17. Stations: 2. Runs: 1,258.* Equipment: Three pumps, two quints, ladder, rescue truck, five command vehicles, four miscellaneous trucks. Firefighters, paid: 29. Firefighters, volunteer: 36. Salary range for full-time firefighter: \$32,320-\$57,796.* Chief's salary: \$70,042. Chief: Gary Yurt. Phone: 241-9166. Web site: www.worthingtonfire.com Board of Trustees: Melissa Ames Kevin Tyler John D. Clark William Horne Albert Tomasetti Adam Kern (One vacant position)</p>
<p>LYNDON Founded: 1950. Population: 12,578. Square miles: 14. Stations: 2. Runs: 1,577.* Equipment: Five pumps, ladder truck, EMS response vehicle, six command vehicles. Firefighters, paid: 27. Firefighters, volunteer: 20. Annual pay for full-time firefighter: \$26,444-\$68,275.* Chief's salary: \$75,000. Chief: James Baker. Phone: 425-7074. Web site: www.lyndonfire.com Board of Trustees: Mark J. Weber David W. Hooser Jeffrey Boone Lou Lock Deborah Leigh Moore Sheryl R. Smith Wesley Rutledge</p>	<p>OKOLONA Founded: 1946. Population: 54,602. Square miles: 23. Stations: 3. Runs: 1,485.* Equipment: Seven pumps, three ladder trucks, rescue unit, 14 service vehicles. Firefighters, paid: 40. Firefighters, volunteer: 27. Annual pay for full-time firefighter: \$24,894-\$38,979.* Chief's salary: \$63,324. Chief: Rich Carlson. Phone: 964-5811. Web site: www.okolonafire.org Board of Trustees: Dorsey D. Powell Joe Floyd Kyle Brown Jack Ragon Troy Kim Grey Vincent Michael Portman</p>	<p>PLEASURE RIDGE PARK Founded: 1950. Population: 62,733. Square miles: 33. Stations: 6. Runs: 1,642.* Equipment: 14 pumps, two quads, two ladder trucks, trench rescue vehicle, five support trucks, water rescue van, two fire boats, five brush-line trucks, 15 command vehicles.</p>	<p>MCMAHAN Founded: 1959. Population: 14,545. Square miles: 6. Stations: 1. Runs: 642.* Equipment: Four pumps, quint, ladder truck, air-right, power unit, service truck, passenger van, three command vehicles.</p>	<p>For comparison: The salary for the Louisville Fire & Rescue chief is \$109,808. The salary range for a full-time firefighter in Louisville is \$39,760-\$82,835.</p> <p>Sources: Individual fire districts; 2000 census. *Salary ranges and district runs are based on 2003 records. The salary ranges are for full-time firefighters, not including the chief. The salaries do not include ELLEO or state incentive pay, which most fire districts receive.</p>

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Comments on stories about Metro Louisville's suburban fire districts

'Extremely one-sided'

The *Courier-Journal's* Jan. 2 article about the suburban fire service was extremely one-sided. It stressed that more governmental and citizen control is needed and mentioned the family interaction in daily operations. It also spoke of paperwork not being filed in accordance with Kentucky statutes.

Monthly meetings of fire district boards of trustees are held, and the date is published in this paper. All such meetings are open to the public, and their participation is encouraged. Kentucky Revised Statute 75 requires each district to maintain a minute book. Minutes are required to be open to public inspection no later than immediately following the next meeting of the body per KRS 61.830. KRS 75 specifies that minutes are required to be filed with the county clerk; however, there is no set time limit for this action.

Families are the backbone of not only the fire service, but also the emergency services profession. . . . If it were not for families passing on this legacy and tradition, fire departments and



By David R. Lutman, Special to The *Courier-Journal*

A St. Matthews firefighter rushing to fight a fire last month.

emergency services throughout the country would suffer. The issue should not be the fact that families are actively participating in the operations; the issue should be that these men and women are willing to dedicate their time . . . to saving lives and protecting property.

There are more than 600 volunteer firefighters in the suburban area who receive no compensation for putting their lives on the line to protect the citi-

zens of this community. Based on the salary of a beginning urban service district firefighter, this saves suburban taxpayers more than \$18 million a year. This is simply smart business.

When people call the fire department, they do not care what color the truck is, where it is from or whether those people are paid or volunteer. All they want is someone to take care of their problem. Louisville Metro Emergency Services, both urban and suburban, do this with a high degree of professionalism and pride. We all do the same job, no matter what our uniform says.

MICHAEL LONG
Louisville 40213

'Need oversight'

I was shocked to read about the fire departments. Shame on them for not following the law.

Shame on our leaders for not seeing that they do, and shame on *The Courier-Journal* for not telling us sooner. . . .

I did a quick search on the Internet and found a Feb. 7, 2001, *Wall Street Journal* article about fire departments trying to find things to do because of so few fires (due to better prevention and products) to justify bloated budgets. Could it be the same locally? Departments failing to report and follow the law in an effort to prevent the public knowing our taxes are too high?

Each department needs to submit a budget and hold public hearings, and at a time that's more convenient for the residents. The least they could do is submit a report to the county clerk, as required.

Board members should register like all candidates and be put on the ballot as we do now for all elected offices for each district. Who runs for these offices anyway, firefighters' families and friends? Until your article, I did not even know I was allowed to run. I suspect they do not really want the public involved.

The departments need oversight, auditing and to be held accountable with penalties. There is no telling how our tax dollars have been wasted. It is like letting the fox guard the hen house.

It is time elected officials do their job and enforce the law. Instead of St. Matthews' getting 10 years of back taxes, we may all be due a tax refund.

MARY C. WILLIAMS
Louisville 40272

Defending the Governor

It must have been a slow news day on Dec. 10 (reference your inclusion of a column from an out-of-state psychiatrist castigating Gov. Ernie Fletcher for signing a death row approval and

shrink to fire ill-aimed broadsides. Surely he has enough issues to fret over up there instead of nosing into ours.

MARK FASSIO
Pendleton, Ky. 40055

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January, 2005, *Joe Wolfe comments—*

Joe Wolfe

Subject: Courier Journal Article

Please find included in this e-mail the text of a e-mail to Matt Bacheldor I wrote in the "heat of the moment" after I read this mornings Courier article. I have yet to send it out. I want the opinions of the cooler heads of people I trust before I do so. I do not want to do anything that might prove to be counterproductive. Also, I apologize to each of you for my failure to assure that the minutes were provided to the county clerk as we believed they had been. This is inexcusable and my responsibility solely. I'll see to it that it is not repeated. Thanks, Joe

Faye

Matt,
Congratulations on your front page story. I understand that front page ink is a big deal for a reporter. However, I am disappointed with the way you chose to report some aspects of the story. Yes, I agree that your story was mostly accurate. But you utilized the old reporters trick of only telling part of the story.

For example, you reported that St. Matthew's folder at the county clerks office contained no meeting minutes. Yes, that is accurate. Clearly, the insinuation is that we are hiding something. The insinuation being sinister intent rather than an oversight? You failed to report that when you contacted me about this that I immediately e-mailed to you all of our minutes. Is this not full cooperation and openness to scrutiny?

You insinuate that there is not public oversight of fire district operations. When in truth, most trustee's are serious minded and responsible members of the community with only the community's best interest in mind. It is unfortunate that your article blackens the eyes of these people. These are the people providing the oversight that your article claims is missing.

For example, if you were to dig deeper in to the St. Matthews Fire District operations (I can only speak of St. Matthews), you would find a operation that has lived within its means, has no debt, and provides a service level hard to match elsewhere. You would also find that the service afforded by the 10 cent per \$100 cap is truly a skeleton service, not much beef on the bones. Not only that, at the current rate funding, inflation in employee benefits, salary, and operating expenses has already begun to squeeze the fire districts budget and may soon lead to reduction in service levels and staffing. This will soon be a public crises and is THE REAL STORY HERE! But we seem not to be able to get this story out. Perhaps this is because the districts are managing to still do the job despite shrinking, rather than growing (as you report) resources.

Your article painted the Fire Districts with a broad brush and may ultimately do great damage to a system that provides emergency services to a large sector of our community at rate MUCH less expensive than that of the urban services district. Your article was not a service to the community, but a disservice. Yes, the system is not perfect.....but not systemically corrupt as your story might lead the community to believe. I don't believe that you think the system is corrupt either.

To my mind your story seemed to be directed at proving a predetermined conclusion. Perhaps a conclusion that would support someone's agenda? Matt, that is not journalism....that's politics!

Please know that these comments are mine personally. Not the official comments of the St. Matthews Board of Trustees and should not be reported as such.

Sincerely, Joe Wolfe



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January 4, 2005, Jefferson County Budget Proposal—

January 6, 2005, *The Voice-Tribune*, News Briefs:

JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE ALLIANCE
2005 / 2006 FISCAL YEAR
BUDGET PROPOSAL - REV 01/04/05

	FY 04-05 BUDGET	FY 05-06 BUDGET	FY 04-05 BUDGET	FY 04-05 Year to Date
JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION	96,000.00	96,000.00	96,000.00	44,388.97
Burny - Q255, Payroll Taxes, Insurance	52,000.00	52,000.00	52,000.00	24,488.25
JCTA Insurance Package	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,844.00
Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00	1,922.22
Postage	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,600.00	807.77
Symphony / Dinner	500.00	500.00	500.00	188.87
Amuse	300.00	300.00	300.00	208.89
Legal	11,000.00	11,000.00	10,000.00	1,407.00
JCTA - End of Summer Awards	500.00	500.00	500.00	373.88
Administrative Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	11,700.00	3,985.20
JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION	7,400.00	8,200.00		
Sullivan Fire Leadership Symposium	2,000.00	7,000.00		
The Alpine Group Fire Show	0.00	700.00		
Fire Lanes Expenses	2,400.00	2,400.00		
JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION	5,800.00	18,700.00	4,000.00	1,214.00
Recruitment and Retention Projects	2,500.00	5,500.00	5,000.00	1,112.25
2005 Regional Auto Exhibition Competition	0.00	0.00		
JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION	9,000.00	13,000.00	7,300.00	3,898.24
Public Safety Awareness Programs	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Fire Prevention Week Program	1,500.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	1,350.00
Continuing Education Programs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	980.25
Safety House Maintenance Fund	1,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
General Operating Fund	1,000.00	300.00	300.00	778.34
Fire Safety Training Supplies	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION	34,000.00	38,000.00	4,000.00	1,887.00
Training (Stair, wheel, confined space, rope, hazardous materials)	23,000.00	23,000.00		
Educational Materials	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	
Woods of Training Stairs	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	1,887.00
MEDIA ORANGEADEMENTS	33,100.00	46,100.00	39,000.00	7,891.74
Media Consultant	5,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Live of Fire Shows	10,000.00	16,000.00	10,000.00	8,548.81
Advertisements	1,000.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	74.93
Web Site	7,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,890.00
Public Service Announcements	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	28.30
Outside Mobile Advertising	0.00	7,500.00		
College Fire Academy	3,000.00	3,000.00		
KATC Project	0.00	2,000.00		
FRENCH RESCUE	2,000.00	47,240.00	12,000.00	10,296.45
Training	2,000.00	18,000.00	12,000.00	10,296.45
Equipment	0.00	30,240.00		
Vehicle/Vehicle Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00		
WATER RESCUE	9,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	6,876.44
Travel Insurance	0.00	0.00	500.00	
Rescue Equipment	3,000.00	3,000.00	0,000.00	1,157.80
Medical / Physical Therapy	0.00	0.00	0,000.00	4,888.99
Accountability / Safety	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Training, Bulk Fire Cost	0.00	3,000.00		
METRO CHARLANS	250.00	250.00	5,100.00	6,185.82
Training	250.00	250.00	5,100.00	6,185.82
BOSS SUBURBAN FPD	4,250.00	4,250.00	5,250.00	6,250.00
PN - OMB Funding	4,250.00	4,250.00	5,250.00	6,250.00
TOTAL:	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 209,214.00	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 80,663.96

* BUDGET JCTA Insurance Competition could be used \$ from JCTA.

Capital Requests:
JCTA 10,000 Tools and Equipment Priority II

Send to General Membership

St. Matthews fire district sues for taxes: The St. Matthews Fire Protection District has filed suit against the Jefferson County sheriff's and clerk's offices, as well as the Property Valuation Administration, for at least \$1.5 million in tangible property taxes that it claims should have been collected on its behalf between 1984 and 2003. The tax, levied primarily on business equipment and inventory, is 10 cents per \$100. Fire district trustee Jim Graven discovered the problem in October while examining a list of tax revenues for all 19 of the county's fire districts.

Fire departments lax in record-keeping: Several area fire districts have been lax in filing copies of their monthly meeting minutes, as well as financial records, with the Jefferson County clerk's office. The law has required such filing for decades as a means of helping the public stay informed about fire districts' activities. The St. Matthews and Anchorage fire departments are among those that have not filed financial records or minutes with the clerk's office in the past year. As many as nine other departments either did not file the minutes or did so inconsistently for most of last year.

Advertisement

St. Matthews Fire Dept.
Alumni Association Inc.
Is excited to announce the new book

St. Matthews Firefighters
84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky
by Al Ring

This book is a reference piece and the first illustrated and documented story of the St. Matthews Fire Department from its beginning in 1919 through 2003. There are 84 years of documents, letters, interviews, newspaper articles, pictures and more that vividly tell the story of the fire service and firefighters. Historical data from this book and the documentation of the events from these 84 years will be of significant interest to researchers, fire and local history buffs and former department members. This true story is about the strengths of over 650 people who were involved with the department over the past 84 years. Men and women from all walks of life, educational levels, etc. came together to create a very unique and compelling story. They set and maintained the bar for all levels of the firefighting service. There were, and continue to be, a much respected fire department in the firefighting industry. The citizens of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and citizens of Kentucky have every right to be very proud of these fine dedicated professionals.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:
ALAN (AL) D. RING is a former St. Matthews firefighter and board member (1964 to 1990) having moved to St. Matthews in 1951 at age 8. A Waggoner High School graduate, Al was the owner of a local service station, mailer and home builder. He retired to Tucson, Ariz., in 1998 with his wife, Karen, and son Evan. Retired, Al is doing research, writing a newspaper column with his brother and writing books on local mining history. If you have any additional information on the St. Matthews Fire Department, please contact him at alring@man.com.

This book would make a great Christmas gift for those "hard to buy for" friends!

Mail to & make checks payable to:
St. Matthews Fire Dept. Alumni Association Inc.
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☐ I would like to order _____ history book(s) and have enclosed \$37.05 per book including sales tax. (for local pick-up) Amount _____


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*Smoke Detectors
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*Learn Not
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Thomas D. Effer

Trustees Meeting Agenda January 13, 2005

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:00 PM - Next Mt. will start @ 5:30 PM*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *+ Approved Auditor's Report*
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *+ Also Approved Legal Fees*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
- VI. ✓ New Business *Chap. 75 Tax Cap On 1st, while Gov. John New doesn't want to increase by other Dist. - But On Fundraiser for Firefighters*
- VII. X Executive Session *Private of Chap. 75 To Include Confidentiality Deal*
- VIII. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on January 20th at Buechel Fire Department @ 7:00pm, this will be a joint meeting with the Chief's Association.

*Discussion on Fitting New Doors # Into High Intensity Swap Arounds
Ship Banks being # Got Best Deal.*

Chiefs Report for the Month of January 2005.

- Several roof leaks at Station 1 due to the heavy ice and snow. Repairs are underway and are covered under the original warranty.
- New dishwasher installed at Station 1.
- The fatal fire that was on Ormond Road last December is still under investigation. No new report.
- Currently all apparatus are up and running with no repairs needed. We will be looking at an \$8000.00 service for SCBA Overhaul in July. Since this will be in the next fiscal year we will add it to the 2005-2006 budget.
- A deposit for \$12,268 was made yesterday in our account which will offset the Building & Maintenance account. This check was from our insurance company which covered all the damage that was done to the building and the generator during the storms from last spring.
- We just recently switched our phone lines from Adelphi to Xspedius last week. By making this change Xspedius will be providing us both voice and data lines at a reduced cost than what Adelphi was providing. The savings will should be about \$125.00 a month.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

January 13, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven, Tom Effer, John Volkerding, Joe Wolfe. Also present was Chief William J. Seng.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and Tom Effer moved and Jack Monohan seconded that they be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Chief Seng distributed to the Trustees a copy of the Annual audit as prepared by Cotton & Allen. Tom Effer moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the audit be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Graven led a discussion of the check detail.

Also discussed was a discussion of expenses related to the collection of back tangible goods taxes. This included payments to our legal council and to Guthrie and associates.

Jack Monohan moved and Tom Effer seconded that the expenditures related to the collection of back tangible taxes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Effer moved and John Volkerding seconded that the Treasurers report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

- Station 1 has developed a number of roof leaks due to heavy snow and ice. Repairs are underway and will be covered under the original warranty.
- A new dishwasher was installed at Station 1.

- Currently all apparatus are up and running with no repairs needed. We will be looking into \$8000 service for the SCBA as required by the manufacturers warranty. This will be added to the 2005-2006 budget.
- A check for \$12,268 from our insurance company was deposited to our checking account and will be credited to the Building and Maintenance account. This is in settlement for the damage to the building and the generator during the storms from last spring.
- We switched our phone lines from Adelphi to Xspedius. By making this change, Xspedius will be providing both voice and data lines at a cost savings of about \$125 per month.

Chief Seng further reported that our health insurance contract renews in March. Our current carrier is Wellage Benefit Specialists.

There was a discussion about recent media coverage. The Trustees felt that the coverage we had received most recently was misleading and unfair.

Chief Seng reported that we had received donations from three of the four organizations that had made commitments to provide \$5000 each for portable computers. He expected the fourth to follow through with its commitment soon.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures:

• Turnout gear, six sets, budgeted	\$7,500
• Seven portable radios	\$10,570
• Battery charger system to 2691	\$500
• Striping for 2691 to match other units	\$400
• Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute, 2 attendees, budgeted	\$3,800
• FDIC, 6-8 attendees, budgeted	\$6,480
• Upgrade for classroom AV equipment	\$5,550

A discussion ensued regarding the expenditures with the Trustees asking many questions to clarify the necessity of each. Most of the discussion focused on the FDIC. Trustee Graven expressed serious doubt that the FDIC was appropriate considering the stated cost and the additional costs related to overtime and etc. Chief Seng stated, and others concurred, that it was the best training opportunity of its type available to the District's firefighters. Graven continued to have reservations as to the benefit to the taxpayers.

Tom Effer moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the expenditures be approved as presented. Five yea votes, one nay vote from Jim Graven citing his objections to the FDIC expenditure.

New Business

Trustee Graven stated that he believes it may be prudent for the District to relocate some of the Districts funds in order to take advantage of deals offered

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by some of the competing banking institutions. He laid out a number of attractive options available to the District. A long discussion ensued. A committee was appointed to look into these options and was authorized to move on the best opportunities. These committee members are Jim Graven, Tom Eifler and Chief Seng.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson

Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

January 13, 2005

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 6:30 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding, Tom Eifler, Jack Monohan, & Jim Graven.

The Minutes of the December 2004 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:35.

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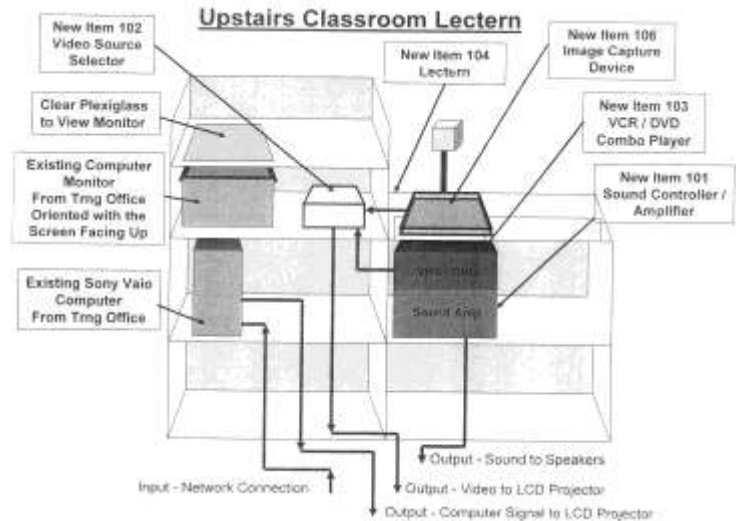
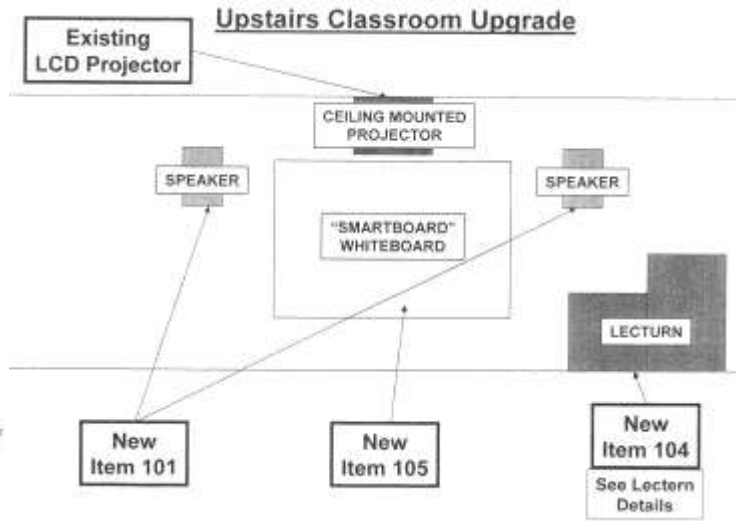
January 13 2005, Trustee meeting:

Written: 12/10/04 Payable To:
Authorization # _____
ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION
Nature of Expenditure:
_____ Operations _____ Emergency
_____ Capital _____ Regular - non budgeted
_____ Regular - Budgeted
Amount \$ \$550.00
Approved by _____ Disbursement Check # _____
Date _____ Date _____

Details: Upgrade of the Upstairs Classroom AV Equipment to include:

101 - Sound System & Speakers Sony 500 Watt Amplifier with Multiple Surround Sound Speakers	\$500.00
102 - Cables, Connectors, Video Selector Video, Computer, and Power Cables & Connectors and Video Selector for Monitor & LCD Projector	\$200.00
103 - DVD & VCR Combo Sony Combination DVD and Video Tape Player	\$150.00
104 - Materials to Build Lectern Wood, Plexiglass, Fasteners, etc	\$200.00
105 - SmartBoard Whiteboard Computer Interactive Whiteboard, allow presenter to run & control presentation from board	\$2,500.00
106 - Image Capture Device Display any material or object via LCD Projector	\$1,500.00
107 - Wireless Microphone Allow presenter to be better heard	\$500.00

TOTAL \$5550.00



FYI

This is the meeting that I will be attending, which is held between the representatives of the media and other emergency services, to voice our (the Jefferson County Fire Service's) displeasure with how WLKY TV reported the story on the follow up to the Courier Journal news articles. In the story, which was shown during the 6:30 a.m. newscast the morning after the CJ stories, their anchor Maria Gumm, reported that according to attorney Maurice Byrne, Fire Districts are required to file the documents and should be penalized for not filing them. According to Mo, no one from WLKY TV ever talked with him. I can assure you that all they did was report directly off of the CJ article and did no other research on the story.

Paul C. Barth
Fire Chief
McMahan Fire Protection District
pbarth@mcmahofire.com

Jan 27th 7:00pm
WLKY 32 TV
1918 McIlwood Ave

2005

January 19, 2005, *The Courier-Journal*, by Martha Elson, Shops cope with fire's effects—St. Matthews chief calls for aid deal--

Shops cope with fire's effects

St. Matthews chief calls for aid deal

By Martha Elson
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The Courier-Journal

Four businesses on Breckenridge Lane near Frankfort Avenue are coping with the effects of a Dec. 27 fire that heavily damaged the House of Dragon restaurant.

The Breckenridge Center, in which the businesses are located, is in Louisville, and Louisville firefighters responded. They came from the station at Frankfort and Franck avenues in Crescent Hill, from the one

at Frankfort and Pope Street in Clifton and from other locations. The station at Frankfort and Franck was the department's closest, at more than two miles away.

St. Matthews fire Chief Bill Seng said last week that his district's station on Sears Avenue is "bugely closer" and that he has been talking with Louisville officials for about a year about re-establishing an agreement to make sure the closest station responds. The Sears Avenue station is less than a mile from the scene of the fire.

Besides the House of Dragon, the blaze affected AAMCO Transmissions, VIP Cleaners and Sellabay, an Internet auction business.



By Arza Barnett, The Courier-Journal
Kenneth Barnett removed equipment from VIP Cleaners, one of four shops damaged in a Dec. 27 fire on Breckenridge Lane.

AAMCO is open, and VIP Cleaners has partially reopened. Sellabay was closed last week, and the fate of the

House of Dragon, which has operated at the site for about 15 years, is unclear. Charred furniture was piled

in front of the restaurant, and co-owner Chau Huyhn said she and her husband, Diep Huyhn, are not sure about their plans. They are waiting for insurance matters to be settled, she said.

The owner of the building, Paul Fenwick, said last week that the Huyhns have told him they plan to reopen. Fenwick estimated the center incurred \$200,000 worth of damage.

Chau Huyhn "was devastated" by the fire, said Belinda Harville, co-operator of the cleaners.

The blaze is thought to have started on a stove at the restaurant, but the exact cause is unknown, according to Fenwick

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FIRE | Shops cope with blaze's effects; St. Matthews chief calls for closest-station agreement

Continued from Page One

and Capt. Ronel Brown, spokesman for Louisville Fire and Rescue. Brown said something may have been smoldering on the stove, but Fenwick also said there's discussion about whether a safety device on the stove malfunctioned.

Fenwick, a retired veterinarian who owned a nearby animal clinic on Wilmington Avenue, has repairs under way.

At Sellabay, the front window was damaged and an office area sustained water damage, said Bill Pile, who operates the business with Theresa Carter. They are awaiting insurance arrangements and plan to remodel before reopening. "We were very fortunate," Pile said. "We lost no merchandise. The downside is ... this will slow us down." They posted notices to customers on their window and their Web site, www.sellabay.com.

At VIP Cleaners, the smell of



By Steve Dumas, The Courier-Journal

smoke lingered last week and the company had to send thousands of garments to No-Yale Cleaners for cleaning to remove the smell, Harville and co-operator Mark Willoughby said. "We're hoping the majority of the clothes are going to be fine," Willoughby said.

They began moving damaged equipment out last week. The front counter area had been restored, and they hope to be fully operating within three months, they said. But they de-

scribed the fire as a nightmare.

They were waiting for phones to be connected, electricity to be restored and structural damage to be repaired.

AAMCO manager Rick Webb said his business wasn't able to operate normally the week after the fire and is awaiting repairs to walls, ceiling tiles and flooring. The damage was mostly from water and smoke, and the phone system still wasn't fully functional last week, he said.

"The ice storm coupled with the fire crippled my business completely," he said.

It took an hour for about 32 firefighters to bring the blaze under control, Louisville fire Lt. Col. Tom Carroll said.

The alarm came in at 3:09 a.m., and firefighters were on the scene at 3:16, according to Louisville fire Lt. Col. Cletus Blandford.

"We could get there twice as fast," said Seng, of the St. Matthews department. "We're more



By Arza Barnett, The Courier-Journal

The owners of the House of Dragon restaurant aren't sure of their plans following a Dec. 27 fire. VIP Cleaners has partially reopened.

than willing. There are some areas where we could use their (Louisville's) help."

The biggest obstacle to a "closest-station response" arrangement is communications. St. Matthews and Louisville operate on different radio frequencies, Carroll said last week.

That problem won't be solved until MetroSafe, a new public-safety dispatching and communications network, is set up, he said. Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson said last month

that plans are moving ahead for the network, which will allow radio communications between all metro and suburban police, fire, emergency medical service and other public-safety employees. The system also will allow the agencies to consolidate their dispatching.

The goal is to have the MetroSafe communications center, to be in the old Federal Reserve Bank Building near Fifth and Liberty streets, operating in the fall of next year.

CORRECTIONS

Breckenridge Lane fire

Because of a reporter's error, a Neighborhoods story yesterday about the aftermath of a fire on Breckenridge Lane included comments that were incorrectly attributed to St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng. Assistant Fire Chief Stuart Monahan actually made those comments.

2005

January 22, 2005, *The Courier Journal*, by Martha Elson, Fire districts OK records plan—

Local/Regional • News Item

Saturday, January 22, 2005

Fire districts OK records plan

Agencies stress improved access



By Martha Elson
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The Courier-Journal

Jefferson County's 19 suburban fire districts have adopted a new record-filing procedure to improve public access to their monthly meeting minutes and financial records.

They also agreed to try to post all of their meeting minutes on the Web.

Jack Clark, president of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association, announced the procedure Thursday in response to recent stories in *The Courier-Journal* that found lapses in submitting records.

Clark said yesterday that *The Courier-Journal* stories left the impression "that these districts were out there brazenly trying to keep the information from the public, which is the furthest thing from the truth."

For the most part, he said, he thinks lapses were a result of "simple oversight" or delays because of personnel absences.

But "from now on, we're going to make sure, no matter what, those minutes will get down there," he said.

The *Courier-Journal* found that a majority of the 19 districts did not file or were inconsistent in submitting meeting minutes to the Jefferson County clerk last year. Three did not file required financial-information reports with the state.

State law says copies of the monthly minutes and other important documents must be filed with the county clerk. Fire districts also must submit financial-information reports to Frankfort each year and copies of their annual budgets to Louisville metro government.

Clark said the administrator for the Fire Trustees Association will make a quarterly check of local and state agencies where fire district records are filed.

If any records are missing, administrator Terri Livers will send an e-mail to the district's chief and trustees chairman. It would be up to the district to submit the records, Clark said.

Clark outlined the policy at a joint meeting of the trustees association and the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association at the Buechel fire station.

Clark also endorsed a recommendation by McMahan Fire Chief Paul Barth that the fire districts post the minutes of their meetings on the Jefferson County Fire Service's Web site, www.jefcofire.com. Buechel Assistant Fire Chief Rick Harrison, webmaster for the site, said he would post the minutes in a secure form that cannot be edited. The minutes could be posted for up to a year and then moved to a different part of the Web site, he said.

Barth said he does not think anyone intentionally withheld records. "It's all public record. There's nothing to hide," he said.

He said he hopes having the minutes on the Web site will be another way to attract people to visit the site, which also has fire safety tips and other information.

Sharon Woodring, head of Fairdale Area Concerned Citizens, which petitioned against an increase in the Fairdale fire district's tax rate in 2003, was pleased by the changes.

"Anything they do to bring their proceedings more into the public and make them more accessible can only be a bonus and improve relations" with the community, she said yesterday. "There needs to be more community involvement."

At Thursday's meeting, copies of a "financial calendar" for the fire districts compiled by Maurice Byrne Jr., attorney for the county trustees association, were available. The calendar spells out deadlines for filing various financial records and includes a reminder to file the monthly minutes with the county clerk.

The trustees' association's Legislative Affairs committee also reported at the meeting that it had reviewed *The Courier-Journal* stories and "pledged to work" with the members of the state legislature regarding any questions or suggested changes in state laws that govern the operation of fire districts.

Committee chairwoman Melissa Ames said that the wording of state law sometimes makes it difficult to have a uniform system for record filing. In some cases, it "doesn't say specifically that it has to be filed by this date, annually or once a month. It just says it has to be filed," she said.

2005

January, 2005, Indicant Report:

February 7, 2005, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2005) And (01/31/2005)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
111 Building fire	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
112 Fires in structure other than in a building	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
121 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.64%	50,000	100.00%
131 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
153 Construction or demolition landfill fire	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
	8	5.12%	\$1,000	100.00%
2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
111 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	76	49.36%	50	0.00%
111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
102 Extraction of victims from vehicle	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
	78	50.64%	50	0.00%
3 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
480 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2	1.28%	50	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	2	1.28%	50	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light ballast	2	1.28%	50	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	1.28%	50	0.00%
460 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
483 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3	1.92%	50	0.00%
	15	9.74%	50	0.00%
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, other	2	1.28%	50	0.00%
511 Lock-out	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	4	2.56%	50	0.00%
550 Public version assistance, Other	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.28%	50	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, no/stop	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
	12	7.74%	50	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Good Intent Call				
100 Good intent call, Other	6	3.00%	50	0.00%
112 Disappointed & cancelled en route	8	3.19%	50	0.00%
151 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	3	1.94%	50	0.00%
152 Steam, vapor, fog or mist thought to be	3	1.94%	50	0.00%
	20	12.96%	50	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
100 False alarm or false call, Other	3	1.94%	50	0.00%
110 Malicious, malicious false call, Other	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
115 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
130 System malfunction, Other	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
133 Smoke detector activation due to	6	3.89%	50	0.00%
135 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	1.29%	50	0.00%
138 CS detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
140 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.64%	50	0.00%
142 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	3	1.29%	50	0.00%
145 Alarm system activation, no fire -	3	1.94%	50	0.00%
	21	13.63%	50	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 154				
Total Est Loss:			\$1,000	

YTD Runs = 154

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William J. Seng
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Faye Ellerkamp, Chairperson
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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: February 7, 2005
Re: District Activity

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John K. Volkerding
Richard J. Green
Jack Monahan
Thomas G. Eiler

Please make sure you review the CRC folder that is included in your packet. We will be discussing the issue about billing for services during the meeting.

Several roof leaks have developed at station 1 due to all of the heavy snow and ice we had last month. As in the past, these roof leaks are covered under the original roof warranty.

Unit 2658 was involved in a small fender bender last month in the Wendy's parking lot on old Brownsboro Road. Since the claim was so small and the accident was our fault a check was issued in the amount of \$74.39 to the vehicles owner. There was not any damage to Unit 2658.

Asst. Chief Monahan and his persistence have paid off on getting his donations to purchase several laptops. Three of the four have been purchased and should be installed on the trucks within the next several weeks. The fourth laptop from Metro Government should come through next month.

There are several items included in your packet for your review. Some of these include several legislative bills that have been filed that could possibly affect the fire service.

At this time I do not have any update to report to you on the pending litigation with the Sheriff's Office. I will try to find something out by meeting time on Thursday.

Expenditures for February 2005

Item	Cost	Budgeted
2 replacement computers (Asst chief's office, maintenance)	\$1500	yes

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

February 9, 2005

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 7:00 P.M.. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding, Rick Tonini, Tom Eifler, Jack Monahan, & Jim Graven.

The Minutes of the January 2005 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:05.

February 9, 2005, Trustee meeting

Resolution—

Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

February 9, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Trustees present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven, Tom Eifler, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding, Joe Wolfe. Also present were Chief Wm. J. Seng, Greg Crabb, Asst. Chief Monohan, Patrick Montague, & Russ Maple.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that they be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Graven reported that expenditures were on target with budget projections.

Treasurer Graven led a discussion of the check detail.

Graven stated that he had distributed District funds as instructed by the Board. He stated that funds were deposited amongst 5 banks. These banks were:

- First Capital 2.5%
- National City 2.75%
- Stock Yards 2.5%
- Old National 2.25%
- Community Bank 3.3%

The checking account balance is \$1,122,042.

Graven stated that he would characterize the financial position of the District as very solid.

Joe Wolfe moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the Treasurers report be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported on his research into Cost Recovery Corporation. This company specializes in cost recovery for emergency services. The Chief

provided the Board with a resolution that would authorize the District to utilize this service and collect user fees from insurance carriers of owners of vehicles that are involved in accidents requiring use of emergency services.

The title of the resolution is:

"A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE A USER FEE FOR THE DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES FOR VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS, PROVIDED BY THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT."

Jim Graven moved and John Volkerding seconded that the resolution be adopted. The motion carried unanimously. (The full text of the resolution is attached to the minutes.)

Chief Seng went on to report the following:

- Overall run volume is down for unknown reasons.
- St. MFD has been approved in a pilot program that authorizes District personnel to carry and dispense albuterol. This medication is intended to relieve the symptoms of asthma.
- February 14th is the official date that Louisville Metro EMS begins operations. Chief Seng stated that initially little change will be noticeable. He stated that Metro EMS wants to enter into an agreement with the District relating to use of District facilities.
- The Trustees Legislative Committee is forming a group to look into a rewrite of Chapter 75.
- The radio purchase authorized last month was \$5000 under the projected amount due to some shopping on the internet.

Expenditure Requests

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures:

- 2 PC computers (budgeted) \$1500
- 5 fire pagers (non-budgeted) \$2500

Jim Graven moved and Tom Eifler seconded that these expenditures be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Chief Seng spoke regarding recent quotes attributed to him in the Courier-Journal. Seng stated that he never spoke to the writer (Martha Elston) who quoted him in her article. Seng stated that he lodged a complaint with the editor.

Russ Maple spoke on the recent legislative initiative taken on by the District to seek a raise in the tax rate. He said that things appeared to be going well up

until it failed. His feeling was that we failed because of lack of support amongst some of the other Fire Districts and the Jefferson County Trustees Association.

Maple said he would stay on in Frankfort and monitor bills related to the Fire Districts interests. He reported on a number of bills of interest.

Being no further business, Jack Monohan moved and John Volkerding seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:54 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson

Secretary

2005

February 24, 2005, In March 3, 2005, *The Voice-Tribune*: Gilbert Frank Liebert, brother of Dennis J. Liebert and Cathy Clark, dies at 65: Former STMFD member.

Gilbert Frank Liebert, brother of Dennis J. Liebert and Cathy Clark, dies at 65

Gilbert Frank Liebert, 65, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, at his home.

Mr. Liebert was a sales representative for Packaging Unlimited, a member of the first graduating class of Trinity High School in 1957 and a member of St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church.

He will be fondly remembered by his family and friends for his great sense of humor, his love of sports, his bigger than life personality and his huge grin. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors: his wife of 44 years, Donna Marstiller Liebert; a son, Kevin M. Liebert (Michele); two daughters, Leisa Liebert Baechler (Jeff) and Stacy L. Liebert (Colleen); a sister, Cathy Clark (Reed); a brother-in-law, Dell Marstiller (Shiela); and five grandchildren, Kristen, Scott and Kyle Liebert and Logan and



Erika Baechler.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Frances of Rome Catholic Church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery. Ratterman's-Lexington Road Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial gifts: Society of St. Vincent De Paul.

February, 2005, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (02/01/2005) And (02/28/2005)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
211 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	44	56.63%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, AED applied w/stocks given	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
363 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
	47	59.23%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	1.76%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.76%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
	13	11.50%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
511 Lock-out	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
	3	2.65%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	5	4.42%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	4	3.53%	\$0	0.00%
631 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
	10	8.84%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
730 False alarm or false call, Other	1	1.76%	\$0	0.00%
	1	1.76%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	3	2.65%	\$0	0.00%
733 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	1.76%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	1.76%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	5	4.42%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.88%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	2	1.76%	\$0	0.00%
	18	15.92%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	113			
Total Est Loss:			\$0	

Total Runs: YTD= 268

2005

March 3, 2005, House fire with Harrods Creek, hcfid.org:

House Fire 3-3-05

On Thursday March 3, 2005

Harrods Creek received a dispatch of a structure fire on Covered Bridge road at 4:08AM. Unit 1201 arrived on scene with fire showing through the roof. Unit 1235 was the first company on scene and began an exterior attack with a 2 1/2 inch blitz line. The fire had already involved about 2/3 of the structure. It was obvious that all operations would be strictly defensive. Unit 1257 was the second company to arrive on scene. Within minutes 1257's aerial was put into service and began to attack the fire from above with its ladder pipe flowing approximately 1000GPM. It took about 35 minutes to get the fire under control. Other units on scene from Harrods Creek were 1204, 1209, 1256, 1233. Mutual aid was also requested from St. Matthews and North Oldham fire departments.



2005

March 4, 2005, *The Courier-Journal*, Metro Briefs—

Prospect house burns; cause of fire unknown

A house in Prospect was nearly destroyed by fire yesterday morning, but investigators are unsure of the cause.

Flames were shooting 10 to 12 feet out of the roof when Harrods Creek firefighters arrived at the two-story structure at 7113 Covered Bridge Road just after 4 a.m., said Rick Cusick, a spokesman for the fire department.

No one was in the house at the time of the blaze, Cusick said.

Firefighters got control of the blaze about 6 a.m., but by then the second floor and the roof in the front of the house had collapsed, and the rest of the house was severely damaged, fire officials said. St. Matthews and North Oldham firefighters were called in to assist.

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March 7, 2005, *The Courier-Journal* & *The Voice-Tribune*: Harry K. Babcock—retired president of Steepleton Billiard Table Co., dies at 77: Former STMFD firefighter and Trustee—

Harry K. Babcock, retired president of Steepleton Billiard Table Co., dies at 77

Harry K. Babcock, 77, of New Albany, Ind., died Monday, March 7, 2005 at Floyd Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Babcock was the retired president of Steepleton Billiard Table Co., a charter member of Babcock, Bade and Sullivan environmental group, and a retired captain of the St. Matthews Fire Department.

Survivors: his wife, Clara Babcock; two sons, Whitney W. Babcock and Squire K. Babcock; a daughter, Meme Babcock Smith; 11 grandchildren, Sabrah Babcock Wilkerson, Bekah Babcock, Betts Babcock Kayser, Aba Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Hannah Babcock, Chip Westerman, Molly Westerman, Lou Ann Crouch, Lisa Chapman Newlin and David Chapman; and three great-grandchildren, Taylor Babcock, Grace Kayser, and Jonah Wilkerson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Pearson's



Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial gifts: Ducks Unlimited, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120.

2005

March 8, 2005, Letter:

March 10, 2005, Trustee meeting:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: March 8, 2005
Re: District Activity

Don't forget, the Trustees meeting is tomorrow at 5:30 pm.

I regret to report that one of our former members passed away last Saturday. Former firefighter Harry Babcock, who was one of the most colorful individuals that ever walked through the doors here at St. Matthews, passed away at his home. Please see Tuesday's paper for arrangements. He will be truly missed by us all!!

Personnel status:
Injured

Dave Dugan:	Still out one to two more weeks from shoulder surgery.
Kent Monahan:	Out due to injured elbow. Minimum 2 wk, maximum?
Tom Marshall:	Hernia surgery March 21 st , will be out 6 weeks.

Training

Mike Richardsun:	Out one more week for National Fire Academy training.
Don Ryan:	Leaves tomorrow for a 1 week training class in Maryland.
Greg Crabb:	Leaves tomorrow for a 1 week training class in Maryland.

Dan Doyle:	Just returned from 4 day FireHouse Software class, Charlotte NC.
Stuart Monahan:	Just returned from 4 day FireHouse Software class, Charlotte NC.
Tina Freibert:	Just returned from 4 day FireHouse Software class, Charlotte NC.

Joe Wolfe:	Leave late April for Weapons of Mass Destruction Class.
Eric Sorenson:	Leave late April for Weapons of Mass Destruction Class.

Ron Retner: One more week on jury duty this week.

The roof here at Station One is still experiencing leaks. The contractor has been notified and he has advised us that he will be out as soon as the weather breaks. He has mentioned to me that he is trying to get the entire roof replaced under warranty. Please keep your fingers crossed.

I would like to start the process of having the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Nationally Certified by an accrediting agency. This is fairly new concept for the fire service but EMS agencies and police departments around the country have been doing this for years. I will have more details about this process during the meeting.

We have sent about 8 fire run reports to CRC for cost recovery under our new program. I will notify everyone when we start receiving those payments.

Please review the enclosed copy of the "Memorandum of Understanding" or also known as MOU that Metro government wants us to sign as it relates to the new EMS agency. Please familiarize yourself with the document so that we may be able to discuss this issue during the meeting.

Also enclosed with the MOU is an opinion letter from Maurice Byrne who is legal counsel for the Jefferson County Trustees Association.

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Trustees Meeting Agenda March 9, 2005

- Call to Order
- Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- Treasurer Report
- Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- Old Business
- New Business
- Executive Session
- The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on April 21st @ Eastwood Fire Department, station #1 @ 7:00pm.

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

March 10, 2005

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 7:25 P.M.. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Jim Graven, Tom Eifler, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the February 2005 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Expenditure Requests for March 2005

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2 computer mounts for new mobile computers.	\$1800.00
2 class A uniforms.	\$1200.00
Carpet for Station 2, front room.	\$1000.00
Southeastern Fire Chiefs Conference, June 2005	\$2500.00
Approval to bid concrete work at Station 2.	

2005

March 10, 2005, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

March 10, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 10, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jim Graven, Rick Tonini, Tom Eifler and Joe Wolfe.

Also in attendance were Chief Seng, Asst. Chief Monohan, Walter Sales and Sgt. Paul Kurtz.

Tom Eifler moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the minutes of the February 2005 meeting be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Graven led a discussion of the financials. This discussion included a review of the investments and the interest accrued. Investment options were discussed for additional funds. Tom Eifler suggested that we could safely purchase CDs with three to six month terms. Gravens, Eifler and Seng were to meet and take appropriate action in regard to these investments.

Treasurer Jim Graven suggested that it was time to begin the budget process for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the Treasurers report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chiefs Report

The Board paused for a moment of silence in observance of the passing of Harry Babcock. Mr. Babcock was a past member who served many years with the St. Matthews Fire Association.

Chief Seng reported on the status of injured members. Kent Monohan will be out for two weeks due to an elbow injury. Tom Marshall will be out for an undetermined duration for hernia surgery.

DeHart asked the Board to consider letting her withdraw her letter of retirement so that she could remain with the District until the end of the summer. She stated that if she were allowed to retire after July she would enjoy an increase in her retirement benefit. She stated that she felt that she was still a benefit to the District and hoped that the Board would consider her request.

The Board asked DeHart some questions for clarification of the request.

Jim Graven moved and Joe Wolfe seconded that the Board move into executive session to consider DeHart's request at 6:35 PM.

At 7:15 PM the Board returned to general session. A roll call vote was held. The issue voted upon was whether to allow DeHart's retirement letter to stand as originally accepted by the Board. Ayes being in favor of the enforcing the original agreement to make her retirement effective April 1, 2005.

Members voting Aye: Ellerkamp, Eifler and Tonini.
Members voting Nay: Gravens, Wolfe

Being no further business, Tom Eifler moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed at 7:20 PM.

Chief Seng stated that the roof at Station One has developed many leaks. The roof is under warranty and he is working with Geohagan Roofing on this problem. He expects that the roof will be replaced under warranty.

Chief Seng spoke briefly on the fund recovery process with CRC. He stated that 10 reports have been submitted for reimbursement with no fund received as of yet. Seng stated that more training is needed for the employees to insure consistency and full accountability.

Chief Seng presented the Board with a document titled a Memorandum of Understanding with the Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Service and the Fire Protection District. EMS wishes the District to enter into this agreement. The Board opted not to sign this agreement until it had more time to study the issue and some of the concerns are addressed.

Chief Seng proposed to the Board that the District begin the process of seeking national accreditation. A discussion ensued. Joe Wolfe suggested that we hold off approval of this process until we could study to see what the overall cost of the process would be. Rick Tonini suggested that a 3rd party review of the District would be beneficial.

Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded that we begin the application process for accreditation and approve travel for two individuals to attend the classes associated with this application in May at Grand Rapids Michigan. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng presented the following requests for expenditure:

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| • Computer mounting brackets | \$1800 |
| • Class A uniforms for Moulton and Clore | \$1200 |
| • Carpeting for Station 2 | \$1000 |
| • Southeastern Chiefs Conference (2 attendees) | \$2500 |
| • Approve to bid concrete work at Station 2 | |

Tom Eifler moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the expenditure list be approved.

Old Business

Russ Maple met with the Board and discussed the status on legislation that could impact the District.

New Business

Jackie DeHart requested to address the Board. DeHart declined moving the meeting into executive session.

Louisville
Emergency Medical Services

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By and Between

Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services
And
Fire Protection District

Through this document, Louisville Emergency Medical Services (LEMS) shall establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fire Protection District.

This MOU will become effective beginning February 1, 2005. The MOU shall be considered an ongoing agreement and may be reviewed between LEMS and the designated Fire Protection District as requested.

1. As an identified first responder agency within Louisville Metro Fire Protection District, agrees to respond to medical calls for service outside the jurisdictional boundaries of said fire protection district.
2. Fire Protection District will respond on calls for service with LEMS, when the department has been identified as the closest available resource capable of providing medical care.

Neal J. Richmond, M.D.
CEO, Louisville Metro EMS

Fire Protection District Representative

Date

Date

March 10, 2005, Trustee meeting:

2005 Memorandum

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By and Between

Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services

And

Fire Protection District

Through this document, Louisville Emergency Medical Services (LEMS) and its representative employees shall establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the Fire Protection District.

LEMS will hold harmless and indemnify Fire Protection District, and its agents, officers, and members, for any claims pursued by third parties relating to any liability, claims, damages or any other losses arising out of any action on the part of LEMS and its personnel, including personal injuries and damages to any vehicle or other property LEMS shall keep and maintain necessary worker's compensation insurance on its personnel. LEMS shall be liable for any damages arising from its negligence to the extent it is liable therefore, and shall hold harmless and indemnify from such liability Fire Protection District, and its agents, officers, and members, provided however that the parties hereto specifically do not waive any immunity from suit as provided in K.R.S. 67C.101, 75.070 et. seq or as otherwise provided by law to the parties or their agents, officers, and members.

This MOU will be effective between February 2005 and July 2005. Both the Fire Protection District and LEMS agree to collaborate during the budget process to review and modify this document for the 2006 Fiscal Year.

1. Fire Protection District agrees to provide space in their Station Houses for up to two (2) ambulances to park inside. Where the deployment of ambulances to Station Houses does not allow adequate space for two (2) ambulances due to the design of the Station House, Fire Protection District agrees to provide outside accessible space for the second ambulance. Electrical connections will be available for attaching the ambulances to shoreline power. In the event electrical connections are not available, LEMS shall bear the cost of installation. All power cords to be provided by LEMS.
2. Fire Protection District and LEMS agree to review the deployment model of LEMS to determine modifications are needed in the use of different Stations.
13. Fire Protection District will provide LEMS with all written and/or electronic patient care reports and system response data on a timely basis.
14. LEMS agrees to install, maintain security, control, ordering, and distribution of all Controlled Substances.
15. LEMS agrees that certain areas of the Fire House may be off-limits to LEMS Employees. Common areas of the building are accessible to all personnel. The Fire Department will define off-limit areas such as the dorm room, etc.
16. LEMS agrees to a review of its deployment model with Fire Protection District as it applies to available space in the various Stations within the District.
17. LEMS employees will assist in maintaining the cleanliness of the Fire Station.
18. As time permits, the On-duty Supervisor will make every effort to visit the Fire Station at least once per week.

3. LEMS employees agree to recognize the senior Fire Officer of the Fire House as being in charge. Employees shall not argue with any Fire Personnel. In the event a conflict arises between the Fire Personnel and LEMS employees, the immediate supervisor of both agencies shall attempt to resolve the matter. In the event the matter cannot be resolved between the immediate supervisors, a written report of the incident shall be forwarded through the chain of command to the office of the Fire Chief and Director of LEMS for appropriate action.
4. Fire Protection District agrees to provide space within the Station House for lockers for medical supplies and biohazard waste bins. Lockers to be provided by LEMS. LEMS agrees to collect and dispose of bio-hazardous waste generated as a result of medical care.
5. Fire Protection District agrees to provide an area for workspace for daily operational work for LEMS employees within the Station House. All furniture and accessories to be provided by LEMS, if necessary.
6. Fire Protection District and LEMS employees agree to follow their respective policies as they relate to language, religious, grooming habits, political issues, and the visiting of the Fire House when not on duty. If an issue is raised as it applies to the areas mentioned above, the employee shall cease the behavior immediately until the issue can be resolved.
7. LEMS Employees shall not allow personal visitors inside the Fire House unless permission is received from the Fire Department.
8. LEMS agrees that the Station House "Home Phone" usage shall be limited to ten (10) minutes except in the case of a dire emergency.
9. Fire Protection District agrees to allow the LEMS Crew to clean the interior of the ambulance while in quarters, utilizing supplies from the LEMS locker. Fire Protection District also agrees to allow the LEMS Crew to wash the exterior of the ambulance in a location to be determined with LEMS supplies. Fire Protection District also agrees to allow LEMS to do minor maintenance on their vehicles as necessary.
10. LEMS agrees to secure the Station House when leaving quarters.
11. LEMS agrees not to activate the siren of the ambulance until it has completely cleared the Station House.
12. LEMS agrees that during the hours designated as sleep hours, employees shall maintain an atmosphere, which allows other personnel to sleep undisturbed. The hours designated as sleep hours shall be identified to the LEMS Crew.

- Ambulances responding to a call for service in which their response time is ≥ 10 minutes will notify their communications center to start a participating fire agency.
 - This would include emergency calls in which a dual response is not indicated from the response recommendation; however, the administration of medical aid prior to the arrival of an ambulance would be beneficial.

Neal J. Richmond, M.D.
CEO, Louisville Metro EMS

Debbie Carter, Manager
Louisville Metro Police

CC: Major D. Bagby
Major J. Baines

Jefferson County Fire Protection District

Date

Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services

Date

2005

March, 2005, Incident Report:

April 10, 2005, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary)				
Alarm Date Between (03/01/2005) And (03/31/2005)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
112 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
121 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
	4	2.75%	50	0.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
221 Overpressure rupture of air or gas	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
300 Person, EMS incident, other	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	83	51.24%	50	0.00%
352 Detachment of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
	86	55.31%	50	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
443 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	2.75%	50	0.00%
	6	4.13%	50	0.00%
5 Service Call				
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
554 Assist invalid	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, response	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
	5	3.44%	50	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
611 Dispatched & handled en route	4	2.75%	50	0.00%
612 Authorized controlled burning	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
	6	4.13%	50	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
	11	7.50%	50	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	4	2.75%	50	0.00%
710 System malfunction, Other	4	2.75%	50	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	7	4.82%	50	0.00%
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	2.00%	50	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.68%	50	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	3	2.00%	50	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	2	1.37%	50	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	5	3.44%	50	0.00%
	32	22.04%	50	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 145 Total Est. Loss: 50				

It all runs YTD: 414

Smoke Detectors Save Lives



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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: April 10, 2005
Re: District Activity

So far every thing is running smooth!

Sergeant DeHart is officially retired as of April 4th 2005 with over 30 years of dedicated service. I have been trying to work with her on selecting a date were we can get together for a retirement party. As soon as I secure a date and location, I will notify each of you.

With the retirement of Sergeant DeHart there is now a vacancy that has been created on the day staff. I would like to discuss with the board on Thursday about how I would like to fill that position.

While discussing Sergeant DeHart, she had a small accident with Unit 2694 (2000 Ford Pick Up) several weeks ago. While the report of damage to both vehicles was minor, further investigation revealed that there was significant damage to the other vehicle that was involved. As a result about \$1500 to \$2000 dollar repair will be need to the other vehicle. I called our insurance carrier and they advised us to file a claim to cover the damages. There was not any noticeable damage to Unit 2694.

I would also like for the board to approve the summer intern position for a qualifying ECU Fire Science student again this year. While this position was approved last year it went unfilled because the lack of a qualifying applicant. However, I have already been approached this year by ECU acknowledging that there are qualifying candidates who are interested this year. As in the past, this student will work 40 hours a week at the rate of \$10 an hour during their summer break.

I have been talking with Chief Aponte from Harolds Creek about possibly utilizing them to service our fire apparatus for their yearly maintenance. Both Worthington and Lyndon have approached them also for the same type of service. Currently Harolds Creek is in the process of hiring an additional maintenance person to help with the workload. I would suspect within the next couple of weeks Harolds Creek will be able to give us an hourly rate of what it would cost to service our vehicles. I think at that time we will be able to determine if there will be any cost savings to us. I will keep you posted on how this turns out.

Firefighter physicals are being conducted during the whole month of April by our occupational physicians, Med East.

FDIC is going on this week in Indianapolis. We have several firefighters traveling back and forth all week long to attend the training classes that are being offered.

Included in your packets is the Memorandum of Understanding that is being offered by Metro Louisville. I am still recommending that we do not act on the one that is asking for all kinds of concessions to be made by us to accommodate EMS at our facility.

Also in the packet is a copy of a check that Susan Peabody donated to the fire district in the memory of Harry Babcock.

Treasurer Jim Graven and I would like to set a meeting date and time, sometime later this month to go over a proposed budget for 2005-2006. Please bring your calendar or date planner so that we may be able to pick a date where some of you may attend.

The new carpet that was approved last month for Station 2 is being installed today.

The concrete work for Station 2 is going a little slower than anticipated. I would suspect that we will have a bid opening later next month with the work starting after July 1. By doing this we will be able to budget this project for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

See you at the meeting. Remember it is at 5:30 pm.

2005

April 10, 2005, The passing of Eugene "Buddy" C. Klapheke, Jr. former STMFD firefighter:

Eugene C. Klapheke Jr., former firefighter for St. Matthews Fire Protection District, dies at 71

Eugene C. Klapheke Jr., 71, of Eastwood, died Sunday, April 10, 2005, at Baptist Hospital East Palliative Care Center.

Mr. Klapheke was a deputy officer of the Family Court, a former deputy state fire marshal, former firefighter with St. Matthews Fire Protection District, former treasurer of Jefferson County Fire Trustee Association Executive Board, former treasurer of Eastwood Fire Protection District, former assistant scoutmaster of Troop 30 and a member of St. Patrick

Catholic Church.

Survivors: his wife, Karen Wilson Klapheke; a daughter, Mary Kay (Paul) Alexander; a son, Eugene Charles Klapheke III; a sister, Betty Kantlehner; and three grandchildren, Katie, Connor and Carmen.

Funeral services were held at St. Patrick Catholic Church with burial in Louisville Memorial Garden East. Pearson Ratterman Bros. Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial gifts: Mass of the Air or St. Patrick Catholic Church building fund.



2005

April 10, 2005, Reports on outside training:

Report on Outside Training

Event: FDIC – Fire Dept Instructors Conference

Dates: April 11-16, 2005

Location: Indianapolis, IN

Attendees:

(6) Paid – Crabb, Moulton, Renner, Richardson, S. Monohan, Seng

(3) Volunteer – Beneke, Green, Volkerding

Summary:

Personnel attended the following:

Beneke – 8 hours on Leadership, 8 hours on Strategy & Tactics

Crabb – 16 hours on Strategy & Tactics, 8 hours on Leadership

Green – 16 hours on various topics

S. Monohan – 4 hours on Health & Safety, 4 hours on Command, 4 hour review of equipment/exhibits

Moulton – 16 hours on Leadership

Renner – 16 hours on Strategy & Tactics

Richardson – 6 hour review of equipment/exhibits

Seng – 4 hours on Leadership, 4 hour review of equipment/exhibits

Volkerding – 8 hours on Strategy & Tactics, 4 hour review of equipment/exhibits

Excellent opportunity for a large number of individuals to get training from the "Industry Experts", and to receive training on topics that are not readily available here in Jefferson County. See write ups for additional information and comments.

Mike Richardson

From: Michael J. Beneke [mbeneke@benekewire.com]

Sent: Monday, May 09, 2005 12:42 PM

To: Mike Richardson

Subject: RE: FDIC Write Up

Mike Richardson,

Per your request, please report to the board that recently promoted Captain Michael Beneke took the following Hands-On Training Workshops while attending FDIC 2005:

1. Fireground Academy
Monday, April 11
8:00AM – 5:00PM

2. Fireground Tactics
Tuesday, April 12
8:00AM – 5:00PM

I found these classes to be very informative and educational. I applied a lot of what I learned to the recent fire on Chenoweth Lane. Thank you for the opportunity and covering my expenses while attending these excellent workshops. I have a copy of the certificates for my personal file that I will provide you with tomorrow during drill. Yes, I will be at Tuesday night training promptly at 7:00PM.

I received your e-mail pertaining to KY State Fire School in Lexington, KY. I will not be participating in that program due to my work schedule and new baby due May 25.

Best regards,
Michael J. Beneke
Beneke Wire Company

Mike Richardson

From: Ron Renner
Sent: Friday, May 06, 2005 10:37 AM
To: Mike Richardson
Subject: FDIC Classes

One Monday and Tuesday I took Axioms of Leadership, a focus on personal leadership skills, and how to inspire peers to follow and grow in their knowledge and skills. The class was by far the best leadership and personal development class I have ever attended. I would strongly recommend this class to everyone. I also believe that our leaders (sergeants and up) should take this extremely good class. Wednesday I attended Anatomy of a Collapse. The class was fair in taking us through the step by step action in responding and dealing with a structural collapse. Wednesday's second session was Fire Dept. and EMS response, the class was good in pointing out what the dept. needs to do in order to enact a affective med response program. Including attitudes, goals, objectives, and mentalities needed to make a successful program. Thank you for the opportunity to better myself. Ron

2005

April, 2005: *Fire Buff's Bookshelf*, by Jeff Schielke, page 348—**ST. MATTHEWS FIREFIGHTERS - 84 YEARS OF FIREFIGHTING IN ST. MATTHEWS, KENTUCKY** by Al Ring—
2005, ST. MATTHEWS, KY FD. (Early mention in Engine!—Engine!)
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Engine!-Engine! Magazine

ST. MATTHEWS, KY, FD. The book *St. Matthews Firefighters—84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, KY* was edited by Al Ring. It starts with 1919 (their beginning) through 2003, and consists of documents, letters, interviews, newspaper articles, and pictures on 208 pages. The postpaid price (US addresses) is \$34.95. Checks or money orders should go to St. Matthews Fire Dept Alumni Assn, c/o Bill Andriot, 3818 Leland Rd, Louisville, KY 40207; phone 502-329-5280; e-mail boatz@bellsouth.net. It is also available through Border's Bookstore.

So far I have only leafed through it, which means you will get a second dose after I look it over more carefully. The covers are colorful, mainly red; but the photos inside are all B&W. There are many photos of fires, people, and apparatus, but only the cover photo of their 1931 Seagrave is large. As a detailed history of a local fire department, this looks very good.

The spirit and comradeship that characterized the volunteer fire service during the early and middle years of the twentieth century is exemplified in *St. Matthews Firefighters — 84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, KY*. Written by retired St. Matthews firefighter, Al Ring, the book required hundreds of hours of research by the author and his fellow members of the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association who, in preparation of the history, went through over 1800 pages of historical material, 900 documents, 1600 pictures, 600 newspaper articles and 400 letters. The result is a 208 page, 9 1/2" x 11 1/2" hardbound, comprehensive volume detailing the history of the independent, privately incorporated fire department which was started in 1919 as the St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association. The term voluntary may be a unique usage of that word in the fire service.

The format of the text is also different in that the primary narrative covers the inside of each page with an outsider sidebar which presents supplemental information, statistics and small pictures. Black-and-white pictures of fires, apparatus, departmental events and personnel supplement the text. The quality of the photographs range from excellent to marginal as some of the pictures were reproduced from old newspapers. The problems faced over the years by a community fire department which was not part of a municipal or other governmental authority are presented in detail. The history is not sugarcoated; the internal and external difficulties which arise in fire departments are openly discussed. The positive and negative aspects of strong personalities in leadership roles are shown, also. The first motorized apparatus was a 1920 Model T. In 1932 the department replaced the Model T with Seagrave Model B Suburbanite.

Unfortunately, the Depression was deepening, and the Association could not make its payments. Shown in the book is a May 18, 1933 letter from the Seagrave Corporation indicating the company's intent to repossess the rig on June 1, 1933. Adding to the possible loss of its only apparatus, the Association was threatened, not so subtly, by the company. "In case of default making it necessary to repossess the machine, will you notify the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau, or do you wish us to do so? It will be necessary for them to know as undoubtedly they will be compelled to make some adjustment in your insurance."

Fortunately, through hard work and fund raising, the repossession was narrowly averted. Later problems included the transition from a rural area to a built-up Louisville suburb with the need for consolidation with neighboring fire departments, each of which had its own Board of Directors and different perspectives on the proper approach to consolidation. The department liked its 1932 Seagrave, which remained in active service until 1977 and is shown in its present restored condition in a beautiful color picture on the front dust cover. St. Matthews stayed with Seagrave and acquired Seagrave engines in 1941, 1951 and 1963 plus a quad in 1954, a quint in 1957 and tillered aerials in 1979 and 1986. The price of the book is \$34.95 (with free shipping in the U.S.) from St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association, Inc., c/o Bill Andriot, 3818 Leland Road, Louisville, KY 40207.

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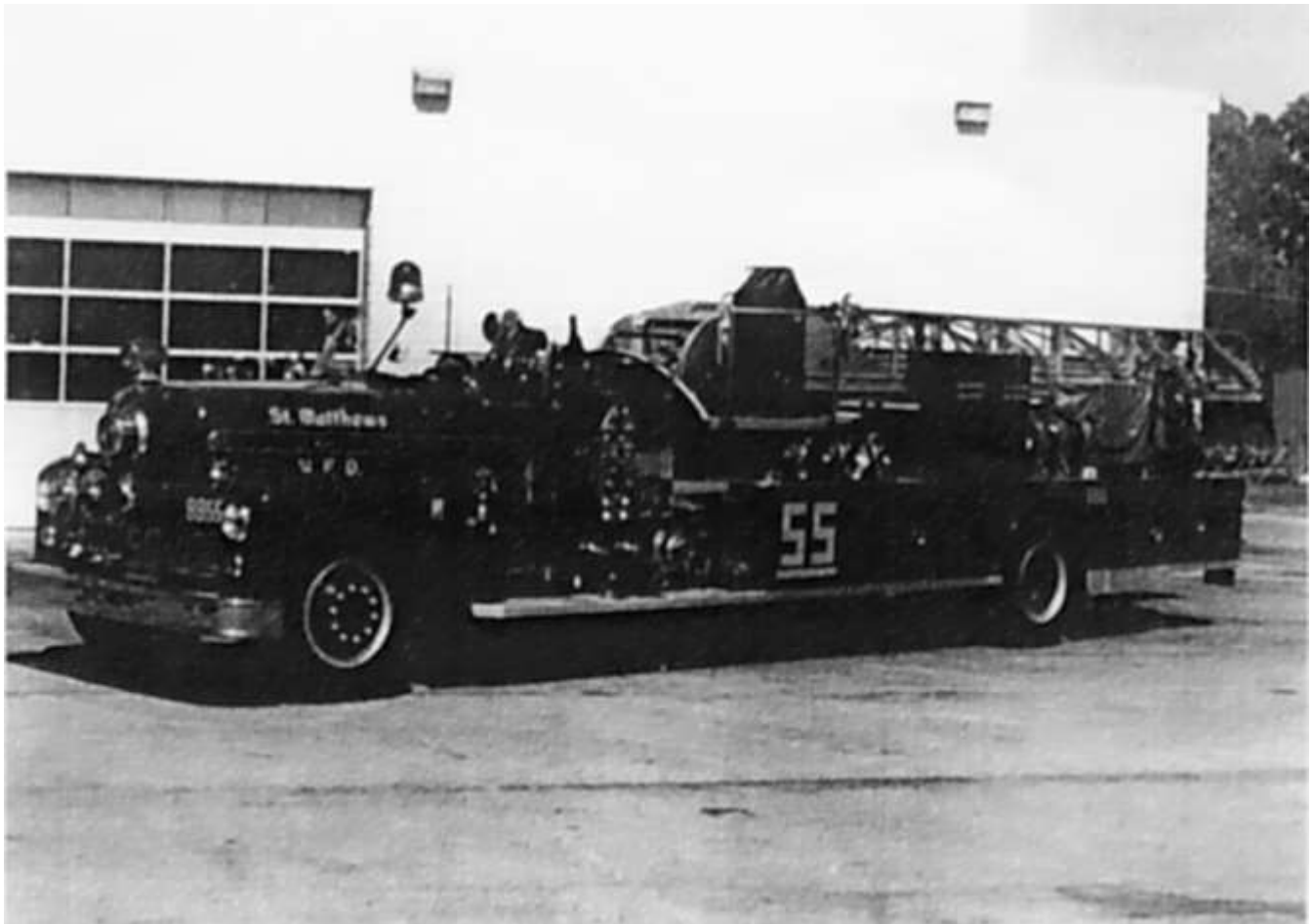
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2005, ST. MATTHEWS, KY FD. (Early mention in Engine!—Engine!)

2005-1, Engine! -- Engine!:

Random Notes

Several anecdotes in the St. Matthews book are worthy of further comment. At a fire during the 1930's, there was no hydrant nearby so the fireman "hijacked" a passing dairy truck and used milk to extinguish the blaze. For some reason the hoses were not cleaned, and when the milk began to sour, there was "a big old mess". In the days of cotton double jacketed hose, the standard procedure after a fire was to roll the sections of hose, put them on the back step, take them to the station, unroll, wash and dry them either in a tower or on a flat, slanted hose rack. After the hose was dry, each section was rolled and put on another rack where it was ready for the next reloading. Most departments changed the entire hose load at least twice a year so that the hose did not crack at the bends. There were also stories that the rubber lining contained sulfur, so that if there were to be water in the hose for long periods, weak sulfuric acid would form and damage the hose.



St. Matthews, Kentucky was a loyal Seagrave customer. This quint was delivered in 1957 and was equipped with a 750 gpm pump and a 75' aerial.
John Denney photo

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THE FIRE BUFF'S BOOKSHELF

By Jeff Schielke

The Fire service continues to be well documented with a response of well researched historically oriented books being released in the past year. The Visiting Fireman can only provide reviews on publications that have been actually previewed. Authors or publishers wishing to have their works commented upon should contact the Visiting Fireman business office or the bookshelf column editor at his home address: 518 Bailey Drive, Batavia, Illinois 60510

ST. MATTHEWS FIREFIGHTERS-84 YEARS OF FIREFIGHTING IN ST MATTHEWS, KENTUCKY by Al Ring.

In what turns out to be a most impressive example of quality local fire service history, this hardcover, 208 page, volume can easily serve as a model product for other fire departments wishing to publish their story. Well researched, with numerous black and white photographs, many of which illustrate exciting fireground action, this book is jammed packed with tales of departmental history and sidebar firehouse antidotes. A very strong feature of the volume is that it portrays all the non-firefighting assignments which St. Matthews dispatched crews to handle. A 1974 tornado outbreak in the Ohio River Valley hit this department especially hard and the entire incident is well documented, as it should be. For serious students of fire service history, this book is an outstanding lesson on how to research and report the day-to-day workings of the fire service mission. This book comes very highly recommended for those who wish to strengthen the quality of their fire history bookshelf. Books can be ordered for a price of \$34.95 with free shipping in the US. Send check or money order to St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association, Inc. % Bill Andriot, 3818

Leland Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40207. The book can also be ordered through Border's Bookstore

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA: 80 YEARS OF FIRE APPARATUS HISTORY 1923-2004 by Pete West and Mike Sanders.

Another volume that deserves high commendation is this well documented photo essay which tells the history of apparatus, both fire and rescue units, serving the Virginia county that adjoins Washington D.C. Soft cover, 176 pages in length, the book is literally full of high quality black and white photographs. The volume is subdivided by the various departments, which make up the county's apparatus fleet. Each department is presented showing both former units of its apparatus fleet plus sunshine photos of the current vehicles in service. Each photo is accompanied by a well-researched caption that fully documents the unit's age, equipment and utilization status. In addition to pre-staged vehicle shots, the volume includes some factory photos, apparatus accident scene shots, and firehouse ramp shots, which feature the station's architecture. Given the depth of good research and the high volume of photos presented, this book comes highly recommended for buffs that have a passion for apparatus or departmental histories. This book can be purchased for a price of \$35.00 plus \$3.00 shipping. Mail checks or money orders to: Pete West, PO Box 186 Philomont, Virginia 20131.

AMERICAN FIRE APPARATUS COMPANY-1922-1993 PHOTO ARCHIVE by Richard J. Gergel.

Continuing the commitment of Iconografix toward reporting the history of fire apparatus, manufacture by manufacture, this is one of the latest volumes to join the impressive array of

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Additional information supplied to Tim W. Elder by Al Ring, Jack Monohan, Rick Albers in May of 2005 on apparatus:

April 14, 2005, Trustee meeting:

ST. MATTHEWS V.F.D. ROSTER OF APPARATUS
1919 TO PRESENT DAY

ID #	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL	TYPE	GPM	TANK Gallons	AERIAL	YEARS SERVED	OTHER COMMENTS
1. n/a	Unk.	Unknown	Hose cart	None	None	None	1919-20	Hand-Pulled
2 #1	1920	Ford Model T	Chemical	None	250	None	1920-31	Sold to Lake Dreamland FD
3 #2	1931	Seagrave Suburbanite	Pumper	500	250	None	1931-73	AKA; Engine 2, S-2 or 8822 Restored in mid-1990's
4 #3	1924	White	Salvage wagon	250	None	None	1939-42	Replaced by '41 Seagrave
5 #3	1941	Ford-Seagrave	Pumper	500	200	None	1942-57	AKA Engine 3 or S-3 Sold to McMahan FD
6 Engine 1	1947	Seagrave	Pumper	750	500	None	1950-77	AKA S-1 or 8821 Sold to Duffield VA VFD
7 Quad 4	1955	Seagrave	Quad	750	200	None	1954-78	AKA S-4 or 8844 Sold to McCulloch IN VFD
8 Quint 5	1957	Seagrave	Quint	750	200	75'	1957-85	AKA S-5 or 8855. Sold private owner
9 S-3	1963	Seagrave	Pumper	1250	500	None	1963-83	AKA 8833 Sold to Dayton KY FD
10 S-6	1973	Mack	Pumper	1500	500	None	1973-89	AKA 8836 or 2636 Sold to Sellersburg IN FD
11 8835	1976	Mack	Pumper	1500	500	None	1976-94	AKA 2635 Sold to Spencer Co. KY Fire District
12 8834	1976	Mack	Pumper	1500	500	None	1976-95	AKA 2634 Sold to 7 FD in rural KY

13 8857	1980	Seagrave	Aerial	None	None	100'	1979-2000	Tractor-drawn aerial AKA 2657 Sold to Cincinnati FD
14 8832	1982	Mack	Pumper	1500	500	None	1982-2002	AKA 2632 Sold to North Oldham FD
15 8853	1986	Seagrave	Aerial	None	None	100'	In service	AKA 2653 Tractor-drawn aerial
16 2691	1989	Ford SuperVac	Ventilation truck	None	None	None	In service	PPV truck
17 2636	1989	Gator	Pumper	1500	500	None	1989-93	Replaced 1973 Mack Sold to Dixie Suburban FD
14 2633	1994	E-One	Pumper	1500	500	None	In service	Replaced 1989 Gator
15 2634	1995	E-One	Pumper	1500	500	None	In service	Replaced 1976 Mack 2634
18 2631	1999	E-One	Pumper	1500	500	None	In service	Replaced 1976 Mack 2635
19 2658	2002	E-One	Quint	1500	500	75'	In service	Replaced 1982 Mack (2632) & 1980 Seagrave (2657)

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Trustees Meeting Agenda April 14, 2005

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. Treasurer Report
- IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on April 21st @ Eastwood Fire Department, station #1 @ 7:00pm.

Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District Holding Company

April 15, 2005

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 6:45 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Tom Effer, John Volkerding, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the March 2005 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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April 14, 2005, Trustee meeting:

Approved

Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

April 15, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 15, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Trustees present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, Paul Kurtz, Nick Clark, Louis Stoke, and Frank Flynn.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Rick Tonini seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Graven being absent, Chief Seng led a brief discussion of the financial reports.

Chief Seng stated that a budget meeting should be held in order to finalize a budget for presentation at the May Meeting.

Rick Tonini asked for clarification on the Districts travel per diem policy. The policy is that members traveling on department business receive a \$50 daily per diem.

The Trustees had a discussion on the value of the FDIC conference to the District. There was general agreement that the training received at this conference was quite valuable.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported that Jackie DeHart has officially retired.

Seng reported to the Board that the District has received an estimate of \$1500 to \$2000 for a repair to a vehicle damaged by Sgt. DeHart while driving a department vehicle. No accident report was taken because DeHart thought the damage to be minor. Chief Seng will follow up. *

*No Report 5/12/05
Details will follow next meet.*

Chief Seng briefed the Board on a proposal by Harrods Creek Fire Department to provide apparatus maintenance services to the District. This would include minor and scheduled maintenance. Seng will report more details of this offer as they become available.

Seng reported that firefighter physicals are taking place this month.

Chief Seng led a discussion about the memorandum of understanding with the Louisville Metro EMS as it regards to closest asset response. This memorandum would allow for EMS to dispatch the closest fire unit to medical responses. The implications of the signing of this agreement is that our units may respond into the Urban Services District as well as Louisville Fire Department units may respond to areas in St. Matthews Fire District. A long discussion ensued.

Joe Wolfe moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the Memorandum of Understanding with Metro EMS that pertains to closest asset emergency medical response be accepted and signed by the St. Matthews Fire District Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that Sgt. DeHarts retirement has left a vacancy on the paid staff. He asks the Board to authorize the hiring of an entry-level person to fill this vacancy.

Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the Chief be authorized to hire an entry-level firefighter to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Sgt. Dehart. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported briefly on the Chenoweth Lane fire.

Rick Tonini requested a brief executive session for a personnel matter. The Board went into executive session at 6:10 PM.

General session resumed at 6:40 PM with no action taken.

Tom Eifler moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 6:40 PM.

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April 20, 2005, Letter—Grant:

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 20, 2005

Mr. Matt A. Mayer
Acting Executive Director
Office for Domestic Preparedness
Department of Homeland Security
310 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20531

Dear Mr. Mayer:

This letter is in support of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and their Assistance to Firefighters grant application for funding to update their breathing apparatus.

This funding will allow St. Matthews to purchase 70 sets of much needed breathing apparatus which will significantly increase firefighter safety as well as provide better protection of the citizenry. The breathing apparatus will also provide CBRN protection to their personnel in the event of a natural or man made disaster that may affect the city of Louisville and surrounding counties. This funding will also allow them to purchase a computer based fire ground tracking and air management system which will also greatly increase firefighter safety. In addition, after the purchase of the new equipment, St. Matthews will donate its used breathing apparatus to rural fire departments who simply cannot afford newer equipment.

I strongly support the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and hope that their application will receive every possible consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Anne Northrup
Member of Congress

atmospheres. This system allows the Accountability Officer to monitor everyone's air status and immediately alerts him/her of any activated Pass units. Further, this system can be used to recall an individual firefighter or to alert all firefighters operating at a scene of an evacuation by a signal transmitted from the base unit. These features give us a secondary communications link that could be the difference between life and death should radio communications fail, as radios often do. We think the SEMS technology represents the next great safety enhancement for firefighters, ranking right up there with thermal imaging and SCBA. The lessons learned at Hackensack NJ, Pittsburg PA, and Phoenix AZ, where a more effective accountability system could have made the difference struck home with us. We take firefighter accountability very seriously and want our firefighters to have the benefit of the SEMS system and the additional safety factor that it will provide.

Our Community

The community served by the St. Matthews Fire District is a densely populated suburb of Louisville Ky. The largest segment of our community of 28,585 is represented by elderly persons and families with children. The District protects many important assets of the community including 3 major hospitals with nearly 1200 beds, a 1.3 million square foot shopping mall, bustling commercial areas, 2 major interstate highways, and a busy rail line. An incident or an attack on any of these community assets could result in many deaths and have a devastating long term effect on the regional economy.

The rail line carries an average 24 trains a day, most with hazardous commodities, through a densely populated area. Any transportation accident on this rail line involving hazardous commodities will place a large number of our community at great risk. The effectiveness of the Fire Districts first response would be a crucial factor for the survival of many citizens.

Financial Justification

With firefighter payroll and employee expenses taking up 85 percent of the operating budget, little money is left over for large capital expenditures such as the requested equipment. Further, the District has an increasing burden of being the location for three rapidly growing non-profit medical centers which require greater staffing and more specialized equipment to protect them. These facilities pay no property tax and adversely impact the District's tax base by displacing businesses that have paid property taxes in the past. Future prospects for additional funds are limited due to state law which limits fire district tax revenues to 10 cents per \$100 of property tax. The District already charges the maximum rate and the community tax base growth potential is limited due to the areas complete development. At this time a grant under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is the only realistic opportunity to have this important project funded at this time.

Statement

The purpose of this grant request is to equip all firefighters in the St. Matthews Fire Protection District with NFPA and NIOSH approved self-contained breathing apparatus, with integrated PASS devices, an integrated air supply management and firefighter accountability system. Further, we seek to provide protection from CBRN agents.

Proposal and Need

These grant funds, when provided would be used to purchase (30) Scott Air Pack 50, 60 minute self-contained breathing apparatus, with integrated PASS devices, an electronic air supply management system, and air purifying respirator interfaces for CBRN canister units. These SCBA would be deployed in our 27 riding positions on our front line fire apparatus plus 3 Command Staff vehicles. Also included in this grant request are five RIT packs which would be deployed in each of our front line fire apparatus.

The SCBA units we currently use are 7 years old and have reached their expected half life. Although still serviceable, they no longer fulfill the requirements of the Fire District's mission. They are not CBRN approved and cannot be retrofitted in order to make them so. With this funding, these older SCBA would be declared surplus and "gifted" to a Department whose needs would be met with them. We believe that they would be of great service to a smaller, less active rural department whose needs may not include CBRN approved SCBA. Our successful grant would surely benefit the recipient of our surplus SCBA.

The new SCBA will benefit the community in a number of ways. Foremost of which is that they would be fully interoperable with the Jefferson County Hazardous Materials Response Team. This team is a regional effort which has responsibility for Haz-Mat response for the Metro Louisville area and the five surrounding counties. Our Department provides Haz-Mat Technicians to this group and we are a crucial component of the organization. This group, and therefore our firefighters, is responding to any Level 3 hazardous materials incident or any event involving WMD in the form of chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons in the community. Therefore, CBRN approved SCBA are essential. This system will also provide interoperability with many of our common mutual aid partners as well.

Our community would benefit from more effective firefighters. It is a known fact that safer firefighters are more effective. These SCBA and RIT packs would allow us to benefit from new technologies available that greatly enhance firefighter safety. The inclusion of the SEMS (Scott Electronic Management System) air supply management system will greatly increase our ability to provide firefighter accountability and tracking when they are operating in IDLH

The cost of this project has been determined to be \$163,205.00. State law requires that expenditures of this nature be subject to a sealed competitive bid process to insure that the "lowest and best responsible bidder" be selected to provide this equipment. When the funds are made available, this bid process will be conducted to select the contractor who will provide the best value for taxpayer dollars.

Conclusion

This grant will allow us to prepare and protect against CBRN attacks which is a risk in our area. We will be able to better protect our community's key infrastructure and financial assets thru interoperability and preparedness. We will significantly enhance firefighter safety and accountability. This will in turn benefit the greater region along with our district. An additional benefit is that this will also allow us to provide another department with SCBA that don't fit our need but may be of great benefit to another community.

Thank you for considering this request.

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May 10, 2005, Letter:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: May 10, 2005
Re: District Activity

- ✓ Unit 2658 was out of service last week for a short time due to a fuel line rupture. The line ruptured due to a stress crack while the crew was attempting to get fuel at Thornton's. Due to the fact that the truck was parked under the eaving at Thornton's it made it very difficult to get into the engine compartment to make the necessary repairs. After being down for several hours Clark Diesel was finally able to send out a repair technician to replace the fuel line on site rather than have the truck towed to their facility.
- ✓ My car is currently in the process of getting several estimates to make a repair to the computer module that runs several critical component systems. So far the price has varied from about \$1000.00 to around \$1900.00. Since I am out of town and not in need of the car immediately I have asked Kony to get one more estimate before making a final decision.
- ✓ Captain Dave Dugan, Sergeant Eric Sorenson and myself are currently in Grand Rapids MI until Thursday attending a seminar presented by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. We will return this Thursday and provide the board with a detailed report on the process that the fire district will need to go through to obtain a national recognized accreditation certificate.
- ✓ Our new summer intern, Drew Windhorst from Eastern Kentucky University started this week. He will be with us until mid August learning all aspects of what it takes to run a fire service today. He is from Simpsonville and is on the Simpsonville Fire Department. If you have a chance, please stop by and say hello to him.
- ✓ I just received word from Sergeant Paul Kurte that he plans on leaving the St. Matthews Fire District within the next several months to pursue a fire service career in Florida. Paul has apparently already purchased a house somewhere in the Tampa area and will be

moving there as soon as he can sell his house here. This has been a longtime desire of Paul's and I wish him the best of luck in his endeavors.

I am currently in the process of filling Jackie Dehart's old position with a firefighter who would also be interested in doing inspection work as well. There are currently three firefighters who are current employees and who have expressed some interest in filling the position. After talking with these individuals, hopefully I will be able to select one of them to work an 8 to 5 position. Their main responsibility would be in the area of fire prevention and fire inspection. I will let you know on how this turns out.

✓ Tom Marshal is finally back to work this week after his lengthy recuperation period from his surgery.

✓ The roof leak over the second floor at station one is still there. My last conversation with Dan Bowling of Geoghegan Roofing was that he thought the company holding the warranty would be willing to replace the entire second floor roof under the original warranty. However, there would be some cost to us. He said that it would be our expense to have the HVAC units lifted off their bases and have them reinstalled after the new roof was laid down. Dan is currently in the process of getting those prices to us so that we can see how much they will be before we make any kind of decision.

✓ Enclosed is a copy of our federal grant request for this current fiscal year. We have not had any luck in the years past trying to secure some of this money. Along with our application is a letter from Anne Northrup, who is in support of our efforts. Who knows, maybe this might help us get the some money this time.

✓ Also enclosed is the proposed budget for fiscal year 2005 - 2006. The first page is the operating expense minus the personnel expenses. The next several pages are the personnel expenses with a percentage added into them to reflect pay raises. That percentage will need to be determined by the board before a final budget can be approved. I will explain in more detail at Thursdays meeting.

✓ All of the firefighters physicals are currently going on this month and should be finished by the end on May.

Don't forget the Crusade for Children is the first weekend in June this year.

Expense Request for May 2005

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Hydraulic lines for 2634' rescue tools	\$1,500	yes
Floodlights for the rear of 2631	\$1,200	yes
Blitz fire nozzle for 2631	\$1,935	yes
Load of 5" hose for 2633 Hose is currently 11 years old.	\$6,300	yes

Approved

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May 12, 2005, Trustee meeting:

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Trustees Meeting Agenda May 12, 2005

- I. ✓ Call to Order @ 5:30 PM
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *Approved*
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *Graven Not Present - No Report*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business *No Report On Legal Matters w/ Agreement On Post Tax Money*
- VI. ✓ New Business *S. R. Graven Policy - Discussion - See Attached Sheet*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session *Safety Only For Future*
Discussion On Fire District's W. Wagon - Later
- VIII. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on June 4th @ Camp Taylor Fire Department @ 7:00pm.

* Call Seng Spec. Meet BEFORE 6:45 to set & approve
* Have Local People Consent Reg. Sub. Meet.
6:45 Close

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

May 12, 2005

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 6:50 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Joe Wolfe, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the April 2005 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Tom Eifler moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting move into executive session at 6:29 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting returned to general session at 6:45 with no action taken.

Jack Monohan moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed at 6:45 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

May 12, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 12, 2004 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

Also present was Chief Seng, Asst. Chief Monohan and Capt. Mike Richardson.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and Tom Eifler moved, Rick Tonini seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Graven not being present, Chief Seng led a discussion of the financial statements.

Seng stated that CRC has recovered funds on the behalf of the District and we are awaiting the first check.

Seng reported that we are still waiting for a response from the defendants in the tax recovery litigation.

Treasurer Graven, via Chairman Ellerkamp, requested that the budget discussion be delayed until such time as he could attend a meeting. The Trustees agreed to hold a special meeting as long as it could be accomplished in May in order for us to comply with a statutory requirement that the budget be reported by June 1.

Chief Seng briefly spoke of the class on accreditation that he, Sorenson and Dugan attended. He said he would address this issue later after he has had more time to digest the information.

Chief Seng reported that 2658 broke down due to a ruptured fuel line at the Thornton's on Shelbyville Rd. Repairs were made on site and it was quickly returned to service.

Chief Seng reported that Sgt. Paul Kurtz has signaled his intention to resign from the Department in the near future so that he can relocate to Florida.

Seng reported that Goehagan Roofing has made an offer to replace the leaking roof at Station One. Their offer is to replace the roof under warrantee and to honor the remaining 9 years of the warrantee for the new roof. This agreement would require the District to pay for the HVAC removal/replacement and the flashing. The cost of this to the District would be nearly \$7000. After discussion, the Board decided to not accept the offer and continue to have Goehagan repair the roof as needed.

Captain Richardson presented the Board with a report relating to outside training utilized by the District. In his report he stated that 9 Fire District personnel benefited from the training at the FDIC in Indianapolis. Included in his report were statements of gratitude and support of this training as extremely valuable to the District.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures.

• 2634 hydraulic lines	\$1500	budgeted
• Floodlights for 2631	\$1200	budgeted
• Blitz fire appliance for 2631	\$1935	budgeted
• 5" hose for 2633	\$6300	budgeted

Rick Tonini led a discussion on the Chapter 75 committee that has been formed by the Fire Trustees Association. Tonini felt that it would be awkward for the District to participate in this committee and continue to not fund the Trustees Associations lobbyist. John Volkerding moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the District retain Bob Benson through the Jefferson County Fire Trustee Association. The motion passed 5 - 0, with Tom Eifler abstaining.

Rick Tonini moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the District investigate continuing to retain Russ Maple as its lobbyist. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe presented the Trustees with some draft sick leave policies regarding buyback of excessive accrual of unused leave.

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May 14, 2005, House Fire, with Harrods Creek, courtesy hcfd.org:

House Fire 5-14-05

On Saturday May 14th at 2:30 AM Harrods Creek was dispatched to a house fire with rescues. Upon arrival Unit 1201 confirmed a structure fire with possibly two rescues. Unit 1235 arrived and entered the structure with an 1 3/4" line and three personnel. The crew knocked the fire down and found one unconscious person inside the structure. The crew made the rescue and the fire was under control in about seven minutes. The person rescued was the only person in the building. Other units on scene were 1203, 1207, 1256, 1233, 1257, and 2658.



May 11, 2005, The Courier-Journal



N. Oldham fire station to open with celebration

If you hear a siren in northern Oldham County about noon on May 21, don't be alarmed. The noise will signify the dedication of the North Oldham Fire Department's new station off Ky. 1793.

The public is invited to an open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a ceremony at noon. Other events: displays of antique firetrucks and of firefighting and rescue equipment, and a chili cook-off.

If you have photos or other items depicting the fire department's history, call Chief Rick Albers at 228-1447 or e-mail him at chief@nofd.org.

— Tonia Holbrook

2005

May 17, 2005, Memorandum:

May 24, 2005, Special Trustee meeting:

MEMORANDUM

St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Chief William J. Seng

To: All Personnel
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: May 18, 2005
Re: Promotions

Effective immediately, the following firefighters have been promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Please congratulate these individuals on such an outstanding achievement.

Mark Craycroft
Dan Green
David Meiners

Congratulations and good luck!

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

May 24, 2005

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

The purpose of the special meeting being to adopt the operating budget for the fiscal year 2005-2006.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, John Volkerding, Rick Tonini and Joe Wolfe.

Chief Seng led a discussion of the proposed budget.

The Board discussed the presented operating budget and asked for a few changes. They are:

- Increase legislative to \$5000
- Increase legal to \$50,000

The capital expenditure list was discussed at some length.

A discussion ensued regarding personnel expenses and pay raises.

Tom Eifler moved and Jim Graven proposed that the budget include a 3% pay raise for all employees. The motion failed 3-4.

Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the personnel of firefighter rank receive a 4% across the board increase and that all other employees receive a 3% raise. The motion passed 5-2.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

5/24/05 Special Budget Meeting

3 percent	04-05 budget	04-05 actual	proposed 05-06
Personnel Expense			
Salary	1200000	1198373	1236000
Overtime	160000	162881	164800
Incentive	90000	90000	90000
FICA	112138	103362	114000
Health Ins	260000	258864	280000
Term Life	4800	5140	5200
Dental	22000	20282	22000
CERS	316000	304209	322700
Workmans Comp	46000	46000	46000
Reimbursement	36000	37848	40000
	2245938	2226959	2370700
Totals			
Expenses	341367	436785	375700
Personnel	2245938	2226959	2370700
Reserve			91600
Capital	86705	533281	168000
Total	2674000	3196005	3004000

Capital Items

Replace SUV	36000	
Replace Pick-up	36000	
Network Server	25000	10,000 (1,000)
Ramp Repair Station 2	25000	
Thermal Camera	15000	14,500 (4,500)
Digital Recorder	2000	
Tile Classroom and TV room	6000	
Weight Equipment	8000	
Replace Mower Station 2	5000	
Office Renovation	15000	
Total	190000	18,500

* Replace #2653
Add Sprinkler System
* Fund \$150,000.00 For Apparatus Reserve

5/24/05 Special Meeting - Budget

4-7 percent

Personnel Expense	04-05 budget	04-05 actual	05-06 proposed
Salary	1200000	1198373	1269157
Overtime	160000	162881	170000
Incentive	90000	90000	90000
FICA	112138	103362	116880
Health Ins	260000	258864	280000
Term Life	4800	5140	5200
Dental	22000	20282	22715
CERS	316000	304209	363818
Workmans Comp	46000	46000	46000
Reimbursement	36000	37848	40000
	2245938	2226959	2423870
Totals			
Expenses	341367	436785	375700
Personnel	2245938	2226959	2423870
Reserve			30430
Capital	86705	533281	168000
Total	2674000	3196005	3004000

Capital Items

Replace SUV	36000
Replace Pick-up	36000
Network Server	25000
Ramp Repair Station 2	25000
Thermal Camera	15000
Digital Recorder	2000
Tile Classroom and TV room	6000
Weight Equipment	8000
Replace Mower Station 2	5000
Office Renovation	15000
Total	188000

3% For Officers (5 to 2)
4% For Fire Fighters
(Approved 5 to 2)
* Consider Bonus Mid Year
Tina + Incentive
Kenny - Incentive

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May 24, 2005, Special Trustee meeting:

May, 2005, Incident Report:

*SPECIAL MEETING 5-24-05
REF BUDGET*

	04-05 budget	proj 04-05 actual	proposed 05-06
Income			
Real Property	2349000	2874826	2504000
Personal Property	183000	172296	175000
Prior Period	20000	23115	20000
Incentive Pay	94000	94000	94000
Incentive Pension	16000	16338	16000
Interest	12000	15430	45000
Tangible Goods			150000
	2674000	3196005	3004000

Expense			
Physicals	10600	10600	12000
Uniforms	9750	9780	10000
Turnout	15750	15988	17000
Recreation	15500	17905	18000
Training	32250	40445	40000
Employee Asst	1500	1622	1600
Education Asst	2000	0	2000
Fuel	17000	16292	19000
Vehicle Maint	33000	33265	36000
Equipment Exp	23000	13760	23000
EMT-D	5000	4818	5000
SCBA	3500	2294	3500
Utilities	38000	36609	38000
Computers	10000	4924	7500
Building Maint	23000	26762	27000
Phones	11000	12003	13000
Pagers	3000	3365	3500
Radio Purc & Repair	10000	15233	10000
County Alarm	500	0	500
Account & Audit	6500	11095	8000
Legal	6007	81585	16000
Legal Advertising	700	19980	700
Data Processing	6000	5952	6000
Tax Rolls	500	0	500
Insurance	36000	37172	38000
Postage	1000	961	1000
Trustee Fees	1800	1800	1800
Office Supplies	7000	6230	7000
Memberships	2500	2155	2500
Trustees Assoc	2000	2000	2000
Legislative Rep	1500	2100	2100
Public Ed	3500	0	3500
<i>ADM. RESERVE (total of Accounting)</i>			<i>- 50,000</i>
Total Operating	341357	436765	375700

*375,700
- 50,000
325,700*

OK

St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (05/01/2005) And (05/31/2005)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	2	1.33%	\$8,000	100.00%
121 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
145 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
147 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	2	1.33%	\$0	0.00%
	7	4.66%	\$8,000	100.00%

2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat --no fire				
251 Explosive heat, scorch burns with no	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%

3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	67	42.66%	\$0	0.00%
332 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
352 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
	69	44.00%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2	1.33%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	2	1.33%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
440 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
443 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	2.66%	\$0	0.00%
	13	8.66%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call				
511 Lock-out	2	1.33%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, makeup	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
	4	2.66%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	9	6.00%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	9	6.00%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
8 Good Intent Call				
801 Vicinity alarm (lockdown in other locations)	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
831 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
833 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
	3	1.98%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.33%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	2	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
720 System malfunction, Other	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
737 Smoke detector activation due to	5	3.33%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	1.33%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.66%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	9	6.00%	\$0	0.00%
749 Alarm system activation, no fire -	12	8.00%	\$0	0.00%
	35	23.33%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 150 Total Est Loss: \$8,000

Total Runs YTD = 711

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June , 2005, Crusade for Children:

Event	2005 CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN TALLEY								Totals
	Tuesday Night	Wednesday Night	Thursday Night	Friday night	Saturday morning	Saturday Afternoon	Saturday night	Sunday Morning	
2631	\$1,380.66	\$2,013.84	\$1,545.32	\$1,298.29	757.72	2,106.95	1,582.93	2,125.60	\$12,811.31
2633	\$1,171.54	\$1,376.50	\$2,887.97	\$1,835.30	0.00	5,213.99	0.00		\$12,485.30
2634	\$2,017.03	\$1,498.90	\$1,821.72	\$1,943.52	1,958.92	1,992.56	1,480.11		\$ 12,713.86
2653	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		\$ -
2691	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		\$ -
2658	\$3,780.22	\$3,985.27	\$1,918.72	\$1,119.34	418.11	1,116.11	878.11	1,848.76	\$ 15,064.64
2694	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,281.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		\$ 1,281.00
2613	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		\$ -
2692	\$ 668.88	\$0.00	\$554.67	\$0.00	0.00	724.68	2,778.48		\$ 4,726.71
Misc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 21,370.49	\$ 23,870.49
Session Total	\$9,018.33	\$8,875.51	\$10,009.40	\$6,196.45	\$3,134.75	\$13,654.39	\$6,719.63	\$25,344.85	\$82,953.31
Last Year	\$7,110.37	\$10,033.26	\$6,105.78	\$8,817.00	\$5,331.85	\$ 15,189.45	\$6,208.44	\$30,485.63	\$89,291.78
Difference	\$1,907.96	(\$1,157.75)	\$3,903.62	(\$2,620.55)	(\$2,197.10)	(\$1,535.06)	\$511.19	(\$5,140.78)	\$ (6,338.47)

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WHAS CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN: \$5,378,566

PRP attains milestone, paves way for Crusade

Despite appearing down, pledges up

By Kay Stewart
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The Courier-Journal

The Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department came to town yesterday with 12 firetrucks, about 100 firefighters and their friends and relatives, and most important, pledges of \$300,001.

"Everyone is pumped up," said Chief Doug Atwell, whose smile rarely left his face as the PRP contingent crowded in front of the camera at the 52nd annual WHAS Crusade for Children telecast.

With this year's amount, the PRP department has raised more than \$5 million for the Crusade since it began participating 50 years ago.

Shortly after 9 last night, the telecast tote board showed a final amount raised of \$5,378,566, down from the \$6.05 million reported last year.

But with roughly \$900,000 more going to a Crusade endowment fund, total giving actually increased, said Rebecca Jackson, the crusade's new chief executive officer.

Jackson, a former Jefferson County judge-executive who joined the Crusade staff Tuesday, said donations from wills were not added to the tote board number this



A contingent representing firefighters from Pleasure Ridge Park showed up at the WHAS television studio to announce it had collected \$300,001 in cash and pledges for the Crusade for Children. The department surpassed \$5 million in giving. (PHOTOS BY CHRIS HALL, SPECIAL TO THE COURIER-JOURNAL)



Terry Meners of WHAS held the microphone to capture the sound of money collected by firefighters in Jennings County, Ind., being poured into a container during the telecast.

year and were instead placed in the endowment fund, which covers Crusade salaries and can be tapped for emergency community needs. She said the endowment ensures that all money donated by the public goes directly to programs that help children.

Since 1954, the Crusade has provided \$108 million to schools, hospitals and agencies to help special-needs children in Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

Representatives of hundreds of fire departments, businesses and organizations across Kentucky and Southern Indiana reported their contributions before the cameras yesterday. Jackson said the Camp Taylor Fire Department in Jefferson County announced "contributions from around the world," noting that a soldier in Iraq had notified the department of his pledge to their Crusade effort.

While WHAS broadcast the event from Louisville, live remote telecasts took place in Corydon, Ind., and in Elizabethtown, Shelbyville, Bardstown and Rough River State Park in Kentucky.

Leitchfield firefighter Henry Eastridge said he could have taken his department's \$14,937.61 contribution — \$500 more than last year — to the nearby remote location at Rough River State Park, but preferred to travel 90 minutes to Louisville instead.

"If I'm going to stand out there and collect for the kids, I'm going to come up here to Louisville," said Eastridge, whose wife Georgia and granddaughter Kelly Stewart made the trip with him.

To raise money for the Crusade, he said the 47-member department holds an annual pancake breakfast, raffles a donated riding lawnmower, and solicits donations at intersections the weekend of the Crusade.

Top contributors

About half of the Crusade's funding comes from fire department fund raising throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana. In addition to PRP, the top fire departments this year were: Highview, \$265,048; McMahan, \$166,839; Bagdad, \$166,282; and Fern Creek, \$96,386.

Top businesses and organizations were: churches of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville, \$208,857; Norton Healthcare employees, about \$198,000 (crusade officials said the exact amount was not available last night); Jefferson County Public Schools, \$151,832;



Noah Butler, 4, held some of the cash collected by the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department for the Crusade. (BY CHRIS HALL, SPECIAL TO THE COURIER-JOURNAL)

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June 6, 2005, *The Courier-Journal*:

and Kroger, \$136,743.

PRP and the following departments and organizations received plaques for totals raised since they began participating: the Harrods Creek Fire Department, \$1 million; Kroger, \$3 million; General Electric, \$3 million; and the Highview Fire Department, \$4 million.

Although PRP raised more than last year, some departments said their amounts were down slightly.

Maj. Curtis Wells of the Utica Fire Department in Indiana said the department, with 50 paid and volunteer firefighters, raised \$11,000, slightly below a year ago. "We did all right," he said, adding that the department plans to hold a special fund-raiser next year to bolster money it raises through roadway solicitations.

Jeffersonville Fire Chief Clark Miles said his department raised more than \$23,800, a slight increase from last year.

As firefighters waited to appear at the telethon to broadcast their donations and thank contributors, their children and their friends' children often stood by as well.

With a blue "Z" painted on their cheeks, Kerry Farley, 10, and Jessica Vincent, 12, carried signs for the Zaneson Volunteer Fire Department thanking contributors by name.

With them was Marisa Brown, 11, who wore a painted mask on her face, and whose father is a former firefighter.

The girls said they went door to door to help raise money.

"We wanted to help the children," Kerry said.

Pounding the pavement

In PRP, Atwell said, firefighters raise money "the good old fashion way." They go door to door and hold out buckets at intersections.

As of 10 days ago, he said, the department, with eight stations and 235 volunteers and paid employees, had raised only \$23,000. He estimated that 98 percent of the \$300,000 raised this year came from members of the PRP community.

Some of them were with him at the WHAS studio. Firefighters and their wives, kids wearing plastic firefighter hats and taddlers on shoulders, gathered in front of the camera and waved.

After their appearance, Atwell said, firefighters would drive the firetrucks back to southwestern Jefferson County, meet up with another 12 PRP trucks and hold a parade.

"People in southwest Jefferson County dig deep. They seem to find another dollar," he said. "It's all for the kids."

June 8, 2005, Letter:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: June 8, 2005
Re: District Activity

Sorry about the delay in this report but with all of the Crusade activities that we just have had here I thought the meeting was next week.

Another WHAS Crusade for Children has come and gone, and we did fairly well. Like last year we had a great deal of help from the Our Lady of Lourdes Boy Scout Troop and also with the Girl Scout Troop from St. Albert. Our total collection for 2005 was \$82,953.31 which was down about \$6,000.00 from last year. Congratulations to Capt. Volkening who once again served as our Crusade Chairman and all of the rest of the St. Matthews Firefighters and Tisa who helped make this year a successful one. Oh I almost forgot, my wife Valerie and Faye were a great help also in the money room!!

There was only one casualty to the fleet this year during the Crusade and that was one of the 2000 Chevy Tahoe's that Assistant Chief Stuart Monahan drives. We are not exactly sure what the problem is but it has gone to the shop for repair which they said may take a couple of days. I think a power steering pump may have gone out in it. *Power Steering Short Banks of Harrods Required*

We will start next month with Harrods Creek FD using the new maintenance agreement that we drew up last month to address all of the scheduled maintenance. To my understanding they have already hired one new mechanic to help facilitate this project.

We will need to have an election committee for the upcoming Firefighter Trustee Election that will be held on June 25th from 11am until 2pm. I will discuss this in more detail at the meeting.

The e-mail server went down about a week ago due to a hard drive failure. With the help of John Shackleton we have been able to keep it going with a Band-Aid and a lot of luck.

My proposal for next year's budget was to replace both the e-mail servers along with the file server at the same time. However, the e-mail server couldn't wait. I would like to go ahead and replace the e-mail server immediately under the current year budget, which there are still monies for computer equipment. Then starting in July 1, I would like to go ahead with my original plan and also replace the file server. The cost of the e-mail server with associated software, licensing requirement and consulting fees should run about \$4000.00 which would probably be the same price for the file server also. There is a possibility if we purchase both of them together now we could save a bout \$500 to \$1000.

Our new summer ECU intern is working out real well. His name is Drew Windhorst and he will be a sophomore this fall at ECU.

Expenditures June 2005

Item	Cost
Computer equipment. (New e-mail server and software)	\$4000.00
AreView, Logic software. (Used to make district maps)	\$1,200.00

See you Thursday!!!

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June 9, 2005, Trustee meeting:

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Trustees Meeting Agenda June 9, 2005

- I. ✓ Call to Order 5:25 PM
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report + Update By Tim Eifler Ref. Back Tax #
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business Big Back Costs to be Demanded by MFR
- VI. ✓ New Business NONE
- VII. ✓ Executive Session NONE
- VIII. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on June 16th @ Camp Taylor Fire Department @ 7:00pm.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

June 9, 2005

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire District Station #1 at 7:45 P.M. Present were Directors Faye Ellerkamp, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, & Rick Tonini.

The Minutes of the May 2005 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

June 9, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 9, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Trustee present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Tom Eifler, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven, John Volkerding and Joe Wolfe.

The Board observed a moment of silence in for Russ Maple who passed as a result injuries he sustained in a car accident.

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. Tom Eifler pointed out an omission in the minutes regarding the results of the vote regarding the May expenditures. The language to be added to the minutes being as follows;

- "Jack Monohan moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the expenditures be approved. The motion passed unanimously."

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim Graven led a discussion of the financial position of the District. His conclusion is that the District remains on solid financial footing.

Rick Tonini raised a question with Chief Seng as to why we send out District vehicles for detailing at a cost of \$120. He felt that we have enough staff to perform such functions in house. Chief Seng defended the practice but assured the Board that he would look further into the matter.

The Board moved into a discussion regarding fees and miscellaneous income received by the District. The issues included smoke detector, birthday party and meeting room fees. Currently, the District does not charge for meeting room usage for the groups that meet here and charges a \$15 cleaning fee for birthday parties. A long discussion ensued regarding these fees.

After discussion, Joe Wolfe moved and John Volkerding seconded that the District set the rate for meeting room usage fee to be \$50 per session for the Cities of Richlawn and Windy Hills. The motion passed 6 aye and 1 nay.

Joe Wolfe moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the fee for birthday parties held at the firehouse be set at \$50 per session. The motion passed 5 aye and 2 nay.

Chief Seng reported that to date the CRC cost recovery program has produced \$3585 in income for the District. He is unsure as to how much outstanding is due from CRC.

Tim Eifler spent a few moments briefing the Board on the status of the legal case regarding the collection of back taxes. He feels that we are still in a period of waiting for response from the defendants.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported briefly on the Crusade for Children effort. He specifically cited the efforts of Stuart Monohan, Tina Frieber and John Volkerding.

Chief Seng reported that the Districts e-mail server needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$4000. Most of this cost is for the software package.

Frank Flynn asked to address the Board in order to request that he be placed on the ballot for the firefighter trustee elected position. There was discussion as to whether this was appropriate to the late notice of this request being that there was just over two weeks left until the election. KRS requires that notice of election be made to the firefighters 30 day in advance of the election to include the names of the candidates on the ballot. A discussion ensued.

Jim Gravens moved and John Volkerding seconded that Frank Flynn's name be included on the ballot for the Firefighters Trustee election. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued regarding the absence of by-laws laying out the Districts' policy on election and other issues. Chief Seng stated that such a document did exist at one time but he is unable to locate a copy. It was decided that the District needs to establish new by-laws. Joe Wolfe stated that he would create a document for the Boards review and possible approval for the next meeting.

Being no further business, Tom Eifler moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairmen

Secretary

2005

June 15, 2005, Letter:

Subj: Open letter to the firefighters of St Matthews
Date: 6/15/2005 7:06:57 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: olddogyakk@yahoo.com
To: m1monsthan@aol.com

To the Members of the St. Matthews Fire District,

It has been my pleasure to be your representative to the Board of Trustees for the last four years. I have given my all in the honest pursuit of the best interest of the Firefighters and the Fire District. I hope you feel I have served you well. I want each of you to know that I sincerely wish to continue to serve you in that role.

As you know, my candidacy is now opposed by Frank Flynn. I believe the difference between Frank's and my approach to the business of the Board is the central issue. In fact, as far as I can tell, it is the only issue. The differences between our views are stark in this regard.

My approach to how the Board should conduct its business is simple. I believe, and State law dictates, that the Board of Trustees is a deliberative body where each Trustee has equal responsibility and authority to set the policy of the District. I have, and will continue to fight for Firefighter issues voraciously. I believe that my voracity in pursuing these important issues is what has come to issue. I won't apologize for fighting the "good fight" for the issues that are important to us collectively.

I believe my honest, principled and direct approach has garnered me the respect and trust of most, if not all, of the Trustees I work with. They know that "I say what I mean, and mean what I say". I believe that the Trustees appreciate honesty, openness and integrity in dealing with them and the issues we face. This in my view is the best approach and we should avoid participating in "back room politics" whenever possible. I hope you share my vision.

I know that this election is not about me, it's about all of us. I invite you to examine my opponent's views and judge them on their merit, just as I hope you do mine. I don't want this election to divide us; I want it to strengthen us. I respect the wisdom and the will of the group and am prepared to support whatever decision you as the voters come to, whatever the outcome.

One final word, long before I knew this was to be a contested election I had made plans for a MUCH NEEDED vacation which my family. I'll be doing my best to be mistaken for Jimmy Buffet during the week prior to the election. I regret that I won't be able to answer your questions. I'll have to stand on my record and reputation. Please everyone vote, regardless of who you support. Your voice and view is extremely important and should be counted. The election is held at St. Matthews Station One from 11:00 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Saturday June 25th. Absentee votes are allowed for those with a legitimate need, see Chief Seng.

Sincerely,

Joe Wolfe
Firefighter Trustee

June 25, 2005:

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Due to the fact that the Election for Firefighter Trustee that was held on June 25, 2005 ended in a tie vote, a run off Election will be held on August 25, 2005 between the hours of 5:30pm and 7:00pm.

The two candidates are still Captain Frank Flynn and Captain Joe Wolfe.

Only Firefighters whose membership status is in Good Standing will be allowed to vote. By the mere fact you are receiving this notice means that you are in good standing at this time.

There will not be any absentee ballots allowed during this Election.

Please make every effort to come by Station 1 on August 25, 2005 to vote for one of the candidates.

Burning pickup causes backup on Watterson

A burning 2003 pickup truck caused traffic backups on the Watterson Expressway and nearby ramps yesterday.

The driver was taken to University Hospital with burns on his lower legs, said Rick Tonini, a spokesman for St. Matthews firefighters.

Firefighters arrived at the scene, on the westbound Watterson between the Interstate 64 overpass and the

Breckenridge Lane overpass, at 11:22 a.m., Tonini said. Firefighters cleared the scene an hour later.

Heavy smoke and fire equipment caused traffic jams, particularly on the ramp from westbound I-64 to the westbound Watterson, Tonini said.

June 16, 2005, *The Courier Journal*: Metro Briefs, Burning pickup causes backup on Watterson.

June 16, 2005: *The Voice-Tribune*:



by contributing photographer DONALD M. DORNICK.

The siren's song

Six-year-old Zoe Tungat of St. Matthews cranked the siren on "Betsy," the St. Matthews Fire Department's 1931 fire engine, during the fifth annual St. Matthews Community Festival at Brown Park on June 12. Looking on were Sgt. Paul Kurtz of the fire department, left, and Zoe's parents Matt and Aynsley Tungat. The free festival featured numerous activities for children including a petting zoo, pony rides, tethered hot-air balloon rides and inflatables.

June 28, 2005, *The Courier-Journal*

ROLLING FIELDS

Independence Day parade is Monday

Rolling Fields will hold its fifth annual Independence Day parade at 9:30 a.m. Monday, starting at Basswood and Club lanes.

The St. Matthews Fire Department will lead the parade.

Activities and refreshments will be available after the parade.

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2005

	Governmental Activity
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 1,590,237
Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other	18,302
Capital assets, net of depreciation (Note 3)	2,140,531
TOTAL ASSETS	3,749,070
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	35,674
NET ASSETS	
Investment in capital assets	2,140,531
Unrestricted	1,569,865
Total Net Assets	3,710,396
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 3,749,070

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 6

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

JUNE 30, 2005

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 1,590,237
Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other	18,302
TOTAL ASSETS	1,608,539
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	35,674
FUND BALANCE	
Unreserved	1,569,865
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,608,539

St. Matthews Fire Protection District and
St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 7RECONCILIATION OF THE COMBINED
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 1,569,865
Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the combined statement of net assets is different because:	
Capital assets, net of depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, not reported in the general fund.	2,140,531
Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 3,710,396

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	Governmental Activity
EXPENSES	
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$ 2,405,058
Operating expenses	162,754
Repairs, maintenance, and supplies expenses	191,055
Depreciation expense	230,861
Total Expenses	2,989,728
GENERAL REVENUES	
Property taxes (Notes 6 and 7)	3,231,968
Interest earnings	27,387
State aid, rents, and other	134,865
Total General Revenues	3,394,220
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	404,492
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,305,904
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 3,710,396

St. Matthews Fire Protection District and
St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 8COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	General Fund		Over (Under)
	Budget	Actual	Budget
REVENUES			
Property taxes (Notes 6 and 7)	\$ 2,552,000	\$ 3,231,968	\$ 679,968
Interest earnings	12,000	27,387	15,387
State aid, rents, and other	110,000	134,865	24,865
Total Revenues	2,674,000	3,394,220	720,220
EXPENDITURES			
Property and equipment additions			
Building improvements, furnishings, and office equipment	32,352	22,084	(10,268)
Personnel operating expenses	1,817,800	1,882,400	64,600
Administrative expenses			
Insurance	36,000	37,173	1,173
Retirement costs	316,000	314,207	(1,793)
Legal and accounting	15,207	104,161	88,954
Public education	3,500	2,315	(1,185)
Trustee's expenses	3,800	1,300	(2,500)
Payroll taxes	112,138	106,124	(6,014)
Other supplies and miscellaneous	18,500	16,637	(1,863)
Operating expenses:			
Utilities	38,000	37,296	(704)
Gasoline and oil	17,000	17,841	841
Fire fighting and training expenses	87,350	102,326	14,976
Other supplies and miscellaneous	500	968	468
Repairs and maintenance expenses			
Vehicles	33,000	32,605	(397)
Buildings	27,353	30,170	2,817
Communication equipment	24,000	32,282	8,282
Fire fighting equipment	31,500	37,604	6,104
Personal equipment	10,000	3,260	(6,740)
Total Expenditures	2,824,000	2,780,901	(43,099)
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 850,000	613,319	\$ 236,681
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			956,546
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$ 1,569,865

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June, 2005, Combined Financial Statements:

June, 2005, Incident Report:

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RECONCILIATION OF THE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds \$ 613,319

The change in net assets reported for governmental activities
in the combined statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the
combined statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their
estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount
by which depreciation (\$230,861) exceeded capital outlays (\$22,034) in the
current period.

(208,827)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 404,492

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 13

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property Taxes

The District determines the property tax rate on July 1 of each year. The Jefferson County Sheriff
collects substantially all real estate property tax revenues and remits monthly to the District its portion,
less applicable discounts and collection fees.

The Jefferson County Clerk collects substantially all motor vehicle and delinquent real estate taxes and
remits them monthly to the District.

NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the
District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial
credit risk. As of June 30, 2005, \$1,037,617 of the District's bank balances of \$1,636,617 was exposed to
custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and uncollateralized \$ 1,037,617

NOTE 3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2005 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Buildings and improvements	\$ 2,215,220	\$	\$	\$ 2,215,220
Fire fighting equipment	1,798,379			1,798,379
Other equipment	718,839	22,034		740,873
Vehicles	139,139			139,139
Total Cost	4,871,577	22,034	0	4,893,611
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	(951,081)	(71,243)		(1,022,324)
Fire fighting equipment	(912,168)	(95,454)		(1,007,622)
Other equipment	(541,991)	(46,380)		(588,371)
Vehicles	(116,979)	(17,784)		(134,763)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(2,522,219)	(230,861)	0	(2,753,080)
Net Book Value	\$ 2,349,358	\$ (208,827)	\$ 0	\$ 2,140,531

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (06/01/2005) And (06/30/2005)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	8	2.22%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	5	2.77%	\$0	0.00%
150 Outside rubbish fire, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
160 Special outside fire, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
162 Dryside equipment fire	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
	15	8.33%	\$0	0.00%

2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents

211 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	84	46.64%	\$0	0.00%
252 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
273 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
	87	48.33%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)

411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
420 Toxic condition, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.55%	\$500	100.00%
443 Breakdown of light ballast	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, exposed electrical equipment	3	1.66%	\$0	0.00%
462 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	6	3.33%	\$0	0.00%
	16	8.88%	\$500	100.00%

5 Service Call

500 Service Call, other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
521 Water examination	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	2	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
521 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
	5	2.77%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call

600 Good intent call, Other	2	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
621 Dispatched & cancelled en route	13	7.22%	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
7 Good Intent Call				
722 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
755 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	2	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
751 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	2	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
752 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
	22	12.22%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call

700 False alarm or false call, Other	4	2.22%	\$0	0.00%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	0	2.77%	\$0	0.00%
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	2.22%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	3	1.66%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	3	1.66%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	7	3.88%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
	33	18.33%	\$0	0.00%

8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster

814 Lightning strike (no fire)	2	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
	2	1.11%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 180 Total Est Loss: \$500

Total Runs year-to-date = 891

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July 4, 2005, *The Courier-Journal*, Scholarships in memory of EMT will be awarded again by fund.

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FLASHBACK: BRIAN JENNEMANN

Scholarships in memory of EMT will be awarded again by fund

WHAT WE KNEW

Just months after joining the Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services staff as an emergency medical technician -- a goal he worked toward since he was a teenager -- Brian Jennemann died of bacterial meningitis in July 2001. He was 27.

Remembered for his passion for helping others, he had been a volunteer firefighter in St. Matthews since he became eligible at age 18. He worked for Yellow Ambulance almost five years before joining the county.

WHAT'S NEW

A memorial scholarship fund in Jennemann's name amassed more than \$100,000 by the end of 2002. Ten students were awarded money that year to help with paramedic training costs.

But after the initial awards, the project was in limbo for administrative reasons -- including Louisville's merger with Jefferson County, Jennemann's mother, Debbie Newton, said last week.

But in February, more than \$92,000

remaining in the fund was transferred to the Community Foundation of Louisville, which has helped Newton and Tim Jennemann, Brian's father, get the process running smoothly again.

"I'm just so excited to be starting this up again," Newton said. "It's just something that will keep Brian's memory alive."

Beginning this year, four scholarships of up to \$1,500 will be awarded annually for at least the next 20 years.



Brian Jennemann, an EMT for Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services, died of bacterial meningitis in July 2001.

RELATED STORIES

- It happened this week [7.4.05]

HOW TO APPLY

Applications (with transcript and recommendation requirements) for scholarships are due July 15.

Forms can be downloaded from the foundation's Web site, www.cflouisville.org. For information, call 585-4649.

By Paula Burba, staff writer

2005

July 8, 2005, Letter:



July 12, 2005, Letter:



Al Ring

From: "Al Ring" <Ringal@msn.com>
To: "Tim W. Elder" <twel@alumni.cwrp.edu>
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2005 5:31 PM
Subject: Re: St. Matthews Firefighters as printed in the July, 05-2, issue of Silver Trumpet

Tim,

THANK YOU. There is not much I can say. Those are very nice words and I appreciate.

If I can ever help, let me know. This copy will be fine.

Thanks again.

Al

----- Original Message -----

From: Tim W. Elder
To: ringal@msn.com
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2005 4:28 PM
Subject: St. Matthews Firefighters as printed in the July, 05-2, issue of Silver Trumpet

AL

Copied below is what I put in the issue of SPAAMFAA's Silver Trumpet which is now at the printer. Members should receive it later in July. If this e-mail copy is not what you need, I can photocopy and send it as it will be printed.

Thanks for your help.

ST. MATTHEWS, KY. The book *St. Matthews Firefighters—84 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, KY*, by Al Ring, has been available for some time—I mentioned it in Silver Trumpet issue 04-4. In 208 pages it includes "documents, letters, interviews, newspaper articles, pictures, and miscellaneous information." It has been reviewed in both *Engine/Engineer* and *Working Fireman*. You have read Tom Scott's review in *Engine/Engineer* (issue 2005-1), so I will include a few words of the review by Jeff Schielke in the 2005 issue of VF: "A very strong feature of the volume is that it portrays all the non-firefighting assignments which St. Matthews dispatched crews to handle." Also: "For serious students of fire service history, this book is an outstanding lesson on how to research and report the day-to-day workings of the fire service mission. This book comes very highly recommended for those who wish to strengthen the quality of their fire history bookshelf." The book's emphasis is on the history of the department. This is an excellent and thorough history of a local fire department; the apparatus photos are incidental to the text. If you buy the book hoping for large format apparatus photos, you will be disappointed, since they are mostly small, in-service shots.

With a bit of digging plus help from Al Ring and Rick Abers, the apparatus they utilized are:

1919? hand drawn Hose Cart
1920 Model T Ford chemical, to Lake Dreamland FD
1931 Seagrave Suburbanite, 500 gpm, restored by SMMFD
1934 White, salvage, 250 gpm
1941 Ford/Seagrave, 500 gpm, to McMahan FD
1947 Seagrave, 750 gpm, to Duffield FD (VA)
1955 Seagrave quad, 750 gpm, to McCulloch VFD (IN)
1957 Seagrave quint, 750 gpm, 75' aerial, to private owner
1963 Seagrave, 1250 gpm, to Dayton FD (KY)
1973 Mack, 1500 gpm, to Sellersburg FD (IN)

1976 Mack, 1500 gpm, to Spencer Co. Fire District
1976 Mack, 1500 gpm, to ?
1980 Seagrave, 100' tilted aerial, to Cincinnati FD (OH)
1982 Mack, 1500 gpm, to North Oldham FD
1986 Seagrave, 100' tilted aerial, in service
1989 Ford, super vac ventilation, in service
1989 Calor, 1500 gpm, to Dixie Suburban FD
1994 E-One, 1500 gpm, in service
1995 E-One, 1800 gpm, in service
1998 E-One, 1500 gpm, in service
2002 E-One, quint, 1500 gpm, 75' aerial, in service

Note that the sold-to destination is given in many cases. Does anybody know where they are now? "Gator" was unknown to me as a manufacturer of full size fire engines. (Those I knew of were all-terrain vehicles.) A question was sent out, and I found out it was made in Florida in the late 1980s. Apparently most were rear pumps. SMMFD's was in service only about 4 years before being sold.

One Chapter is titled "It's Not All Hard Work." Among other things are a number of humorous anecdotes. This passage gives a hint: "Over the years, hundreds of toilets, water heaters, beds, sofas, fires and other discarded junk were delivered in the wee hours, to many unsuspecting St. Matthews firefighters, with efficiency that rivals UPS and FedEx of today."

The cost is \$34.95 postpaid in the US. Send payment to: St. Matthews Fire Dept. Alumni Assn, c/o Bill Androl, 3818 Leland Rd, Louisville, KY 40207; 502-329-5280; boatz@bellsouth.net. You can also order it at Border's bookstore.

Tim W. Elder, 7-10-05
9390 Columbus Rd NE
Louisville, OH 44641-8501

July 12, 2005, Letter:

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July 14, 2005, Trustee meeting:

go by then a statement is sent to the insured for collection. However, if you are a St. Matthews resident the issue stops right here and no further collections are attempted. If you are a non-resident and nothing is heard from the insured within 4 weeks, then another request is sent with a copy of our resolution for collection. If finally nothing is heard from the insured after all this time then the request is dropped.

Sorry about being so lengthy.

Both of the new computers that Stuart had donated to the department have been installed on Units 2651 and 2658. Please take a minute to check out this new high-end technology and see how it is helping us do our jobs better.

Speaking of computers, the board approved last month expenditures up to \$3000 on the replacement of 1 file server and 1 Exchange e-mail server. My estimates on the replacements of these 2 computers were just a little off. The hardware for this project could run as high as \$8000. However, I was not aware of the software replacement cost that is needed and also on the hourly rate of the consultants to do the actual changeover. I need to request an additional \$3000 to fully complete this project within the next couple of months. I will discuss this issue in more detail at Thursday's meeting.

I would like to go ahead with the bid process for a new 2005 Chevy Tahoe to be added to the fleet. With the specification writing and the advertisements that need to be made, bid opening could be either in August or September with an actual delivery date of the vehicle in either October or November. Current prices are about \$28,500 to about \$30,000. Emergency warning equipment for the vehicle would add an additional \$3000 to \$5000.

Expenditures for July 2005

Item	Cost
Jefferson County Fire School	\$700
Final completion on training room AV equipment	
LCD Projector	\$2000
Presentation Computer	\$1500
Wireless access point	\$1000
Network expansion hub (current hub is full)	\$300
Replacement hydraulic lines for Unit 2634	\$1500
Emergency hydraulic tools and cutters	
36 Emergency Bail out kits for FF	\$2270
These kits are designed to add in the aid of an emergency exit during a fire. They consist of rope and carabiners.	

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

July 14, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairperson Faye Ellerkamp called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Trustees present were Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, Tom Eifler, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven and John Volkerding. Also present was Chief Seng, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Joe Wolfe, Elizabeth Wolfe, Forest Marcum, Tina Freibert, Greg Crabb, Paul Kurtz and Frank Flynn.

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

John Volkerding reported on the Election results for the vacant Firefighter Trustee election. He reported that the election ended in a tie vote, he stated that there were 45 eligible voters and 42 voted in this election. The results were 21 votes for Frank Flynn and 21 votes for Joe Wolfe.

Chief Seng led a discussion about how to decide the Vacant Trustee position, he stated that he had contacted the District's attorney John Treitz but hasn't heard anything back from him yet. Chief Seng asked the Board for any suggestions that they may have. Jim Graven suggested that someone contact other District's that may have been in this situation before and find out how they resolved the matter. There was also a suggestion that someone contact Mo Burns.

Rick Tonini raised a concern as to who was eligible to vote in the past and future elections. Rick Tonini read to the Board Chapter 75 Law on definition of a "member". Chief Seng stated that he also looked into Chapter 75 and only Firefighters can vote for a Firefighter Trustee. Rick Tonini stated that in the future we need to know who can and cannot vote. Chief Seng stated that the District has no by-laws to go by. Rick Tonini requested that in our new by-laws there be an interpretation of this matter.

Jack Monohan moved and Jim Graven seconded to get a formal opinion on the voting procedures. The motion passed unanimously.

John Volkerding nominated Tom Eifler as Chairman, Jim Graven seconded. Tom Eifler nominated Jim Graven as Treasurer, Rick Tonini seconded. Rick Tonini nominated John Volkerding as Secretary, Faye Ellerkamp seconded. Jack Monohan made a motion to accept all nominations and Jim Graven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Fire Protection District

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William J. Seng
Fire Chief

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To Burn

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
John F. Volkerding
Richard J. Tonini
Jack Monohan
Thomas D. Eifler

Trustees Meeting Agenda July 14, 2005

- I. ✓ Call to Order 5:30 P.M.
 - II. ✓ Election Results TIE 21 to 21 * Set Atty. Corp. Op. w/ Discuss w/ Atty. Mo Burns waiting for Seng to Mo.
 - III. ✓ Election of Officers
 - IV. ✓ Adopt a Tax Rate for 2005-2006 Fiscal Year, 10¢ → Change Tom Thoms. Jim Seng. June
 - V. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting Approved
 - VI. ✓ Treasurer Report Jim Graven - A.O.C.K.
 - VII. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng - SEE Approvals
 - VIII. ✓ Old Business NONE
 - IX. ✓ New Business
 • Station #2 Concrete Bid Approval Approved
 - X. Executive Session
 - XI. The Next Trustees Association Meeting will be on August 18th @ Lake Dreamland Fire Department @ 7:00pm.
- New Business From Floor
"SEE LEAVE BY LAW Program" - SEE Proposal Presented Comm. SENG, TONINI, GRIVEN & others outline to Council such as Seng, Atty etc. etc. (OVER)

Joe Wolfe to Help Board to Research & Approve A New Set of By-Laws For the District.

Joe Wolfe Made Presentation Ref. Election - Wants Action As Fast As Possible. Wants the Bd. to Take A Stand.

Minutes of Meeting of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

July 14, 2005

The meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company was held at 240 Sears Avenue, St. Matthews Fire Protection District, Station #1 at 7:11 P.M. Present were Directors Tom Eifler, Jim Graven, John Volkerding, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan and Faye Ellerkamp.

The Minutes of the June 2005 meeting were approved as written.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

July 14, 2005, Trustee meeting:

Faye Ellerkamp advised the Board that it would be appropriate to adopt a tax rate for 2005-2006.

Rick Tonini moved and John Volkerding seconded that the District adopt 10 cents per \$100 of value for real and personal property in the fiscal year 2005-2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim Graven reported that the District received a check from Cost Recovery Corporation today in the amount of \$2,596. Chief Seng reported that Tina Freibert had found out the process of collection from CRC and he reported to the Board on that process. Tom Eifler led a discussion regarding the incidents and if we know how much was being billed on these incidents. Chief Seng stated that the District doesn't produce the billing that it comes from CRC and that were looking into this with the company. Jim Graven thanked Tina Freibert for making the spreadsheet that showed how many incidents we were expecting compensation for and asked her to contact the District's representative from CRC and find out how much the District is receiving versus what CRC is billing. He also requested that this report be included in the Board packets monthly.

Jim Graven led a discussion on a bill from Harrods Creek Fire Protection District for the maintenance on one of the District's apparatus annual service. Chief Seng stated that Harrods Creek provides a thorough inspection. Rick Tonini stated that Harrods Creek also found some major things wrong with the apparatus during the normal service and he thinks that \$60/hour is a reasonable price for the service they provide.

Jim Graven stated he spoke with Jan Seitz from Cotton and Allen regarding the Districts annual audit and Jan reported that the audit will be completed by the end of the week and that he will attend the next Board meeting with the completed audit.

Jim Graven asked Tina Freibert to start invoicing City of Richlawn & City of Windy Hills for the classroom rental fee as of July 1, 2005.

Jim Graven suggested that someone needed to setup a meeting with the new PVA person and ask them to go through and find out if the District is receiving what it should be. Rick Tonini agreed that this was a good idea. Jim Graven asked for any suggestions from the fellow Board members. Jack Monohan suggested that physically going to the PVA office would be the best way. All agreed.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported that unit 2658's generator is still down. He is still not sure if this will be a warranty issue or not.

Chief Seng reported that the laptops were up and running on 2631 and 2658.

Chief Seng asked the Board for \$3,000 more from last month's approved expenditure of \$8,000 for the Networking of both stations. He stated that the software & licensing was not calculated in the original pricing he received.

Chief Seng had the following expenditure requests:

• Jefferson County Fire School	\$ 700
• Final Completion on Training room A/V equipment	
LCD projector	\$2000
Presentation Computer	\$1500
Wireless Access point	\$1000
Network Expansion Hub(current hub is full)	\$ 300
• Replacement hydraulic lines for Unit 2634	\$1500
• (36) Emergency Bail out kits for FF's	\$2370

John Volkerding asked if the A/V equipment requested is coming out of the training budget. Chief Seng stated that it was.

John Volkerding moved and Jack Monohan seconded to approve the capital expenditure requests. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported on the concrete bids received for Station 2. He also stated that both of these bids were received by the deadline date.

• Kingsbury Concrete	\$26,635
• Kaufman Concrete	\$31,250

Rick Tonini moved and Jack Monohan seconded to approve concrete bid and award to Kingsbury Concrete. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that the Department has a new 40 hour employee, Derrick Miskell starting on Monday.

Paul Kurtz asked permission to approach the Board. Paul submitted a proposal for a sick-time buy back program. Paul stated that this program would save the department money if the sick time was allowed to be sold back to the department at .50 cents on the \$1.00. He thinks this program will discourage employees to "burn" sick time. Paul handed out various sick time policies from other departments and from the St. Matthews Police Department. Paul asked the Board to address this issue. Tom Eifler led a discussion about the liability to the Department. Jim Graven suggested talking to Jan Seitz from Cotton and Allen to research this. There was a committee setup to research the sick time buy back program, the members of this committee will be Chief Seng, Jim Graven, Rick Tonini and Tom Eifler.

Chief Seng entertained the motion to authorize him to hire a firefighter to cover shift when Paul Kurtz leaves the department.

Tom Eifler moved and Jack Monohan seconded that Chief Seng be authorized to hire a firefighter to replace Paul Kurtz. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that there is an established list to promote a firefighter to Sergeant upon Paul Kurtz resignation.

Rick Tonini led a discussion on the by-laws. Chief Seng stated that Joe Wolfe is working on current Chapter 75 law. Joe stated that he has a good starting point on this but that Board policy should be adopted in form. Joe advised a new document. Joe offered his services to make a workable document for by-laws. The Board accepted his offer to continue.

Joe Wolfe asked to approach the Board. Joe voiced his concerns about the election, he wants the board to come up with a way to figure this out. He stated that the firefighters deserve representation. Some discussion ensued as to how to come up with a recommendation. Tom Eifler stated that he believes that this is the firefighters vote not the Board members or anyone else. Tom Eifler suggested a straw vote with no Absentee Ballots to give the Board guidance. Frank Flynn stated that he believes that their were some voters that should have not been able to vote. Rick Tonini stated that Chapter 75 states if you are a firefighter than you are eligible to vote. Tom Eifler suggested that Joe Wolfe and Frank Flynn come up with the criteria and present it to the Board at the next board meeting. Tom Eifler that this vote will certify the election of the firefighter representative for the board.

Rick Tonini moved and Tom Eifler seconded to allow criteria from Joe Wolfe and Frank Flynn including date and time of election to be given to Chief Seng to present to the Board before the next board meeting. Rick also stated that non firefighters of the Board should officiate the election. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Jack Monohan moved and Tom Eifler seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 7:10 P.M.

2005
July 14, 2005, Trustee meeting: CRC Incidents—

CRC Incidents

Incident #	CRC Report Date	Location of Incident	At fault Driver	Amount Recv'd	Check #	Date
05-212	15-Feb-05	In front of 4425 Shelbyville Road				
05-214	15-Feb-05	Shelbyville Road @ Ten Pin Lane				
05-234	21-Feb-05	4000 Kresge Way				
05-255	25-Feb-05	Dutchmans Lane & Dupont Road				
05-258	26-Feb-05	Hubbards Lane & US 60				
05-265	28-Feb-05	Brownsboro Road @ Chenoweth Lane				
05-266	28-Feb-05	4000 Block of Kresge Way				
05-267	28-Feb-05	405 Chenoweth Lane				
05-280	2-Mar-05	Breckenridge @ 264		\$627.00	1016	5/13/2005
05-294	7-Mar-05	145 St. Matthews Avenue		\$64.66	1016	5/13/2005
05-304	9-Mar-05	Browns Lane & Springhill Road				
05-309	11-Mar-05	4000 Kresge Way		\$729.00	1024	6/16/2005
05-332	16-Mar-05	329 Ridgeway				
05-344	19-Mar-05	Hubbards Lane & Westport Road				
05-356	22-Mar-05	Westport Road & Wolser		\$2,894.00	1016	5/13/2005
05-359	29-Mar-05	3603 Brownsboro Road				
05-369	25-Mar-05	Rudy Lane & Merrifield Road		\$729.00	1016	6/16/2005
05-374	25-Mar-05	Shelbyville Road @ Ten Pin Lane				
05-404	29-Mar-05	I-64W @ I-264				
05-406	30-Mar-04	Browns & Kresge				
05-407	30-Mar-05	3922 Shelbyville Road				
05-420	2-Apr-05	4500 Block Shelbyville Road				
05-432	4-Apr-05	Shelbyville Road @ Fairmeade Road		\$729.00	1034	7/14/2005
05-448	8-Apr-05	I-264 on ramp to Brownsboro Road				
05-461	11-Apr-05	Dutchmans Lane & Browns Lane				
05-468	13-Apr-05	Westport Road & Thierman Lane				
05-469	13-Apr-05	Brownsboro & Blankenbaker				
05-477	14-Apr-05	Shelbyville Road & Willis Avenue				
05-489	16-Apr-05	Brownsboro Road @ Macassin Lane				
05-486	16-Apr-05	3832 Massie Avenue		\$1,189.00	1034	7/14/2005

		Location of Incident	Amount Recv'd	Check #	Date
05-508	20-Apr-05	4015 Dutchmans Lane			
05-515	21-Apr-05	Shelbyville Road @ Fairmeade Road			
05-518	22-Apr-05	Dutchmans Lane & Dupont Road	\$678.00	1034	7/14/2005
05-530	23-Apr-05	Browns Lane & Sherburn Lane			
05-531	24-Apr-05	203 S. Hubbards Lane			
05-536	25-Apr-05	Ramp to W. I-264 from Shelbyville Road			
05-555	29-Apr-05	I-264 E @ US 60			
05-576	4-May-05	Chenoweth Lane & Brownsboro Road			
05-578	4-May-05	In front of 4014 Dutchmans Lane			
05-581	7-May-05	Rudy Lane @ Hubbards Lane			
05-591	7-May-05	Westport Rd @ Hubbards Lane			
05-609	11-May-05	Blankenbaker @ Pawnee Trail			
05-601	9-May-05	Breckenridge Lane & Dupont Road			
05-602	9-May-05	Frankfort Avenue & Chenoweth Lane			
05-603	9-May-05	4207 Shelbyville Road			
05-615	12-May-05	I-71 South @ Poplar Hill			
05-619	12-May-05	2413 Rudy Lane			
05-654	19-May-05	Breckenridge Lane @ Plymouth Road			
05-659	20-May-05	Breckenridge @ Kresge			
05-661	20-May-05	4174 Westport Road			
05-677	23-May-05	Westport Rd. @ St. Matthews Avenue			
05-704	29-May-05	I-64W @ I-264			
05-714	1-Jun-05	Shelbyville Rd & Sherrin Avenue			
05-718	2-Jun-05	I-71 North @ I-264 overpass			
05-722	2-Jun-05	3900 Kresge Way			
05-723	2-Jun-05	4010 Dupont Circle			
05-731	3-Jun-05	I-264 East			
05-734	4-Jun-05	6821 Green Meadow Circle			
05-736	4-Jun-05	Shelbyville Rd & Fairmeade			
05-748	7-Jun-05	509 Breckenridge Lane			

		Location of Incident	Amount Recv'd	Check #	Date
05-749	7-Jun-05	221 N. Hubbards Lane			
05-764	10-Jun-05	I-264 West @ Breckenridge Lane			
05-766	10-Jun-05	244 St. Matthews Avenue			
05-793	15-Jun-05	I-264 W. @ Breckenridge Lane			
05-799	16-Jun-05	Shelbyville Rd. @ Fairmeade Rd.			
05-832	22-Jun-05	5000 Shelbyville Road			
05-850	23-Jun-05	Breckenridge Lane & Dupont Road			
05-867	26-Jun-05	Breckenridge Lane @ Winchester Road			
05-872	27-Jun-05	In front of 120 S. Hubbards Lane			
05-881	29-Jun-05	Westport Road & Thierman Lane			
05-890	30-Jun-05	Breckenridge Lane @ Kresge Way			
05-902	2-Jul-05	Browns Lane & Kresge Way			
05-924	6-Jul-05	3610 Winchester Road			

2005

July 27, 2005, *The Courier Journal*: Heat wave turns fatal for Louisville hiker, by Kelly Cuculiansky and Paul Wilson:

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Wednesday, July 27, 2005

Heat wave turns fatal for Louisville hiker

Cooler air coming to provide relief

By Kelly Cuculiansky and Paul Wilson
The Courier-Journal

A heat wave claimed at least one life in the Louisville area this week, but a cold front expected to move through today should drop temperatures into the mid-80s.

Seven Andrew Rone, 29, of Louisville, died of heat stroke Monday afternoon while hiking in Bernheim Forest in Bullitt County.

He was with a friend on the heavily wooded 13 1/4-mile Millennium Trail about 4:30 p.m. when he said he wasn't feeling well. After a rest, they started walking again, but Rone didn't get far, said Bullitt County Coroner Tommy Kappel.

Kappel said Rone's friend left to summon help, but by the time medical personnel arrived, Rone was dead.

Rone had "mild coronary artery disease" that might have played a role in his death, but he was an avid hiker who appeared to be in good shape, Kappel said.

Rone graduated from Trinity High School in 1995 and from Indiana University Southeast with a degree in theater communications in December, said his father, Mel Rone of Louisville.

He said his son often went hiking this time of year, around the anniversary of his mother's death seven years ago.

"He would be very upset at this time of year," Rone said. "He could get in touch with nature and with God in his hikes."

Relief on the way

Forecasters have predicted that temperatures today will offer a much-needed break after four days of highs in the 90s.

"If you go to a Bulls game, you'll feel a lot more comfortable than if you went last night," said Norm Reitmeyer, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

Yesterday's 97-degree high was recorded at Louisville International Airport about 5 p.m. It was just a degree cooler than Monday's high, and the heat index — the combination of heat and humidity — registered 107.

The record-high temperature of 103 for the date was recorded in 1952.

Yesterday's heat also likely brought LG&E Energy close to breaking the energy-use record of 6,833 megawatts it set Monday — higher than originally estimated — but figures for Tuesday were not available last night, said spokesman Chip Keeling.

Customers used enough electricity during Monday's peak to power a single residential customer's home for the next 566 years, he said.

A power outage was reported about 6:15 p.m. Monday in the Fern Creek area when a safety device overheated, affecting about 1,000 customers, said Chris Whelan, an LG&E spokeswoman. She said the outage was heat-related but didn't happen because of energy use.

About half of the customers had power restored within about 10 minutes and the rest within about two hours, Keeling said.

Even with temperatures dropping today, LG&E is asking customers to conserve energy.

Indiana's energy supplier, Cinergy, did not report any heat-related power outages, although customers set a new record of 12,013 megawatts on Monday, breaking the August 2002 record of 11,305 megawatts, the company said.

Today's high for Louisville is forecast to be 81, with New Albany and Clarksville in Southern Indiana at about the same temperature, according to the weather service.

"A decent north breeze will bring in gradually cooler and distinctly less humid air," Reitmeyer said.

He said highs in the 80s and lows in the 60s should be the norm this weekend.

Escaping the heat

Luther Miller, a diabetic, and his wife, Regina Jackson, who has asthma and cancer, said they've been hoping for cooler temperatures.

They said they received a free air conditioner through the Summer Heat Relief Program just in time.

Before that, "it was hot as hell in this house," Miller said.

The program, run through the Louisville Metro Community Action Partnership, provides free air conditioners and fans for needy people with medical conditions that a review board determines to be life-threatening.

The hot weather also caused a spike in business for repair companies.

Becht Givens Heating & Cooling, which services the Kentuckiana area, has been getting 30 to 40 calls a day; it normally gets 20 to 30, said Rich Walker, a service manager.

Walker said he tells customers to monitor their air-conditioning unit before they assume that there is a serious problem.

"You get some people that call in and they assume that their unit's broke, but actually it's not broke, it's just having a hard time keeping up," he said.

His repairmen are working long hours. One of them, Danny Montgomery, said even the 80-degree temperature in the St. Matthews Fire District Station on Brownsboro Road felt like air conditioning since he is usually outside repairing units. He expected his shift to last at least 12 hours yesterday.

"I actually go home and feel half-dead when I get there," he said.

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St. Matthews firefighter Kevin Moulton watched as Becht Givens Heating & Cooling employee Danny Montgomery worked on the station's air conditioner yesterday. The recent heat wave has meant long days for Montgomery. "I actually go home and feel half-dead," he said. (By Michael Hayman, The Courier-Journal)

2005

July, 2005, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between {07/01/2005} And {07/31/2005}				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
118 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	6	3.37%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	82	46.06%	\$0	0.00%
3112 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	85	47.75%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
430 Hazardous condition, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
423 Refrigeration leak	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	3	1.68%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light ballast	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	2.24%	\$0	0.00%
	21	11.79%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	5	2.80%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	9	4.49%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	13	7.30%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	22	12.35%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	6	3.37%	\$0	0.00%
711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	2	1.12%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	4	2.24%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	8	4.49%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	8	4.49%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	3	1.68%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	4	2.24%	\$0	0.00%
	39	21.91%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 178				
Total Est Loss: \$0				

Total runs year-to-date = 1,069



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August 9, 2005

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Dear Chief Seng:

I want to take this opportunity to personally invite you to the 2005 VCOS Symposium in the Sun, the definitive conference for leaders of volunteer and combination fire departments. Join me and your peers at this year's conference at The Sheraton Sand Key Hotel in sunny Clearwater, Florida, November 10-13.

VCOS Symposium in the Sun offers an unparalleled opportunity to meet with your fellow volunteer and combination chief officers to exchange ideas and solutions. I invite you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to share your challenges and concerns with your peers—the solution to your problems may be sitting with you at lunch!

The educational sessions at VCOS Symposium in the Sun, are second to none. Every year, the conference offers new, cutting-edge, informative programs to help us do our jobs more safely, effectively and efficiently. VCOS is the only national conference designed specifically for us—the leaders of the volunteer and combination fire service.

Take advantage of early registration discounts and register today using the enclosed form. For more information on the VCOS Symposium and Section, please visit the IAFC web site at www.iafc.org or the VCOS web site at www.vcos.org.

VCOS Symposium in the Sun offers something for everyone. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Chief Larry Curl
VCOS Chair

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The IAFC Volunteer & Combination Officers Section is sponsoring the 7th annual national symposium, VCOS-2005. Officers, department heads, and remaining representatives, independent and combination fire departments.



Thursday, November 10
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Pre-Conference Workshop

Managing Leadership

For strategic leadership to be successful, it requires that you master the skills and techniques to motivate others to accomplish the tasks we need to accomplish. This pre-conference workshop will give you the tools and techniques to become a more effective leader. You will learn how to set goals, develop a vision, and build a team. You will also learn how to communicate effectively and how to resolve conflicts. This workshop is designed to help you become a more effective leader and to help you build a team that will achieve your goals.

Joe W. Smith, Chief, Hendersonville Fire Department, NC; John M. Anderson, Chief, Germantown Fire Department, TN; Bill Smith, Chief, Campbell County Fire Department, KY; Jim Smith, Chief, Franklin Fire Department, IL; and John M. Anderson, Chief, Hendersonville Fire Department, NC.

Networking Reception
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Friday, November 11

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sessions will run consecutively.

ISO – Friend or Foe?

The ISO Rating Process can be used to help successfully manage a fire department. This session will explore the pros and cons of the ISO Rating Process and how it can be used to improve a fire department's performance. This session will also explore the ISO Rating Process and how it can be used to improve a fire department's performance.

Changes That Will Rock Your World

Changes in the world are happening every day. Some changes are good, some are bad, and some are just different. This session will explore the changes that are happening in the fire service and how they can be managed. This session will also explore the changes that are happening in the fire service and how they can be managed.

Leading the Combination Department: The Search for the Holy Grail

Combination departments are the future of the fire service. This session will explore the challenges of leading a combination department and how they can be overcome. This session will also explore the challenges of leading a combination department and how they can be overcome.

combination department that works, and where firefighters play a role in it. This session will explore the challenges of leading a combination department and how they can be overcome. This session will also explore the challenges of leading a combination department and how they can be overcome.

Cultural Change Tactics: Addressing Safety Culture in Your Organization

Safety is the most important issue in the fire service. This session will explore the challenges of addressing safety culture in a fire department and how they can be overcome. This session will also explore the challenges of addressing safety culture in a fire department and how they can be overcome.

What Do They See When They See You Calling?

This session will explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome. This session will also explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome.

Saturday, November 12

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Industry Partner

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Industrial Strength Address: Partnering With Industry To Enhance Emergency Services

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The Fire Corps – What Does It Mean to You?

This session will explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome. This session will also explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome.

Fire Department Leadership: A Key to Your Future

This session will explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome. This session will also explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome.

Sunday, November 13

8:00 am – 11:00 am

What the Chief Executive Expects of His/Her Fire Chief

This session will explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome. This session will also explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome.

Firefighter Injury/1000 Prevention Update

This session will explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome. This session will also explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome.



The Fire Service: Past, Present and Future

This session will explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome. This session will also explore the challenges of leading a fire department and how they can be overcome.

2005

August 10, 2005, Letter:

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: August 10, 2005
Re: District Activity

Sorry about this being so late but I didn't realize until just before leaving town for the Chief's Conference that the trustees meeting was this Thursday.

Stuart and I are in Denver, Colorado until Sunday of this week attending the International Association of Fire Chiefs Conference. We are both still available by our cell phones if you need to contact one of us. Capt Don Ryan is in-charge of the day to day operation in our absences.

Station 2 is currently having the new concrete ramp poured this week. Capt. Ryan has informed me that they should have the project completed by the end of this week. The foreman on the job from Kingsbury was very surprised at how easily the old concrete pad came up and that there was not any rebar in the old pad. Live and learn I guess!

I am sure that either Chairman Eifler or Rick Tonini will comment on this issue during the trustees meeting but a new election is going to be held to determine who the career firefighter representative will be on August 25th. The election is going to be held between the hours of 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm at Station 1 and just like before the only two candidates will be Joe Wolfe and Frank Flynn.

The server replacement project at Station 1 has been moving right along, with only a few glitches. The two new servers are both up and running at full speed and seem to be doing quite well. The only project left to do is to test the back-up software to make sure we are getting good back ups of our data every night.

Paul Kurtz has officially resigned from the district and left for his new home in Florida last week. Because of Paul leaving the department, his departure has created a vacancy in the Sergeants position on Unit 2631. A Sergeants eligibility list was created late last fall when Greg Crabb was promoted to fill the vacant position that was created when Ed Brown left. The next firefighter on the eligibility list was Nick Clark who was promoted last week to fill the vacant position left by Paul. Please congratulate Nick next time you see him on his recent promotion. He will be a great asset to our organization in his new position.

With that said, the new firefighter that was hired to replace the vacant firefighter position left by Nick Clark is Charles McCune. Charles was a former firefighter with the St. Matthews Fire District and the City of Louisville Fire Department. Charles brings to the table a wealth of knowledge and experience that will greatly be utilized here at St. Matthews. Some of the Board members, if not most of them, already know Charles and what he is capable of. Like Nick, please give Charles a warm welcome home after being lost for so many years downtown.

After the last meeting in July the question came up about the hourly rate that the Harrods Creek Fire District was charging other districts to work on their apparatus and if any kind of mark-up on parts were being added to the bills. Harrods Creek's hourly shop rate for any service work is \$60 an hour compared to \$110 an hour we were being charged at Clark Diesel. Parts are billed to each district at their original price that they were purchased at with no mark-up at all.

The purchase of a new response vehicle may be delayed several months until we can find someone who is making a group purchase. The problem is that both the Chevy Tahoe and the GMC Yukon are no longer made in the color red. However, you can purchase a red vehicle if you order 5 or more in a fleet purchase. I sent a page across the state to see if anyone would like to go in on a group purchase on either a Tahoe or a Yukon within the next several months. So far I have identified three other departments who are possibly interested in this venture. I know you are sitting there reading this report and saying "well what about a Ford Explorer or the Expedition." Like the Chevy and GMC they are not offered in red either. If all else fails, we may be faced with buying a white vehicle. I will keep you posted.

Expenditures for August 2005

Item	Price
Replacement oven and stove for Station 2.	\$700.00
+ SHORTS FOR VOL FIRE FIGHTERS	\$ 450.00 Estimate
	\$ 1150.00

August 11, 2005, Trustee meeting:

Smoke Detectors
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Jack Monahan

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Trustees Meeting Agenda August 11, 2005

- I Call to Order 5:28 PM.
- II Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III Treasurer Report
- IV Fire Department Operations Report by Chief Seng *Read Letter By Don Ryan*
- V Old Business *Discussion on Upcoming Special Election Reported By R. Tamm*
- VI New Business *Set up MC w/ P.V.A. - T.M. to check whether & Report Back*
- VII Executive Session
- VIII The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on August 16th @ Lake Dreamland Fire Department @ 7:00pm.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

August 11 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on August 11 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue at 6:00 P. M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monahan, Jim Graven and Rick Tonini.

The minutes of the July 14, 2005 were approved as written.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:05 P. M.

2005

August 11, 2005, Trustee meeting:

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

August 11, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on August 11, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eifler called the meeting to order at 5:30 P. M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven and Rick Tonini. Also present was Captain Don Ryan, Captain Joe Wolfe, Captain Dave Dugan, Captain Frank Flynn, Captain Mike Richardson, Sergeant Eric Sorenson, Firefighters George Wiggins, Louis Stoke, Moss Clore, Brendon Montgomery & Tina Freibert.

The minutes of the July 14, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved to accept the minutes. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurers report. He reported that the budget was in good shape and we had current investments divided between 6 banks. After review of the financial report Jack Monohan moved to accept the report. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Chiefs Report

The Chiefs report was given by Captain Don Ryan in the absence of Chief Seng. Captain Ryan reported:

- 1) He attended a meeting concerning chapter 75. No votes were taken.
- 2) Chief Seng and Assistant Chief Monohan are in Denver at the International Association of Fire Chiefs Conference. They will return Sunday.
- 3) New concrete ramp at station 2 is near completion. No problems
- 4) Charles McCune was hired as a firefighter to fill vacancy created when Paul Kurtz left the department.
- 5) Nick Clark promoted to fill the Sergeants position.
- 6) Chief Seng reports the new server project is up and running and near completion
- 7) Capital expense requests for August
Replacement of oven at station 2 \$700.00

Rick Tonini moved to approve the Oven replacement. Jack Monohan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini questioned Captain Ryan on the Chiefs decision to move the 40 hour firefighter position to Captain Doyles shift crew. This left Captains Doyle crew with 5 instead of the normal 4 man staffing. After some discussion it was decided to table the discussion until Chief Seng returns.

Old Business

Rick Tonini reported that after a meeting with Frank Flynn, Joe Wolfe, & Tom Eifler details of the straw vote election were finalized. The election will take place on August 25th. All firefighters in good standing eligible to vote were notified in writing.

Captain Wolfe asked to address the board to voice his concern over New Firefighter McCune being added to the eligible list to vote list after some discussion the board decided that since Firefighter McCune was not on the department on the date of the original election he could not vote in the straw vote election to break the tie.

New Business

Tom Eifler discussed setting up a meeting with the PVA's office to review all property on the districts tax roll. Jim Graven will meet with Chief Seng to work out the details.

Jack Monohan moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:00 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

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Heat fells two firefighters

Pair hospitalized after responding to separate blazes

By Paul Wilson and Charlie White
The Courier-Journal

Two firefighters were hospitalized with heat-related symptoms yesterday, after fighting blazes in afternoon temperatures that reached the upper 90s.

No one else was hurt in either fire, one at a condominium complex on El Conquistador Place in Hikes Point and the other at a home on Ranger Road in the Okolona area.

The Hikes Point condo blaze forced the evacuation of about 40 residents, many of them seniors. In the end, only one condo was damaged by flames.

Martha Huth, 75, said she discovered the fire in her third-floor condo when she walked out of the bedroom about 4:30 p.m. "As I passed the kitchen, I thought I felt heat," said Huth, who is blind, hard of hearing and lives alone.

Next door, Shawn Moore heard a popping noise. When he walked out of the condo where he was staying with a friend, he saw smoke coming from Huth's.

"I started beating on the door," Moore said.



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Maj. Henry Ott of the Louisville Metro Arson Squad talked to Martha Huth, whose Hikes Point condo was damaged by fire. The blaze was put out in about 30 minutes. A firefighter was taken to Baptist Hospital East to be treated for heat exhaustion. (By Chris Hall, Special to The C-J)



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Shawn Moore rescued Martha Huth from her burning condo in Hikes Point. Moore, who was next door, saw smoke

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"I heard someone say 'help' and someone gasping for air."

Moore started banging on the door to Huth's condo and it swung open. "All I seen was her and black smoke," he said.

He carried Huth out of the building over his shoulder.

Virginia Fox, 75, who had to evacuate, said she waited in the shade of a tree as firefighters battled flames.

"Everybody obeyed (the firefighters) and got outside," she said. "A lot of them didn't like that hot sun. The firemen were real nice. They brought us water, and I took it."

The heat was one reason firefighters from four companies converged on the blaze, said Chief Paul Barth of the McMahan Fire District. There also were crews from Buechel, St. Matthews and Louisville Fire & Rescue.

"The reason for all the extra companies was the heat and knowing that the average age of people here was 60-plus," Barth said. "The No. 1 thing is that on a hot day like this, with a smoky fire like this, we've been very fortunate that we didn't have any major injuries."

The blaze, confined to Huth's condo, was put out in about 30 minutes, and one firefighter was taken to Baptist Hospital East with heat exhaustion, Barth said.

The cause of the fire, which started in a closet, was under investigation, Barth said.

Huth planned to stay with a friend last night.

The fire at 9723 Ranger Road began about 3 p.m., and firefighters from Okolona, Highview and Fairdale had it under control in just under half an hour, said Okolona Fire Chief Rich Carlson. Most of the house was

coming from Huth's home. "I heard someone say 'help' and someone gasping for air," he said. Moore carried Huth out of the building over his shoulder.

destroyed, he said.

No one was home when the flames broke out in an attached shed behind the house, probably from an electrical malfunction, Carlson said. They spread from the shed's roof to the attic of the house, and it likely will be a total loss, he said.

One firefighter was taken to a local hospital with heat-related symptoms. "It's a labor-intensive effort on days like these," Carlson said.

The high yesterday reached 97 degrees at Louisville International Airport, according to the National Weather Service. And Carlson estimated that his firefighters carry between 50 and 75 pounds of equipment -- "it's probably closer to 100 pounds soaking wet," he said.

Having several fire companies respond to a fire allows fresh crews to be rotated in to combat the flames.

"These are the type of days when you really need the mutual-aid system, and we are blessed to have a good one," he said.

The reporters can be reached at pawilson@courier-journal.com and cwhite@courier-journal.com.

2005

August 14, 2005, Presented @ Board meeting, not sure date is correct:

Sick Leave Buy Back Program

The purpose of the Sick Leave Buy Back program is to reward employees for good attendance and to discourage the abuse of sick leave.

Accrual of Sick Leave

Sick leave will continue to accrue at the rate specified in the employee manual:

- 12 hours monthly for 24/48 employees
- 8 hours monthly for 40 hour employees

There shall be no upper limit placed on the days allowed to accrue. Any employee cited for an unexcused tardy during a month shall forfeit the sick leave accrual for that month.

Eligibility

All full time employees of the Fire District shall be eligible to participate in the sick leave buy back program.

Buy Back Rate

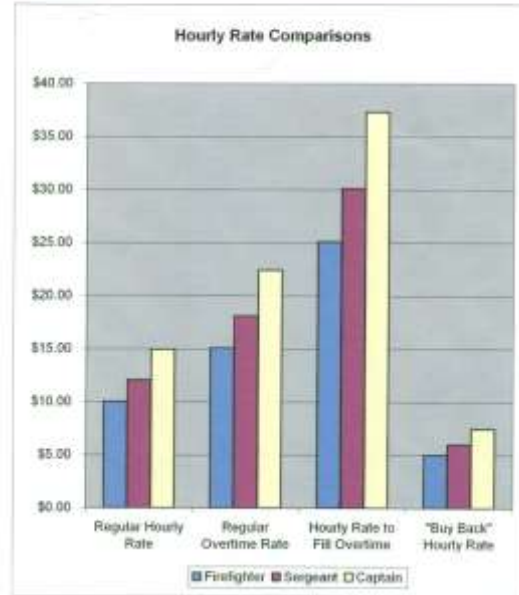
Unused sick leave shall have a cash value of fifty cents on the dollar (\$0.50) or at half the base hourly rate of the employee salary. The value of the sick leave shall not include state incentive pay or length of service. Disbursement for sick leave shall be subject to withholding taxes and CERS contribution rates.

Buy Back at Retirement or Voluntary Termination of Employment

The District will purchase all accrued sick leave at the specified rate at the date of the employee's retirement or voluntary separation from employment. Employees terminated from employment with cause shall not be eligible for participation in the buy back program. The first six months of which shall be subject to all withholding taxes and CERS contribution rates. Any sick leave in excess of six (6) months shall be disbursed as a miscellaneous payment and shall be subject to reporting to the IRS via a Form 1099 and not reported to CERS. Taxes for the amounts over six (6) months shall be the employee's responsibility.

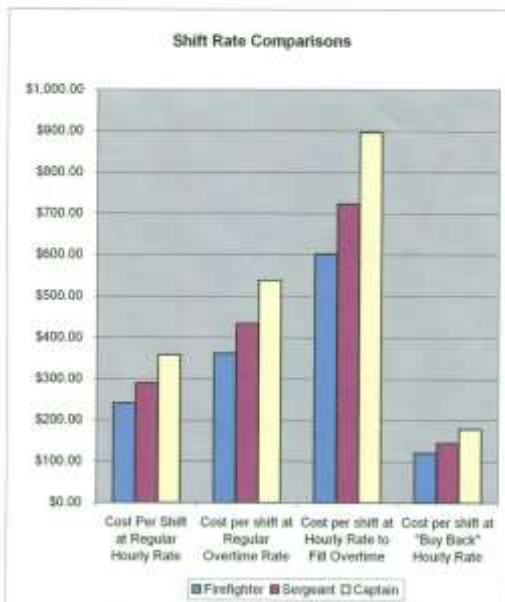
Hourly Rate Comparisons

	Firefighter	Sergeant	Captain
Regular Hourly Rate	\$10.03	\$12.05	\$14.93
Regular Overtime Rate	\$15.05	\$18.08	\$22.40
Hourly Rate to Fill Overtime	\$25.08	\$30.13	\$37.33
"Buy Back" Hourly Rate	\$5.02	\$6.03	\$7.47



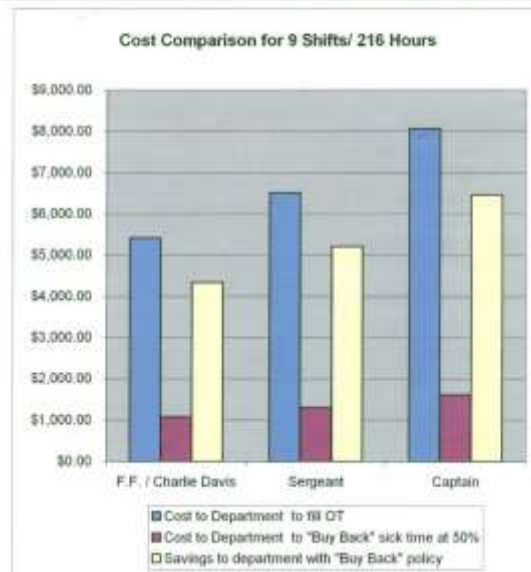
Shift Rate Comparisons

	Firefighter	Sergeant	Captain
Cost Per Shift at Regular Hourly Rate	\$240.72	\$289.20	\$358.32
Cost per shift at Regular Overtime Rate	\$361.20	\$433.92	\$537.60
Cost per shift at Hourly Rate to Fill Overtime	\$601.92	\$723.12	\$895.92
Cost per shift at "Buy Back" Hourly Rate	\$120.48	\$144.72	\$179.28



Cost Comparisons for Charlie Davis 9 Shifts/ 216 Hours

	F.F. / Charlie Davis	Sergeant	Captain
Cost to Department to fill OT	\$5,417.28	\$6,508.08	\$8,063.28
Cost to Department to "Buy Back" sick time at 50%	\$1,083.24	\$1,302.48	\$1,612.44
Savings to department with "Buy Back" policy	\$4,334.04	\$5,205.60	\$6,450.84



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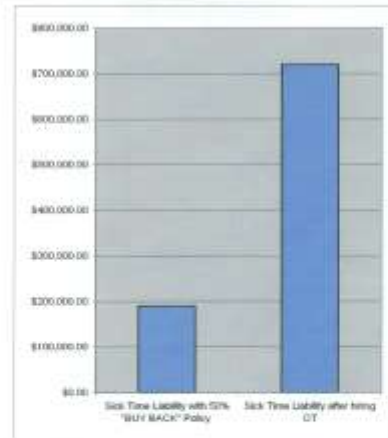
Sick Leave Liability Analysis (as of May 2005)

Sick Leave Liability	Sick Time Liability	Sick Time Liability	
(Hours)	with 60% "BUY BACK" Policy	after hiring OT	
Chief 40 Hour	1414	\$23,702.00	\$23,702.00
Asst. Chief 40 HR	1497	\$18,632.00	\$18,632.00
Capt. 40 Hour	1000	\$10,795.00	\$10,795.00
Major 40 Hour	164	\$1,479.00	\$1,479.00
Capt. 40 Hour	233	\$2,470.00	\$2,470.00
Capt. 24/48	520	\$3,684.40	\$10,411.60
Capt. 24/48	419	\$3,129.93	\$15,641.27
Capt. 24/48	1114	\$3,321.58	\$41,585.62
Capt. 24/48	1678	\$12,534.66	\$62,639.74
Capt. 24/48	2983	\$22,283.01	\$111,355.38
Capt. 24/48	2233	\$16,680.51	\$83,357.89
Sgt. 24/48	1410	\$6,502.30	\$42,483.30
Sgt. 24/48	722	\$4,353.90	\$21,793.66
Sgt. 24/48	1054	\$9,551.52	\$47,725.92
Sgt. 24/48	1885	\$10,180.55	\$30,769.05
Sgt. 24/48	552	\$5,328.56	\$16,631.76
* Sgt. 24/48 <i>Ph-L</i>	1081	\$6,518.43	\$32,570.53
FF 24/48	36	\$180.72	\$602.88
FF 24/48	440	\$2,206.08	\$11,035.20
FF 24/48	325	\$1,631.50	\$8,151.00
FF 24/48	350	\$1,757.00	\$8,778.00
FF 24/48	648	\$3,252.96	\$16,257.84
FF 24/48	558	\$2,791.12	\$13,944.48
FF 24/48	618	\$3,107.38	\$15,524.52
FF 24/48	387	\$1,942.74	\$9,705.96
FF 24/48	428	\$2,193.58	\$10,759.32
FF 24/48	385	\$1,927.36	\$9,154.20
FF 24/48	471	\$2,364.42	\$11,612.58
TOTAL	24915	\$188,763.97	\$719,224.01

No OT Hired for these positions

Sick Leave Liability Analysis (as of May 2005)

Sick Time Liability with 50% "BUY BACK" Policy	Sick Time Liability after hiring OT
\$188,763.97	\$719,224.01



August 27, 2005, Letter:

August 27, 2005

Chairman Tom Eifler
Board of Trustees
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
240 Sears Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky 40207

It costs the Department 5 times more to cover burned sick time than it does to "BUY BACK" sick time at the end of a career.

Chairman Eifler:

I would like to begin by taking this opportunity to thank you and the trustees for allowing me to run for the position of Firefighter Trustee. Who would have thought a vote with 99% turnout would result in a deadlock tie!

Working together, candidates and trustees, we were able to come to a viable solution with a run-off election. In a spirit of cooperation, we all agreed upon the legalities to hold this second election binding.

While I would have preferred a different outcome, I am proud to have participated in this elective process, which I believe to have been held fairly and in good faith.

With the results of the run-off election now final, I withdraw my name for consideration of the position of Firefighter Trustee.

Respectfully,

Captain Frank A. Flynn
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
3609 Graham Road
St. Matthews, Kentucky 40207

Cc: All Trustees
Chief William J. Seng

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August 27, 2005, Invitation:



It is with great pleasure that we take this opportunity on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Fire Fighters of this Fire District to extend to each of you a warm welcome and thank you for taking the time to share with us in this great celebration. We especially want to welcome back all of our past members, their friends, and families.

We are extremely proud of our many accomplishments over the last 50 years. From establishing the first Home Fire Prevention Program in the United States to being one of the first Fire Districts in Metro Louisville to obtain a Class 2 Fire Insurance rating, this Fire District has always been a leader in the Fire Service.

I would like to thank all of those individuals who are presently serving or who have served as volunteer Fire Fighters. Their unselfish dedication and devotion to the Community is what this Fire District is all about.

Thank you for coming and taking pride in both Hikes Point and the McMahan Fire Protection District.

Fire Chief Paul Barth, Board of Trustees and Members of McMahan Fire District

PROGRAM

1:00 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies Fire Chief Paul C. Barth

Presentation of Colors Lyndon Fire Protection District
Honor Guard

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance McMahan Fire Fighters

Welcome Fire Chief Paul C. Barth

GUEST SPEAKERS

Honorable Jerry Abramson, Mayor Louisville Metro Government

Honorable Clay Foreman, Mayor City of Jeffersontown

Mr. Steve Riggs, State Representative, District 31

Mr. Kevin Kramer, Councilman, District 11

Ms. Leah Pepper, Councilwoman Ellen Call's Office, District 26

Mr. Chris Lewis, Staff Representative for Congresswoman Anne Northop

Recognition of the other special guests and dignitaries Fire Chief Paul C. Barth

Presentation

Dedication of New Apparatus Chairman Mike Harlamert, Board of Trustees
McMahan Fire Protection District

Prayer Albert "Bud" Fekete, Board of Trustees
McMahan Fire Protection District

Housing the Apparatus Fire Fighters
McMahan Fire Protection District

Christening the Apparatus Honorable Jerry Abramson
Mayor Louisville Metro Government

At the conclusion of the formal ceremonies, we would like to invite you to tour our facility and look over our apparatus and equipment. Fire Fighters will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about fire safety, or our facility and equipment. Thank you for sharing in our celebration.

Refreshments will be served in our training room which is located in the rear of our facility.

LEADER To the memory and honor of those who founded and those who have served the past fifty years with the McMahan Fire Protection District

PEOPLE

RESPOND We dedicate this fire apparatus.

LEADER In memory of all fire fighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

PEOPLE

RESPOND We dedicate this fire apparatus.

LEADER To the honor of the men and women who now rise from their beds to risk their lives to protect this community of Hikes Point.

PEOPLE

RESPOND We dedicate this fire apparatus.

September 7, 2005, Letter:

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September 7, 2005, Trustee meeting:

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Fire Protection District
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207
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William J. Seng
Fire Chief

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Faye Ellerkamp, Chairperson
James P. Graven, Treasurer
Joe Wolfe, Secretary

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: September 7, 2005
Re: District Activity

- ✓ All of the large pieces of apparatus have completed their regularly scheduled maintenance service at the Harolds Creek Fire District. Other than the service work that was done, only a few minor problems were found and were repaired immediately. Unit 2658 is still without its generator that was removed for repair several months ago. We received a call just this week that E-One is going to replace the old generator with a new one under a warranty claim. That means we will get a brand new 10K hydraulic generator for free. It should be delivered here next week some time.
- ✓ The bids for the new 2006 response vehicle are due in tomorrow by 4:00 pm. As I mentioned to all of you before the problem is trying to get a vehicle that comes in the color red. It seems almost all of the manufacturers have gotten away from the fire engine red color that you currently see on all of our vehicles. While at the IAFC conference last month both Stuart and I met a representative from GM that told us what ever vehicle we purchased that we should contact him after the order was placed and he would make sure we get a fire engine red car. He sure talked a mean stick; I hope he can back it up.
- ✓ Three firefighters from St. Matthews were part of the Jefferson County Water Team that went to New Orleans to help in the rescue effort of trapped and stranded victims from the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. Kent Monohan, Kevin Moulton, and Ron Renner were the three firefighters who drove to New Orleans and worked night and day for four days saving lives. You may have seen them on the national news several times making all types of rescues. I sent you yesterday an e-mail that contained the numbers on how many rescues the JCWT made. Please let them know how appreciative you are for volunteering to do this highly dangerous and stressful mission that saved so many lives.
- ✓ Please let me know if you are not receiving any e-mails from me at your home or office. I am usually sending out about two or three e-mails a week that usually pertain to something that is going on with the fire service.

Expenditure Request for September 2005

Item	Price	Budgeted
Six sets of turnout gear	\$7000.00	Yes
Five pupes	\$3150.00	Yes
Fire Leadership Symposium, Clearwater, FL (Chief Seng attending, Nov 31 - 13)	\$850.00	Yes
Fire Department Safety Officer Symposium (Mike Richardson, Don Ryan, Oct 23 - 28)	\$2000.00	Yes
12 week Cardiovascular Fitness Training (Could come out of training budget.)	\$500	No

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Fire Chief

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
John K. Volkerding
Richard J. Tavel
Jack Monohan
Thomas O. Eifer

Trustees Meeting Agenda September 8, 2005

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:30*
- II. ✓ Election Results *JOE WOLFE CERTIFIED*
- III. ✓ Certification of Election
- IV. ✓ Oath of Office
- V. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *APPROVED*
- VI. ✓ Treasurer Report *DRIVEN BY CHIEF*
 - ✓ A) CRC recovery report
 - ✓ B) Annual Audit Review - Jan Seitz, Cotton & Allen
- VII. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng *Ry John*
- VIII. Old Business
 - A) PVA Reviews - *later next month*
 - B) By-laws - *late*
 - C) Legal update - *Tom*
- IX. New Business *EDS ON CAR (A) ORDERED - CHIEF to select*
Review Hiring Policy
- X. Executive Session
- XI. The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on October 20th @ Jeffersonstown Fire Department @ 7:00pm.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

September 8, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on August 11 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue at 6:45 P. M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifer, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven, Joe Wolfe and Rick Tonini.

The minutes of the August 11, 2005 were approved as written.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P. M.

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September 7, 2005, Trustee meeting:

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Minutes of Meeting of Board of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District

September 8, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on September 8, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eifler called the meeting to order at 5:30 P. M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven, Joe Wolfe and Rick Tonini. Also present was Sergeant Eric Sorenson.

The minutes of the August 11, 2005 were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved to accept the minutes. Jack Monohan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the management statement and the completed audit.

Jan Seitz from Cotton & Allen gave a final report on the completed audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005. Jan reported no problems and the books balanced but made suggestions to improve recording of outstanding checks, deferred compensation records and suggested that expense reports be filled out to go with travel per diem. After some discussion of the current travel expense policy the board will create an expense report for future travel.

Rick Tonini reported that Captain Joe Wolfe won the election for firefighter representative.

Jack Monohan moved to certify the election of Captain Joe Wolfe. Faye Ellerkamp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Tom Eifler gave oath of office to Captain Joe Wolfe

Treasurers Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurers report. He reported that the budget was in good shape and the audit found no problems.

Chiefs Report

The Chiefs report was given by Captain John Volkerding in the absence of Chief Seng who was on an emergency response: Captain Volkerding reported:

- 1) All team members from St. Matthews (Kent Monohan, Kevin Moulton and Ron Renner) and Jefferson County have returned from New Orleans. All members performed well under difficult circumstances. All members will go through a critical stress debrief.
- 2) E-One has agreed to replace the hydraulic generator in unit 2658 under warranty. The new 10K unit should be delivered in several weeks
- 3) Capital expense requests for September

Six sets of turnout gear	\$7000.00
Six fire pagers	\$3150.00
Fire leadership Symposium for Chief Seng	\$850.00
Safety officer Symposium for Captain Richardson	\$2000.00
Cardiovascular fitness training for two firefighters	\$700.00

Rick Tonini made a motion to approve all expenses except the fitness training. Joe Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board then discussed the fitness class request. Because Chief Seng was not present to review details with the board Rick Tonini moved that the board approve the fitness class pending review of the details with Chairman Tom Eifler by Chief Seng. Joe Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

John Volkerding opened the bids for the 2005 Tahoe. The results are as follows:

Bob Hook	\$34879.33
Bob Montgomery	\$35115.33
Bachman	\$29984.33

Rick Tonini moved that the board approve the purchase after Chief Seng reviews the bids and reports to Chairman Tom Eifler. Jim Graven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Chairman Eifler discussed the current status of the pending lawsuit.

Jim Graven reported that the PVA meeting to review our records will take place in the next several months.

New Business

Joe Wolfe asked the board review details of our CRC billing program. After some discussion the board decided Chairman Eifler will review details with Chief Seng.

Joe Wolfe asked the board review the departments hiring policy for future employees. After a discussion no action was taken.

Tom Eifler moved to adjourn and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting adjourn at 6:45 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

Legal Notice**St. Matthews Fire Protection District**

In accordance with Chapter 65 and Chapter 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes the following information and supporting data concerning the St. Matthews Fire Protection District may be inspected by the general public at 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40207 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

1. Name and address of the chief executive officer of the fire protection district are:

William J. Seng
3512 Graham Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40207

4. The names and addresses of the members of the Board of Trustees, the governing body, of the fire protection district are:

Chairperson: Thomas O. Effler Sr.
4702 Old Brownsboro Court
Louisville, Kentucky 40207
Term expires: 06-30-2008

Treasurer: James P. Graven
618 Rudy Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40207
Term expires: 06-30-2007

Secretary: John Volkerding
904 Windsong Place
Louisville, Kentucky 40207
Term expires: 06-30-2007

Faye Ellerkamp
703 Merrifield Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40207
Term expires: 06-30-2008

Richard Tonini
3608 St. Germaine Court
Louisville, Kentucky 40207
Term expires: 06-30-2006

John Monohan III
410 Cherrywood Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40207
Term expires: 06-30-2008

Joseph Wolfe
442 Whiteheath Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40243
Term expires: 06-30-2009

**Summary of Financial Statements
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
For Fiscal Period July 1, 2004 To June 30, 2005**

Beginning Cash on hand on July 1, 2004	\$992,169
Receipts	
Property taxes	3,271,027
Rent income	0
Kentucky incentive pay	112,492
Interest income	27,387
Miscellaneous revenues	22,373
Total receipts	\$3,433,279
Expenditures	
Current:	
Personal services	2,293,866
Contractual services	141,334
Building rent, grounds maintenance and supplies	23,346
Office expense	18,837
Training, education and travel	102,326
Utilities and telephone	37,296
Fire apparatus, automotive and pump expense	86,048
Radio repair and maintenance	32,282
Other expense	6,875
Specialized supplies	0
Contingency, miscellaneous	968
Capital expenditures	22,034
Debt service:	
Interest	0
Principal	0
Total Expenditures	\$2,766,211
Ending Balance on June 30, 2005	\$1,590,237

Dupont 'traffic tiger' studied

Giant intersection among problems

By Martha Elson
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The Courier-Journal

Lewis Abney, a manager at Office Depot on Breckenridge Lane in St. Matthews, has given up trying to get out of the store's shopping center at the light on Dutchmans Lane.

Instead, "whenever I leave this parking lot, I go all the way around the block" via Breckenridge and Dupont Road to get to Dutchmans, he said. The traffic is often backed up to much at the light that "even

when your light turns green, you still can't go."

His store is at the northeast quadrant of the Breckenridge and Dutchmans intersection — a "super-mega-intersection which is really intimidating," said Mohammad Nouri, Metro Louisville's assistant director of transportation.

The area is the focus of a transportation study by metro government, with input from a study team that includes state and local officials and administrators representing hospitals and other medical facilities in the area. It will look at "taming the traffic tiger" there, Nouri said.

The area also is a challenge for pedestrians because Dutch-



"My goal is to get it on the agenda" at the state level.

STEVE RIGGS,
state representative



By Steve Dettin, The Courier-Journal

INSIDE

► An aerial view of the Breckenridge and Dutchmans intersection. Page 2

the QK4 construction, management and contracting company, which has started on the study.

State Rep. Steve Riggs, who used to live in the Hikes Point area, said he began discussing Dupont traffic with Norton Suburban Hospital and metro officials about three years ago.

"My goal is to get it on the agenda" for state transportation.

The study team first met in April with representatives of

See **TRAFFIC**, Page 2, col. 1



By Michael Clawson, The Courier Journal

Fourteen lanes of traffic meet up at the intersection of Breckenridge and Dutchmans. Jewish Hospital Medical Center East, upper left, is among the numerous medical facilities in the area, which is the focus of a metro government transportation study.

TRAFFIC | Area around Breckenridge, Dutchmans studied

Continued from Page One

tion officials, he said. "I'm just beating the drum."

The area contains Baptist East, Norton Suburban and Ten Broeck hospitals and Jewish Hospital Medical Center East, plus numerous other medical offices, restaurants, the Village 8 movie theaters, Kaden Tower office center, and other businesses in Dupont Circle and The Springs areas.

Information from QK4 and Nouri says the "problems are complex and will demand a number and combination of solutions."

"I don't think that system of roadways was ever designed to handle that amount of traffic," said Phyllis Breuer, mayor of Kingsley, off Taylorsville Road near Bowman Field.

QK4 initiated the study with \$20,000 of a \$75,000 grant from the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency. The remaining \$55,000 would go to a proposed contract with QK4.

Harold Tull, KIPDA's transportation director, said conges-

tion in the area is expected to increase.

Lisa Stephenson, executive vice president of the Greater Louisville Association of Realtors, said her building was one of the first to go up on Dutchmans Parkway in 1990, as a former horse farm was being turned into a commercial, residential and office area. But "there's been enormous amounts of growth," and getting from the Realtors' building to Breckenridge is usually time consuming, she said.

Rick Tonini, a St. Matthews city councilman and co-owner of Tonini Church Supply Co. in The Springs Station shopping center, said the biggest problem is that interstates block travel to and from the area in two directions, so "the only two ways out are east or west." Traffic especially backs up at lunchtime, he said.

Community planners and advocates for pedestrians toured the area last year during a workshop at Suburban Hospital. Kurt Gessner, director of engineering at Norton and a member of the study team, said

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PHYLLIS BREUER,
mayor of Kingsley

last week that the hospital is looking at staggering work hours to alleviate problems.

The hospital especially wants to make sure ambulances can get through. "It is of great concern to everyone," he said. The concept of pedways over roads also has been discussed, he said.

Adam Dewey, the concession operator at Village 8, said the biggest problem is people squeezing through lights and getting stuck in intersections. Other people then "end up waiting and waiting and waiting," he said.

At Panera Bread Co. just off Dutchmans Parkway, assistant manager Jeremy Moon said

traffic seems to flow fairly smoothly along Breckenridge, but crossing Breckenridge can be slow going.

St. Matthews fire officials required the Jewish Hospital facility to have a second point of access at the side of the building, onto Dupont Circle, in addition to two drives off Dutchmans Lane, said state Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, a corporate officer of Jewish Hospital HealthCare Services.

He acknowledged that there's a wait to get out at the light on Dutchmans. But "this was an issue long before we came to St. Matthews," he said, noting that Jewish spent \$150,000 to synchronize the lights along Dutchmans. Nouri said the synchronization would be examined again.

Another concept that may be discussed is an access way parallel to Breckenridge in the vicinity of Office Depot and the WW Cousins restaurant, at Breckenridge and Dupont Road, Nouri said. Adding more traffic lanes also has been discussed, but "I think it's reached its maximum limit," he said.

September, 2005, Incident Report:

2005

October 11, 2005, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (09/01/2005) And (09/30/2005)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
138 Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	4	2.45%	\$0	0.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
231 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	66	40.49%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
363 Swift water rescue	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	69	42.33%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	1.22%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	3	1.84%	\$0	0.00%
443 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.22%	\$0	0.00%
483 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	6	3.68%	\$0	0.00%
	15	9.20%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
511 Lock-out	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
533 Public service	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	4	2.45%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	2	1.22%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	14	8.58%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	17	10.41%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
5 Good Intent Call				
631 Authorized controlled burning	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	1.22%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	1.22%	\$0	0.00%
661 EMS call, partly transported by non-fire	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
611 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	24	14.72%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.22%	\$0	0.00%
711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
732 Smoke detector activation due to	14	8.58%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	7	4.29%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	4	2.45%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.22%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	3	1.84%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	3	1.84%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	6	3.68%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	46	28.22%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	163		Total Est. Loss:	\$0

Total Runs YTD = 1429

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William J. Seay
Fire Chief

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Thomas G. Egan, Chairman
James P. Egan, Treasurer
John Volkmann, Secretary

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seay
Date: October 11, 2005
Re: District Activity

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Joe Hilde
Richard J. Egan
Jack Anderson
Lisa Hildebrand

Unit 2658 is in Lexington having the new generator installed. It should be ready to come back to the station this Friday. *Do you want to buy it? 10-15-05*

Unit 2671 has a broken officer side windshield. A new one was sent from E-One however when it arrived it was discovered to be shattered in the shipping box. Another one should be sent this week. *Do you want to buy it?*

Unit 2694 (2001 Ford Pickup) was sent in for repair at Star Ford on Monday and it was returned later that afternoon. It apparently had something wrong with the ignition system.

Several of the trucks have an accumulation of rust and are in need of repair. The following is a list of the trucks and the cost of the repair from Hill's Body Shop.

Unit 2631: \$1,565.30
Unit 2634: \$3,055.80
Unit 2638: \$3,584.80

Unit 2655 was not included in this list because of the possibility of it being replaced next year. However if we did decide to have it repaired it would be somewhere in the \$5,000.00 range.

This Wednesday the St. Matthews Fire District will be hosting the Jefferson County Executive Board meeting here at St. Matthews Station 1. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and you are more than welcome to attend. *Do you want to buy it?*

Thursday (October 20th) the St. Matthews Fire Protection District will be hosting the Jefferson County Instructors Association meeting here at Station 1. The meeting starts at 12:00 noon and will last about two hours. Please feel free to stop by if you like. Lunch will be served at this meeting.

Both stations need to have their parking lots re-sealed. We have received two bids to do this work.

	Station One	Station Two	Total
Bluegrass Sealing & Striping Co.	\$1,925.00	\$2,150.00	\$4,075.00
Ohlischlager Paving Company	\$2,500.00	\$2,350.00	\$4,850.00

I received a call from Bachman Chevrolet that the new Tahoe should be here within the next couple of weeks. Bachman advises that the car is going to be white and not red as anticipated. With this being the case, I am inclined to cancel the order and let them sell that car and wait until the first of January and order a 2007 Tahoe that will be red in color. I will discuss this issue in further detail at the Trustees meeting.

Another issue we will need to discuss at our next meeting is about the annual awards banquet that is held every year in the month of December. Apparently there is an overwhelming majority that would like this event held at a different time of the year and also at a different location. Our banquet has been held at the Big Springs Country Club for the last 12 years. Maybe it is time for a change.

I have put together a committee that is chaired by Captain Wolfe whose mission is to review all of the department's current SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures). Some of these are out-dated and are in need of changing. The committee has both career firefighters and volunteer firefighters working together to complete this task.

Several weeks ago Nick Clark was injured during a training session and received an injury to one of his fingers. The injury was such that he needed to have several stitches and be off work (workman's comp) for two weeks. I am happy to say that he is back on the job fulltime with no limitations.

The latest status on the Charter 75 Re-write Committee is that we have a draft bill that should be finalized with in the next week or so. It will then be distributed to all of the Jefferson County Trustees who will hopefully review it and vote on it at the next Jefferson County Trustees Association meeting on October 20th. From there we will try to move it along to Frankfort with a sponsor. I feel good about this bill but you know how things in Frankfort go. *Do you want to buy it?*

Since we have moved all of the EMS dispatching off of the EMS channels to the fire dispatch channel, we now have about 15 surplus EMS pagers. I would like to recommend to the Board that we declare these pagers surplus and have Captain Volkmann (Communications Officer) sell them for as much as we can get for them.

Captain Wolfe has prepared several documents to provide to the firefighters who went to New Orleans to help on the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort. Along with those documents, I have received several others from Metro Government that we can give to these firefighters also. *Do you want to buy it?*

At this meeting I presented along with Metro Gov documents

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October 11, 2005, Letter:

October 13, 2005, Trustee meeting:

Last month the Board approved sending two firefighters to the Heuser Clinic for an intense 12-week course in cardiovascular fitness and weight control. If the program was beneficial for these individuals I was going to have them report back to the Board with the hopes of sending the entire department through the program. However a problem has occurred in the pricing for the 12-week program. The program itself is normally a \$1000 for the 12-week program. The program is discounted for corporations who send at least 10 or more individuals to \$500. A further discount is for police and firefighters who send 10 or more individuals for \$350. This is where our problem lies. The clinic wants one of two things to happen since we do not have at least 10 individuals for the program. Either pay an additional \$1,250.00 for the full enrollment price on our two firefighters or enroll at least an additional six firefighters at the cost of \$350.00 each. I will discuss this in further detail at Thursday's meeting.

Expenditures for October 2005

Item	Cost
Diamond Tip Blade for K-12 saw	\$500.00 ✓
Body Work for trucks	\$8,210.00 ✓ <i>Veh. Maint</i>
Masimo Pulse and CO monitor (see enclosed information)	\$2,500.00 ✓
12 week exercise program for an additional six firefighters	\$2,100.00 ✓ <i>3500</i>
Parking lot sealer and stripping	\$4,075.00 ✓

Approved

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District October 13, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on October 13, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eifler called the meeting to order at 5:30 P. M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Joe Wolfe, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven and Rick Tonini. Also present was Stuart Monohan present was Captain Hal Clifford, Captain Frank Flynn, Nick Clark and Forrest Marcum.

The minutes of the September 8, 2005 were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved to accept the minutes. Jack Monohan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurers report. He reported that the budget was in good shape. We transferred money from some CD's to cover normal expenses as expected. Fuel cost was running high because of the price spike and we should be ready to expect close to a 20% increase in health insurance costs. Jim also reported that there would be a hearing October 14th regarding the pending litigation over the unbilled tax.

Chiefs Report

The Chiefs report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported;

There would be an October 20 meeting for the trustee's to vote on the chapter 75 revisions.

Chief Seng requested the board move the awards banquet to a date to be determined in the early spring instead of December.

Chief Seng reported that the ordered Tahoe came in white instead of the requested red. Bachman Chevrolet will sell keep the Tahoe and we will reorder in January under the fleet program.

Chief Seng requested that the board declare surplus the UHF pagers they are no longer needed because of a change in radio room dispatch.

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Trustees Meeting Agenda October 13, 2005

- I. ✓ Call to Order 5:30
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *Approved*
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
A) CRC recovery report
B) Health Insurance
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
A) PVA Reviews - Graven - *No Report*
B) By-laws and SOP Update - Wolfe *and with Data - Report NEXT MONTH*
C) CRC Billing Policy Review - Seng - *see Sample Report*
D) Hiring Policy - Seng - *No Report - B.T. Follow Policy as Being to Board*
- VI. ✓ New Business
A) Change December 8 meeting
B) Legal Update
*WED.
12-9-05
5:30*
- VII. Executive Session

The next Trustees Association meeting will be on October 20th @ Jeffersontown Fire Department @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company

October 13, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on October 13, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue at 6:52 P. M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven, Joe Wolfe and Rick Tonini.

The minutes of the September 8, 2005 were approved as written.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 P. M.

Chairman

Secretary

October 13, 2005, Trustee meeting:

Rick Tonini moved to declare the pagers surplus. Joe Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for October.
- | | |
|---|-----------|
| Diamond Tip Saw Blade for rescue saw. | \$500.00 |
| Body Work for Trucks | \$8210.00 |
| CO Monitor | \$2500.00 |
| Sealing parking lots stations 1 & 2 | \$4075.00 |
| 12 week fitness program for 10 firefighters | \$3500.00 |

Chief Seng reviewed the trial fitness program with the board. Hal Clifford discussed details of how the program was working for him.

After discussion by the board of the benefits on of the fitness program Rick Tonini moved to approve all requested expenses. Jack Monohan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Jim Graven and no new news on the PVA.

Joe Wolfe presented the board with a draft of updated bylaws to review. He also reported that the new by laws would be on the new fire department web site.

Chief Seng reviewed the CRC program and answered questions for the board.

Chief Seng reported that after reviewing hiring procedures with Chairman Tom Eifler he will bring all future hires that do not meet the hiring criteria as set forth in the SOP's to the board for approval.

New Business

Tom Eifler asked the board to consider moving the December meeting because of a conflict. The board decided to move the December meeting to December 7th at 5:30 PM.

Chief Seng discussed the MOS with Louisville Metro EMS.

Joe Wolfe moved for the meeting to adjourn. Jim Graven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

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October 13, 2005, Trustee meeting: EMS Memorandum

*ok.
To Sign As Discussed
For Reminders Of This
Agreement Period.
JMM*

OPERATIONAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

By and Between

Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services

and

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Through this document, Louisville Emergency Medical Services (LEMS) and its representative employees shall establish an Operational Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Matthews Fire Protection District (STMFDP).

LEMS shall keep and maintain necessary worker's compensation insurance on its personnel. Each party shall be liable for any damages arising from its actions to the extent such liability is permitted by law. The parties hereto specifically do not waive any immunity from suit as provided in K.R.S. 67C.101, 75.070 et. seq. or as otherwise provided by law to the parties or their agents, officers, and members.

All parties agree to meet to discuss the components of this agreement yearly in May for the next year's budget process.

I. AGREEMENT

1. STMFDP agrees to provide 24/7 response for all incidents identified as "Dual Response" regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. In the instance that resources from STMFDP are unavailable, STMFDP also agrees to allow other Fire Departments to provide 911 emergency medical response, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries.
2. LEMS will have sole authority to provide Medical Direction and Oversight, including but not limited to the provision of On-Line Medical Control for First Responder care.
3. The LEMS Medical Director reserves the right to restrict individual STMFDP First Responder patient care privileges in accordance with LEMS SOP.
4. LEMS agrees to provide all participating agencies with an initial allotment and replacement of medical supplies and oxygen for the provision of First Responder care.
5. LEMS will provide the Quality Assurance processes for the collection and transmission of electronic patient care reports.

14. LEMS agrees to control, order, distribute and install equipment to secure all Controlled Substances.
15. STMFDP agrees to provide an area for workspace for daily operational work for LEMS employees within the Station House.
16. Common areas of the Station House building are to be accessible to all personnel.
17. LEMS Employees shall not allow personal visitors inside the Fire House unless permission is received from the Fire Department.
18. LEMS agrees to secure the Station House when leaving quarters.
19. LEMS employees will assist in maintaining the cleanliness of the Fire Station to the extent allowed by the LEMS Collective Bargaining Agreement.
20. LEMS agrees that the Station House "Home Phone" usage shall be limited to ten (10) minutes except in the case of a fire emergency.
21. LEMS agrees that during the hours designated as sleep hours, employees shall maintain an atmosphere that allows other personnel to sleep undisturbed. The hours designated as sleep hours shall be identified to the LEMS Crew.
22. LEMS agrees not to activate the siren of the ambulance until it has completely cleared the Station House.

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Date

Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY:

IRV MAZE
JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY

By: _____
Assistant County Attorney

Date: _____

6. LEMS will also provide the necessary software and hardware for the collection and transmission of electronic patient care reports when available. STMFDP has entered into a HIPAA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreeing to comply with pertinent HIPAA Privacy and Security rules concerning Private Health Information (PHI) coming into its possession because of its relationship with LEMS. A copy of the HIPAA MOU is attached hereto.
7. STMFDP will provide LEMS with all written and/or electronic patient care reports, Quality Assurance reports and system response data on a timely basis.
8. Where possible, STMFDP agrees to provide space in their Station Houses for up to two (2) ambulances to park inside. Where the deployment of ambulances to Station Houses does not allow adequate space for two (2) ambulances due to the design of the Station House, FPD agrees to provide outside accessible space for the ambulance(s). Electrical connections will be available for attaching the ambulances to shoreline power. All power cords will be provided by LEMS.
9. LEMS agrees to notify STMFDP in advance if a review of the LEMS deployment model determines modifications affecting the LEMS use of STMFDP resources are needed.

II. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

10. LEMS employees agree to recognize the senior Fire Officer of the Fire House as being in charge. In the event a conflict arises between the Fire Personnel and LEMS employees, the immediate supervisor of both agencies shall attempt to resolve the matter. In the event the matter cannot be resolved between the immediate supervisors, a written report of the incident shall be forwarded through the chain of command to the office of the Fire Chief and Director of LEMS for appropriate action.
11. STMFDP and LEMS employees agree to follow their respective policies, procedures and SOPs. If an issue is raised as it applies to those policies, procedures and SOPs, the employee shall cease the behavior immediately until the issue can be resolved pursuant to section 10 of the Operational Guidelines.
12. STMFDP agrees to allow the LEMS Crew to clean the interior of the ambulance while in quarters, utilizing supplies from the LEMS locker. STMFDP also agrees to allow the LEMS Crew to wash the exterior of the ambulance in a location to be determined with LEMS supplies. STMFDP also agrees to allow LEMS to do minor maintenance on their vehicles as necessary.
13. STMFDP agrees to provide space within the Station House for lockers for medical supplies and biohazard waste bins. Lockers will be provided by LEMS. LEMS agrees to collect and dispose of bio-hazardous waste generated as a result of medical care.

2005

October 27, 2005, *The Voice-Tribune*, Dennis J. "Denny" Liebert, property manager for the McMahan Group in Hikes Point, dies at 62: Brother of former SMRFD Gill Liebert

Dennis J. 'Denny' Liebert, property manager for the McMahan Group in Hikes Point, dies at 62

Dennis J. "Denny" Liebert, 62, of Louisville and Vero Beach, Fla., died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, in Houston, one week after receiving successful cardiac surgery.

Born in Louisville on Dec. 3, 1942, Mr. Liebert was the son of the late Gilbert R. Liebert and Mary Catherine Birchler Liebert.

Since the mid 1970s, Mr. Liebert was property manager for the McMahan Group, located in Hikes Point, and because of his daughters' love of saddlebred horses, he served as president of Rock Creek Riding Club from 1994-98. His passion for classic cars was shared with fellow members of the Antique Automobile Club of America. He was also a member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church.

He and his devoted wife of 37 years, the former Colleen McMahan, have two daughters, Tracy Liebert Cutting of Louisville, and Sarah B. Liebert of Vero Beach. Tracy and her husband, Malcolm, graced the family with two adorable grandchildren, Gracie and Gus. He is also survived by his loving sister, Mary C. "Cathy" Clark of Louisville.



Ky. His brother, Gilbert F. "Gill" Liebert died in February 2005.

Denny will be fondly remembered by all who knew him for his great stories, his Irish wit, his engaging smile, his passion for life and his compassion for others.

His funeral Mass was celebrated at his church with burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. Ratterman Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Mr. Liebert was president of his 1960 graduating class at Trinity High School. Memorial contributions can be made to the Dennis J. Liebert Scholarship Fund, Trinity High School, 4011 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40207.

October 27, 2005, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (10/01/2005) And (10/31/2005)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	1	0.51%	277,500	93.33%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.02%	40	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
161 Outside equipment fire	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
	5	2.56%	\$77,560	93.33%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	34	48.20%	\$5,000	6.66%
312 Medical assist, AED Applied w/ shocks given	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	2	0.51%	40	0.00%
351 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
	38	50.25%	\$5,060	6.66%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2	1.02%	40	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	2.05%	80	0.50%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
421 Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light ballast	2	0.51%	40	0.50%
444 Power line down	2	0.51%	20	0.00%
445 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	2.05%	80	0.50%
	15	7.49%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
510 Person in distress, Other	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
511 Lock-out	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
521 Smoke or odor removal	3	1.53%	60	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.02%	40	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, makeup	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
	8	4.10%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	19	9.74%	20	0.00%
621 Wrong location	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
631 Authorized controlled burning	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
631 Sewer odor, odor of smoke	4	2.05%	20	0.00%
	26	13.37%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	2	0.51%	40	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	2	1.02%	40	0.00%
731 Smoke detector activation due to	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
735 Alarm system activation due to malfunction	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.02%	40	0.00%
741 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	2	1.02%	40	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	4	2.05%	20	0.00%
	16	8.16%	\$0	0.00%
8 Good Intent Call				
802 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
	33	16.92%	\$0	0.00%
9 False Alarm & False Call				
900 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
911 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	2	0.51%	40	0.00%
930 System malfunction, Other	2	1.02%	40	0.00%
931 Smoke detector activation due to	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
935 Alarm system activation due to malfunction	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
936 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
940 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.02%	40	0.00%
941 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	1	0.51%	20	0.00%
944 Detector activation, no fire -	2	1.02%	40	0.00%
945 Alarm system activation, no fire -	4	2.05%	20	0.00%
	16	8.16%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 195				
Total Est Loss: \$82,600				

Total Runs YTD = 1,624

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November 7, 2005, Trustee meeting:



- I. ✓ Call to Order 5:30
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report By Chief Seng
(A) CRC recovery report-Graves (Jim Graves out of town)
(#23,000 REVENUE TO DATE)
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
#32 Mockingbird Valley Sat 11-12-05
- V. ✓ Old Business
A) PVA Reviews-Given No Report
B) By-laws & SOP Update-Wolfe (1) \$2600 - Gift Cert (Eifler)
(2) \$400 - 2613 Tires (XMAS)
(3) \$2,058 - Fire Prev Matl
- VI. ✓ New Business
A) Legal Update (LAWSIDE UPDATE)
- VII. ✓ Executive Session
- VIII. ✓ The Next Trustees Association meeting will be on January 19th @ Buechel Fire Department @ 7:00pm, this will be a joint meeting with the Chief's Association.
- IX. The Next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday December 7th @ 5:30pm.

8. Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for November.

Kroger Gift Cards for annual holiday gift to Firefighters	\$2600.00
New Tires for unit 2613	\$400.00
Fire prevention material	\$2058.00

Rick Tonini moved to approve all requested expenses. Jack Monohan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Joe Wolfe presented the board with a draft of updated bylaws. The board will review the first 6 sections in December.

Chairman Tom Eifler reported that the PVA review will be done in January, 2006.

Chairman Tom Eifler discussed the Memo of understanding with Metro EMS.

Tina Fribert asked the board to let her discuss some workplace issues. The board agreed to discuss this with her in executive session

Executive Session

Rick Tonini moved for the board to go into executive session. Jack Monohan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:20 PM

The board came out of executive session at 7:52 PM

New Business

Rick Tonini made a motion for the board to make changes in the employee manual regarding punctuality and attendance on the advice of legal council. Also included is dropping the family leave act provisions because the department is not required to adopt this standard because of its size. Jack Monohan seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

Tom Eifler moved for the meeting to adjourn. Jack Monohan seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District

November 7, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on November 7, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eifler called the meeting to order at 5:30 P. M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Joe Wolfe, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief Bill Seng, Stuart Monohan, Kent Monohan, Eric Sorensen, Tina Fribert, Mike Richardson, Walter Sales, Charles McCune, Mike Willinger, Mike Frantz, Andy Longstreet and Frank Flynn

The minutes of the October 13, 2005 were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved to accept the minutes. Jack Monohan seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Chief Bill Seng gave the treasures report in Jim Gravens absence. He reported that the budget was on track. We have \$700,000 in certificates of deposit. No loan would be needed at the end of the year to meet operating expenses. We received another check from CRC and have had no problems to this point with the program.

Chiefs Report

The Chiefs report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported;

1. Apparatus expenses were up due to new transmission for unit 2631 and several other large ticket items.
2. New generator for 2658 covered under warranty is installed
3. Discussed the maintenance agreement with Harrods Creek Fire District.
4. Captain Richardson would be conducting Live Burn Trainings at #32 Mockingbird Valley Road
5. House Fire on October 25th was started by wiring related problems.
6. 12 firefighters were enrolled in the fitness program
7. Chapter75 rewrite group is moving forward with plans to attach standards as requested by Metro government officials.

November 23, 2005, MEMO:

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November 24, 2005, *The Voice-Tribune*, Special Section:



MEMO

TO: Faye Ellerkamp, Jim Graven, Jack Monahan, Rick Tonini, John Volkending, Joe Wolf
FROM: Tom Eifler
DATE: November 23, 2005
SUBJECT: Resignation of Tina Freibert

I spoke to each of you yesterday about the terms of Ms. Freibert's resignation and the feeling was unanimous that we accept it. I am enclosing a copy of the signed letter for your records and want you to know how much I appreciate your understanding on this matter. A special thanks goes to Joe Wolf who was the Board's emissary in bringing this situation to a satisfactory conclusion for all parties involved.

Just a reminder that our December meeting is Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 5:30 pm, and not on the normal second Thursday of the month. I look forward to seeing you there.

CC: Bill Sorg
Enclosures

NOTE: The resignation of Tina Freibert took place over several months of discussions, e-mails, executive session, and so on. I have elected to leave all these documents out because I feel they serve no real purpose in the overall history of the department.



Mike Frantz

The City of St. Matthews is proud to honor Mike Frantz.

Mike was born in Louisville and raised in the Bowman Field Area. He graduated in 1997 from Christian Academy of Louisville.

Mike started with the St. Matthews Fire Protection District in 1998 and has held the rank of firefighter since then. He currently lives in St. Matthews and is a member of Southeast Christian Church.



Nick Clark

The City of St. Matthews is proud to honor Nick Clark.

Nick was born in Louisville and raised in Hikes Point. He graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1991. He received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1996.

Nick started with the St. Matthews Fire Protection District in 1999. He currently holds the rank of sergeant and has held that rank since August 2005.

He is a member of Holy Trinity. Nick currently lives in St. Matthews with his wife Gina and 3-year-old son Jackson.

November 30, 2005, *The Courier-Journal*



John Gofney, left, was elevated to major, the highest rank among yesterday's promotions. Anchorage Fire Chief Walter Lage did the honors as Abramson watched. Gofney will be charge of the training academy, where he has taught recruits for five years.



Frank Flynn

The City of St. Matthews is proud to honor Frank Flynn. Frank was born in Louisville and raised in St. Matthews. He was a 1984 graduate of Waggener High School. Frank received an associates degree in Fire Science from Jefferson Community College.

Frank started with St. Matthews Fire Protection District right out of high school in 1984. Since 1993, he has held the rank of captain.

Frank and his wife Julie currently live in St. Matthews, attend Our Lady of Lourdes and have five children: Will (son, age 13); Caroline (daughter, age 10); Charlie (son, age 1); 2 stepdaughters, Molly (age 14) and Katie (age 13). All children attend Our Lady of Lourdes with the exception of Charlie - who plans to attend in a few years.

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November, 2005, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {11/01/2005} And {11/30/2005}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
161 Outside storage fire	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	8	4.93%	\$0	0.00%

3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents

300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	83	51.23%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
	86	53.08%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)

410 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition,	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
460 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
	9	5.55%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call

510 Person in distress, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	4	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
	9	5.55%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call

600 Good intent call, Other	4	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	17	10.49%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
	23	14.19%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call

700 False alarm or false call, Other	3	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
715 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	3	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	6	3.70%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	3	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	6	3.70%	\$0	0.00%
	27	16.66%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 162

Total Est Loss:

\$0

2 YTD → 1786

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December 2, 2005, Letter regarding Tax law suit.

December 7, 2005, Trustee meeting.



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December 2, 2005

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Mr. Jim Graven
Treasurer
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
618 Rudy Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40207

Re: *St. Matthews Fire Protection District v. John E. Aubrey, et. al*
Our File No. 819349

Dear Jim:

Today we filed our final brief regarding a variety of defenses raise in our tax rate action. This letter provides a review of where we are and encloses the pleadings that are pending before the court on various motions for summary judgment.

The County Clerk and her sureties originally moved for a protective order to dismiss on the basis that she has sovereign immunity and is immune from suit. The Sheriff, PVA and their sureties filed a similar motion basically arguing "me too." We responded and moved for partial summary judgment to conclusively resolve the immunity issue.

At the October 14, 2005 hearing on the motions and the immunity issue, the County Clerk, Sheriff, PVA and their sureties tried to raise additional defenses in support of their motions. The Court allowed them to file supplemental briefs on any additional defenses they wished to raise.

The County Clerk and her sureties filed a supplemental brief arguing that the Fire District had "released" her and the Sheriff from liability. The Sheriff and PVA filed a brief along the same lines but also claimed as additional defenses equitable estoppel and laches.

The Court on November 21st agreed to hold the issues of estoppel and laches in abeyance to allow us to engage in discovery and required that we file a response on the remaining defenses. We filed that response today and the judge will now have to rule on whether the

Jim Graven
December 2, 2005
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County Clerk, Sheriff or PVA have any immunity with respect to our claims and whether the Fire District has released them from liability.

Enclosed are the following documents for your reference:

- (1) Motion of County Clerk and surety for a protective order;
- (2) Motion of Sheriff, PVA and sureties for a protective order;
- (3) Fire District's motion for summary judgment and response to motions for a protective order;
- (4) Motion of County Clerk and surety for summary judgment;
- (5) Motion of Sheriff, PVA and sureties for summary judgment;
- (6) Fire District's motion to compel and to hold in abeyance (unsigned); and
- (7) Fire District's supplemental response to the motions of the County Clerk, Sheriff, PVA and their sureties.

With the exception of the estoppel and laches defenses, these various motions are under submission. I will contact you as soon as we hear from the Court. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Happy Holidays.

Very truly yours,

Timothy J. Eifler

TJE/ks
Enclosures

cc: Thomas O. Eifler, Sr., Chairman (w/encl.)
John G. Treitz, Jr. (w/o encl.)

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William J. Seng
Fire Chief

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Jim Wolfe
Robert J. Jones
Jack Monohan
Pete Clarking

Trustees Meeting Agenda December 7, 2005

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. Treasurer Report
A) CRC recovery report
- IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. Old Business
A) PVA Reviews - Graven
B) By Laws - Review 1st six Sections
- VI. New Business
A) Legal Update
B) Meeting Schedule 2006
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. The next Trustees Association meeting will be on January 19th at Burchel Fire Department @ 7:00 pm, this will be a joint meeting with the Chief's Association.
- XI. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday January 12, 2006

**Minutes of Meeting of
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire
Protection District**

December 7, 2005

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on December 7, 2005 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eifler called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Trustees present were Tom Eifler, Joe Wolfe, Rick Tonini and Jack Monohan. Trustee absent were Faye Ellerkamp, Jim Graven and John Volkerding. Also present was Chief Seng, Mike Richardson, Eric Sorensen, Frank Flynn, Brendan Montgomery, Dave Dugan, Greg Crabb, Matt Board, & Patrick Montague.

The minutes of the November 7, 2005 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Chief Seng led a discussion of the financial statements in the absence of Treasurer Graven. Seng reported that tax revenues should start coming in at any time. Seng also reported that a \$200,000 CD was cash in order to cover the operating expenses of the District.

Fire Operations

Chief Seng reported the following:

StMFd responded to a working house fire in the 200 block of Sage Rd. Firefighters made a "good stop" and saved 2 animals that were in the structure. A third animal perished despite efforts to save it.

2658 lost its 5 inch hose load on I-264 resulting in damage to 9 couplings and 3 automobiles. Chief Seng stated that measures will be taken to prevent this occurrence in the future.

Chief Seng led a discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding between the StMFd and Metro EMS. The Chief stated that we were one of only a few districts that have yet to sign the document. The Chief recommended signing the document because he fears that Metro EMS will pull its unit from our firehouse. The Board cited its concerns about that document which include a requirement for bay space, office space etc. The Board opted to allow the Chairman and the

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December 7, 2005, Trustee meeting.

December 20, 2005, *The Courier-Journal*:

Chief review the document and dispose of this business at their discretion. Chief Seng reported that the Chapter 75 rewrite committee has been placed under the Legislative Group of the Trustees Association. He stated that Missy Aimes of Worthington Fire District chairs that committee and he is unsure as to where the process is going.

Chief Seng presented the Board with a contract proposal Powertel/Kentucky to locate a cell tower on StMFDP property at 4400 Brownsboro Rd. Powertel offers \$1750 monthly plus a 50/50 split on any co-locating providers. A discussion ensued over the terms of the contract.

After discussion, Jack Monohan moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the District counter this proposal with all terms remaining the same except for co-location revenues. The District proposes a 60/40 split of co-location revenues. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chief presented a single expenditure request for the annual prime rib dinner to be held at the StMFDP Station One at 7:00 PM. Chairman Eifler suggested that this was a budgeted expenditure and that no action was required. No objections were voiced.

Old Business

Chairman Eifler stated that he felt it appropriate to delay discussion on the PVA review because Treasurer Graven was not present to participate. No objections.

Chairman Eifler decided it appropriate to delay the review of the proposed by-laws. He reminded the Board to review the by-law books and to bring them to the next meeting so comments can be made.

New Business

Chairman Eifler reported that Tina Freibert resigned her position as the administrative assistant. A discussion ensued as to what information the Board should release relating to her resignation because of questions and rumors surrounding her resignation. The Chairman felt it appropriate to release the following excerpt from her resignation letter and read it into record as follows:

"My records with the District will reflect that I resigned and references to any prospective employer who asks will state the position that I held, the salary I was paid and that I resigned employment for personal reasons."

Chairman Eifler asked that the Board approve his actions related to the resignation of Miss Freibert. So moved Rick Tonini, seconded by Jack Monohan. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng brought it to the Board that John Volkerding wished to propose a volunteer participation bonus to be paid out. Few details of the proposal were available because of Volkerdings' absence. A brief discussion occurred. The Board decided to table the issue until the January meeting.

Being no further business, Rick Tonini moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously at 8:35 P.M.

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Saturday, December 20, 2005

Man charged with murder in hit-and-run

St. Matthews crash fatal to woman, 50

By Joseph Gerth
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The Courier-Journal

St. Matthews police followed a trail of vehicle fluids from a fatal hit-and-run wreck on Shelbyville Road Sunday night to an injured man, who then was charged with murder and drunken driving.

A 50-year-old woman, Saman Sandhu, of the 10000 block of Clear Creek Way, near Lyndon, died of a head injury at the scene, the Jefferson County coroner's office said.

The car in which Sandhu was riding was stopped at a red light on eastbound Shelbyville Road at Hubbards Lane when another car slammed into the back of it, police Sgt. William Fitzgerald said.

Sandhu, one of five people in the car, was in the back seat, Fitzgerald said.

Her daughter-in-law and 18-month-old grandson were taken to a hospital, where they were treated and released, he said.

Police received a call about the wreck at 9:13 p.m., Fitzgerald said. They found a trail of fluids leading away from the scene.

Officers followed the trail about two blocks and found a wrecked 2000 Buick LeSabre in the 290 block of Monohan Drive. Nathan T. Lynch, 37, was found, injured, in a nearby back yard.

Lynch, of the 500 block of Logsdon Court in Douglass Hills, was taken to University Hospital, where he was admitted for treatment of facial injuries and held overnight for observation, Fitzgerald said.

After Lynch was released yesterday morning, he was arrested and jailed.

Lynch was charged with murder, assault, three counts of wanton endangerment, leaving the scene of an accident, driving under the influence of intoxicants and failure to provide proof of insurance.

Fitzgerald said that results of a blood-alcohol test should be available in two or three weeks.

He said police didn't know where Lynch had been before the accident.

Joseph Gerth can be reached at (502) 582-4702.

2005, STMFD Pictures, courtesy Stuart Monohan:



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2005, STMFD Pictures, courtesy Stuart Monohan:



December 19, 2005



2005, STMFD Pictures, courtesy Stuart Monohan:

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2005, STMFD Pictures, courtesy Stuart Monohan:



2634, 2653, 2631, Command Car 2601
became 2614



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St Matthews Fire Protection District

2005 ANNUAL REPORT



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Core Values:

- Helping People by treating them as we want our family treated
- Working as a team at all levels
- Open, honest and effective communication
- Respect, integrity and ethical conduct with ourselves and our public.
- Commitment and pride to ourselves and our organization.
- Individual responsibility and accountability

Mission Statement:

- Safety First
- Educate & Prevent
- Be Prepared
- Respond Quickly
- Solve the Problem
- Be Courteous

FROM THE CHIEF

It is with great pleasure that I introduce this annual report for the year ending December 12, 2005. This information will provide to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District a means to look back with satisfaction on another great year, along with an opportunity to use the lessons from the past year to plan for an even more successful future.

In 2005 we saw a 16% increase in fire runs from the previous year. This also accounted for a 41% increase in emergency medical runs. During this time, we have maintained a response time of 4 minutes and 31 seconds which is well below the national average and standards.

We continue to train for and respond to an array of calls, both within the Fire Districts borders and when our neighboring districts request our assistance. In 2005 we were honored to send personnel in conjunction with Jefferson County Special Operations teams throughout the county, and including a contingent of personnel to New Orleans, Louisiana to assist in the Hurricane Katrina rescue efforts.

As calls for service increase, we are dedicated to incorporating methods and technologies to increase our efficiency, reduce on scene time and hasten our readiness for our next alarm. We continue to cooperate with other local agencies to coordinate our training and to efficiently utilize area resources. Additionally, plans to emphasize improved physical fitness, increase departments emergency preparedness and to focus on personnel development round out our goals for 2006.



The St. Matthews Fire Protection District remains committed to protecting the lives and property of our citizens.

William J. Seng
Fire Chief

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

OUR COMMUNITY

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District, located in the suburbs of Louisville, Kentucky, serves a resident population of 27,000 persons located in a 10 square mile fire protection district. This population swells to over 100,000 during the normal

business hours because of the large number of businesses located within the district boundaries. This includes three major hospitals, one large indoor shopping mall, two Senior High Schools, and numerous offices and shopping outlets. Contained

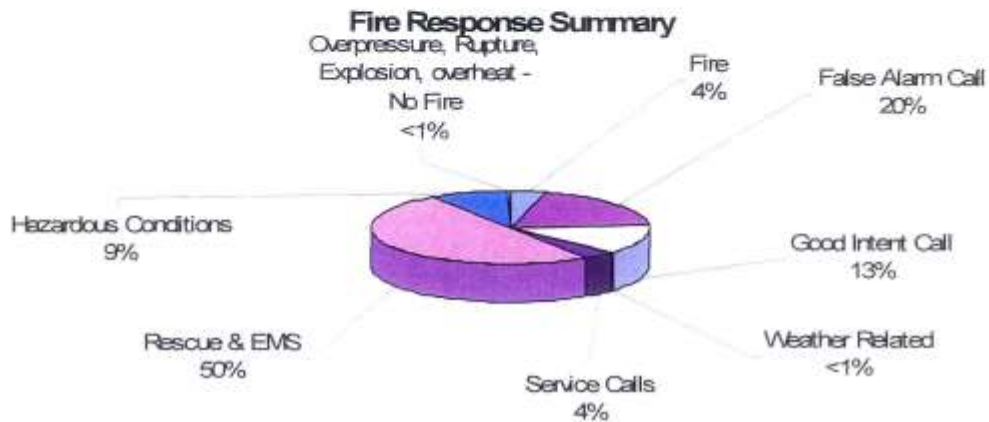
within the Fire Districts boundaries are three major interstates, and one busy railroad line. The Fire District proudly provides fire protection, rescue, prevention, education, EMS first response services to our community.



Crews working a roll over at Westport & Walser

FIRE ACTIVITY

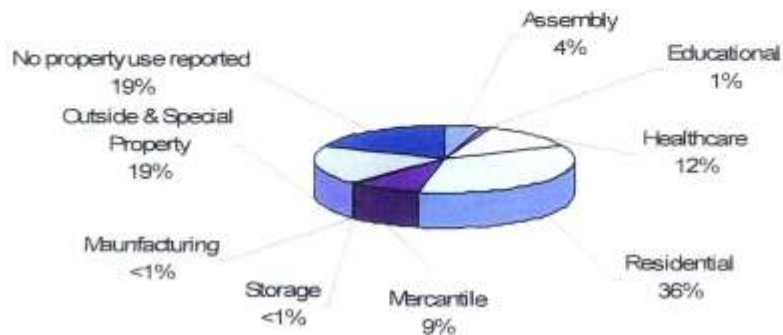
St. Matthews Fire Protection District responded to 1969 incidents in 2005. An incident is a call for assistance from the community. This is a rise in overall incidents from 2004 (1645 incidents). EMS runs increased 40% from 540 in 2004 to 892 runs in 2005.

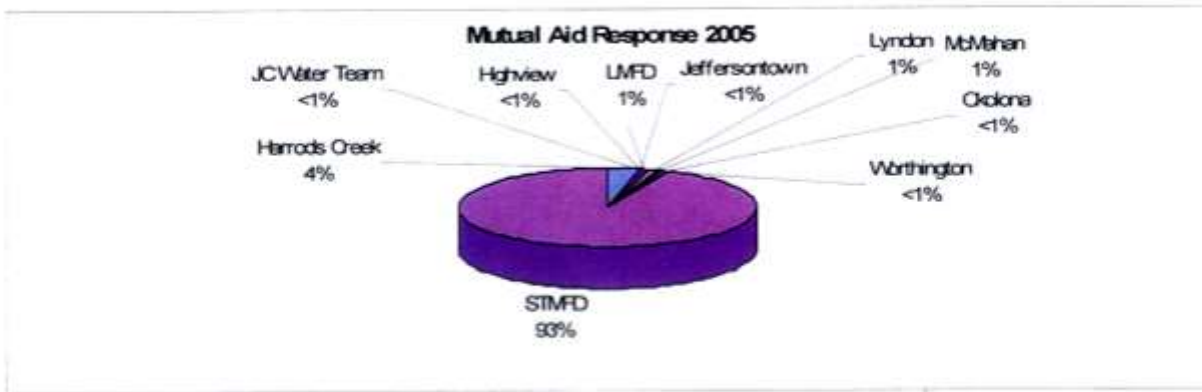


Incidents by Day of Week / Shift

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
A Shift	59	77	108	90	123	93	73	623
B Shift	73	103	110	106	81	117	94	684
C Shift	73	91	92	97	108	109	92	662
Total	205	271	310	293	312	319	259	

Incidents Classified by Occupancy





MAINTENANCE

The St. Matthews Fire District has a proud history of doing much of our maintenance in house. This allows our members the opportunity to learn about our buildings and apparatus, which increases functional knowledge and provides a cost effective means to provide our services.

Maintenance Activity:

Hydrant flow Tests: 1,522
Hydrant Painted: 212

Costs of apparatus Maintenance: \$69,106
Cost of Building Maintenance: \$29,295



Structure fire on Rudy Ln.

TRAINING

In 2005 the Training Bureau has worked to provide quality training to meet the needs and mission of the St. Matthews Fire District. Included in this training we were fortunate to be able to spend 12 weeks working on acquired structures refining our fire-fighting skills. We also pro-

vided a means for our fire-fighters to maintain and keep their EMS (Emergency Medical) skills current.

Our training program has also provided the courses required by the State to maintain our fire fighters certifications. Including the required training which was a provision of the reception of our Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Plans were also formulated to provide the necessary training for the new SCBA purchased with our awarded grant.

In order to prepare our fire-fighters to better meet the needs of our citizens, the Training Bureau is dedicated to providing education and training to meet the needs of the modern fire department.

Training Activity:

Course topics provided: 39
Total hours provided: 441
EMS Hours: 72
Special Operation Hours: 49



Fighting fires "old school"



Condo fire on Melwood

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Protection District

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PREVENTION / PUBLIC EDUCATION

Inspections:

Under the direction of Captain Ryan, the Inspection Bureau saw the addition of two new inspectors with the retirement of Sgt. Ed Brown. Sgt. Greg Crabb, and Firefighter Matt Board joined in the ranks of Inspectors. In 2005 the Inspection Bureau performed 1,432 inspections, resulting in 501 violations discovered throughout the year.

Inspections By Inspectors:

Ryan:	659
Sorensen:	389
Crabb:	189
Marshall:	112
Brown:	36
Board:	30



FF Stoke gets ready to put on a show in the Sparky Outfit

Public Education:

2005 saw a number of opportunities to provide public education and public relations activities to our community. These activities include birthday parties, parades, visits to classrooms, station tours, meetings and visits to civic and community groups. Overall totaling 571 events.

Birthday Parties:	39
Betsy Displays:	2
Public Education:	65
Station Tours:	17
Meetings:	88
Training:	193
Other:	177

2006 GOALS

- Provide safety officer training for all our staff officers.
- Develop a fitness program and actively encourage all members to participate.
- Revise 1 and 5 year plans. Develop and revise Districts Strategic Plan to reflect these revisions.
- Improve communications and interaction amongst ourselves, other departments, and our community.
- Develop a mentoring program to ensure effective and efficient personnel.
- Conduct a review of operations safety in concert with NFPA and OSHA guidelines and standards.
- Further provide effective EMS training to our line personnel.
- Expand levels of IFSAC certifications amongst District Personnel.

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2005 Annual Report released August 2006:

Board Of Directors

Thomas O. Eifler
Faye Ellerkamp
James P. Graven
John M. "Jack" Monohan, III
Richard J. "Rick" Tonini
John K. Volkerding
Joe Wolfe

Officers

2005 Chief William "Bill" Seng (P)
Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan (P)
Captain Mike J. Beneke
Captain Hal Clifford
Captain Daniel Doyle (P)
Captain Dave Dugan (P)
Captain Frank Flynn (P)
Captain Larry Heaphy (P)
Captain Kent Monohan (P)
Captain Mike Richardson (P)
Captain Don Ryan (P)
Captain John Volkerding
Captain Joseph R. "Joe" Wolfe (P)
Sgt. Ed Brown (P), end
Sgt. Nick Clark, (P), August, 2005
Sgt. Jackie DeHart (P) last year
Sgt. Tony Glass (P)
Sgt. Paul Kurtz (P) end
Sgt. Tom Marshall (P)
Sgt. Erik Sorensen (P)
Sgt. Mike "Fozz" Willinger (P)

Firefighters

Matt Board (P)
Moss Clore
Greg Crabb
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Frederick Fischer
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Dan Green
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Chip Hayward
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