

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

2006 — 2008

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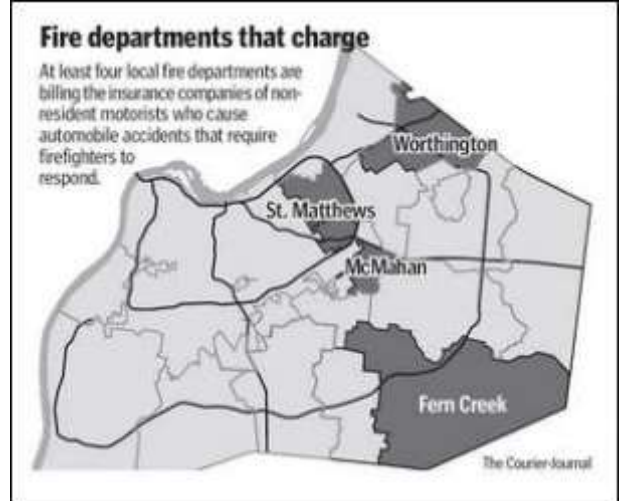
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January 1, 2006: *The Courier-Journal*, by Joseph Gerth, Fire districts charge for runs.-



A truck ran off Interstate 71 recently after a tire blew out. That stretch is served by the Worthington fire district, which has started billing insurers of nonresident motorists who cause accidents. (By Chris Hall, Special to The Courier-Journal)

Fire districts charge for runs

Insurers billed in nonresident crashes

By Joseph Gerth
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The Courier-Journal

Roy Cullinan was turning left into his office's parking lot on Browns Lane last September when a car plowed into the side of his Ford F-150 pickup.

A few weeks later, he got an invoice from an Ohio company notifying him that his insurance company was being charged \$859.56 for services rendered by the St. Matthews Fire Department, including cleanup, medical care and securing the accident scene.

"My first thought was they're billing me for something I'm paying taxes for," said Cullinan, who lives in Crestwood but works in his family's St. Matthews financial consulting business.

St. Matthews is one of at least four local fire departments that have begun billing the insurance companies of nonresident motorists who cause automobile accidents that require firefighters to respond.

Worthington, McMahan and Fern Creek also charge for handling nonresident accidents, although some only charge those who live outside the county, rather than outside the fire district.

And Louisville Fire & Rescue may eventually join them.

Fire Chief Greg Frederick said the department has considered charging motorists for responding to automobile accidents.

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Firefighting officials say it's a way to recoup expenses at a time when departments are struggling with higher personnel costs and more runs. It's especially true in suburban departments that are now faced with fewer volunteers and are having to hire more professional firefighters.

But critics say they are charging for a public service and raising insurance rates. And they worry what fire departments might charge for next, including responding to house fires.

Insurers billed

Worthington Fire Chief Gary Yurt introduced the concept to Jefferson County after attending a fire chiefs' conference last year. He learned that some departments around the country have been charging for services for several years.

Since his department started charging district nonresidents in May, Yurt said, the department has collected money from insurance companies of drivers who live in Michigan, Ohio and Alabama. The department is on pace to receive \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year, Yurt said.

Individuals aren't billed, and if the insurance company doesn't pay after the third notice, the amount is written off as uncollectible, he said.

Insurers are charged based on the number of firefighters, senior officers and trucks that respond, and the amount of time they spend at the accident, said Regina Moore, vice president of Cost Recovery Corp., an Ohio company that collects payments for the Jefferson County departments.

Fire departments can choose whether to seek payment from motorists if their insurance companies won't pay.

Cost Recovery Corp. receives an administrative fee equal to 10 percent of the bill, Moore said.

The company's Web site says it recovers \$350 per accident on average. Moore said the company actually charges \$500 to \$600 on average.

The Worthington fire district, which includes a long stretch of Interstate 71 and about five miles of the Gene Snyder Freeway, sometimes has several accidents a week involving nonresident drivers.

Handling a minor accident might take 30 to 45 minutes, Yurt said.

A severe accident could take more than three hours, with the department providing emergency medical services, extricating victims, blocking traffic, cleaning up chemical spills and performing other chores.

Impact on insurance rates

Yurt said one selling point was Cost Recovery Corp.'s argument that the charges won't raise insurance rates.

Cost Recovery's Web site says that less than 1 percent of residents are involved in accidents, while studies show that nonresidents account for 40 percent to 85 percent of traffic accidents.

"Payments will not increase insurance prices because they represent only a slight fraction of insurance premiums," according to Cost Recovery fact sheet.

The Kentucky Office of Insurance, however, says the billings could indeed affect rates.

While the insurance company might not raise an individual's rate, the billings could lead to higher prices statewide, said Tracy Bertram, director of the state office's property and casualty divisions.

"There is no free lunch," Bertram said.

Greg Kosse, a spokesman for Farm Bureau Insurance, agreed.

"Whenever there is increased cost in handling traffic accidents, that typically is another factor when we're putting together premiums and could increase rates," he said. Kosse disputes Cost Recovery's claims that the collections are so small that they have a negligible effect on insurance rates.

"If you're collecting \$500, and there are 1,000 accidents, that's a half-million dollars," he said.

State Farm Insurance spokesman Brian Maze said his company has seen fire department billings, especially in Ohio. But he said State Farm pays few of the claims because many of the charges aren't covered under insurance policies.

"When we get bills, we'll write letters back to fire departments asking what services they provided," Maze said. "The majority of the time, they don't respond."

Although State Farm doesn't have a position on whether departments should bill insurance companies, officials do oppose to the way companies such as Cost Recovery market themselves.

"It's kind of like the Pied Piper sending everyone to a bucket of money that's not going to impact anyone," Maze said. "Well, it is going to impact premiums."

Tax ceiling reached

Suburban fire departments say they must charge for accidents because the state law limits the amount of taxes they can raise.

The maximum tax rate in fire districts is 10 cents per \$100 of assessed value, meaning that the owner of a \$200,000 home would pay \$200 in taxes.

St. Matthews fire Chief William Seng said the department is using insurance company collections to help supplement its budget, but what the departments really need is a change in the state tax limit.

"We're starting to operate in a deficit," Seng said.

Until then, Fern Creek fire Chief Mike Schmidt said his department will continue to look for alternative funding. The department already charges to review developers' plans and recently began billing people who cause car accidents and live outside the district.

He said the department hopes to make about \$60,000, enough to pay one

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firefighter's salary and benefits.

Tactic questioned

Cullinan said he understands why districts would want to bill, but he said the invoice copy he received looked suspicious. It said to make checks payable to the St. Matthews Fire Department but didn't say until the second page that it wasn't a bill, Cullinan said.

"I don't fault them (for trying to recoup costs), but what bothered me was the way this was presented," he said.

Others also aren't sold on the idea.

Harrods Creek Fire Chief Chris Aponle said his district's board of trustees chose not to charge because of the perception that fire and emergency services should be provided by the government.

But he said the district likely will reconsider the issue in the future, especially since the department has been told it won't receive additional state or federal money to deal with accidents once a proposed East End bridge for the Ohio River and tunnel leading to it are completed.

Jeffersontown Fire Chief Jack Reckner said his department considered billing motorists' insurance companies but decided against it because he said there isn't any case law on whether it's legal.

"To be perfectly honest, I don't want to get us wrapped up in an expensive court battle," he said.

Louisville Metro Councilman James Peden, an assistant chief with the Highview Fire Department, said he wouldn't be comfortable charging fees.

"I don't like it, for no other reason than that's what we're here for," Peden said. "The next step is billing people for house fires."

Reporter Joseph Gerth can be reached at (502) 582-4702.

January 7, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, Public safety, privately paid:

Public safety, privately paid

Out in Springfield, Ore., they've been talking about charging fees when a fire engine is dispatched to somebody's house.

This raises some basic questions, including whether it's the best way to meet increasing costs of emergency services, whether it amounts to punishing victims, whether it would prompt some to delay calling help and try to fight their own fires, whether a homeowner should pay if somebody else makes the call, whether poor folks should be left to sit and sift their own ashes.

Sounds radical, right?

Well, we in Louisville are not there yet. Nobody here is advocating wholesale abandonment of the idea that public services are financed by everyone, with tax dollars.

But at least four local fire departments have started billing the insurance companies of non-resident drivers who cause accidents requiring firefighters to respond: St. Matthews, Worthington, McMahan and Fern Creek. Some charge only those who live outside the county, rather than outside their fire

district. Louisville Fire & Rescue may start doing the same.

In this anti-tax, anti-government era, none of this comes as a surprise. But do even the most dedicated libertarians really believe that, rather than raise public revenue in a publicly accountable way to meet higher personnel costs and finance more runs, cities should put emergency services on a pay-as-you-go basis and hide the cost in higher insurance bills?

Oh, you say, in most cases it's just insurance carriers' money that's being grabbed. But, of course, that will lead, inevitably, to higher rates for everyone, which is an invisible tax on those responsible enough to buy coverage.

The better expedient would be to adjust the existing state limits on fire departments' ability to tax, so government can continue to finance what government exists to do.

As Louisville Metro Councilman James Peden asks, what next? Billing people for house fires? If "personal responsibility" is more important than "community responsibility," why not?

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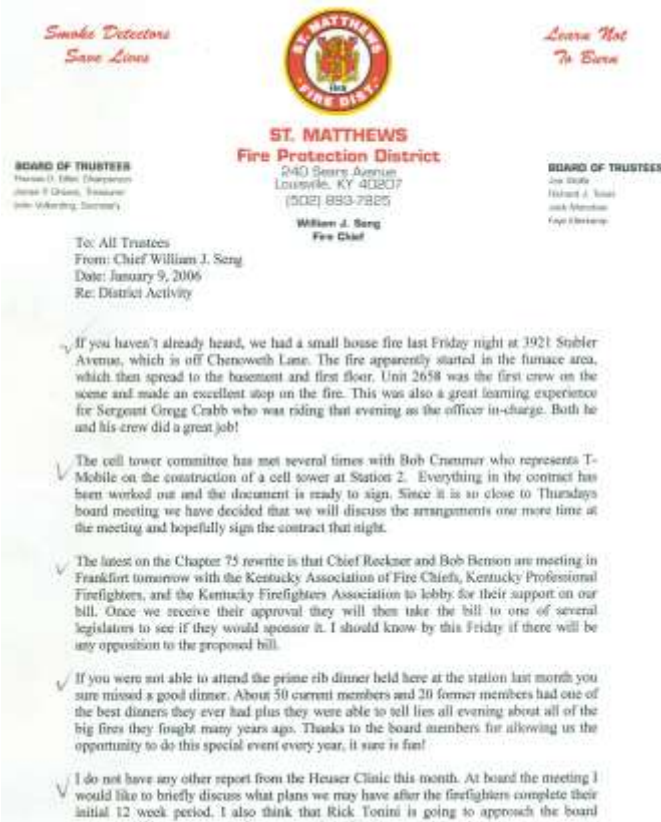
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January 9, 2006, Letters:



January 9, 2006

St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
240 Sears Avenue
St. Matthews, Kentucky 40207

Dear Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District:

After growing up a fourth generation St. Matthews resident, I began my service with the St. Matthews Fire Protection District as a volunteer on October 1, 1984. In the nearly two years that followed, I realized I had found my calling and was hired by the district on August 1, 1986. Twenty years have passed and I consider myself to be one of those fortunate people in life who is still passionate about their profession. Working as a St. Matthews Firefighter gives me great pride. It is my honor to be there for the people in my community when they are facing an emergency situation.

It is with this commitment in mind that I am respectfully requesting permission for the privilege of "retire and rehire." While my official date of hire is approximately six months away, I would like for the Board to consider my request so that I am able to make the financial arrangements necessary to purchase service credit.

Part of my pride in working for St. Matthews has been for the appreciation you, the Trustees of our Board, have shown us with the benefits you have provided. The opportunity to "retire and rehire" makes St. Matthews the premiere place to work as a career firefighter.

When I first started my career as a paid firefighter in St. Matthews I was a single guy just trying to take care of myself. Today those benefits mean more than ever. Being able to "retire and rehire" would provide the financial security to not only cover my children's educational expenses, but would also help my family in many other ways.

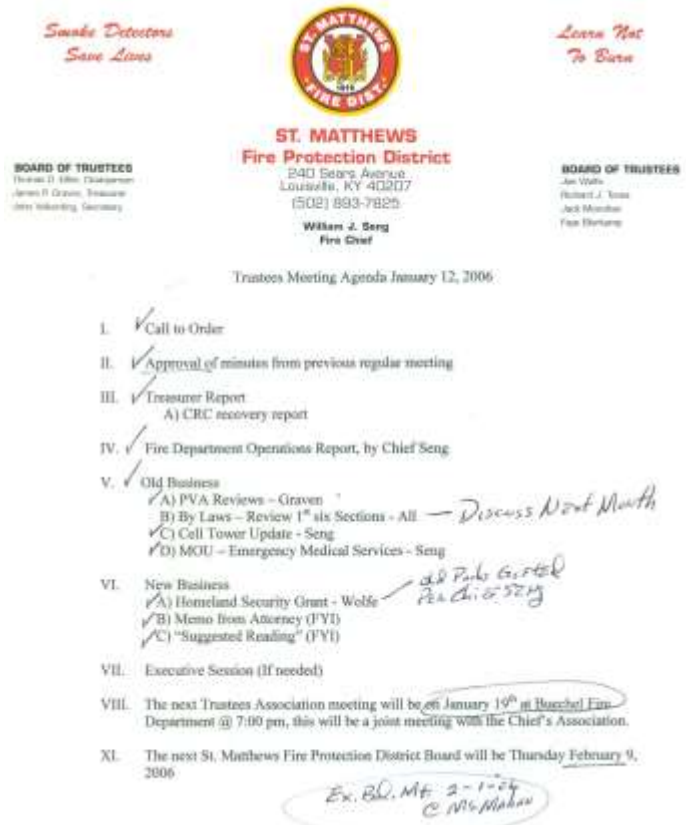
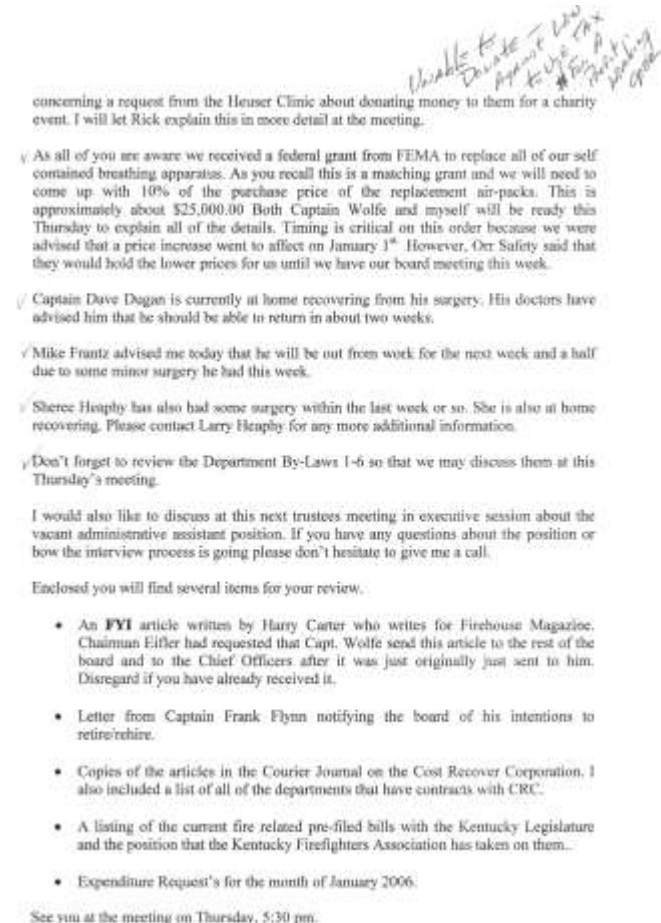
Thank you in advance for your prompt attention and consideration of this timely request. I look forward to continuing to serve the St. Matthews Fire Protection District with pride and enthusiasm for many years to come.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Flynn
Captain Frank A. Flynn
3609 Graham Road
St. Matthews, Kentucky 40207

Approved

January 12, 2006, Trustee meeting:



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

January 12, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on January 12, 2006 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, Eric Sorensen, Mike Richardson, Charles McCune, Frank Flynn, George Wiggins, Forest Marcum, Greg Crabb, Matt Board, Patrick Montague and Derrick Miskell.

The minutes of the December 7, 2005 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 on track. We started receiving this year's tax money and are purchasing certificates of deposits in different banks to spread our assets. Jim reported at this time Commonwealth Bank and Stock Yards bank were paying the best rate found of 5%. The board told Jim to use his best judgment on best interest rate and safety for the balance of the incoming money. At this date we have the following Certificates of Deposit with others soon to be purchased.

Commonwealth Bank	\$500,000 plus sweep account
Stock Yards Bank	\$750,000
Old National	\$400,000
First Capital	\$200,000

Chief Seng reminded the board once again that his wife, Val is employed at Commonwealth Bank but provided no special deals.

Chief Seng and Jim Graven discussed at length the recent stories about the CRC program in the paper and on the local news reports. At this time we are happy with the program.

The board discussed the MOU with the Emergency Medical Service along with recent changes that have been made in operations of EMS.

New Business

Joe Wolfe discussed the recent award of a Homeland Security Grant for \$114,250 to purchase new Scott SCBA units. The required matching money along with some additional items will cost the board \$23,020. The estimated life for the new SCBA's is 15 years.

Rick Toni moved to approve the \$23,020 matching money to purchase the SCBA's. Jack Monohan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe explained to the board that in our grant request we promised to donate our current SCBA's to a department in need.

Rick Toni moved to allow Chief Seng to donate the SCBA's to departments in need after new SCBA's are in service. Jack Monohan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Captain Flynn informed the board of his plan to retire and rehire under our current program. The Board was in general agreement that Captain Flynn be allowed to retire and be rehired provided that the program still exist at the time Captain Flynn wants to apply. The board discussed the pros and cons of the program with firefighters present.

Chief Seng informed the board of an upcoming meeting with Jan Seitz to correct 1099 problems that some volunteers had.

Chief Seng and Joe Wolfe discussed the current Heuser Clinic fitness program that was up for renewal. Joe showed the board a report on the improvement of the current participants. Chief Seng asked the board to approve renewal of the program and to allow up to 10 more participants in the program. The board discussed the requirements for firefighters to remain in the program.

Chiefs Report

The Chiefs report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported;

1. The Chapter 75 rewrite bill is expecting KFA support after some adjustment for Northern Kentucky concerns.
2. Discussed the recent on duty illness of Captain Dugan.
3. Discussed the recent Fire on Stabler Avenue
4. Reviewed the list of upcoming bills in the 2006 Legislature
5. Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for January

New Tires for unit 2631	\$1329.00
Add Awning to rear Door	\$1350.00
Replace Carpet in Captains & Sergeants Offices	\$1500.00
Three Class A uniforms	\$1800.00
Maryland Staff and Command Class (3 people)	\$2835.00
FDIC in Indianapolis (4-6 per day)	\$7035.00
Replace 3 vacuum cleaners stations 1 & 2	\$1290.00
Repair windows station 1	\$ 842.90

Rick Tonini moved to approve all requested expenses. Jack Monohan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Jim Graven will meet with Chief Seng and Assistant Chief Monohan to form a plan to review current PVA Property listings.

The board postponed By Laws review until February

Chief Seng reported on the Cell Tower proposal for Station 2 from T-Mobile

1. T-Mobile will pay \$1850 per month rent.
2. T-Mobile will split 50/50 rent from other who co-locates on tower.
3. T-Mobile reports permit approval process could push back construction process up to 18 months.

Rick Tonini moved to allow Chief Seng the authority to sign contracts for the project. Joe Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Joe Wolfe moved to approve renewal of the program and to allow up to 10 additional participants. Firefighters will be required to attend 8 sessions per month to stay in the program. Jim Graven seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Rick Tonini moved to go to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. John Volkerding seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Graven moved for the meeting to adjourn. Jack Monohan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:46 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

January 229, 2006, The Courier-Journal

REED,
CHESTER RAYMOND,
61, of Louisville,
passed away Wednesday, January 25, 2006,
at Baptist Hospital
East.

He was a native of
Atlantic City, NJ, a
United States Navy
veteran, amateur radio
operator, former
chaplain with the St.
Matthews Volunteer
Fire Department and a
member of Bethany
Baptist Church.

Survivors include his
wife, Winnie; three
daughters, Terry Dietrich,
Claire Wiggins
and Patricia Schanders;
and he is also survived
by three grandchildren.

Cremation with
church memorial was
chosen. His memorial
service will be held at
11 a.m. Monday, January
30, 2006, at Bethany
Baptist Church,
2319 Taylorsville
Road.

Donations in his
memory may be made
to the charity of the
donor's choice.

Cremation Society
of Kentucky
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2006

January 31, 2006, Letter:

To: Chief Seng
From: Dan Doyle
Re: Retire & Rehire

January 31, 2006

*Not in file
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Approved*

Chief Seng,

It seems like just the other day I was offered a position here with the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. How time can fly when you are having the time of your life. I never would have imagined when I joined as a Volunteer in the summer of 1984, that I would still be here 22 years later. The pride and pleasure I get from my job with this organization cannot be explained in words. I would not want to think of working anywhere other than St. Matthews.

The Department and Trustee's have treated my family and I all to well. I have been given the opportunity to get an Education and advance to a position I am very proud to serve in. The Benefits my family and I are given by you and the Board are the best available, and for that I thank you all. Every time I come to work and put on my uniform, I could not be more proud of what we do here for the Community and the people residing in it. I take being a Fireman with St. Matthews very serious and could not be happier anywhere else.

It is for that reason I would like to request permission to "retire and rehire." This would give my family the ability to enjoy a financial comfort that would not be available otherwise. With the rising costs of Education, that would be a great comfort to us all. The date of my retirement is several months off and I would like to make arrangements to purchase additional ghost years of service. This is why I am making the request at this time.

I have lived in St. Matthews my entire life and have brought my wife, her parents and even her brother's family here to live. We all are here for the same reason. St. Matthews is the place to raise your family. That is what the Fire Department is to me, my family. This is the reason I would like to stay until I cannot serve the Community and the Department in the capacity that I am able to do today.

I would like to thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. I would also like to thank you and the Board of Trustees for giving us this great opportunity.

Sincerely,


Dan Doyle, Captain
St. Matthews Fire Protection District

February 7, 2006, Opinion and Order—on Tax Suit—

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JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NINE

JUDGE JUDITH E. McDONALD-BURKMAN

NO. 04-CJ-010892

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF

v.

OPINION AND ORDER

JOHN E. AUBREY, ET AL.

DEFENDANTS

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This matter is before the Court on cross motions for partial summary judgment brought by Plaintiff, the St. Matthews Fire Protection District (the "Fire District") and Defendants, John Aubrey, James Vaughn, Bremer Ehrler and James D. Green (all in their official capacity as the Jefferson County Sheriff), (the "Sheriffs"), Barbara Holsclaw, Rebecca Jackson and James Malone (all in their official capacity as Jefferson County Clerks), (the "Clerks"), the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator's Office, (the "PVA") and their bonding companies: Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, Old Republic Insurance Company, Western Surety Company, the Ohio Casualty Company and Peerless Insurance Company. Defendants request summary judgment based on sovereign immunity. The Fire District has moved for partial summary judgment on the issue of immunity.

After careful review of the parties' memoranda and applicable law, the Court finds that summary judgment for Defendants is appropriate, and grants the Motion.

This action arises from unpaid tangible property taxes that were assessed and levied by the Fire District between the years of 1985 through 2003. Some monies of back taxes were collected for the years 1999 – 2004.

On December 20, 1983, the Jefferson County Judge/Executive established the Fire District. On April 24, 1984, the Jefferson County Judge/Executive annexed additional territory to the Fire District which included the City of St. Matthews in Jefferson County, Kentucky. On or about the years beginning January 1985 through 2003, the Fire District levied taxes on said communities. On October 21, 2004, the Fire District discovered that during the years between 1985 through 2003, certain tangible property taxes collected were incorrect, thus making a deficiency. On December 30, 2004, the Fire District brought suit against the Defendants for its' alleged failure of preparation for the taxes assessed between the years of 1985 through 2003.

Specifically, the Fire District requests relief based on Declaration of Rights, Negligence, and Contract Law. The Clerks, the PVA, and the Sheriffs moved for a protective order and dismissal based on sovereign immunity. On September 23, 2005, the Fire District filed a cross motion for partial summary judgment on the issue of immunity. The PVA and its bonding companies request summary judgment based on the doctrine of estoppel and laches. On October 14, 2005, a hearing on the various motions was held.

For factual analysis, the Court will provide a brief synopsis of the parties' responsibilities as it relates to tax assessments. The Fire District levies taxes and provides a tax rate to the Clerks. The Clerks in turn provide the tax rate information to the revenue commission office. The PVA creates a tax roll. The Clerks then compute

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the tax roll and collects information based on what it has been provided by the PVA and the Fire District. The Clerks then creates a bill for those taxes. The Sheriffs collects the taxes and remits payment to the Fire District. Annually, the Fire District receives a summary from the Clerks regarding taxes collected for that year. The Fire District then reviews the summary. After review, the Fire District approves or rejects the summary and signs a release form. The parties are regulated by KRS 75.040 (3), which reads,

The property valuation administrator of the county or counties involved, with the cooperation of the board of trustees, shall note on the tax rolls the taxpayers and valuation of the property subject to such assessment. The county clerk shall compute the tax on the regular state and county tax bills in such manner as may be directed by regulation of the Department of Revenue.

The main issue in this case is whether Defendants are responsible for the tax deficiency and if so, whether Defendants are protected by sovereign immunity.

Sovereign immunity is a doctrine precluding the instituting of any type of suit against the government without the government's consent. The Plaintiff instituted this action against the PVA, Clerks, and the Sheriffs in their official capacities. § 231 of the Kentucky Constitution clearly provides sovereign immunity to those governmental officials being sued in their official capacities. *see also* Schwindel v. Meade County, 113 S.W.3d 159, 169 (Ky. 2003)(holding that representatives being sued in their official capacity are cloaked with the same immunity as the government or the agency he represents). The Clerks is part of the executive branch of government, which was created by the Kentucky General Assembly and implemented in the Kentucky Constitution. Ky. Const. § 99.

The PVA and the Sheriffs are representatives of each individual county. Counties are considered an extension of local government. The local government in this action is the Louisville Metro Government. Pursuant to KRS 67A.060(1), the Kentucky's General Assembly preserved sovereign immunity for counties which adopt a city/urban-county form of government. KRS 67A.060(1) states, in relevant part, "Urban-county governments may exercise the constitutional and statutory rights, powers, privileges, immunities and responsibilities of counties and cities of the highest class within the county." Moreover, KRS 67C.101(2)(e) states, "A consolidated local government shall be accorded the same sovereign immunity granted counties, their agencies, officers and employees." Counties are political subdivisions of the Commonwealth and thereby are protected from suit under sovereign immunity. Fields v. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, 91 S.W.3d 110 (Ky. App., 2001).

The Sheriffs and the PVA are considered part of the local county government. Both entities are offices elected from each county pursuant to § § 99 and 100 of the Kentucky Constitution and KRS § 132.370 (1) respectively. The Sheriffs is considered the county's chief law enforcement officer. The PVA is the administrator of the former Jefferson County, which is now considered the Metro Government. The Kentucky Supreme Court in Holsclaw v. Stephens, 507 S.W.2d 462 (Ky., 1972)(*overruled on other grounds*), held that an urban-county form of government, such as Metro Government, is a new classification of county government created by the General Assembly. Although counties adopting urban county government are a separate classification of counties, they are counties nonetheless. The Clerks, the Sheriffs and the PVA as part of local government are thus protected under sovereign immunity.

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Unless waived, immunity is clear and tort liability is unattainable. Sovereign immunity limits imposition of tort liability on a governmental agency when it is performing a governmental function. Yanero v. Davis, 65 S.W. 3d 510, 519 (Ky. 2001); see also Schwindel 113 S.W.3d 163 quoting Dunlap v. Univ. of Ky., 716 S.W.2d 219, 222 (Ky. 1985). "Once it has been determined that an entity is entitled to sovereign immunity, this Court has no right to merely refuse to apply it or abrogate the legal doctrine." Withers v. University of Kentucky, 939 S.W.2d 340, 344 (Ky. 1997).

The Fire District argues alternatively that even if sovereign immunity exists, that privilege has been legislatively waived. The Fire District argues pursuant to KRS § 62.070 that since the General Assembly requires the Sheriffs, the PVA and the Clerks to purchase and execute surety bonds, those bonds may be utilized and sovereign immunity is ultimately waived. A waiver of sovereign immunity must be expressed and is available only in limited circumstances. KRS § 44.073(14) states in relevant part,

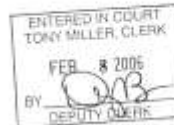
The filing of an action in court or any other forum or the purchase of liability insurance or the establishment of a fund for self-insurance by the Commonwealth, its cabinets, departments, bureaus, or agencies or its agents, or employees for a government related purpose. . . shall not be construed as a waiver of sovereign immunity or any other immunity or privilege thereby held.

Moreover, the Fire District argues that pursuant to KRS § 75.040 Defendants' duty of tax preparation and collection is a ministerial, not discretionary. The Court disagrees. Ministerial vs. discretionary duty only applies when an official is being sued in their individual capacity. Fryman v. Harrison, 896 S.W.2d 908 (Ky. 1995); see also Yanero, 65 S.W. 3d 510. Here, the degree of immunity that Defendants are afforded is absolute since they are being sued in their official capacity. Yanero, 65 S.W. 3d 510. Since there

is no genuine issue of material fact, and the Defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law, summary judgment is appropriate in favor of Defendants. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Defendants, John Aubrey, James Vaughn, Bremer Ehrler and James D. Green (all in their official capacity as the Jefferson County Sheriff), Barbara Holsclaw, Rebecca Jackson and James Malone (all in their official capacity as Jefferson County Clerk), the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator's Office, and their bonding companies: Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, Old Republic Insurance Company, Western Surety Company, the Ohio Casualty Company and Peerless Insurance Company's Motion for Summary Judgment is **GRANTED**. The Plaintiff St. Matthews Fire Protection District's Motion for partial Summary Judgment is **DENIED**. The St. Matthews Fire Protection District's Complaint is also **DISMISSED**.

This is a final and appealable Order, there being no just cause for delay.



JUDITH E. McDONALD-BURKMAN, JUDGE
DATE 2 7 06

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February 13, 2006, Letter:

February 15, 2006, Trustee meeting:

Smoke Detectors Save Lives

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William J. Seng
Fire Chief

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: February 13, 2006
Re: District Activity

Please don't forget that this month's Trustee's Meeting is this Wednesday the 15th at 5:30 pm.

I am sure that everyone is aware by now that the district's lawsuit against the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, PVA, and the County Clerk was dismissed late last week. Judge Judy McDonald Burkman ruled that these offices were entitled to sovereign immunity. Tim Eiler will be at our next trustee meeting to discuss our options.

The new administrative assistant, Jordan Torres, started last month on January 25th. Jordan is from Hodgenville, KY and is planning on moving to Louisville ASAP. I will try to have her come to this week's trustee meeting so that she can meet everyone.

The Scott SCBA air-jacks that were purchased with the federal grant money have been delivered. Over the next two weeks we will be conducting inventory on all of the new equipment as well as training everyone in the use of them. We should start using them full-time around March 1st.

We responded with Harrods Creek and Lyndon last week on a working horse fire that was located on River Hill, which is off of Blankenbaker Lane. The house received major damage due to the fact that no one was home at the time of the fire. The house was owned by George Garcia, who was the founder of the Louisville based boat company called AluminumCruisers, which sometime later changed its name to Matlomo. This was a very stubborn fire due to the fact that the fire had such a head start on us, however, all of the crews did an excellent job working together and getting the job done.

The HVAC unit above the radio room is on its last leg. John Waters just replaced the circuit board on the 10 year old unit but could not guarantee how long it would continue to run. I think we should put this on next year's capital item list to be replaced sometime around the end of the cooling season.

St. Matthews Fire District will be hosting a Safety Officers Class here at station one on April 6th and 7th. This is a national recognized class and we will be sending all of our officers to attend. I am requesting in this month's expenditures to allow the St. Matthews Fire Protection District to pay the up-front money to bring the instructor in and to pay for everyone's registration, which will be reimbursed back to us from the various fire districts that are sending students.

Finally the new Chevy Tahoe was ordered through Bachmann Chevrolet. The fleet manager said it might take six to eight weeks to get here depending on where it was being made.

The latest news on the cell tower for station two is that the project is underway. Bob Crummer advised me last week that we are waiting for all of the necessary paper work to be completed before any digging will begin. I have noticed within the last week or two survey flags and marker stakes have been laid out marking the area where the tower is supposed to be erected.

The Chapter 75 bill, which will allow fire districts to charge up to 20 cents will be introduced this week. I will send everyone the bill number as soon as I get one.

Firefighter Moss Closs is going to be off from work approximately five weeks while he is recuperating from surgery he is scheduled to have on February 17th. I will give you more details about his surgery at our next meeting.

Captain Don Ryan and Sergeant Nick Clark have been working together over the past several months planning an awards ceremony for the one that was postponed in December. Unfortunately Captain Ryan is out of town this week so Sergeant Clark would like to make a small presentation at our meeting on Wednesday. Information is enclosed in this package.

Enclosed you will find a letter from Captain Dan Doyle requesting to retire/rehire. Captain Doyle would be eligible the 1st of August.

I have had several comments from both firefighters and Trustee members about the condition of the men's restroom off the bay floor. I would like to suggest to the board that we replace the rusty bathroom partitions in this area as well as ceramic tile the entire area. The cost to do this is approximately \$3,400.

The last expenditure item I have for this month is for \$2500 to bring an instructor in to St. Matthews from Firehouse software in lieu of sending two or three individuals out of town to the Firehouse user conference in Las Vegas, NV. This annual trip usually costs the district about \$4000.

See you at the meeting!

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Trustees Meeting Agenda February 15, 2006

- Call to Order 5:30
- Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- Treasurer Report
A) CRC recovery report
B) Update on CD's - Investments
- Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- Old Business
A) PVA Reviews - Graven - No Report
B) By Laws - Review 1st six Sections - All - Next Month
C) Cell Tower Update - Seng - Update
D) MOU - Emergency Medical Services - Update - Seng - No Report
- New Business
A) Volunteer Participation Bonus - Volunteering
B) Cotton & Allen Recommendation - Seng
- Executive Session (If needed)
- The next Trustees Association meeting will be on February 16, 2006 at Harrods Creek Fire Department @ 7:00 pm
- The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board will be Thursday March 9, 2006

Firefighter	Points	Bonus
Mike Beneke	1410	\$350
Hal Clifford	860	\$250
Mark Craycroft	1150	\$300
Dan Green	2690	\$500
Mike Johnson	810	\$200
Scott Johnson	810	\$200
David Mieners	810	\$200
Tadd Roberts	530	\$150
Alan Unthank	2350	\$500
Richard Vail	1530	\$400
John Volkerding	1510	\$400
Denny Engnehl	Marshal	\$250
John Chilco	Marshal	\$250
13 MEMBERS		\$3,950

Participation points for 12 months		
250-499	\$100	1250-1499
500-749	\$150	1500-1749
750-999	\$200	1750-1999
1000-1249	\$250	2000 plus
		Marshals
		New Recruits

Points are based upon a combination of runs, trainings and crusade time.

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February 15, 2006, Trustee meeting:

Volunteer Participation Plan

In May of 2004 I asked that the board approve adding money to the reimbursement budget to fund a participation reward program. This was being done at other departments including Harrods Creek. The money was added beginning with 2004-2005 budget. Last November the board approved \$6325 and issued the first checks based upon volunteer participation in runs, trainings and crusade December 2003 thru November 2004. We made no changes in the reimbursement budget in the 2005-2006 budget so this program is still funded.

I would like the board to approve \$3950 from the reimbursement budget so checks or gift cards can be issued. We have \$30,000 left in the \$40000 reimbursement budget.

Thanks,

John Volkerding

Old Business

Jim Graven had no updates on the PVA review.

The board postponed the By Laws review until March

Chief Seng reported that the Cell Tower project for Station 2 was moving along but still in the paper work phase. No construction will start until all is complete.

The board briefly discussed the MOU with the Emergency Medical Service status.

New Business

Captain Dan Doyle informed the board of his plan to retire and rehire under our current program after August 1. The board was in general agreement that Captain Doyle be allowed to retire and rehire provided that the program still exists at the time Captain Doyle wants to apply.

Chief Seng informed the board that after a meeting with Jan Seitz, our accountant with Cotton & Allen that he is recommending that volunteer reimbursements be taxed and given a W-2 instead of 1099 beginning in 2006. The board was in general agreement.

Joe Wolfe presented the board with information on the state contract for Ford Expeditions and asked the board to consider canceling the Tahoe in order to realize the savings. The board discussed this issue and Chief Seng told the board that as was the case when the Tahoe was bid that the Ford was not available in Fire Engine Red and needed additions to the stripped contract. Expedition would eat up most of the savings. After more discussion the board decided that since the Tahoe had been ordered to not cancel it but to readdress the issue in advance of future purchases of equipment.

Rick Tonini asked the board for permission for the Relay for Life to talk to our Firefighters about their program. The board told Rick to have them contact Chief Seng.

February 15, 2006, Trustee meeting:

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

February 15, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on February 15, 2006 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eifler called the meeting to order at 5:33 P. M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Joe Wolfe, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief Bill Seng, Eric Sorensen, Preston Sorensen, Thor Sorensen, Frank Flynn, George Wiggins, Greg Crabb, Nick Clark, Dan Doyle, Kent Monohan, Tony Glass, Louis Stoke, Michael Monohan, Jordon Tomes, Brendon Montgomery and Kevin Molton.

The minutes of the January 12, 2006 were reviewed. Faye Ellerkamp 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 on track. Independence Bank had offered us an excellent rate on CD's, the board told Jim to continue to use his best judgment in moving the CD's for the best rates. We received another small check from CRC and have no current problems.

Chiefs Report

The Chiefs report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported;

1. The Chapter 75 rewrite bill is expected to be introduced in Frankfort this week and if passed will allow fire districts to charge up 20 cents per \$100.
2. Introduced Jordon Tomes as the new administrative assistant.
3. New Scott SCBA's have arrived and Joe Wolfe and George Wiggins will coordinate with Mike Richardson and Orr Safety for training and fit testing. Units should go in service the first week of March.

4. St. Matthews assisted Harrods Creek FD with a major house fire on River Hill Road in Indian Hills.
5. We will host a Safety Officers class April 6th and 7th. We will need to put up front money but this will be repaid by those attending the class.

Rick Tonini moved to approve the front money for the safety officer's class. Faye Ellerkamp seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. HVAC unit above radio room at station 1 may need to be replaced. It will be covered in next years budget.
7. Firefighter Moss Clore is scheduled for surgery on February 17th and will be off work approximately 5 weeks while recuperating.
8. The Chevy Tahoe that was ordered in September with Bachmann Chevrolet but then canceled to wait for the 2007 model in Fire Engine Red has been ordered.
9. Don Ryan and Nick Clark who headed up a committee to recommend a location for this year's postponed award banquet have a presentation.

Nick Clark gave report on their findings and requested the board approve \$5594.00 for a Dinner at Captains Quarters in May followed by a 2 hour cruise on the CQ Princess where the award ceremony would take place with music to follow.

Jim Graven moved to approved requested budgeted expense. Jack Monohan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for February.

Bring in a Firehouse software instructor to review records management program and provide for training with all user's	\$2500.00
Add ceramic tile in the men's restroom and hallway	\$1500.00
Replace men's restroom partitions and add a door	\$2100.00

Jim Graven to approve all requested expenses. Jack Monohan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2006

February 15, 2006, Trustee meeting:

John Volkerding presented a report on the budgeted Volunteer Participation Plan for 2005 and asked the board to approve the \$3950 from the volunteer reimbursement budget to fund it.

Rick Tonini moved to approve. Jack Monohan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Rick Tonini moved to go to executive session with our attorney from Stoll, Keenan and Ogden to discuss litigation. Jack Monohan seconded. The motion passed unanimously and went into executive session at 6:20

The board came out of executive session at 6:39.

Rick Tonini moved to move forward with the appeal of Judge McDonald-Burkmans' ruling. Jim Graven seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini moved for the meeting to adjourn. Faye Ellerkamp seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

March 7, 2006, Letter:

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*



*Leave Not
To Survive*

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2005 Meeting, January

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William J. Seeg
Fire Chief

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Robert J. Seeg
Jack Monohan
Faye Ellerkamp

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seeg
Date: March 7, 2006
Re: District Activity

✓ The March Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 5:30 pm. See you there!

✓ The tile work that was approved last month has started and should be done over the next couple of weeks. Firefighter George Wiggins found a tile supplier who gave us a really good deal on all of our ceramic tile and supplies.

✓ Bob Crumrine from T-Mobile called several days ago to let us know that the communication/cell tower project is still under way and is moving along as projected. He said that he has a feeling that the work should start within the next thirty days with a completion in about sixty days.

✓ Firefighter Close is still off on medical leave and most likely will not return for several more weeks. He is able to come by the firehouse periodically to say hello and fire us out to sell his fire-gear.

✓ Both 2631 and 2634 have been to Hall's Body Shop for touch up repair work that was approved several months back. 2634 is the only other truck to go in for repair work and it is scheduled to go in the middle of this month.

I am not sure if you have heard the rumor or not but the rumors of KRS Chapter 75 is dead. I am not sure of all of the politics involved but it was shot down in a committee before it was even introduced as a bill. I will explain in more detail at the trustees meeting what has happened.

February, 2006, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (02/01/2006) And (02/28/2006)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	2.46%	\$1,000	100.00%
	2	3.06%	\$1,000	100.00%

3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents

311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	18	48.14%	\$0	0.00%
312 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
350 Extrication, rescue, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	20	49.36%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)

440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	7	4.32%	\$0	0.00%
	12	7.40%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call

511 Lock-out	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
520 Water problem, 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	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
554 Assist invalid	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
555 Defective elevator, no occupants	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
	10	6.17%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call

600 Good intent call, Other	4	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	15	9.25%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
	21	12.96%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call

700 False alarm or false call, Other	4	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
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Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
7 False Alarm & False Call				
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
721 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	4	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	5	3.06%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	4	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	6	3.70%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	34	20.98%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 162 Total Est. Loss: \$1,000

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March 8, 2006, Letter:

March 8, 2006

St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees
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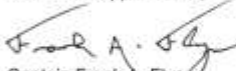
Dear Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District:

Shortly after the birth of my son Charlie, I wrote a letter (attached) thanking you for our generous benefits package. The recent discussions and questions concerning the fiscal responsibility of our St. Matthews Fire Protection District have given me yet another reason to take a moment and personally thank you for the outstanding job you do and have always done.

Only 18 short months ago we were participating in the process of a potential merger. Of the four departments being considered, St. Matthews was far and away in the best financial position. Then and now our board continues to provide us with excellent safety equipment, excellent fire apparatus, excellent benefits, and excellent facilities – all with zero debt. In stark contrast, the other departments that were considered for merger were running close to a million dollars or more in the red.

In addition to providing first-rate fire protection to the residents of our district, our fiscal record here at St. Matthews speaks for itself. Not only are we on the right track, I think we should be a model for other districts hoping to improve the quality of life for both their firefighters and their citizens.

With much appreciation,


Captain Frank A. Flynn
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
3609 Graham Road
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(502) 893-9583

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

March 9, 2006, Trustee meeting:

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Election Comm

*William J. Seng
Fire Chief*

Trustees Meeting Agenda March 9, 2006

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:30*
- 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 *about* six Sections - All *DEPT CHIEF: NOT A FORUM*
✓ C) Cell Tower Update - Seng
- VI. ✓ New Business *Election Comm - see above*
- X VII. Executive Session (if needed)
- VIII. The next Trustees Association meeting will be on April 26, 2006 at Eastwood Fire Department @ 7:00 pm
- XI. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board will be Thursday April 13, 2006
OVER 6:00

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

March 9, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on March 9, 2006 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, Frank Flynn, George Wiggins, Greg Crabb, Nick Clark, and Brendan Montgomery.

The minutes of the February 15, 2006 were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Chief Bill Seng gave the treasures report. He reported that the budget was on track with not outstanding problems.

Joe Wolfe asked about a possible breakdown on the intangible tax on the income. Chief Seng will check into it.

John Volkerding asked about why the personal property tax appears to be slow coming in. Chief Seng will check into the issue.

Chiefs Report

The Chiefs report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported;

1. The Chapter 75 rewrite bill has died for this year. Election year issues probably played a factor. It is hoped the issue will be moved forward in 2007.

2. The men's room and sergeants office remodel project has been started by the firefighters. George Wiggins helped get an excellent price on the floor tile.

2006

March 9, 2006, Trustee meeting:

3. Bob Kramer with T-Mobile expects construction on the new communications tower at station 2 to begin in about 30 days. Chief Seng asked that the fire district radio antennas be put on the top of the tower.
4. Firefighter Moss Clore is back home recovering from his recent surgery. His return date is not know yet.
5. Minor body work on the Engines is almost complete.
6. Chief Seng and no expense requests for March.

Old Business

In Jim Gravens absence there was no updates on the PVA review.

The board postponed the By Laws review until April. Joe Wolfe will review and submit suggested changes to the board who will review them. If necessary a special meeting may be scheduled.

New Business

Chief Seng reminded the board that two trustees positions were up this year. Faye Ellerkamp who is appointed by the Mayor and Rick Tonini who is an elected property owner.

Rick Tonini moved for the board to recommend that the Mayor reappoint Faye Ellerkamp to the appointed position. Jack Monohan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini will follow procedures to have his name on the ballot for reelection.

Jack Monohan, John Volkerding, and Faye Ellerkamp will form an election committee for the property owner election.

John Volkerding briefly discussed the new diesel engine EPA rules that will affect future apparatus purchases.

Tom Efler updated the board on the litigation appeal and that the papers were filed on March 8 2006.

Tom Efler discussed with the board the unequal run volume between station one and two. Several ideas including crew rotation were discussed with the board and the firefighters present. Chief Seng will review.

Tom Efler thanked Frank Flynn for his recent letter to the board.

Tom Efler asked the firefighter present for feedback concerning the current firefighter retire and rehire program adopted by the board.

Joe Wolfe moved for the meeting to adjourn. Jack Monohan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

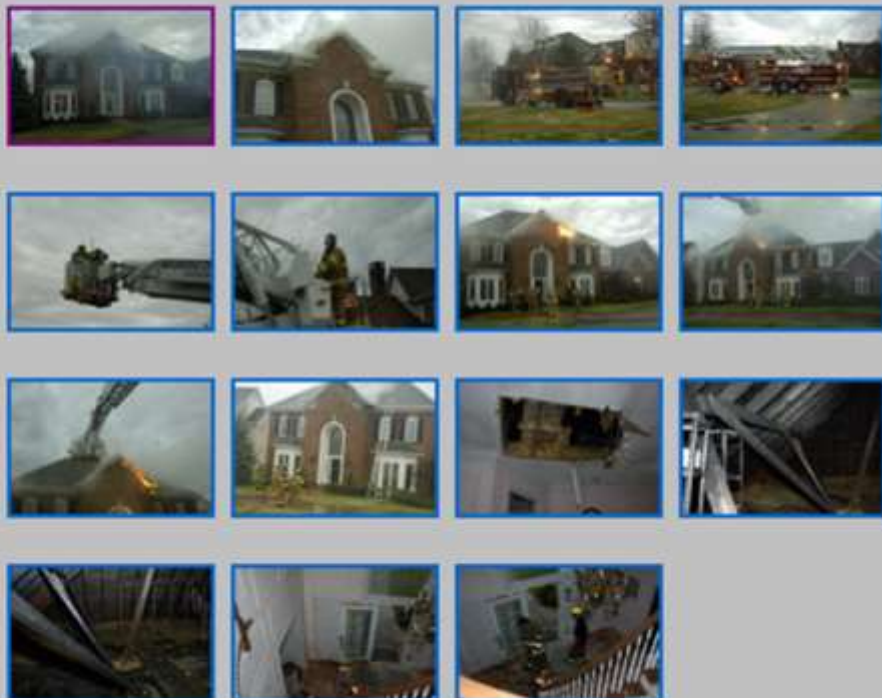
Chairman

Secretary

March 11, 2006: From Harrods Creek Webb Site:

House Fire 03-11-06

On the morning of March 11th HCFD responded to a report of a structure fire in the Estates of Hunting Creek. Upon arrival crews found smoke coming from the eaves of the roof. 1234's crew made entry and found an attic fire. Crews made a quick knock down and minimized the amount of damage to the structure. Mutual Aid was requested from North Oldham Fire and St. Matthews Fire.



2006

March 18, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*:

STMFD sent Quint to Truck 2 at Floyd & Jefferson

Massive blaze guts warehouse complex



A huge blaze tore through a warehouse last night at Zane and 11th streets, drawing most of Louisville's firefighters to the site. Photo by Keith Williams, The Courier-Journal.

1 firefighter hurt as flames light up night sky downtown

By Charlin White, James Bruggers and Joseph Gerth
The Courier-Journal

Fire roared through a warehouse complex at 11th and Zane streets last night, drawing most of Louisville's firefighters to the site.

At one point, a geyser of flame shot into the dark sky, propelled by hot air. As firefighters perched atop aerial "telesquirt" trucks sprayed water on the flames, collapsing walls helped spread the wind-driven blaze.

Additional crews and equipment were called in almost immediately after the first trucks arrived.

One firefighter suffered a muscle injury when he was swinging an ax, fire officials said.

Many fire officials described the blaze, in the California neighborhood, as the biggest in their memory, and certainly the biggest in decades.

The flames were brought under control about 10:40 p.m., said Chief Greg Frederick, who was on the scene. However, crews would be on the site all night, continuing to extinguish hot spots.

Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson was called away

See **BLAZE**, Back page, col. 1

ON THE WEB

Post your own photographs from the warehouse fire at courier-journal.com/yourphoto.



A Louisville Fire & Rescue captain got ready to shoot water into the building from the Zane Street side.

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BLAZE | Warehouse complex near downtown is gutted

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from the University of Louisville men's basketball game at Freedom Hall.

He said city inspectors had recently visited the warehouses and had ordered the complex to be demolished because it was unsecured and vagrants were using it.

The owners, in California, were appealing that decision, he said. Neither he nor fire officials had the name of the owners.

"Since we are demolishing it for them, the question now is, can we send them a bill for it," Abramson said later, referring to the cost of fighting the fire.

The fire appeared to have started in the center of the warehouse complex, and shortly before 8:45 p.m. parts of the middle buildings began collapsing as the flames jumped from building to building.

About 145 firefighters were on the scene, along with much of Louisville Fire & Rescue's equipment.

Capt. Ronel Brown, a fire department spokesman, said firefighters were on the scene six minutes after getting the first alarm about 6:30 p.m.

Crews could not enter the building but had to take a "defensive" stand, Brown said. The major difficulty was "not being able to do an interior attack," he said.

The fire was a "five-alarm-plus," Brown said — meaning additional equipment was brought in.

He said crews were using 10 "master streams" shooting 800 to 1,000 gallons of water a minute — so forceful the water was stripping the metal siding off the buildings.

The size of the blaze seemed to take even veteran firefighters by surprise.

"This is the biggest fire I can remember in 22 years," Frederick said.



By Keith Williams, The Courier-Journal

People gathered in the neighborhood to get a good view of the fire. Here, they were in a field near Ninth Street, watching as the blaze consumed the warehouse complex at Zane and 11th streets.



The Courier-Journal

He described it as a fast-moving fire that fed on "combustibles" in the building.

However, firefighters hadn't been able to get inside to see what they were.

Not all of the fire department's equipment was on Zane Street. Firehouses had auxiliary apparatus in case a blaze broke out elsewhere.

Off-duty firefighters were called in, and volunteer firefighters from suburban depart-

ments were covering many city firehouses.

Lt. Col. Cynthia Waldon said 15 engines and 10 trucks were on the scene about 9 p.m.

The rising number of "alarms" given a fire refers to how much equipment is brought in, she said.

With each new level, three engines, two trucks and an assistant chief are added.

"We can go to the sixth level, but that's exhausting every resource we have," Waldon said, adding that she has been with the department for 26 years and doesn't remember a six-alarm fire, nor any recent five-alarm fires.

Seven suburban fire departments were on standby, she said.

Noting that there were only minor calls elsewhere last night, Waldon said, "We've been lucky. We've been very lucky."

Kentucky Street was lined with hoses, and firefighters had to wade through water several inches deep in some areas to get around.

The warehouses had some glass windows, and the flames could be seen behind the glass.

Firefighters used water pressure from their hoses to break the windows to spray water inside.

Part of the Rumpke recycling facility, south of the warehouse, also burned, but the fire was quickly put out, Brown said.

Scores of people converged on the neighborhood to watch.

Dwane Williams, a retired 22-year firefighter who lives a half-mile from the complex, estimated the flames reached 60 feet into the air.

Asked what the firefighters were facing, he replied: "The first thing is fatigue — they are going to need relief. You gotta make sure the fire hydrants maintain their water. It's a lot of hard work."

Roy Jackson and Amber Fielder, both of Louisville, were on Baxter Avenue in the Highlands when they noticed an orange glow in the sky. They turned on a TV in their car, saw what was happening, and drove to Zane Street.

"Not many people get to see a fire this big in their life," Jackson said.

Alex Conway, a 19-year-old freelance photographer from Prospect, said he went to the scene after seeing the fire on television, and he began taking photographs.

He said he was close enough that his hair was singed, and he was "a little nervous" about how close other people — non-emergency personnel — were able to get to the fire in the early hours after it broke out.

Conway, a University of Kentucky student home on spring break, said the flames were "impressive."

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STMFD sent Quint to Truck 2 at Floyd & Jefferson

Inquiry into blaze begins



Photos by Michael Clevenger, The Courier-Journal

Capt. Jeff Rogers walked through the rubble of a warehouse complex yesterday at 11th and Zane Streets in the California neighborhood. On Friday night, a huge fire gutted the structure, which had been largely unused for the past two years.



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Firefighter Aaron Silliman, left, and Sgt. Chris Verdi directed the nozzle of a ladder pipe. Arson investigators were scheduled to arrive at the scene today.

Firefighters tend to smoking remains

By Jessie Halladay
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The Courier-Journal

Firefighters poured water onto the smoldering wreckage of a downtown warehouse yesterday as investigators tried to determine what had caused a five-alarm blaze at the complex.

The immense size and strength of Friday night's fire, the biggest officials said they had seen in dec-

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ades, was worsened by lack of working fire sprinklers in the building, Fire Chief Greg Frederick said.

The lack of sprinklers had prompted metro officials to pursue legal action earlier this year to have the building demolished.

Eight firefighters and two trucks were still at the scene last night, extinguishing small fires that continued to break out in the warehouse, in an industrial area at 11th

and Zane streets. That force was scheduled to be reduced to four firefighters and one truck at midnight, said Maj. Richard Albers of Louisville Fire & Rescue.

A crew was expected to remain throughout the night, switching every four hours until arson investigators arrived this morning to "get a good look" at the building, he said.

The department intended to stay at the site because crews can't re-enter without a warrant, he said. Albers said he didn't know how long a crew would remain this morning.

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BLAZE | Officials start inquiry into cause of warehouse fire

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On Friday night, roughly 145 firefighters — most of Louisville Fire & Rescue's on-duty personnel — responded to the blaze, which began around 6:30 p.m. By 8:45 p.m., parts of the building had collapsed as the fire spread from section to section of the warehouse complex.

The fire was brought under control about 10:40 p.m., with the sole injury a firefighter who suffered a back strain.

The fire department has cited the warehouse's owners several times in past months for not hav-

ing working sprinkler systems in the building, said Chad Carlton, a spokesman for Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson.

On Feb. 22, Metro Louisville filed a demolition order against the owners of the warehouse, Four Zane Management LLC, because of unsafe roof conditions and the disconnected sprinkler system, said Bill Schreck, director of the metro Department of Inspections, Permits and Licenses.

The owners, who are from California, appealed, and a hearing was set for next Saturday, according to their attorney, Robert

Walker II.

The warehouse had one tenant that operated a private adult club, Schreck said. The tenant, NEIE.net, joined the owners in appealing the demolition order.

The city had estimated the cost of the demolition at \$250,000. An ordinance allows city officials to try to recoup that cost from the building's owners.

Walker said the city first contacted the owners in late 2004 because it was concerned that the building might collapse.

Part of the building's roof had already fallen that May after heavy storms. In December

warehouse fire

2004, another part of the roof collapsed after a heavy snow.

The building had been largely unused for the past two years. The owners were involved in a dispute with their insurance company over the 2004 damage, Walker said.

However, Walker said, the owners had an engineer anchor the walls to ensure that they would not collapse.

Walker said the owners had proposed a partial demolition, which would have included the portion that sustained the most severe fire damage. That proposal was awaiting approval from

metro government.

Metro officials said it was unclear what cleanup or demolition will be necessary. They may try to recoup the cost of fighting the fire, which Frederick said wouldn't be known until he could review the overtime, fuel and water costs.

Maj. Henry Ott, who heads the arson squad, was at the scene yesterday trying to determine when investigators could get inside to determine a cause.

The building is structurally unsound and contains deep pits filled with water, which could endanger investigators, he said.

The fire appeared to have started in the center of the L-shaped warehouse, he said. Fire-

fighters confirmed that parts of the building had gas and electrical service.

It could be several days before they determine a cause, he said.

The wooden frame of the warehouse apparently provided most of the fuel for the blaze, said Maj. Kevin Tyler, commander at the scene. "Miscellaneous junk" had been left inside.

Smoke was still rising from some parts of the rubble.

Reporter Jessie Halladay can be reached at (502) 582-4081. Reporter Martha Elson contributed to this story.

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Saturday, March 18, 2006

Eight hurt when Henry school bus crashes on I-71

The Courier-Journal

Eight people, including six students, were sent to a hospital yesterday afternoon after a school bus hit the back of a tractor-trailer on northbound Interstate 71 near Zorn Avenue.

The eighth-graders from Henry County Middle School, the driver and a parent were taken to hospitals with minor injuries, Henry County Superintendent Tim Abrams said.

The accident happened about 2 p.m., said Alicia Smiley, a Louisville Metro Police spokeswoman.

The southbound lanes of I-71 reopened after about two hours, while the northbound lanes remained closed into rush hour while the accident was cleared.

The bus was full of seventh- and eighth-grade students who were on their way back from a band trip to Elizabethtown.

Two buses made the trip for a band festival -- the second was not involved in the accident, Abrams said.

The school called parents to inform them about the accident.

No tickets were issued.



2006

March 23, 2006, Letter:

March 29, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, Suburban districts to help EMS.—by Christopher Hall:



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
FIRE DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

GREGORY W. FREDERICKS
FIRE CHIEF

March 23, 2006

Bill Seng, Fire Chief
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, Ky 40207

Dear Chief Seng:

On behalf of the men and women of the Louisville Fire Department, I want to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the members of your Department for assisting us during the 5-alarm warehouse fire at 1111 Zane Street on March 17, 2005. Stepping in to provide coverage while we battled this blaze, demonstrates your level of commitment to serve this community. It is this dedication we all share that unites us as one.

It is my hope as firefighters that we never have to experience such a challenge of this magnitude again. It is reassuring to know when the need arises, your department is there to lend a hand.

Respectfully,


Gregory W. Fredericks, Colonel
Chief, Louisville Fire Department

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Wednesday, March 29, 2006

Suburban districts to help EMS

Fire departments agree to mutual aid

By Christopher Hall
Special to The Courier-Journal

Each of the 18 suburban fire districts in Jefferson County has agreed to make emergency medical runs outside its boundaries when neighbors and metro EMS need help.

Dr. Neal Richmond, director of Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services, said his agency cannot adequately cover all of Jefferson County without help from suburban fire departments. He said there aren't enough EMS workers and vehicles. That's why the city pursued these agreements.

"What we're driving for is a coherent, integrated 911 medical-emergency response system, and I think this is a great means of binding all the systems together," Richmond said.

The important thing, he added, is to get help to people as quickly as possible and to provide equal care in all areas.

In cases of cardiac arrest, response time is especially critical. A patient's chance of survival is drastically improved if CPR or defibrillation is begun in the first four to eight minutes, Richmond said. The chance of survival decreases 10 percent for every minute a patient goes without such aid.

The new system should ensure that the closest unit to any medical emergency — such as a heart attack — would be dispatched, Richmond said.

The last suburban district to sign on, the Highview Fire Department, did so this month.

The Shively Fire Department — a municipal department, rather than a suburban district — is not participating.

Most suburban fire districts have mutual-aid agreements to assist each other in fighting fires, and many already make medical runs outside their districts on an informal basis. But participation among the districts was not uniform.

The agreement formalizes the practice, making it binding and uniform countywide, said McMullan Fire Chief Paul Barth, vice president of the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association.

"We're trying to ... erase these imaginary boundaries and make this a seamless response across the community," said Barth, Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson's liaison with the suburban fire districts. "People don't care what color the firetruck is. They just want service, and they deserve that."

Shively Mayor Sherry Cinner said her city's residents do not pay Shively taxes on top of Louisville taxes to pay for a fire department that makes runs outside of Shively.

"Our fear is that someone inside Shively might need us and we'll be somewhere else," she said. "I don't want to have to explain to someone that we couldn't be there to save their grandmother because we were responding to a call in Lake Dreamland."

As an example of how the agreement works, a medical emergency called in to 911 from Okolona could result in a unit being dispatched from nearby Highview, depending on where in Okolona the call originated.

Under the accord, the suburban districts will receive replacement oxygen and medical supplies for first-response calls, medical direction and oversight, and training to help firefighters keep emergency medical technician certification.

In return, the fire districts agreed to respond 24 hours a day, seven days a week to serious medical incidents regardless of jurisdiction. The districts also must provide space for Louisville EMS vehicles and space inside fire stations for EMS lockers, where possible.

Sixteen of the suburban fire districts are staffed around the clock. Dixie Suburban and Lake Dreamland are not.

Dixie Suburban Chief Tim Robbins said he and one of his EMTs respond to emergency medical calls when no one is at the station.

Lake Dreamland Chief John Wilkinson said the agreement will wipe his department out financially, but he thought he needed to sign it "in order to help the community." He is paying EMTs to make runs in the off-hours, which last month cost his department \$1,280.

Richmond said that in districts lacking 24-hour staffing, the agreement means at the very least that someone will be available to tell the dispatcher a unit is not available. In that event, the next nearest resource could be sent.

He said he does not expect fire departments to use resources they don't have.

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March, 2006, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (03/01/2006) And (03/31/2006)

Incident Type	Count	Pot of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pot of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
141 Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	9	5.55%	\$0	0.00%

2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.61%	\$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	62	38.27%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	65	40.12%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	3	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
	12	7.40%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call				
511 Lock-out	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
541 Animal problem	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
554 Assist invalid	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	5	3.08%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pot of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pot of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	7	4.32%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	20	12.34%	\$0	0.00%
622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
641 Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	3	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
	33	20.37%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	7	4.32%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	3	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	2	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
742 Extinguishing system activation	1	0.61%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	7	4.32%	\$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%
	37	22.83%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 162 Total Est Loss: \$0

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The department has two fire stations that house some of the most sophisticated equipment considered necessary for today's fire fighting demands. Among this fleet of fire fighting equipment is three engines, one quint, one 100' tractor-drawn aerial ladder, one specialized fan unit, and five command and service vehicles. Station One is located at 240 Sears Ave. and Station Two is located at 4400 Brownsboro Road.



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About the Fire District

History At A Glance ...

For over 86 years the citizens of St. Matthews and Eastern Jefferson County have been protected from fires and other disasters by a group of highly trained and motivated men and women. During those 86 years some 500 people have passed through the membership rolls of the St. Matthews Fire Department. Each of those 500+ firefighters has given of his or her time, talent and energy, many without compensation, to help provide a safer community.

The membership roster includes people from all different walks of life. There have been farmers, cobblers, mechanics, dairymen, small business owners, corporate executives, entrepreneurs, career firefighters, students and others. What all of these diverse individuals share is a love of community, professionalism, and a desire to serve.

Now Days ...

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Volunteer Today!

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Requirements For Membership

Good physical health,
live in or near our fire protection district,
be at least 18 years old,
be able to give three hours a week towards training, and have time available to make fire runs.

Volunteer Firefighter Benefits

- ◆ Fire run & training incentive
- ◆ Annual medical examinations
- ◆ Access to fire station physical fitness room and facilities

Become a Volunteer

IF you are interested in being a part of the fire department, we can find a way to get just about anyone involved. St. Matthews Fire Protection District is a combination paid/volunteer department because we have some paid personnel who staff Station 1 from 8AM-5PM during the week and help fill out the volunteer trucks, along with two 24-hour crews. Many of our paid members also make fire runs outside of their normal shift times. All of our volunteers respond to St. Matthews Fire Station 1, 240 Sears Ave., where we have 3 apparatus dedicated to volunteer response.

For more information contact Capt. Mike Richardson, Training Officer

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Have you seen firefighters out in your neighborhood? Maybe they were _____

Fire Hydrant Testing: - Towns in your Spring and Fall, St. Matthews firefighters inspect each and every fire hydrant inside the district boundaries. Hydrants are inspected for proper working order, flow, which is measured in gallons per minute and checked to make sure it flows properly. Firefighters do these tests not to damage any hydrant, spring or pipes, remember there is a valve underneath the hydrant around the hydrant.

HYDRANT COLOR CODES PER NFPA 251

BLUE	1500 GPM or more	Very good flows
GREEN	1000-1499 GPM	Good for residential areas
ORANGE	500-999 GPM	Marginally adequate
RED	Below 500 GPM	Inadequate

Smoke Detector Info: - Every Sunday (weather permitting) St. Matthews firefighters go out in the district and go door to door reminding residents to check the batteries on their smoke detectors. The firefighters also will offer to check the detectors for you or install a new 10 year Lithium Detector if the occupant doesn't have a working smoke detector inside the residence. The Fire Department will only ask for a donation for the cost of a new detector if a new one is installed which helps saving the cost and to help fund the program. Batteries are FREE !!! If someone home at the time we cannot find your neighborhood a list will placed on your door so that you may call us to come back.

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Recertification for all EMTs is in December for state and March for National of the expiration year.

"Instructor 101" PowerPoint from Tuesday Training by Mike Richardson

Training at a Company Level is encouraged and instructors on each crew should feel free to contact Mike Richardson for lesson plans or other materials for training. However, remember if you should do company training please correctly and completely fill out the green training roster. Remember attitude is the most important factor in successful training.

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Scheduling Inside & Out

- Refer to Master Schedule
- Insure Effective & Consistent Notification
- Prepare Alternate Plans
- Update Master Schedule as Needed

Resource Management

- Insure Adequate Planning & Notification
- Track and Record all Elements
 - Expenses, Personnel Hours, Resources
- Insure Contingency Plans are Place

Record Keeping

- Identify Personnel Responsible for Keeping Records
- Determine Record Keeping Format
- Educate Personnel on the Process
- Audit for Completion and Accuracy
- Verify Records are Submitted to Appropriate Agencies
- Retain Records as Required

STEP 4 Evaluate & Revise

- ❖ Testing – Written & Practical
- ❖ Observed Behaviors
- ❖ Program Review
- ❖ Determine Root Cause of Issues
- ❖ Develop Corrective Action Plan

Testing-Written & Practical

- Testing for Internal Verification
- Testing for External Verification
 - Regulatory Compliance or Certification
- Design Testing to Appropriate Standards
- Review Results for
 - Inconsistencies
 - Areas of Deficiency

Observed Behaviors

- Ability to Perform Assigned Duties
- Attitude Toward Safety
- Attitude Toward Agency & Coworkers
- Ability to Work With the Public

Program Review

- Verify Training is Completed as Scheduled
- Verify Individual Performance Levels
- Review Near Miss and Injury Numbers
- Review Instructor & Class Evaluations
- Insure Compliance Requirements are Meet

Determine Root Cause

- Clearly Identify in Writing any Unacceptable Action or Result
- Research Potential Causes
 - Training on the subject was missed
 - Training on the subject was incorrect
 - Failure to understand the training material
 - Individual intentionally ignored the training
 - Training was not conducted on the subject

Develop Corrective Action

- Identify Deficiencies in Writing
 - Program delivery failures
 - Program content & performance shortcomings
 - Failure to bring about desired behavior
 - Management & administrative shortcomings
- Prioritize Needed Corrective Actions
- Develop and Implement Revised Program
- Verify Results are as Intended

Keys to Success

- A complete program must be developed and implemented as designed, but also reviewed and changed as documented evidence supports.
- Motivated students learn and perform better than threatened or coerced students.
- Just because training is mandatory for compliance, does not justify a poor training session.
- If it is not thoroughly documented it did not occur.
- Eventually something is going to go wrong, so backup plans are always mandatory.

INSTRUCTOR RECERT

- State Requirements
 - Must recertify every 3 years, to include:
 - Instruct 32 Hours
 - Take 8 Hours of Educational Methodology
- Review of Current Status
 - State “started” monitoring in 2004
 - Current certification will expire on Birth Month in 2007

TRAINING RECORDS

- State Requirements
 - Initial Certification
 - > Career 400 Hours
 - > Volunteer 150 Hours
 - Annual Requirements
 - > Career 100 Hours
 - > Volunteer 20 Hours
- St Matthews Paperwork

TRAINING RECORDS

CERT	SUBJECTS	HRS	DATE	CERT	SUBJECTS	HRS	DATE
1	Admin & City	12	12/1	1	Medical	8	8/1
2	Safety Training	18	12/1	2	Medical Training	8	8/1
3	Fire Alarm & Control	17	8/1	3	Animal Supply Training	2	2/1
4	Fire Detection Training	16	12/1	4	SPRINKLER Training	8	8/1
5	Fire Investigation	18	12/1	5	Fire Investigation	18	12/1
6	PPV	8	20/1	6	Fire Hydrant & Pumper	2	2/1
7	Fire Hydrant & Pumper	2	10/1	7	Bunking Guidelines	2	2/1
8	Investigation Training	18	12/1	8	Alcohol & Drug Endangering	2	2/1
9	Defensive Driving	16	12/1	9	Enema & Diaper Training	2	2/1
10	Lockdown Training	18	12/1	10	Fire Hydrant & Pumper	2	2/1
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TRAINING RECORDS

- Developing Training Objectives
 - Key elements of an objective:
 - > A – Audience
 - > B – Behavior
 - > C – Conditions
 - > D – Degree

TRAINING RECORDS

- Developing Training Objectives
 - Key levels of training:
 1. Knowledge
 2. Comprehension
 3. Application
 4. Analysis
 5. Synthesis
 6. Evaluation

TRAINING RECORDS

- Developing Training Objectives
 - Sample Objective:

“At the conclusion of Tues nights training, the student shall be able to demonstrate the proper method for writing a “Training Objective” in accordance with the guidelines presented during class.”

AV SYSTEM REVIEW

- Components and Capabilities
- System Use

2006

April 10, 2006, Letter:



To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: April 10, 2006
Re: District Activity

I will start off this month by giving you an update on our firefighters who are off from work due to injuries.

- ✓ Kenny Strange is still off from work recovering from his shoulder surgery. It may be another month or two before he will be released from his doctor to come back to work.
- ✓ Moss Cline just returned from work last week after being off about five weeks recovering from surgery. The first day he returned he fell in the back parking lot while training and broke his finger. After visiting several doctors to look at his finger he has informed me that he will need to be off from work anywhere from five to six weeks.
- ✓ Eric Sorenson has been out for about two weeks due to a stress fracture of his ankle. He is not sure how it happened but his doctor thinks he should be able to come back to work sometime around the end of this month.
- ✓ We had a small basement fire on Breckenridge Lane about two weeks ago which only took several minutes to get under control. However, even the smallest fire can create a lot of damage. The smoke and heat traveled throughout the house causing a high dollar loss to all of the owner's contents and personal belongings. All of the crews that responded did an excellent job in extinguishing this fire and preventing anymore or further damage to the owner's belongings.
- ✓ Last week the St. Matthews Fire District sponsored a two day Safety Officers Class for about fifty firefighters who attended from across the Louisville metro area. Both days were about eight hours of different incidents and scenarios that a safety officer would

face at a giving fire or emergency scene. The St. Matthews Fire District had about eight of our senior officers attend the class in which all of them agreed that it was a very positive class for scene safety in the event of future emergencies. All of our attendees in the class will be taking a Safety Officers certification test this Friday to be national recognized. Wish them luck!

✓ This week we are hosting a three day computer class on the Firehouse Software that we use here at the station for everyday activities. The class is just for our own people and not a county wide class with attendees from every department. The reason we did this is so that we could bend the instructor's ear so he could concentrate just on our specific needs and issues.

✓ Enclosed you will find a letter from Chief Greg Fredrick of the Louisville Fire Department thanking us for helping them out in a time of need during their five alarm fire last month. If you did not know we responded several pieces of equipment to staff several of their stations during the major fire. Maybe next time they will invite us to the scene to give them a hand.

✓ I talk to Bob Crammer last week about the new communication tower that is to be built at Station 2. He said that everything is moving forward as planned and we should see information about a public hearing in about a month or so. Both Chairman Eisler and I have kept up with this issue and we will let everyone know if there is any change or meetings that we should be attending.

✓ I will give you any other information about current issues that going on during the meeting on Thursday.

See you there!

ALL 3 Items Approved
Expenditures for April 2006

- (A) Digital Video Recorder for Station 1. \$3,200.00
Current VHS video recorder is broken beyond repair.
- (B) 2 Custom made 5' dept. logo signs for station 1 & 2. \$1000.00

The digital video recorder is to replace the current VHS equipment that we have that is broken beyond repair. The digital video recorder allows for the recording of all of the video cameras without ever having to change a VHS tape. Under the current system (if it was working) I would have to change the video tape every morning to make sure that the tape didn't record over the previous days recording. I am sure you could see why this system wasn't 100% efficient due to the fact that someone had to change the tape every day.

The 2 custom 5 foot made signs are of the fire department logo. They would be placed one at each station. This is strictly an idea or tool to help boost pride, moral and motivation! I have seen several of this signs in other departments and they look real neat!

(C) + 5-13-06 Dinner Party Costs \$2,000 (Replaces 05 Xmas Party)

April 11, 2006, Letter:



April 11, 2006

Terri Livers, Executive Fire Administrator
Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association
410 South 5th Street, Suite 200
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Dear Ms. Livers

This letter is in response to your notification about a recommendation for appointment to the Board of Trustees for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

As of June 30, 2006 the term of Trustee Faye Ellerkamp will expire. The Board of Trustees for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District has unanimously approved to submit the name of Faye Ellerkamp to the Louisville Metro Mayor, Jerry E. Abramson for reappointment to another term.

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

Sincerely,

William J. Seng
Fire Chief

2006

April 13, 2006, Trustee meeting:

Smoke Detectors
Save Lives



Learn Not
To Burn

ST. MATTHEWS Fire Protection District

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William J. Seng
Fire Chief

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Richard J. Sosa
Rick Monahan
Faye Ellerkamp

Trustees Meeting Agenda April 13, 2006

- I. ✓ Call to Order
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *Approved*
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
 - A) CRC recovery report - Graven
 - B) Update on Certificates of Deposits - Graven
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng *Stuart Monahan at (early this wk)*
- V. ✓ Old Business
 - A) PVA Reviews - Graven *(start 40 min to Mt of PVA after 15th)*
 - B) By Laws - Review 1st six sections - All
 - C) Cell Tower Update - Seng *40 New Report*
 - D) Legal Update *No Report*
- VI. ✓ New Business
 - A) Report of Election Committee - Volkerding
 - B) CRC Contract Renewal - Seng
- VII. Executive Session (If needed) *None Req'd*
- VIII. ✓ The next Trustees Association meeting will be on April 20, 2006 at Eastwood Eastwood Fire Department @ 7:00 pm
- XI. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board will be Thursday May 11, 2006

Chief Seng made the following expense request for April.

Door Prize fund for the upcoming firefighter awards Dinner.	\$2000.00
Digital video recorder for the security cameras at At station 1.	\$3200.00
Two five foot logo signs for both stations.	\$1000.00

Jim Graven moved to approve all expense requests. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; The motion passed 6-1 with Joe Wolfe opposed.

Old Business

Jim Graven reported that he and Stuart Monahan will meet with the PVA after April 15th.

The board was given the updated bylaws for review by Joe Wolfe. The board will review and pass at next meeting.

Tom Eifler reported no legal update.

New Business

The board discussed the upcoming trustee election. Rick Tonini will file the proper paper work to run for the property owner position. Papers requesting Faye Ellerkamp be reappointed have been filed.

Because of a conflict with board members the next meeting will be moved to May 10, 2006.

The board discussed the CRC contract. Chief Seng reported we are now on a month to month contract and he had been approached by a local firm doing the same type business. The board asked Chief Seng to have the firm submit more information including how they do their reports.

Joe Wolfe moved for the meeting to adjourn. Rick Tonini seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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

April 13, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on April 13, 2006 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 Monahan, Jim Graven and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief Bill Seng, Stuart Monahan, Eric Sorensen, Thomas Marshall, Dan Doyle, Frank Flynn, Nick Clark, Mike Richardson, Ron Renner, Tony Glass, Kent Monahan, Kevin Molton and Kent Dayton

The minutes of the March 9, 2006 were reviewed. Jack Monahan moved to accept the minutes. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurers report. He reported that the budget was on track with no outstanding problems.

Jim reported we are still waiting on the PVA report to begin next year's budget.

Jim reported that we received a \$4300.00 check from CRC.

The board discussed the May 1 requirement for a preliminary budget to be turned in. The board discussed the best way to do this without any current PVA information.

Joe Wolfe moved to submit a copy of the 2005 budget for the May 1 deadline with a footnote addressing the late PVA report. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chiefs Report

The Chiefs report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported;

1. New radio procedure has been adopted county wide. All units will address themselves as Engine, Truck, and Car etc.

2. A new policy has been adopted by Okolona and other districts concerning medical assist runs to medical facilities already staffed by medical personnel. Since dispatch has no current way to distinguish these runs the districts just report they are not responding. Chief Seng asked for permission to adopt a similar policy.

After some discussion Rick Tonini moved to allow Chief Seng to use his judgment in setting a SOP concerning this issue. Jim Graven seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

3. Kenny Strange is still off work recovering from shoulder surgery.

4. Eric Sorensen is off work with a stress fracture but should return around May 1

5. Firefighter Moss Clore returned to work and broke his finger during training on his first day back. He will be off another 5-6 weeks.

5. T-Mobile reports communications tower for station 2 is on track. A public hearing should be held within 30 days.

6. We had a small fire in a basement on Breckinridge lane. Fire was extinguished quickly. All crews did a good job.

7. The approved Firehouse software training will be done this week for in house personnel.

April 15, 2006, The Courier-Journal

Overhang at Rite-Aid falls, injuring woman

By Charlie White

cwhite@courier-journal.com

The Courier-Journal

A woman standing outside a Rite-Aid drugstore was injured when a wooden overhang collapsed on her.

The 52-year-old woman, whose name was not released, was knocked to the ground about 11 a.m. Thursday. She was taken to University Hospital's emergency room, said Chief Bill Seng of St. Matthews Fire.

Coincidentally, firefighters were entering the store, on Brownsboro Road at Chenoweth Lane, to get a soft drink when the overhang fell.

At first, they believed the 20-foot wide overhang with cedar-shake shingles was be-

ing demolished, Seng said.

The collapse did minimal damage to two parked cars outside the store, he said.

After the incident, Rite-Aid closed and LG&E shut off power to the building for a time to make sure lines around the building were intact.

Officials determined that the boards of the overhang had deteriorated from weathering, age or both, Seng said.

City inspectors were called to the scene to make sure the rest of the building was sound. They could not be reached last night, but the store has reopened.

Reporter Charlie White can be reached at (502) 582-4653.

2006

April 19, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, Lightning suspected in apartment fire.—by Christopher Hall:

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Wednesday, April 19, 2006

UPDATE

Lightning suspected in apartment fire

The Courier-Journal

An apartment building in a complex near Seminary Drive and Brownsboro Road caught fire Wednesday morning, leaving several residents displaced. No one was injured.

Just before 6 a.m., firefighters from three agencies were called to the Overlook at St. Thomas Apartments at 3025 Ledgebrook Ct., said Capt. Steve Hanson of the Harrods Creek Fire Protection District.

Arson investigators worked Wednesday to determine the exact cause of the blaze, but lightning was considered a strong possibility, Hanson said.

A resident agreed.

"I think it was lightning that hit the building, because I heard something pop in my apartment about 3 o'clock in the morning," said Kia Jones, a University of Louisville medical student who lived in a second-floor unit.

In addition to Harrods Creek, firefighters from St. Matthews and Worthington fire also responded.

Hanson said that there are at least six units in the building and that two to four of them suffered damage. The top units suffered the most severe damage.

"I started smelling gas, and got up about 4:30, called the maintenance man and he basically walked me through the process of shutting off my gas," Jones said. "But I started seeing smoke in the mirrors in my apartment, and my neighbor started banging on the door, saying she saw smoke, and all in the stairwells were filled with smoke. We got out and called the fire department, and about 15 minutes later, my apartment just burst into flames, my apartment and an adjacent. There's no way it's going to be salvaged."

Firemen from Harrods Creek Fire District fight a fire on Ledgebrook Court. The fire may have been started by lightning. (by Michael Hayman)



Don Zimmerman holds his cat, Bones, who was rescued by St. Matthews firefighter Mike Willinger.

2006

April 19, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, Lightning suspected in apartment fire.—by Christopher Hall:



Scene of an early-morning fire on Ledgebrook Court.



Firemen from Harrods Creek Fire District fight a fire in an apartment building on Ledgebrook Court.



Apartment manager Susan Hatter, center, talks with residents whose apartments were damaged.



Firefighters examine the roof of an apartment building on Ledgebrook Court.

2006

April, 2006, Incident Report:

May 2, 2006, Letters:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (04/01/2006) And (04/30/2006)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	4	2.04%	90	0.00%
117 Building fire	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
148 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	1.03%	90	0.00%
134 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
	8	4.12%	90	0.00%

1 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
211 Excessive heat, scorch marks with no	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
	1	0.51%	90	0.00%

3 Rescues & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	94	46.45%	90	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
341 Extrication of victim(s) from	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
352 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
363 Swift water rescue	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
	100	51.54%	90	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Spilling or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
444 Power line down	8	4.12%	90	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	3	1.54%	90	0.00%
447 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3	1.54%	90	0.00%
	22	11.34%	90	0.00%

5 Service Call				
510 Person in distress, Other	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
520 Water problem, Other	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	2	1.03%	90	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	3	1.54%	90	0.00%
552 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.03%	90	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, makeup	1	0.51%	90	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
	10	5.15%	90	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	4	2.04%	90	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	9	4.63%	90	0.00%
	13	6.70%	90	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	5	2.57%	90	0.00%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	3	1.54%	90	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	3	1.54%	90	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	9	4.63%	90	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	3	1.54%	90	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	6	3.12%	90	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	7	3.60%	90	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.51%	90	0.00%
	40	20.61%	90	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 194 Total Est. Loss: 90



"Good Land, Good People, Good Living"

Rob Rothenburger
Judge-Executive

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Rusty Newton
Deputy Judge-Executive

May 2, 2006

Chief William Seng
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky 40207

BILL

On behalf of the Mt. Eden Volunteer Fire Department, I want to express our sincere gratitude to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for their generous donation of the self contained breathing apparatus, spare cylinders, and RIT hose and regulators.

The men and women of the Mt. Eden Volunteer Fire Department are elated with their new equipment and realize that without your assistance may never have reached compliance to the NFPA regulations and standards as they relate to respiratory protection.

Additionally, I want to thank you for your assistance in securing the equipment and hope that everything is going well.

Sincerely,
Rob Rothenburger
Judge-Executive

MT. EDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
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MT. EDEN KY 40046-9998
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May 8, 2006

William Seng-Chief
St. Matthews Fire Department
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Chief Seng:

The Mt. Eden Fire Protection District and Mt. Eden Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank you for your recent donation of airparks to our department. The airparks at a value of over \$170000 will no doubt help our fire department save lives and property in our community. Our department covers portions of the fastest growing county in the state and a donation of this magnitude is instrumental in continuing good fire protection for our community and safety for our firefighters. Thanks once again for you very generous donation.

Mt. Eden Fire Department
Mt. Eden Fire Protection Board of Trustees

Earth Day celebration is a hit



Marissa Sales learned about fire safety.



Patience Warrens, front, and Marley Turner.



Bob Fortunato showed off fun from the Oldham County History Center.

QUICK TAKE

What: Earth Day Celebration.

When: Friday, April 28.

Where: Wendell Moore Park in Buckner.

Who was there: More than 150 students and parents.

Footnotes: Students from Liberty Elementary participated in the Earth Day event sponsored by the Oldham County Conservation District. Students went around to several stations and learned about such topics as recycling, dairy farming, waterbugs, beekeeping, clean water, air quality, fire safety and more.



Jenna Laemmle sat on a jet ski.



From left, Nikie Dorynple, Victor Garza and Andrew Wigdon enjoyed the trolley.



Isabel Levenhagen wore a hat.



From left, Austin Lauer; first lady the Center for Family Literacy, at the eighth-grade class.



Sgt. Tom Marshall of the St. Matthews Fire Department lifted Pierce Marshall into the firetruck.

Preschoolers learn about transportation

QUICK TAKE

What: Transportation Day at St. Matthews Preschool.

When: Tuesday, April 25.

Where: School parking lot, 3585 Grandview Ave.

Who was there: More than 150 preschoolers and parents.

Footnotes: Preschoolers learned about 18 vehicles. They included a TARC trolley, 30-passenger limousine, Louisville Motor Speedway's racing Thundertruck, a firetruck, an oversized earth-mover from Holt Equipment, a bookmobile, a Tooth Fairy truck and a Krazy Kween delivery truck. The preschoolers also received complimentary cold milk and glazed doughnuts.



Kate Garza enjoyed the day.

Kentucky's

QUICK TAKE

What: First Lady Gloria Fletcher of Kentucky.

When: Thursday, April 27.

Where: St. Patrick School, 3000 N. Boston Road.

Who was there: More than 75 people, including students, staff and visitors.

Footnotes: Fletcher visited the eighth graders at St. Patrick School and spoke of her husband's travels and experiences, answered questions about what it's like to be the wife of Gov. Ernie Fletcher. The dignitary also presented Fletcher with a \$250 donation to the National Center for Family Literacy.

2006

May 8, 2006, Letter:

May 9, 2006, Letter: Eligibility for Election as Trustee



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May 9, 2006

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: May 8, 2006
Re: District Activity

Reminder: The Trustees meeting for May is this Wednesday, May 8th at 5:30pm.

Also, don't forget that this Saturday is the awards banquet at Captain's Quarter's Marina.

Major Stange and Firefighter Close are finally back on the job. Let's hope they stay there.

2631, 2634, 2658 have all been to Hall's Body Shop for rust, dent and paint repair.

Bob Crammer told me last week that he is still planning on a late May or early June start date for construction on the cell tower. We will be notified when Planning and Zoning will hold the hearings before any construction will start.

Baptist East Hospital donated another laptop computer to us again last week. The value on this laptop is about \$5000.00. A thank you letter has been sent.

The new 2007 Tahoe should be here this Friday. This month's expenditure request will include emergency equipment for this vehicle.

Included in the packet are EA request for the expenditures for the month of May. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
St. Matthew's Fire Protection District

Re: Eligibility for Election as Trustee

Dear Sir:

You have asked me to give an opinion on the eligibility of certain individuals serving as firefighters for other fire protection districts who seek election as a trustee of the St. Matthew's Fire Protection District. KRS 75.031 sets forth the basic qualifications to serve as a trustee of a fire protection district. The Board of Trustees must consist

"...of seven members, four to be elected by the members of the district as hereinafter set out and three to be appointed by the County Judge Executive or Mayor in the consolidated local government pursuant to provisions of KRS § 67C.139. Two members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the members of the firefighters of the district and shall be members of the district. Two members of the Board of Trustees shall be property owners who own real or personal property which is subject to the fire protection tax pursuant to KRS § 75.040, who personally reside in the district, and who are not active firefighters and shall be elected by the property owners of the district."

This statute is relatively clear. Two of the four elected members of the Board of Trustees must be elected by members of the firefighters of the district. Those two must also be members of the district. As I understand it, the individual who is contemplating a candidacy for one of the open trustee vacancies is not a member of the St. Matthew's Fire Protection District.

St. Matthew's Fire Protection District
May 9, 2006
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Accordingly, that person could not be elected by the firefighters as one of their two representatives on the Board of Trustees.

The other two members of the Board must be property owners who own real or personal property which is subject to the fire protection tax, they must personally reside in the district, and they must not be active firefighters. Because the person who is considering a candidacy is a firefighter in another district, that person is ineligible to be considered for one of the two property owner selected positions of the St. Matthew's Fire Protection District Board of Trustees. The qualification for the property owner positions require that the person be a resident and a taxpayer, "who are not active firefighters." The clear intent of the statute is to provide two places on the Board of Trustees committed to lay residents of the district. Even though the person who is considering a candidacy for one of the two property owner positions is not a current member of the St. Matthew's Fire Protection District, the statute with respect to the property owner position is not limited to "members of the district," but excludes from service any "active firefighter."

The obvious purpose behind the statute is to ensure a balance of interests being protected and represented on the Board of Trustees of any fire protection district. The General Assembly clearly wished to avoid a situation where a small group of persons with a vested interest in the operation of the fire protection district can elect an operating or actual majority of the members of the Board. By limiting the firefighter elected representatives to two and requiring that they be members of the district and by further ensuring that the property owner trustees not be "active firefighters" the General Assembly has attempted to ensure the fire protection districts represent the interests of all persons who have a legitimate interest in its operation.

There are other practical and business reasons supporting the above conclusion that an "active firefighter" with another fire protection district cannot serve on the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthew's Fire Protection District. For example, KRS 75.030 contemplates the possibility of fire protection districts contracting with each other or potentially even merging. It would be a conflict of interest for an active firefighter with one fire protection district serving on the Board of Trustees of another fire protection district when both are involved in negotiations for a contract. While presumably that trustee could recuse him or herself from consideration of the issue, it was the obvious purpose of the General Assembly to make sure that that conflict not occur.

If you wish for me to elaborate further, I would be happy to do so. As always, I am glad to be of service to you.

St. Matthew's Fire Protection District
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Walter L. Sales

May 10, 2006, Trustee meeting:



Trustees Meeting Agenda May 10, 2006

- ✓ I. Call to Order @ 5:30
- ✓ II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- ✓ III. Treasurer Report - Approved
A) CRC recovery report - Graven - \$4,670.00
B) Update on Certificates of Deposits - Graven - Low on cash - US CDs - ok
C) Budget Review - In Line - Except Fuel & OVERTIME.
Bkpt. Unbudgeted Approved - Biggest Item P
- ✓ IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng - See Attached
- ✓ V. Old Business
A) FVA Reviews - Graven - After 5-15-06 - Fed Report then
B) By Laws - Review Joe Wolfe - Approved & Accepted
C) Cell Tower Update - Seng - See Chief's Report
D) Legal Update - By Walter L. Sales
- ✓ VI. New Business
A) Report of Election Committee - Volkerding - Terini - Will Ron
Dellant - Letter on file
- ✓ VII. Executive Session (If needed)
- ✓ VIII. The next Trustees Association meeting will be on June 15, 2006 at Camp Tamm Fire Department @ 7:00 pm
- ✓ IX. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board will be Thursday June 8, 2006

* Legal - DeHend - Not Allowed Per K.R.S. chapter 75
(Active Firefighter of Ambulance) Atty. Present @ this meet.
Walter Sales
* Add Foot Note to Each Page [See Approved 5-10-06]
* Raise Vol. # From 10 to 12 dollars

WLS/cja

2006

May 10, 2006, Trustee meeting:

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

May 10, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on May 10, 2006 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 Chief Bill Seng, Stuart Monohan, Eric Sorensen, Thomas Marshall, Dan Doyle, Frank Flynn, Nick Clark, Mike Richardson, Ron Renner, Kent Monohan, Kevin Molton, Greg Crabb, George Wiggins, Mike Frantz, Brendan Montgomery, Patrick Montague and Kent Dayton.

The minutes of the April 13, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved to accept the minutes. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasures report. He reported that the budget was on track as we end the fiscal year with no outstanding problems. We have received 99% of or projected budget revenue as of April 30th.

Jim reported on current status of Certificates of Deposit.

Joe Wolfe asked that check details be provided with the board packet each month.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the treasure's report. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously

New Business

The board was given the updated copy of the by-laws by Joe Wolfe. After some discussion Joe Wolfe moved to approve the updated bylaws. Jim Graven seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

New Budget

With the arrival of the final PVA estimate the board discussed final changes to the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Of primary concern was the effect of the additional 3% contribution required for the CERS, increased cost in health insurance and raises for paid employees. The board had an open forum with the firefighters present to discuss the issues. After the discussion, Joe Wolfe moved to approve a 3% raise for all employees. Jim Graven seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

John Volkerding discussed with the board raising the volunteer reimbursement two dollars per run. This has not been raised in six years and all expenses for volunteers have increased and because of recommended accounting changes the volunteers now have to pay local tax and social security on this money. Because of fewer volunteers on the active roster, no increase in the reimbursement budget is needed. After the discussion, John Volkerding moved to change the reimbursement for volunteers to \$12 per run and training. Rick Tonini seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan moved to adjourn. *Faye Ellerkamp* seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

Chief's Report

The Chief's report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported:

1. 2631, 2634, and 2658 have all completed their Body Shop repair.
2. Firefighter Moss Clore and Kenny Strange have returned to work.
3. Baptist Hospital East has donated \$5000 for laptop computer.
5. T-Mobile reports that the communications tower for station 2 is on track. We still expect a public hearing will be held within 30 to 45 days.
6. 2007 Tahoe should be in Friday

Chief Seng made the following expense request for May.

\$5,521 for warning equipment for new SUV.

\$8,250 for 12 sections of 5" Supply Hose for 2634. Hose to be purchased under metro contract pricing.

\$2,930 to replaced final 2 sets of turn out gear in the year's budget.

\$500 for new VHF radio for new SUV.

\$500 for new reflective lettering and stripes for new SUV.

\$1800 for three new rescue dummies for the training department.

After some discussion, Rick Tonini moved to approve all expense requests. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jim Graven reported that he and Stuart Monohan will meet still meet with the PVA but it will take place after May 15th.

John Volkerding reported that the election committee had received two requests to run for the property owner's seat in the June election; Rick Tonini and Jackie Dehart.

Jack Monohan moved to close the election with the two candidates. Jim Graven seconded the motion; the motion passed 6-0 with Rick Tonini not voting.

Chairman Tom Eifler informed the board that legal council has advised that Jackie Dehart is not a legal candidate for property owner because she is an active firefighter at another fire department.

The board discussed this issue in detail with our legal council Walter Sales. After the discussion Jack Monohan moved to remove Jackie Dehart as a candidate because she is not eligible to run. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed 6-0 with Rick Tonini not voting

Jim Graven moved to reaffirm the new board policy of no write in candidates or absentee ballots. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Legal Report

Walter Sales briefed the board on the current status of pending appeal of our case. Another similar case in Bowling Green is also awaiting a ruling and this may affect our case.

Change Needed Here

2006

May 10, 2006, Trustee meeting:

St. Matthews Fire District Awards Banquet
May 20 or 27th 2006

After many years at Big Springs Country Club the members of the fire district have asked that other avenues be looked at for our Banquet. Captain Ryan offered to chair a committee that would explore some different ideas.

With the help of Sgt. Nick Clark, Ron Renner, Louis Stoke and others, we looked at other hotels and restaurants in and around the fire district. We then decided to try a dinner at Captain's Quarters Restaurant with a 2-hour cruise on the CQ Princess.

We were able to speak to members of the Harrods Creek Fire department who did the very same thing this past year and all had very positive feedback. There was also a request to try a live band instead of the usual DJ.

Enclosed you will find a quote with details that include dinner in the restaurant and a 2 hour cruise on the CQ princess with a band. This cruise would include a cash bar as well as desserts and coffee for our guest.

This is a new approach to an old tradition and should be fun for all, young and old.

Additional information:

Dinner will be served in the restaurant instead of on the ship. This was done so as to include both on duty crews for the dinner portion of the banquet. There are always members that do not want to attend regardless, so trades can be made to accommodate those that want to attend the cruise portion.

Also all live bands average around \$1500.00. This band is a friend of Chief Seng's and is only \$500.00!!

Also, the following quote is for a maximum membership attendance with guest. We have never had anywhere near a maximum attendance. I anticipate reducing this amount as much as 10 or 20%

Banquet Agenda

6 p.m. Guest Arrival

6 30 to 800 p.m. Dinner served Buffet style to include Caesar Salad, sliced Tomato with Mozzarella Platter, Fruit Salad. Choice of Asian Grilled Salmon or Pork Chops, vegetable Manicotti, wild rice and Sautéed vegetables. Fresh baked breads, coffee, iced tea or soft drinks included.

800 p.m. board the CQ princess

8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Sail on the CQ princess for a 2-hour excursion to view Louisville's skyline and waterfront. Included on the cruise is a live band featuring dance music with a dance floor and a cash bar with bartender. For those who would like a quiet excursion, a second floor area will be serving assorted desserts and coffee. Also at this time announcements and awards will be done.

10:30 p.m. Arrive back at the dock. Those that wish to leave can do so and those that would like to continue to enjoy the fun can adjourn to the Lounge.

CQ Princess cruise ship excursion	\$1800.00
Sea Farer's Selection Menu for 98	\$2646.00
80 assorted desserts with coffee	\$240.00
20% gratuity added to bill	\$ 408.00
Taxes	TAX EXEMPT
Live band for 3 hours	\$500.00

Total for 2006 Awards Banquet

\$5594.00

Approx 2,000 Awards

*Proposed Date -
Eve. or May*

June 14, 2006, Letter:

- ✓ Latest information that I have on the communications tower for station 2 is that a hearing with LDT is scheduled for June 22, 2006. At that hearing they will schedule a public meeting with Planning and Zoning on the proposed tower somewhere within a two week period. I will keep everyone informed as the process continues.
- ✓ Firefighter Matt Board will be returning to work on June 26th after having recent surgery. After Matt returns to work there will not be any employees off from work due to sickness or injuries.
- ✓ Peggy Hesuer of the Heuser Clinic has request the use of some of our personnel to be used in a promotional video about the clinic. Because the majority of our firefighters have had dramatic results with the program they thought that it was only fitting to use some of our people in the video. I informed her that it would be up to the individual person if they wanted to participate or not.
- ✓ Another Crusade for Children has come gone and all I can say is thanks to John Volkerding and all of the staff at the St. Matthews Fire District who helped make it another successful year. Although we were down \$18,000 from last year we still managed to collect over \$64,000. Thanks again to everyone!!
- ✓ Currently Quint 2658 is out of service due to a hydraulic leak in on of the rams on the stabilizing arms. It should be back in service late this week. Unit 2634 has to have a rear step remounted after falling off during the Crusade.
- ✓ After several failed attempts to get a new 2007 Chevy Tahoe, I have officially canceled our request for one from Bachmann Chevrolet. I will explain in better detail during the meeting on what happened and where the problem lies.

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2006

June 14, 2006, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*



*Learn Not
To Burn*

**ST. MATTHEWS
Fire Protection District**

240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207
(502) 893-7825

**William J. Seng
Fire Chief**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thomas O. Eifler, Chairperson
James P. Graven, Treasurer
John Volkening, Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Joel Wolfe
Richard J. Tonini
Jack Monohan
Faye Ellerkamp

Trustees Meeting Agenda June 14, 2006

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:25*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
 - A) CRC recovery report – Graven
 - B) Update on Certificates of Deposits – Graven
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
 - A) PVA Reviews – Graven *2nd wk of July*
 - B) Cell Tower Update – Seng – Public Hearing
 - C) Legal Update – *Moving Along*
- VI. ✓ New Business *Election Comm. C-23 11 to 2 @ Sta. #1*
- VII. ✗ Executive Session (If needed) *NONE*
- VIII. ✓ The next Trustees Association meeting will be on June 15, 2006 at Camp Taylor Fire Department @ 7:00 pm *Rick Tonini to Attend*
- XI. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board will be Thursday July 13, 2006

2006

June 14, 2006, Trustee meeting:

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

June 14, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on June 14, 2006 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 Chief Bill Seng, Stuart Monohan, Frank Flynn, Nick Clark, Mike Richardson, Kent Dayton, Forrest Marcum, Charles McCune, Patrick Montague and Derrick Miskell.

The minutes of the May 10, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasures report. He reported that the budget was on track in the final month of the fiscal year with no outstanding problems. We have received \$12,000 over the projected budget revenue as of May 31st.

Jim reported on current status of Certificates of Deposit. A transfer to the sweep a account will be needed soon to cover operating expenses.

Jim reviewed areas of the operating budget where expenses were greater than projections. Fuel and Apparatus Maintenance were among the area over budget.

Joe Wolfe moved to approve the treasure's report. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously

Rick Tonini moved to approve \$7500 for the firm of Cotton and Allen to again do the end of the year required audit. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

The Chief's report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported:

1. The KFA has adopted a resolution urging a change in the correct ten cents per hundred cap for fire districts.

Rick Tonini move for the board to send a letter of support for the resolution. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

2. The election for property owner representative will be Saturday June 23rd from 11am to 2 PM. Faye Ellerkamp and John Volkerding will monitor the election.

3. A hearing with LD&T (Land Development and Transportation) for the communications tower at station 2 is scheduled for June 22.

5. Firefighter Matt Board has returned to work after recent surgery.

6. The Heuser Clinic requested permission to use our firefighter in a video about the clinic. They were told the request should be made with firefighters involved.

7. The Crusade for Children is over and St. Matthews collected over \$64,000.

8. 2658 is having a hydraulic leak repaired and should return to service soon. A back step will need to be repaired on 2634.

9. The order for the 2007 Tahoe has been canceled after the dealer declined to make the required paint changes. Other options will now be explored.

Chief Seng had no expense request for June.

Old Business

Tom Eifler informed the board that legal briefs for our legal appeal will be due July 9, 2006.

New Business

The board was given copy of a letter of response sent to Tom Eifler from Jackie Dehart. The letter informed Jackie that she did not qualify to run for the property owner representative. The board reviewed and discussed the response.

Jack Monohan moved to include a copy of Jackie DeHart's response with the June minutes. Faye Ellerkamp seconded. The motion passed 6-0. John Volkerding did not vote.

The next board meeting will be held on July 13, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

Jim Graven moved to adjourn. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:01 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

Resolution

Whereas:

Kentucky Revised Statutes section 875 provides for special taxing districts to financially support fire protection activities in some geographic areas of the Commonwealth.

And

Whereas:

Currently these property tax revenues are capped by statute at ten cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value.

And

Whereas:

This statutory taxing limit was established in 1973 and has not been adjusted since that time while the cost of quality fire protection has risen dramatically.

And

Whereas:

Many Fire Protection Districts now find themselves unable to provide a level of service demanded by rapidly growing communities due to insufficient revenue generated under said statutory limit.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Kentucky Firefighters Association strongly urges the Kentucky Legislature to adopt in the coming session a reasonable statutory tax limit that will provide sufficient revenue to financially support all necessary fire protection for the present and foreseeable future in those communities of the Commonwealth where fire protection services are organized under KRS 875.

FYE To Be Voted on by Trustees Assoc Not by Camp Taylor 6-15-06

SCHERZER,
EDWARD GEORGE SR.,
 80, of Louisville
 passed away Sunday,
 June 18, 2006 at
 Norton Healthcare
 Pavilion.

He was a Navy
 World War II veteran,
 member of the Ser-
 toma Club and volun-
 teer at St. Matthews
 Fire Department. He
 retired from Indiana
 Army Ammunition
 Plant in Charlestown,
 IN., he had also been
 employed at the
 Brown, Kentucky &
 Brown Suburban Ho-
 tels, Owensboro Mo-
 tor Inn & River Road
 Country Club.

He was preceded in
 death by his parents,
 Arthur J. Scherzer
 and Mary J. Brown
 Scherzer; his sister,
 Kathryn Braum; his
 brother, June
 Scherzer; and his
 companion, Kitty
 Johns.

He is survived by his
 children; Patty Stur-
 geon (Duane), Eddie
 Scherzer (Jakki),
 Shirley Nulph
 (Jessie), twins Bev-
 erly Reynolds and
 Frank Scherzer (Mar-
 cia) and Jody Blain;
 his late companion's

children, Vicki Bertle-
 kamp and Terry Kin-
 grey; 19 grandchil-
 dren; six great-grand
 children; brother,
 Norb Scherzer
 (Joan); sisters, Eliza-
 beth Greenwald,
 Mary Sullivan, Rita
 Oppel (George), Mar-
 gie Arehart (Don) and
 Helen Ballard (Les);
 many nieces and
 nephews.

Funeral services will
 be 2 p.m. Wednes-
 day, June 21, 2006 at
 Evergreen Funeral
 Home. Burial in Ever-
 green Cemetery. Visi-
 tation will be noon-8
 p.m. Tuesday and af-
 ter noon on Wednes-
 day until time of ser-
 vice.

The family wishes to
 give a special thanks
 to Hospice. Memorial
 contribution may be
 made to Hospice of
 Louisville.

Evergreen Funeral Home



4003 Proctor Hwy., Louisville
 502-266-1411

June 29, 2006, *The Voice-Tribune*, Windy Hills may get 180-foot cell tower: By JACOB GLASSNER Assistant Editor--A proposal to build a 180- foot communication tower in Windy Hills at the St. Matthews Fire Station 2, at the corner of Brownsboro Road and Hubbards Lane, was presented to the Land Development and Transportation Commission last week.

The monopole tower, which will replace the fire department's existing 75-foot tower, will carry the department's equipment for its two-way radios as well as equipment from up to five cell phone service providers, said St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng.

"The area is just notorious for bad reception," Seng said. "We need the height for better reception."

Powertel/Memphis Inc., which owns T-Mobile Kentucky, will pay to build the tower and use it for T-Mobile equipment, said Paul Whitty, a local lawyer representing the company.

The fire department also will receive about \$1,500 a month in tower rental fees from cell phone providers, Seng said. He added that the rental fees will help the fire department pay for firefighter salaries and insurance.

District 17 Metro Councilman Ken Fleming said he has had a few phone calls from concerned citizens regarding the tower.

Windy Hills Mayor Lou Phillips said one of his constituents was concerned about "visual pollution."

Whitty said T-Mobile will move its equipment off an LG&E utility pole, where access for maintenance requires shutting down part of the utility grid, so it is limited to about once a year.

With the number of cell phone users growing and the use of services such as text and video messaging increasing, the new tower will increase T-Mobile's capacity, Whitty said. Towers employ "line of sight technology," he said, and the added height will help reception inside homes and offices.



JACOB GLASSNER / Voice-Tribune
A 180-foot cell tower may replace the current 75-foot communication tower at the St. Matthews Fire Station 2.

Whitty expects a decision to be made on the tower following a public hearing, which will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, at the Old Jail Building, 514 W. Liberty St.

June 30, 2006, Excerpts from St. Matthews Fire Protection District and St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Combined Financial Statements. By Cotton & Allen.

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 4

COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2006

	Governmental Activity
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 1,737,120
Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other	56,187
Capital assets, net of depreciation (Note 3)	2,121,368
TOTAL ASSETS	3,914,675
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	91,022
NET ASSETS	
Investment in capital assets	2,121,368
Unrestricted	1,702,285
Total Net Assets	3,823,653
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 3,914,675

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 5

COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	Governmental Activity
EXPENSES	
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$ 2,466,597
Operating expenses	190,958
Repairs, maintenance, and supplies expenses	219,589
Depreciation expense	223,005
Total Expenses	3,100,149
GENERAL REVENUES	
Property taxes (Note 7)	2,867,801
Interest earnings	66,606
Homeland security grant (Note 6)	114,250
State aid, incentives, and other	164,749
Total General Revenues	3,213,406
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	113,257
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,710,396
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 3,823,653

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 6

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND

JUNE 30, 2006

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 1,737,120
Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other	56,187
TOTAL ASSETS	1,793,307
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	91,022
FUND BALANCE	
Unreserved	1,702,285
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,793,307

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 7

**RECONCILIATION OF THE COMBINED
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 1,702,285
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.	2,121,368
Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 3,823,653

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June 30, 2006, Excerpts from St. Matthews Fire Protection District and St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Combined Financial Statements. By Cotton & Allen.

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 8

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

	General Fund Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
REVENUES			
Property taxes (Note 7)	\$ 2,549,000	\$ 2,867,801	\$ 318,801
Interest earnings	45,000	66,466	21,466
Homeland security grant (Note 4)		114,250	114,250
State aid, incentives, and other	110,000	164,749	54,749
Total Revenues	3,004,000	3,213,466	209,466
EXPENDITURES			
Property and equipment additions			
Building improvements, furnishings, and office equipment	166,000	203,842	37,842
Personnel operating expenses	1,907,153	1,895,251	(11,902)
Administrative expenses			
Insurance	38,000	40,464	2,464
Retirement costs	309,002	366,992	(13,010)
Legal and accounting	58,700	115,690	56,990
Public education	3,500	3,943	443
Trustee's expenses	3,800	1,900	(1,900)
Payroll taxes	115,817	107,041	(8,776)
Other supplies and miscellaneous	22,000	28,961	6,961
Operating expenses			
Utilities	38,000	47,498	9,498
Gasoline and oil	19,000	25,268	6,268
Fire fighting and training expenses	100,600	97,313	(3,287)
Other supplies and miscellaneous	500		(500)
Repairs and maintenance expenses			
Vehicles	36,000	54,718	18,718
Buildings	27,000	33,686	6,686
Communication equipment	26,500	27,981	1,481
Fire fighting equipment	31,500	22,218	(9,282)
Personal equipment	7,500	8,200	700
Total Expenditures	2,701,572	3,080,986	379,414
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 22,428	\$ 132,420	\$ 109,992
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,569,865	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR		\$ 1,702,285	

See Notes to Combined Financial Statements

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 9

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	\$ 132,420
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 (\$223,005) exceeded capital outlays (\$203,842) in the current period.	(19,163)
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 113,257

June, 2006, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between (06/01/2006) And (06/30/2006)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	2	1.28%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
311 Medical assist, ambler EMS crew	58	37.46%	\$0	0.00%
321 Lock-in (1) Lock-out - use S11 (1)	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
361 Rescue or EMS standby	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	61	39.61%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)				
400 Hazardous condition, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2	1.28%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	1.28%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	1.28%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
451 Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
461 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3	1.92%	\$0	0.00%
	13	8.14%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
510 Person in distress, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	2	1.28%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	2	1.28%	\$0	0.00%
555 Public service assistance, Other	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, survey	3	1.92%	\$0	0.00%
	9	5.64%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	5	3.2%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	16	10.13%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	22	14.28%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other				
705 System malfunction, Other	3	1.28%	\$0	0.00%
721 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	4	2.56%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	12	7.7%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
742 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.28%	\$0	0.00%
743 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	2	1.28%	\$0	0.00%
747 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	10	6.4%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	4	2.56%	\$0	0.00%
	46	29.87%	\$0	0.00%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
814 Lightning strike (no fire)	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	164			
Total Est Loss:			\$0	

2006

July 12, 2006, Real Estate Assessments:

REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS 2008 PRELIMINARY AND CERTIFIED COMPARISON

FIRE DISTRICT	PRELIMINARY TOTAL ACCTS	CERTIFIED TOTAL ACCTS	PRELIMINARY HOMESTEAD ACCTS	CERTIFIED HOMESTEAD ACCTS	PRELIMINARY FAIR CASH VALUE	CERTIFIED FAIR CASH VALUE	PRELIMINARY TAXABLE ASSESSMENTS	CERTIFIED TAXABLE ASSESSMENTS
01-Jeffersontown	15,338	15,338	2,385	2,387	3,362,206,340	3,348,211,120	3,275,855,400	3,261,430,360
03-Camp Taylor	2,409	2,410	478	473	560,526,280	554,842,730	548,531,880	540,836,530
06-Okona	20,495	20,493	4,024	3,994	3,006,011,975	2,964,307,365	2,889,044,885	2,875,222,065
07-Eastwood	4,953	4,951	381	390	1,406,603,480	1,404,342,740	1,356,520,260	1,350,708,920
08-Lake Dreamland	4,562	4,562	805	785	461,438,230	459,828,610	438,657,310	437,734,690
09-PRP	32,170	32,169	7,628	7,563	4,092,198,839	4,084,655,679	3,856,723,609	3,854,985,699
10-Dixie Suburban	1,097	1,097	254	254	112,870,640	112,812,400	105,109,040	105,050,800
11-Highview	10,507	10,507	2,270	2,260	1,388,691,050	1,385,560,680	1,316,622,120	1,313,785,750
12-Harolds Creek	7,314	7,313	1,301	1,332	2,438,902,470	2,431,306,090	2,362,654,250	2,374,245,070
13-Middletown	15,294	15,293	2,706	2,735	4,217,963,210	4,182,503,310	4,129,595,610	4,103,253,110
14-McMahan	4,425	4,424	1,252	1,295	957,831,020	953,416,700	917,359,170	912,856,700
15-Fern Creek	12,952	12,951	2,102	2,102	2,105,527,395	2,091,595,705	1,999,001,065	1,984,978,195
16-Lyndan	11,636	11,638	2,693	2,718	2,552,568,509	2,539,470,969	2,472,864,459	2,459,031,939
17-Blucher	6,341	6,341	1,199	1,202	963,921,795	961,901,785	957,193,795	951,085,585
18-Worthington	10,713	10,712	1,986	1,817	2,579,590,560	2,556,644,880	2,522,865,400	2,499,007,920
19-Fairdale	8,877	8,876	1,709	1,717	1,077,797,095	1,061,812,256	1,026,019,990	1,009,836,440
20-Anchorage	853	853	134	133	379,788,720	379,756,430	373,241,360	373,236,470
26-St. Matthews	10,678	10,678	2,880	2,885	2,680,766,540	2,704,595,780	2,620,609,060	2,625,261,800
TOTAL:	180,815	180,607	35,635	35,662	34,400,256,335	34,243,634,289	33,189,439,063	33,031,758,143

TAXABLE ASSESSMENTS = FAIR CASH - HOMESTEAD
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR 2008 = \$29,400

Preliminary figures as reflected on assessment notices (received 04/17/06)
Certified figures subject to change with state board of appeals (received 07/13/06)
Final figures due in September - will reflect tax 100 assessments

T. Livers, SFA

July 13, 2006, Letter:

July 13, 2006
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
Trustees Meeting
Chief's Report

✓ The 2005-2006 fire district audit is currently being conduct by Cotton & Allen. This process usually takes about three to four weeks to complete. I suspect that we should see something in our hands by the next trustees meeting.

After last months trustees meeting I sent a group page and e-mail to everyone advising that the district was considering canceling everyone's personal pager service with Verison. As of todays date, no one as come forth to complain about canceling the service. Since the fire district no longer needs these pagers because of the technology in cellular service, I recommend that we cancel the personal pager service.

LETTER

✓ I have received a copy of the ~~letter~~ Faye Ellerkamp received from Mayor Jerry Abramson's office confirming Faye's reappointment to the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. Congratulations Faye!

✓ The new command vehicle was ordered through Don Hatfield who is with Bill Collins Ford. The order was placed in mid June along with three other command cars for Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District. The total price for the 2007 Ford Expedition is \$28,829.00. The vehicle is due to arrive sometime at the end of July.

✓ The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has request a signature from us on a document releasing them from an errors on all of the deposits that were made during the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Under advisement from our attorney's they have request that we do not sign this document or release at this time. I am sure we will get more information about this in the near future.

✓ Currently all of our firefighters both paid and volunteer are healthy and working at 100%. No one is currently off due to illness or injury.

✓ The Quarterly EMA/Metro Safe Meeting is scheduled for July 18th at 9:00am at the old county jail which is located at 410 South Fifth Street. Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

✓ The new digital video recorder that was approved several months ago is up and running 24x7 at Station One. It records approximately 2 weeks worth of video before it records over itself.

✓ We just received a check from CRC for approximately \$5800 for the month of July.

✓ Unit 2658 has been out of service for several days due to a bad seal in the pump housing. It is scheduled to back on track first thing Friday morning.

✓ The Jefferson County Fire Service is currently trying to put together a county wide dental similar to the health plan that is currently in place. We should know in about a week if there is enough interest in this program within the next few weeks.

✓ The districts new general liability insurance policy just went into effect July 1 2006. Because of this the district will be conducting Department of Motor Vehicle record checks on all of our firefighters both paid and volunteer.

2006

July 13, 2006, Trustee meeting:



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

July 13, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on July 13, 2006 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eifler called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Joe Wolfe, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven and Rick Tonini. Also present was Chief Bill Seng, Frank Flynn, Nick Clark, Mike Richardson, Moss Clore, Kent Monohan, Robert Monohan, Larry Heaphy, Louis Stoke, George Wiggins, Jordan Tomes, Dan Doyle, and Eric Sorensen.

Election Report

John Volkerding reported that Rick Tonini won the election for property owner representative, held June 24, 2006. 7 votes to 0. Rick Tonini ran unopposed in the election.

Chief Seng reported that the Mayor Abramson had reappointed Faye Ellerkamp to the board in an appointed position.

Jack Monohan moved to certify the election results. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed 6-0. Rick Tonini did not vote.

John Volkerding gave the required oath of office to Rick Tonini and Faye Ellerkamp.

Rick Tonini moved to keep the officers of the board unchanged. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

2006-2007 Board officers will be:

Chairman	Tom Eifler
Treasurer	Jim Graven
Secretary	John Volkerding

Minutes from June

The minutes of the June 14, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved to accept the minutes with the Jackie Dehart response letter attached. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report. He reported that the budget finished the fiscal year in excellent shape. We finished the fiscal year with revenue of about \$76,000 over the budgeted amount. The extra revenue was from higher interest rates and unbudgeted CRC revenue. Expenses for the year were under budget because some budget capital projects were not purchased in the fiscal year.

Jim reported receipt of the final CRC check for the fiscal year for \$5800 dollars bringing the fiscal year total to \$40310.73.

Jim reported the preliminary assessments report has arrived.

Jim discussed current interest rates on the departments CD's.

The board discussed adopting the tax rate for the coming fiscal year with the arrival of the preliminary assessments.

Rick Tonini moved to set the tax rate at 10 cent per \$100 on all real property, personal property and tangible goods. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe moved to approve the treasurer's report. John Volkerding seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

The Chief's report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported:

1. Cotton and Allen are working on the audit with Jordan Tomes. It should be completed within 4 weeks.

2. Recommendation that the Fire District discontinue the personal pager program. Cell phones and text messaging on cell phones have made the pagers an unnecessary expense.

3. The new command car (2007 Ford Expedition) was ordered under the state contract from Bill Collins Ford with three from Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District. Final price was \$28,829 which was less than approved for the 2007 Tahoe. The vehicle should arrive within 30 days.

5. All career and volunteer firefighters are 100% healthy at this time.

6. 2658 is out of service for pump housing work and should return to service by Friday.

7. The districts new general liability insurance policy went into effect July 1, 2006. We are working on running an updated records check on all firefighters at their request.

8. The Sheriff's office has requested that the department sign a waiver releasing them of all errors.

The board discussed this request and on the advice of legal council advised the chief not to sign it.

9. Chief Seng had no expense request for July.

10. The chief informed the board of a new program that the Harrods Creek Fire District is using to recruit new volunteers.

The board discussed the program and our current shortage of volunteers. The board took no action, but will monitor the results of the Harrods Creek program.

Old Business

The board discussed the communications tower at station 2. Chief Seng informed the board that if the tower is approved at the final public hearing that T-Mobile would like the District to purchase a new shorter antenna that can be mounted on the very top of the tower instead of our current antenna.

Rick Tonini moved to purchase the antenna. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

July 13, 2006, Trustee meeting:

New Business

Tom Eifler discussed with the board and firefighters in attendance his thoughts of doing another survey of all firefighters in the fall of 2006. The board agreed to put the survey together.

Walter Sales our legal council discussed with the board the current status of our legal appeal. Our counsel has submitted a friend of the court brief with another similar case before the Kentucky Supreme Court. This case may influence the ruling on our pending appeal.

Executive Session

Rick Tonini moved to go into executive session at 5:30 P.M. to discuss some personnel matters. Jack Monohan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Faye Ellerkamp moved to come out of executive session at 5:45 P.M. Jack Monohan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng discussed with the board his thoughts on dropping the voluntary Aflec program for employees. After some discussion the matter was tabled.

The next board meeting will be held on August 10, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

Joe Wolfe moved to adjourn. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

August 7, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*:

Firefighters top list of prestigious careers



Poll ranks brokers, executives low

By William R. Levesque
St. Petersburg Times

Firefighters, doctors, nurses and teachers, rejoice. People think your job is very prestigious. Take a bow.

As far as real estate agents, stockbrokers, executives, union leaders and actors go, well, let's just say people aren't quite as giddy about your efforts.

The Harris Poll released the results of its survey to measure public perceptions of 23 professions, with firefighters ranking on top, not far ahead of doctors, nurses and teachers. Real estate agents finished last. In all, 1,020 people were polled.

For firefighters such as Lt. Rick Feinberg, 46, a St. Petersburg firefighter, the poll is a reaffirmation of what he already knows: When a house is on fire and you show up with a hose, people tend to look fondly on you.

"They're calling you because they have an emergency and they're happy to see you," Feinberg said. "I almost became a cop. Putting people in jail isn't a bad thing."

But he notes that doing so doesn't necessarily make one Mr. Popularity.

For the record, police rank seventh among the 23 occupations polled, with 43 percent of those surveyed saying they associated very great prestige with the job. That compares to 63 percent for firefighters.

Feinberg recalls the sorrowful tale of a 30-year veteran of the department who became a code enforcement officer, an ego-bruising experience, Feinberg said. "All of a sudden, people didn't want him on their property anymore."

Some occupations seem to give people a visceral reaction. To steal a line from Henny Youngman: Take real estate agents. Please. (We are, of course, kidding.)

For one, Tampa real estate agent Mary Kelly doesn't get it. She's proud of her work. She helps people. She makes

dreams come true.

"I don't feel like a Rodney Dangerfield," she said. "I think I get a lot of respect."

Teaching was the only profession to post a noticeable improvement in respectability over the years. In 1977, 29 percent of those surveyed thought the job had very great prestige. That's up to 52 percent, ranking teachers fifth.

"Without teachers, you wouldn't have doctors and lawyers," said Quincy Dwayne Ham, 24, a high school teacher in Seminole. "That makes you feel good."

Many people seem to be ambivalent about farmers. They're in the middle of the pack, right behind clergy but ahead of those ever-maligned members of Congress. About 36 percent of people rank farming as having very great prestige.

Frankly, it puzzles Plant City strawberry grower Carl Grooms that farmers didn't poll better than clergy, what with sex abuse scandals in recent years.

"I don't know of no farmer

who's been on the front page every day for swindling people or doing wrong," Grooms, 57, said. "The preacher's got to eat. The preacher's got to eat. Without farmers, where they going to get their food?"

Hey, lawyers have to eat too, and they're ranked several notches below farmers with 21 percent ranking the profession as having very great prestige. They were the only profession to post a noticeable decline in the past 25 years, though they still remain far ahead of real estate people at 6 percent.

Clearwater attorney Tom Carey, 55, understands why attorneys don't win popularity contests. But he's old enough to know something else: "People don't like lawyers until they need one," he said.

Kelly, the real estate agent, laughs when a reporter asks for her age. Perhaps, she suggests, this is why journalists don't fare well in polls.

"Let's just say I'm over 21," she said.

Oh, about those reporters: Sixteen percent rank the job as very prestigious.

Firefighters ranked No. 1 as having a job with "great prestige."

2006

August 10, 2006, Letter:

August 10, 2006, Trustee meeting:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: August 10, 2006
Re: District Update

- The construction of the communications tower for station 2 is under full swing and should be up and running by the end of the month. The \$1850 a month rental fee that T-Mobile is to pay started on August 1st.
- We no longer have a need for the old tower which has been taken down and is lying along the fence at Station 2. My suggestion is to declare the tower as surplus and either sell the tower to the highest bidder or donate it to a nearby fire department. *Report Next Month*
- The audit that is currently being done by Cotton and Allen should be finished within the next couple of weeks. The issue with Captain Heaghy over his 401k deferral has been resolved thanks to both Jordan and Travis Frick who is with Cotton and Allen.
- I have recently tried to revive the old fire district annual reports that I use to do a few years back. With any luck I should have a rough draft for you to review at the Trustees Meeting. *Bring sample to next mtg*
- Within the next week or two you will start hearing the double knock out on the fire tones again. Several fire chiefs were complaining that their firefighters could not hear all of the information on only one dispatch. I personally think this is a step backwards but we shall see. *OK*
- Major Strange has informed me that he will be retiring effective November 1, 2006 after 37 years with the St. Matthews Fire District. I would like to ask the board for approximately \$300 to \$400 for a retirement party to be held for Kenny sometime in late October. I will discuss in more detail at the trustees meeting about his replacement. I

would like to start the new person somewhere around October 1st so that the new person can get some on the job training from Kenny before he leaves.

The new 2007 Ford Expedition is still on order and has a delivery date somewhere towards the end of the month. All of the new equipment that will go on the car will be ordered as soon as the car arrives here.

The 2006 annual IAFC Fire & Rescue Conference is being held in Dallas, Texas on September 11th through September 16th. Due to all of the stuff going on in my personal life (new house), I am not going to be able to make the conference this year. Since all of the reservations have been made I would like to offer one of our current Captains to attend the conference along with Asst. Chief Monohan. This is a perfect opportunity for one of our Captains to receive a higher level of training in the command staff area that he would normally not receive. I will discuss this in more detail at the trustees meeting.

The exterior trim paint at both Station One and Station Two are starting to fade badly. I would like for the boards permission to put together some specifications for the project and receive bids on what the cost should be. If everything goes as plan I should be able to have prices back by the next trustees meeting.

Quoted from Station 2 - F.F. to District 2

Expenditure Request for August 2006

Item	Cost
2 additional sets of water rescue gear See attached spec sheet.	\$1,421.00
Replacement steps for 2634	\$1,900

Approved: [Signature] Fire Chief

Approved: [Signature] For K. Seng's Retirement

TYPE OF GEAR	EACH PRICE	QTY	TOTAL PRICE
PFD (LIFE JACKET)	\$140.00	2	\$280.00
HELMET	\$26.00	2	\$52.00
KNIFE	\$40.00	2	\$80.00
LIGHT	\$27.00	2	\$54.00
WHISTLE	\$6.00	2	\$12.00
WETSUIT	\$250.00	2	\$500.00
DRYSUIT	\$489.00	2	\$960.00
BOOTS	\$60.00	2	\$120.00
GLOVES	\$34.00	2	\$68.00
FINIS	\$75.00	2	\$150.00
ROPE BAG	\$33.00	2	\$66.00
HARNES	\$215.00	2	\$430.00
GEAR BAG	\$36.00	2	\$72.00
TOTAL			\$1,421.00

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
August 10, 2006

- Call to Order @ 5:30
- Approval of Minutes from previous Trustees Meeting
- Treasurer's Report-Certification of Tax Rate for Real and Personal Property *Approved*
- Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- Old Business
 - A.) Cell Tower Update
 - B.) Surplus of old Radio Tower from Station 2
 - C.) Fire Fighter Surveys-Topics - *Simple Painted - check out of doors*
 - D.) AFLAC Plan-Joe Wolfe *OK next week*
- New Business *Continue - per F.F. Request - look @ Future such Plans*
- Executive Session (if needed) 6:15 - 6:25
- The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on August 17, 2006 7:00 pm at Fern Creek Station #1
- The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on September 14, 2006

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

August 10, 2006

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Present were Trustees Tom Eifler, Joe Wolfe, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Bill Seng, Frank Flynn, Mike Richardson, Charles McCune, Kent Monohan, Louis Stoke, Greg Crabb, Matt Board, Patrick Montague, Derrick Miskell, David Dugan, Mike Willinger, Forrest Marcum, and Eric Sorensen.

Minutes from July

The minutes of the July 13, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved to accept Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasure's report. He reported that the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is in excellent shape. \$204,000 was transferred from a CD to the sweep account to cover operating expenses.

Monthly operating expenses are running about \$200,000 per month

We received a check from CRC for \$5,838.00

Jack Monohan moved to approve the treasure's report. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan moved to accept the tax rate resolution from last month of .10 cents per \$100 on all real, personal property and intangible goods. Jim Graven seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

August 10, 2006, Trustee meeting:

Chief's Report

The Chief's report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported:

1. Major Kenny Strange is retiring in November as scheduled and he would like \$400 to cover expenses for a retirement party in his honor for over 30 years of service.

Joe Wolfe moved to approve the \$400 for the retirement party. John Volkerding seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

2. Construction of the cell tower at station 2 has started and should be up and in operation by early September. The \$1,850 monthly rental payments began August 1, 2006.

3. The old radio tower has been taken down at station 2 and we need to discuss declaring this tower surplus.

The board discussed this and options and the value will be studied and discussed again next month.

4. The audit should be completed by Cotton and Allen within the next few weeks.

5. The 2006 IAFC Fire and Rescue conference is scheduled for September 11th through September 16th. Chief Monohan and I are scheduled to attend. Because of personal project that have to be completed in September, I would like the board to approve sending a Captain in my place to this conference.

Jack Monohan moved to approve sending a Captain to the IAFC conference in place of Chief Seng. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

6. The exterior trim paint needs to be repainted at both stations. I would like permission to put together specifications for the project and bid the work out.

The board discussed the options for this project including doing the work at Station 2 in-house because of its smaller size. Chief Seng will begin working on this project and report back.

7. Expenditure requests for August 31, 2006:

\$2,842.00 for two complete sets of water rescue gear.

\$1,900.00 to replace the rear steps on 2634.

Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenses. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Tom Effler discussed the up coming firefighter survey with the board and firefighters who were present. The survey will be done this fall.

Joe Wolfe reported that the firefighters wish to keep the AFLAC plan as administered though ADP. After some discussion the board decided to take no action.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Executive Session

Jack Monohan moved to go into executive session at 6:05 P.M. to discuss some personnel matters. Joe Wolfe seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini moved to come out of executive session at 6:28 P.M. Faye Ellerkamp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini moved to allow Mike Richardson temporary light duty while he is getting back treatment. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on September 14, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

Jim Graven moved to adjourn. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

August 10, 2006, Trustee meeting: Construction of Tower:



August 15, 2007, James M. Caldwell retired vice president of Orion Broadcasting Company died. In the obituary in *The Courier-Journal* the 17th, the family expressed its gratitude to Chief Seng of the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, for their highly professional and compassionate care.

Louisville radio, TV leader James Caldwell dies at 87

By Paula Burba
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The Courier-Journal

James M. Caldwell, a former Kentucky state representative, retired radio and television executive, and member of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame, died Tuesday at Baptist Hospital East after an illness. He was 87.

Caldwell became Kentucky's first television news director when WAVE-TV went on the air as Kentucky's first station in 1948, according to the University of Kentucky School of Journalism. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1995.

"Any kind of business has that generation of people who are responsible for building it into what it is. Jim was part of that generation,"

retired WAVE political reporter Dave Nakdimen said yesterday.

"Everybody just loved the guy. I loved him," Nakdimen said. "He knew what he was doing. ... He enjoyed what he did."

Caldwell began working at WAVE Radio as news director in 1946, after working as a reporter for *The Courier-Journal* for two years on either side of a 3½-year Navy stint during World War II.

Caldwell later moved up the ranks on the radio side of WAVE, becoming program director in 1951 and later general manager. In 1976 he was promoted to president of WAVE Radio.

He retired in the early 1980s as corporate vice president of Orion Broadcasting, the parent company of both WAVE stations and four



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other television and two other radio stations. He had been a leader in many professional organizations, including the NBC Affiliates Committee, National Association of Broadcasters and Kentucky Broadcasters Association.

In 1962, Caldwell was elected to the Kentucky House in a special election to finish an unexpired term in Jefferson County's 34th District. A Republican, he was re-elected until 1967, when he moved from the

district. He was minority floor leader in 1966 and 1967.

A native of Bourbon County, Caldwell was a 1941 graduate of the University of Kentucky School of Journalism, where he was editor of the campus newspaper, *The Kernel*. He remained active in the journalism school's alumni association and had planned to attend a meeting at the school this week, said his daughter, Peggy Caldwell.

Caldwell's wife, Mary, was the first author of the long-running popular column "The Louisville Way" in *The Louisville Times* and remains a regular contributor to *The Courier-Journal's* book page. She also helped found the weekly *LEO*.

► Obituary information, B6

August 20, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, Fire damages business near Trinity High School. Lyndon responded

SUNDAY
AUGUST 20, 2006

Fire hits business near Trinity High

The Courier-Journal

A fire yesterday damaged a business across the street from Trinity High School in St. Matthews and set off alarms at the school.

MetroSafe dispatchers received the call about 5:20 p.m. No one was inside the business, Campbell's Gourmet Cottage, at the time.

Firefighters from St. Matthews and Lyndon were handling the blaze at 127 N. Sherrin Ave.

No one was injured, and firefighters were still working to put out hot spots in the building at 9:30 p.m.

August 24, 2006, *The Voice-Tribune*:

Fire damages Campbell's Gourmet Cottage

A fire on Saturday afternoon destroyed most of Campbell's Gourmet Cottage, a cookware store at 127 N. Sherrin Ave. in St. Matthews. The store was closed at the time. Everything inside the heavily damaged building was destroyed. Louisville Fire & Rescue is investigating the origin of the blaze.

August 21, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, Fire destroys most of St. Matthews store.
 September 1, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, By Martha Elson, Fire Forces business owner to seek new location—Store had planned to move next spring.

Fire destroys most of St. Matthews store

A fire Saturday destroyed most of Campbell's Gourmet Cottage in St. Matthews.

About 5:20 p.m., firefighters were sent to the business, which is at 127 N. Sherrin Ave. They found heavy smoke pouring from the sides and roof,

Chief William Seng of the St. Matthews Fire Department said yesterday.

It took his people, assisted by McMahan and Lyndon firefighters, about 45 minutes to control the fire, Seng said.

No one was inside at the time, as the store was closed.

All the contents were destroyed and the building itself

was severely damaged by fire, water and smoke, Seng said.

The fire is being investigated by Louisville Fire & Rescue, Seng said.

The building is owned by Trinity High School, which is across the street. The business was scheduled to move out of the building in May 2007 and relocate, Seng said.

Fire forces business owner to seek new location

Store had planned to move next spring

By Martha Elson
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 The Courier-Journal

Campbell's Gourmet Cottage owner Susan Lukjan is attempting to find a new location for her business, as she struggles to recover from a fire that destroyed her inventory and much of the building she was leasing in St. Matthews.

Her plans are still up in the air, but she said she's "working on trying to get back up for the holidays."

Maj. Henry Ott of Louisville Fire & Rescue's arson bureau said his office is still investigating the Aug. 19 fire and that there is a possibility it was set. An electrical problem also is a possibility, he said.

A weary-sounding Lukjan said she doesn't know what caused the fire, and Trinity High School President Rob Mullen said he doesn't know either. The Trinity High School Foundation Inc. owns the building at 127 N. Sherrin Ave.

Lukjan had planned to move next spring to Westport Village shopping center, the former Camelot center that's being revamped at Westport Road and Herr Lane.

She said the owners were trying to have her space finished this year, but it would have been ready for only part of the holidays. The fire has caused her to look at other options that could allow her to open sooner.

Nothing's definite, she said. "Unfortunately, my whole life's changed right now."

Trinity was considering turning the building into an alumni center, Mullen said this week. But he said he does not know whether it can be

restored, and is awaiting insurance reports and the results of the fire investigation. The building has been boarded up, and debris is stacked outside.

Firefighters were sent to the building about 5:20 p.m. Aug. 19 and found heavy smoke pouring from the sides and roof, St. Matthews Fire Chief William Seng has said. It took his crew, assisted by McMahan and Lyndon firefighters, about 45 minutes to control the fire, Seng said.

The store was closed, and no one was inside at the time. No school events were going on.

Lukjan said she was at the store by herself and locked up and left about 5 p.m., the usual closing time. "It's pretty much a 100 percent loss," she said. The Trinity Foundation paid \$640,000 in 2003 for the cottage building, previously owned by a trust associated with the Sidney Eline Jr. family. Lukjan bought the business about six years ago.

Last November, Lukjan sued Trinity in Jefferson Circuit Court, asking that the school provide her "unfettered access" to 23 parking spaces around her building. The lawsuit said that the store has used those spaces for more than 20 years but that Trinity faculty, staff, parents, students and others were using at least 16 of them.

Lukjan and Mullen said the suit was settled amicably out of court. Mullen said Lukjan asked in the spring to be released early from her lease and that Trinity complied.

Reporter Martha Elson can be reached at (502) 582-7061.

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September 1, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, By Martha Elson, Fire Forces business owner to seek new location—Store had planned to move next spring.



An Aug. 19 fire destroyed the inventory and much of the building at Campbell's Gourmet Cottage on Sherrin Avenue, near Trinity High School. (By Michael Clevenger, The Courier-Journal)

September 1, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*: Lyndon fire, we feel STMFD responded.



By Pam Spaulding, The Courier-Journal

A firefighter put up warning tape around the house at 7211 Glen Arbor Road in eastern Jefferson County, Ky., where the fire broke out yesterday. Firefighters found Steven Surowski's body in a bathroom just after 4 a.m.

Man dies in fire; mother escapes

Cause of Louisville blaze not known

By Katya Cengel
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The Courier-Journal

Friends describe Steven Surowski as the kind of guy nothing could keep down, not even an amputated toe.

Surowski, 44, who was diabetic, was supposed to be in a wheelchair while his foot healed, said childhood friend Dennis Fox. Instead he continued to walk.

"He was a very determined fellow," Fox said.

But even his strong will couldn't save him from a house fire early yesterday — the second deadly fire in Jefferson County in as many days.

When Lyndon firefighters arrived at the tri-level home at 7211 Glen Arbor Road that Surowski shared with his mother, Doris, they found smoke and fire coming from a lower-level

window.

Doris Surowski, who had escaped, explained that after the noise of the fire woke her, she shouted to her son, said Maj. David Howser. When he replied that he couldn't breathe, she told him to get low and get out, Howser said. Then she went outside.

"She thought he was coming out," he said.

Firefighters found Steven Surowski's body in a bathroom just after 4 a.m.

Surowski might have thought he was heading outside when he was really going into the bathroom, Howser said, adding that "one of the first things to go in carbon monoxide poisoning is the mind."

Deputy Coroner Jesse Paulley said Surowski died of fire-related causes and that a final ruling will await test results.

The cause of the fire is still being investigated, said Howser, but foul play is not suspected. He said the family did not have a working smoke detec-



Fire victim Steven Surowski, 44, a diabetic, had been recovering from the amputation of a toe.

tor.

Neighbors described Steven and Doris Surowski as "quiet, pleasant and private."

This is not the first time the family has been touched by tragedy.

In 1976, Steven Surowski's father, Henry Myer "Si" Surowski, was shot to death in the parking lot of the Holiday Inn-Northeast on Brownsboro Road. Police at the time described the killing as "having all the appearances of a hit."

Louisville Metro Police were unable to confirm yesterday whether the case had ever been solved.

Steven Surowski shared a passion for tennis with his father.

Steven Surowski "was an adventurous kind of person," who always "had his car packed and ready to go" camping at a moment's notice, said Brian Marلمان, a longtime friend. Surowski enjoyed playing pool and golf and listening to Jimmy Buffett, he said.

FIRE-SAFETY TIPS

Fires kill more than 4,000 Americans each year and injure about 20,000 more. Here are some tips that can help save lives:

- ▶ Practice finding your way out of the house with your eyes closed and crawling.
- ▶ Never open doors that are hot to the touch.
- ▶ Stop, drop to the ground and roll if clothes catch fire.
- ▶ Designate a meeting place outside.
- ▶ Get outside and then call the fire department.
- ▶ Know at least two ways to escape from every room.
- ▶ Have working smoke detectors.
- ▶ Put alarms on every level of your home and outside bedrooms.
- ▶ Test alarms monthly.
- ▶ Change the batteries in the alarms at least once a year.
- ▶ Replace alarms every 10 years.
- ▶ Keep alarms clean by vacuuming over and around them regularly.

— Source: U.S. Fire Administration

Before his recent foot problems, friends said, Surowski worked at a toy and game store.

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September 4, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, 3 Firefighters hurt in blaze Men briefly trapped in Hurstbourne condo, by Robert Schoenberger:

3 firefighters hurt in blaze

Men briefly trapped in Hurstbourne condo

By Robert Schoenberger
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Three Lyndon firefighters suffered minor injuries last night when they were briefly trapped on the second floor of a Hurstbourne condominium after the first floor collapsed into the basement, authorities said.

One firefighter was burned on the

hand, another on the arm and the third on the chest, said Maj. Debi Brooks of Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services. The names of the firefighters, who were taken to University Hospital, were not released.

The three men were on the second floor of a unit at 1324 Lancaster Place, in the Inverness condominium complex near Hurstbourne Parkway and Interstate 64, when the first floor collapsed, said Jeff Riddle, assistant chief of the Middletown Fire Department.

See **FIREFIGHTERS**, B6, col. 4



Middletown firefighter Tim Banks, center, talked with other firefighters yesterday at the condominium blaze near Hurstbourne Parkway and Interstate 64.

By David C. Burton,
Special to The
Courier-Journal

FIREFIGHTERS | Three hurt in Hurstbourne condo blaze

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ment.

The three were trapped on the second floor, but they signaled firefighters outside who got them out, Riddle said. One fell from the second floor, but was not hurt in the fall, he said.

Riddle said firefighters believe the fire started in the basement but don't know the cause.

"Whenever you get a basement fire, it can get really hot," he said, adding that the fire may have burned so quickly that the three firefighters were caught by surprise.

Riddle said the fire began in an end unit in a two-story, six-unit building and spread to two other units. The first unit was gutted, the second had severe damage and the third had some damage, he said.

The fire was reported about 6:30 p.m., and Lyndon Fire Chief Jim Baker said it was contained by 8 p.m.

Riddle said at least six departments fought the blaze: Lyndon, Jeffersonstown, McMahan, Anchorage, Middletown and St. Matthews.

Donna Vincent, who lives across the street from the condos, said she saw one of the trapped firefighters: "He was up there, the

smoke was all around him, and he called out for help and they ran up with the ladders."

David Sharp, 53, lived in the condo where the fire began with his wife, Kathy Jackson-Sharp, and her daughter, Laura Jackson, 18.

He said they were at the complex's pool when they saw smoke and he went back to his condo. He opened a door, crawled into his kitchen and let out his dog and one of the family's cats, Smoky. Two other cats apparently died.

EMS workers treated Sharp for smoke inhalation and examined Jackson, who is nine months' pregnant.

Jackson had had a baby shower last week, and all her baby furniture and gifts were destroyed by the fire, along with the rest of the family's belongings, Sharp said.

"This is all I got: flip-flops, swim trunks and a T-shirt," said Sharp, who was dressed for swimming.

Sharp, a member of Southeast Christian Church, said, "Our message today was community and helping out others. Little did we know we were the ones who were going to need help."

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By David C. Burton, Special to The Courier-Journal
Jeffersonstown firefighter Randy Reid rested before returning to the condominium fire yesterday.



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September 12, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*:

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Thomas Kuster, former Louisville fire chief, dies

By Paula Burba
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The Courier-Journal

Retired Louisville Fire Chief Thomas Kuster, who also served as Louisville's public safety director and Jefferson County fire protection administrator, died Saturday at Baptist Hospital East. He was 69.

"Tom was a fireman's fireman, a true gentleman who cared about public safety. He dedicated his life to protecting the people of Louisville," Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson said in a statement yesterday.



A native of Newark, Ohio, Kuster was stationed at Fort Knox for three years and decided to stay in Kentucky. He joined the Louisville Fire Department in 1957 shortly after leaving the Army. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1964, captain in 1966, district chief in 1970 and assistant chief five years later.

He was appointed fire chief in 1976 by Mayor

Harvey Sloane and served in that position until 1979, years that included the last strike by the city's firefighters.

"He held things together," said Capt. Paul Routon, current president of the firefighters Local 345. "I think he was the right guy at the time for it. ... When we came back to work, his stance was 'Let's put this behind us and move forward.' I think he did it."

"Philosophically, I'm management," Kuster said in July 1978 when firefighters had finally voted to end the 95-hour strike -- during which he had slept about six hours and responded to fire runs with other nonunion supervisors and members of the National Guard. At the same time, Kuster said, "I understand, or feel like I understand their (striking firefighters') position."

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September 12, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*:

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September 12, 2006, Letter:

City officials praised his leadership, while firefighters on the picket lines shook his hand.

"He didn't demand respect. He knew how to get respect," Assistant Chief Randy Winstead said yesterday.

Winstead described Kuster as "real regimental, real serious" and credited Kuster's acceptance of "social change" as one way "he turned the fire department around."

"You look at (photos of) all the other chiefs," Winstead said, "they all look like your grandfather. Except there's Tom with sideburns and long hair."

He was also the first chief to allow firefighters to wear T-shirts instead of uniform shirts inside the firehouse, Winstead said.

Kuster resigned as fire chief in 1979 after successfully resisting several efforts, according to newspaper stories, by Mayor William Stansbury's administration to demote several assistant chiefs for what he saw as political reasons.

Kuster worked in administration at the Louisville Water Co. until then-County Judge Mitch McConnell chose him to head the county's fire protection in 1980.

In 1983, Kuster accepted a job as fire chief in Raleigh, N.C., where he served until 1985.

He returned to Louisville as the first department head named by Mayor-elect Abramson in 1985. He was appointed Louisville's public safety director, overseeing the police and fire departments, EMS and health programs. He held that position until 1993.

"Louisville will always be grateful for Tom's public service," Abramson said.

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: September 12, 2006
Re: District Activity

- ✓ I will start off this month by telling you what is going on in the Maintenance Department.
- ✓ Engine 2634 has been in Lexington all week having new steps installed. It is scheduled to return the station on Tuesday of this week.
- ✓ Car 2602 is experiencing power steering problems. We have replaced the pump twice now and it is still causing us fits. Hopefully the third time will be the charm.
- ✓ The latest conversation with Bill Collins is that the new 2007 Ford Expedition should be here around the last week of September.

- ✓ Major Kenny Strange will officially be retiring from the St. Matthews Fire Protection District on November 1st. He is not sure at this time if he plans to work through the month of October or just use his vacation time. I will let you know within the next two weeks of what his intentions will be.

- ✓ The new communications tower construction has started and is off to a slow start. I think everyone on the department warned them about the bedrock in the area but I think they took it lightly. They have had to bring in extra equipment and manpower to deal with all of the bedrock that they found, not to mention that they broke our sewer line in the process. I am now being advised that the actual tower should be up within the next two weeks. I am not going to hold my breath! I will believe it when I see it.

- ✓ Last weeks training session was a first for most of us in a very long time! (Mr. Efler's house back in mid 1980's) Water rescue training (and water volleyball) was conducted at the Knight's of Columbus pool on River Road. It turned out to be a real fun night and I think everyone will look forward into doing it again next year.

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
September 14, 2006

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:31*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
 - ✓ A) Cell Tower - Update
 - ✓ B) Surplus of old Radio Tower from Station 2 - Report - Seng *(Sell on 10-18-06)*
 - ✓ C) Fire Fighter Surveys - Final Approval
 - ✓ D) Kenny Strange Retirement - Update *HAIR SEAL SENT OUT 10-1-06*
 - ✓ E) Painting Station 1 & 2 - Update *Back 10-15-06*
- VI. ✓ New Business *NONE*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session (if needed) *6:06 to 6:57*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on October 19, 2006 7:00 pm at Lake Drenland *Rich Towns will attend*
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on October 12, 2006

- ✓ There is a training class coming up on November 4th called "Pride in Ownership" which is being held at Yum's corporate offices off Bishops Lane. All of the career staff as well as the volunteers are scheduled to attend this seminar. A special guest speaker who is well known in the fire service will be speaking on morale and attitude as it pertains to your fire department. If any of the trustees would like to attend please just give me a call and let me know. I have included a copy of the brochure so you can see what it is about and what the two different time schedules are. I would like to have you there if you can make it.

- ✓ I have been considering changing the appearance of our uniforms over the last several months. A majority of the staff thinks it is time for a change and to move forward into something different. So don't be alarmed if you start seeing some different shirt or pullovers around the station or fire scenes. As usual we will stay within our uniform budget.

- ✓ Jim McKinney who is with the Emergency Management Agency for Louisville Metro has requested to install a thirty foot wooden telephone pole at station two by the handicap parking spaces for a radio transmitter. This radio transmitter will be used to broadcast Hiway Max which is a highway advisory to motorists over your FM car radio. I do not see a problem with granting his request for the installation of this equipment. I have enclosed some information about the system for your review. We can discuss this in further detail at the Board meeting.

- ✓ After a request at last months Trustees Meeting for paint bids for Station One and Two it was determined that Station Two was not in need of any painting at this time. Therefore, paint specifications were created for Station One only. Enclosed you will find the paint specifications that were used in the bidding process. At the time of this writing all of the paint bids had not been received. I plan on presenting those bids to the Board at the meeting on Thursday. Please contact me if you have any questions about this process.

- ✓ Also enclosed in this month's packet is the final copy of the 2005 St. Matthews Fire Protection District Annual Report. Please review this for your enjoyment. Copies of this report also went out to the Mayors of all the small cities that we serve as well as a copy to our fire districts Metro Council representatives. Copies were also sent to Kim Allen who is the Head of Public Safety for Metro Louisville and Mayor Jerry Abramson. A special thanks to Sergeant Eric Sorenson who put this information together. Without him and his endeavor I don't know if it would have ever gotten done. Thanks Eric!!

- ✓ There are several EA's include in this packet for your review for the September Expenditure List.

Also enclosed is the latest draft of the Fire Department Survey that will be going out sometime soon. Please review the survey and be prepared to discuss any of the questions at the Trustees Meeting on Thursday.

As always, please call me if there are any questions or concerns.

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

September 14, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on September 14, 2006 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 were Chief Bill Seng, Frank Flynn, Mike Richardson, Charles McCune, Louis Stoke, Nick Clark, Brendan Montgomery, Larry Heaphy, Moss Clore, Kent Dayton, and George Wiggins.

Minutes from August

The minutes of the August 10, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved to accept, Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasure's report. He reported that the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal years is still in excellent shape. \$52,911.56 in revenue was received in August.

We received a check from CRC for \$6,024.00

Jack Monohan moved to approve the treasure's report. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

The Chief's report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported:

1. Rear steps repaired on 2634

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2. 2602's Tahoe is the shop for power steering problem.
3. Major Strange will work through October.
4. New cell tower at station 2 is still under construction and should be in service by November.
5. All members of the district will participate in the training class "Pride in Ownership" on November 4, 2006
6. 2007 Expedition should arrive in late September.
7. The annual report has been sent to all city Mayors in the district.
8. Bids have come in for painting station one. There are some questions involving the bids that need to be reviewed before a recommendation is made. Chief Seng will address this topic at next meeting.
9. Expenditure requests for September 2006:

\$309.75 for replacement of Pulse Oximeter with case.

\$3,054.00 for 6 Minitor 5 pagers

\$1,719.00 for carpet for the business and inspectors office.

\$5,500 for Elevator Rescue class. Other agencies will participate in the class which will recover \$3,750.00 of the cost. Total cost for St. Matthews should be \$1,750.00.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the expenses. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

The board discussed what to do with the old radio tower at station #2. After some discussion John Volkerding moved to declare the old radio tower surplus and for Chief Seng to make a decision on where it is to be sent. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler discussed the upcoming firefighter surveys. The target date was set for early October with firefighter's given two weeks to return forms. The board also discussed having a third party involved in the surveys. Tom Eifler will contact a third party with knowledge of this type of survey for input and help.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Executive Session

Jack Monohan moved to go into executive session at 6:05 P.M. to discuss some personnel matters. Rick Tonini seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Jim Graven moved to come out of executive session at 6:50 P.M. Faye Ellerkamp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on October 12, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

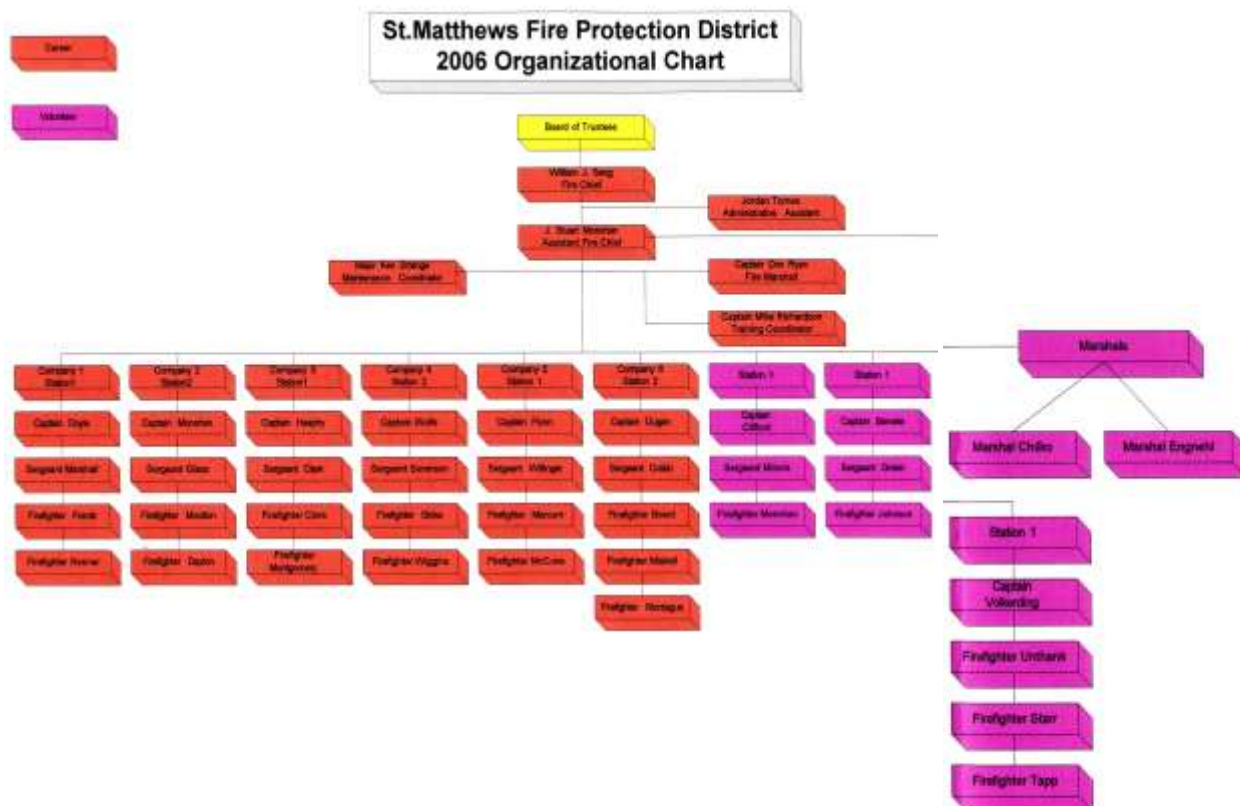
Jim Graven moved to adjourn. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

**September 14, 2006, Trustee meeting:
Organizational Chart:**



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September 14, 2006, Trustee meeting: Fall Firefighter Survey:

**Fall Firefighter Survey:
Instructions**

The questionnaire will make a number of statements. You should circle the appropriate answer that reflects your level of agreement with that statement. A space will be provided under each statement for you to add your comments. You are encouraged to make additional comments. Use extra paper if needed.

Once completed, simply place the questionnaire in the enclosed stamped envelope and drop it in the mail. PLEASE MAIL THE PACKET BY _____ TO INSURE THAT YOUR OPINION IS HEARD.

1. The firehouse is a comfortable place.
2. I like coming to work.
3. I am fairly compensated for my time.
4. The District provides an excellent benefit package.
5. I am proud to tell people that I'm a member of the organization.
6. I have never called in sick because I didn't want to go to work at the District.
7. I enjoy my current assignment.
8. There are few interpersonal conflicts.
9. Volunteer and career members are treated equally.
10. Volunteer and career members get along and respect each other.
11. I like my work schedule.
12. The Fire Chief/Command Staff is accessible and approachable when I have concerns.
13. My immediate supervisor/officer is accessible and approachable when I have concerns.
14. I can expect to be dealt with fairly in the workplace.
15. Rules and regulations are consistently applied to all members of the District.
16. The Board of Trustees is responsive to my needs.
17. The District is well managed by the Board of Trustees.
18. The District is well managed by the Fire Chief/Command Staff.
19. My good suggestion is likely to be well received by the Districts' management.
20. The fire apparatus are modern and effective tools for the mission of the District.
21. The fire apparatus are well maintained.
22. I am provided with all of the equipment that I need.
23. The tools and equipment provided are safe and well maintained.
24. I receive very good training at the St. Matthews Fire District.
25. On the fire ground, I feel that my safety is adequately provided for.
26. The fire ground is well organized and orderly.
27. The District employs good fire ground tactics.
28. We have adequate personnel on the fire grounds.
29. I have confidence in the judgment of the chief officers.
30. I have confidence in the judgment of the company officers.
31. The organization as a whole is moving in the right direction.
32. It would be beneficial for the District to merge with one or more adjoining fire districts.
33. It would be beneficial to reassign personnel in order to create a mix between station one and station two employees.
34. The retire/rehire policy has been beneficial to the District.
35. The medical first response program has been beneficial to the community and the District and should be continued as it is currently being delivered.

Suggestions: Use this section to provide any comments that you feel pertinent that were not addressed in the questionnaire. Please include any suggestions you may have that could improve the Fire District, its operations, employee morale etc.

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Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comments:

2. I like coming to work.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comments:

3. I am fairly compensated for my time.

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

Comments:

September 14, 2006, Trustee meeting: SOP

Standard Operating Procedure

Section

Regarding: Retired Employee, Participation at Fire Scenes

Effective Date:

Supersedes:

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Purpose

To set forth policy relating to participation of retired members at fire scenes.

Scope

This policy shall apply to all retired St. Matthews firefighters wishing to access to St. Matthews Fire District fire scenes. The policy shall only be applicable to scenes within the St. Matthews Fire District area.

Command Approval

Any retired members wishing to enter any St. Matthews Fire District emergency scene must request permission from the incident commander prior to be allowed access to the fire scene. Prior to receiving such approval, the retired member must remain outside of the operational area as a member of the general public.

Permitted Area of Access

Upon approval of the fire chief, the retired member shall be allowed access to, and limited to the rehabilitation area.

Permitted Activities

The retired member may be utilized to assist in the rehabilitation of firefighters working at the scene. These activities include:

- Distributing of drinks.
- Changing of air bottles.
- Monitoring vital signs.
- Assuring the comfort of rehabilitating firefighters.

Non Permitted Activities

The retired member shall not be permitted to perform any activities outside of the rehabilitation area. Retired members shall not operate district radios or personal radios on district frequencies.

Termination of Access

Access to the fire scene is at the discretion and pleasure of the incident commander. The incident commander may at any time, with or without cause, terminate the retired members' access to the fire scene. Upon notification of such termination, the retired member must leave the fire scene.

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September 23, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, Gourmet Cottage fire was arson, official says, Metro Briefs.

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Gourmet Cottage fire was arson, official says

A recent fire at Campbell's Gourmet Cottage in St. Matthews that destroyed the culinary store's inventory and heavily damaged the building has been ruled arson.

The fire occurred Aug. 19 at the business, which was leasing a building at 127 Sherrin Ave. owned by the Trinity High School Foundation Inc.

"We have determined it was a set fire" because of things collected at the scene, Maj. Henry Ott of Louisville Fire & Rescue's Arson Bureau said yesterday.

Ott said an investigation is continuing but would not elaborate.

The business reopened this week in Woodlawn Shopping Center on North Hubbards Lane in St. Matthews.

Courtesy STMFD



September 27, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, Fire damages house in Rolling Fields.

Fire damages house in Rolling Fields

A fire in Rolling Fields left a home severely damaged yesterday.

Just before noon, St. Matthews firefighters were called to 511 Rolling Lane on the report of a fire. The initial report indicated an elderly woman might still be inside.

When firefighters arrived they found heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear windows, St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng said. A search of the home found no one inside.

It took firefighters, with help from the Lyndon and Harrods Creek fire departments, about 20 minutes to control the fire. No injuries were reported.



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September 27, 2007, Rolling Fields fire courtesy STMFD.



E-Mail from Stuart Monohan, It was in the CJ but it was a very small mention. Dispatched around 11:45 AM as a house fire with fire coming from the windows. I arrived on the scene and fire was coming from the rear kitchen windows. We have a new unit dispatch protocol that the east side departments have been using since this summer so we had three STMFD units and two Lyndon units responding. While enroute we asked for an engine from HCFD. Neighbors told us the owner/lady was usually home so we thought we had a rescue. Turns out that she was gone shopping. The fire burned out the kitchen and dinning room with bad damage to the rest of the house. Our guys made a great stop and nobody got hurt. As you can tell from the pictures the roof is still there. © Stuart,

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September, 2007, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (09/01/2006) And (09/30/2006)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Flm, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	6	3.46%	\$0	0.00%
2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
211 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	62	33.83%	\$0	0.00%
212 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
250 Extrication, rescue, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
252 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
263 Shift water rescue	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	67	36.72%	\$0	0.00%
3 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
421 Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	6	3.46%	\$0	0.00%
	16	9.24%	\$0	0.00%
4 Service Call				
522 Water or steam leak	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, survey	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	6	3.46%	\$0	0.00%
5 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	4	2.31%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	11	6.10%	\$0	0.00%
631 Smoke alarm, order of alarm	3	1.72%	\$0	0.00%
	18	10.40%	\$0	0.00%
6 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
720 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
730 Smoke detector activation due to	9	5.20%	\$0	0.00%
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	1.15%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	4	2.31%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	10	5.78%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	9	5.20%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	4	2.31%	\$0	0.00%
	46	26.58%	\$0	0.00%
7 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
812 Flood assessment	13	7.31%	\$0	0.00%
815 Severe weather or natural disaster standby	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	14	8.09%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 173				
Total Est. Loss:			\$0	

October 5, 2006: *The Voice-Tribune*, Campbell's Gourmet Cottage fire deemed arson, by Melissa Moody:

Campbell's Gourmet Cottage fire deemed arson

By MELISSA MOODY
Staff Writer

Campbell's Gourmet Cottage opened in 1981 at 127 N. Sherrin Ave., in St. Matthews. The 25th anniversary passed two weeks ago as the building itself stood empty and charred. An Aug. 19 fire at Campbell's left the building beyond repair, forcing owner Susan Lukjan to find a new location. The Louisville Metro Arson Bureau is leading an on-going investigation, since determining the fire was arson.

The St. Matthews Fire Department fights five to six major fires a year, but arson is rare, said St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng.

Determining arson requires reconstructing as much as possible from what is left, and though the fire at Campbell's "was a total loss," said owner Susan Lukjan, what's left indicates the fire was intentionally set.

We dig through layers of residual, ashes and soot sometimes we can find a cigarette butt at the bottom or if somebody used an accelerant, it leaves a burn pattern," Seng said. Lukjan said she locked up the store and left alone around 5 p.m., as reported Sept. 1 in The Courier-Journal. St. Matthews firefighters arrived at the scene about 5:22 p.m., but the fire had already caused considerable damage.

It is very rare for us to find a fire that has gained that much headway on us," Seng said. Within 20 minutes, for that fire to be that big, it is very rare.

He added that the fire alarm was not turned on that day.

The St. Matthews Fire Department received help from Lyndon, Harms Creek and McMahon fire departments.

I don't know who did it, but when somebody intentionally sets fires it's putting my guys at risk unfairly," Seng said.

The Trinity High School Foundation, which declined to comment on the investigation, purchased the Campbell's property in 2003 for \$640,000, and Lukjan bought the business about six years ago.

Now open in Woodlawn Center at Hubbards Lane and Westport Road, Campbell's recovery from the fire "is a work in progress," Lukjan said. "My primary focus right now is to re-coup my holiday season."


The Louisville Metro Arson Bureau is following up on leads as they develop, Maj. Henry Ott said.

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October 12, 2006, Letter:

October 12, 2006, Trustee meeting:

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For: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: October 12, 2006
Re: District Activity

Sorry for the late report! The network at the station has been down for several days so I thought it would be a good excuse.

The Great Louisville Fire Drill will be this Sunday from 1pm to 5pm at Waterfront Park. We will have "Besty" and a large pot of Station's 2 Firehouse Chili for the contest. Please stop by if you get a chance.

Unit 2631 and 2656 have been outfitted with computers and wireless modems so that they can talk to the computers downtown at the alarm office. This will allow the trucks that have this special equipment to do all sorts of different things with the integrated CAD system. Eventually this same equipment will be used to locate the closest unit to any emergency. This is scheduled to be on line by the first of next year.

We had another major fire last month on Rolling Lane. The fire started in the kitchen and quickly spread to the rest of the house. No one was home at the time and we had no injuries to any of the firefighters. Capt Wolf and his crew were the first on the scene and did a great job knocking the fire down and gaining control in a very short time.

At that fire, Unit 2631 decided to break down due to a computer brain malfunction. Cummins Cumberland came to the fire scene and made a quick repair and had Unit 2631 up and running in a very short time. They said the problem most likely occurred when Unit 2631 had to drive around in all of the flood water several days earlier, which got the computer brain wet.

Assistant Chief Monohan has been up to his old tricks again! He has gotten Baptist East to donate another Mobile Data Terminal to the fire district to be used in the new command car. This will make the fifth computer that has been donated to us by one of the local hospitals.

3 from Baptist East
1 from Norton Hospital Suburban
1 from Jewish Hospital East


The new 2007 Ford Expedition has finally arrived and will be starting the transformation process very soon. The stickers and decals will be installed on the vehicle next week by Donahue Signs. After that, it will then go to the electric shop to have the entire emergency warning equipment and two way radios installed. The entire process will take about a month.

Mike Richardson is still on light duty and is still under therapy for his back condition. He does not have a solid date when he thinks he will be back. He does however feel that the rehab classes are going well and that he is making progress.

The new communication tower is up and running at station two. They still need to install the fence and do the finish landscaping before the work will be complete.

The office renovation at Station One is almost complete. New tile and carpet have been installed in the front hallway and business office. All of the guys and gals (Jordan) have pitched in to help move this project forward. Take a peek next time you get a chance, it really looks good.

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
October 12, 2006

- ✓ Call to Order
- ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- ✓ Treasurer Report + Jan Seitz of second Allen
- ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- ✓ Old Business
 - A) Cell Tower - Update
 - B) Surplus of old Radio Tower from Station 2 - Report - Seng
 - C) Fire Fighter Surveys - Final Approval
- ✓ New Business
- ✓ Executive Session 6:35 to 7:30
 - A) Personnel
- The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on October 19, 2006 7:00 pm at Lake Dreamland
- The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on November 9, 2006

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

October 12, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on October 12, 2006 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 were Chief Bill Seng, Frank Flynn, Mike Richardson, Charles McCune, Nick Clark, Moss Clore, Forest Marcum, Michael Monohan, Greg Crabb, Patrick Montague, Dave Dugan, Derrick Miskell, Matt Board and Mike Frantz.

Minutes from August

The minutes of the September 14, 2006 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved to accept the minutes, Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report. He reported that the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal years is still in excellent shape. \$22,784.17 in revenue was received in September.

We received a check from CRC for \$4,304.00

\$250,000 was moved from CD's into the checking account to cover coming operating expenses. A balance of \$800,000 remains in CD's.

Jan Seitz with Cotton and Allen reviewed the completed audit. No major problems were found. The department has made several recommended clerical changes.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

October 12, 2006, Trustee meeting:

Chief's Report

The Chief's report was given by Chief Seng. Chief Seng reported:

1. 2631 & 2658 have been outfitted with mobile data laptop computers and modems that can talk to Metro dispatch. This is the first step in the process to equip all units with electronics tied into the new CAD system.
 2. There was a major fire on Rolling Lane. A good stop was made by Captain Wolfe's crew and our other companies with support from Harrods Creek, Lyndon and McMahan.
 3. 2631 suffered an electronic malfunction while parked at the scene of the Rolling Lane fire. The repair was made quickly and was probably a result of water from the responding to runs in recent flooding.
 4. Assistant Chief Monohan has secured another donation from Baptist Hospital East to purchase a 5th mobile Data Terminal. This unit will be installed in the new command car. This is the 3rd unit donated by Baptist East. Jewish and Norton Suburban have donated one each.
 5. The new 2007 Expedition has finally arrived. It will be marked and equipped with radios and warning equipment and be put in service in November.
 6. Mike Richardson is still on light duty and under therapy for his back condition. He reports that he is making progress.
 7. The new communications tower is up and running at station 2. Landscaping work and fencing should be completed soon.
 8. The office renovation work that includes painting, tile, and new carpet at station one is almost complete with the majority of the work done in house. The guys and Jordan have done an excellent job!
7. Expenditure requests for October 2006:

\$1195.00 Remove and reinstall the training balcony so it can be painted.

\$2046.00 to purchase Full Body Harness's and fall arresting equipment.

\$1000.00 to purchase two used Motorola radio's to equip new command car and have a spare. Used radio's are requested to match our current radius's with the knowledge that all radio's will be replaced by the metro government at some point in the next two years has the final phase of Metro safe.

\$1550.00 to purchase a vehicle stabilization system to be carried on unit 2658 for automobile extrications.

Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenses. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Tom Eifler discussed the upcoming firefighter surveys. The surveys will be sent out and returned to Bill Lowdenback who is the 3rd party selected to help with this project. The surveys will be sent out within two weeks. Firefighters will have two weeks to mail their responses.

New Business

Joe Wolfe requested a change in our Heuser fitness program. Joe requested that the board approve a \$50 per month reimbursement for firefighters who have completed the Heuser program in place of the department maintaining the fitness membership at the Heuser clinic. This money would pay for membership at private health clubs more convenient to the firefighters involved. The board discussed the request at length. John Volkerding suggested that the reimbursement be open to all firefighters who meet the required 2 visits per week to help expand the program to firefighter's who may not have had time to take the Heuser program..

Rick Tonini moved to allow for a \$50 reimbursement to all firefighters who complete two visits per week to the health club of their choice. Proof of attendance will be required. Jacked Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Tom Eifler moved to go into executive session at 6:25 P.M. to discuss some personnel matters. Jack Monohan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Jim Graven moved to come out of executive session at 7:25 P.M. Faye Ellerkamp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini moved to accept the Chief's reorganization plan to replace Kenny Strange who will retire November 1. A 40 hour Major will be created to replace Kenny Strange; a new sergeant's position will be created to man 2653 during weekdays and be filled from the extra firefighters on shift work. The Major and sergeant position will be filled from within and leaving a new entry level firefighter position to be hired. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed ex-firefighters, retired firefighters and citizens helping on our fire scenes. All areas were discussed including liability and the need for extra help. Chief Seng told the board that extra help in outside support roles by experienced personnel is sometimes helpful. The board told Chief Seng that nobody was to help on our fire scenes unless they ask or are asked by the incident commanders. Joe Wolfe volunteered to research the issue further and develop a new SOP to address the issue.

The next board meeting will be held on November 9, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

Joe Wolfe moved to adjourn. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

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October 12, 2006, Trustee meeting:

October, 2006, Incident Report

*Approved
As Noted*

Proposed Changes to Existing Firefighter Fitness Program

Proposal

The Heuser Clinic program has proven to be successful for all members enrolled in the program. The benefits to the employees and the District are indisputable. The recent trend has been for diminishing enrollment in the program. The major reasons for this have been two fold, location and availability.

- Location – the location of the clinic is a problem for many of the participants. Only a single location available that requires across town travel for many participants.
- Availability – the workout schedule for adults is very limited, this makes getting the prescribed workouts in a challenge.

To continue the trend of increased firefighter fitness and to encourage more participation in the program I propose the following adjustments to our current fitness program. This program can be provided within the current budgeted funding.

1. The current program should continue as is for members who chose to continue with the Heuser Clinic. The District will pay the members fees as long as the member participates at the prescribed minimum levels or above. Members who chose to leave Heuser for other facilities shall comply with the following conditions.

2. ~~All new enrollees to the program shall be required to participate in the 3 month initial program at the Heuser Clinic. The District will pay the fees for this program. If the enrollee fails to complete the program, the enrollee is expected to reimburse the District for the fees. This insures a level of commitment from the employee as well as to insure that the employee has received the fitness and additional training.~~

3. Enrollees shall enroll at health/fitness facilities. It shall be the enrollees' responsibility to pay for any membership fees out of their pocket. These facilities shall be from a list of approved facilities as determined by the fire district. Approved facilities shall:

- Have acceptable facilities.
- Have the ability to track participation.

4. The enrollee shall be responsible for attending their facility at a minimum of twice of week.

5. The enrollee shall be responsible for providing the fire district with a monthly report of participation.

6. The District will provide the enrollee \$50 incentive monthly upon demonstration of acceptable participation in a fitness program. The \$50 shall be dispersed in a manner acceptable to the fire district accountant. The employee may use this money as they see fit in pursuit of their personal fitness (i.e. membership fees, equipment, classes, etc.)

This program can be administered within the current budget for physical fitness. There should be no additional financial impact, in fact, it should be cheaper than the current program.

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (10/01/2006) And (10/31/2006)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
11 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
1 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
11 Excessive heat, scorch burnt with no	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
1 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
111 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	34	48.61%	\$0	0.00%
112 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
111 Lock-in (if lock out, use 111)	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
112 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
113 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	80	48.68%	\$0	0.00%
1 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
117 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
124 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
143 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
143 Breakdown of light ballast	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
144 Power line down	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
149 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
143 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	8	4.86%	\$0	0.00%
	16	9.69%	\$0	0.00%
1 Service Call				
111 Lock-out	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
111 Smoke or odor removal	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
142 Animal rescue	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
153 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
154 Assist inmate	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
173 Cover assignment, standby, sweepup	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
	10	6.06%	\$0	0.00%
1 Good Intent Call				
100 Good intent call, Other	4	2.42%	\$0	0.00%
111 Dispatched & cancelled en route	22	13.33%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
601 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
661 EMS call, party transported by non-fire	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	29	17.57%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
701 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	6	3.63%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	2.42%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	8	3.63%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	6	2.42%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	28	16.96%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 165 Total Est Loss: \$0

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November, 2006, St. Matthews Fire District Web Page: Four people escaped without injury from a house fire Saturday night in Windy Hills. Shortly after being dispatched, about 10:30pm, St. Matthews firefighters arrived to find the front of the house fully involved. Firefighters from Engine 2631 and Quint 2658 quickly extinguished the fire. The cause of the fire has not been determined. In all two trucks and an engine from St. Matthews responded, along with an engine company from the Lyndon Fire Department.

November 5, 2006: *The Courier-Journal*, 4 escape house fire in Windy Hills:

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5, 2006

Four escape fire in Windy Hills

The Courier-Journal

Four people escaped without injury from a house fire last night in Windy Hills.

A passer-by alerted the four to the fire at 4401 Jonlyn Court, said Erritt Griggs, who was visiting the house with his girlfriend, Tarra Crane. He said the house was owned by his sister, Mary Laura Griggs, who also was in the house with her daughter.

The fire, which was reported

about 10:30 p.m., extensively damaged the house.

St. Matthews firefighters arrived within four minutes of receiving the call and found the full front of the house was on fire, said Rick Tonini, public information officer for the department.

He said firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze, the cause of which had not yet been determined. No firefighters were hurt.

November 8, 2006, The Courier-Journal

SUBURBAN CITIES

Lawyer Eberle to become Prospect mayor

J'town's Foreman retained as leader

By Chris Otts
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 The Courier-Journal

Todd Eberle, a lawyer who has lived in Prospect only five years, now has the job of continuing the legacy of Lonnie Falk, the mayor who steered the city through 13 years of commercial and residential growth before his sudden death earlier this year.

Receiving 84 percent of the vote, Eberle handily defeated businessman Evan Comer in one of the more uncertain mayoral races among Jefferson County's larger suburban cities.

Eberle said he has "tremendous shoes to fill" and wants to continue working on things that were important to Falk, such as controlling commercial and residential growth and preserving green space.

"I would just hope I could come close to doing as well as Lonnie did," he said.

In Jeffersonton, Mayor Clay Foreman had little trouble dismissing challenger and critic Stanley Searcy. Foreman received 75 percent of the vote.

"This is pretty much a landslide victory for me," said Foreman, who has been mayor of the city of 26,000 for six years. "People in this community like my style of leadership."

But Foreman failed to usher in a more cooperative City Council. All five of the council members who chose not to align themselves with Foreman were re-elected. Foreman's team of eight council candidates was able to win only three seats. Two of them were incumbents.

Bill Dieruf, one of the five council members not aligned with Foreman, said their victory means the voters "don't want yes-people in City Hall. They want people who think."

Douglass Hills Mayor Sheri Fetter is away on a cruise this week, but he hardly cruised to re-election.

Fetter beat challenger Phil Barber by only four votes out of 2,044 cast. Fetter, an accountant who was a city councilman for 18 years, was appointed mayor two years ago.

In St. Matthews, Art Draut, who is stepping down as mayor after 22 years, was elected to the City Council, along with six of the seven incumbents who were running. Incumbent Gary Vincent was defeated by **Frank Flynn, a captain in the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.**

The city's new mayor will be Bernard Bowling Jr., a current councilman whose father was mayor. He ran unopposed.

In Middletown, Mayor J. Byron Chapman was easily re-elected with 70 percent of the vote, defeating Tommie Lee Abbott.

In Graymoor-Devondale, Mayor John Vaughan defeated Pat Thurman with 73 percent

of the vote.

In St. Regis Park, City Councilman Keith Hubbs received 59 percent of the vote to defeat fellow councilman Pat Plamp. Hubbs will succeed longtime Mayor Bill Bohnert.

In the race for mayor in fifth-class Beechwood Village off Shelbyville Road, Christopher Dunn, a former mayor and former city councilman, defeated Mayor Joyce Loudon and two other candidates.

Voters in West Buechel denied Mayor Rick Richards' bid for another term and instead gave former mayor Sharon Fowler another chance. Fowler won with 65 percent of the vote.

In Heritage Creek, formerly Minor Lane Heights, voters re-elected Mayor Fred Williams. Williams, who was challenged this year by Councilman John Benz, narrowly won with 51 percent of the votes.

He has been mayor for about 13 years. "It was tight," Williams said.

Voters in the sixth-class

city of Brownsboro Farm off Ky. 22 approved keeping its current tax rate of 25.7 cents per \$100 of assessed property valuation.

Some voters petitioned for a referendum on the tax rate because, with increased assessments, it would bring in more than 4 percent over the current revenue. The city said it needed more money because it built a pool and community center costing about \$750,000.

In Hollow Creek, it is still unclear who will serve on the four-member City Commission because 561 votes went to write-in candidates. Two write-in candidates registered with the Board of Elections — Marcia Randall and Marcia King. Write-in votes will not be tallied until today, Board of Elections spokeswoman Paula McCraney said.

Reporter Chris Otts can be reached at (502) 582-4589. Martha Elson and Sheri Smith contributed to this report.

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November 9, 2006, Letter:

November 9, 2006, Trustee meeting:

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Jack Monohan
Faye Ellerkamp

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: November 9, 2006
Re: District Activity

Since the approval of the two new positions at the last Board meeting, I have received 14 applications. Six applicants for the Major's position and 8 applicants for the Sergeant's position. I plan to start conducting interviews next week and hopefully have the two finalists ready to be approved at the December's trustee meeting.

We responded to a working house fire last Saturday at 4401 Jeonlyn Court. On first arrival the entire front of the house was on fire. One bystander told us that an elderly lady lived inside and that she should still be in the house. Further investigation ~~showed~~ that the woman that the individual was referring to moved out of the home over a year ago. All of the crews that responded did an excellent job searching for the woman and extinguishing the fire. I can't remember having so many working fires in a short period of time like we have over the past six or seven months.

Major Strange officially retired from the STMFD on October 31st with 37 years of service. At this time there has not been any type of official function scheduled to honor Major Strange for his years of service. If one develops I will be sure to notify the Board as soon as possible.

We again this year participated in the SMABA's "Halloween in the Park". They had over 1500 children walking through the Brown's Lane Park collecting tricks or treats from various business from the St. Matthews area. As usual we had several firefighters there with "Betsy" giving out candy to all of the children who participated in the walk.

Last Saturday a large training class was held at Yum Brands corporate office which is located off of Bishops Lane. This was the class that had been scheduled for several months for all of the firefighters in Jefferson County to attend which was titled, "Pride and Ownership". The class was very well attended and the instructor, who was originally from Chicago was very enthusiastic and very energetic to deliver his message.

Another well attended training class was held the first part this week with several different departments in attendance. After talking to several of the firefighters about the class it was very apparent that the class was well worth the 8 hours of your time.

Tharp Painting just finished the painting project at Station 1 last week. They used about 15 painters over a three to four day period to finish the job. Let's hope that it will last another 8 to 10 years.

The new 2007 Ford Expedition has been stenciled and lettered and is about to be sent off to have the emergency equipment installed. The car should be ready to make runs in about 2 weeks.

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
November 9, 2006

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:30*
- II. ✓ Approval of Minutes from previous Trustees Meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
 - ✓ A.) Cell Tower Update - *240 Sears*
 - ✓ B.) Fire Fighter Surveys Update-Tom Eifler *Report in Dec.*
 - C.) Fireground Support-Joe Wolfe
- VI. ✓ New Business *None (Prime Rts 12-19-06 T-08)*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session *5:55 to 6:30*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on January 18, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Buchel Fire District.
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on December 14, 2006

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

November 9, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on November 9, 2006 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 were Chief Bill Seng, Frank Flynn, Charles McCune, Nick Clark, Moss Clore, Forest Marcum, Eric Sorensen, Kent Monohan, Dan Doyle, Kevin Moulton, Tony Glass, Kelly Wolfe, Shannon Wolfe, Ron Renner and Mike Frantz.

Minutes from October

The minutes of the October 12, 2006 were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved to accept the minutes, Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report

\$200,000 was moved from the Stock Yards CD's into the checking account to cover future operating expenses. A balance of \$750,000 remains in CD's.

Jim discussed the possibility of creating a reserve fund for physical plant and apparatus replacement.

Rick Tonini moved that Jack Monohan, Tom Eifler and Jim Graven meet with Jan Seltz for the purpose of creating a reserve account to cover apparatus replacement and plant/equipment. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.
Jack Monohan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

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November 9, 2006, Trustee meeting:

The cell tower at station 2 is up and running and we have been receiving rent check for two months.

Chief's Report

The Chief's report was given by Chief Seng. He reported:

1. 6 applications were received for the Majors positions and 8 applications were received for the sergeant's position. Interviews will be conducted in the next week.
2. Gave brief report on two house fires this month on Jonlyn Court and Blenheim Rd.
3. Kenny Strange retired as expected on October 31, 2006 completing 37 years of service.
4. St.MFD members attended a "Pride in Ownership" seminar at YUM Brands corporate center. The class was well attended and well received.
5. St.MFD members attended an elevator rescue class. The attendees reported a positive experience.
6. The new 2007 Ford Expedition has been delivered and is in the process of being readied for service.
7. 3 Co-awardees for Kiwanis Club Firefighter of the Year were nominated by Chief Seng. The three firefighters were Firefighter Ron Renner, Firefighter Kevin Mouton, and Captain Kent Monohan who responded with the County Swift Water Team to Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

8. Expenditure requests for November 2006: All are budgeted items.

Kroger Gift Cards	\$2500.00
Firefighters Dinner	\$1800.00
6 sets of turnout gear	\$9000.00

Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenses. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Chief Seng reported that his efforts to recover the old radio tower continue. He intends to file a police report if unsuccessful.

Chairman Tom Efler reported that 39 surveys were mailed out and 29 were received by Mr. Bill Lowdenback. Mr. Lowdenback will compile the results and report back to the board during the December meeting.

New Business

None discussed

Executive Session

Chief Seng requested to meet with the board in executive session.

John Volkerding moved to go into executive session Rick Tonini seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

The board returned to general session at 6:30 P.M.

The board discussed the department's policy regarding participation of civilians at fire scenes. The issue was referred to Chief Seng for action.

Chairman Tom Efler appointed a committee for the purpose of researching the possibility of providing ambulance service to the District area. Appointed were Jim Graven, Joe Wolfe and Rick Tonini.

Rick Tonini raised the question as to whether the district should revisit the possibility of enacting a sick leave buy back policy. After a brief discussion Tom Efler suggested that Mr. Lowdenback be consulted for advice regarding such policies.

The next board meeting will be held on December 14, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

Joe Wolfe moved to adjourn. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

November 18, 2006, The Courier-Journal

Chairman

Secretary

November 22, 2006, The Voice-Tribune, Light Up St. Matthews Section:

this year in metro Louisville.

Kitchen fire damages St. Matthews apartment

A kitchen fire extensively damaged an apartment in St. Matthews last night but caused no injuries, authorities said.

The fire was confined to the kitchen in an apartment at 607 Quails Run, in the Creek-

side at St. Matthews complex, said Rick Tonini, public information officer for the St. Matthews Fire Department.

He said the fire started when food was left on the stove. Neighboring apartments received smoke damage.

The fire was reported about 10:30 p.m. at the apartment complex, which is south of Mall St. Matthews.

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November 22, 2006, *The Voice-Tribune*, Light Up St. Matthews Section:

Kent Monohan - St Matthews Fire Department

A third generation fire fighter, Kent joined St Matthews Fire Department in 1996. He was instrumental in the founding of the Jefferson County Water Rescue Team and served as its initial Lead Training Officer for 2 1/2 years.

Kent is married to the former Virginia Banet and has two sons,



Robbie and Michael. Robbie is currently serving in the Air Force and Michael has ambitions to extend the Monohan legacy to the 4th generation of fire fighters.

When not at the fire station, Kent enjoys SCUBA diving with his family.

Kevin Moulton - St Matthews Fire Department

Kevin grew up in Goshen Ky. He moved to Bullitt County when he met his wife. They have two children an 18 year old daughter and a 16 year old son. Kevin has been in the fire service since 1995, starting his career at North Oldham Fire and was on Harrods



Creek Fire as well. He has volunteered with Zoneton Fire District since 1996 where he is currently Assistant Chief. He joined the St. Matthews Fire Department in 2000. He enjoys being with his family, hunting and fishing.

Rob Renner - St Matthews Fire Department

Rob started in the fire service in 1994 at the Fern Creek Fire Department as an Explorer Scout. In 1996, he became a volunteer firefighter with Fern Creek. In 2000, Rob became a career fire fighter at St. Matthews Fire



Department. He joined the Jefferson County Swift Water Rescue Team in 2003. He started part time at Beuchel Fire Department in 2003. Rob is married in and lives in Fern Creek.

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November, 2006, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {11/01/2006} And {11/30/2006}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	3	1.63%	\$150,000	100.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
	5	2.71%	\$150,000	100.00%
1 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
100 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
111 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	85	46.19%	\$0	0.00%
112 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
131 Lock-in (if lock out , use 511)	2	1.08%	\$0	0.00%
	89	48.36%	\$0	0.00%
1 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
111 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
112 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	5	2.71%	\$0	0.00%
122 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
140 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
141 Heat from short circuit (wiring),	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
142 Overheated motor	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
144 Power line down	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
145 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.08%	\$0	0.00%
163 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	5	2.71%	\$0	0.00%
	18	9.78%	\$0	0.00%
1 Service Call				
111 Lock-out	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
122 Water or steam leak	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
131 Smoke or odor removal	5	2.71%	\$0	0.00%
151 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
161 Unauthorized burning	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
171 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	5	2.71%	\$0	0.00%
	14	7.60%	\$0	0.00%
1 Good Intent Call				
100 Good intent call, Other	5	2.71%	\$0	0.00%
111 Dispatched & cancelled en route	20	10.86%	\$0	0.00%
152 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	1.08%	\$0	0.00%
171 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
	28	15.21%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.08%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
715 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	5	2.71%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	4	2.17%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	1.08%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	9	4.89%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	2	1.08%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
	30	16.30%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 184

Total Est Loss:

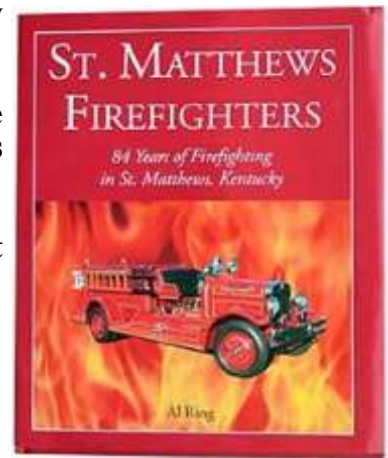
\$150,000

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December 4, 2006, Change to STMFD Web Page: Under the History Of Department page a link was added.

If you would like to know more about the St. Matthews Fire Department, Al Ring, a former member has written St. Matthews Firefighters, available online at RingBrothersHistory.com.

All proceeds from this book benefit the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association.



December 9, 2006, Letter:



STERLING G. THOMPSON
INSURANCE

December 14, 2006

Chairman Tom Eifler
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
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RE: Insurance Coverage

December 11, 2006

Chairman Tom Eifler
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RE: Insurance Coverage

Dear Tom:

Per your conversation with Steve Thompson and our subsequent conversation last week regarding coverage for your PIO and non-fire department members, please note the following:

Should an accident or injury occur while on the fire ground or participating on fire department business, the General Liability will cover your Public Information Officer or any member under med-pay in the amount of \$5,000. Should the injury be in excess of \$5,000, St. Matthews Fire Protection District has an Accident and Sickness policy through Provident which will cover some injury and lost wages to your PIO. The Accident and Sickness policy covers any person considered to be a member of the St. Matthews Fire Protections District. Further, assuming the PIO is made a member of the department (by Board action) our liability coverage would extend to his actions as well. The primary and excess coverage for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is \$5 million per occurrence and \$15 million aggregate.

In the case of a non-fire fighter, civilian or former firefighter attempting to participate at any scene where the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is conducting business, there would not be coverage as they would not be under the direction of the department. Should the individual be injured while attempting to assist, negligence suit would have to be filed in order to receive any type of payment for injury. From an underwriting standpoint this would be a dangerous exposure if allowed to occur.

I am happy to meet with you or the board of trustees to discuss further. Please do not hesitate to contact me should have any other questions or concerns.

Yours Truly,

Benton Keith

Dear Tom:

To clarify from my previous letter sent on December 11, 2006, please do note the following:

All members, including board members, auxiliary etc..., of the St. Matthews Fire Protection Fire District are covered under the General Liability for their actions as long as they are acting **under the direction of the department**. This does include the Public Information Officer. Should he or she sustain any type of injury, the coverage for injury and lost wages would fall under the Provident Accident and Sickness policy.

For any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Truly,

Benton Keith


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December 12, 2006, Letter:

December 12, 2006, Letter: Apparatus Replacement Plan

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: December 12, 2006
Re: Activity Report

- Are you ready for the Holidays?
- ✓ The Prime Rib Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday evening December 19th at 7:00pm. Please contact Jordan at Station One to let her know if you're able to attend or not. As usual we have invited several former members to join us for the festivities.
 - ✓ We have received a \$2000 donation from Wal-Mart for being good neighbors. This is something they do every year for us. Since they opened up the store here in St. Matthews, they have given us over \$6000.
 - ✓ Since Wal-Mart has been gracious enough to have given us over \$6000 in donations I allowed them to have their employee holiday party at Station One last weekend. They had about 80 employees attend the event, which went very well. Even our own guys were surprised to see that when they were finished that the room and kitchen were cleaner than when they started. Maybe we should invite them once a month to keep the place spotless for us!
 - ✓ Another donation from William Iovenko was received last week. This time it was for \$5000. His last donation about 4 months ago was for \$4000. Just like before the only explanation with the check was "please except this donation, Thanks". As long as they keep coming I will keep depositing them in our checking account.
 - ✓ The new 2007 Expedition is back from the wiring shop and should be ready to be put into service this week.

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letters*

It is time to give some serious thought and consideration to the replacement of Unit 2633, the 1986 100' Seagrave Aerial Ladder. Enclosed you will find a paper that I wrote several years ago for the Board on the replacement schedule of the heavy apparatus here at St. Matthews. Although it is several years old the replacement schedule has been updated. I will discuss this in further detail at the Trustees meeting on Thursday.

Expenditure for December 2006

Item	Cost
FDIC (Fire Department Instructors Conference)	\$5470.00
See enclosed	

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APPARATUS REPLACEMENT PLAN

This report is in response to the board's request to be better informed in regard to the replacement of unit 2633. In the past Chairman Dick has expressed his concerns with the following issues: the cost of "custom pumpers", the evaluation of the districts future apparatus needs; and that the Trustees be fully informed and educated when making an expenditure of \$250,000 or more.

The material found within this report was compiled from information gathered from the National Fire Academy, International Association of Fire Chiefs, National Fire Protection Association, Emergency One, Freightliner of America, Apparatus Symposium in Orlando, Florida, and several books on the subject of fire apparatus purchasing. We have also consulted with other fire districts in Jefferson County, the maintenance staff of the other departments, our maintenance staff, and the firefighters who use the apparatus daily.

Several factors have been included in this report to compare the pros and cons between a custom chassis and a commercial chassis. This list includes our response area, occupancy types, age of current apparatus, staffing levels, emergency runs (see attached), and expected growth in the fire district.

ENGINES

First I'll explain the type of engines we currently have and why. We have always ordered custom pumpers in the past and this has worked well for several reasons. The custom chassis is heavier and has a larger engine. This allows us to keep the truck in service many more years than a commercial truck, which has lighter frame rails and smaller engines. Also with trucks that are the same, we are able to locate equipment in a more efficient and timely manner because all of the equipment will be in the exact same

location on each truck. This helps during training and with tactical efficiency on the fire ground. There are several reasons we have changed over to combination engines with units 2634 and 2633. Manning levels are one of the key reasons. With a combination unit we only need one company to operate the vehicle and the equipment. The company on duty does not have to rely on another company to arrive on the scene before taking any kind of action. Compartment size is another reason. The newer apparatus has 25% more compartment space than the older Mack models we are replacing.

A much-talked about subject that always seems to be a catchall for ideas is the "safety" issue. After talking with personnel from Eastwood, Fairdale, and Anchorage Fire Districts about their commercial pumpers (the only commercial pumpers in the county), we believe that the safest most ergonomically conducive cab for the number and type of runs we make is the custom cab. Eastwood has since purchased two custom pumpers, Fairdale said that they wouldn't buy another commercial pumper, and Anchorage makes only 200 runs a year.

The large size of the custom cab allows the firefighter to store fire protective gear, medical equipment, monitors, IRIS camera, etc. None of this equipment could be stored in the cab of a commercial unit because of limited space. The equipment would have to be carried on another truck or not carried at all. Also with a commercial cab the firefighter has to enter and exit the cab differently than with a custom cab. In a commercial cab the firefighter is seated facing forward and has to back out of the cab, unlike in a custom cab where a firefighter can step out of the cab facing forward. Basically there's not enough room in a commercial cab for the type of runs we make and for the frequency of our runs, which has been increasing each year.

The commercial chassis, which seems like a good value, is very different from the chassis we are currently using. We use the Detroit Diesel Series 60 400 HP engine in both 2633 & 2634, and Detroit engine in 2653 & 2657. The largest horsepower engine that can be used in a "commercial fire chassis" is a 325 HP Cummins diesel engine. Not only is the horsepower not big enough for our needs, due to run volume and terrain. It is also manufactured by a different engine maker. Being able to have all of our fleets' engines alike simplifies maintenance costs, part stocking and training. The next size commercial chassis that accepts the size engine we require is the commercial "over the road" chassis.

The commercial cab also has a slightly longer wheelbase because the engine sits forward of the cab. This means longer turning radius and difficulty maneuvering around the district. Our driver/operators currently drive all cabs over trucks and to have them drive a commercial cab forward would mean a different driving environment.

Perhaps the single most important case for a custom chassis is the cab itself. A custom chassis offers a cab, which is constructed with firefighter safety as its primary purpose. Many firefighters are injured each year resulting from accidents that occurred while responding to alarms. Custom chassis are constructed utilizing a "roll cage" type construction, which offers more safety to the personnel inside in case there is an accident.

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December 12, 2006, Letter: Apparatus Replacement Plan December 12, 2006, Trustee meeting:

The commercial chassis are sold to markets other than the fire service. These other markets do not have the same type of requirements as the fire service. A fire truck is kept loaded forever and is driven under emergency conditions. A commercial truck is usually loaded and unloaded daily and is not driven under emergency conditions. Commercial chassis are initially less expensive to purchase than a custom chassis. However, due to the severe conditions encountered by the fire service, the commercial chassis can be more expensive to maintain. The cost of maintaining fire apparatus depends upon run volume. The smaller fire departments that do not have a high run volume usually purchase a commercial chassis.

Being a small combination department we rotate our apparatus. Since we do this, an apparatus of smaller size and weight will not fit into the master plan of apparatus replacement without a total change in the replacement schedule, maintenance program, and training.

Another area we have tried to steer away from when purchasing apparatus is having more than one manufacturer. With the Gator, we had a bad situation. A similar situation could arise with the purchase of a separate chassis from an outside vendor. Any problems we have had with our trucks over the years have been handled with ease from the original manufacturer. The one source manufacturer helped us when we had to have the ladder on 2657 rebuilt and when the water tank on 2633 had to be repaired.

TRUCKS

Currently the two 100' Tractor Drawn Aerial Ladders are not fulfilling the needs of the fire district as they did 15 years ago. More than ever it is increasingly difficult to find four certified drivers to respond these apparatus during emergency runs. Because these trucks are second and third out the door on a run, responsibility falls totally upon volunteer and off duty career firefighters to respond them to the scene. That's where part of the problem lies. Response to the firehouse by off duty career and volunteer firefighters gets increasingly more difficult each year, especially during daytime hours where firefighter response is at its lowest.

The fire district also has the need to have a pre-piped elevated master stream device as part of its defense system. What this means, is an aerial device that has plumbing pipe attached to the under side of the ladder that has the capability to discharge water immediately after the ladder is raised. This saves a considerable amount of time and property loss because of the rapid deployment of water to extinguish a fire. A classic example where time and property could have been saved with this type of device was the Waterford Apartment Complex fire last year.

The NFPA's fire protection handbook states "10-15 year life expectancy is considered normal and 20 years with reasonable efficiency". Older apparatus should be used as "reserve fleets". But in almost no case should much reliance be placed on any apparatus that is more than 25 years of age. After checking with our ISO representative, we

currently are required to maintain four engines and one truck. A reserve apparatus would be one in addition to the four required. With 2635 already 22 years old, its potential resale value declines as each year passes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to purchase custom pumpers and apparatus built and assembled by one manufacturer for reasons mentioned above.
- Start the replacement process of unit 2635 with a new custom pumper to be delivered in the 1998 calendar year.
- Declare units 2635 and 2657 surplus and sell to the highest bidder.
- Replace unit 2653 at the scheduled replacement date with a pre-piped ladder truck.
- Follow the replacement schedule outlined below to maintain the current balance of apparatus for a cost-effective fire defense system.

REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Current Apparatus Fleet

Unit #	Year & Make	Replacement Date
2658	2002 E-One Quint	2022
2631	1999 E-One Pumper	2019
2634	1995 E-One Pumper	2013
2633	1994 E-One Pumper	2011
2653	1986 Seagrave 100' Aerial Ladder	2006



- I. ✓ Call to Order 5:30
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *SET 11/14/06 REPORT 350 Plant/Spunk*
(GIFT CARD FOR ALL FIRE FIGHTERS \$250.00) # 500
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
• A) Return of cell tower - Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
• A) Surplus of old Radio Tower from Station 2 - Report - Seng
• B) Fire Fighter Surveys - Update *30 OCT 06 BY RETURN*
• C) Ambulance Committee Report - Wolfe *No Report - JAN/FEB Update*
- VI. ✓ New Business
A) Volunteer Participation Bonus - Volkerding
SEE ATTACHED LETTER FROM STEPHEN G. THOMPSON
- VII. ✓ Executive Session *12-11-14 & 12-14-06*
A) Survey - Lowdenback *# 255.50 Fee - Vol - Fire Protection*
VISA GIFT CARD FOR LIST
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on January 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm - Buechel Fire Department
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on *January 11, 2007*
JAN. 11, 2007 FOR JAN 19 MEET.
JAN. 14, 2007 TUE (6:30)

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

December 14, 2006

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on December 14, 2006 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 were Chief Bill Seng, Larry Heaphy, Frank Flynn, Charles McCune, Nick Clark, Moss Clore, Forest Marcum, Eric Sorensen, Kent Monohan, Stuart Monohan, Michael Monohan, Brendan Montgomery, Greg Crabb, Matt Board, Derrick Miskell, and Patrick Montague.

Minutes from November

The minutes of the November 9, 2006 were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved to accept the minutes, Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Eifler gave the treasurer's report

Tom reviewed the year to date numbers and those areas that have used over the 41.65 % benchmark for December 1. Overall the budget is in excellent shape.

Jack Monohan moved to except the treasures report, Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler discussed with the board the idea to set up two reserve accounts recommended by Cotton & Allen.

The starting points for the accounts would be as follows:

1.	Building and Grounds	\$150,000
2.	Firefighting Apparatus & Equipment	\$350,000

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December 12, 2006, Trustee meeting:

Rick Tonini moved to set up the two reserve accounts as recommended. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifer discussed with the board Jim Gravae's idea giving all firefighters and employees \$250 gift cards at Christmas. The type of gift cards was discussed. John Volkerding suggested purchasing Visa gift cards from a local Bank so the firefighters could use them as needed.

Jack Monohan moved to approve purchasing Visa gift cards for \$250 for all firefighters and employees. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

The Chief's report was given by Chief Seng. He reported:

1. The annual firefighter dinner would be held at the firehouse Tuesday December 19th at 7 PM.
2. The department received donations from as follows
\$2000 from Wal-Mart
\$5000 from William Iovenko
3. The 2007 Command Car is being wired and should be in service soon.
4. The Chief reviewed an apparatus replacement plan updated from several years ago with the board.
5. December Expenditure Requests

\$5470.00 to send firefighters to the Fire Dept Instructors Conference in Indianapolis.

Joe Wolfe move to approve the Expenditure request. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jack Monohan moved to approve naming Rick Tonini the boards Public Information Officer (PIO). Fayed Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng discussed some dental plan issues that came into play when the district changed dental plans. These involved some covered provider issues.

New Business

John Volkerding discussed with the board the budgeted volunteer Participation bonus. Because the board already approved the holiday gift Cards that included the volunteers and the best way to award it.

John Volkerding moved to give the volunteers gift cards for the yearly participation bonus. This would be combined with the holiday gift card the minimum being the \$250 approved for all firefighters. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Chief Seng requested to meet with the board in executive session

John Volkerding moved to go into executive session Rick Tonini seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously at 6:00 P. M.

The board returned to general session at 7:05 P. M.

Joe Wolfe moved to accept the promotions as recommended by Chief Seng. John Volkerding seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Promotions are as follows

Captain Dave Dugan promoted to Major
Sergeant Mike Willinger promoted to Captain
Firefighter Charles McCune promoted to Sergeant
Firefighter Patrick Montague promoted to Sergeant

The next board meeting will be held on January 16, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

Jack Monohan moved to adjourn. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

December 2006 Board Meeting Promotions and Hiring

Promotions

Position: **Major** Responsibility: Safety Office/Maintenance Coordinator

Dave Dugan ✓

Position: **Sergeant** Responsibility: Apparatus Operator / Day Work 2653

Charles McCune ✓

The following positions are being filled due to the promotions above.

Position: **Captain** Responsibility: Company Officer Shift Work 24/48

Mike Willinger ✓

Position: **Sergeant** Responsibility: Apparatus Operator Shift Work 24/48

Patrick Montague ✓

New Hire

Position: **Firefighter** Responsibility: Firefighter Shift Work 24/48

Sam McCune ✓

Chairman

Secretary

Apparatus

Staff	Trainings Attended	Training Hours	Runs	CRUSADE	POINTS	BONUS
Bockle	27	106	124	9	317	\$328
Chika	51	145	237	9	815	\$250
Clifford	27	75	85	16	200	\$225
Engelert	50	142	286	20	765	\$250
Green	42	120	270	9	697	\$625
Waters	30	94	64	6	175	\$175
Monohan	41	170	20	0	50	\$80
Star	10	30	5	0	12.5	\$50
Unthick	49	141	250	12	655	\$825
Volkerding	21	87	135	28	400	\$425
Admin						\$50
Total						\$2,885

POINTS ARE TOTAL OF RUNS AND CRUSADE HELP X 2.5

ALL MAKE THE TRAINING MINIMUM OF 75 HOURS

*Vol
Firefighter
only*

December 17, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, Fire damages apartment in St. Matthews:

this year in metro Louisville.

Kitchen fire damages St. Matthews apartment

A kitchen fire extensively damaged an apartment in St. Matthews last night but caused no injuries, authorities said.

The fire was confined to the kitchen in an apartment at 607 Quails Run, in the Creek-

side at St. Matthews complex, said Rick Tonini, public information officer for the St. Matthews Fire Department.

He said the fire started when food was left on the stove. Neighboring apartments received smoke damage.

The fire was reported about 10:30 p.m. at the apartment complex, which is south of Mall St. Matthews.

December 22, 2006, *The Courier-Journal*, Blaze badly damages home in St. Matthews:

Blaze badly damages home in St. Matthews

A St. Matthews home sustained severe damage in a fire yesterday.

When firefighters arrived at 510 Wendover Ave. shortly before 11:30 a.m., they found heavy smoke and flames coming from a bedroom on the second floor, said St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng.

He said the two brothers who live in the home, Christopher and Adam Lee, had escaped earlier. With the help of the Lyndon and McMahan fire departments, the fire was contained in about 20 minutes.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but there are indications it could have been an improperly discarded smoking item, Seng said.

2006

December 19, 2006, Prime Rib Dinner:
From Internet, poor quality.



December 30, 2006, Louvinia L. Kamer
"Sis," 87, wife of Life Time Member Martin A.
Kamer "Marty," and former member David Kamer
her son, died.

Obituaries

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www.courier-journal.com

**KAMER,
LOUVINIA L. "SIS,"** 87,
of Louisville, passed
away Saturday, De-
cember 30, 2006 at
12:45 p.m.

She was the former
Louvinia L. Dietrich, a
member of Our Lady
of Lourdes Catholic
Church and was an
avid bingo player.

She is preceded in
death by two sisters,
Julia Rush and De-
lores VanDyne.

She is survived by
her husband of 66
years, Martin A. Ka-
mer Sr.; two sons,
Marty Kamer Jr.
(Sissy) of Lakeside
Park, KY and David
Kamer (Tamra) of
Louisville; three
daughters, Patricia A.
Berry (John), Janice
Nordmann (John)
and Mary Margaret
Pierce (David), all of
Louisville; sister,
Stella Smith; two
brothers, Albert Di-
etrich of Shelbyville
and George Dietrich
of LaGrange. She also
leaves to cherish her
memory 15 grand-
children and 26
great-grandchildren.

Her funeral Mass
will be celebrated
10:30 a.m. Thursday,
at her church, 508
Breckenridge Lane
with burial to follow
in Louisville Memo-
rial Gardens East.
Visitation is 3-8 p.m.
Tuesday and
Wednesday, at Rat-
terman Funeral
Home, 3711 Lexing-
ton Rd.

Expressions of sym-
pathy may be made to
WHAS Crusade for
Children.

2006

December, 2006, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (12/01/2006) And (12/31/2006)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
Fire				
11 Building fire	5	2.57%	\$45,000	100.00%
13 Cooking fire, confined to container	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
14 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
	12	6.18%	\$45,000	100.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire				
210 Overpressure rupture from steam, Other	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
240 Explosion (no fire), Other	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	79	40.72%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
	84	43.29%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	3	1.54%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	14	7.21%	\$0	0.00%
	27	13.91%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
531 Smoke or odor removal	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	4	2.06%	\$0	0.00%
	9	4.63%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
660 Good intent call, Other	3	1.54%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	24	12.37%	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
	32	16.49%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	3	1.54%	\$0	0.00%
713 Telephone, malicious false alarm	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	4	2.06%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	2.06%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	6	3.09%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	5	2.57%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
	28	14.43%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 194				
Total Est Loss:			\$45,000	

2006

December 2006, Capt. Monohan, FF. Moulton, and FF. Renner receive Firefighter of the Year Award for their work after Hurricane Katrina



December 2006, St. Matthews Fire Department receives holiday gifts from local businesses. Baptist East Hospital brought lunch for all the crews and is working on getting the department another ToughBook. Wal-Mart Neighborhood Grocery also made a donation to the department.



2006, from Kenny Strange retirement party:



2006

Courtesy STMFD, Various Undated Pictures:



2006 Construction



2006

Courtesy STMFD, Various Undated Pictures:



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Courtesy STMFD, Various Undated Pictures:



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Courtesy STMFD, Various Undated Pictures:



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Courtesy STMFD, Various Undated Pictures:



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Courtesy STMFD, Various Undated Pictures:



2006

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Faye Ellerkamp
James P. Graven
John M. "Jack" Monohan, III
Richard J. "Rick" Tonini
John K. Volkerding
Joe Wolfe**

Officers

2006

**Chief William "Bill" Seng (P)
Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan (P)
Major Dave Dugan, (P) December 2006
Captain Mike J. Beneke
Captain Hal Clifford
Captain Daniel Doyle (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. Nick Clark, (P)
Sgt. Tony Glass (P)
Sgt. Greg Crabb
Sgt. Dan Green
Sgt. Tom Marshall (P)
Sgt. Charles McCune, (P) December 2006
Sgt. Meiners 2007
Patrick Montague (P) Sgt. 12/2006
Sgt. Erik Sorensen (P)
Sgt. Mike "Fozz" Willinger (P) Captain
12/2006**

Firefighters

**Mike Abell
Wes Bilyeu
Matt Board (P)
Moss Clore
Mark Craycroft
Kent Dayton (P)
Mike Frantz (P)
Mike Johnson**

**Marshall
Denny Engnehl
John Chilko**

**Forrest Marcum, (P)
Sam McCune, start
David Meiners
Derrick Miskell
Michael K. Monohan
Brendan Montgomery (P)
Kevin Moulton (P)
Ron Renner (P)
Jacob Asher Starr
Louis Stoke (P)
Kenneth "Ken" L. Strange (P)
retires 11/2006
Rickie Tapp
Alan D. Unthank
Richard Vail, end
George Wiggins (P)
Andrew Gardner "Drew"
Windhorst, intern, start & end**

2007

January 3, 2007, Letter:

January 12, 2007, Letter:



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January 3, 2007

Thomas O. Eifler Sr., Chairman
Board of Trustees, St. Matthews Fire Protection District
122 Fairfax Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky 40207

Dear Chairman Eifler:

I am writing you this letter so that you may be able to get a better understanding, from my perspective, of the recent survey that was sent out by the Board of Trustees for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

As you are aware, I have been an active member of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District for almost 30 years. Since January of 1993 I have had the honor and privilege to hold the position of the Fire Chief in a community that I have both lived and grown up in. The position of the Fire Chief has not just been a career for me, but a passion in which I strive every day to make this community a safer place for everyone to work and live in.

During my tenure as the Fire Chief I feel I have guided the fire district, with the help of many of its members through many different challenges and obstacles in which most of them have had very positive outcomes. One of those challenges has been trying to maintain a Class 2 ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. This is a very high honor and rating which is only given to fire departments across the US who meet a wide range of stringent requirements from equipment and manpower to training and record keeping just to name a few. Only two other departments in Jefferson County and just a handful in the State of Kentucky can boast such a prestigious claim.

After reviewing the results and comments of the survey it concerns me that some individuals have obviously taken a position to discredit the department along with myself

and the current administration with numerous false and untrue accusations. For example, several individuals commented on their lack of safety by the command staff on the fire ground. This comment is just the exact opposite of what I have been preaching to the department and its members for years. *Safety is my top priority when it comes to everyone on the fire ground. No discussion about it!*

I do feel that survey did point out several areas in which a better or a more effective approach to an issue could be utilized. Some of these areas I have already addressed and have started making changes for a more positive result. One of these being that I have realized the importance of doing a more timely review to give a better feedback to the firefighters for upcoming promotion options. Also, having the command staff and shift captains participate in more human resource type classes and seminars can only enhance the relationship between firefighters and the command staff.

In closure, I would again like to thank the Board of Trustees for putting their confidence in me to oversee the district in its day to day operations. Being in this position often requires me to make many tough decisions on a daily basis. Many times the outcome of these decisions can not please everyone but as always, I try to consider the concerns and needs of the entire staff.

I would be happy to review each and every comment if you deem it necessary. Again please know I take great pride in leading the department and protecting the community of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

Sincerely

William J. Seng
William J. Seng
Fire Chief

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: January 12, 2007
Re: District Activity

Don't forget the January Trustee's meeting has been rescheduled for this Tuesday January 16th at 5:30 pm. Please contact me if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Over the past month we have had several fires in both residential homes as well as apartment buildings resulting in a significant amount of property damage. The two most notable being:

510 Wendover Avenue: House fire, \$45,000 in property damage. A lot of heat and fire. First in crew did an excellent job of making a stop.

607 Quail Run Road: Apartment kitchen fire, \$10,000 in property damage.

1231 Mallard Crossing: Apartment kitchen fire, \$7000 in property damage.

The new 2007 Food Expedition is in use and it has been assigned to Major Dave Dugan.

The Jefferson County Trustees Association formed a health insurance committee several months ago to look into cost saving measures for the next insurance renewal period. Information will be presented at our Tuesday meeting about the findings of that committee and their recommendations.

We just found out today that the St. Matthews Fire Protection District will be receiving another Assistance to Firefighter Grant from the Department of Homeland Security. This grant was written exclusively for the installation of a sprinkler system at Station One. The grant is for \$70,000.00 of which we are required to match 10% or \$7,000.00.

Stuart Monahan has been busy with Baptist Hospital East again. He was able to get them to donate another \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of another Mobile Data Terminal for 2653. All together Stuart has gotten Baptist Hospital East to donate \$15,000.00, Norton Hospital Suburban \$5,000.00, Jewish Hospital East \$5,000.00 towards the purchase of five MDT's.

We just recently submitted the required paperwork for a Fire Prevention Grant through the Department of Homeland Security. It will be several months before we hear anything on this request.

See you Tuesday!

Expenditure Request for January 2007

Item	Cost
Two people to attend MFRI Staff and Command Class	\$4000
New tires for Unit 2631	\$915
New laptop and new desktop computer and monitor	\$2850

Approved

2007

January 16, 2007, Trustee meeting:

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John Lowdenback, Secretary ✓

Trustees Meeting Agenda
January 16, 2007

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Joe Wolfe ✓
Richard J. Tones ✓
Jack Monohan ✓
Greg Crabb ✓
Matt Board ✓
Louis Stoke ✓
Dave Dugan ✓
Bill Lowdenback ✓

*Mon. 2-12-07
5:30*

I. ✓ Call to Order 5:30

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

III. ✓ Treasurer Report

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng

V. ✓ Old Business *6:15 PM*
old cell tower 2 - sell / June
At Ambulance Committee Report Wolfe set up meeting
with leave by one Dave Polak / 1/16/07
Monahan / 1/16/07

VI. ✓ New Business
A) Change February meeting to February 12, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.
B) Insurance Report
C) Tax bill - Legislature

VII. ✓ Executive Session *[6:18 IN / 8:22 OUT]*
A) Survey - Lowdenback (This could be a lengthy session)

VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustees meeting will be held on January 18, 2007 at 7:00 pm - Burchel Fire Department *Rick Tonini to attend*

IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on February 12, 2007 *FEB. 12-07 @ 5:30*

1. Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenditure request. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

2.

3.

Old Business

Joe Wolfe reported that there are some issues for the ambulance Committee to address. Joe Wolfe, Rick Tonini and Jim Graven will meet in the coming month to discuss the issues.

New Business

Tom Eifler discussed with the board changing the February meeting to Monday February 12, 2007 to avoid conflicts with board members.

Tom Eifler also outlined some challenges for the Board to address during this year 2007. They are as follows:

- The ambulance issue-committee has been appointed.
- The retire/ rehire policy.
- Sick day buyback program. Yes or No and cost if adopted.
- Apparatus replacement.
- Insurance package.
- The merger issue.

Chief Seng reported that he and several local chiefs will meet with State Senator Damon Thayer to discuss proposed upcoming tax bill changes for fire districts.

Executive Session

Jack Monohan moved to go into executive session to review the recent surveys. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously at 6:17 P.M.

Mr. Bill Lowdenback, our consultant was asked to join the Board in this Session for Questions related to the survey.

The board returned to general session at 8:22 P. M.

The board formed a committee of Rick Tonini, Jim Graven and Tom Eifler to work on the survey results and report back to the board.

The next board meeting will be held on February 12, 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

Jack Monohan moved to adjourn. Jim Graven seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

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

January 16, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on January 16, 2007 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, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Jim Graven and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Bill Seng, Frank Flynn, Charles McCune, Moss Clore, Forest Marcum, Eric Sorensen, Thor Sorensen, Stuart Monohan, Greg Crabb, Matt Board, Louis Stoke, Dave Dugan, and Bill Lowdenback, our consultant.

Minutes from December

The minutes of the December 14, 2006 reviewed. Jack Monohan moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report

Jim reviewed the year to date numbers and those areas where expenses are over the 50% mark on January 1. Overall the budget is in excellent shape. Incoming revenue is at 50.30% of budget after six months. Expenses are at 50.31% of budget after six months.

Jim also discussed how the current money was spread in CD's in four local banks. There was discussion about spreading the incoming money to more banks to reduce risk. Jim will look into other possible local banks and their current interest rates.

Joe Wolfe moved to except the treasurer's report, Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

The Chief's report was given by Chief Seng. He reported:

- The department responded to three working fires in our district resulting in about \$62,000 in damages. All the fires were brought under control quickly and our firefighters did an excellent job.
- The department will be receiving a homeland security grant for \$70,000 to install a sprinkler system in station 1. The department will have to match 10% of the cost.
- The 2007 Command Car is being assigned to Major Dave Dugan.
- Stuart Monohan secured another donation from Baptist Hospital East for another mobile data terminal for \$5000. The unit will be installed in unit 2653. This is the 5th terminal that we have received and the third from Baptist East. Jewish and Suburban hospitals each donated one terminal.

5. The Jefferson County Trustees Association health insurance committee has presented a new health insurance plan for approval. The plan involves some self insurance but will allow the departments to slow the fast rising insurance premiums.

The board discussed the details of this plan with Joe Wolfe and Chief Seng. The pro and cons were debated.

Joe Wolfe moved for the board to accept the new plan and vote for approving it at the next Jefferson County Trustees Association meeting. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

6. The department has applied for a Fire Prevention Grant. It will be several months before we will hear anything about approval.

7. December Expenditure Requests

- Two firefighters to attend MFRI Staff and Command Class. \$4000
- New Tires for unit 2631. \$915
- New laptop and desktop computers. \$2850

2007

January 16, 2007, Trustee meeting:

January 21, 2007, Crew Assignments:

ST. MATTHEW'S FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
JOB DESCRIPTION

1. IDENTIFICATION
Position Title: Assistant Chief
Department: Fire
Division: Operations
Immediate Supervisor: Chief of Dept.
2. JOB SUMMARY
Provides overall management of both emergency and non-emergency functions on as assigned shift. Directs operations of all on-duty operating forces of the fire department. Serves as commander for significant fire, emergency medical, rescue, hazardous materials, and emergency management incidents. Serves as a member of the department's management team in recommending policies, procedures, and budgetary matters.
3. JOB SCOPE
Directly supervises 4-6 employees and indirectly supervises approximately 30 employees. During emergency operations may supervise indirectly up to 45 employees. Assists in the preparation, administration, and monitoring of the department's budget.
4. PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
 - a. Provides leadership and personnel management for assigned shift. Makes recommendations concerning discipline and termination.
 - b. Ensures understanding, compliance, and support with department policies and standard operating procedures for shift personnel.
 - c. Serves as Incident Commander for significant fire, emergency medical, rescue, hazardous materials, and emergency medical incidents.
 - d. Ensures continuity of company operations to ensure effective operation of the department.
 - e. Serves as immediate supervisor for assigned company operations to effective operation of the department.
 - f. Performs various administrative duties including completing evaluations, conducting extensive scheduling, reviewing reports, and preparing memorandums and correspondence for the department.
 - g. Serves as a member of the department's management team regarding policies, standard operating procedures, and budgetary issues.
 - h. Interacts with other county & city departments regarding daily operations, committee and task force meetings.
 - i. Instructs and trains shift personnel in department operations, management changes, and new procedures.
 - j. Manages the allocation of resources including personnel, equipment, and apparatus for the continuing operation of the department.
 - k. Maintains skills in all operation areas of a lower rank within the department.
 - l. Assumes duties of chief during his absence which may include coordinating all county & city departments and operations during city-wide emergencies and disasters.
5. MINIMUM EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
Associate's degree in Fire Science or equivalent education and experience required. Bachelor's degree preferred. Certification in Incident Command required. Five(5) to Seven(7) years experience in a municipal fire department or fire protection district providing both fire protection and emergency medical services with considerable supervisory and managerial experience required. Valid State of Kentucky Driver's License required.
6. SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES
Skills in leadership, human behavior, written and oral communications, community relations, motivational techniques, management and incident command. Knowledge of current methods of fire protection, emergency medical services, rescue services, hazardous materials response, and emergency management of disasters. Knowledge of personnel practices, department policies, and department standard operating procedures. Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, lead an assigned shift, make immediate and informed decisions during emergency situations, and implement an incident command system for managing emergency scenes.

New Crew Assignments
Effective January 21, 2007 0800 hrs

Chief Seng
Asst. Chief Monohan
Major Dugan
Capt. Ryan
Capt. Richardson
Sgt. C. McCune

Station 1

A
Capt. Monohan
Sgt. Sorensen
FF. Renner
FF. Marcum

B
Capt. Heaphy
Sgt. Montague
FF. Clore
FF. Wiggins

C
Capt. Flynn
Sgt. Clark
FF. Montgomery
FF. Moulton

Station 2

A
Capt. Doyle
Sgt. Crabb
Frantz
FF. Stoke

B
Capt. Wolfe
Sgt. Glass
FF. Board
FF. Dayton

C
Capt. Willinger
Sgt. Marshall
FF. Miskell
FF. S. McCune

January 22, 2007, Letter:

Chief Seng 01/22/07
It is my intention, per your & the board's, approval to retire/paper. I would like to retire at the rank of firefighter. I would retire the end of March, stay out the 30 days and then return.
Tom Marshall

January 17, 2007, The Courier-Journal



City Council members, from left, Martha Schade, Tony Weiter, Stuart Monohan, Arthur K. Draut, Pat Wissing, Frank Flynn and Mary Jo Nay took the oath of office.

January 22, 2007, SOP

2007
January 25, 2007, Letter & Results of STMFD Survey—

Standard Operating Procedure

Section 02.17

Regarding: **Major, Job Description**

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- Respond to alarms as a company officer during the work day and as 2603 during off hours and perform duties as instructed by the Incident Commander to the best of their ability.
- While operating as 2603 the Major will fill the appropriate role in the Incident Command System.
- Obey the lawful orders of their superior officers to the best of their ability
- Manage strategic considerations as the Incident Commander in the absence of a Chief Officer within the frame work of the Incident Command System.
- Manage persons directly under their command, as a company/chief officer within the framework of the incident command system, in tactical operations and see to it that safe operations are assured. The assurance of firefighter safety shall be the primary function.
- Protect the Fire District assets and interests.
- Maintain good public relations with the community and behave in a fashion that is consistent with high professional ethics and values.
- Lead his/her subordinates by example, maintaining a high level of personal integrity.
- Enforce and assure compliance to the Fire Districts Standard Operating Procedures and rules and regulations. Knowledge and understanding of these regulations should be acquired and maintained.
- Participate in and deliver fire fighter training programs and maintain instructor certification.
- Manage programs and additional responsibilities as directed by the Fire Chief.
- Participate in officers training as directed by the Fire Chief.
- Maintain current knowledge of firefighting issues and issues affecting the fire service.

Standard Operating Procedure

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- Develop and maintain a good working knowledge of the target hazards contained within the fire district.
- Develop and maintain a good working knowledge of roads and water systems contained within the fire district.
- Maintain proficiency in the operation of all fire district equipment and apparatus.
- Maintain all certifications and proficiencies require for the performance of his/her duties.
- Assure accurate records are kept of the Fire District activities.
- Maintain all fire District equipment issued to them in good working order.
- Be responsive and sensitive to the needs of subordinates and strive to maintain high morale in the organization.

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January 25, 2007

Dear St. Matthews Firefighters:

Thanks to all of you who completed the survey. Of the 39 people who were eligible to complete the survey, 30 of you (77%) completed and returned them to Mr. Lowdenback who handled this process for the Board. We are told that the number of respondents is about average for surveys of this type. The people eligible to receive the survey were all paid and volunteer firefighters and included the Chief, Assistant Chief and our administrative assistant. In our first survey roughly 33% of you did not respond and in this survey 23% did not respond. Hopefully, taking this survey out of the firehouse to an independent professional caused a larger percentage of you to respond.

At our December Board meeting Mr. Lowdenback presented his findings and a tabulation of responses to help us review each question. He also presented a complete list of comments that were made with each question answered. Because of the volume of comments and to give the Board a change to digest these survey results we decided to wait until the January meeting which took place on January 16, 2007 to address questions. We spent considerable time in discussion of the survey and still have many things to complete. However, we did want to report back to you and are enclosing a copy of the tabulation of responses for you. You can then see how your response fits with others who completed the survey. Once again for comparison purposes we take the liberty of combining "strongly agree" and "agree" in one column labeled "agree" and the "strongly disagree" and "disagree" into one labeled "disagree". Therefore, there are three columns "agree", "neutral", and "disagree". An example would be question #1 "There are few interpersonal conflicts". If you go across the column, left to right, 9 of you or 30% of you agree, 9 of you or 30% were neutral and 12 of you or 40 % disagree and 30 of you responded. We were somewhat disappointed with the number of respondent that were neutral and would not take a stand on either side of a question. If we decide to do another survey in the future we will probably not have "neutral" as a response choice.

From our last meeting, we realize that there are a number of items that need some attention and we will continue to work and report back to you. We have formed a committee of the Board to work on the survey and they will report back to the Board on a monthly basis. If you look at the survey there are questions like #10, 11, 12 to list a few on which we probably won't spend a lot of time. But questions like 3, 7, 8 and several others, we will need to address more closely. After we have had a chance to further consider your response and comments, we will get back to you.

Thanks again.

Thomas G. Eifler, Sr.

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January 25, 2007, Letter & Results of STMFD Survey—

January, 2007, Incident Report:

Question	Agree # %	Neutral # %	Disagree # %	Total Responses #
1. There are few interpersonal conflicts.	9 36	9 30	12 40	30
2. Volunteer and career members are treated equally.	3 10	8 27	19 63	30
3. Volunteer and career members get along and respect each other.	7 23	9 30	14 47	30
4. The Fire Chief/Assistant Chief is approachable when I have concerns.	18 60	7 10	9 30	30
5. My Captain/Company Officer is approachable when I have concerns.	23 83	3 10	2 7	28
6. I can expect to be dealt with fairly in the workplace.	15 49	4 13	11 37	30
7. Rules and regulations are consistently applied to all members of the District.	5 16	3 10	22 73	30
8. The District is well managed by the Fire Chief/Assistant Chief.	9 30	4 13	16 56	29
9. The fire apparatus are modern and effective tools for the mission of the District.	24 79	3 10	3 10	30
10. The fire apparatus are well maintained.	22 74	3 10	5 16	30
11. I am provided with all of the equipment that I need.	24 79	4 13	2 6	30
12. I receive adequate training at the St. Matthews Fire District.	23 76	4 13	3 9	30
13. On the fire ground, I feel that my safety is adequately provided for.	13 43	4 13	13 43	30
14. The fire ground is well organized and orderly.	10 33	5 17	15 46	28
15. The District employs good fire ground tactics.	14 47	6 16	9 36	29
16. We have adequate personnel on the fire grounds.	14 46	5 16	11 36	30
17. The organization as a whole is moving in the right direction.	7 23	10 34	12 41	29
Question	Agree # %	Neutral # %	Disagree # %	Total Responses #
18. It would be beneficial to assign personnel in order to create a mix between station one and station two employees.	8 26	3 10	19 63	30
19. The retire/retire policy has been beneficial to the District.	7 23	12 40	11 36	30
20. The medical first response program has been beneficial to the community.	24 80	4 13	2 6	30
21. The medical first response program has been beneficial to the St. MFD.	14 46	8 26	8 26	30
22. The fire prevention and inspection program is effective.	11 37	6 20	12 40	29
23. The fire prevention education program is effective.	19 63	6 20	5 16	30
24. The Board has made an effort to respond to the results of the last survey.	4 13	9 30	17 56	30

*All percents rounded down.

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2007} And {01/31/2007}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
Fire				
11 Building fire	2	1.50%	\$0	0.00%
12 Fire in structure other than in a building	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
13 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
14 Chimney or fire fire, confined to chimney	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
31 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.50%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
162 Outside equipment fire	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
	9	6.76%	\$0	0.00%

1 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat -no fire

120 Overpressure rupture from air or gas, Other	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
151 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
	2	1.50%	\$0	0.00%

2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents

300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	50	37.50%	\$0	0.00%
351 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
	53	39.84%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)

412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	3.00%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	5	2.25%	\$0	0.00%
	11	8.27%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call

511 Lock-out	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
	5	3.75%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call

600 Good intent call, Other	2	1.50%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	12	9.00%	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	1.50%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
	18	13.53%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call

700 False alarm or false call, Other	3	2.25%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	3	2.25%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	3	2.25%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	7	5.26%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	10	7.53%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.75%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	8	6.01%	\$0	0.00%
	35	26.31%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 133

Total Est Loss:

\$0

2007

February 2, 2007, Requirements & Qualification:

The Chief is required to have

1. REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

(a) Capable of carrying out the responsibilities and duties incident to the position of fire chief of the ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT as set out below in paragraph 3.

(b) Qualify as a fire fighter of the St. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT by passing the annual physical examination;

(c) Interpersonal skills to manage volunteer and career personnel and maintain good public relations;

(d) Knowledge of federal, state and local laws associated with the fire service;

(e) Management abilities in the areas of problem solving, delegation of duties, and documentation.

2. EMPLOYMENT, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT hereby employs the Chief to perform duties and responsibilities determined and assigned to the Chief by the Board of Trustees of the ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, including the following duties and responsibilities:

(a) Direct and control the operation of the St. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT and its members in the discharge of their duties, as provided in WRS 75.180;

(b) While representing the St. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT and the ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, the Chief must perform in a professional manner, including appearance, attitude and decision-making;

(c) The Chief will:

1. Be available for response within the ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except when the activities of the ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT require his presence at locations outside the fire district or with prior notice to the next ranking officer within the department of his intended absence;

2. Function on an eight (8) hour day, five (5) days per week, Monday through Friday, Fire alarm responses will count toward the eight (8) hour workday only if the alarms occur during the 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekday period. Scheduled training sessions of the St. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT outside the 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekday period will not count toward the forty (40) hour work week;

3. Be responsible for providing professional alarm response of the St. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT;

4. Be responsible for establishing and maintaining standard operating procedures for the St. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT;

5. Represent the St. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT and the ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT at meetings, lectures, training sessions, etc. within the county, state and nation as determined by the county, state and nation as determined by the Chief. If the meetings require travel or living expenses in excess of \$500.00, the Chief must obtain prior approval of the Board Trustees of the ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT;

6. Attend training sessions to maintain a working knowledge of modern day fire service;

7. Attend or be represented at meetings of the Board of Trustees of the ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT;

8. Direct the administrative work of the St. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT, including accurate record keeping;

9. Administer the following programs:

(i) Public relations; -

(ii) Training;

(iii) Fire prevention;

(iv) Maintenance and operation of all equipment, structures, and apparatus belonging to the St. MATTHEWS FIRE DEPARTMENT;

(v) Any other duties outlined by statute or delegated by the Board of Trustees of the ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

February 7, 2007, Letter:

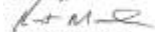
February 7, 2007

Chief,

I am fast approaching the anniversary date for 20 years of service! The actual date is May 18, 2007. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of my intention to retire and retire at my present rank of Captain. As my meeting in Frankfort is scheduled later than the expected board meeting, I do not yet know the exact date of "retirement" or the month that I will have to take off.

Thanks to you and the Board of Trustees for allowing me to take advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely,


Wm. Kent Monohan
Captain

2007

February 8, 2007, Letter:

February 12, 2007, Trustee meeting:

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To: All Trustees
From: William J. Seng
Date: February 8, 2007
Re: District Activity

Don't forget, the February Trustees meeting has been rescheduled for Monday February 12th at 5:30 pm.

There has not been a whole lot of fire run activity to speak of over the past several weeks. Med runs are still keeping us fairly busy. It was reported to me today that one of the crews had an AED save recently. I will find out more detail on the run and report back to you.

Unit 2631 and 2653 had to go to the shop this week to get several repairs done on them. Unit 2653 had to have a new radiator core put in because the old one had been leaking for some time. It also had to go to Tony's because of a broken spring on the rear axle of the tractor. Unit 2631 was found to have a broken rear shock which was causing a steering problem. Unit 2631 is back and in service. Unit 2653 will not be back until Friday because of a problem locating parts. I will report on Unit 2653's status at the Trustees meeting on Monday.

The current concept of maintaining 4 response cars to make fire runs and to make fire inspections in seems to work real well. However, Car 2613 which is the 1999 GMC Yukon is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. I will ask the board of the Trustees meeting to have it replaced as soon as possible. Money was budgeted under the current budget to replace a 1995 Ford Pick Up which we can put off for another year. I will discuss this with you in more detail at the Trustees meeting on Monday.

Two firefighters Kent Monahan and Tom Marshall have both submitted letters to me to allow them to retire and rehike. (Copies enclosed). We can discuss this further in executive session at Monday's meeting. + Mike Richardson of Larry Harp.

Discuss MEERER Again - Tom's choice to begin a business

Letter to Russ Sanders NFPA - Thanks for Recent Donations for Training Materials.

We are currently getting ready to administer a Sergeants Exam to about 10 firefighters so that we can establish an eligibility list. There currently is not a sergeants position open at this time, however this eligibility list will remain current until July 1, 2008.

This may come to a big surprise to all of you but Jordan has been here for over one year. She is going to make the best of her well earned one week of vacation; she is going to Florida to get married. That's right married! She finally was able to pin Kevin down and make him see who was boss. Congratulations to both of them! They're young and full of love!

You may notice a big change in the layout of some of the offices at Station One when stop buy. I have moved my office back down to the first floor so that I can keep an eye out on Dave, the new Major or so Dave can keep an eye out on me. Stuart, Dan, and Dave have taken over the large office in the back. The Captains and the Sergeants will now occupy the middle office off the bay floor. I think I can go on forever explaining where everyone is so I will stop here and just ask all of you to look around when you come by for the meeting on Monday.

Currently we have 2 new volunteers enrolled in the new recruit class that started this month. These 2 new recruits will train with about 15 other recruits from several eastern Jefferson County. If all goes well they will be graduating around the end of August.

Expenditures for February 2007

Item	Price	Budgeted
Replacement side mirrors for Unit 2631	\$1700	No
Drop ceiling in Sergeants Office	\$1200	No
One new office desk	\$600	No
Replace Unit 2613	\$35,000	Yes. Capital
Bulard Thermal Imaging Camera	\$11,000	Yes. Capital
Top secret training class. I will explain at the Monday meeting.	\$750	Yes

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
February 12, 2007

- I. ✓ Call to Order 5:30
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business *No Report Until Next Month*
A) Ambulance Committee Report - Wolfe
- VI. ✓ New Business
A) Tax bill - Legislature *More Dem's Call on this Night*
B) Discussion of goals for year *Spending & Fall News Letters*
+ Pass Complete CDH 8000 = Pass for Mailing
and get to handle Project
- VII. ✓ Executive Session
A) Survey - Report of Committee *In C 6:45*
OUT 7:37
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on February 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm - Harrods Creek Fire Department *Rick to Attend*
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on March 8, 2007
- X. *Approved to Try (1) Issue*
- XI. *Bill Rep. to Be on Chief's Long Range Planning - Rick Tonini*

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

February 12, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on January 16, 2007 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, John Volkerding, Jack Monahan, Faye Ellerkamp, Jim Graven and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Bill Seng, Frank Flynn, Charles McCune, Moss Clone, Stuart Monahan, Mike Richardson, Brandon Montgomery, Nick Clark, Sam McCune, Thomas Marshall, Derrick Miskell Kevin Moulton, and Kent Monahan

Minutes from January

The minutes of the January 16, 2007 were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Jack Monahan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report

Jim reported that overall the budget is in excellent shape. Incoming revenue is at 89.77% of budget after seven months. Expenses are at 56.98% of budget after six months.

Jim also discussed how the current money was spread in CD's local banks and that some new CD's will be purchased with recently received income.

Jack Monahan moved to except the treasures report, Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously,

2007

February 12, 2007, Trustee meeting:

Chief's Report

The Chief's report was given by Chief Seng. He reported:

1. Chief Baker of the Lyndon Fire District is in the hospital with a heart condition.
2. Area Chiefs will be meeting with Scott Brinkman and other elected officials to discuss the proposed chapter 75 tax rate changes.
3. Because of the addition of a Major Dugan to the command staff the weekly scheduled Battalion Chief program will be ended. In its place fill in Battalion Chief's will be used as needed when Chiefs Seng and Monohan or Major Dugan are out town.
4. The offices have been changed. Chief Seng is now in the front office, The on duty station 1 captain and sergeant are in the center office and Assistant Chief Monohan, Major Dugan and Captain Ryan are in the rear offices on the first floor of station one.
5. Four current firefighters have requested retire and rehire status for 2007. Sergeant Tom Marshall, Captain Kent Monohan, Captain Larry Heaphy and Captain Mike Willinger. Tom Marshall desires to rehire as a firefighter and the other will retain their current rank.
6. St. Matthews has 5 volunteer firefighters in the current joint recruit class.
7. Russell Sanders donated some needed NFPA publications.
8. A new Sergeants exam will be given to about 10 firefighters with the intent to establish an eligibility list for future sergeants vacancies.
6. January Expenditure Requests

1. Replace side mirrors on unit 2631 *with BE DONE ZMK* \$ 1700.00
2. Add a drop ceiling to the new sergeant's and captains office. *ON GOING* \$ 1200.00

3. Office desk for back office \$ 600.00
4. New Bullard thermal image camera for unit 2631. \$11,000.00
5. Special training class \$ 750.00
6. Replace 2613 command car using money budgeted for pick-up truck. Pick-up will be added to next years budget. \$35,000.00

Joe Wolfe moved to purchase the thermal imaging camera with recently donated money. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

John Volkerding moved to approve the rest of the requested expenditures. Jim Graven seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Joe Wolfe reported that the ambulance committee will meet later in the month.

New Business

Jim Graven presented an idea to create a four page color newsletter to be sent to all households and businesses in the district twice a year. The cost should be about \$14,000.

The board discussed the idea including the cost.

John Volkerding moved to approve the first newsletter to be sent out in late spring. Faye Ellerkamp seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini discussed with the board ideas that were passed to the chief about establishing long-range goals for the department.

Executive Session

Rick Tonini moved to go into executive session. Jack Monohan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously at 6:45 P. M.

The board returned to general session at 7:35 P. M.

Rick Tonini moved to establish a rule on the use of devices to record conversations on fire department property. Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Joe Wolfe and Chief Seng will work out the exact wording.

Rick Tonini moved for all hires and rehires to complete a more complete medical exam and a physical agility test. John Volkerding seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe moved to adjourn. Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be March 5, 2007 at 5:30 P. M.

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

NEW SOP

Subject: resolution regarding voice recordings

It having come to the attention of the Chairman of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District that one or more members may be recording their own or other conversations and that the use of such recording devices in the workplace has created a morale problem among some of those members who have complained to the chairman about the use of the recording devices and the Board having determined that the use of the recording devices in the work place is deleterious to the morale of the members, now therefore,

Be it resolved by the St. Matthews Fire Protection District that the use of recording devices in the work place or during working hours by members of the District is prohibited unless each the person seeking to record any conversation obtains the written approval of each and every participant of any such conversation. Failure to abide by this rule will be grounds for termination of employment.

Voted On & Approved 2-13-07



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Chairman

Secretary

2007

February, 2007, Incident Report:

March 2, 2007, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (02/01/2007) And (02/28/2007)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct. of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct. of Losses
1 Fire				
113 Cooking fire, confined to containers	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
124 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
	4	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents				
111 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	61	41.44%	\$0	0.00%
1111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
1112 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
	65	42.76%	\$0	0.00%
3 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)				
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	1.31%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring/)	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	1.31%	\$0	0.00%
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6 Good Intent Call				
400 Good intent call, Other	5	3.28%	\$0	0.00%
411 Dispatched & cancelled en route	26	17.10%	\$0	0.00%
421 Wrong location	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
432 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
451 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	9	5.92%	\$0	0.00%
452 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
	41	26.97%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
8 False Alarm & False Call				
745 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	3	1.97%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	4	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	4	2.63%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	6	3.94%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.65%	\$0	0.00%
	20	13.15%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	152		Total Est. Loss:	\$0

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: March 2, 2007
Re: District Activity

Don't forget, the March Trustees meeting has been rescheduled for Monday March 5th at 5:30 pm.

Repairs are still running a little high over the past several months. Last month I reported to you about 2631 and 2653 having significant repairs, this month it is Unit 2658. Unit 2658's alternator broke and had to be replaced immediately. The maintenance shop at Harrods Creek did this repair for us as soon as an alternator was located and shipped to the station. The truck was down about 3 days and the repair bill was about \$3100.00.

Unit 2613 is still creeping along. The front driver seat broke and had to be sent out to have the seat bracket welded. The goal is to keep her alive until the new Ford Expedition arrives which is in about 4 more weeks.

The new Ballard Thermal Imaging Camera that was approved last month has been purchased and is already in-service on Unit 2631. I plan on having some pictures taken next week with some of the guys using the camera so that I can send another thank you letter to William Iovenko. As we discussed last month I think he might enjoy seeing where some of the money he donated went to.

Jim Graves and his newsletter committee have met several times since last month and should have some sort of sample letter to present to the board on Monday.

I think I can safely say that the bill to raise the tax cap on Chapter 75 is dead. I will try to have the latest info on this at the meeting and give a report. *~ DEAN WILL NEXT TIME ~ WHICH IS GOING TO BE 4TH TIME*

We need to discuss at the meeting about the Trustees who's positions that are coming due in June. The Metro Mayor's office wants to know sixty days in advance who's terms are coming up for reappointment or election.

Expenditures for March 2007

Item	Cost	Budgeted
Radio Software Update	\$1,100	Yes
Web Site Software	\$725	Yes
Digital still and video camera	\$2,400	Yes
Southeastern Chiefs Conference	\$3,000	Yes

Approved

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March 5, 2007, Trustee meeting:



- I. ✓ Call To Order *5:34*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
 - A) Ambulance Committee Report-Wolfe
No Report
- VI. ✓ New Business
 - A) Tax Bill-Legislature *See Old Radio Tower \$500 to Charlie Ricketts*
- VII. Executive Session *None*
 - A) Survey-Report of Committee
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on April 19, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Eastwood Fire Department Station #1
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on April 16, 2007 *Monday 5:30*

All requested items are budgeted.

Rick Tonini moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the requested expenditures be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng had Mike Richardson briefly describe a training seminar titled "Black Sunday". The class is presented by one of four FDNY firefighters who survived an incident which claimed the lives of two firefighters. Richardson requested that the Board finance the airfare, room and board for the instructor. Richardson stated that the District could expect to be reimbursed from fees collected from the class registrations. Proceeds from the class are to go to the FDNY memorial fund.

Jim Graven moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the District pay air fare and expenses for the instructor and that all proceeds from the seminar go to the FDNY memorial fund. The District shall donate its costs to the memorial fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Ambulance committee. No report.

New Business

Charlie Ricketts has made an offer of \$500 for the old radio tower.

Joe Wolfe moved and Jack Monohan seconded that we sell the surplus radio tower to Charlie Ricketts for \$500. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Gravens presented the board with a sample of a newsletter design that he envisions the districts to look like. There is still work to be done on the project but he hopes to have a May publish date. 30,000 copies will be printed. There was positive feedback from those in attendance.

Chief Seng made a request on behalf of John Volkerding that the April meeting be moved in order to accommodate spring break. After a discussion, the April meeting was moved to Monday, April 16 at 5:30 P.M.

Chairman Eifler read into the minutes the following policy.

The use of audio and video recording devices in the work place or during working hours by members of the District is prohibited unless each the person seeking to record any audio or video obtains the written approval of the fire chief and each and every participant to such recordings.

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

March 5, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on March 5, 2007 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eifler called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

Trustees present were Tom Eifler, Joe Wolfe, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, Faye Ellerkamp & Jim Graven. Also present were Chief Seng, Stuart Monohan, Mike Richardson, Frank Flynn, Brendan Montgomery, Dave Dugan, Kevin Moulton, Nick Clark, Tom Marshall, Sam McCune, Mike Frantz, Charles McCune, Derrick Miskell.

The minutes of the February 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved, Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved. During discussion some minor typographical errors were noted and marked for correction. The minutes were approved unanimously as corrected.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Graven discussed the financial position of the District and he believed the District was in sound financial condition and all budget lines appear to be within budget.

Gravens reported the purchase of two certificates of deposits. One to Wilson and Muir Bank bringing the amount deposited with them to \$550,000. Another CD to Old National Bank bringing the amount deposited with them to \$500,000.

Gravens reported that the building fund and apparatus fund accounts have been created but are yet to be funded.

Chairman Eifler added that oral arguments in the Districts' lawsuit to recover back taxes will be held March 21 at the UL School of Law.

Jack Monohan moved, Rick Tonini seconded that the treasurers report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Operations

Chief Seng reported the following items:

E-One will be installing the bus style mirrors on 2631 during the next couple of weeks. The job is anticipated to take 2 or 3 days.

A drop ceiling will be installed in the Captains/Sgts. office Thursday.

The new Bullard thermal imaging camera approved last meeting has been placed in service on 2631.

The team building exercise at Lazar Blaze was reported to be a great success.

The replacement vehicle for 2613 has been ordered and should be delivered in the next three weeks.

2653 aerial ladder is out of service due to the spring locks not operating. The parts have been ordered and it is expected that it will take two weeks for the parts to arrive. This problem was discovered last fall during the aerial ladder certification test.

Chief Seng reported that the bill amending KRS Chapter 75 is dead. The bill was not allowed out of committee. A long discussion ensued on strategy and options for moving the bill forward in the future.

Chief Seng reported that the Metro Mayor wants 60 days notice prior to an appointed trustees end of term. Jim Gravens term is set to end in June.

Rick Tonini moved and Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the Board submit a letter of recommendation for the reappointment of Jim Gravens for this position. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that the application for a 2006 FEMA grant had been approved for funding by FEMA. Joe Wolfe gave a brief report on the details of the grant. The grant is intended to add a fire sprinkler system to protect Station 1. The grant in for the amount of \$58,850 and the district has a matching funds obligation of \$5,850. A discussion ensued on the bidding process required to select a contractor to complete the work.

The Chief requested the following expenditures:

- Radio software update: \$1100 to RCS. The purpose of this expenditure is to give us the ability to program our own radios.
- Website software: \$725 to CDW. The purpose of this expenditure is to give us the ability to add features to the website.
- Video and digital camera: \$2,400 to CDW. The purpose of this expenditure is to equip a District photographer. He expects Captain Volkerding to fill this role.
- Southeastern Fire Chief Association Conference \$3000.

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Letter on grant

Members violating this policy may be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

Rick Tonini moved and Jim Gravens seconded that the policy be added to the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business Joe Wolfe moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:44 P.M.

March 8, 2007, Letter:

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS
Fire Protection District**

240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207
(502) 693-7825

**William J. Scog
Fire Chief**

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*Learn Not
To Burn*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Joe Wolfe
Margaret J. Spivey
Jack Marshall
Pete Fleming

March 8, 2007

Terri Livers, EPA
Jefferson County Fire Service
410 S. Fifth Street, # 200
Louisville, KY, 40202

Dear Ms. Livers,

This letter is in response to the notification about a recommendation for appointment in the Board of Trustees for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

As of June 30, 2007 the term of Trustee James Gravens will expire. The Board of Trustees for St. Matthews Fire Protection District has unanimously approved to submit the name of James Gravens to Louisville Metro Mayor, Jerry Abramson, for reappointment to another term.

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

Sincerely,


William J. Scog
Fire Chief



Mr. Joseph Wolfe
Saint Matthews Fire District
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky 40207-5016

Re: Grant No. EMW-2006-FG-07643

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

On behalf of the Office of Grants and Training, I am pleased to inform you that your grant application submitted under the FY 2006 Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been approved. Along with the U.S. Fire Administration and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, we carry out the federal responsibilities of administering your grant. The approved project costs total to \$28,850.00. The Federal share is 90 percent or \$25,965.00 of the approved amount and your share of the costs is 10 percent or \$2,885.00.

As part of your award package, you will find Grant Agreement Articles. Please make sure you read and understand the Articles as they outline the terms and conditions of your Grant award. Maintain a copy of these documents for your official file. **You establish acceptance of the Grant and Grant Agreement Articles when you request and receive any of the Federal Grant funds awarded to you.**

The first step in requesting your grant funds is to confirm your correct Direct Deposit Information. Please go on-line to the AFG eGrants system at www.firegrantsupport.com and if you have not done so, complete and submit your SF 1199A, Direct Deposit Sign-up Form. Please forward the original, completed SF 1199A, Direct Deposit Sign-up Form, signed by your organization and the banking institution to the address below:

Department of Homeland Security
Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate (FEMA)
Grants Management Branch
500 C Street, SW, Room 334
Washington, DC 20472

Attn: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

After your SF 1199A is reviewed and you receive an email indicating the form is approved, you will be able to request payments online. Remember, you should basically request funds when you have an immediate cash need (i.e. you have a bill in-hand that is due within 30 days).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the awards process, donations, or how to request your grant funds, please call 1-855-274-0960.

Sincerely,


Currey Gruber



8832/2632 now serving as a quad at NOFD as 1442. It is sitting on the front line today while one of the newer rigs is out for service. It is one of the last "real" engines around. Did'nt know if you have seen it.. JW

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March 9, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, *The Voice Tribune*, Obituary: Former STMFD member.

ROSS H. "PAT" MALONEY



MALONEY, ROSS H. "PAT," 68, of Louisville, passed away Friday, March 9, 2007. He was a graduate of Atherton High School and the University of Louisville. He was the owner of the R.H. Maloney Company. He enjoyed membership in the St. Matthews Masonic Lodge, Kosair Shrine Temple, the Kentucky FOP, the Louisville JC's, and was a Kentucky Colonel. He served proudly for many years as a volunteer fireman for the St. Matthews Fire Department. He coached football, softball and baseball for the St. Matthews and Lyndon little leagues as well as football official for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Gail Parsons Maloney; three children, Jeffery Maloney, Kathy Hoar (Kenneth) and Susan Russo (Joseph); four grandchildren, Niklaus and Alexandria Hoar, Meeta C. Maloney and Kile Russo; a brother, Donald Maloney (Karen); and sisters, Betty Bramblett (James) and Jeanette Rodencial (John). A remembrance service for Pat will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, 2007. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Hospice and Palliative Care of Louisville.

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St. Matthews Masonic Lodge, the Kosair Shrine Temple, the FOP of Kentucky, the Louisville JC's and was a Kentucky Colonel. He served proudly for many years as a volunteer fireman for the St. Matthews Fire Department. Pat coached football, softball and baseball for the St. Matthews and Lyndon Little Leagues. He was also a football official for the Kentucky High School Association.

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A remembrance service was held Saturday, March 17, 2007.

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March 20, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, House burns off Hubbards Lane:

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The Courier-Journal Louisville, Kentucky

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Tuesday, March 20, 2007

UPDATED: 3:53 AM

House burns off Hubbards Lane

Firefighters from the St. Matthews Fire Department battled a house fire early Tuesday, extinguishing it about 3:45 a.m., MetroSafe Dispatch said.

No injuries were reported from the fire at the home at 4199 Blenheim Road, a dispatcher said. The house is just off North Hubbards Lane between Shelbyville and Westport roads.

The blaze was reported shortly after 3 a.m. and most of the fire was extinguished by 3:20 a.m.

Louisville Metro Police were called to help with traffic at the intersection of Hubbards Lane and Blenheim.

No details were available on the cause of the blaze or how much damage it caused.

Here are some shots from a house fire 4133 Blenheim Rd. 3-20-2007 in early A.M. This fire occurred while the owner was away in the hospital. Arriving units found fire through the roof. Heavy damage to cape cod style home. No injuries.

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March 20, 2007, Courtesy STMFD:



5551 Crew



5551W



Alan Unthank, Sam McCune, Frank Flynn



Alan Unthank



Alan Unthank, Joe Wolfe, Flynn



Chief Seng, Rick Tonini

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March 20, 2007, Courtesy STMFD:



Assistant Chief Monohan



Assistant Chief Monohan, side C



Damage downstairs



Dugan & Montague



Flynn Over hall



Hole in floor

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March 20, 2007, Courtesy STMFD:



Frank Flynn & Stuart Monohan



Stuart Monohan, Joe Wolfe, Sam McCune, Green



Stuart Monohan, Joe Wolfe, Green



Out the window



Wiggins, Dugan, Montague



Joe Wolfe

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March 23, 2007, Physical testing & more:



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March, 2007, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {03/01/2007} And {03/31/2007}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	2	1.13%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.13%	\$0	0.00%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	2	1.13%	\$10	100.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	3	1.70%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
	11	6.25%	\$10	100.00%

2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incidents

300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	73	41.47%	\$0	0.00%
3112 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	2	1.13%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	2	1.13%	\$0	0.00%
	79	44.88%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Conditions (No fire)

400 Hazardous condition, Other	2	1.13%	\$0	0.00%
410 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition,	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	1.13%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	8	4.54%	\$0	0.00%
	15	8.52%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call

500 Service Call, other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
510 Person in distress, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	2	1.13%	\$0	0.00%
550 Public service assistance, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	6	3.40%	\$0	0.00%
	12	6.81%	\$0	0.00%

6 Good Intent Call

600 Good intent call, Other	3	1.70%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	21	11.93%	\$0	0.00%
622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
	26	14.77%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call

700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.13%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	3	1.70%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	7	3.97%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	1.13%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	5	2.84%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.56%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	11	6.25%	\$0	0.00%
	33	18.75%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 176

Total Est Loss:


\$10

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The St. Matthews Fire Protection District is recognized as a progressive leader in providing the highest quality of emergency services. They are committed to the preservation of life, property, and the environment by effectively and efficiently meeting the emerging public safety and welfare needs of our diverse community. We accomplish our goals by maintaining the highest standards of professional service through continued training and education.

Station 1 - Headquarters
240 Sears Ave.
Louisville, KY 40207
Phone: 502-893-7825

Station 2
4400 Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40207
Phone: 502-895-2340

Latest News:

Firefighters perform STAND drill at Trinity
To show the consequences of drinking and driving, pictures and detail now up. [Click here for Story.](#)

Dramatic Duck Rescue
ENGINE 2631 was summoned by the public to assist with 12 ducklings who fell into the storm drains. Captain Flynn, Sergeant Montague, Firefighters Moulton and Montgomery responded and quickly assisted by gaining entry to the drainage system and corralled the helpless ducklings into a 5 gallon bucket. All 12 were recovered without injury and returned to mom!!!! Its all in a days work.

Runs to Date (4/16/07)
Fires.....28 Rescues.....3
EMS.....235 Other.....289

Department Email
Members Login

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As part of our Fire Prevention/Education outreach the St. Matthews Fire District has added a new tool, a first of it's kind. Geocaching for Fire Safety...Click the link to the left to learn more about our Fire Prevention Geocache

St. Matthews' Bravest and Finest Drill for Prom Safety.



St. Matthews Firefighters along with several other area agencies performed a STAND prom safety drill, to illustrate the dangers and consequences of drinking and driving. Trinity High School's parking lot was transformed into a motor vehicle crash. Students acted as victims, and the fire department extricated the student from the vehicles in front of the students and faculty. For the drill one student was "arrested" for DUI, another was pronounced "dead on arrival" on the scene and covered in a white for the ensuing police "investigation." Hopefully lessons were learned by all the student which will lead to a safe and fun prom season.





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The St. Matthews Fire Protection District has proudly provided quality service to this community for over 87 years. As professionals we must provide excellent service on each and every call, to each and every customer. Customer service begins with our respect for each other and our obligation to carry on the tradition of providing the best service possible to our citizens in the most professional manner. This philosophy must be continued by each successive generation of firefighters that wear a St. Matthews Fire Protection District badge.

William J. Seng
Fire Chief

Department Mission Statement

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District is committed to protecting the lives and safety within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our community by providing rapid and professional, humanitarian services, essential to the 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.

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History At A Glance...

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For over 86 years the citizens of St. Matthews and Eastern Jefferson County have been protected from fires and other disasters by a group of highly trained and motivated men and women. During those 86 years some 500 people have passed through the membership rolls of the St. Matthews Fire Department. Each of these 500+ firefighters has given of his or her time, talent and energy, many without compensation, to help provide a safer community.

The membership roster includes people from all different walks of life. There have been farmers, cobblers, mechanics, dairymen, small business owners, corporate executives, entrepreneurs, career firefighters, students and others. What all of these diverse individuals share is a love of community, professionalism, and a desire to serve.

Now Days ...

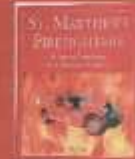
St. Matthews Fire Protection District is located Eastern Jefferson County, Kentucky and serves 7.5 square miles of dense commercial and residential property. We are a combination fire department, made up of approximately 20 volunteer firefighters and 29 career personnel. Our firefighters either live or work in our district and come from all walks of life. Every member is vital to our mission.

The department has two fire stations that house some of the most sophisticated equipment considered necessary for today's fire fighting demands. Among this fleet of fire fighting equipment is three engines, one quint, one 100' tractor-drawn aerial ladder, one specialized fan unit, and seven command and service vehicles.

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If you would like to know more about the St. Matthews Fire Department, Al Ring, a former member has written St. Matthews Firefighters, available online at www.firebrothershistory.com. All proceeds from this book benefit the STMPD Alumni Association.

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What is Geocaching?

Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game for gps users. Participating in a cache hunt is a good way to take advantage of the wonderful features and capability of a gps unit. The basic idea is to have individuals and organizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations of these caches on the internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches. Once found, a cache may provide the visitor with a wide variety of rewards. All the visitor is asked to do is if they get something they should try to leave something for the cache.

How do you pronounce Geocaching?

You pronounce it Geo-cashing, like cashing a check.

Are there any other names for Geocaching?

The GPS Stash Hunt, Global Positioning Stash hunt is interchangeable. Geocaching has become the standard for the game, however.

The word Geocaching broken out is GEO for geography, and CACHING for the process of hiding a cache. A cache in computer terms is information usually stored in memory to make it faster to retrieve, but the term is also used in hiking/camping as a hiding place for concealing and preserving provisions.

So what's the big deal? You gave me the coordinates so I know where it is. Seems pretty easy.

It is deceptively easy. It's one thing to see where an item is, it's a totally different story to actually get there.

What is a GPS device?

A GPS unit is a electronic device that can determine your approximate location (within around 6-20 feet) on the planet. Coordinates are normally given in Longitude and Latitude. You can use the unit to navigate from your current location to another location. Some units have their own maps, built-in electronic compasses, voice navigation, depending on the complexity of the device.

Coordinates -
N 38° 14.067
W 085° 38.670

UTM:
18S E 189632 N 423060

Geocache Waypoint
Name - GC1242F

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April 5, 2007, "Black Sunday" training:



April 11, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, by Martha Elson, Bequest to help Louisville, St. Matthews fire departments:

Friend of firefighters



Anne Stuart Duncan, who died last year at 95, was known for visiting fire stations and having her photo taken with crews.

Bequest to help Louisville, St. Matthews departments

By Martha Elson
melson@courier-journal.com
The Courier-Journal

As a young girl, Anne Stuart Duncan saw a house ablaze in Mockingbird Valley near her home and pleaded to her mother: "Take me! Take me!"

When they arrived, Duncan saw a fireman with a hose silhouetted against the flames and ruins. That was when her love for firefighters began, she said, in a video made for her will in 2005.

"Oh, my goodness!" she said. "That did it."

The experience sparked an interest that continued until her death at age 95 in November.

Now, a substantial part of the proceeds from the sale of her 10-acre estate at 404 Mockingbird Valley Road — expected to be about \$1 million — are to go to the Louisville Metro fire department and the St. Matthews and North Oldham County fire districts, said attorney Sara Almy, who represents the estate.

The Metro stations at Franck and Frankfort avenues in Crescent Hill and at Frankfort and Pope Street in Clifton are specifically named in her will.

Her property is one of the "larger intact country estates" in the River Road corridor, according to real-estate agent Larry Hayes.

It is protected from further development by a conservation

easement the Louisville Metro Council granted in 2004. Part of the contents were auctioned March 3, but a high bid of \$1.44 million for the house and property did not meet the minimum required, auctioneer Ken Hays said.

The estate was listed for sale at \$2.5 million, but Almy was to ask a judge yesterday to approve lowering it to \$1.9 million to reflect the easement's effect. Duncan had a Fire Dept. Lane sign by her back drive, and she was known for visiting fire stations and having her photo taken with trucks and crews.

St. Matthews fire Capt. Kent Monohan said Duncan visited the district's stations several times a year in recent times, transported by a caretaker. "Every time ... she would bring a ham," he said. "She put us on a scale higher than saints."

Monohan was a pallbearer with other firefighters at Duncan's funeral, and fire trucks from St. Matthews, North Oldham and Louisville led a procession from Ratterman's funeral home on Lexington Road to her home, where she was interred on the property.

At the funeral, a Saint Florian (patron saint of the fire service) medallion Monohan gave her was in her hand, he said.

Louisville Sgt. Robert Schmalz at the Pope Street station said Duncan had a broadcast scanner at home and would

COVER STORY



By Martha Elson, The Courier-Journal

Attorney Sara Almy, who represents the estate of the late Anne Stuart Duncan, stood on the porch of Duncan's home in Mockingbird Valley. Some proceeds from its sale will help several fire departments.



The Courier-Journal

"quiz" the firefighters about their runs. "It was her way of keeping in touch and knowing what was going on," he said.

A 1971 *Courier-Journal* story said Duncan also gave two television sets to a fire station to replace stolen ones and sent crates of fruit to various stations every Christmas.

She was like a mom or grandma to the firefighters at North Oldham in Goshen, Chief Rick Albers said. "She kind of adopted the firefighters as her family and took care of us for years. She ... loved us, and we

loved her." Any estate money would go for something that would be named for her, he said.

Albers, 52, was a teen in St. Matthews when he met Duncan through a Boy Scout Explorer Post at a fire station in Irish Hill. As far as Almy knows, Duncan lived at the estate her whole life. She was married for a few years to Thomas Edward Moran, a Canadian who served in World War II, Almy said. They divorced and had no children.

Duncan's father, Stuart, was head of the Peaslee-Gaulbert paint and varnish manufacturing company and her mother, Annie, was an independently wealthy "high society" person, Almy said. She also had a half brother, Almy said.

Judy Wild of Prospect, the estate's executor, and her sister cared for Duncan in her last years, and their brother lives there in a cottage. "She was family," Wild said.

Duncan also was an ardent preservationist who was "ecstatic" about the conservation easement, Almy said.

"It's the most powerful legal protection for a historic property that we know of," said Rich-

ard Jett, Metro historic preservation officer.

Among the requirements is that the site be open to educational and other public groups five days per year. The 100-year-old estate home was listed in 2003 on the National Register of Historic Places.

Duncan belonged to the Mockingbird Valley Preservation Alliance, which opposed a plan for up to 50 condominiums next to Duncan's home. She and the alliance were petitioners in an appeal of the Metro Planning Commission's approval of the plans by Henry Potter, but a judge upheld the approval.

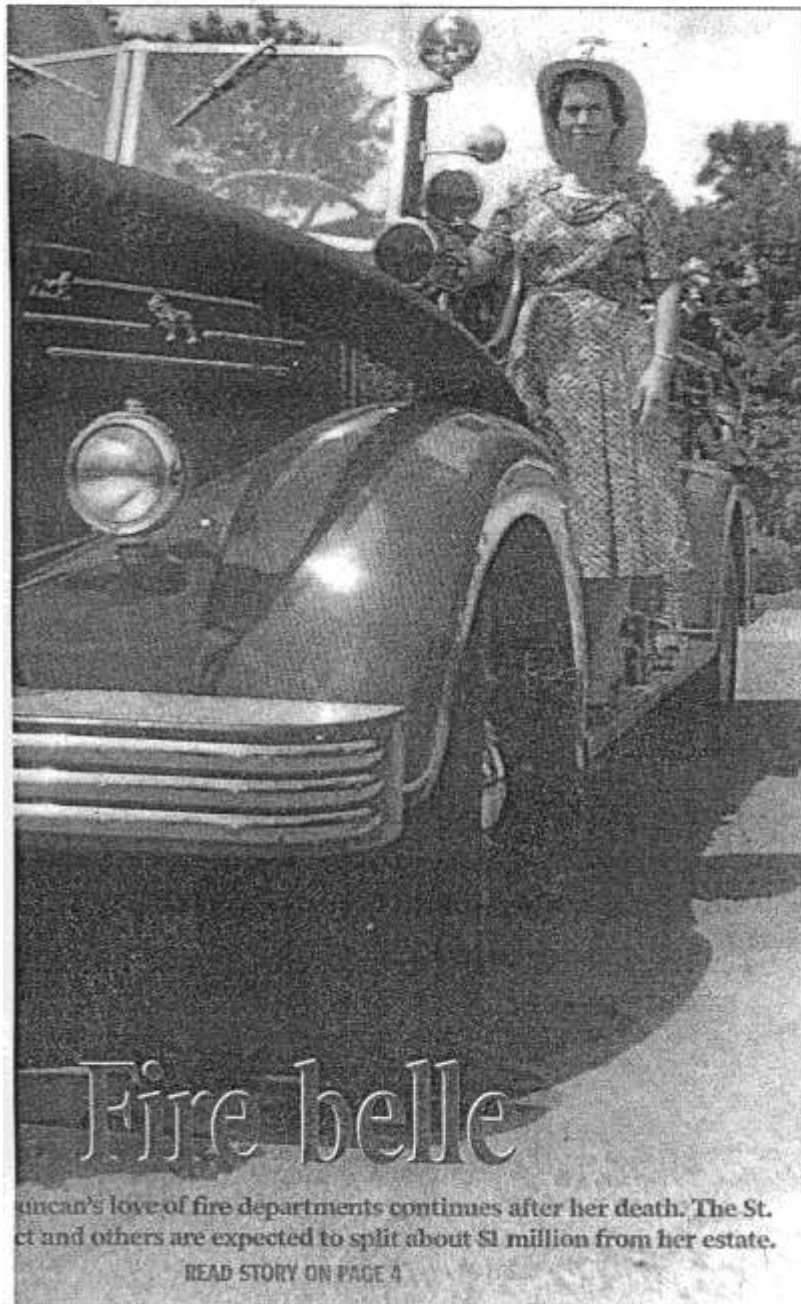
Francine Hagg, a neighbor of the Duncan estate, said she knew about her "strong feelings to preserve the property. ... You can just imagine living 5 minutes from downtown and having deer in your back yard."

Neighbor T. Dade Luckett said he and his wife, Marilu, knew Duncan "as a lifelong advocate for flora and fauna. She always wanted her land to be a friendly environment."

Reporter Martha Elson can be reached at (502) 582-7061.

2007

April 11, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, by Martha Elson, Bequest to help Louisville, St. Matthews fire departments:



Courtesy Anne Stuart Duncan's estate



2007

April 20, 2007, Letter:

April 23, 2007, Trustee meeting:

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: April 20, 2007
Re: District Activity

William J. Seng
Fire Chief

Please don't forget that the Trustees Meeting is this Monday April 23rd at 5:30 pm.

Several of our firefighters attended FDHC this past week in Indianapolis, IN. This conference is a great opportunity for our folks to get excellent training from renowned instructors from all over the world. The conference also enables our firefighters to see and feel new state of the art equipment that could possibly be used by the department in future purchases. Captain Richardson will provide me with a complete report on the FDHC conference that I will share with you as soon as it is completed.

Please see the enclosed separate sheet that outlines the status of vehicles and equipment that are in various states of repair. The maintenance department has been doing a very good job on keeping everyone up to date as it pertains to the status of both vehicles and equipment. Please keep up the good job.

The "Black Sunday" presentation about the fatal fire in New York City went off without a hitch two weeks ago and was a tremendous success! We did end up having the presentation here at Station 1 due to the fact that all of the other venues were unavailable. I don't have the exact numbers but it was well in excess of 130 attendees.

Unit 2653 is in need of some major repair as it relates to the suspension system on both the tractor and trailer. The total repair to have both the tractor and trailer repaired is about \$16,000. The minimum work that is needed to make it fully operational again is about \$5,000. This repair would only be limited to the rear axle of the tractor. I will try to explain this in further detail at the meeting on Monday.

Work on the newsletter is ongoing and Trustee Graven will be able to provide more information at the meeting on Monday.

I plan on asking the Board on Monday to hire the summer intern that we usually employ each year on a part-time basis. If you recall, we usually add on a part-time student each summer to help out with station duties and the extra work that is usually done in the summer months. I will discuss this with you at the Board meeting in greater detail on Monday.

See enclosed EA's for April's expenditures.

Jim Graven has a meeting scheduled for May 11 to make final adjustments to the news letter.

The Black Sunday presentation went off with no problems and 130 firefighters from the local area attended.

Chief Seng requested permission to hire a summer intern as we have done many years in the past. The intern will help with much of the extra work that is done during the summer and help insure proper manpower on 2653 during the heavy vacation season. Chief Seng would like to fill the temporary position with volunteer firefighter Michael Monohan.

The board discussed the merits of filling this position, including the hiring of Michael Monohan.

Joe Wolfe moved to hire Michael Monohan for the summer intern position. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The Chief requested the following expenditures:

\$5,500.00 for four sets of turnout gear

\$8,850.00 for the June 30th awards banquet. This covers all expenses including meals, awards, door prizes and a band.

Requested items are budgeted.

The board discussed the details of the awards banquet including the use of a band compared to a DJ.

Rick Tonini moved and Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the requested expenditures be approved with a DJ instead of a band. This should adjust total expenses for banquet to \$7650.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Ambulance committee. No report.

Joe Wolfe reported that the bid packets had been created and all local vendors will be faxed the information on the sprinkler system for station one that is being paid for with a 90% federal grant. The bid will be advertised to meet legal requirements.

Tom Eifler reported that the appeals hearing was held March 21 and we should have a ruling in four to six weeks.

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Fire Chief

Trustees Meeting Agenda
April 23, 2007

- I. ✓ Call to Order 5:30
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting.
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *Chief Presented*
 - A) Preliminary assessment numbers
 - B) Budget - 2007-2008
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
 - A) Ambulance Committee Report - Wolfe *No Report*
 - B) Legal - Hearing March 21, 2007 *Opinion of Joe Wolfe*
- VI. ✓ New Business
 - A) Election Committee appointment *Joe Wolfe, Tom Eifler*
 - B) Duncan Estate *No Report for*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session *Discussion of Kent Monohan Retire / Rehire as Temp. Empl.*
 - A) Survey - Report of Committee *6:33 to 6:41*
- VIII. The next ACFA Trustee meeting will be held on April 19, 2007 at 7:00 pm - Eastwood Fire Department Station #1
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on May 7, 2007 *C 5:30*

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

April 23, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on March 5, 2007 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, Jack Monohan, John Volkerding, Faye Ellerkamp & Jim Graven. Also present were Chief Seng, Michael Monohan, Mike Richardson, Dave Dugan, Charles McCune, Mike Frantz, Greg Crabb, Louis Stoke, Kent Monohan, Eric Sorensen, Ron Renner, & Forrest Marcum.

The minutes of the March 5, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved, Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Seng discussed the financial position of the District in the absence of Jim Graven and he believed the District was in sound financial condition and all budget lines appear to be within budget.

Joe Wolfe asked Chief Seng to move the newsletter expenses from the firefighter's recreation budget to the budget surplus line item.

Joe Wolfe moved; Jack Monohan seconded that the treasurers report be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Operations

Chief Seng reported the following items:

2653 aerial ladder needs work that can be done in two phases. The first repair is the priority and that is repair in the suspension of the tractor. Price is \$5000. The second repair to the rear trailer suspension can be postponed until after the effect of the first repair is studied is \$11,000.

John Volkerding moved to proceed with the \$5000 repair at this time. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion unanimously.

2007

April 23, 2007, Trustee meeting:

Tom Eifler reported that a letter was sent to the mayor requesting that Jim Graven be reappointed to his position on the board.

New Business

The board put together an election committee to oversee the volunteer firefighter trustee election in June. Joe Wolfe will be the chairman with Tom Eifler and Faye Ellerkamp also serving.

The board discussed the details as known of the Duncan estate. At this time it appears that the fire department will receive some money when the estate is finalized as per the will of Anne Stuart Duncan. Ms. Duncan loved firefighters and has left part of her estate to be divided between Louisville, North Oldham and St. Matthew's firefighters. How much and when this will happen is not known.

Kent Monohan requested that the board hire him as a temporary employee when his 30 day retirement is over. This temporary status will run for 5 months. At that time he would be hired back to his regular full time position. Captain Monohan explained that another department had done this for an employee who also retired. The benefit for Captain Monohan is he will receive his full retirement check for those 5 months. The benefits for the department are that as a temporary employee Captain Monohan will receive no benefits during this period saving the district over \$5000.

The board had a long discussion on this topic including insurance coverage and the risks for Captain Monohan.

Joe Wolfe moved that Captain Monohan be hired as a temporary employee as long as Chief Seng can confirm that Captain Monohan is covered under all insurance policies. John Volkerding seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan moved for the board to go to executive session. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously at 6:33 P.M.

The board returned from executive session at 6:49 P. M.

Jack Monohan moved to change the recently updated bylaws to reflect the board's long held policy of having one volunteer firefighter and one career firefighter fill the two firefighter positions on the board. This policy was created to insure that both career and volunteer firefighters have an equal voice on the board no matter which group is in the minority. Tom Eifler seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be May 24, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.

There being no further business, Joe Wolfe moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:54 P.M.

*CQ Princess cruise ship excursion
(This includes desserts and drinks)*

\$2004.75

*Sea Farer's selection menu for 98
(This includes podium and microphone
set up)*

\$3045.90

Band "The Decades" for 3 hours

\$1800.00

Door Prizes

\$2000.00

Total for 2007 Awards Banquet

~~\$8850.65~~
+ 7650.00

D.J. 600.00 10.00
= 500.00 12.00
Apprentice

St. Matthews Fire District Awards Banquet

Saturday, June 30th, 2007

Last years awards banquet was determined to be a huge success. 65 of us enjoyed dinner on the Veranda at Captain's Quarters Restaurant and then about 40 of us took a sunset cruise along the Ohio River while listening to a live band and enjoying the sights.

I encouraged feedback from everyone after the event to get ideas for this year. The only comments I received were for more appetizer food during the cocktail hour and possibly a different band.

With this in mind, I have included appetizer items including shrimp for the cocktail hour and have booked a very popular band called "The Decades" This year the band will be playing on the upper deck outside the bar area on the CQ Princess. This will allow guests to sit downstairs and enjoy coffee and desserts and enjoy good conversation while others dance the night away upstairs.

Enclosed you will find the quote with details that include dinner and a 2 hour cruise with band aboard the CQ Princess.

Banquet Agenda

6 p.m. Guest arrive in the lounge area, appetizers will be served

6:30-8:00 p.m. Dinner served Buffet style to include Caesar Salad, sliced tomato with mozzarella platter and fruit salad. Choice of Asian grilled Salmon, Chicken Breast Marsala, or Carved roast beef. Assorted breads and vegetables will also be served. Coffee, Tea and soft drinks provided as well. At this time awards and announcements will be made.

8:00p.m. Board the C.Q. Princess

8:30 to 10:30p.m. Sail on the C.Q. Princess for a 2-hour excursion to view Louisville's skyline and waterfront. Live Music and a cash bar will be on the upper deck while complimentary desserts and beverages will be served on the main level.

10:30 p.m. Arrive back at the dock. Those that wish to leave can do so while others may continue to enjoy the fun at the outside bar.

Additional information:

Dinner will be served in the restaurant instead of on the ship. This was done so both on duty crews can attend the dinner portion of the banquet. There are always members that do not want to attend regardless so trades can be made to accommodate those that want to attend the cruise portion.

Also, this quote is for a maximum membership attendance with guest. We have never had anywhere near a maximum attendance. I anticipate reducing this amount by as much as 10 or 20%

2007

April, 2007, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (04/01/2007) And (04/30/2007)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
121 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.18%	\$2,675	100.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
163 Unsub. fire	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
	8	4.73%	\$2,675	100.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
313 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	24	44.97%	\$0	0.00%
317 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled motorist	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
	31	47.92%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
413 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	2	1.18%	\$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	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
	11	6.50%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
510 Person in distress, Other	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
520 Water or steam leak	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
542 Animal rescue	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
	9	5.32%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
610 Good intent call, Other	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	21	12.42%	\$0	0.00%
617 Wrong location	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
	27	16.56%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
7 Good Intent Call				
701 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
702 Stress, report, bug or dust thought to be	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
8 False Alarm & False Call				
800 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
751 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
753 Smoke detector activation due to	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
755 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	0	2.36%	\$0	0.00%
760 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	4	2.36%	\$0	0.00%
761 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
763 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	0	4.73%	\$0	0.00%
764 Detector activation, no fire -	5	2.95%	\$0	0.00%
765 Alarm system activation, no fire -	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
766 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no fire	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
	16	17.75%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 169				
Total Est. Loss:			\$2,675	

ADVERTISEMENT OF ELECTION OF FIREFIGHTER TRUSTEE TO THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DISTRICT

THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO KRS 75.031, HEREBY ADVERTISES THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED TO ELECT A FIREFIGHTER TRUSTEE, TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd, 2007, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M. AT THE PRINCIPAL FIREHOUSE OF THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DISTRICT LOCATED AT 240 SEARS AVENUE, LOUISVILLE, KY.

CANDIDATES

John Volkerding

VOTERS FOR PROPERTY OWNER TRUSTEE: PURSUANT TO KRS 75.031, ONLY PERSONS WHO ARE ACTIVE FIREFIGHTERS OF THE DISTRICT IN GOOD STANDING AND WHO HAS COMPLETED THEIR ONE (1) YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION OF A FIREFIGHTER TRUSTEE OF THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DISTRICT.

NOMINATION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DISTRICT

NOMINATION: _____ PROPERTY OWNER; ☒ FIREFIGHTER TRUSTEE

TERM: JULY 1, _____ THROUGH JUNE 30, _____

ELECTION: SATURDAY, JUNE _____, 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

1. John Karl Volkerding Jr.
FULL LEGAL NAME
2. ☒ I AM A CITIZEN OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY; AND,
3. ☒ I AM AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE

PROPERTY OWNER TRUSTEE

- A. _____ I AM APPLYING TO BE A PROPERTY OWNER TRUSTEE.
- B. _____ I PERSONALLY LIVE AT: _____
- C. _____ I OWN REAL ESTATE, AN AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT: _____
- D. _____ I AM NOT AN ACTIVE FIREFIGHTER OF THE DISTRICT.

FIREFIGHTER TRUSTEE

- A. ☒ I AM APPLYING TO BE A FIREFIGHTER TRUSTEE.
- B. ☒ I AM AN ACTIVE FIREFIGHTER MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT.

I SOLEMNLY AFFIRM, UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY, THAT THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE.

DATE: May 1, 2007

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

THIS NOMINATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DISTRICT, 240 SEARS AVENUE, LOUISVILLE, KY. 40207 BY: _____ MAIL, _____ PERSONAL DELIVERY BEFORE MAY 1, 2007.

ACCEPTED BY THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE DISTRICT BY: _____ MAIL, _____ PERSONAL DELIVERY; ON THE DATE OF _____

2007

May 3, 2007, Derby Parade:



2007

May 15, 2007, Home Depot Multi Car/Mulch Fire:



2007

May 15, 2007, Group Pictures:



2007

May 21, 2007, Letter:

May 18, 2007, Sergeant Kent Dayton was suspended from the department.

May 21, 2007, Trustee meeting:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: May 21, 2007
Re: District Activity

Don't forget, May's Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 5:30 pm.

Unit 2691 is still waiting on a fuel pump from England. Hopefully it will arrive soon and get the blower back up and running.

Unit 2653 is still operational but it is still waiting on the new set of springs from Seagrave. Hopefully they will also arrive soon.

Unit 2601, the new 2007 Ford Expedition is completed and has been making runs for several weeks now.

Unit 2613, the 1999 GMC Yukon has outlived its useful life. I recommend to the board that we declare it surplus property and dispose of it accordingly. I will bring this up in the board meeting.

The State Fire Commission finally came through and gave us a brand new treadmill last week. The name brand on this piece of equipment is a "TRUE" and has a retail value of about \$5200.00. So next time you see us we may look a little thinner. If that statement were only true!

Wal-Mart last week donated a \$1000.00 to us as part of their give back to the community program. This is about the third donation they have made to us over the past several years.

Major Dugan will be attending a River Bats baseball game this week where Golden Living, (the parent company for St. Matthews Manor) will be donating \$ 500.00 to the fire district.

After 12 years of service the large dryer at Station 1 finally laid down on us. The internal drum finally broke down and had to be replaced. Replacing the drum cost around \$600 compared to \$1500 to \$1800 for a new dryer. Hopefully the new one will last just as long.

We are in the process of putting together a long range planning committee that will try to forecast where the department should be heading over the next 5 to 10 years. I have asked for

volunteers to submit their names to me if they are interested in serving on the committee. Within the next several weeks we should have a committee put together that will serve as the mechanism to take the St. Matthews Fire District into the future! *Rick Tonini will serve*

Don't forget that the Crusade for Children is right around corner. Please have your change ready!

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: May 21, 2007
Re: District Activity

Trustees Meeting Agenda May 24, 2007

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:27 — 7:10 END*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting.
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
A) Budget - 2007-2008 - *Graven*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
Chief Seng's Report - 2007-2008
- V. ✓ Old Business
A) Ambulance Committee Report - *Wolfe*
B) Election Committee Report - *Wolfe* *SEE ATTACHED*
C) *NEWS LETTER Update*
- VI. ✓ New Business
A) Sprinkler System - Station 1 *Bill Seng will be back at this Mt.*
B) *Bob Benson Contract 1 yr. up to \$7500.00 per yr.*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session
A) Survey - Report of Committee *1. SPEAK MT WED. 6-6-07 @ 5:30*
B) Personnel Issue *2.*
- VIII. The next JCTA Trustee meeting will be held on June 21, 2007 at 7:00 pm - Worthington Fire District Station #2 *Rick Tonini*
- IX. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on June 14, 2007

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

May 24, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on May 24, 2007 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Effer called the meeting to order at 5:29 P.M.

Trustees present were Tom Effer, Joe Wolfe, Rick Tonini, Jack Monohan, John Volkerding, Faye Ellerkamp & Jim Graven. Also present were Chief Seng, Michael Monohan, Charles McCune, Greg Crabb, Eric Sorensen, Brendan Montgomery, Larry Heaphy, Patrick Montague, Moss Clore, Matt Board, Sam McCune and Frank Flynn.

The minutes of the April 23, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved; Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Jim Graven discussed the financial position of the District. The District is in sound financial condition and we are within the budget as we enter the last month of the fiscal year. A check of the interest earned accounting has resulted in an increase in the interest income to date on the financial report. This money was in our accounts, but had not yet been reported as income. At this point the district has received 97.55% of budgeted income and spent 81.14% of the budgeted expenses.

Jim also reported that the tangible goods income is up 28% over the budgeted amount.

Rick Tonini moved; Jack Monohan seconded that the treasurers report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

2007-2008 Budget

The board reviewed the proposed budget prepared by Chief Seng. Projected revenue and expenses were discussed. The largest area of new expense is the increase in the state run CERS pension plan. Projected Revenue is expected to increase 5% over the actual revenue from this fiscal year.

2007

May 21, 2007, Trustee meeting:

The proposed operating expenses were reviewed with only modest increases where necessary. Extra money was added to the maintenance budget to cover projected work on 2653.

Chief Seng proposed a Capital Expense list for the Budget which included the following.

\$100,000 toward future apparatus replacement
\$ 28,000 for a replacement pick-up truck
\$ 24,000 for replacement of concrete pad in the rear of station 1
\$ 8,000 for matching funds for Sprinkler System Grant at station 1

\$160,000 Total Capital Expenses

The final issue discussed was employee raises. Because of the projected large increase in CERS payments, area departments are under very tight budgets.

Joe Wolfe discussed with the board that the Federal Government COLA was 3.3% and reminded the board that recent raises were not quite up to the COLA. He asked that the board not let the firefighter's income slip anymore and that the board approve a minimum of a 3.3% raise.

Chief Seng presented projected numbers to the board based on his projected budget that included the revised interest income that would allow the board to approve a 3.5% raise, budget \$160,000 for needed capital projects and have \$61,189 for reserve.

John Volkerding asked the board to include a volunteer reimbursement increase of the same percentage as the raises for career firefighters on an annual basis. This would replace larger increases that have been approved in the past every 2-4 years. No additional money will be needed in the budget to fund the increase.

Jim Graven moved to approve Chief Seng's proposed budget to include \$160,000 for Capital projects, \$61,189 for reserve and a 3.5% increase in pay for all paid employees and volunteer reimbursement. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Election Committee Joe Wolfe reported that the volunteer firefighter trustee election is June 23, 2007 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. John Volkerding is the only candidate. The election committee will make sure the polls are open as needed.

Joe Wolfe reported that the bids for the sprinkler system should be in by the next board meeting.

New Business

Chief Seng reported that the metro arson squad has asked the county fire districts for money to buy some needed equipment not in their Louisville Metro provided budget.

The board discussed providing the requested funds including why the equipment was not provided for in their metro government budget.

Rick Tonini moved that the board approve the districts share of the needed equipment up to \$500. John Volkerding seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng discussed with the board a request for the trustees association to hire Bob Bensen under a two year contract as our lobbyist in Frankfort. The board discussed the work done by Bob in past years and the upcoming work needed as well as why a two year contract was requested.

Joe Wolfe moved to approve up to \$7500 for the districts share of a one year commitment. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passes unanimously.

Chief Seng informed the board that Worthington has applied with Frankfort for a certificate of need to provide ambulance service in their district. It is thought that both Anchorage and Louisville Metro government will fight against this.

Jim Graven moved for the board to go to executive session. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously at 6:28 P.M.

The board returned from executive session at 7:08 P. M.

John Volkerding moved that the temporary intern firefighter be hired for the next available position and that Chief Seng and Joe Wolfe put together a program to establish a list of the best firefighter's available to be interviewed for future vacancies. Jim Graven seconded; the motion passed 6-0, with Joe Wolfe not present due to an emergency response.

Chiefs Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

2691 is still waiting on a fuel pump from England. Repair should be complete soon.

2653 is operational, but waiting on parts to complete the new spring repair.

The state Fire Commission gave the district a new \$5,200 True Treadmill.

Wal-Mart donated another \$1000 as part of their community program.

The fire gear dryer at station one was repaired with a new drum \$600.

A long range planning committee is being put together to chart the next 5 to 10 years.

The newsletter is almost complete and we are trying to deal with some post office rules concerning using a non-profit rate.

The Crusade for Children is coming up. Because of safety concerns we are going to try to avoid riding collectors on the hose bed of engines. We may need to rent a passenger van to assist in this effort. The proposed plan by Captain Volkerding is to use the pick-up trucks and possibly a van to transport the larger groups of collectors to the neighborhoods and then let them ride in the cab as needed when most are out walking. At the end of the collecting time period, the pick-ups and van if needed will return the collectors to the station.

The new command car is now in service and the old 2613 Yukon has outlived useful service and needs to be declared surplus and sold.

Jack Monohan moved to declare 2613 surplus and that Chief Seng sell it under eBay auction. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng had no expenditure requests for May.

Old Business

Ambulance committee. No report.

The next board meeting will be June 14, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.

There being no further business Rick Tonini moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 7:11 P.M.

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May, 2007, Birthday Party:



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May 25, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, Fire under control at high-rise condos on U. S. 42:

Friday, May 25, 2007



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UPDATED: 5:13 AM

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The Courier-Journal

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There were no known injuries from the blaze, which was reported at 12:26 a.m. and under control at 1:26 a.m., the supervisor said.

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The building opened in 1974, he said.

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Police closed the section of U.S. 42 between Lime Kiln Lane and Seminary Drive during the incident.



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Fire at Glenview Condos

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May 25, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, Fire under control at high-rise condos on U. S. 42:

UPDATED: 10:50 AM

Careless smoking caused high-rise fire

By Sara Cunningham
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The Courier-Journal

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Condominium managers were not available for comment this morning because they were looking over the damaged units, an employee at the building's front desk said.

For more on this story, read tomorrow's Courier-Journal.

Reporter Sara Cunningham can be reached at (502) 582-4335.

May 25, 2007: E-Mail from Captain Joe Wolfe from St. Matthews Fire District: I can tell you all you need to know. We were first due with the quint and we were right in the middle of it. One apartment unit involved. On arrival flames two stories high out of nine, threatening 10 & 11 floors. Many residents on balconies. Large elderly population in the building. We defended most in place but had to move a number of residents from immediate danger areas. The construction features of the building worked pretty good at containing the smoke to the floor and wing of origin.

Our arrival, I was directed to take control of the elevators which I did. Then we were sent to the fire floor to recon. We were first to the fire floor and encountered medium smoke no heat initially. Then when I opened the door to the fire wing I encountered heavy smoke and medium heat in the corridor. I was able to determine that the fire was in the first unit inside the fire doors by looking from a balcony on nine.

Command had immediately asked for 2nd and 3rd alarm assignments (eventually we went to 6 alarms) so by this time lots of resources were arriving. Command assigned me to Division 9 leader. We formulated a ventilation plan (STMFD fan utilized) and we decided to get the resources to the fire floor to try to get a quick knockdown. My quint crew, 2631 engine crew and Harrods Creek engine crew was assembled and we made the penetration down the hall to the fire apartment. Very aggressive attack made once resources were given to us on nine. Fire knocked down. I can't estimate how fast we had water on the fire because of time compression. It seemed like we were on the fire floor for a long time by ourselves (probably only a few minutes).

Bid potential for fatalities and injuries. I don't think there were either.

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Louise Ostrander from the 5th floor

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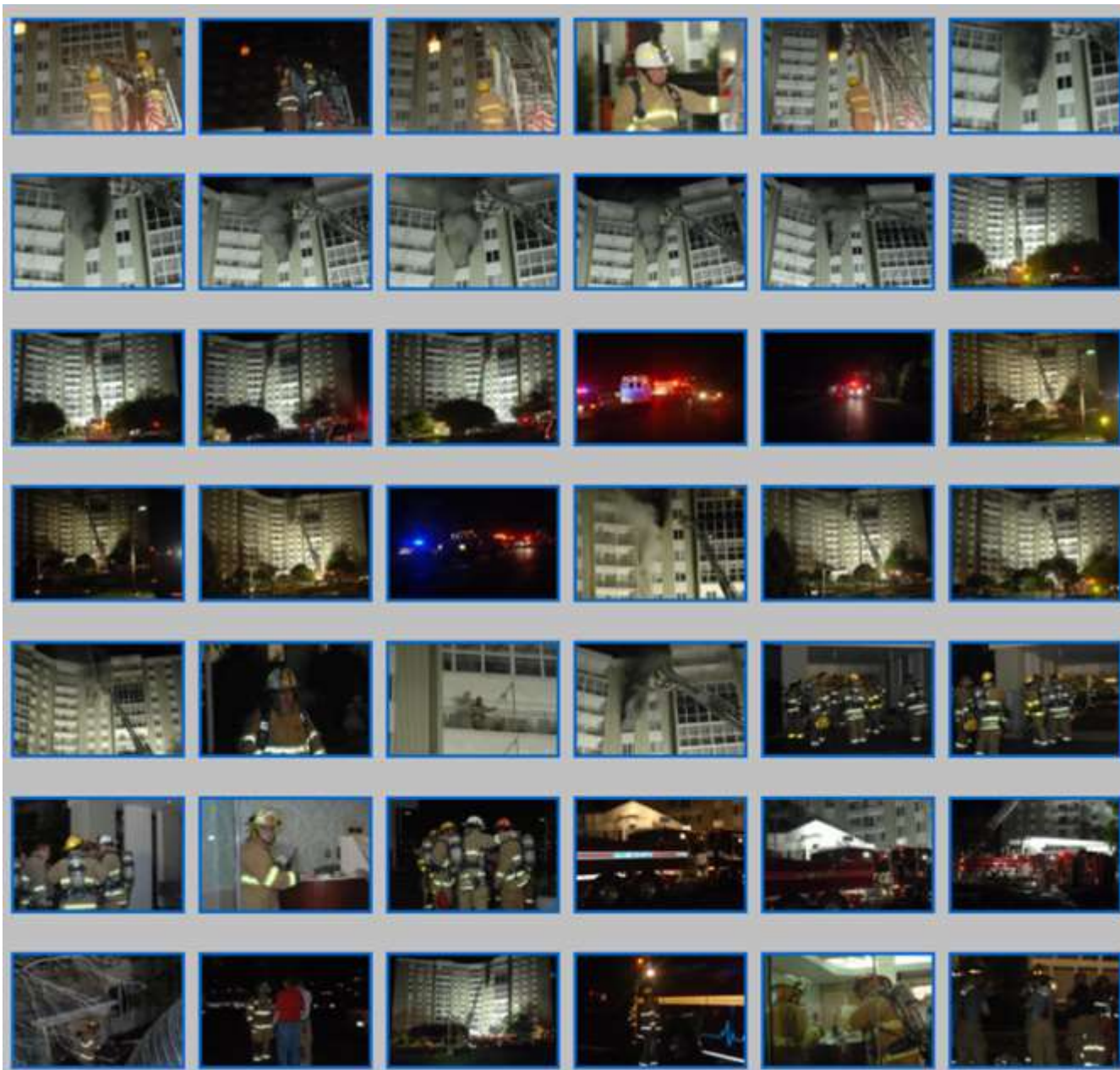
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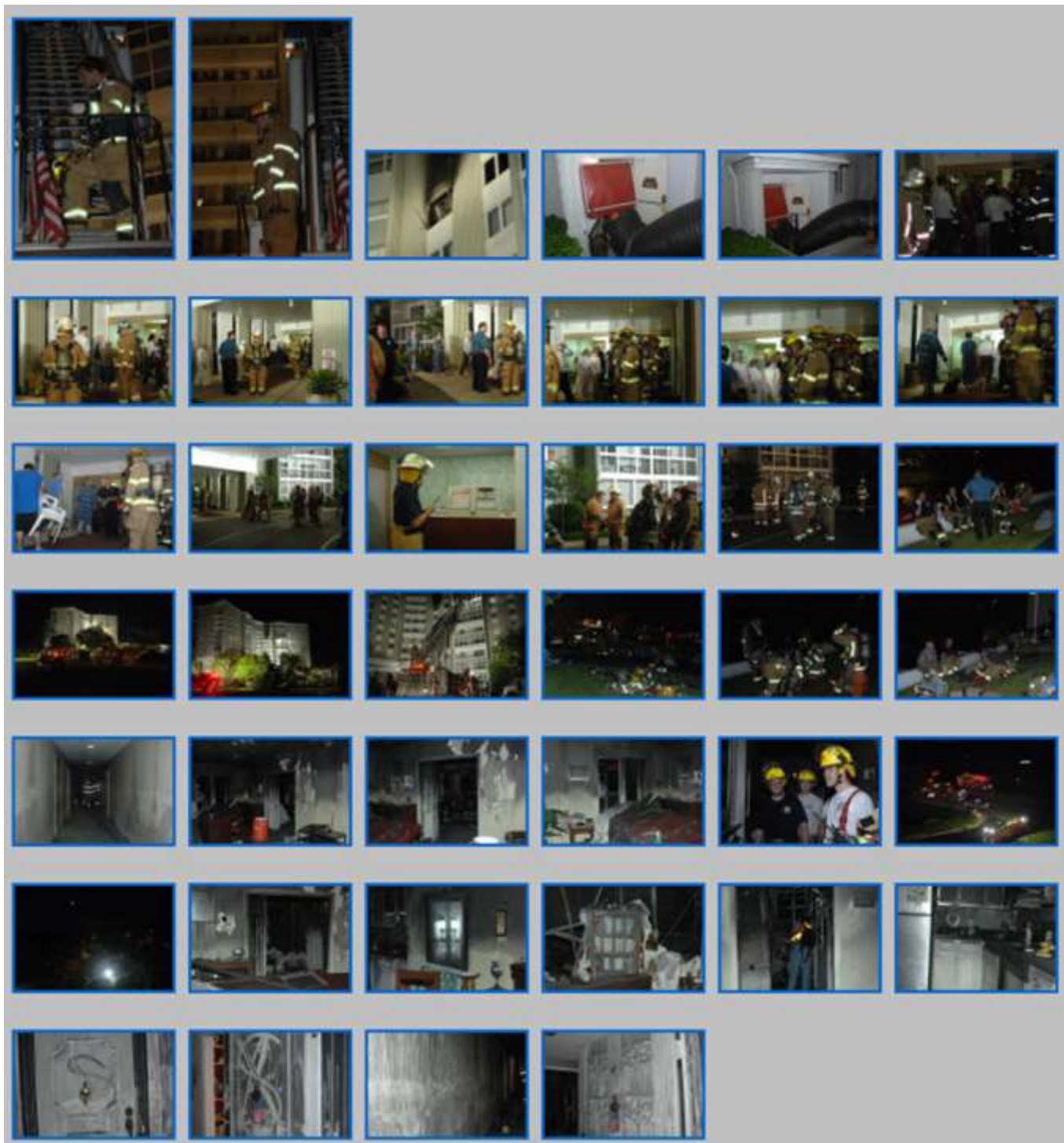
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May 25, 2007, courtesy hcfid.org: Glenview Condominium Fire courtesy HCFD.org





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May 25, 2007, WHAS 11 News:



TOP STORIES

High rise fire in Prospect

12:39 PM EDT on Friday, May 25, 2007



By Sean
Bartel

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- Nearly 100 firefighters responded to an early morning high-rise fire in Prospect. It happened at Glenview Towers in the 5100 block of US-42 across from the Temple, a complex with a large amount of elderly residents.

By the time help arrived, Holmsetta Green had already been in rescue mode until she needed to get out.

"And once we got out here the flames was roaring out the window," she says. "It was a frightful sight to see."

Around 200 folks saw that sight -- they lived it.

"Smoke and flames beginning to leak in, so I left there and ran into the hall," says resident Mary Thornton.

As firefighters tried to find a cause, most left the tower.

"This is a huge undertaking, multiple floors, lots of people, many of them elderly," says J.D. Brown of Harrods Creek Fire Department.

And while they all saw the damage outside, this was the inside of Apartment 941, where the fire started. Investigators are still looking for a cause, but despite how bad it looks, the fire didn't spread. The building's concrete walls contained it.

"Every fire we've had here, other than this one, which I haven't seen yet, has basically put themselves out because of lack of oxygen," says building manager Roy Kempf.

The woman who lived in that apartment suffered smoke inhalation, and was taken to the hospital. All others got out.

As for Holmsetta Green, "This is one of my former students, right here, how you doing darling, how's grandma?"

She found all her friends, and tonight, won't have to beat down any more doors.

Firefighters say as many as 20 residents couldn't return to their apartments because of the fire and no word when they'll be able to come back.

Web story produced by Jay Ditzer.

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Fire at condominiums is blamed on smoking

By Sara Cunningham
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Reporter Glenn Nesmith contributed to this story.



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Firefighters helped residents evacuate the condominium complex early yesterday. It took firefighters an hour to get the blaze under control. (By David Harpe, Special to The Courier-Journal)

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May 30, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, Holy Trinity honors its past-Parade Sunday will celebrate parish's 125th Anniversary, by Bill Pike:

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Holy Trinity honors its past

Parade Sunday will celebrate parish's 125th anniversary

By Bill Pike

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The Courier-Journal

Jack Monohan will combine two important aspects of his life Sunday -- the lifelong member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and longtime member of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District will drive a historic fire truck leading the parade celebrating the 125th anniversary of the church.

The procession will go from Trinity High School on Shelbyville Road, which was the church's original location, to its current site several blocks away on Cherrywood Road.



Holy Trinity Church, shown in 1882, began that year as a little country church. Courtesy of Holy Trinity

CELEBRATION DATES

Two events will mark the 125th anniversary of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 501 Cherrywood Road.

Sunday

Parishioners will gather at the church at 1:30 p.m. to be shuttled to Trinity High School on Shelbyville Road, the site of the first church.

They then will walk or ride to the Cherrywood Road site for an event called "Retracing Our Steps."

A blessing of the church's new bells and an ice-cream social will follow.

Sept. 8

A Mass will be followed by a dinner and remarks by the Rev. Clyde Crews, who has written histories of the archdiocese. For information, call the church at 897-5201.

Kempf said the teacher she best remembers was Sister Ambrose, an Ursuline nun who had her students memorize poems, including "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner."

"It was long, but sister didn't care," Kempf said. "I still remember some of those poems today. She was strict, but she was a good teacher."

Kempf remembers playing dodge ball and jumping rope during recess.

The school and church were rebuilt on Shelbyville Road in 1938, after a fire gutted them the year before.

"Everything but the four walls was gone," said Miriam Gravatte, who is preparing a parish history.

The fire engine that Monohan will drive was used to fight the fire.

Monohan said the figure he best remembers from those years was the Rev. John Knue, pastor from 1936 to 1945.

"He was a big man. He drove an old Hudson automobile," Monohan said. "He had a big voice, too. When he walked into a room, he took control."

Monohan, whose grandchildren are his family's fifth generation to belong to Holy Trinity, also remembered school lunches prepared by a cook he knew only as Mrs. Bauer. "The food was great. We had barbecue, chili, hot soups, hamburgers. There was always a vegetable and fruit. Lunch cost 15 cents."

In 1953, the growing parish moved to Cherrywood Road after donating the Shelbyville Road property to the Archdiocese of Louisville for a boys' school called Holy Trinity High School.

The school dropped "Holy" from its name in 1956 to avoid confusion with the parish, said Joey Porter, Trinity's vice president for advancement. However, "Holy Trinity School" is written in concrete over the front door of the old building, still used by the high school and called Old Trinity Hall.

The parish's new church had 630 seats. But that was soon too small as the parish grew, along with all of St. Matthews. In 1969, the parish built its fourth church, with 850 seats.

Holy Trinity now has 1,245 families and a total of about 4,300 parishioners, said the Rev. Charles Thompson, the current pastor. It has 745 youngsters in its school and kindergarten.

Those figures make it among the largest in the archdiocese.

Reporter Bill Pike can be reached at (502) 582-4243.

"We'll have the siren on, and we'll be ringing the bell," said Monohan, who was baptized at Holy Trinity in 1937.

Organizers are calling the procession "Retracing Our Steps."

Participants will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the current church, 501 Cherrywood Road, so they can be shuttled to Trinity High School, where ceremonies will begin at 2.

The parade's grand marshals will be students in the parish school who submitted posters to mark the church anniversary. They will ride on the fire truck.

The parade is set for Sunday because that's the feast of the Holy Trinity.

The parish also has scheduled a Mass and dinner Sept. 8 to mark its actual establishment.

Holy Trinity began as a little country church with 200 seats in 1882 on what was then called Shelbyville Pike. The first Catholic church in eastern Jefferson County, it was needed because Swiss and German immigrants had moved to farms east of St. Matthews, according to the book "St. Matthews: The Crossroads of Beargrass" by Samuel W. Thomas.

The area stayed mostly country until after the 1937 flood, which devastated much of western and central Louisville. That's when St. Matthews began growing, said Mary Jean Kempf, who attended Holy Trinity School during the 1930s.



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May 2007, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {05/01/2007} And {05/31/2007}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	8	3.94%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
119 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	2	0.98%	\$0	0.00%
141 Forest, woods or wildland fire	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	0.98%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
150 Outside rubbish fire, Other	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
	18	8.86%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	93	45.81%	\$0	0.00%
312 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
360 Water & ice-related rescue, other	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
	95	46.79%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	0.98%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	0.98%	\$0	0.00%
451 Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3	1.47%	\$0	0.00%
	9	4.43%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
511 Lock-out	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	2	0.98%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	6	2.95%	\$0	0.00%
	11	5.41%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	9	4.43%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	18	8.86%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	2	0.98%	\$0	0.00%
632 Prescribed fire	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
7 Good Intent Call				
751 Smoke spars, odor of smoke	6	2.95%	\$0	0.00%
752 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	0.98%	\$0	0.00%
	39	19.21%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	5	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
712 Direct tie to FD, malicious false alarm	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	5	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	0.98%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	5	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	4	1.97%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	5	2.46%	\$0	0.00%
	31	15.27%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 203

Total Est Loss:

\$0

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June 2007, Crusade for Children:

2007 Crusade for Children Donation Talley									
Event	Tuesday Night	Wednesday Night	Thursday Night	Friday night	Saturday morning	Saturday Afternoon	Saturday night	Sunday Morning	Totals
2631	\$817.15	\$656.16	\$918.49	\$1,568.63	1,756.98	658.80	806.44		\$7,192.65
2633	\$2,037.66	\$1,814.14	\$2,175.25	\$476.67					\$6,503.72
2634	\$1,775.80	\$3,031.19	\$1,626.85	\$3,924.96	2,893.34	1,098.04	648.47		\$14,998.65
2653	\$390.68								\$390.68
2691									
2658	\$3,074.25	\$2,299.19	\$4,534.92	\$1,714.04	4,113.73	2,061.91	1,189.41		\$18,987.45
2694		\$446.06	\$438.22			655.30			\$1,539.58
2613		\$781.71							\$ 781.71
2692								70.00	
Misc			Rosie's \$234.09				\$ 27,320.00		
Session Total	\$8,095.54	\$9,028.45	\$9,693.73	\$7,684.30	\$8,764.05	\$4,484.05	\$29,964.32	\$ -	\$77,714.44
Last Year	\$7,202.35	\$6,179.15	\$5,842.35	\$6,993.48	\$8,718.68	\$5,303.89	\$18,570.66	\$4,776.39	\$63,586.95
Difference	\$893.19	\$2,849.30	\$3,851.38						

* Negative
* Positive

June, 2007: Old S3 is for sale on E-Bay: Rick Albers bought S3—



Type:	Fire	Number of	--
Class:	--	Axles:	--
Make:	Seagrave	Engine	Cummins
Model:	900-B	Make:	Cummins
Year:	1963	Engine	--
Mileage:	14796	Horsepower:	--
Title:	Clear	Fuel Type:	Diesel
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):	--	Transmis-	Manual
Condition:	Used	sion Type:	--
		sion Speeds:	--
		Suspension	--
		Type:	--
		Tire Size:	--

Up for auction is a 1963 Open cab Seagrave model 900 B serial # P. 420 date 12-04-63. This truck is originally from St. Matthews Ky. It has a Cummins diesel engine model NTC-290. This truck is loaded and an easy driver with power steering. She lights up like a Christmas tree at night with all the red lights and running lights and the great MARS 888 light. It has the federal Q in the nose without a brake and it seems to wind down forever. It has the following; Cummins engine with turbo Hale 1250 pump Seagrave bell mounted on officer side Air brakes Air horns Power Steering Federal Q Mars Model 888 Federal Model 174 A red light - Light does not rotate 360 degrees, It Oscillates back and forth 4 red lights on front of the truck - 1 each on each side of truck by the windshield and 1 each side above the front bumper next to turn signal lights 1 red light on each side of hose bed 2 red lights on rear of truck 4 spot lights 2 each on rear and 2 each in cab Booster reel with hose and nozzle 2 extinguisher 1 water, 1 CO2 1 fire ax New batteries

(2) Ladder Right side 14' roof and 35' extension Left side 12' roof and 24' extension This truck has suction intakes on the front and rear of the truck. It also has 4 2 1/2 discharges on the rear of the truck. I have never pumped the truck, but I did put it in pump gear and did not hear any bad noise. I think it would pump BUT NOT for sure. The truck had a per-connect 1 1/2 line mounted on the front of the truck across the bumper. I removed it and replaced the large Seagrave emblem. The mount, hose and nozzle will come with the truck if the winner wants to put it back on. I believe the truck has the original paint and comes with all battle scars, chips and scratches. The down side is it will need one tire on the rear soon, has a very small leak in the radiator (not serious) and the diesel engine smokes a little when idling. You are buying the truck AS IS with no warranty. The truck runs and drives great and I have driven it in many parades and around the neighbor with the little kids and the big kids. Please ask question before you bid. Local pick up only. The winning bidder is responsible for all shipping cost and arrangements. I can help on this end with loading. Remember, if you are the winning bidder you bought it. Please ask any questions prior to bidding. Engine is listed locally and I may end this auction at anytime, so do not wait until the last minute to bid.

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June 5, 2007, Car Wreck:



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June 6, 2007, <http://www.archlou.org/therecord/article82566c217763.htm> —Holy Trinity parish celebrates its 125th year in St. Matthews,

The Record



Holy Trinity celebrated its 125th anniversary with a parade of parishioners on June 3.

Holy Trinity parish celebrates its 125th year in St. Matthews

Glenn Rutherford
Record Assistant Editor

More than 100 parishioners visit church's former sites; their parade back to its current location on Cherrywood Road

There was a time when Holy Trinity Church in St. Matthews was surrounded more by fields and farmland than streets and houses.

More than a century ago — long before the St. Matthews neighborhood became an incorporated city in 1950 — the area was an agricultural center east of the city of Louisville, a small village on its own with a group of markets and merchants centered along the rail line that ran through town.

Just east of the rail station and adjacent to what is now Shelbyville Road, the first Holy Trinity Church was dedicated 125 years ago. And on this past Sunday, June 3, more than 100 parishioners gathered at that original spot — which is now the site of the Trinity High School gymnasium — and held a brief service there and at the three other former locations of the church.

Parishioners, led by Holy Trinity's pastor, Father Charles Thompson, visited each of the church's former sites at Trinity High, then they walked behind a 1931 Seagrave fire engine, restored by members of the St. Matthews Fire Department, back to the church's current location on Cherrywood Road.

Once there, Father Thompson dedicated the parish's new carillon and the parishioners enjoyed an old-fashioned ice cream social to celebrate the occasion.

The first time parish member Dean Washbish set foot in Holy Trinity Church, it was 55 years ago and he was a visitor attending Mass in the wooden building that was then home to the parish.

"Five years later my wife (Boots) and I returned to Louisville and I've been a member of the parish for 50 years," he said. They raised their six children in the parish and school, and for a while, Washbish was the school's football coach. Along with other members of the parish, he tried to persuade Msgr. Charles C. Boldrick of the need to build a parish gymnasium.

"He was a wonderful man but he was tough," Washbish said. "I remember once I was going to confession, and the confessionals had names on them, Msgr. Boldrick and Father Norris, and I got in line for Father Norris but it turned out Msgr. Boldrick was in that confessional instead."

Washbish offered a brief confession, he said, then stepped into the line for the other priest.

"And I said 'forgive me Father, for I have sinned...it's been five minutes since my last confession,'" he said. "I'll never forget that."

The parish finally created a gymnasium, Washbish noted, by convincing Father Boldrick of the need to build another church. "Then we used the old one for a gym," he said.

Back in the 1930s, the parish built a 12-room house for nuns who served at the school, and in 1936 the church building — which included the school on the second floor — was enlarged. The church could seat 550 people at that time, but less than a year after the expansion, a fire gutted the building and left only the four walls standing.

The 1931 fire truck that led the parish parade on Sunday was part of the equipment that fought the fire.

It was driven by Jack Monahan, who is retired from the St. Matthews Fire Department. "We're educating our fifth generation of Monahans at Holy Trinity School these days," he said.

The fire truck looks show-room new, with gleaming brass and wooden floor boards and running boards. "It's on its second engine, it's fifth transmission, its seventh set of tires, and its second water tank," Monahan explained.

"This truck is known as 'Betsy,'" he said with more than a hint of pride. Monahan also personally owns a restored 1921 Stutz ladder truck and a 1930 Model A Ford fire chief's car.

For the parade, students from each grade at Holy Trinity — who won an anniversary-celebration poster contest — were allowed to ride on the fire truck from Trinity High back to the Cherrywood Road location.

These days, Holy Trinity has nearly 1,200 members. Back in 1950, the parish boundaries reached out to Anchorage and beyond Middletown. According to the history prepared for the special ceremony by parishioner Mariam Gravatte, the parish census was 3,300 in 1950 and Holy Trinity School had an enrollment of nearly 850.

That year the parish was divided into three parts, with St. Margaret Mary and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes being created from the huge St. Matthews church. A new school, church, convent and rectory were built on the Cherrywood Road location in 1953, and a half-dozen years later, the church had again grown so large that two more parishes were formed from Holy Trinity — St. Albert the Great and Mother of Good Counsel.

When the parade made its way from Trinity High to the current parish location, more than 100 people walked behind the fire truck while portable loud speakers played rag time and marching tunes, including "When the Saints Go Marching In."

And after blessing the carillon — and the parishioners — Father Thompson noted that the heat and humidity that surrounded the parade made ice cream social especially enjoyable.



2007

June 12, 2007, Letter: June 13, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, Fire damages Rolling Fields home:



Another Crusade for Children has come and gone, and as usual we had another good year. Everyone worked really hard at this year's collection including several trustees who put in many hours to help us reach our goal. We also had the help from the Scouts from Our Lady of Lourdes who also made this year's collections possible. Thanks to everyone!

This year's annual Firefighter Stand Down will be held June 18th through June 20th. These are the days designated by the IAFC and the IAFF as days that should be used to do nothing but awareness training on firefighter safety. This is Major Dugan's area of expertise and he has planned a very informative and fun day of information concerning firefighter safety.

Apparatus Status

Unit 2658 needs new tires (see enclosed EA) and the generator is out for service.
Unit 2631, 33, and 34 will be going to the shop over the next week for air-condition service.
Unit 2613 is currently getting cleaned up so that it can be placed on e-bay for sale.
Unit 2691 is in service but still waiting on a new fuel pump for the diesel blower motor.

The back concrete ramp at Station One is in desperate need for repair. Please take a look at it before the board meeting on Thursday so you will be familiar with it when we discuss replacing it at the board meeting. We should have several bids on it by then.

Assistant Chief Monahan and I will be attending the Southeastern Chiefs Conference in Daytona Beach Florida, June 20th through June 23rd. Major Dugan will be riding as Acting Chief in our absence.

Other personnel issues are as follows:

Eric Sorenson will be out for several weeks due to recent gall bladder surgery.
Kevin Moulton has been out for two weeks with a sprained ankle and will most likely be out one more week.
Kent Dayton did submit a letter of retirement, effective June 1, 2007.
Michael Monahan has been moved from day work to shift work, effective June 11, 2007.

The fire district newsletter is still moving forward and should be ready for print late next week. We have been waiting to see if we qualified for a non-profit mailing status, which we just found out today we don't.

See you Thursday at 5:30pm

Expenditures for June 2007

4 replacement truck tires for Unit 2658	\$1,889.52
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UPDATED: 4:30 AM
Fire damages Rolling Fields home

Firefighters from four departments battled a blaze early Wednesday at a home in the 400 block of Rolling Lane, a spokesman for Louisville Fire & Rescue said.

The fire, called in at 3:24 a.m., was under control at 3:57 a.m., the spokesman said, adding that there were no injuries.

In addition to Louisville Fire & Rescue, members of the St. Matthews, Lyndon and Harrods Creek departments were involved, the spokesman said.



2007

June 14, 2007, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS
Fire Protection District**

240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207
(502) 893-7625

**William J. Seng
Fire Chief**

Trustees Meeting Agenda
June 14, 2007

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Thomas C. Eifler, Chairman
James P. Green, Treasurer
John Volkerding, Secretary

*Learn Not
To Burn*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Jim Graven
Rick Tonini
John Monohan
Faye Ellerkamp

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

June 14, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on June 14, 2007 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, John Volkerding, Faye Ellerkamp & Jim Graven. Also present were Chief Seng, Michael Monohan, Patrick Montague, Moss Clore, Matt Board, Sam McCune, Larry Heaphy, Tony Glass, Mike Richardson and Dave Dugan.

The minutes of the May 24, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Joe Wolfe moved; Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven discussed the financial position of the District. Jim reported again that the District is in sound financial condition and we are within the budget as we complete the last month of the fiscal year. At this point, the district has received 100.66% of budgeted income and spent 88.83% of the budgeted expenses. Jim reported all the current CD rates are 5 1/4% to 5 3/8%.

Joe Wolfe moved; Rick Tonini seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

Another Crusade for Children has come to a successful end. The hard work of our firefighters, their families and the Boy Scouts from Our Lady of Lourdes made it possible to reach our goal.

The clean-up of 2613 is almost complete and it will be sold as surplus on Ebay shortly.

2631, 2534, & 2633 will have their air-conditioning serviced next week.

2691 is in service, but it is still waiting on the arrival of a new fuel pump.

The district newsletter is moving forward and should be ready for print later in the month. The district was unable to get the non-profit mailing status.

Chief Seng and Assistant Chief Monohan will be attending the Southeastern Chiefs' Conference June 20th through June 23rd. Major Dugan will be Acting Chief in their absence.

The next chapter 75 revision meeting will be September 26th.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditure's for June:

Four replacement Tires for unit 2658 \$1,889.52

Rick Tonini moved to approve; Joe Wolfe seconded to approve the expenditure's. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Ambulance committee.

Chief Seng reported that Worthington is still moving forward with their idea to create an ambulance service district. There is some opposition expected from metro government and Anchorage Ambulance District.

Election Committee

Joe Wolfe reported that the volunteer firefighter trustee election is June 23, 2007 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. John Volkerding is the only candidate.

New Business

Joe Wolfe reported that the bids for the sprinkler system are coming in. Chairman Tom Eifler appointed a committee made up of Chief Seng, Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding and Tom Eifler to review the bids.

Jim Graven moved; John Volkerding seconded to allow the committee to award the sprinkler contract so construction can begin. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that the concrete ramp in the rear of station one is breaking up and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Since the work was approved as part of the next fiscal year budget, and the work would not be completed until July, he requested bids from contractors. The three bids received were as follows.

Kingsbury Concrete	\$12,950
Joe Park Concrete	\$12,597
Isaac Contracting	\$12,525

All bids are well below the \$20,000 budgeted for the project.

Rick Tonini moved to approve awarding the project to Isaac Contracting. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be July 12, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.

There being no further business Rick Tonini moved and Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:18 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

2007

June 14, 2007, Trustee meeting: Bids

B & B Fire Protection, Inc.

Approved

June 11, 2007

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

Re: Sprinkler System @ 240 Sears Avenue Facility

Gentlemen:

We propose to install sprinklers, as described below, for the sum of (\$61,200.00) Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and 00 Cents.

Included are labor, materials, design and submittal fees for approximately 260 sprinklers on a new wet pipe system.

Sprinklers in finished areas will be chrome pendant semi recessed, in exposed areas will be brass uprights and brass sidewalls under the overhead doors.

Underground piping will include approximately 70' of 6" C900 DR-18 PVC and run from the basement to a new city main connection in Lyndon Way.

Excavation and backfill are included, however rock or unforeseen obstructions have not and if encountered removal shall be extra.

We have not included the following:

1. Painting of piping.
2. Electrical wiring of supervisory switches.
3. Seismic bracing.
4. Prevailing wages.

We appreciate this opportunity and look forward to working with you on this project.

Thank you,

E. Mayer

Ed Mayer
B & B Fire Protection, Inc.

328 Production Court • Louisville, KY 40299 • (502) 491-1274 • fax (502) 491-8307



Hussung Mechanical Contractors, Inc.

6013 Enterprise Drive • Louisville, Kentucky 40214 • (502) 375-3500 • Fax (502) 375-0000

June 12, 2007

Capt. Joe Wolfe
St. Matthews Fire Department
Louisville, Kentucky

RE: **St. Matthews Fire Station Facility
Fire Protection / Sprinklers**

Dear Capt. Wolfe:

The Fire Protection Division of Hussung Mechanical Contractors, Inc. is pleased to provide our quotation for the fire protection/sprinkler work at the above-referenced project for the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$61,951.00).

Scope of Work

1. The work is to be done according to NFPA #13 and Kentucky Building Codes.
2. The work is to be completed during regular working hours, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
3. We have included material, labor, permit, design drawings and freight to the jobsite.
4. HMC will install underground 5'-4" from building.
5. HMC will install a full fire suppression system per Floor Plans dated 4/30/07 and per site visit.
6. HMC will expose piping on Middle Floor Plan due to drywall ceilings.
7. HMC will start work approximately 4 to 6 weeks after award of contract with completion no later than 1/15/08.

Exclusions

1. Electrical wiring to put specified alarms in service.
2. Painting of the piping.
3. Removal of rock or boulder for unforeseen objects.
4. Backflow preventer.
5. Fire suppression in Training Tower per request.
6. Repair and/or patching of drywall.
7. Cutting of ceiling tiles for sprinkler heads.
8. We have excluded taxes from our price.



Bullitt Fire Sprinklers, Inc.
AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTOR

6/25/2007

St. Matthews Fire Dept

Re: Sprinkler system

Attn: Bill Seng

Dear Mr. Seng,

For the sum of \$61,200.00, we propose to provide labor and materials to perform the following:

EXTERIOR:

Start at a tap made by the Louisville Water Co and install approximately 60'-4" of 4" C900 PVC piping. We will core drill and seal the basement wall.

EXTERIOR EXCLUSIONS:

Tap or related fees, back excavation, Offsets due to unforeseen underground obstacles or utilities, Cutting or replacing pavement or sidewalks, Any special backfill other than the excavated materials, seeding grass areas.

INTERIOR:

Install a complete wet sprinkler system to meet the minimum requirements of the Fire Marshal according to Paragraph #13 of the N.F.P.A.

Sprinklers to be chrome in finished areas and brass in unfinished areas.

We will install a fire and tamper switch. (Wired by others)

We will install piping above finished ceilings wherever there is room and is feasible to do so.

INTERIOR EXCLUSIONS:

Painting, Electrical, Provisions for any unheated areas, monitoring.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this quote and look forward to working with you on this project.

Very truly,

D. Kelley
Doyd Kelley
President

Louisville, KY
(502) 555-0452

140 Dakota Drive, Box 377
Mt. Washington, KY 40047
(502) 538-6183

FAX: (502) 538-8714


2007

June 14, 2007, Trustee meeting: Safety Forum Info

Safety Officers ~ Train & network with your peers!!!!

at the
Fire Department Safety Officers Association's

Preliminary Program



Register prior to
July 31, 2007
and take advantage of
**EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION**

Annual Safety Forum

October 28 ~ November 2, 2007
Rosen Plaza Hotel ~ Orlando, FL

FDSOA, P. O. Box 149, Ashland, MA 01721
Voice: 508-881-3114 ~ Fax: 508-881-1128
email: membership@fdsoa.org ~ Web: www.fdsoa.org

Sunday ~ October 28, 2007 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ~ Registration	
Monday & Tuesday ~ October 29/30, 2007 8:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m. Incident Safety Officer ~ Fire Suppression Academy The 16-hour academy is designed to improve a fire officer's effectiveness in his or her role as an Incident Safety Officer. The academy will help prepare the student to take FDSOA's Incident Safety Officer ~ Fire Suppression certification exam but is a strongly recommended first step in that process.	
Health & Safety Officer Academy The 16-hour academy will prepare individuals who are certified Incident Safety Officers to obtain Health & Safety Officer certification. It is strongly recommended that prior to taking the course that the student read and bring to class the primary textbook <i>Fire Department Incident Safety Officer</i> by David Dobson prior to taking the exam.	
Thursday ~ November 1, 2007 8:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m. Cancer Risk Associated With Firefighting This presentation will provide a synopsis of types of cancer seen at increased rates by firefighters than among other population groups. The presentation is also designed to look at some of the underlying risk factors associated with firefighting and methods to minimize these risks.	
Friday ~ November 2, 2007 8:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m. Cancer Risk Associated With Firefighting This presentation will provide a synopsis of types of cancer seen at increased rates by firefighters than among other population groups. The presentation is also designed to look at some of the underlying risk factors associated with firefighting and methods to minimize these risks.	

June 14, 2007, The Courier-Journal



Leslie C. Langford Jr., 58, of the 200 block of Ring Road, died after being struck by a train near Chenoweth Lane and Shelbyville Road, authorities said. A motorist reported seeing his body near the tracks around 6:40 a.m.

Train kills man in St. Matthews

Body noticed near tracks

By James Wagner
The Courier-Journal

The body of a Louisville man who police say was struck by a train was found yesterday morning near Chenoweth Lane and Shelbyville Road in St. Matthews.

Leslie C. Langford Jr., 58, of the 200 block of Ring Road in Beechwood Village, died at the scene from multiple injuries, said Jefferson County Deputy Coroner Jim Wesley.

St. Matthews Police Chief Norman Mayer said the last scheduled train went through the area

around 4:20 a.m. A passing motorist reported seeing Langford's body lying near the tracks around 6:40 a.m.

He was pronounced dead about 10 minutes after he was found, though he likely had been dead a couple of hours, Wesley said.

A CSX Transportation spokesman confirmed that a train struck someone in the Chenoweth Lane area yesterday morning.

The three-engine, 55-car train was traveling to Willard, Ohio, CSX spokesman Garrick Francis said.

"If the engineer and the conductor see someone, they will try and stop," Francis said.

However, it is possible that a train can strike a pedestrian without the crew realizing it, Francis said.

This is the second death within a year at the crossing. Michael C. Rison, 29, was hit and killed by a train last June 23.

Mike Andriotto, manager of Thomas Car Wash, which is next to the tracks on Chenoweth, said that the crossing is dangerous for pedestrians and especially cars.

"The trains go by way too fast," Andriotto said. "The crossing gates are too slow to go down. The lights aren't working half the time."

Jimmy Warren, manager of nearby Paul's Fruit Market, thinks problems arise more from people's actions.

"I don't think it has to do with the intersection, but with the people," Warren

said. "The people, when they pull up and are in a hurry, all they see is turns at either end. By the time they see the train, it's about 100 yards away."

Andriotto said traffic can back up from the stoplight at Chenoweth and Westport Road and trap cars between the crossing gates.

Asked about the crossing's safety, Francis said, "We try to educate people through programs and awareness. But without knowing the specifics of the area, I can't comment further."

Reporter James Wagner can be reached at jwagner@courier-journal.com.

Reporter Sheldon S. Shaffer contributed to this story.

2007

Registration Form (*Register online at www.fdsos.org*)

FDSOA Annual Safety Forum – Pre-Registration Required

NOTE: Use one registration form per person – photocopies accepted. Please return completed form, with payment in U.S. funds, to FDSOA, P.O. Box 149, Ashland, MA 01721-0149. Make checks payable to FDSOA. Save time – register online at: <http://www.fdsos.org>.

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Agency: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Day Time Phone: _____ FAX: _____
 Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Conference Registration Fees	Fully Paid Before 7/31/07 <i>Member/Non Member</i>	Fully Paid After 7/31/07 <i>Member/Non Member Amount</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Forum Only	\$300.00 / \$400.00	\$350.00 / \$450.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Forum & ISO Academy	\$400.00 / \$500.00	\$450.00 / \$550.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Forum & HSO Academy	\$400.00 / \$500.00	\$450.00 / \$550.00
<input type="checkbox"/> ISO Academy Only	\$180.00	\$280.00
<input type="checkbox"/> HSO Academy Only	\$180.00	\$280.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FDSOA Individual Membership Dues (<i>see note in back regarding the member rates</i>)		\$75.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$ _____

ISO or HSO Certification Exams

A separate registration application and payment is required for Certification Exams.
 This application can be downloaded/printed from the FDSOA web site: www.fdsos.org

Payment Information: (U.S. Funds, drawn on U.S. Bank)

☐ Enclosed is a check payable to FDSOA ☐ Enclosed is an official Purchase Order # _____
☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
 Card Holder Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Card Holder Name: _____ (Please Print)

Cancellations: Cancellations must be made in writing and sent to FDSOA, P.O. Box 149, Ashland, MA 01721-0149. If received 30 days prior, 75% of Forum Registration only will be refunded; 7-29 days prior, 50% of Forum Registration only will be refunded. Less than 7 days, no refund is possible.

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ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION

Nature of Expenditure:-

<u> </u> X <u> </u>	Operations	<u> </u>	Emergency
<u> </u>	Capital	<u> </u>	Regular-no

budgeted

Regular - Budgeted

Amount	\$
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Approved by _____ Disbursement Check # _____

Date: 7/6/07 Date:

Description:

Send Major Dugan to Fire Department Safety Officer Forum and Health and Safety Officer Academy in Orlando FL from Oct 28-Nov 2 2007.

Travel \$300
Lodging \$695 + tax
Per Diem \$300
HSO Academy and Conference \$400
FDSOA individual membership \$75

Total approximately \$1770.

Continuing Education Units

FDSOA Certified Safety Officers can earn up to a total of 24 CEU's based on the FDSOA Incident Safety Officer and Health & Safety Officer Policy and Procedure for Re-certification.

2007 FDSOA Annual Safety Forum
Hotel Registration Information

CONTACT ROSEN PLAZA HOTEL DIRECTLY FOR RESERVATIONS

Room Rates: Single/Double: \$139.00 plus tax. (Cut-off date for reservations are September 22, 2007)
 *Your reservations will be held until 4:00 PM unless accompanied by a deposit.
 *You may guarantee with an accepted credit card, cancellation date and signature.

2007

June 14, 2007,

Collision on I-71 Turns Into Level III Hazmat in Kentucky

Updated: 06-14-2007 12:03:23 PM

PRESS RELEASE

(Louisville, KY) -- This morning at 1:10 am, The Worthington Fire Department was dispatched to an automobile accident with a rescue on Interstate 71 near Interstate 265.

Upon arrival Battalion Chief Dan Clark (1803) had a mini van that had crossed the median from the northbound lanes and made contact with a semi in the southbound lanes. The mini van rested upside down in the median and the semi was in the southbound lanes on fire. The drivers of both vehicles suffered serious injuries, and are being treated at a local area hospital.

A passenger in the semi was pronounced dead at the scene.

Chief Gary Yurt (1801) arrived on scene and took Command while (1803) became Operations and Assistant Chief Steve Dellis (1802) was Safety.

Engine 1832 was first on scene in the southbound lane and pulled both 1 3/4 lines with foam to knock down the fire which had engulfed the cab of the semi and ignited the trailer.

Quint 1856 arrived on scene and provided their 500 gallons of water to Engine 1832 who was quickly running out.

Command requested extra engines from St. Matthews and Harrods Creek Fire Departments and a tank from South Oldham Fire Department.

Harrods Creek Engine 1235 arrived on the northbound lane and pulled a 1 3/4 to extinguish the semi.

Tanker 1869 arrived on scene and provided their 2,000 gallons of water to 1832 for ample water supply.

The contents of semi were determined to be hazardous by the placard on trailer,

Command declared a Level III hazmat and the response of the Metro Hazmat Team A to the



Worthington Fire Department



2007

June 29, 2007, Letter:



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

JERRY E. ABRAMSON
MAYOR

June 29, 2007

Mr. James Graven
618 Rudy Lane
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Mr. Graven:

Please consider this letter as official notification of your reappointment to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board. Your term is effective immediately and will expire on June 30, 2010.

I recognize the importance of the Jefferson County Fire Trustee's Association, whose sole function is to help solicit the coordination, cooperation, and communication of all Suburban Fire Districts. As my appointed member of this Fire District board, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities that are offered by this organization, including your attendance at their bi-monthly meetings.

Thank you for your willingness to serve the community.

Sincerely,

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

2007
June 30, 2007, Awards Banquet at Captains Quarters:



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2007

June 30, 2007, St. Matthews Fire Protection District and St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Combined Financial Statements:

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 4

COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2007

	Governmental Activity
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 1,966,103
Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other	49,173
Capital assets, net of depreciation (Note 3)	1,956,937
TOTAL ASSETS	3,972,213
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	133,197
NET ASSETS	
Investment in capital assets	1,956,937
Unrestricted	1,882,079
Total Net Assets	3,839,016
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 3,972,213

St. Matthews Fire Protection District and
St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 5

COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Governmental Activity
EXPENSES	
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$ 2,658,475
Operating expenses	127,935
Repairs, maintenance, and supplies expenses	241,966
Depreciation expense	227,266
Total Expenses	3,255,642
GENERAL REVENUES	
Property taxes (Note 6)	2,962,010
Interest earnings	87,748
State aid, incentives, and other	221,247
Total General Revenues	3,271,005
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	15,363
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,823,653
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 3,839,016

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 6

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

JUNE 30, 2007

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 1,966,103
Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other	49,173
TOTAL ASSETS	2,015,276
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	133,197
FUND BALANCE	
Unreserved	
Designated for capital expenditures (Note 1)	500,000
Undesignated	1,382,079
Total Unreserved	1,882,079
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,015,276

St. Matthews Fire Protection District and
St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 7

**RECONCILIATION OF THE COMBINED
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE
COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 1,882,079
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:	1,956,937
Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 3,839,016

2007

June 30, 2007, St. Matthews Fire Protection District and St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Combined Financial Statements:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District and
St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 8

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUND

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	General Fund		Over (Under)
	Budget	Actual	Budget
REVENUES			
Property taxes (Note 6)	\$ 2,947,250	\$ 2,962,010	\$ 14,760
Interest earnings	45,000	87,748	42,748
State aid, incentives, and other	182,000	221,247	39,247
Total Revenues	3,174,250	3,271,005	96,755
EXPENDITURES			
Property and equipment additions:			
Building improvements, furnishings,			
and office equipment	100,000	85,534	(14,466)
Personnel operating expenses:	1,996,071	1,992,637	(3,434)
Administrative expenses:			
Insurance	41,000	44,227	3,227
Retirement costs	444,750	431,044	(13,706)
Legal and accounting	62,700	37,523	(25,177)
Public education	3,500	5,025	1,525
Trustee's expenses	3,800	1,800	(2,000)
Payroll taxes	120,607	116,030	(4,577)
Other supplies and miscellaneous	21,900	16,661	(5,239)
Operating expenses:			
Utilities	55,000	44,242	(10,758)
Gasoline and oil	30,000	26,967	(3,033)
Fire fighting and training expenses:	126,000	118,764	(7,236)
Repairs and maintenance expenses:			
Vehicles	54,000	57,232	3,232
Buildings	42,000	57,509	15,509
Communication equipment	27,100	24,637	(2,463)
Fire fighting equipment	30,500	27,666	(2,834)
Personal equipment	8,000	3,713	(4,287)
Total Expenditures	3,166,928	3,091,211	(75,717)
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 7,322	\$ 179,794	\$ 172,472
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,702,285	
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR		\$ 1,882,079	

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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 \$ 179,794

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 these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation (\$227,264) exceeded capital outlays (\$85,534) in the current period. (141,732)

Governmental funds report the proceeds from the sale of capital assets as revenue. However, in the combined statement of activities depreciation is subtracted from the assets original cost and proceeds from the disposal are compared to the assets net book value. There were no proceeds from the disposal and the assets net book value was \$22,699. (22,699)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 15,363

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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, 2007, \$1,422,995 of the District's bank balances of \$2,022,995 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

(Uninsured and uncollateralized) \$ 1,422,995

NOTE 3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2007 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Buildings and improvements	\$ 2,253,124	\$	\$	\$ 2,253,124
Fire fighting equipment	1,798,379			1,798,379
Other equipment	906,811	10,047	214,101	710,757
Vehicles	139,139	67,487		206,626
Total Cost	5,097,453	85,534	214,101	4,968,886
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	(1,093,757)	(68,647)		(1,162,404)
Fire fighting equipment	(1,103,076)	(95,454)		(1,198,530)
Other equipment	(840,112)	(58,028)	(191,402)	(1,089,542)
Vehicles	(139,140)	(5,137)		(144,277)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(2,976,085)	(227,266)	(191,402)	(3,001,949)
Net Book Value	\$ 2,121,368	\$ (141,732)	\$ 22,699	\$ 1,956,937

2007

June, 2007, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {06/01/2007} And {06/30/2007}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.52%	\$250,000	49.69%
111 Building fire	2	1.04%	\$250,000	49.69%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	3	1.57%	\$20	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	3	1.57%	\$3,000	0.59%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	10	5.23%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	3	1.57%	\$0	0.00%
163 Outside gas or vapor combustion explosion	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
	24	12.56%	\$503,020	100.00%
2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	71	37.17%	\$0	0.00%
3112 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
	76	39.79%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	4	2.09%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3	1.57%	\$0	0.00%
	11	5.75%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, other	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
522 Water or steam leak	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
552 Police matter	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, noresp	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
	5	2.61%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	23	11.88%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	6	3.14%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
	39	20.41%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	5	2.61%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	7	3.66%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	6	3.14%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	3	1.57%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	6	3.14%	\$0	0.00%
	35	18.32%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 191

Total Est Loss: \$503,020

July 1, 2007, Service Awards:

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Regarding: Service Awards.

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Supersedes: none

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Addendum #2

To qualify for any award the member must have been acting within the department's rules and regulations.

Classification of Awards and Criteria**1. MEDAL OF HONOR:**

This is an award of gallantry which requires review of the panel

- A) The Departments highest award recognizing heroic actions
- B) Recipient must have been a member of the department at the time of the incident.
- C) Recipient must have acted in the face of extreme personal danger or risk without hesitation.
- D) The action must have substantially contributed to the saving or attempted saving of another human life.

2. MEDAL OF VALOR:

This is an award of gallantry which requires review of the panel

- A) The Departments 2nd highest award recognizing heroic actions
- B) Recipient must have been a member of the department at the time of the incident.
- C) Recipient must have acted in the face of extreme personal danger or risk without hesitation.

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5. UNIT CITATION:

The Unit Citation is a form of recognition awarded to a unit or group of the St. Matthews Fire District.

- A) The Unit Citation may be awarded to a Unit or Group within the Department that has contributed significantly to the benefit of the Department or the community or to the progressive advancement of the Fire Service in general.
- B) The Unit/Group's act or acts must have displayed such superior or outstanding teamwork and cooperation that the entire Company or Group is deserving of an award.

6. CHIEFS AWARD:

This award (Formerly known as the Firefighter of the Year) will be submitted to the panel for review by the Chief of the Department for review in recognition for a specific service.

- A) The act, actions or achievements should be of such character that would set the individual or unit aside from their fellow firefighters.
- B) This award may be presented to a person or unit, for recognition of a superior performance of duty that would not meet the criteria of a higher award.

7. LETTER OF COMMENDATION:

This award is a letter that shall be place in the file of the recipient and covers acts or actions that are felt to merit recognition but do not fall into any of the above mentioned awards.

- A) The act, actions or achievements should be of such character that would set the individual or unit aside from their fellow firefighters.
- B) This award may be presented to a person or unit, for recognition of a superior performance of duty that would not meet the criteria of a higher award.
- C) This award will recognize acts of superior performance that do not meet the criteria of any award mentioned here but go beyond the normal standard of every day duties.

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3. MEDAL OF MERIT:

This is an award of gallantry or meritorious action which requires review of the panel

- A) Recognizes heroic action that would not qualify for a higher award or meritorious actions of an extraordinary type.
- B) The recipients must have been a member of the department at the time of the act or achievement.
- C) The actions may be of a lesser magnitude of danger than the preceding classes but must be a superior performance of duty, or
- D) The actions must have provided a substantial, sustained or extraordinary contribution to the Department in general, to the County Fire Service, the State or Nation.
- E) The actions, achievements or accomplishments may have occurred during the course of emergency response or during the performance of regular or specially assigned non-emergency duties.

4. MALTESE CROSS AWARD:

The Maltese Cross Award may be awarded to a Member of the Department who in the line of duty and acting within the Departments Rules, Regulations, Standard Operating Procedures and Policies, suffered serious physical injury or death. Such injuries must have been life-threatening or have caused a serious and lasting disfigurement or prolonged impairment of the function of any bodily organ. This award may be presented posthumously. (The intention of this award is to recognize members who, following all departmental procedures, were seriously or fatally injured in the line of duty and is not intended to condone unsafe practices or recklessness).

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Guidelines for award consideration

- 1. Acts of Heroism or Bravery
- 2. Educational Accomplishments
- 3. Community Service/Volunteer Work
- 4. National or Community Awards or Recognition
- 5. Career Work or Performance History

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Addendum #3Order of Precedence

1. Medal of Honor
2. Medal of Valor
3. Medal of Merit
4. Maltese Cross Award
5. Unit Citation
6. Chiefs Award
7. Letter of Commendation

All awards will consist of one of the following

1. One each Medal
2. One each breast ribbon
3. One each certificate

Unit Citation Awards will consist of the following:

1. One each breast ribbon
2. One certificate for each member
3. The Unit/Group would receive a plaque

The Chief's Award will consist of the following:

1. One certificate for each member
2. Kiwanis Club Firefighter of the year honors
3. One Commendation Coin (As outlined in Addendum #4)

Letters of Commendation will consist of the following:

1. One Letter on department letterhead commending the recipient for maintaining superior performance in duties.

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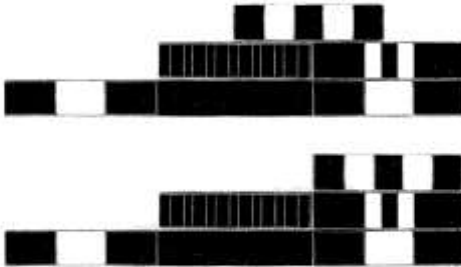
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3. If, however, the label would cover the higher medals, they may be aligned with the left edge of the lower ribbons as shown.



Service Ribbons will be worn on all button-up uniform shirts on the left breast above the top of the pocket below the Badge. The rows shall be even with the top seam of the pocket going up and centered with the pocket flap.

All awards given more than once will be issued with a star to put on the uniform ribbon.

Number of times awarded	Number of Stars, color and size	
2	1 small, silver star	
3	2 small silver stars	
4	3 small silver stars	
5	1 large silver star	
6	1 small gold star	
7	2 small gold stars	
8	3 small gold stars	
9	1 Large gold star	

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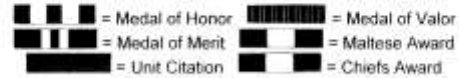
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Service Ribbons:

1. Ribbons will be worn in the order of precedence from the wearer's right to left in one or more rows with no space between the rows. The following shows the order that the ribbons should be worn.



2. Normally, when four or more ribbons are worn, they will be worn in multiples of three, centering any remaining ribbons on the top row.



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Addendum #4

Description of the Commendation/Challenge coin that has yet to be selected.

Possible examples:



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July, 2007, Sale of GMC Yukon:

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[Your item sold for US \\$5,410.00](#)

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Item Specifics - Cars & Trucks

1999 GMC Yukon

Suburban Flex Dept lights and siren included red

Year: 1999

Transmission: Automatic

Body Type: SUV

Color: Gray

Year: 1999

VIN Number: 1GK6130473012

Exterior: Red

Interior: -

Power Windows: -

Power Seats: -

Power Door Locks: -

Power Windows: -

Power Seat Driver: -

Optional Equipment:

ABS

AIR CONDITIONING

DUAL AIR BAGS

POWER STEERING

40000 MILES

4 WHEEL DRIVE

Shipping: US \$0.00

Get low (US\$0.00) on this item

End: Jul-10-07 10:45:08 PDT

Shipping: Buyer responsible for vehicle pick-up or shipping. Vehicle cannot be shipped. Vehicle cannot be shipped. Vehicle cannot be shipped.

Shipping to: United States, Canada, Mexico, Louisiana, Kentucky, United States

History: 24,000

Warning: 100% Positive

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eBay Motors: GMC : Yukon (item 200125781263 end time Jul-10-07 16:45:08 PDT)

CRUISE CONTROL ROOF RACK CO

Vehicle Description

Up for auction is a Chevy Suburban SUV owned and operated by a fire department. This vehicle was bought new by the department and utilized for daily service. The vehicle was serviced on a regular basis. It has never been involved in an accident and is free from flood, fire and vandalism. The battery will not hold a charge. Will start and drive with a jump start. The exterior is red and the interior is gray cloth. The Codel MX-7000 lighter, Motorola Astro siren and 200 watt speaker is included. The eight strobes mounted into the body of the vehicle and strobe power supply are also included with this auction. A red LED warning light is mounted in the first license plate, and two hand held radio chargers are in the center floor console. All warning equipment is working. The car seats 5 people with two front captain chairs, one 40/60 split bench seat, and ample cargo room in the rear. Questions will be answered in a timely manner. The vehicle has no warranty and is sold as is. Thanks for looking and good luck.

On Jul-06-07 at 21:51:10 PDT, seller added the following information:

After purchasing, pay instantly with your credit card through PayPal

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July 12, 2007, Trustee meeting:



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

William L. Thomas
Jack Kuykendall
Craig Schaeffer

Fire Chief

Jim Graven discussed the financial position of the District. Jim reported that the board finished the fiscal year within budget. Revenue was \$93,390 over the budgeted amount and expenses were \$87,672 under budget. The extra revenue was mostly from an increase in interest income.

2007

July 12, 2007, Trustee meeting:

With the fiscal year complete, the board discussed adding some money into the recently created earmark accounts for Apparatus replacement and Building improvements. John Volkerding suggested adding \$250,000 to \$300,000 from the budget surplus built up over several years for apparatus replacement. Joe Wolfe voiced concern that the amount was too much because of the projected increases in future CERS payments. After the discussion no action was taken.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Rick Tonini, seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Walter Sales discussed with the board the status of our current case in appeals court. A decision is expected soon.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The clean-up of 2613 is complete and it has been sold on E-Bay for \$5,410. The buyer is from Florida and will fly in to pick it up in the near future.

The new concrete pad in the rear of station one is complete except for asphalt around the borders. This work should be complete within two weeks.

Two volunteer firefighters will complete the summer intern position. Ricky Tapp and Joe Kenney will split the schedule until the end of August.

Forrest Marcum has resigned his position as firefighter in order to begin employment as a Louisville Firefighter.

Sergeant Tony Glass submitted his letter to retire and rehire in February 2008.

Cotton and Allen have begun the annual audit and it should be complete by August.

Darryl Isaac has donated a house for use in training on Ormond road. This will be used for training other than live burns.

St. Matthews will participate with Police and EMS in a mock disaster drill at the Mall on August 15th at 6:00 A. M.

Dear Chief Seng, Members of the St. Matthews board, and Fellow Firefighters,

I would like to thank you all so much for my experience at St. Matthews. I greatly appreciate the excellent training and mentoring I have received, in addition to the faith you have shown in me as a recipient of that education.

I realize that effort was an investment in me, a fact that was an enormous consideration when deciding whether to apply for the city position. Ultimately, I felt I had to consider the benefit to my family through the opportunity for advancement and the increase in pay offered by Louisville Fire. I only hope now that working with the city will fulfill my expectations in that area.

In parting, I would like to say that it was tough to leave the extended family that St. Matthews had become and I hope that you would accept me as a volunteer after the rigors of training and settling into my new job is behind me.

Sincerely,

Forest Marcum



Chief Seng requested the following expenditure's for July

Sending Major Dugan to the Fire Department Safety Officer \$1770.00
Academy Training in Orlando, Florida.

Jack Monohan moved to approve; Jim Graven seconded to approve the expenditure's. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng asked the board to allow him to interview candidates and fill the open firefighter position from applications currently on hand. Joe Wolfe requested that the board advertise the position and create a standard process to establish a list of qualified candidate's to be interviewed for vacancies as they occur. John Volkerding suggested that if a list was to be created that it be one year list so younger volunteers might not have to wait two years to reapply.

After some discussion the board tabled the decision until later in the meeting.

Old Business

Ambulance committee-No Report

Joe Wolfe reported than the board received 3 bids for installing the sprinkler system at station 1.

Hussung Mechanical	\$61,951.00
Bullitt Fire Sprinklers, Inc.	\$41,000.00
B & B Fire Protection, Inc.	\$61,200.00

The board discussed all the bids. Joe Wolfe reported that the bid from Bullitt was lower because it not include street hook-ups and some other work. The department could sub contract these out.

Joe Wolfe moved to award the contract to B & B Sprinklers because it was the lowest bid that included the complete job. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Because the department was awarded a Federal Grant for this work the cost to the department is a 10% match or \$6,120.00.

New Business

Chief Seng reported that because many departments voted to only extend a one year contract to Bob Bensen, he has raised his rates to reflect the longer and shorter sessions. This will raise the cost for the 2008 one year session. After some discussion, the board decided to go along with the agreed decision by the other local departments.

Executive Session

Joe Wolfe moved to go to executive session at 6:51 P. M. John Volkerding seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan moved to come out of executive session at 7:18 P. M. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Jim Graven moved to create a hiring committee to work with Chief Seng to create a one year list of qualified candidates to fill vacancies as they occur. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be August 9, 2007 at 5:30 P. M.

There being no further business, Rick Tonini moved and Jack Monohan seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 7:24 P. M.

Chairman

Secretary

2007

July 12, 2007, Trustee meeting:

July 5, 2007

Dear Chief Seng,

As you are aware, January 3, 2008 will be my 20th anniversary as a career firefighter with the St. Matthews Fire District. I am writing you this letter of intent to take advantage of the retire/rehire program.

The proposed date of my 30 day retirement will be February 1, 2008 to March 3, 2008 depending on actual dates agreed to by Kentucky Retirement Systems.

I am giving you this advance notice so that I may make the appropriate family financial arrangements prior to my retire/rehire dates.

It is a pleasure to serve this district and appreciate the opportunity to continue serving for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,



Sgt. Tony Glass

July 16, 2007: *The Courier-Journal*, Fire at Burger King started in mulch:

Waco, July 16, 2007

UPDATED: 1:43 PM

Fire at Burger King started in mulch

The Courier-Journal

The Courier-Journal

St. Matthews firefighters put out a fire at the Burger King at 4030 Shelbyville Road about 12:40 p.m. Saturday.

The fire started after a patron waiting in line at the drive-through most likely dropped a cigarette butt into some mulch, said St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng. The mulch caught fire and then spread to the wood siding of the building.

The business was full of lunch-time customers, who were evacuated safely along with all employees, Seng said.

Firefighters checked the wall and ceiling for fire. Minor damage was done to the building but the restaurant had to be shut down while the damage was assessed and the building then inspected by the health department, Seng said.

Lynch Fire Protection District trucks also responded to power St. Matthews.

July 16, 2007: *The Courier-Journal*, Fire at Burger King started in mulch:

MEMORANDUM

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Chief William J. Seng

To: All Personnel
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: July 26, 2007
Re: Hiring Timeline

The following is the timeline and process the fire district will use to select a new firefighter to fill the vacant position.

- August 3rd,** Last day to submit an application.
- August 6th,** Letters sent to qualified candidates advising them of the dates and the hiring process.
- August 21st,** Written evaluation, physical agility, oral interview.
 - Written Evaluation administered by Capt. Richardson.
 - Physical Agility Evaluation administered by Station 1 Crew.
 - Oral interview administered by the Selection Committee.

Written evaluation will start at 9:00 am with the physical agility and oral interview to follow immediately after.
- August 27th,** Hiring Committee interview for final selection.
 - Interviews to start at 10:00am.

Selection Committee:

Captain Dan Doyle, Captain Larry Heaphy, Sergeant Patrick Montague, Sergeant Greg Crabb, Firefighter Kevin Moulton,
Capt. Doyle will act as Chairman of the Committee. Capt. Wolfe will be 1st alternate and will also be a consultant for the committee if needed.

Hiring Committee:

Chairman Tom Eifler, Treasurer Jim Graven, Rick Tonini, Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Major David Dugan

2007

July 27, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, Car crashes into St. Matthews clinic; three hurt:

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Car crashes into St. Matthews clinic; three hurt

Cause of accident under investigation

The Courier-Journal

Three people were taken to area hospitals yesterday after a car crashed into the Hubbard Clinic at 3920 S. DuPont Circle, said Chief Bill Seng of the St. Matthews Fire Department.

About 2:25 p.m., a woman driving in the parking lot of the St. Matthews clinic drove through the building's entrance, trapping two patients in the waiting area under debris from the wall, Seng said.

When firefighters arrived, staff in the doctor's office were treating a man and woman and trying to extricate them from the debris, Seng said.

The man, whose name was not released, was taken to University Hospital in serious condition, Seng said.

A female patient and the driver of the car were both taken to Baptist

Hospital East with injuries that appeared to be non-life-threatening, Seng said. Their names also were not released.

St. Matthews Police were investigating what caused the car to run into the clinic.



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According to MetroSafe Communications, a car crashed into the front of the Hubbard Clinic at 3920 S. DuPont Circle. St. Matthews Fire and Police responded to the scene. (By Bill Luster, The Courier-Journal)



2007

2007

July 27, 2007, Car crashes into St. Matthews clinic; three hurt:



July 27, 2007: *The Courier-Journal*, Minor fire at Indian Hills home: A minor fire broke out in the attic of a home in Indian Hills around 4 p.m. today.

The fire, which was in the 5800 block of Apache Road, was quickly brought under control, according to the St. Matthews Fire Department.

No injuries were reported.

2007

July 27, 2007, Wreck:



2007

July 30, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, Fire engulfs large house in Harrods Creek By Charlie White:

Fire engulfs large house in Harrods Creek

By Charlie White
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The Courier-Journal

Fire officials believe a backup generator may have sparked a blaze that gutted a large house on the Ohio River in Harrods Creek last night.

There were no serious injuries, but a couple of firefighters were treated at the scene for heat exhaustion, said Chief Chris Aponte of the Harrods Creek Fire Protection District.

The residents, who were dining at Captain's Quarters Riverside Grille at the time, lost a pet bird to the fire and most of the contents of their home, Aponte said.

The fire, at 5501 Juniper Beach Road near Lime Kiln Lane and River Road, was reported about 7:45 p.m.

Authorities received several 911 calls from neighbors and boaters on the river saying the

house was engulfed by flames.

Power was out in the area at the time, and a generator on the back porch had switched on.

Officials are certain the fire spread from the generator to the house, though they are not sure how, Aponte said. Foul play is not suspected.

Firefighters from Harrods Creek, St. Matthews and Worthington battled the blaze.

The roof eventually collapsed near the center of the home, which had heavy damage throughout.

Reporter Charlie White can be reached at (502) 582-4653.

2007
July 30, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, Fire engulfs large house in Harrods Creek By Charlie White:

Juniper Beach Fire

07-30-07



2007

July, 2007, Incident Report:

August 6, 2007, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (07/01/2007) And (07/31/2007)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
110 Building fire	3	1.88%	\$5,000	22.73%
112 Fire in structure other than in a building	1	0.62%	\$2,000	8.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
120 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
130 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
140 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	8	4.69%	\$0	0.00%
	14	8.09%	\$7,000	31.81%
2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
210 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	53	25.40%	\$0	0.00%
230 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
240 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
	60	37.26%	\$0	0.00%
3 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
310 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
312 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
313 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
320 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
324 Carbon monoxide incident	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
340 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
342 Overheated motor	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
345 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
346 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
348 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.62%	\$15,000	68.18%
350 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
	15	9.31%	\$15,000	68.18%
5 Service Call				
510 Lock-out	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
550 Public service assistance, Other	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
591 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
593 Public service	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
592 Court assignment, standby, museum	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
	8	4.96%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	4	2.49%	\$0	0.00%
8 Good Intent Call				
810 Dispatched & cancelled en route	21	13.04%	\$0	0.00%
820 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
850 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	4	2.49%	\$0	0.00%
853 Smoke from barbecue, hot kettle	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
870 Harbored offense investigation w/o Harbort	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
	32	19.87%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	3	1.88%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malfunction, miscellaneous false call, Other	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
720 System malfunction, Other	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
723 Smoke detector activation due to	4	2.49%	\$0	0.00%
725 Alarm system triggered due to malfunction	3	1.88%	\$0	0.00%
740 Intentional transmission of alarm, Other	4	2.49%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	1	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	4	2.49%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	2	1.25%	\$0	0.00%
	32	19.87%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 141				
Total Est. Loss:			\$22,000	

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Jim Wolfe
Robert J. Davis
Jack Marshner
Faye Elbertson

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: August 6, 2007
Re: District Activity

- ✓ The 1999 GMC Yukon was sold last week to a firefighter from Florida. He paid \$5410.00 as is with no warranties. He paid the entire amount in cash in which I ran to the bank to make a quick deposit before something broke on it. I really think we came out way ahead on the deal.
- ✓ The only current outstanding repair still needed is on 2653. We are still waiting on the new springs and shackles to be sent to us from Seagrave so that we can have them installed.
- ✓ The new sprinkler system for Station One is currently being installed and should be completed by the end of the month.
- ✓ The new ramp at Station One is completed and is currently in use.
- ✓ Captain Wolfe has informed me that after closer review we are still in the running for a grant to replace 2653. The Federal Government has already awarded two rounds of grants from this fiscal year's budget, which could go as high as 15 rounds. We are not even close by a long shot but we are still in the mix. Captain Wolfe or I will try to keep you informed on this issue, which could change at any time.
- ✓ The process to hire a new firefighter to replace Forest Marcum is full speed ahead. Thirty-five applications were received last week with only 3 of the applications rejected for lack of minimum qualifications. Enclosed you will find a memo that went out explaining the entire process to our firefighters and the committee members. Hopefully around the first of September we will have made a final selection.
- ✓ This year Fire Rescue International is being held in Atlanta, Georgia August 21st through August 24th. Both Major Dugan and I will be attending this year. Since there is not a cheap flight to Atlanta, Dave will be driving us there since I can only drive to about Elizabethtown before falling asleep. That even includes a dose or two of NO-DOZE.
- ✓ Jordan is getting closer to having her baby and I really don't think she will make it to her September due date. As in the past, Jordan's duties will be spread out between Dave, Stuart and my self with Stuart assuming Jordan's payroll responsibilities.

Expenditures August 2007

Item	Cost	Budgeted
24 hand held portable batteries, etc	\$2,648.66	Yes
5 Minitor VHF pagers	\$3,156.00	Yes

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August 9, 2007, Trustee meeting:

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
August 9, 2007

I. ✓ Call to Order

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

III. ✓ Treasurer Report
A) Audit Report
B) Asset Ledger Update

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng

V. ✓ Old Business
A) Sprinkler System Update
B) Law suit Update *(KES - 3 letter C Printer)*

VI. ✓ New Business
A) Update on Hiring Process
B) Board Member - Compensation

VII. ✓ Executive Session - If Needed *Not Needed*
A) Survey - Report of Committee

VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on August 16, 2007 at 7:00 pm - Lyndon Fire District *Rel*

IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on September 13, 2007

Chief Seng discussed the idea of changing the overhead lights to a much more energy efficient lighting that we have been testing. He said that the cost could be recovered in a short time in energy savings. The board discussed the advantages and the cost of the lighting system as well as other areas the department could be more energy efficient. After the discussion, the board decided to do a complete energy audit before moving forward with replacing the lights.

The next board meeting will be September 13, 2007 at 5:30 P. M.

There being no further business, Jack Monohan moved and Joe Wolfe seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:19 P. M.

Chairman

Secretary

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

August 9, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on August 9, 2007 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, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, Faye Ellerkamp & Jim Graven. Also present were Chief Seng, Dave Dugan, Kent Monohan, George Wiggins, Michael Monohan and Ron Renner.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved; Rick Tonini seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven discussed the financial position of the District one month into the fiscal year. Jim reported that \$2893.04 was received from CRC for July. Interest income for July was \$7697.64. July expenses were 8.36 % of the budget and right on track.

Tom Eifler reviewed the 2006-2007 fiscal year audit that has just been completed. There were no problems in the audit. Tom also discussed a request from the auditor to update our list of capital equipment. Chief Seng and the command staff will review and update the list.

Jack Monohan moved; Rick Tonini seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The sale of the 1999 Yukon 2613 has been completed for \$5410.

The new sprinkler system at station 1 is being installed and should be completed by the end of August.

Captain Wolfe reported that our request for a federal grant, to help with our future replacement for 2653, has moved to the next phase.

The process to hire a replacement firefighter for Forrest Marcum has begun. 35 applicants were received. 32 were qualified and were invited to take the written and physical ability test followed by the first interview, for those who pass, on August 21, 2007. The first interview committee will send a list for the hiring committee to interview on August 27, 2007, and then create a hiring list for the current and future openings in the next 12 months. The process should be completed by early September.

Chief Seng and Major Dugan will be attending the Fire Rescue International conference in Atlanta, Georgia August 21st through August 24th. Because of the high cost of air fare, to Atlanta they will drive to Atlanta.

Jordan Davis should deliver her baby girl in late August. She is planning to return to work after recovery. The command staff will fill in, helping with her work, until she returns.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for August.

24 -Replacement batteries, 8 remote microphones and antennas \$2,648.66

5 - Minitor 5 VHF pagers with chargers, and 5 year warranty \$3156.00

Rick Tonini moved; Joe Wolfe seconded to approve the expenditures. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Our legal council has advised that the court of appeals has put our case on hold, awaiting the outcome of the related case before the Supreme Court. A ruling on that case is expected soon.

The newsletter has been sent to the printer and should be mailed in late August.

New Business

Tom Eifler discussed the request from Joe Wolfe that he be given the normal \$25 per month board compensation instead of his current overtime rate. Joe expressed a desire to be treated equally with the other board members. After some discussion, the board decided to keep Joe Wolfe on the overtime rate due to the advice of legal council.

August 2007: Baptist East Hostage Training: 2007



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August 11, 2007, *The Courier-Journal*, Minor fire at Indian Hills home:

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Saturday, August 11, 2007

UPDATED: 4:43 PM

Minor fire at Indian Hills home

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A minor fire broke out in the attic of a home in Indian Hills around 4 p.m. today.

The fire, which was in the 5800 block of Apache Road, was quickly brought under control, according to the St. Matthews Fire Department.

No injuries were reported.

August 18, 2007, Letter:

August 18, 2007

Chief Seng
240 Sears Ave.
Louisville, KY

File

Dear Chief Seng,

Thirteen years ago, the St. Matthews Fire District 'adopted' my family and I as a member not only of the community, but also of this department. Since that time, we have grown to love and revere this community along with the brave men and women who I have had the pleasure to serve with.

It is with a bitter-sweet heart that I must inform you that I must resign my position as Sergeant with the St. Matthews Fire Protection District so that I may move on to another position with another department. The last shift that I will be available to work is August 30, 2007. Attached are also my last 6 vacation requests, which I would like to use in the month of September.

I will be moving on to take the Fire Marshall position with the Page City Fire Department. This will be an exciting position where I will have the opportunity to design a fire prevention program in the City. I will also have a supervisory role in the training of the firefighters in the Department. I am very excited for this opportunity, which will not only challenge my abilities but will also move my family closer to our parents.

I cannot express my gratitude enough to the members of this department, including the Board of Trustees for their faith in me so many years ago in allowing me to be a firefighter in this District. I also thank you all for the training opportunities and the many lessons learned, which will always assist me in making future decisions. Again I thank every member for all they have done for me, and pray always for the safety of all.

Thank you,



Erik A. Sorensen

Welcome...

This newsletter is provided as an educational tool to increase the awareness of fire prevention and safety in our district's residences, businesses and organizations. Help us keep your family and neighbors safe.

Put us to the test!

If you would like to have your smoke detectors checked, or if you have questions regarding your smoke detectors, please contact your St. Matthews Fire Protection District at 502-893-7825. Read more about smoke detectors in the home on the back page.

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The St. Matthews Fire Protection District

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Summer 2007

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Bellewood
Mayor Bruce Gale

Brownsboro Village
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Mayor Ben Franklin

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Summer Fire Safety

Although summer is in full swing it is never too late to take the precautions necessary to enjoy the season to its fullest. Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor grills.

More than 8,000 Americans are injured by fireworks and grill fires annually. Outside cooking grills cause more than 6,000 fires, more than five fatalities, more than 170 injuries, and \$35 million in property loss. In addition to outdoor cooking, improper use of fireworks causes more than 5,000 fires and more than \$8 million in damage.

Summertime should be a time for fun and making happy memories. Following the safety tips and instructions below will help everyone have a safe summer.

Fireworks Safety

- The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who understand firework safety.
- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.

- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If a device is not marked with the contents, direction and a warning label, do not light it.

- Supervise children around fireworks at all times.



Barbecue Safety

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes where the air and gas mix are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flame can flash back up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.

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Meet Your St. Matthews Fire Protection District Members



(left to right) Chief William Seng, John Chiles, Timmy Engleff, Jordan Davis, Kara Moskhan, Kurt Dayton, Michael Moskhan, Alan Urbach, Matt Bond, Moss Chen, Charles McCann, Michael Bachman, Dan Ryan, Sam McCann, Joe Webb, Derrick Modell, Erik Swenson, George Wiggins, Larry Hayley, Nick Holmsten, Jake Volkending, Greg Calk, Jennifer Montgomery, Rickie Tapp, Patrick McKeague, Asst. Chief Stuart Moskhan

August "late", 2007, Newsletter mailed:

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Jack Monohan

Richard J. Tonini

Joe Wolfe



From the Chief's Staff...

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District has proudly provided quality service to this community for over 87 years. As professionals we must provide excellent service on each and every call, to each and every customer. Customer service begins with our respect for each other and our obligation to carry on the tradition of providing the best service possible to our citizens in the most professional manner. This philosophy must be continued by each successive generation of firefighters that wear a St. Matthews Fire Protection District badge.

(left to right) Chief William King, Assistant Chief Bruce Merriam, Major Don Deane

From the Inspection Bureau...

Did you know the St. Matthews Fire Protection District does more than fight fires? We have seven trained fire inspectors that routinely inspect all businesses, office buildings, malls and restaurants to ensure that everyone that sleeps, runs and works in St. Matthews can do so in a safe environment. Your safety is our number one concern, 24 hours a day!



Capt. Don Ryan



Sgt. Erik Szwed



Sgt. George Wiggler



Sgt. Greg Gable



Sgt. Nick Clark



Sgt. Patrick McLaughlin



Sgt. Tony Glon

In the News

Recently, incidents of significant nature have occurred close to our homes. Those include a fiery railroad accident which led to the evacuation of hundreds of people in Zionsville, Kentucky, and the extremely saddening fire in Bardonia in which several lives were lost. While lessons can be learned from both, it's more important to remember that we are not immune here in St. Matthews. A major railroad line running through the heart of St. Matthews, coupled with heavily populated communities, makes us just as prone to these types of incidents.

There are steps we can take to protect our families and stay informed. Having family emergency plans along with knowing what to do in the event of personal or community emergencies can make all the difference in the world. Know how to contact one another and have plans to evacuate when necessary. Make sure you stay tuned to the local media as they will relay information as soon as possible when it is provided to them by local authorities. And finally, always stay calm and use common sense.

Being Fire Safe in our homes will also help prevent tragic incidents like the one in Bardonia. Remembering to blow out candles, checking smoke detectors, and having a Family Escape Plan drastically decreases your chances of having a fire and becoming trapped. Establish a Family Meeting Point in the event your home needs to be evacuated. Make sure the arriving fire officials are aware as to whether everyone is out of the home. Remember we will always Risk a lot to Save a lot.

Let's all work together to keep St. Matthews a Fire Safe community.



87 Years of Firefighting in St. Matthews, Kentucky

June 13, 1919 – St. Matthews Voluntary Fire Association signed and recorded the first articles of incorporation.



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1931 – A Seagrave 500 GPM pumper named "Betsy" begins 42 years of service.

1939 – New uniforms are ordered – Protective white coveralls and raincoats with white safety stripes.



September, 1941 – John M. Monohan, Jr. became Chief of the department. A position he would hold for the next 36 years until his retirement in 1977.

September, 1951 – Board approves purchase of \$5,500 pumper, a 1947 Seagrave 750 GPM.



Clothes Dryer Fires

Findings

Eighty percent of clothes dryer fires in structures occur in residential buildings and "failure to clean" is the leading factor.

In most households and other places of business, the clothes dryer is an indispensable convenience and a necessity. However, if clothes dryers are not properly installed or maintained, significant fires can occur. Using the latest data from 2002 to 2004, the yearly national fire loss for clothes dryer fires in structures is estimated at \$99 million. Each year, those losses result from an estimated 15,600 fires that required a fire department response. Clothes dryer fires caused an annual average of approximately 400 injuries and 15 fatalities.



Proper Dryer Maintenance

Upon observing a few simple indications of poor system performance, one should examine the dryer components for any blockage or excessive heat. If you notice heavy clothes such as blue jeans or towels taking a long time to dry, or clothes feel hotter than usual at the end of the cycle, a clogged dryer exhaust vent is likely the problem.

Disconnect, clean, and inspect the dryer duct and venting every couple of years, or hire a professional company to clean the components.

Outside wall dampers should have a covering that will keep out rain, snow, and dirt. However, do not use wire screen or cloth of any kind to protect the exhaust opening. It can collect lint and clog areas of the dryer vent. Several recommendations for clothes dryer safety are:

- Never put synthetic materials such as rubber, plastic, foam, or pieces of cloth that have been used to sponge up flammable liquids in the dryer, even if previously washed.
- Clean the lint out of the exhaust pipe and the rear of the dryer regularly.
- Inspect your lint filter for rips each time you use it. If you see any rips replace immediately.
- The exhaust pipe should be as short as possible and have limited bends to allow for adequate airflow.
- Use an approved vent hose, preferably the flexible metal type.
- Never let your dryer run while you are out of your house or asleep.
- Have gas-powered dryers inspected by a professional annually to ensure that the gas line and connection are in tact.

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Favorite Firehouse Chili Recipe

Ingredients:

12 ounces tomato paste
16 ounces tomato sauce
1 (24-ounce) can kidney beans, drained
3 tablespoons garlic powder
2 tablespoons onion powder
2 tablespoons cumin
½ cup chili powder
2 tablespoons parsley
2 teaspoons oregano
1 (24-ounce) can pork and beans
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 (24-ounce) can chili hot beans
1 tablespoon chipotle powder
1 teaspoon habanero chili powder
4 whole red habaneros
6 jalapenos

2 New Mexican chiles
½ pound elbow macaroni or spaghetti
1 pound steak, cut of choice
1 pound ground beef
1 pound ground pork

Directions: In a large kettle on low simmer combine tomato paste, tomato sauce, kidney beans, garlic powder, onion powder, cumin, chili powder, parsley, oregano, pork and beans, salt, pepper, chili hot beans, chipotle powder, habanero powder, habaneros, jalapenos, New Mexico chiles, and dry pasta and bring to a simmer. While that is simmering, grill the steak, and brown the pork and beef in a large sauté pan. Drain the meat, season to taste, and add to sauce. Cook 30 minutes and serve.

Yield: 10 to 15 servings



April, 1970 –
50th anniversary and
dedication of new
\$250,000 headquarters



**March, 1978 to
August, 1980** –
Three fires
strike Mallgate
Apartments

October 1989 –
Brownsboro Road
Station Dedicated



November, 1999 –
Sears Avenue Station Dedication

Today – The St. Matthews Fire District's resources include some of the finest equipment available today and is staffed professionals who are committed to both their job and community.



January, 1960 – J. P. Terry's Texaco Station exploded and burned. The explosion was caused by a gas leak in the garage ignited by a water heater.

July, 1971 –
Lightning strike
sparks fire that causes
extensive damage to
Greathouse School



January, 1993 –
William Seng named
St. Matthews fire chief



Smoke Detector Safety

When was the last time you checked your smoke detector? Last week, last month, last year, never? If your answer was more than a month, you could be neglecting one of the most important tools in your home that could save you or one of your loved one's lives. Take a look at the following statistics from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

- 90% of homes across the U.S. have at least one smoke detector.
- NFPA figures show over 65% of **fatal** fires occurred in the 10% without smoke detectors.
- 30% of homes with smoke detectors are not working due to missing or dead batteries.

What can I do to keep my smoke detectors working?

1. Test your smoke detectors on a monthly basis.
2. If you have detectors with nine volt batteries, change your batteries every six months. Usually this is done at the fall/spring season change.
3. Keep your smoke detectors clean. Dust and debris can interfere with its operation, so vacuum over and around your smoke detectors regularly.
4. If your smoke detector is more than 10 years old, it should be replaced with a new detector. Usually, the detectors date of manufacture is on the back label.

Where do I install my smoke detectors?

Install smoke detectors on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning. For extra safety, install smoke detectors both inside and outside the sleeping area. Mount detectors high on a wall or on the ceiling. Wall-mounted units should be installed so that the top of the detector is 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling. A ceiling-mounted detector should be attached at least 4 inches from the nearest wall. In a room with a pitched ceiling, mount the detector at or near the ceiling's highest point. In unfurnished rooms, such as basements, detectors should be mounted on the bottom of the joists. Don't install a smoke detector too near a window, door, or forced-air register where drafts could interfere with the detector's operation.

Kids Corner



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Meeting Place

- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be on every level of your home. Make sure there is an alarm outside every sleeping area.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!

Check out www.sparky.org for fire safety games and activities.

Grown-ups: Children don't always awake when the smoke alarm sounds. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs. Get more information on smoke alarms and escape planning at www.nfpa.org/factsheets.

Summer Fire Safety

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- Dispose of hot coals properly. Douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas as carbon monoxide could be produced.
- Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 911 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

Campfire Safety

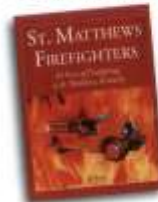
- Build campfires where they will not spread, away from dry grass and leaves.
- Keep campfires small, and don't let them get out of hand.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when you're finished. Stir it and douse it again with water.



- Never leave campfires unattended.
- It is important to follow the park's rules for the use and extinguishing of campfires.

Information and Statistics from FEMA and the U.S. Fire Administration

If you would like to know more about the St. Matthews Fire Department, Al Ring, a former member has written *St. Matthews Firefighters*, available online at RingBrothersHistory.com. All proceeds from this book benefit the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association.



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August, 2007, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {08/01/2007} And {08/31/2007}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
173 Cultivated trees or nursery stock fire	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	8	4.84%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	62	37.57%	\$0	0.00%
3111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	63	38.18%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light ballast	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	10	6.06%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
	20	12.12%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
510 Person in distress, Other	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	4	2.42%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
	9	5.45%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	22	13.33%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
	28	16.96%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	4	2.42%	\$0	0.00%
732 Extinguishing system activation due to	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	2	1.21%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	6	3.63%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	3	1.81%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	7	4.24%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	4	2.42%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	4	2.42%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.60%	\$0	0.00%
	37	22.42%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 165

Total Est Loss:

\$0



By Chris Hall, The Courier-Journal

Carl Kamer, left, Miriam Gravatte, the Rev. Chuck Thompson, Marilyn Monohan and her husband, Jack, had a meeting to plan the 125th anniversary of Holy Trinity Church in St. Matthews.

Church to mark 125 years serving St. Matthews

By Christopher Hall
Special to The Courier-Journal

Rosemary Fried's grandfather helped dig the foundation for Holy Trinity Catholic Church's first home back in 1882.

Built on land that is now the site of Trinity High School, Holy Trinity was the first Catholic church in the St. Matthews area, which at that time still was mostly rural.

Next weekend, Fried and the rest of the Holy Trinity congregation will celebrate the parish's 125th anniversary.

"It's an important milestone," she said. "It's important not just for the people who go to the church, but for the people of St. Matthews, because it has been such an integral part of the city's history."

Holy Trinity will hold a "Grand Celebration" next Saturday at the church on Cherrywood Road, with a special service at 5 p.m. followed by a dinner and reception. The Rev. Clyde Crews, archdiocesan historian, will speak at the dinner.

The parish kicked off its anniversary year with a series of celebratory opening receptions in January.

Then in June, it held a "Retracing Our Steps" ceremony during which participants visited the two locations of the parish's four churches over the years: two church buildings at what is now Trinity High, and two buildings, including the current one, at the church's present loca-

tion.

The anniversary events will end in December with celebratory closing receptions.

While 125 years pales in comparison to Catholic churches in Europe that go back more than a thousand years, the milestone is significant in our increasingly mobile society, said the parish priest, the Rev. Chuck Thompson.

The church is well-positioned for the future with a committed congregation, a bustling school and strong youth and religious formation programs, he said.

"The future's ... pretty much unlimited," he said. "There is a lot of life here in every aspect."

Holy Trinity parish was founded in September 1882, and the parish's first home, a small church with a steeple that seated about 200, was dedicated later that year.

The church school opened three years later in a brick home that had come with the land bought for the church.

In 1915, the parish built a larger structure to house the church and the school, expanding it in 1936. Less than a year later, it was gutted by fire.

By 1938, the parish had restored the gutted building.

In the early 1950s, the parish was divided three ways, forming Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Margaret Mary Catholic churches. Holy Trinity moved about a mile north to Cherrywood Road to make way for the new Trinity High School, which initially was housed in the

QUICK TAKE

► **Name:** Holy Trinity Catholic Church

► **Address:** 501 Cherrywood Road

► **Services:** Saturday Mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 8:30 and 11 a.m., with religious education classes for adults and children held between the two services; daily Mass, 8:05 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

► **Congregation:** 4,227

► **Telephone:** 897-5207

old Holy Trinity building.

The parish's third building was completed in 1953 and served until 1969, when the present church was built. The older structure was incorporated as a gymnasium and a cafeteria.

Miriam Gravatte, chairwoman of the parish's anniversary committee, said the anniversary gives the parish a chance to look back and be grateful for the dedication of pastors and parishioners who came before.

The first parishioners actually built the first church, dug the foundations and brought rock from the quarry for the second church, she said.

"Just to look back and see all the hard work, the dedication and the loyalty is very inspiring," she said. "It's an opportunity to see how we've come to where we are today and a chance to look forward and try to envision what we want to leave for future generations."


2007

September 11, 2007, Letter:

September 13, 2007, Trustee meeting:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: September 11, 2007
Re: District Activity

- ✓ Jordan is currently off on maternity leave after giving birth to her new little girl named Dorby Lee Davis. She was born on August 28th at 6:39 pm. She weighed in at a mere 6.9 lbs and was 19 1/2 inches long. Both mom and baby are doing great!
- ✓ After fasting just two weeks I finally had to break down and hire a temp to work in the front office. I plan on using her just two or three days a week until Jordan returns. Jordan has told me her plans are to return to work around the first of October.
- ✓ The fire sprinkler system that was installed at Station One is up and running. The only thing left to complete on the project is to have the system connected to our fire alarm panel. We should have this done by late next week.
- ✓ Sergeant Eric Sorensen has finally acquired that job out west that he has always wanted, which is closer to home. Enclosed you will find a copy of Eric's resignation letter.
- Sergeant Charles McCune is currently on sick leave after having minor surgery last week. He has advised me that he should be back to work no later than two weeks.
- ✓ The hiring committee have completed the interview process and have selected two individuals to fill the two vacant positions with the department. I will give a more detailed report at Thursday's Trustees meeting.
- ✓ Also enclosed in the packet is one of the fire department newsletters that were mailed out several weeks ago. We have had nothing but great feedback on these. Congratulations to all who helped out on this project. Please let me know if you need any more of them to pass out to your friends and or colleagues.

Sergeant Eric Sorensen accepted a new job out west in order to be closer to his family.

Firefighter Matt Board was next on the Sergeants list and was promoted to fill Sergeants position vacated by Eric.

The hiring committee decided to hire Nick Heilmann and Joe Bewley to fill the two firefighter openings. They will begin work September 17th. The firefighters in the final interview will make up a list for future vacancies for the next year.

Sergeant Charles McCune had minor surgery and will be out on sick leave for less than two weeks.

The newsletter was mailed several weeks ago and was well received by the public.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for September.

Dress uniform for Captain Mike Richardson	\$650.00
AED to replace unit that does not meet the current standards.	\$1,832.44
Ford Sport-Trac pick-up to replace 1992 pick-up. This will be \$24,950.00 purchased under the state contract price and is budgeted.	

The board discussed what to do with the old AED and pick-up truck with Chief Seng.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the expenses along with any needed warning equipment and striping for the Sport-Trac and to declare the old AED and pick-up surplus. Rick Tonini seconded to approve the expenditures. The motion passed unanimously. Chief Seng will list the items on eBay after the new units are put in service.

Old Business

No Report from legal council on the pending lawsuit.

Tom Effer reported that Stuart Monohan and Dave Dugan are still working on the capital assets update.

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
September 13, 2007

- I. ✓ Call to Order *C.S.S.*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *By Chief Seng*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
 - A) Tax Rate Resolution *100% Extra PER of Prop.*
 - B) *Cost of Fire Dist. Members of Teams.*
 - C) Old Business
 - A) Sprinkler System Update ✓
 - B) Law Suit Update *None*
 - C) Asset Ledger - Update *Inspection Records - working on*
 - D) Hiring Committee results ✓
- VI. ✓ New Business
 - A) Hire/Retire Change *EX SECTION*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session - If Needed
 - A) Survey - Report of Committee
- VIII. ✓ The next JCTA Trustee meeting will be held on October 18, 2007, at 7:00 pm - *St. Matthews Fire District*
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on October 11, 2007 *Look @ Day Policy Before Next Mtg*

5:58 IN
6:24 OUT

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

September 13, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on September 13, 2007 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station #1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Effer called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Trustees present were Tom Effer, Joe Wolfe, Rick Tonini, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, and Faye Ellerkamp. Also present were Chief Seng, Dave Dugan, Stuart Monohan, George Wiggins, Brandon Montgomery, Derrick Miskell, Kevin Moulton, Larry Hesphy, Frank Flynn & Nick Clark.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 9, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved, Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Seng reviewed the financial position of the district, in Jim Graven's absence. Chief Seng reported that \$39,833.76 in revenue was received in August and that interest income was \$7,570.92. Expenses for the first two months of the fiscal year were at 17% of the budget and on track.

Jack Monohan moved, Rick Tonini seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The new sprinkler system at station 1 is installed and is in operation. The only remaining work is to hook it up to the alarm system.

Jordan Davis is now on maternity leave and expects to return to work in October. Jordan had a baby girl and they are both doing great.

A part time temp was hired to help fill in for Jordan while she is on leave.

September 13, 2007, Trustee meeting:

New Business

Chief Seng reported that the board needs to certify the tax rate on all property subject to rate for this tax year 2007; and also so certify the legal description of the fire district as required by state statute.

Joe Wolfe moved to certify the tax rate for year of 2007 at 10 cents per hundred on all property subject to rate. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passes unanimously.

Rick Tonini moved to certify the legal description of the St. Matthews Fire District. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler reported that there will be a Fire Trustee's workshop on September 22 at McMahan Fire District. The district will pay the expenses for any board member who wishes to attend

Executive Session

Rick Tonini moved to go into executive session. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously at 6:00 P.M.

Jack Monohan moved to come out of executive session. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously at 6:20 P.M.

The board discussed a recent IRS ruling and new emergency law passed by Governor Fletcher and the needed changes in our by-laws and employee manual to comply with the changes.

Jack Monohan moved to change our by-laws and employee manual to comply with the recent IRS ruling and emergency order 105 KAR 1:390E issued by Governor Fletcher. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on October 11, 2007 at 5:30 P. M.

There being no further business, Jack Monohan moved and Joe Wolfe seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:25 P. M.

Chairman

Secretary

2007

September trip to Louisville by Al Ring:



Former STMFD apparatus S3 now owned by former firefighter Rick Albers



Former STMFD apparatus S3 with former firefighter Al Ring



Rick Albers with another apparatus, Rick and Jack Monohan former STMFD firefighter

September trip to Louisville by Al Ring:

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Former STMFD Jack Monohan helmet, STMFD badges



Station One, 2631 and Michael Monohan



New sidewalk across from Station One

2007

September 26, 2007, Fire Districts seek more revenue—

September, 2007, Incident Report:

For Immediate Release
September 26, 2007

Fire districts seek more revenue

FRANKFORT -- Faced with rising costs, Kentucky's fire districts are asking state lawmakers to lift a statutory cap on the amount of county tax revenue they are allowed to receive to give them more revenue options, a legislative committee heard today.

The state's 63-year-old cap of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed property is insufficient to meet fire districts' payroll, benefits and equipment needs, several fire chiefs from the Jefferson County Fire Protection District told the Interim Joint Committee on Local Government. Chuck Bauer with the Jefferson County Fire District's Trustees Association said some departments are having to cut back the number of firefighters responding to calls to three instead of the recommended number of four firefighters to keep lower costs, even though the number of calls is increasing.

"We're not asking the Legislature to increase tax rates," Bauer clarified. "All we want to do is have the opportunity to let our citizen (fire district trustee) boards decide if rates need to be increased. I'm begging you to consider this cap release; We've got to do something."

Committee co-chairman Rep. Steve Riggs, D-Jeffersontown, said the Kentucky General Assembly needs to give "a great deal of attention to this life-and-death issue."

"I'm very concerned that the level of fire service quality could decrease in Kentucky if we don't make changes. Fire and emergency medical service is a basic government function--we can't let that slide."

What changes will be made remains to be seen. Some lawmakers on the committee said they do not believe that allowing the district boards--which are comprised of elected and non-elected officials--to raise the tax rate is a viable option.

"The sentiment of the committee seems to be that any change to the cap would have to be approved by the local fiscal court," said Riggs.

Committee co-chair Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, said a key finding of the 2005 Task Force on Local Government Taxation was that Kentucky needs more accountability for special taxation at the local level. Allowing non-elected officials to raise tax rates, he explained, would not meet that obligation. "We have to be very careful with taxation in the Commonwealth by boards that are not entirely elected by the people," said Thayer.

Thayer said he would, however, be willing to work with fire districts on legislation that would allow a local referendum on a rate increase, allow fiscal courts to approve an increase or require all members of a fire district board to be elected.

"You have a panel here of legislators who are very sympathetic to your funding situation. We're very supportive in a bicameral way of the work that you do," he added. "I think you'll find a great deal of support for what you do, and now all we have to do is turn it into some positive legislation."

Dropping the 1944 cap, said Bauer, would support firefighters and the individuals they protect. "It's to protect the lives and property of the citizens that are paying the taxes," he said.

Fire Chief Gary Yurt of Worthington Fire Department in Jefferson County and the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association explained that much has changed since the current statutory cap was placed on fire districts in 1944. Benefits are expensive, health and training standards are tougher and firefighter pay--in which Kentucky ranks 46th nationally--is competitive. "Kentucky is at the bottom of the totem pole when it comes to firefighter pay," said Yurt.

"Our mission in the community has changed dramatically, and none of this emerging mission comes for free," added Jeffersontown Fire Chief and Kentucky Firefighters Association chairman Jack Reckner. "It all costs."

Fire protection or volunteer fire department districts and subdistricts are established under state law to serve areas that are not served by regular city fire departments or another fire district. The cap on revenues for these districts is found in Chapter 75 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, which allows fire district trustee boards to levy the 10 cent per \$100 tax on assessed property if neither the fire district or fire subdistrict operates an emergency ambulance service.

An additional tax of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed property may be levied by the boards if the fire district or subdistrict does operate an ambulance service, the law states.

The committee also received a report from the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy on the state's drug control initiatives and its legislative agenda for the 2008 session, which includes pretrial drug diversion and strengthening the state's DUI statute.

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (09/01/2007) And (09/30/2007)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
Fire				
01 Building fire	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
02 Motorist vegetation fire, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
03 Grass fire	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
04 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
	4	3.33%	\$0	0.00%

1 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident

00C Rescue, EME Incident, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
01 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	31	30.55%	\$0	0.00%
01A Medical assist, Albuterol given to patient	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
01B Medical assist, cancelled enroute by	19	1.22%	\$0	0.00%
01C Medical assist, cancelled by squad after	19	0.33%	\$0	0.00%
02 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
02A Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
03 Detachment of victim(s) from	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
03B Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
	69	49.44%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

00 Hazardous condition, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
01 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
02 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
03 Lost from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
04 Unattended motor	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
05 Power line down	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
06 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
07 Accident, potential accident, Other	2	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
08 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
09 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	8	5.00%	\$0	0.00%
	19	10.35%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call

00 Service Call, other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
01 Lockout	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
02 Water or steam leak	2	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
03 Smoke or odor removal	2	1.11%	\$0	0.00%
04 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
05 Detention elevator, no occupants	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
	8	4.44%	\$0	0.00%

Good Intent Call

00 Good intent call, Other	3	2.77%	\$0	0.00%
01 Dispersed & cancelled en route	19	8.44%	\$0	0.00%
02 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
	23	12.77%	\$0	0.00%

False Alarm & False Call

00 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
01 System malfunction, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
02 Smoke detector activation due to	8	7.22%	\$0	0.00%
03 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
04 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
05 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
06 Sprinkler activation, no fire	1	0.55%	\$0	0.00%
07 Smoke detector activation, no fire	0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
08 Detector activation, no fire	3	1.66%	\$0	0.00%
09 Alarm system activation, no fire	7	3.88%	\$0	0.00%
	35	19.44%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 160 Total Est. Loss: \$0

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October 7, 2007, Indian Hills October Fest:



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October 7, 2007, Indian Hills October Fest:



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October 10, 2007, Letter:

October 10, 2007, Trustee meeting:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: October 8, 2007
Re: District Activity

**Don't forget that this month's meeting will be Wednesday
October 10th at 5:30pm.**

- ✓ This month the Jefferson County Trustees Association has taken over providing all the fire districts with dental insurance similar to the way they have been providing the health insurance over the last year. Both the health plan and the dental plan are partial self-insured plans that have proven to be cost effective to every fire district. I will continue to send out quarterly reports on how the plans are working.
- ✓ The new 2008 Ford Sport Track has been ordered from Bill Collins and should be here sometime around the third week of November. In the meantime, we are preparing the 1995 Ford F-250 to be sold on E-bay. Hopefully it will sell like the 1999 GMC Yukon did.
- ✓ As I reported to you earlier, the trip to Frankfort to meet with the legislators about changing KRS- Chapter 75 was somewhat productive. I have enclosed with this package a copy of the LRC report about our meeting. As stated before this is an ongoing project that with some luck might be brought before the General Assembly this next session.
- ✓ Jordan is a whole lot better now and is back to work fulltime. We sure missed her while she was gone.
- ✓ Don't forget that this is Fire Prevention month and we will be very busy visiting many schools and daycares with the Fire Safety House. We also have several other public appearances throughout the month that we will be delivering our fire safety message to. Just last weekend we were at the Indian Hills Fall Picnic which was a huge success.

This has been a short month with very little excitement, so I will end the report here.

Expenditure Request for October 2007

Approved

Item	Cost	Budgeted
Firehouse Software	\$1500.00	Yes
Uniforms (shirts & sweatshirts)	\$1000.00	Yes

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ABSENT → *Joe Wolfe*
Richard J. Tamm
Jack Monahan
Faye Ellerkamp

Trustees Meeting Agenda
October 10, 2007

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:28*
 - II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
 - III. ✓ Treasurer Report
 - IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
 - ✓ A) Alcohol & Drug Policy
 - ✓ B) Part-time help
 - V. ✓ Old Business
 - ✓ A) Law suit Update *still waiting - (2-3 more months)*
 - ✓ B) Asset Ledger - Update
 - VI. ✓ New Business - *NONE*
 - VII. ✓ Executive Session - If Needed - *NONE*
 - VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on October 18, 2007 at 7:00 pm - St. Matthews Fire District
 - IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on November 8, 2007
- DEC. WED. 12th + 10am TRK.*

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

October 10, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on October 10, 2007 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, Jim Graven, John Volkering, Jack Monahan, and Faye Ellerkamp. Also present were Chief Seng, Dave Dugan, Nick Clark and Kevin Moulton.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 13, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monahan moved, Joe Wolfe seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven discussed the financial position of the District after three months of the fiscal year. Jim reported that interest income for September was \$5831.15. Expenses for the first quarter were 25.13% of the budget and right on track. Jim also discussed the recent drop in interest rates, and his desire to hold on to as many of the higher rate CD's as possible, while we are waiting the arrival of the bulk of our tax revenue.

Jack Monahan moved, Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

Indian Hills is in the process of considering a residential sprinkler ordinance. If passed, Indian Hills will be the first city in Kentucky to have such an ordinance. *If Since Approved*

A Middletown firefighter, who was working in Lexington suffered serious burns in a recent fire. He is undergoing skin grafts and has a long recovery ahead.

2007

October 10, 2007, Trustee meeting:

Firefighter Ron Renner and his wife are new parents. The baby was very premature, but is doing well.

The most recent meeting with state lawmakers, to discuss needed changes in the Chapter 75 Ordinance, was held on September 26th. The needs of the Fire District's were presented and the lawmakers are considering some action.

The updated alcohol and drug policy has been presented to the firefighters. It was accepted well. Chief Seng recommends that the Board adopt the new policy as written.

Jack Monohan moved to adopt the new alcohol and drug policy as written. Joe Wolfe seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested that the Board allow him to keep the summer firefighter position manned with in-house part time firefighters. Having another firefighter on duty in the daytime is important to maintain staffing of 2653.

Joe Wolfe moved to keep the part time firefighters spot filled through December 31st. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for October.

Firehouse Software	\$1500.00	(Budgeted)
Uniforms (Shirts and Sweatshirts)	\$1000.00	(Budgeted)

Jack Monohan moved to approve; John Volkerding seconded to approve the expenditures. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Tom Eifler reported that our legal council has advised that the appeals court still has not ruled on the Bowling Green, Kentucky case. Our appeal is on hold pending this ruling.

New Business

Tom Eifler asked Joe Wolfe, Dave Dugan and Chief Seng to review our current tuition reimbursement policy and recommend any needed changes to the board.

The Board agreed to reschedule the December 2007 meeting to December 12th to avoid some schedule conflicts.

The next Board meeting will be on November 8, 2007 at 5:30 P. M.

There being no further business, Jack Monohan moved and Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:03 P. M.

Chapter 75 Fire Districts.

Chapter 75 Fire Districts has remained at 10 cents per \$100 of property value since 1944. I am not aware of any other special tax district that has had that type of cap since the end of World War II.

The Louisville Metro Area may be unique in that volunteer fire fighters are becoming an extinct breed. In recent years the suburban fire districts in Jefferson County have been forced to hire firefighters due to the decline in volunteers. In the early 70's there were few if any paid firefighters in the Jefferson Co fire districts. In January 2003 we started keeping statistics. We had 320 paid FF's and 640 volunteers. At the end of August the number of paid FF's had increased by 57 to 377 and the number of volunteers had decreased by 104 to 536. Lifestyles and the time commitment required are taking a toll on volunteer ranks.

Payroll now makes up a major portion of budget of most of our fire districts - Anywhere from 50-75% of tax revenues. In the last 10 years health insurance costs have increased 40 % in the last ten years. The CERS rate was increased to 33.87% in 2007 and will continue to rise to 61.06% in 2013. At this rate the cost of 24 hr crew in a single station will increase nearly \$100,000 in 6 years - not including cost of living increases. The rate of growth and increase in FMV of existing real estate will not cover the costs of these increases. Fire districts could very well be forced into laying off firefighters to stay within the limited level of revenue.

While payroll is the primary area for concern, all our other expenses are increasing just as everyone else's for fuel and utilities. A FF's turnout gear now cost over \$2,000 and an air pack costs \$3,500. In 1972 you could buy a fire truck for \$25,000. Now an NFPA compliant truck will easily cost \$450,000.

The run volume has increased dramatically in recent years. In 2003 the Suburban Fire districts responded to 19,478 calls. Through the first 8 months of 2007, we have already responded to 20,883 calls. At the current rate we expect to make over 31,000 responses in 2007. Over half of these responses will be to assist Louisville Metro EMS. We currently have no way to recover the increased costs attributable to these responses.

There is a total of 385 square miles in Jefferson County. The Louisville Fire Dept covers 52 square miles and the 18 Suburban Fire Districts cover the remaining 333 square miles. In 2006 the budget for Louisville Fire was \$48M, and the combined budgets for the 18 Suburban Fire districts was only \$36M. The cost for fire protection in the Urban area was \$923,000 per square mile. The cost in the Suburban area was \$118,000 per square mile. It's easy to see that without the volunteer FF's we could not maintain the level of protection that we currently have in the Suburban area. So far in 2007, the average response time for the Urban fire districts has been 4 min. 39 sec. We are trying to provide the same level of fire protection in the Suburban area as is provided in the Urban area without the same level of financial revenues. We can't continue to do it without an increase in tax rates.

We are not asking the legislature to increase the tax rates. Any tax rate increases would be determined at the local level and subject to the input of the community.

UNISON

October 9, 2007

Bill Seng
4400 Breckinridge Road
Louisville, KY 40207

Site # 302085

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your interest in our full site lease conversion program. After analyzing the information you provided, Unison is prepared to offer you a lump sum of **\$149,118** if the offer is accepted by October 31, 2007.

Our offer is to purchase a defined easement for the cell site to include the ground space around the tower described by existing wireless service provider leases and an additional 1,125 square feet on the west side of the existing ground space, including equipment footprints and access and utility easements, for the life of the tower plus five years. Unison will receive the currently scheduled rent stream (including escalators), and Unison and Site Owner will split 50/50 all rent over and above this amount received from new tenants located within the aforementioned "additional 1,125 square feet." The final amount of our offer is subject to due diligence and confirmation of your monthly rent escalators and site leases.

The appeal of the Unison deal:

- **Convert your lease into cash:** Unison Site Management, LLC is rapidly building a nationwide portfolio of cell site leases. Our program allows you to convert your lease into hard cash on a potentially tax efficient basis. The telecom industry is changing rapidly, with three major mergers taking place in the last year alone, and we encourage you to understand and consider your options now.
- **Secure your asset:** With our lump sum cash offer, the value of your lease asset will no longer be dependent on future rent payments. Instead, you would have **\$149,118** in your bank account. This payment is yours regardless of what happens to your site in the future—even if you sell the property. You can invest your capital payment in real estate, stocks, bonds, or your own business.
- **Receive substantial tax savings:** For the typical site owner, Unison's lump sum program is taxed at lower capital gains rates as opposed to ordinary income rates on rent income. This can reduce taxes by up to 50%. A Section 1031 Exchange election may allow you to defer taxes altogether while investing the Unison proceeds to another real estate asset. Please consult your financial advisor to determine your specific tax situation.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (212) 909-2315. Please feel free to also contact Jack Spahr at (269) 340-2174. I look forward to discussing our offer with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Airge Padaro
Unison Site Management, LLC

The offer is subject to due diligence and is based on the assumptions listed below:

- 3 Mobile Tower
- 3 Mobile as tenant
- \$1,850 monthly rent
- 10% five year term escalation

2007

October 10, 2007, Trustee meeting: Consider Reunion



St. Matthews Fire Dept. Reunion Committee



240 Sears Avenue
Louisville KY 40207

**We are thinking about having another reunion in 2008.
Please let us know if you would be interested in attending.**

What: A gathering of all members past and present. (Reunion party)
Where: The Saint Matthews Community Center (probably)
When: On a Saturday evening in June, July, August, or September.
Why: Because it's time!
Food: Yeeesss!
Libations: Of course!

Spouses or significant others welcome.

Please let us know which month works best for you. More information will follow.
It will be fun to see our old friends and catch up!

(Please fold on the dotted lines so the return address shows, tape, and mail back ASAP)

I plan to attend.

☒ Yes

☐ NO

(circle one)

The month that works best for me is: June July August September Aug

Name _____

Address_ Al Ring
7686 E. Camino Amistoso
Tucson, AZ 85750

City _____ Zip _____



By Martha Elson, The Courier-Journal

At fires, James Baker "was the strongest leader that we could have had," said attorney James Hodge.

Retiring with honor

Longtime chief to leave fire district

By Martha Elson
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The Courier-Journal

Lyndon Fire Chief James Baker grew up in Lyndon and became a firefighter as soon as he was 18 and old enough to volunteer.

A black-and-white photo from former days shows a small fire department building with two fire trucks in front.

"I've given my life to this organization," Baker, 64, said last week at the large columned headquarters of what is now the **Lyndon Fire** Protection District and main station at 8126 New LaGrange Road.

Baker, who still lives in Lyndon, will retire July 1 after 45 years, including 26 as chief. The district's board of trustees has formed a search committee to look for his successor.

Baker's greatest strength has been as a firefighting command officer, said James Hodge, the board's attorney. At fires "he was the strongest leader that we could have had."

The committee expects to begin soliciting applications after the first of the year. The base salary for the chief is about \$48,000 but runs above \$70,000 with benefits, Hodge said.

Baker is an advisor to the committee, which will make a recommendation to the board.

Baker graduated from the old Westport High School but didn't go to college. These days, he said, more education would be important for a

chief because of the administrative demands of running what amounts to "a large business."

Much of the Lyndon area was still farmland when Baker came aboard. The fire department was all-volunteer then, and it raised money by holding carnivals and chili suppers, he said. Now it has an annual budget of \$2 million-plus, two stations, 27 paid staff members and nearly a dozen vehicles.

The number of buildings in the district's 14 square miles just "keeps on growing and growing" with more new development, he said.

Several years ago, Baker had favored merging Lyndon with three of the county's 17 other districts (St. Matthews, Worthington and Harrods Creek) to create a more efficient operation. But the idea was dropped, in part because it would have required major changes in the setup for health-care benefits, he said.

"That was my last hurrah," Baker said.

Talk of merger is "all off the table," Hodge said.

Baker was running for the Louisville Metro Council at that time and lost. But he has since been appointed and elected to the Lyndon City Council and hopes to continue serving, he said. In earlier days, he also worked as a mechanic and for General Electric Co. for 15 years.

Looking ahead, fire districts will need more tax money, Baker said,

adding that state leaders must lift the cap on the tax that fire districts can charge — 10 cents per \$100 of assessed property value.

He said the district could use three or four more paid firefighters at its second station on Westport Road, and it faces equipment expenses at a time when a truck with an aerial ladder can cost up to \$1 million.

A new security system with outdoor surveillance cameras was being installed at the main station last week. Maj. Keith Vincent of Louisville Fire & Rescue was there on business and talked with Baker.

"This man is an icon," Vincent said. "We've got to keep him around." Vincent said he had known Baker for about 20 years.

Baker helped design the memorial to firefighters at Jefferson Square downtown, and he'll be out with others collecting money at road-blocks Saturday for Supporting Heroes, a Louisville-based organization that provides support to Kentucky and Indiana families of police, fire, and EMS personnel killed in the line of duty.

In retirement, Baker said he wants to spend more time with his wife, Betty, three grown children and nine grandchildren. He also expects to continue helping people, perhaps as a hospital volunteer.

Reporter Martha Elson can be reached at (502) 582-7062.

2007

October 16, 2007: *The Courier-Journal*, Train derails in St. Matthews, CSX cars empty; no one injured, by Charlie White:

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Train derails in St. Matthews

CSX cars empty; no one injured

By Charlie White

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The Courier-Journal

Two cars of a CSX train derailed yesterday afternoon near the Kroger store in the Woodlawn Shopping Center in St. Matthews, officials said.

The two hopper cars, which were near the end of the train, had contained some type of pellets, but were empty when they went off the tracks, said Rick Tonini, a spokesman for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.



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The cars derailed just behind the shopping center in the 200 block of North Hubbards Lane.

A person in the shopping center called the fire department about 5:30 p.m. to report the incident.

No one was injured and no cleanup was necessary, Tonini said, though CSX will have to right the cars and

move them.

The train of 76 cars included chemical tankers, but they were ahead of the derailed cars and remained on the tracks, Tonini said.

The area on one side of the tracks is residential; the other side is commercial.

Tonini said deep impressions were visible in railroad ties that were approximately one-eighth of a mile before the derailment, indicating some sort of malfunction.

He said there was a railroad switch just past the impressions, but he did not think that was what caused the train to derail.

Lyndon firefighters also were sent to the scene because they were closer to the engine, which contained the manifest of the train's contents.

After the derailment, the St. Matthews Fire Department asked CSX to halt all train traffic.

Another CSX train was stopped a quarter mile before reaching the derailed cars.

Reporter Charlie White can be reached at (502) 582-4653.



Two empty hopper cars derailed on a CSX rail line near Hubbards Lane in St. Matthews yesterday. There were no injuries or evacuations. (By David Harpe, Special to The Courier-Journal)



Truck plant fire forces evacuation

No injuries; Ford not in production

By Marcus Green
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The Courier-Journal

No injuries were reported after a fire late yesterday afternoon at Ford's Kentucky Truck Plant in eastern Jefferson County, but at least 20 workers were evacuated, a fire official said.

There was no immediate word on the cause or extent of damage. A Ford spokeswoman said the plant, which was not in production at the time of the blaze, will operate as usual today.

The fire took place in a paint building near Westport Road and Chamberlain Lane, said Brennen Lawrence, battalion chief for the Worthington Fire Department.

Lawrence said about 65 firefighters from the Worthington, Middletown, Anchorage, Lyndon and Harrods Creek departments responded to the fire, which was reported shortly after 5:30 p.m. A ventilation truck was called in from the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

When the first crews arrived, Lawrence said, smoke could be seen coming out of roof stacks on the building. The



Firefighters gathered their gear after extinguishing a blaze at Ford's Kentucky Truck Plant. Sixty-five firefighters from five departments responded.

By Pam Spaulding,
The Courier-Journal

fire was confined to a two-story paint booth in the building, and firefighters were on the scene last night making sure the fire was out.

By 7 p.m., fire trucks stationed on Chamberlain Lane were leaving the plant, and there was no sign of flames or smoke from outside the plant.

Rocky Comito, United Auto Workers Local 862 president, said there are normally only about two dozen workers in the plant on weekends, mostly doing preventive maintenance.

Anne Marie Gattari, a Ford spokeswoman, said it will take

some time to investigate how the fire started and assess the amount of damage.

The plant at 3001 Chamberlain Lane opened in 1969 and employs more than 4,900 workers, according to Ford. Ford Super Duty trucks, Series 250 and higher, are made there.

Because of slow sales of trucks, workers at the plant were put on a two-week furlough earlier this month.

Reporter Marcus Green can be reached at (502) 582-4675.

Reporter Jere Downs contributed to this story.



By Steve Durbin, The Courier-Journal

2007

October, 2007, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {10/01/2007} And {10/31/2007}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.58%	\$500	100.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
164 Outside mailbox fire	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
	7	4.11%	\$500	100.00%

3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	48	26.23%	\$0	0.00%
3113 Medical assist, Aspirin given to patient	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
3115 Medical assist, cancelled enroute by	6	3.52%	\$0	0.00%
3116 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after	14	8.23%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 311)	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
	72	42.35%	\$0	0.00%

4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	1.76%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	2	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	2	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
460 Accident, potential accident, other	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	9	5.29%	\$0	0.00%
480 Attempted burning, illegal action, Other	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
	23	13.52%	\$0	0.00%

5 Service Call				
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
554 Assist invalid	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
	4	2.35%	\$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	4	2.35%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	10	5.88%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	4	2.35%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	3	1.76%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	2	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
	23	13.52%	\$0	0.00%

7 False Alarm & False Call

7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	8	4.70%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	5	2.94%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	4	2.35%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	9	5.29%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	5	2.94%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	4	2.35%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
	41	24.11%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 170

Total Est Loss:

\$500

2007

November 7, 2007: *The Courier-Journal*, Law requires fire sprinklers in new homes, by Martha Elson:

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INDIAN HILLS

Law requires fire sprinklers in new homes

By Martha Elson

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The Courier-Journal

A new law in Indian Hills requiring sprinklers in all new homes -- said to be the first in Kentucky -- is designed to protect both firefighters and residents.

Indian Hills adopted the measure last month, and Mayor Tom Eifler said he expects the city to eventually require sprinklers for homes that are expanded by more than 50 percent.

Eifler, chairman of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District board of trustees, said he advocated the ordinance because "fire risk, in general, is something that I see every day. I see these firefighters go out and risk their lives."

Eifler said the ordinance also sends a message that the city cares about residents' safety. "It's just to protect people."

Homes with sprinklers also get discounted insurance, he said.

Indian Hills has become the first city in Kentucky to pass such a law applying to single- and two-family homes, and there's a growing national trend to require residential sprinklers, former Louisville Fire Chief Russell Sanders said.

Sanders is the central regional manager for the National Fire Protection Association, based in Quincy, Mass. He said he proposed the law to Indian Hills and has also proposed one to Anchorage. They are common in such places as the Chicago area, California and Maryland, he said.

Eight out of 10 fire deaths occur in homes, and 90 percent of fires are contained by the operation of just one sprinkler, Sanders said. "There's no question about" their effectiveness, he said.

St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng said a sprinkler system would add about 1.5 percent to the cost of a house, and he hopes more cities will pass such a law. "It's a start," he said.

Anchorage Fire Chief Walter Lage said he also supports sprinklers and has started discussions with Anchorage about requiring them. "They work. They're effective," he said.

A fire caused extensive damage to a two-story brick home on Wimborne Way in Hurstbourne in April. City manager Ron Howard said in an e-mail that requiring sprinklers would be "an excellent law." The city "has no more building lots available, but if we did I would make the sprinkler proposal to my commission."



By Steve Durbitt, The Courier-Journal

By Steve Durbitt, The Courier-Journal

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A new house going up on Bow Lane in Indian Hills just missed the requirement that all new homes in the city have fire sprinkler systems. (By Martha Elson, The Courier-Journal)

A house on Poplar Crest Road in Indian Hills burned on Derby Day in 2004, and a new one was rebuilt at the site. Suzanne Richardson, the homeowner, said fire officials believe that lightning hit the air-conditioning unit outside and traveled to the home's fuse box.

She said it was a "very hot, very violent" fire that traveled through the walls to the upstairs. "It was just a horrible two years," she said of the fire and its aftermath.

There are not many new homes built in Indian Hills, except for ones built to replace older ones that have been torn down, mostly in the original Country Club section of the city, Eifler said.

People like the big lots in that area, but some of the houses are 50 or 60 years old and people who can afford it want newer houses, he said.

However, a new home is being built on Bow Lane, but it was started before the law was enacted so it's exempt. And a new subdivision is proposed on Blankenbaker Lane but is being challenged by the city.


Reporter Martha Elson can be reached at (502) 582-7061. Staff writer Bill Pike also contributed to this story.

2007

November 13, 2007, Letter:

November 14, 2007, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors
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**ST. MATTHEWS
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240 Sears Avenue
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**William J. Seng
Fire Chief**

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: November 13, 2007
Re: District Activity

✓ Don't forget the November Trustees meeting is scheduled for tomorrow November 14th at 5:30 pm.

✓ The new 2008 Ford Sport Track pickup has been ordered and should be here any day. As soon as it arrives we will start installing all of the necessary warning equipment and radios that will be used on this vehicle. The 1995 Ford pickup will be placed on E-bay as soon as the new one is ready.
Live Burn 3045 Wed. - All Done By 9 PM

✓ You should have received an e-mail last week identifying Captain Mike Benke as the 2006 Kiwanis Outstanding Firefighter on the Year. Mike will be honored on December 12th at the Ohlman. Please let me know if you are interested in attending this event.
Bad Hope East - speaker 945 - Safety Team

✓ You should have received an e-mail from Joe Wolfe addressing an SOP for tuition reimbursement for college level courses. Please look over this policy so that we may be able to discuss it during the trustee meeting.
APPROVED

✓ If approved the Annual Holiday Dinner at the firehouse will be scheduled for December 18th at 7:00pm. As usual we will invite several former members to the dinner like we have in years past.

✓ If you haven't heard, Ron Reimer's wife Adrienne had their baby last month at Suburban Hospital. This was a big surprise for both since the baby was delivered 4 months early. Both baby, (Andi Lee) and parents are doing great. Andi is expected to come home sometime around Christmas.

- See you at the meeting!

November 2007

Expenditure Request

Item	Cost	Budgeted
Kroger Gift Certificates	\$2500.00	Yes
Holiday Dinner at the Firehouse.	\$1800.00	Yes
35 traffic cones, used for training.	\$395.00	Yes
Replacement of restroom divider.	\$590.00	Capital
Fire Prevention Pop-up display board.	\$620.00	Yes

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
November 14, 2007

I. ✓ Call to Order *5:25*

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

III. ✓ Treasurer Report
✓ A) Bank Borrowing

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
✓ A) Greening the Fire House - Monohan (*Leathrop's Assessment*)
✓ B) Benke Award

V. ✓ Old Business
✓ A) Law suit Update *T. Eifler Report (contingency fee)*
✓ B) Asset Ledger - Update
✓ C) Tuition Reimbursement Policy - Wolfe *APPROVED*

VI. ✓ New Business
A) Indian Hills Sprinkler Ordinance *Approved - Benke/Wolfe*

VII. ✓ Executive Session - Personnel - TOE *6:15 to 6:25*

VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on January 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Burchel Fire Department

IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on December 12, 2007 - Wednesday

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

November 14, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on November 13, 2007 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, Jack Monohan, Faye Ellerkamp and Jim Graven. Also present were Chief Seng, Assistant Chief Monohan, Major Dave Dugan, Tony Glass, Moss Clore, Michael Monohan, Larry Heaphy, Sam McCune and John Miller.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 2007 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved that the minutes be approved and Rick Tonini seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Graven discussed the financial position of the district. He informed the Board that the district was in a sound financial position and all budget lines appeared to be within budget.

Mr. Graven reported that Chief Seng has negotiated a loan rate of 4.65% for a short-term loan in order to provide operating capital until the district receives its tax revenues. Mr. Graven also reported that this rate was more cost effective than the rate we are currently receiving on our CD's and recommended that the district utilize this line of credit instead of cashing our CD's.

Mr. Graven reported that CRC revenue continues to be received and \$2,500.00 was received since the last Board Meeting.

Rick Tonini moved that the Treasurer's report be approved, Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Operations

Chief Seng reported the following:

The new pick-up truck that will replace 2694 should arrive soon. On arrival of the new vehicle the old pick-up will be placed on E-bay for sale as surplus.

2007

November 14, 2007, Trustee meeting:

Chief Seng reported that he has selected Mike Beneke as the Kiwanis Firefighter of the Year. Mike Beneke will be honored at the Community Pride Breakfast to be held at the Olmstead.

The former Sizzler/Ruby Tuesday building on Shelbyville Road has been offered to the District for the purpose of Training. This training will be conducted tentatively on December 3rd, 4th and 5th. The building is scheduled for a final demolition by December 9th.

The St. Matthews Fire District will be helping to sponsor a seminar by Chief Cochran of Shreveport, Louisiana on November 17th at Baptist Hospital East. Chief Cochran is a highly respected speaker in the Fire Service.

Several months ago as part of our annual audit, Cotton & Allen, our accountants, suggested that the fire district create and maintain an asset list and presented us a list of items in question as to their disposition. Chief Seng requested that Assistant Chief Monohan and Major Dugan respond to the list and create a procedure for maintaining it. Major Dugan presented the Board a list of the items that were in question and their status. Chairman Eifler asked Major Dugan to deal directly with our accountant Jan Seitz and finalize a procedure for the future.

Joe Wolfe introduced a re-written policy regarding tuition reimbursement. After a brief discussion, Jack Monohan moved that the policy be adopted, Mr. Graven seconded the motion and it passed.

Chief Seng reported that the St. Matthews Police Department approached him about the District participating in their Tactical Response Team. Chief Seng reported that he contacted Chief Mayer and declined.

Chief Monohan reported that in response to having the task of heading up an energy audit of the Firehouses he has contacted Johnny Miller of Earthwell Energy Management. Chief Monohan introduced Mr. Miller to the board. Mr. Miller presented a written report with his findings to the board. He outlined several areas of potential energy savings. Mr. Miller's report will be included in the approved Board Minutes.

The Chief requested the following expenditures:

• Kroger Gift Cards	\$2500.00
• Annual Prime Rib Dinner	\$1800.00
• Traffic Cones	\$395.00
• Bathroom Divider Replacement	\$590.00
• Pop-Up Display for Fire Education/Prevention	\$620.00

All requested items are budgeted.

Rick Tonini moved that the expenditures be approved, Jack Monohan seconded and the motion was passed.

Old Business

Chairman Eifler reported that a case that could directly impact the Fire District's case has gone to the Kentucky Supreme Court for decision. No firm timetable was given for a decision.

New Business

Tom Eifler reported that the City of Indian Hills has adopted an ordinance mandating fire sprinklers in all new construction. The Board congratulated Mr. Eifler and the Indian Hills council for their actions.

Chief Seng requested a brief executive session. Jack Monohan moved that the meeting be adjourned, Faye Ellerkamp seconded and the Board move to executive session. The motion passed at 6:16 P.M.

Regular session resumed at 6:25 with no action taken.

There being no further business, Joe Wolfe moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jack Monohan seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 6:25 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary

November 14, 2007, Trustee meeting: Educational Assistance Program SOP

Standard Operating Procedure

Section 11.001

Regarding: Educational Assistance Program

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Intent

The intent of this policy is to outline the Educational Assistance Program. The Fire District recognizes the benefit of higher education in providing better-rounded firefighters to the service of the organization. This program shall augment department training by providing funds for vocational and college courses.

Eligibility of Participants

- Participants must have been an active member for one (1) continuous year and.
- Must have achieved a rank of at least Firefighter 1, and.
- Must remain an active member during such course work.

Eligible Subject/Courses

- A. The cornerstone of the Educational Assistance Program is the Fire Science and Technology associates degree program available through the Jefferson Community College.
- B. Any other courses for a recognized degree in fire science, fire technology, fire prevention or fire service administration offered by an accredited educational institution.
- C. Courses which enable a member to meet recognized objectives of an NFPA standard.
- D. Courses related to a member's support duties, subject to approval by the Chief of the Department.
- E. Any other courses subject to the consideration of the Fire Chief. Courses should be approved if, in the Fire Chief's judgment, the course content could benefit the Fire District.

Procedure for Requesting Assistance

Request for assistance must be made in writing to the Fire Chief. Requests should include a course description and the anticipated benefit of the course to the member and the department.

The Fire Chief shall consider the following factors in evaluating request for educational assistance:

- The nature of the course of study.
- The benefits to be derived by the member and the department.
- The member's level of responsibility.
- The member's length and quality of service.

Reimbursement

- A. Acceptable coursework will be reimbursed up to the rate of the Fire Science and Technology associates degree program available at Jefferson Community College. (currently \$46.00 per credit hour)
- B. Members seeking reimbursement for educational expenses must submit to the Fire Chief a transcript of their grades. The district will reimburse for courses in which the member received the equivalent of a "C" or above. No reimbursement will be provided for grades below a "C" or incomplete coursework.
- C. The Fire Chief may opt to purchase the courses textbooks for the member if in his opinion they will be useful to the District's library. Otherwise, the member shall be responsible for the cost of the text materials.
- D. No reimbursement shall be paid to members who leave the department or are removed from the roster prior to the completion of the coursework.

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Purpose

The purpose of this tuition reimbursement benefit program is to encourage professional development of the St. Matthews Fire District personnel by providing tuition reimbursement for members seeking a degree in Fire Science or other degree that has a legitimate useful application benefiting the Fire District and the community.

Definitions

Acceptable completion – a course shall be considered acceptably complete when a student receives a grade of a "C" or its equivalent or above. Courses graded on a pass/fail basis will be considered acceptably complete upon receiving a pass grade. No reimbursement will be paid for dropped, failed or incomplete courses.

In good standing – a status that implies that the member has maintained all minimum requirements regarding training and participation and has continuously done so for six calendar months prior.

Probation – New members are placed on a probation period for one calendar year from the date that they become members of the District. Additionally, probation periods may be assigned in a disciplinary action. During probation, the members' service may be terminated with cause upon recommendation of the Fire Chief.

Eligibility

In order to participate in the Tuition Reimbursement Program the following minimum standards shall be met:

- Current volunteer or career member in good standing.
- Member shall not be under any form of probation.

Tuition Reimbursement Amounts

Tuition reimbursement shall be provided in the following amounts:

- Undergraduate – up to \$170.00 a credit hour.
- Post graduate – up to \$225.00 a credit hour.

Students must achieve acceptable completion of a course in order to be eligible for reimbursement of that courses tuition.

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Reimbursement shall be limited to \$3000 per member per calendar year and is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Other Assistance / Scholarship Programs

If a member is eligible for, and receives any other tuition assistance from another source such as Veterans Assistance etc., the amount received shall be deducted from the amount reimbursed by the Fire District.

Acceptable Degrees / Institutions

To be eligible for tuition reimbursement the member must be enrolled in an accredited technical college or degree granting institution that has a certificate or degree program in Fire Science, Fire Protection Technology or any other closely related discipline.

Other degree/certificate programs may be considered based upon whether there is a direct correlation between the employees' duties and responsibilities and the courses taken or degree sought. Further, a program may be considered for reimbursement if a reasonable person could determine that the degree sought, and the skills and knowledge gained would be useful to the District in a significant way. Under this provision, degrees, certificates and classes that MAY be considered for reimbursement are, but are not limited to:

- Public Administration
- Emergency Medical Services
- Business Administration
- Accounting
- Computer Science
- Industrial Risk Management / Safety

All courses shall be approved in advance by the Fire Chief in order to be considered for reimbursement.

Class Attendance, Study and Coursework

Participation in this program is a voluntary pursuit by the enrollees. It is not a job requirement, but a benefit provided to the member by the District.

It shall be the members' responsibility to make provisions to attend class. The District will provide no off time or burden any responsibility to cover the employees required shifts. If the member intends to attend classes during their scheduled work hours they must use trades, vacation or etc. to cover their shift.

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Employees are allowed and encouraged to use any normal downtime during their work shift in pursuit of studies and course work. At no time shall studies and course work be allowed to interfere with your job requirements. Your supervisor will be responsible for setting the policies in this regard for your specific circumstances.

Procedures

1. The eligible member shall obtain a "Tuition Reimbursement Program Application" (included as an attachment in this policy) and return completed to the Fire Chief prior to enrollment in the class.
2. The Chief shall review the applicability to the course work to this standard and shall approve or disapprove the application based upon its meeting the intent of the provisions of this policy.
3. The member will be eligible to receive reimbursement upon acceptable completion (see definition) of the course/s.
4. The member must provide the following documentation to the District: a) certificate or grade report confirming acceptable completion of the course, b) fee statement and a copy of a canceled check, receipt, or other proof of payment to the institution. Provide the above documentation with the "Fund Request Form" to the District for reimbursement.

Separation from Service

As a requirement for participation in this program, members accepting reimbursement from the District must agree to, if they voluntarily separate from service with the District, reimburse the District for any tuition reimbursement funds received within the prior 12 month period. The Fire Chief shall have the authority to suspend this provision of this policy for reasons of hardship and cause (illness, disability, and other unforeseen circumstances).

Educational Resources

The following is a list of institutions that have degree programs that meet the intent of the Tuition Reimbursement Program. Their inclusion here is not meant to imply that these are the only institutions acceptable to the program or that their acceptance is automatic, but they are being included in this document for informational purposes only.

KCTCS – Jefferson Community College – Has an AAS Degree in Fire and Rescue Science and Technology. It offers on campus and distance learning opportunities. <http://www.jefferson.kctcs.edu/>

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Eastern Kentucky University – Has a Bachelor of Science in Fire & Safety Engineering Technology, Fire Protection Administration and a advanced degree program in Safety, Security and Emergency Management. ECU offers both on campus and distance learning opportunities. <http://www.lossprevention.eku.edu/fsel/>

Columbia Southern University – The St. Matthews Fire District has formed a distance learning partnership with CSU. CSU offers a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science. CSU is an accredited distance learning institution. <http://www.columbiasouthern.edu/alliances/partners/default.aspx?catid=stmathewsfirest>

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St. Matthews Fire District Tuition Reimbursement Program Application

Section A – Applicant Information

Date: _____
Name: _____ FD ID Number: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Section B – School Information

School Name: _____
Degree Sought: _____
Certificate Sought: _____

Section C – Course Information

Course Title	Course #	Require for Degree?	Credit Hours	Fee per hour

Section D – Applicant Signature

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Section E – Fire Chief Approval

I have reviewed the applicants' application, member standing, school, and courses for compliance to the intent of the Tuition Reimbursement Program.

Application Denied ____ Reason: _____

Application Approved: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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St. Matthews Fire District Tuition Reimbursement Program Fund Request Form

Section A – Documentation

Please attach:

Evidence of Acceptable Completion: ____ Y ____ N

Fee Statement/Invoice: ____ Y ____ N

Canceled Check/Receipt: ____ Y ____ N

Section B – Calculation

Successful Credit Hours: _____

Cost per Credit Hour: X _____ (up to \$175 under grad, \$225 post grad)

Total Requested Funds: = _____

Section C – Assurances

I understand that payment initially will be made at my expense. I certify that I will not receive duplicate payment from Veterans Assistance, military tuition benefits or any other source of grant or scholarship funds for the courses that funds are requested for on this application. I understand that I must provide the District with my official grade report and evidence of payment of tuition. I understand that I may be required to repay the St. Matthews Fire District the funds received as a result of this request for fund should I elect to terminate my membership within 12 months of this request for funds. I certify that all information and documentation provided with this fund request form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section D – Approval

Approved for Payment

Chief Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check #: _____ Amount: _____

11. Employer-Provided Educational Assistance

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Introduction

If you receive educational assistance benefits from your employer under an educational assistance program, you can exclude up to \$5,250 of those benefits each year. This means your employer should not include the benefits with your wages, tips, and other compensation shown in box 1 of your Form W-2. This also means that you do not have to include the benefits on your income tax return.



You cannot use any of the tax-free education expenses paid for by your employer as the basis for any other deduction or credit, including the Hope credit and the lifetime learning credit.

Educational assistance program. To qualify as an educational assistance program, the plan must be written and must meet certain other requirements. Your employer can tell you whether there is a qualified program where you work.

Educational assistance benefits. Tax-free educational assistance benefits include payments for tuition, fees and similar expenses, books, supplies, and equipment. The payments may be for either undergraduate- or graduate-level courses. The payments do not have to be for work-related courses.

Educational assistance benefits do not include payments for the following items.

1. Meals, lodging, or transportation.
2. Tools or supplies (other than textbooks) that you can keep after completing the course of instruction.
3. Courses involving sports, games, or hobbies unless they:
 - a. Have a reasonable relationship to the business of your employer, or
 - b. Are required as part of a degree program.

Benefits over \$5,250. If your employer pays more than \$5,250 for educational benefits for you during the year, you must generally pay tax on the amount over \$5,250. Your employer should include in your wages (Form W-2, box 1) the amount that you must include in income.

Working condition fringe benefit. However, if the benefits over \$5,250 also qualify as a working condition fringe benefit, your employer does not have to include them in your wages. A working condition fringe benefit is a benefit which, had you paid for it, you could deduct as an employee business expense. For more information on working condition fringe benefits, see *Working Condition Benefits* in chapter 2 of Publication 15-B, *Employer's Tax Guide to Fringe Benefits*.

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2007 Community Pride Honorees

For reservations, call 899-2523.

Greg Dueffert
DREAM Foundation

Herb Slucher
Norton Suburban Hospital

Glenn Knight
St. Matthews Area Business Assoc.

Michael J. Beneke
St. Matthews Fire Department

Ron Soellner
St. Matthews Knights

John & Darleen Horton
St. Matthews Lions Club

Harvey Hite
St. Matthews Police Department

Robert Mosier, Jr.
St. Matthews Police Department

Skip Thorpe
St. Matthews Rotary

John Kahl

Carroll D. Cogshall
Waggoner Traditional

Christy Llewellyn
Walden School

FIRE DISTRICT CERTIFICATION BY THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	
1. The name of the district is	ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
The address of the headquarters of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40207.	
2. The statutory authority under which the St. Matthews Fire Protection was created is Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 65 and Chapter 75.	
3. The name and address of the chief executive officer of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is	<p>William J. Sang 240 Sears Avenue Louisville, KY 40207</p>
4. The names, addresses, and date of expiration of the terms of office of the members of the governing body of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District are:	
Chairman:	<p>Thomas O. Ellis, Sr. 4702 Old Brownsboro Court Louisville, KY 40207 Term Expires: 06-30-2008</p>
Secretary:	<p>John Volkening 304 Windong Place Louisville, KY 40207 Term Expires: 06-30-2011</p>
Treasurer:	<p>James P. Green 578 Rudy Lane Louisville, KY 40207 Term Expires: 06-30-2010</p>
Richard Tamm	<p>3090 St. Catherine Court Louisville, KY 40207 Term Expires: 06-30-2010</p>
Faye Blankenship	<p>703 Merfield Road Louisville, KY 40207 Term Expires: 06-30-2008</p>
Jack Monahan	<p>410 Charwood Road Louisville, KY 40207 Term Expires: 06-30-2008</p>
Joseph Rolfe	<p>442 Winthorpe Road Louisville, KY 40203 Term Expires: 06-30-2008</p>
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007	
Beginning Cash on hand on July 1, 2006	\$ 1,237,300
Receipts:	
Property taxes	2,983,250
Rent income	23,250
Kentucky income tax	115,643
Interest income	87,760
Miscellaneous revenue	84,254
Total receipts	3,275,253
Expenditures:	
Current:	
Personal services	2,027,243
Contractual services	43,774
Building rent, grounds maintenance and supplies	57,036
Office Expense	21,243
Training, education and travel	90,036
Utilities and telephone	44,262
Fire apparatus, automotive and pump expense	111,892
Roadwork and maintenance	24,637
Other expense	13,638
Contingency, miscellaneous	5,732
Capital expenditures	85,034
Debt service:	
Bonded	
Principal	0
Total Expenditures	3,049,270
Ending Balance on June 30, 2007	1,066,103

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November 23, 2007, The City of Parkside Parade:



November, 2007, Incident Report:

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December2007, <http://www.kyfa.org/Smoke%20Signals/Archive/Dec%2007.pdf>

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (11/01/2007) And (11/30/2007)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
Fire				
11 Building Fire	1	0.57%	\$170,000	99.84%
17 Cooking fire, confined to container	2	1.14%	\$0	0.00%
31 Passenger vehicle fire	3	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
54 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	5	2.85%	\$325,000	99.84%
V Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)				
01 Explosive host, device, bomb with no	1	0.57%	\$500	0.14%
	1	0.57%	\$500	0.15%
I Necrosis & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
011 Medical assist, assist CHD crew	40	22.85%	\$0	0.00%
012 Medical assist, AED applied to shocks	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
013 Medical assist, Acpin given to patient	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
015 Medical assist, cancelled enroute by	4	2.28%	\$0	0.00%
016 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after	23	12.14%	\$0	0.00%
017 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient	15	8.57%	\$0	0.00%
022 Extraction of victim(s) from vehicle	7	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	82	48.57%	\$0	0.00%
I Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
02 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	1.14%	\$0	0.00%
03 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
04 Leak from street circuit (wiring)	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
08 Power line down	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
09 Accing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
09 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	9	5.14%	\$0	0.00%
	15	8.57%	\$0	0.00%
I Service Call				
02 Follow up call	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
03 Crew assignment, windy, review	2	1.14%	\$0	0.00%
	3	1.71%	\$0	0.00%
I Good Intent Call				
00 Good intent call, Other	9	5.14%	\$0	0.00%
01 Dispatch & cancelled (w) fire	13	7.42%	\$0	0.00%
	22	12.57%	\$0	0.00%
I Good Intent Call				
02 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	2	1.14%	\$0	0.00%
05 Train, Other gas mistake for others, Other	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
052 Smoke alarm, order of smoke	4	2.28%	\$0	0.00%
	7	3.97%	\$0	0.00%
I False Alarm & False Call				
00 False alarm or false call, Other	9	5.14%	\$0	0.00%
03 System malfunction, Other	4	2.28%	\$0	0.00%
032 Retinquishing system activation due to	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
033 Smoke detector activation due to	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
034 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
035 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	2.28%	\$0	0.00%
040 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	4	2.28%	\$0	0.00%
042 Sprinkler activation, no fire	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
043 Smoke detector activation, no fire	4	2.28%	\$0	0.00%
044 Detector activation, no fire	4	2.28%	\$0	0.00%
045 Alarm system activation, no fire	5	2.85%	\$0	0.00%
	36	20.57%	\$0	0.00%
I Special Incident Type				
01 Civilian complaint	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.57%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 175				
Total Est Loss:			\$325,500	

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Smoke Signals II

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Indian Hills first Kentucky municipality to pass ordinance requiring fire sprinklers in all new homes

By Russel E. Sanders

October 26, 2007 (Indian Hills, Kentucky) — In an effort to increase fire safety and protect its citizens, the Indian Hills City Council approved an ordinance requiring the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems in all newly constructed homes. While the passage of residential fire sprinkler ordinances is a growing trend nationwide, Indian Hills is the first municipality in Kentucky to pass such an ordinance.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), eight out of 10 fire deaths occur in the home. Fires in one- and two-family dwellings caused \$5.7 billion in direct property loss. Fire safety experts believe fire sprinklers are the next generation in home fire safety because they save lives, reduce property loss and help cut homeowner insurance premiums.

According to the non-profit Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition (HFSAC), smoke alarms warn people when there is smoke in their home, fire sprinklers can contain and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire department to arrive on the scene. Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate spraying water directly on the fire. Ninety percent of fires are contained by the operation of just one sprinkler.

According to Tom Eifer, Sr., Indian Hills Mayor and Chairman of the St. Matthew's Fire Department, the city council passed the ordinance to protect its residents and firefighters. "Although we don't have a lot of new construction, we do have a number of old structures that are being torn down and replaced with new structures that are much larger. This ordinance sends a message that we care about the lives of our residents and firefighters," Eifer said.

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. Visit NFPA's Web site at www.nfpa.org



Thursday, December 6, 2007

THE VOICE-TRIBUNE

St. Matthews Community Pride honorees

Thirteen members of the St. Matthews community will be honored for contributions to the betterment of the area during the St. Matthews Community Pride Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at The Olmsted.

Honorees, who will receive a special Community Pride service

award, are selected by civic clubs and other organizations engaged primarily in community service.

Breakfast tickets are \$10, and reservations, which are required, may be made by calling the St. Matthews Area Business Association at 899-2523. Below are this year's honorees.



• Capt. Michael J. Beneke has been a dedicated firefighter since joining the St. Matthews Fire Protection District in 1989. He joined the department as a cadet and worked his way through the ranks mastering the requirements and challenges of each post until making captain in 2005. His drive, compassion and commitment are evident and have earned him the honor of Firefighter of the Year.

• Greg Dueffert is a significant member of the Duchenne Research Education and Miracle (DREAM) Foundation Board and has actively supported fund development contributions for Muscular Dystrophy Research and DREAM's "Play Together" Playground Project.



been a friend to families in need.

• Herb Slucher has been a devoted volunteer at Norton Suburban Hospital since 1993. Over the years, Herb has worked in outpatient registration; escorted visitors to their destinations; assembled packets, mailings and patient bracelets; and, most important, he's

• Officer Harvey Hite



John and Darleen Horton are members of the St. Matthews Lions Club. John is currently the president-elect of the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation. Since joining Lions in 1987, he has held all offices on the local level, and has served District 43-N and the state in many capacities. Darleen is currently first vice president of the St. Matthews Lions. She has served as an officer in local Lions clubs as well as District 43-N. Throughout their 39 years of marriage, they have worked together to help those in need.

• Christy Llewellyn is a 1978 graduate of Walden School and is currently serving her second year as the school's auction chair. She is involved with the school parent association in overseeing the organization of the Walden Supper Club. She has been a member of the school's board of trustees for four years and is currently the chair of the Development Committee.



bowling instruction, Cub Scout leader and Lit-



• Ron Soellner is Kiwanian of the Year. He has served 27 years of perfect attendance with in the Kiwanis Organization with the last four at the Kiwanis Club of St. Matthews, where he has served in many roles. Prior to his Kiwanis service, he was a youth



He has worked on many other committees and is a dedicated volunteer of the school.

• Officer Robert Moster Jr. has been a patrolman with the St. Matthews Police Department for 16 years. Since being put in charge of the fleet, he has cut costs and kept the fleet in an excellent state of repair. He also manages the radio and communications for the department, along with new and innovative technologies such as in car computers, cameras and radar.



McGee Award for Outstanding Catholic Educator from the Archdiocese of Louisville. He has been named Kentucky Golf Coach of the Year numerous times and has served as captain of Trinity's alumni Shillelagh Cup team since its inception in 2000.

• Glenn Knight has



• John Kahl is committed to excellence in the classroom at Trinity High School. John won the Tom Sheeran Teacher of the Year Award (voted on by Trinity students) in 1994 and 2000, and he received the 1999 Father Joseph

2007

December 10, 2007, Letter:

December 12, 2007, Trustee meeting:

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Louisville, KY 40207
(502) 893-7825
**William J. Seng
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Trustees Meeting Agenda
December 12, 2007

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: December 10, 2007
Re: District Activity

Please don't forget that this month trustees' meeting is this Wednesday December 12th at 5:30 P.M.

We recently have had two major fires in the last three weeks that has caused significant property damage to both homes.

The first fire started in the attic of a home located at 1520 Northwind Road, which is located in Indian Hills. The homeowner was in the process of having insulation added to the home; however the contractors must likely put the insulation too close to the electrical lighting. Firefighter Ronnie Renner received a mild electric shock during this fire for which he was treated for and released without any further complications. It appears that the loss on this fire including the contents may exceed \$500,000.00

The second fire was located at 3820 Elmwood Avenue which is located off of Chenoweth Lane. This fire was dispatched as smoke coming from the roof of the house at that address. Once on scene it was discovered that a fire had started on the first floor by the fire place and had moved its way to the attic. The house was a rental house and the tenant who was renting the house did not have any rental insurance to cover his losses. The total loss on this fire was figured to be about \$70,000.00

In both of these fires all of our crews did an excellent job in stopping the fire from causing any further damage to the homes. A round of applause for all of them!

Don't forget the following dates:

December 12 th , 7:00am	Community Pride Breakfast for Mike Beneke (RSVP)
December 12 th , 5:30pm	St. Matthews Fire District Trustee Meeting
December 18 th , 7:00pm	St. Matthews Holiday Dinner

The new pickup truck that was ordered from Ford several months ago appears to have been lost. The truck was ordered through Bill Collins who received a VIN number and a delivery date however no one now can seem to find it. So to make a long story short Bill Collins's has had to order a second vehicle with a new delivery date sometime around the end of January. Let's hope this one doesn't get lost in the paperwork shuffle.

Expenditure Request for December 2007

Item	Cost	Budgeted
Replacement laptop for training	\$1,800.00	Yes
Six sets of replacement bunker gear	\$8,537.58	Yes
Carpet replacement on second floor	\$8,468.00	Yes

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:38*
- 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
A) Christmas gathering after meeting.
- Fast Track* VII. ✓ Executive Session - Personnel - Seng *5:38 to 5:35*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on January 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Buechel Fire Department
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on January 10, 2008 - Thursday
Adjourned 6:00

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

December 12, 2007

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on December 12, 2007 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 were Chief Bill Seng, Frank Flynn, Nick Clark, Moss Clore, Kent Monohan, Stuart Monohan, Michael Monohan, Brendan Montgomery, Derrick Miskell, Tom Marshall, Denny Engnehl, John Chilco, Mike Frantz, Don Ryan, Louis Stoke, Nick Heilmann, Sam McCune, Dave Dugan, Hal Clifford, Dan Doyle, George Wiggins, and Patrick Montague.

Rick Tonini moved that the board go to executive session at 5:31 P.M. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The board returned from executive session at 5:36 P. M.

Chief Seng made the Board aware of a vacancy created by the retiring of Captain Larry Heaphy. After some discussion the Board authorized Chief Seng to fill the position with the best candidate and to report who was hired at the January Trustees meeting.

Rick Tonini moved to give holiday visa gift cards to all employees, career and volunteer firefighters as thanks for their hard work over the past year. Faye Ellerkamp seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

The board also discussed the work that Bill Lowdenback did in helping the board complete the extensive firefighter survey.

Rick Tonini moved to give gift cards to Bill as thanks for his efforts. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved; Jack Monohan seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

2007

December 12, 2007, Trustee meeting:

Jim Graven discussed the financial position of the District after five months of the fiscal year. As of November 30, 2007 the district has \$942,000 in CD's and cash. The district has \$55,706 in short term debt that will be paid when the tax checks arrive later this month.

Jim discussed investing incoming tax checks when they arrive. After some discussion the board told Jim to use his judgment in finding the best rates on CD's.

Jack Monohan moved; Joe Wolfe seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The district had two major fires in the last three weeks. 1520 Northwind Road and 3820 Elmwood Avenue. Our firefighters with the help of Lyndon and Harrods Creek and McMahan made excellent stops on these fires and held the damage to a minimum.

The new Sport Trac pick-up has been ordered again by Bill Collins since the first truck appears to be lost in transit. It should arrive in late January.

Chief Seng made the following expenditure requests for December:

Replace laptop computer used by training	\$1,800.00
Six sets of turnout gear	\$ 8,537.00
Carpet for second floor	\$ 8,468.00

All items are budgeted.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the expenditures; Faye Ellerkamp seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Rick Tonini offered a follow up thanks from the board on their excellent work on the Northwind Road fire that because of it's location on the hill was very challenging to out firefighters.

New Business

Rick Tonini briefly discussed the findings of the CERS blue ribbon panel.

Tom Eifler told the board that the lawsuit is still awaiting the courts decision.

The next Board meeting will be on January 10, 2008 at 5:30 P. M.

There being no further business, Jack Monohan moved and Rick Tonini seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:00 P. M.

December 21, 2007, Letter:



1406 Brown Lane
Louisville, Kentucky 40207
(502) 895-2569
Fax (502) 897-2361
E-mail: mutual@bellouth.net
www.mutualunderwriters.com

December 21, 2007

St. Matthews Fire Department
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207

Attn: Chief Seng

Re: Dr. & Mrs. John Petry
Honor fire, Dec. 12, 2007, 1111 Bentwood Place Court

On behalf of my brother-in-law and his entire family, please accept our sincere appreciation for being there for us in need. As you may recall, Dr. Petry was living there on life-support, as well as both of his wife's elderly parents. Not only did you and your department save their house and contents, the manner of professionalism shown along with empathy from the man who rolled up the hose, public relations officer, to yourself, is something I've not experienced in my career of 25 years with insurance. (This was my first personal experience with your department.) Even the placement of your trucks and other vehicles was done in a way not to infringe on others in the area.

Please extend our gratitude to all concerned, and thank you again.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Roraga, CR, AIC

On a side note: Bill, after the fact, my company(s) have been involved with a lot of fires over the past 25 years. I have never seen one before that the fire department did really no damage. There was not even a window broken. Nobody likes to have fires; however, from an insurance standpoint, I wish all our fires could be handled by you and your men. Thanks again, and wishing you all a safe and happy Holiday Season.

Enough said!
The letter speaks for
itself!
Thanks!
WJS

2007

2007 Undated Pictures, Courtesy STMFD:



2007

2007 Undated Pictures, Courtesy STMFD:



Charles McCune



Captain Kent Monohan



2007

2007 Undated Pictures, Courtesy STMFD:



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2007 Undated Pictures, Courtesy STMFD:



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2007 Undated Pictures, Courtesy STMFD:



Chief Seng



2007

2007 Undated Pictures, Courtesy STMFD:



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2007 Undated Pictures, Courtesy STMFD:



2007

December, 2007, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {12/01/2007} And {12/31/2007}

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	4	2.36%	\$0	0.00%
143 Grass fire	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
160 Special outside fire, Other	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
	7	4.14%	\$0	0.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)				
223 Air or gas rupture of pressure or process	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	37	21.89%	\$0	0.00%
3111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
3113 Medical assist, Aspirin given to patient	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
3114 Medical assist, Albuterol given to patient	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
311b Medical assist, cancelled enroute by	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
311c Medical assist, cancelled by squad after	12	7.10%	\$0	0.00%
3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient	15	8.87%	\$0	0.00%
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
	74	43.78%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	4	2.36%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	9	5.32%	\$0	0.00%
	18	10.65%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
511 Lock-out	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
561 Unauthorized burning	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
	6	3.55%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	6	3.55%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	26	15.38%	\$0	0.00%
622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
	38	22.48%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.18%	\$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	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	10	5.91%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.59%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	3	1.77%	\$0	0.00%
	25	14.79%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 169

Total Est Loss:

\$0

2007

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

2007
Chief William "Bill" Seng (P)
Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan (P)
Major Dave Dugan, (P)
Captain Mike J. Beneke
Captain Hal Clifford
Captain Daniel Doyle (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 Mike "Fozz" Willinger (P)
Captain Joseph R. "Joe" Wolfe (P)
Sgt. Matt Board (P) Sgt. 9/2007
Sgt. Nick Clark, (P)
Sgt. Tony Glass (P)
Sgt. Greg Crabb
Sgt. Dan Green
Sgt. Tom Marshall (P)
Sgt. Charles McCune (P)
Sgt. Erik Sorensen (P) end
Sgt. George Wiggins (P) start 2007
Sgt. Patrick Montague (P)
Charles McCune sgt. 12/2006

Firefighters

Mike Abell
Joe Bewley, 9/2007
Moss Clore
Mark Craycroft
Kent Dayton (P)
Devin G. Ferrell
Mike Frantz (P)
Nick Heilman 9/2007
Joe Kenney

Marshall
Denny Engnehl
John Chilko

Forrest Marcum end 7/2007
Sam McCune
David Meiners, end
Derrick Miskell
Michael Monohan, hired
intern 4/2007
Brendan Montgomery (P)
Kevin Moulton (P)
David "Eric" Obrien, start
Aug 2007
Ron Renner (P)
Chad Sharber
Louis Stoke (P)
Rickie Tapp
Michael Tallarico, start
Alan D. Unthank
Jeremy Urekew, start August
2007
Adam Zeitz start 9/2007

2008

January 8, 2008, Letter:

January 10, 2008, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS
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240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207
(502) 893-7825
William J. Song
Fire Chief

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To Burn*

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Robert J. Tynes
Jack Monohan
Faye Ellerkamp

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Song
Date: January 8, 2008
Re: District Activity

Happy New Year!

This month's meeting is this Thursday at 5:30pm.

The new pickup is now slated to be built on January 14th and should be in our hands in about one week after that. I just hope they don't lose it again.

The new drug testing policy went into effect on January 1st. Four firefighters have already been contacted and have been sent to Med-East for drug and alcohol testing. If you recall this is done once a quarter every year with four random firefighters being sent over to Med-East to be tested for both drugs and alcohol.

Treasurer Graven and I recently approved a new workman's-comp provider to replace our old carrier KACO (Kentucky Association of Counties). The new provider is KEML (Kentucky Employer's Mutual Insurance). Savings from switching providers is almost \$8,000.00 a year.

Before all of the new carpet is installed on the second floor, we have decided to paint all the rooms. So for the next week or two we will be painting the kitchen, pool table room, training office, and bunk room before all the carpet is laid down. It all should look really nice when it is all finished.

The last report I have received regarding the Chapter 75 legislative bill is that everything is still moving forward but slowly. The only change that I have heard that went in the new bill was the fiscal oversight by Metro Council. I will report in more detail at the Trustees meeting on Thursday.

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Expenditures for January 2008

Item	Cost	Budgeted
55 new Nomex hoods for fire gear	\$2085.00	yes
15 replacement traffic/safety vests	\$750.00	yes
Firefighting Training DVD's	\$4727.50	yes
Replacement springs and axle parts for 2653	\$9129.96	yes

+ Additional \$1647.50 SEE ATTACHED

All Approved

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
January 10, 2008

- I. ✓ Call to Order 7:00 PM
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Song
- V. ✓ Old Business
- VI. ✓ New Business *CONSIDER Changing out old style Fluor lights (get quotes)*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session - Personnel - Song
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on January 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Beechel Fire Department *TRUSTEE CHIEF*
- IX. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on February 14, 2008 - Thursday *Changed to 2-13-08 - WFR completed*

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

January 10, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on January 10, 2008 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Efler called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Trustees present were Tom Efler, Joe Wolfe, Jim Graven, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan, and Faye Ellerkamp. Also present were Chief Song, Dave Dugan, Mike Frantz, Larry Heaphy, Sam McCune, Greg Crabb, Patrick Montague, Michael Monohan, Stuart Monohan, Charles McCune and Joe Bewley

Minutes

The minutes of the December 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved; Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven discussed the financial position of the District after six months of the fiscal year. Jim reported that interest income for the year to date was \$34,780.77. Expenses for the six months were 51% of the budget and right on track. Jim also discussed the current interest rates on CD's that ranged from 4.18% to 5.24%, and that our current CD's are currently divided among four local banks. As the last of the large tax checks come in, Jim will work to keep our funds in the CD's with the best rates.

Joe Wolfe moved; Jack Monohan seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Song reported on the following items:

The latest news on the needed changes in the Chapter 75 Ordinance was that the proposed bill will probably include a required approval by the metro council for tax rate increases.

The new Sport Trac pick-up truck is expected to finally arrive this month.

2008

January 10, 2008, Trustee meeting:

Treasurer Jim Graven and Chief Seng have changed the department's workman's comp. insurance carrier to KEMI insurance resulting in a future annual savings of \$8,000 dollars.

The firefighters are painting the second floor before installation of the new carpet begins.

Four firefighters were sent for a random drug testing in January under the departments new drug policy. All passed.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditure's for January.

55	New Carbon Black NFPA hoods	\$2085.00	Budgeted
15	Replacement traffic safety vests	\$ 750.00	Budgeted
	Firefighting Training DVD's	\$4727.50	Budgeted
	Replacement springs and axle parts for 2653	\$9129.96	Budgeted
	Service awards programs	\$1647.50	Budgeted

Jack Monohan moved to approve the expenditures, Jim Graven seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

No Report

New Business

Tom Eifler reported that he received a report from Cotton and Allen on the usage of fire district cellular telephone by employees.

Jim Graven reported that he was going to head up the project of making the fire district energy usage more "green".

The next board meeting will be February 13, 2008.

There being no further business, Joe Wolfe moved and Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 5:52 P. M.



2008

January 30, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*, Overnight storm brought widespread damage to Louisville area, by Jessie Halladay:

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UPDATE

JANUARY STORM

Overnight storm brought widespread damage to Louisville area

Powerful winds ripped through the Louisville area Tuesday night, toppling trees, downing power lines, igniting transformers and scaring customers of a restaurant who looked up from dinner to see signs from neighboring businesses flying toward the building.

MetroSafe Communications received dozens of reports of transformers on fire, trees uprooted and wires down after the storm hit about 8 p.m. Lt. Col. Tom Carroll of Louisville Fire & Rescue said firefighters responded to several calls of transformers on fire and power lines down.

In Indiana, the storms — which hit much of Indiana as well as parts of Kentucky — may have been responsible for the deaths of three people, according to reports.

Weather may have been a factor in the death of Charles Ennis III, 41, of New Albany, who was killed in a crash with another vehicle on Ind. 111 near Chapel Lane about 8:49 p.m., state police said.

Ennis was northbound on Ind. 111 when a soundbound Toyota minivan crossed the center line and struck the Toyota Camry Ennis was driving nearly head-on. State police said heavy rain and strong winds might have contributed to the crash. The driver of the minivan, Simon Weber, 16, of Floyd's Knobs, was treated at the scene.

In southwestern Indiana, firefighters pulled two bodies from a mobile home in northern Posey County after it was turned onto its side, apparently by storm winds, Evansville television station WEHT reported.

A sheriff's dispatcher said he could not confirm the deaths but said the coroner had been called to the scene.

At 10 p.m., the last time numbers were made available, Louisville Gas & Electric reported 28,800 customers without power. The areas hit hardest were the Highlands, St. Matthews and east to Prospect, said Chip Keeling, a spokesman for the utility.

"It's going to be a rough night for our guys," Keeling said. "This is a significant outage."

Keeling said the company anticipated the storm and had full crews ready to go out and begin repairs.

He said strong, straight winds contributed to the large number of wires and poles down. He said crews would do a full assessment of the damage once the storm completely cleared the area.

Crews hope to have all the damage repaired by Wednesday evening, Keeling said.

At the Outback Steakhouse on Shelbyville Road in St. Matthews, customers and staff took cover under tables when the wind sent signs from neighboring businesses flying toward the restaurant, said one frightened diner.

"You get terrified for a second," said Chris Fleming, 26, who was eating at the restaurant. "I'm a little freaked out (that) there are lines down everywhere."

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At least two trees came down on Baxter Avenue. (By Arza Barnett, The Courier-Journal)

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SEND US YOUR STORM DAMAGE PHOTOS

Do you have photos of damage caused by last night's storm that you want to share with others? If so, please email them to cjpic@courier-journal.com and we will post some of them on this Web site.



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The Outback Steakhouse sign in St. Matthews blew over. (by Bill Luster, The Courier-Journal)

2008

January 30, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*, Overnight storm brought widespread damage to Louisville area, by Jessie Halladay:

Fleming said several cars in the parking lot had windows blown out.

Heavy damage was seen along Shelbyville Road approaching the Watterson Expressway, with chunks of concrete and pieces of signs scattered about and several cars damaged.

Ted Funk, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Louisville office, said that during the height of the storm, winds were measured at 60 to 70 miles per hour with heavy rains accompanying them.

The weather service also received some reports of pea-sized hail.

He said the worst of the storms had passed through by 9:30 p.m. but a high-wind advisory remained in effect for the area until 6 a.m. Wednesday. Gusts of about 45 mph continued after the storm.

Durronn Brown, 35, was assessing damage at his parents home in the 2100 block of Dixie Highway after a tree snapped in the front yard and landed on the roof, blocking the front entrance.

"It's got people shocked, just kind of shook up," Brown said.

No one inside the home was injured because they were downstairs when the tree fell, Brown said. They escaped out the back door. He said family members were going to friends' homes to stay for the night.

A tree also fell on a house at 2225 Hampstead Court off Ralph Avenue in southwestern Jefferson County, but there were no injuries, according to MetroSafe Communications dispatchers.

Trees also were down in parts of the Highlands, blocking some streets.

Evan Clark, who lives near Seneca Park, walked up and down Cannons Lane surveying the damage after the storm. He and his roommate were watching television and heard a loud wind that made their ears pop.

"Then all of a sudden it's done. We walked outside and saw green flashes, which I assumed were from some power problems," he said.

In Oldham County, The Little Colonel Playhouse community theater was blown down on Mt. Mercy Drive in Pewee Valley. The area was where most of the damage in the county seemed to be centered, according to emergency dispatchers.

In Indiana, high winds caused damage throughout much of Clark County, including in Jeffersonville, Henryville, Charlestown and Borden, according to emergency dispatchers.

Nearly 30,000 Duke Energy customers were without power in Indiana, including more than a thousand each in Clark, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange and Washington counties, and nearly 900 in Floyd County.

About 8 p.m., the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for Washington County near Salem.

Washington County Sheriff Claude Combs said winds blew over a couple of barns and downed numerous trees and power lines, but there were no reports of injuries.

"But we've had so much stuff going on here tonight that we haven't been able to go in and assess the damage," he said. "We're still cutting trees away from the roads."

The rain changed to snow flurries overnight and temperatures plunged into the 20s with wind chills in the single digits.

Winds should dry most of the moisture from roads before the morning commute, though there could be a few slick spots, said weather service meteorologist Joe Annemari.

Reporter Jessie Halladay can be reached at (502) 582-4081. Reporters Charlie White and Sara Cunningham contributed to this story.

[Click here](#) for the latest watches, warnings and forecast from the National Weather Service.



A large sign was blown down on Bowling Blvd. off Shelbyville Road. (by Bill Luster, *The Courier-Journal*)



A Goodyear store on Shelbyville Road was damaged. (by Bill Luster, *The Courier-Journal*) 1/29/08



A car parked near Shelbyville Road was damaged by the storm. (by Bill Luster, *The Courier-Journal*) 1/29/08

2008

January 30, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*, Overnight storm brought widespread damage to Louisville area, by Jessie Halladay:



Winds blew over a large sign at the Shelbyville Road Outback Steakhouse. (by Bill Luster, *The Courier-Journal*) 1/29/08



A bus stop on Shelbyville Road in St. Matthews was heavily damaged. (by Bill Luster, *The Courier-Journal*) 1/29/08



A wind-damaged business on Shelbyville Road near Mall St. Matthews. (Courtesy Gail Kamenish)



A wind-damaged business on Shelbyville Road near Mall St. Matthews. (Courtesy Gail Kamenish)



Wind-damaged bus shelter on Shelbyville Road near Mall St. Matthews. (Courtesy Gail Kamenish)



Wind-damaged bus shelter on Shelbyville Road near Mall St. Matthews. (Courtesy Gail Kamenish)

2008

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A soldier helped a motorist cover broken windows in his car with plastic near Shelbyville Road and Mall St. Matthews. (Courtesy Gail Kamenish)



The front entryway of the Babies-R-Us store on Shelbyville Road in St. Matthews. (Courtesy Gail Kamenish)



Babies-R-Us store sign on Shelbyville Road in St. Matthews. (Courtesy Gail Kamenish)

January 30, 2008, Letter:

Thanks Guys!
Great Job! Chief Seng



Shari Marshall
Charles McCane
Jim Grown

January 30, 2008

Assistant Chief Stuart Morrison
St. Matthews Fire District
340 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Chief Morrison:

Thanks to you, Charles McCane and Jim Grown for your assistance in keeping our coaches moving on Shelbyville Road after last night's storm. It was a pleasure working with you and your willingness to assist as far as maintain the high levels of customer service that TARC prides itself on.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you in the future.

Rick Robinson
Director of Safety and Security

s. J. Harry Baker, Chief Seng

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2008

January 31, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*, Residents begin cleaning up after high winds, tornadoes—Thousands without power yesterday, by Sara Cunningham.

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Thursday, January 31, 2008

Residents begin cleaning up after high winds, tornadoes

Thousands without power yesterday

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Tony Taylor figured he and his family could dress in layers to keep warm during a second night without power.

But yesterday morning the St. Matthews resident was still searching for ideas about keeping his water pipes from freezing.

"We can wear more clothes but I'm going to have to buy propane heaters or something for my pipes," he said.

Thousands of people in Louisville and Southern Indiana spent yesterday dealing with power outages and cleaning up damage left by Tuesday's storms, which spawned three small tornadoes.

While the tornadoes were considered relatively weak — all rated F1, which means winds of 73 to 112 mph — they were unusual for the middle of winter.

"We're having a few too many of these episodes.... Usually in the December to January month span, you might have one severe weather event. We've already had a couple pretty severe storms and we don't usually see any tornadoes in January," said Rick Lasher, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Louisville.

While no major injuries related to the storm were reported in Louisville, at least four people were killed in Indiana, including a woman crushed by a tree that fell on a mobile home near Henryville, where one of the tornadoes touched down.

Candy Moore, 33, was in bed watching TV with her fiancé Wade Roberts when the tree fell through the roof about 8 p.m., he said.

Roberts suffered cuts and scrapes but was able to climb out of the rubble and used his pickup and a chain saw in an attempt to pull the tree from the house to save Moore, he said.

The National Weather Service confirmed that a second tornado hit in Washington County, Ind. The third touched down twice in Louisville — once on the west side of the University of Louisville campus and then along Shelbyville Road west of the Watkinson Expressway.

After the storm system cleared, temperatures plummeted to the upper teens by yesterday morning and were expected to head back into the lower 20s by this morning before climbing into the 40s today. That was a cause for concern for people with homes where furnaces couldn't work, like Taylor.

He was out and about early yesterday because one of his trees crashed into a neighbor's yard and caused some damage, he said.

"With the look of things on the street, it could be a while before we get power back," Taylor said.

Taylor's three children didn't attend school yesterday because their schools — Trinity High and Our Lady of Lourdes School — were closed because of power outages.

About 15,000 customers were still without power as of 4:30 p.m. yesterday, said Brian Phillips, spokesman for Louisville Gas

& Electric. Hopefully, a majority of those customers will have power back by this afternoon, he said. According to Phillips, outages were scattered but the Highlands and St. Matthews areas had the most problems.

Duke Energy said more than 3,600 customers in Clark, Floyd and Harrison counties in Indiana lost power because of the storm. Just 42 remained without power in those three counties at 9:15 p.m. yesterday.

Downed trees and power lines made the morning commute difficult for many people yesterday. Some stayed home from work so they could start making calls to insurance companies and pick up their yards.

Jim Schiold said the damage in his neighborhood near Breckenridge Lane was shocking.

"We were fortunate because we just have a fence that got torn down but some of our neighbors — well, it's going to take a while for them to put things back together," Schiold said.

Straight-line winds caused much of the damage, but weather service officials surveyed damage sites to confirm tornadoes were also present. High winds caused a mobile home to roll over, killing two people in Posey County, Ind. Weather was also cited as a possible factor in a two-car crash in Floyd County, Ind., Tuesday night that killed Charles H. Ennis III, 41 of New Albany.

One of the areas hit the hardest by the storm in Louisville was St. Matthews.

The area of one tornado touchdown had chunks of concrete, pieces of roof and sections of huge signs scattered over parking lots and roadways along Shelbyville Road near Bowling Boulevard. Some cars and buildings were heavily damaged.

"As far as I know, there were no serious injuries," Rick Tonini, a St. Matthews council member, said. "But things here are just a mess right now. It's going to take a lot of work."

On the University of Louisville Belknap campus, about 70 students moved to other residence halls, their homes or hotels while windows in the Bettie Johnson Hall dormitory are replaced. About 100 windows were damaged when part of the roof of a neighboring building flew off and into the dormitory, said Cindy Hess, a university spokeswoman.

In Shively, members of the Hill Street Missionary Baptist Church in the 2200 block of Dixie Highway were busy assessing damage yesterday.

Sections of the roof were missing, windows and doors were broken and a lot of miscellaneous building material was strewn over the parking lot. Two church vans were also damaged.

"We were told to pretty much consider the building condemned until significant repairs are made," said Rev. Gregory Smith.

Reporter Sara Cunningham can be reached at (502) 582-4335.

Reporters Jessie Halladay, Dick Kaukas and Ben Zion Hershberg contributed to this story.

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A house at 3800 Hycliffe Ave., was severely damaged when a large tree fell across Wallace Avenue and onto its roof. (By Pam Spaulding, *The Courier-Journal*) 01/29/07



Storm damage on Hycliffe Avenue near the intersection of Wallace Avenue. (By Pam Spaulding, *The Courier-Journal*) 01/29/07



Storm damage near the intersection of Wallace Avenue and Hycliffe Avenue. (By Pam Spaulding, *The Courier-Journal*) 01/29/07



A house at 3800 Hycliffe Ave., was severely damaged when a tree fell across Wallace Avenue. (By Pam Spaulding, *The Courier-Journal*) 01/29/07



Workers removed trees from Breckenridge Lane near St. Germaine Court. (By Pam Spaulding, *The Courier-Journal*) 01/29/07



The roof of the Zachary Taylor Post #180 blew across the parking lot and damaged cars. (By Pam Spaulding, *The Courier-Journal*) 01/29/07



The roof of the Zachary Taylor Post #180 blew across the parking lot and damaged cars. Even the flag poles were bent by the wind. (By Pam Spaulding, *The Courier-Journal*)



Storm damaged the sign of the Ten Pin Lanes sign on Shelbyville Road. (By Pam Spaulding, *The Courier-Journal*) 01/29/07



Storm damage near the intersection of Wallace Avenue and Hycliffe Avenue. (By Pam Spaulding, *The Courier-Journal*) 01/29/07

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Storm damaged a home at 3800 Hycliffe Ave. (By Pam Spaulding, *The Courier-Journal*) 01/29/07



Sign pole was toppled at Shelbyville Road and Ten Pin Lane in St. Matthews. (Courtesy Michael Scott Howard)



Storm damage at Shelbyville Road and Bowling Boulevard. (Courtesy Michael Scott Howard)



Storm damage to a home in the 700 block of Cannons Lane. (Courtesy John Lewis)



Storm damage to a home in the 700 block of Cannons Lane. (Courtesy John Lewis)



American Legion House at Shelbyville Road and Bowling Blvd. This photo was made around 11 p.m. yesterday. (Courtesy Michael Scott)



Storm damage to a home in the 700 block of Cannons Lane. (Courtesy John Lewis)



Storm damage to a St. Matthews home. (Courtesy Todd Chandler)



Storm damage to a St. Matthews home. (Courtesy Todd Chandler)

2008

January, 2008, Incident Report:

February 8, 2008, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2008) And (01/31/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
Fire				
00 Type, Other	1	0.40%	\$0	0.00%
11 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.40%	\$0	0.00%
31 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.40%	\$0	0.00%
33 Highway or other vehicle crash, nonfatal	1	0.40%	\$0	0.00%
	6	2.00%	\$0	0.00%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
00 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.40%	\$0	0.00%
01 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	42	20.14%	\$0	0.00%
011 Medical assist, Aspirin given to patient	3	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
012 Medical assist, cancelled enroute by	3	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
016 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after	14	7.13%	\$0	0.00%
017 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient	10	4.80%	\$0	0.00%
	73	35.09%	\$0	0.00%
Household Condition (No Fire)				
02 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	1.92%	\$0	0.00%
04 Power line down	3	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
042 Arcing, arched electrical equipment	1	0.48%	\$0	0.00%
043 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	2	0.96%	\$0	0.00%
	10	4.80%	\$0	0.00%
Service Call				
01 Lock-out	4	1.92%	\$0	0.00%
02 Water or cross leak	3	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
03 Leak or odor sewer	3	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
03 Public service	2	0.96%	\$0	0.00%
071 Court assignments, friendly, assist	3	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
	15	7.21%	\$0	0.00%
Good Intent Call				
00 Good intent call, Other	6	1.92%	\$0	0.00%
01 Dispatched & cancelled enroute	12	10.54%	\$0	0.00%
02 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	5	2.98%	\$0	0.00%
01 Wrong area, out of service	3	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
02 Wrong report, top or not thought to be	1	0.48%	\$0	0.00%
	29	16.82%	\$0	0.00%
False Alarm & False Call				
00 False alarm or false call, Other	4	1.92%	\$0	0.00%
00 System malfunction, Other	3	1.44%	\$0	0.00%
01 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.48%	\$0	0.00%
01 Smoke detector activation due to	1	0.48%	\$0	0.00%
01 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	8	4.32%	\$0	0.00%
016 CD detector activation due to malfunction	2	0.96%	\$0	0.00%
040 Intentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	0.96%	\$0	0.00%
041 Sprinkler activation, no fire =	2	0.96%	\$0	0.00%
042 Smoke detector activation, no fire =	1	0.48%	\$0	0.00%
044 Detector activation, no fire =	4	1.92%	\$0	0.00%
045 Alarm system activation, no fire =	2	0.96%	\$0	0.00%
046 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CD	1	0.48%	\$0	0.00%
	44	21.34%	\$0	0.00%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
00 Severe weather or natural disaster, Other	1	0.48%	\$0	0.00%
01 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	24	11.51%	\$0	0.00%
	25	12.01%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	298		Total Est. Loss:	\$0

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To: All Trustees
From: William J. Song
Date: February 8, 2008
Re: District Activity

✓ Don't forget that this month's Trustees meeting is on Wednesday February 13th at 5:30. The reason for this is because Thursday is Valentine's Day, so don't forget to get your sweetheart a Valentine!

✓ All of the new carpet has been installed along with a fresh coat of paint on almost the entire second floor at Station One. If you get a chance, please take a moment and go upstairs and check it out. Everyone has been working real hard on it to get it finished. It really looks good.

✓ Recently we have had two minor accidents involving fire district vehicles. The first one was 2631. Sergeant Nick Clark was backing up the truck on the front ramp when he hit the side wall of the front door with the rear of the truck. Although it has not been finalized yet the estimated cost of this repair will most likely be around \$1500.00. The brick veneer on the left side of the overhead door sustained almost no noticeable damage.

✓ The second accident unfortunately occurred at Station 2, which involved the new 2008 Ford Pickup. Sergeant George Wiggins went to backup the vehicle with the driver side door open when it caught the front fender of "Betsy". This accident caused the driver side door of the new pickup to move forward and bend the hinges. The estimate to repair the pickup is around \$800.00.

✓ Yes we do have policies regarding the backing of vehicles and yes we also have policies in place that deals with drivers who violate these rules. Both Sergeant Clark and Sergeant Wiggins were in fault, which caused these accidents to occur. Both of them will be dealt with according to our rules and regulations concerning at fault accidents.

As most of you are aware Tuesday a week ago we were very busy making storm related runs for about a six hour period. Thirty three runs in all were made to various areas in the district mainly due to trees and wires down as a result of the severe weather.

✓ Captain Don Ryan had surgery last week on his right shoulder that will keep him away from work for about three weeks. He will then be evaluated at that time to see when he can return to work in a light duty status. I should know more at the next Trustees meeting.

✓ I hope everyone has been getting the legislative updates that I have been sending out about once a week. Please let me know if you have not been receiving them. As far as the status of our Chapter 75 bill goes, it is still slated to be dropped in very late into the session. If you recall this is being done by design so that it keeps a low profile. *SEE ATTACHED*

✓ We had a small fire last week in a home on Norbourne Boulevard. The run was dispatched as a structure fire in the basement with several children in the home. On our arrival we found a small fire on the first floor with all of the occupants out of the house standing across the street. The amazing thing about this fire was the fact that a 13 year old boy gathered his three younger brothers and got them out of the house and called 911 to report the fire. This was a text book case where the young boy did everything right as far as getting everyone out of the house safely. We are planning in the next few weeks to honor this young man for his quick thinking in getting himself and his brothers to safety. I will go into more detail at the Trustees meeting on Wednesday on what we are planning to do.

✓ Enclosed in your packet you will find some drawings of a site plan of Station 2. Metro Safe wants to install a microwave dish on our existing mono-pole that already contains our fire radio antenna and T-Mobile's cellular equipment. If you look real close at one of the drawings you will notice that they want to install guide wires that help maintain the poles integrity during periods of high winds. The drawing shows these guide wires going right down into the middle of the main parking lot. Please review the drawings and I will explain in more detail of what they want to do at the Trustees meeting.

Expenditure Request for February 2008

Item	Cost	Budgeted
FDIC training conference, April 2008	\$8,725.00	YES
Replacement media projector	\$1,300.00	YES
Additional carpet for Station One second floor	\$2,002.00	Capital
Replacement lights for Station One	\$17,141.00	Capital

2008

February 13, 2008, Trustee meeting:

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Trustee Meeting Agenda
February 13, 2008

William J. Seng
Fire Chief

Trustee Meeting Agenda
February 13, 2008

I. ✓ Call to Order *5:25*

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

III. ✓ Treasurer Report

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
✓ (a) Noxious Gas Incident
✓ (b) Accident Reports
✓ (c) *Accident - 2007-02-23 ATTACHED*

V. ✓ Old Business
✓ (a) Hospital Committee - Report *NO REPORT*
✓ (b) Greening Firehouse Committee Report - Graven/Monahan

VI. ✓ New Business
(a) 2008 Ratification

VII. ✓ Executive Session - If needed *None*

VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on February 20, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Camp Taylor Fire Department

IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on March 13, 2008 - Thursday

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

February 13, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on February 13, 2008 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, John Volkerding, Rick Tonini and Jack Monohan. Also present were Chief Seng, Dave Dugan, Brendan Montgomery, Kevin Moulton, Nick Heilmann, Stuart Monohan, Nick Clark, Frank Flynn, and Michael Monohan.

Trustees absent were Faye Ellerkamp and Jim Graven.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved, Joe Wolfe seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Bill Seng gave the treasurer's report in Jim Graven's absence.

Bill discussed with the board the overage in the worker's comp account. We changed carriers and the old carrier will be refunding money back to the department.

Expenses are running right on track. Through 7 months of the budget year expenses are at 60.93% of the budgeted amount. Revenue is at 88.16% of the budgeted amount.

Bill also reported that CRC revenue was under the budgeted amount and he expected it to finish the year under budgeted projections. It appears that more insurance companies are not sending payments.

Jack Monohan moved, Rick Tonini seconded that the treasurer's report be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for February

FDIC Training Conference	\$ 8,725	Budgeted
Replacement media projector	\$ 1,300	Budgeted
Additional carpet for Station 1 second floor	\$ 2,002	Capital
Replacement lights station 1	\$17,141	Capital
5 Ben 2 Helmets for recruits	\$ 910	Budgeted

Rick Tonini moved to approve all the expenditure requests, except the replacement lighting. Jack Monohan seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the project to upgrade the station 1 lighting to newer energy efficient lighting. The need to upgrade station 2 as well as the old boiler heat for the bays at station 1 was also discussed.

Jack Monohan moved to have Jim Graven and Stuart Monohan work up some bid specs to cover the needs of both stations. Rick Tonini seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Tom Eifler reported the Hospital committee was planning lunch meetings with hospital executives from Jewish, Norton and Baptist East hospitals to discuss our request for financial assistance.

New Business

It was made mention that we are still receiving St. Matthews Fire District Reunion Committee questionnaires. This information is being requested and circulated by Gar Davis and the Fire District has no involvement.

The next board meeting will be March 13, 2008.

There being no further business, Joe Wolfe moved and John Volkerding seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:09 p.m.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

We had two minor accidents with fire district vehicles resulting in \$1,500.00 in damage to the rear of 2631 and \$800.00 in damage to the door of the new pick-up truck. The firefighters involved were dealt with according to our department rules and regulations.

The most recent news on the needed changes in the Chapter 75 Ordinance is that the proposed bill has been introduced in Frankfort to begin the process of passage.

The district made 33 storm related runs in a 6 hour period last Tuesday.

Captain Don Ryan had minor surgery and will miss several weeks work before returning to do inspection under light duty.

Mactec, the contractor for Metro Safe, has requested permission to locate equipment on the Cell tower at station 2. As part of the project they want to install guide wires into the parking lot.

The board reviewed the packet from Mactec and how it would effect operations at station 2 including the following areas of concern.

1. The loss of parking area
2. The cosmetic appearance of guide wires are a monopole was selected to avoid the use of guide wires
3. The loss of future revenue from other carriers if Mactec takes up 3 of the remaining locations on the pole.

After discussing all the issues the board instructed Chief Seng to express it objections to Mactec.

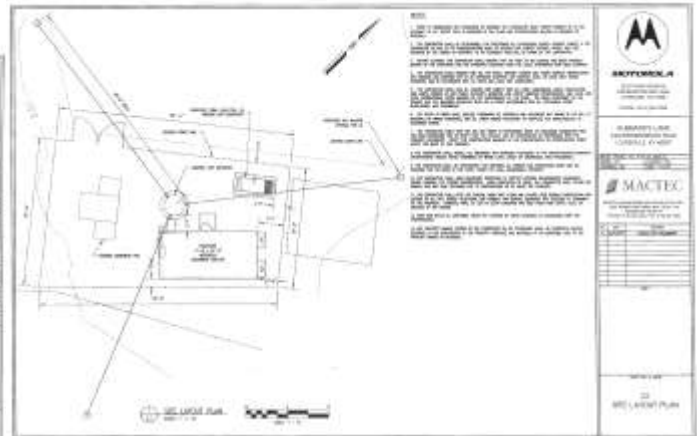
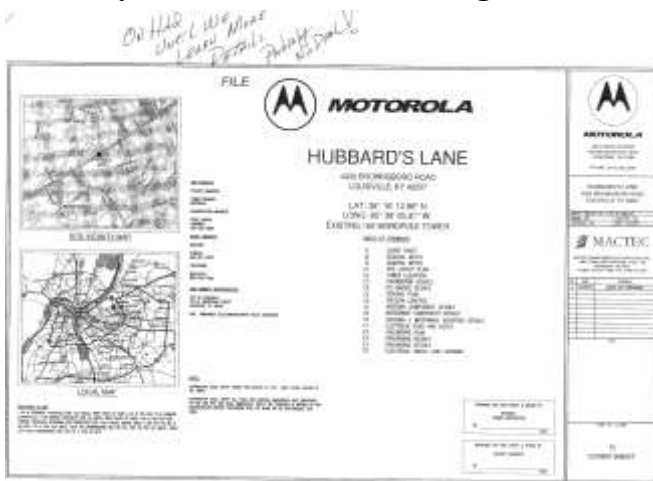
Chief Seng asked the board to declare an older model AED surplus so it may be sold.

Jack Monohan move to declare the AED surplus. Rick Tonini seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

2008

February 13, 2008, Trustee meeting:

Edited info on changing to tower.



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AN ACT relating to levies for fire protection districts and volunteer fire departments.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 75 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Any fire protection district or volunteer fire department that is not operating an emergency ambulance service pursuant to KRS 75.040, but which has a tax upon the property in the district at the maximum permissible rate of ten cents (\$0.10) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation or greater, may increase the tax rate in the following manner:

- (1) (a) For the five (5) year period, beginning July 1, 2008, and every five (5) years thereafter a fire protection district may increase the tax rate imposed by a maximum of two cents (\$0.02) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation,
- (b) The fire protection district may increase the rate during any year of the five (5) year period and in any increment so long as the total increase during the five (5) year period does not exceed two cents (\$0.02) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value,
- (c) A fire protection district may continue to increase its rate by two cents (\$0.02) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation every five (5) years until the rate equals twenty cents (\$0.20) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation, at which point no additional increases shall be made,

- (2) The trustees of a district shall determine the amount of the additional levy needed when the requirements established by subsection (1) of this section. The trustees of the district shall adopt a resolution setting forth the amount of the requested levy and stating the purposes for which the proceeds shall be used. The resolution shall be forwarded to the legislative body that created the fire protection district or volunteer fire department or, in the case of a fire protection or volunteer fire

department that operates in a county containing a consolidated local government, the consolidated local government council. The legislative body or the consolidated local government council shall consider the resolution for an increase in the levy and may approve the increase in the levy. If the legislative body or the consolidated local government council approves the increase in the levy, it shall do so by ordinance, and the levy shall be effective for assessments made on or after January 1 of the year following the year in which the levy was approved.

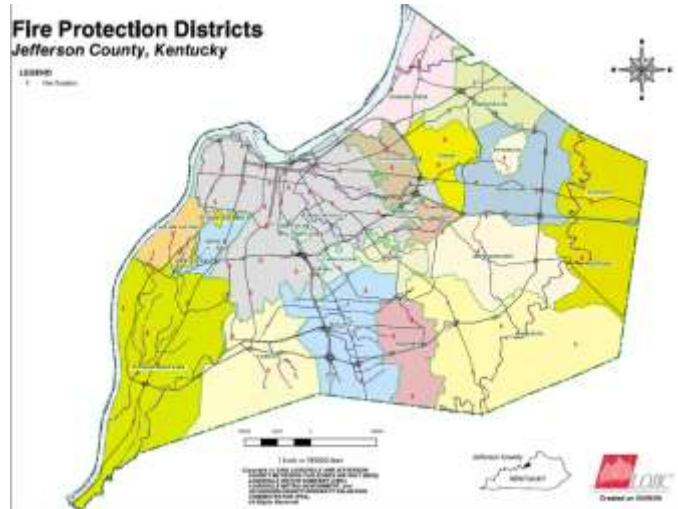
- (3) The property valuation administrator of the county or counties involved, with the cooperation of the board of trustees, shall note on the tax rolls the taxpayers and valuation of the property subject to the assessment. The county clerk shall compute the tax on the regular state and county tax bills in such manner as may be directed by regulation of the Department of Revenue.
- (4) Taxes imposed under the authority granted in this section shall be subject to the same delinquency date, discounts, penalties, and interest as are applied to the collection of ad valorem taxes and shall be collected by the sheriff of the county or counties involved and accounted for to the treasurer of the district. The sheriff shall be entitled to a fee of one percent (1%) of the amount collected by him or her.

2008

February, 2008, Incident Report:

March 9, 2008:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between {02/01/2008} And {02/29/2008}				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
Fire				
01 Building fire	2	1.25%	\$0	3.30%
13 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
14 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
30 Outside rubbish fire, other	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
34 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
	6	3.75%	\$0	3.30%
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)				
01 Excessive heat, smother burns with co	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
00 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
01 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	10	31.25%	\$0	3.30%
02 Medical assist, AED applied no shock	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
03 Medical assist, AED given to patient	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
04 Medical assist, cancelled enroute by	4	2.50%	\$0	3.30%
05 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after	17	10.62%	\$0	3.30%
06 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient	6	3.75%	\$0	3.30%
07 Extraction of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
08 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	2	1.25%	\$0	3.30%
	63	51.87%	\$0	3.30%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
01 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
02 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
03 Overheated motor	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
04 Power line down	4	2.50%	\$0	3.30%
05 Arising, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
06 Accident, potential accident, other	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
07 Vehicle accident, general miswarp	1	1.87%	\$0	3.30%
	12	7.50%	\$0	3.30%
Service Call				
00 Service Call, other	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
01 Lock-out	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
02 Water up street leak	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
03 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
04 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
	5	3.12%	\$0	3.30%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
Service Call				
01 Police matter	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
02 Assist invalid	2	1.25%	\$0	3.30%
03 Cover assignment, standby, noresp	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
	3	5.62%	\$0	3.30%
Good Intent Call				
00 Good intent call, other	6	3.75%	\$0	3.30%
01 Dispatched & cancelled en route	18	11.25%	\$0	3.30%
02 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch	6	3.75%	\$0	3.30%
03 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	4	2.50%	\$0	3.30%
04 Stare, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
	35	21.87%	\$0	3.30%
False Alarm & False Call				
01 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
02 Smoke detector activation due to	2	1.25%	\$0	3.30%
03 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
04 Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
05 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	4	2.50%	\$0	3.30%
06 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
07 Alarm system activation, no fire -	3	1.87%	\$0	3.30%
08 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.62%	\$0	3.30%
	14	8.75%	\$0	3.30%
Total Incident Count:	140		Total Est. Loss:	\$0



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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seig
Date: March 11, 2008
Re: District Activity

I think I have e-mailed everyone all the latest scoop and information that I had to pass along over the last several weeks. I will update anything that I have to report to you at the Trustees meeting this Thursday.

Please see the enclosed EA's for March. All of the items are budgeted items!

See you this Thursday at 5:30 pm.

Thanks!

2008

March 13, 2008, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS
Fire Protection District**
240 Seagrass Avenue
Louisville, KY 40227
(502) 893-7625
**William J. Seng
Fire Chief**

*Learn Not
To Burn*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Thomas G. Eifler, Chairman
James P. Quinn, Treasurer
John Monahan, Secretary

**Trustees Meeting Agenda
March 13, 2008**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Joe Wolfe
Richard J. Tonini
Jack Monahan
Faye Heaphy

I. ✓ Call to Order *5:35*

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

III. ✓ Treasurer Report *H.B. # 503 Passed House*

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
(a) Norbourne Boulevard Fire - Ursuline School meeting March 17, 2008
1:45 to 2:15 - Joe Seng

V. ✓ Old Business
(a) Hospital Committee - Report
(b) Greening Firehouse Committee Report - Graven/Monahan
No Report - Waiting on Bills - Next Meeting

VI. ✓ New Business *Comm. set up to look into Health Care / Med. Billing*
- Report about Monahan - Tonini Chair

VII. X Executive Session - If needed
NOT NEEDED

VIII. The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on April 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department Station 86

IX. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on April 10, 2008 - Thursday

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

March 13, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on March 13, 2008 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Seagrass Avenue. Chairman Tom Eifler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Trustees present were Tom Eifler, Joe Wolfe, John Volkerding, Jim Graven, Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini, and Jack Monahan. Also present were Chief Seng, Stuart Monahan, Sam McCune, Patrick Montague, Tony Glass, Moss Clore, and Larry Heaphy.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monahan moved; Rick Tonini seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report.

Expenses are running in the projected range. Through 8 months, revenue is at 92.46% of the projected budget. Expenses are 69.10 % of the budget.

Interest rates have fallen but most of the department's CD's are locked in at higher rates until mid summer. Next year's budget may need to be adjusted to reflect lower interest income.

Our CRC revenue has been dropping. This is due to the efforts by more insurance companies not paying claims. CRC has suggested that the Fire District pass an ordinance to put more legal language into the bills. The board discussed this idea. The board asked Chief Seng to ask legal council what is involved in passing such an ordinance.

Jack Monahan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The most recent news on the needed changes in the Chapter 75 Ordinance is that HB 503 has passed the House and is in the process of going to the Senate. A last minute Jefferson County amendment was removed. The Senate is expected to begin work on the bill next week.

2653 has returned from the shop after having new springs and shocks installed.

The District has changed our dumpster contract to Anytime Dumpsters which will provide a larger dumpster and save the District \$30 per month.

Chief Seng will be serving on the Federal Grant Review committee in Maryland in April.

On March 17th, Chief Seng will present awards to the 3 boys who helped their family to safety at the Norbourne Blvd Fire.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for March:

144 Dual Sensing Smoke Detectors	\$ 2,872.80
SCBA Cascade System Annual Maintenance Contract	\$ 540.00
FDTN Fire Company Officer School	\$ 2,935.00

Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenditures. Jack Monahan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Chief Seng reported that the Hospital Project Committee has been working on the presentation for the upcoming meetings with top hospital officials from Norton's, Jewish and Baptist East Hospitals. Chairman asked for volunteers to serve on a Health Care Committee. Members will be Rick Tonini, Joe Wolfe, Bill Seng, Dave Dugan, and Tom Eifler.

A meeting was held in Chairman Eifler's office on February 27, 2008 concerning the Metro Safe use of our cell tower. Attending were Chief Seng, Tom Eifler, Jim Graven from the fire district and Doug Hamilton from Metro Safe. After much discussion of the pros and cons Mr. Hamilton was asked to provide drawings and pictures of how this would look on our tower. He mentioned that they were in a hurry to get started and would have the information to us for this meeting. Since we have not heard anything from Mr. Hamilton, this issue has been tabled.

New Business

Jim Graven reported that the Green Committee was working on a plan for next year's budget to reduce energy consumption.

The next board meeting will be April 10, 2008.

2008

March 28 & April 3, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*: Friend of the department

Donald Malvern Thomas M.D.



THOMAS, DONALD MALVERN, M.D. died March 26, 2008. Born Feb. 23, 1930 in Flushing, Long Island, New York. He grew up in Westwood, N.J. He attended Trinity College in Hartford, CT., University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Pittsburgh, PA. He served in the USAF stationed at Mitchel Field, L.I., NY. He joined the Department of Anesthesia at U of L School of Medicine in 1959. His research of inhalation injuries led to friendships with members of the Louisville Fire Department. This led to his interest in fire and rescue and pre-hospital care of victims of fire and trauma. He was later offered the position of chief of emergency care at Louisville General Hospital. From this beginning, his interest in the education of emergency physicians evolved into one of the first recognized Departments of Emergency Medicine in the US. He served as national faculty at meetings of the American College of Emergency Medicine, and the American Board of Emergency Medicine. The program he developed at UL was nationally recognized for excellence in the care and treatment of the ill and injured, also for the well-trained emergency medicine physicians it produced. He is also remembered for promoting EMT and paramedic training in Louisville, as well as in the state and region. He served as the Fire Surgeon for the city of Louisville for 29 years, responding to many fires and emergency situations. He was an appointed member of the Jeffersontown Fire Board of Trustees, and a member of the State Fire Commission for many years. He served as Medical Director for both the city of Louisville EMS and the Jefferson County Police Emergency Medical Services. He brought the first helicopter ambulance, Stat Flight, to U of L and often flew on missions to dangerous sites to rescue patients. He is survived by his wife, Edna (Vanderwege); daughters Deborah (Patrick Ryan), Susan Davis (Stephen), and Larissa Cave (Dr. Matthew); granddaughter, Rachel Davis; grandsons, Jacob Thomas-Burns, William and Samuel Cave. A celebration of his life will be held 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 5, 2008 at the Firehouse at Floyd and Jefferson. The family asks, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Louisville. Donald's body has been donated to the University School of Medicine.

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Dr. Donald Thomas backed the use of CPR, which had not been used here in the '60s.

Emergency medicine advocate, fire surgeon Don Thomas dies

BY PAULA BURDA • PBURDA@COURIER-JOURNAL.COM • APRIL 1, 2008

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Dr. Donald M. Thomas, who developed one of the first departments of emergency medicine in the nation at the University of Louisville and served nearly 30 years as fire surgeon of the old Louisville Division of Fire, died March 26 at his home. He was 78.

Growing up in New Jersey, Thomas couldn't decide whether he wanted to be a doctor or a firefighter, according to one news article. By the time he'd settled in Louisville, he was making a name for himself in both worlds.

Thomas came to Louisville in 1959 after earning his degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

As assistant professor of anesthesiology during his first decade at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, he became an expert in resuscitation, including teaching what was often referred to as "mouth-to-mouth resuscitation."

Thomas, known in medical school circles as "The Chief," advocated the use of CPR, which had been nonexistent in Louisville in the 1960s, according to Dr. Dan Darst, the

current chairman of U of L's Department of Emergency Medicine.

In 1967, Thomas already had been fire surgeon for two years, a volunteer position he would hold for nearly 30 years. That year, a scientific paper he wrote on "Smoke and Related Hazards to Firefighters" was published in a national medical magazine. Thomas was particularly concerned with the toxicity of smoke from burning plastic and other synthetics gaining popularity in homes and businesses.

"My only regret is that I don't have my own fire engine. They won't even let me ride with them," Thomas once told *The Courier-Journal*, although he did have his own fire gear and radio system in his office, ready to respond to any major fires or emergencies, which he did regularly for decades.

In 1970, Thomas was named medical director of emergency services for the old General Hospital, the university's primary teaching hospital.

In the next year, he would oversee improvements to the emergency room, including the creation of a separate resuscitation room where all the equipment to treat acute emergencies was concentrated. Even after decades of advancement and upgrades, the room is still known, as it was then, as "Room 9" among emergency personnel.

The hospital also created a separate room to treat children's emergencies, and the hospital auxiliary donated a new electronic thermometer that could take a temperature in 10 seconds instead of the standard three minutes. The new thermometer alone would save about eight man-hours a day, Thomas said at the time.

In 1972, with Thomas as its leader, the University of Louisville was the third university in the United States to create a Department of Emergency Medicine to train physicians to work full-time in emergency rooms.

The mission was to train physicians "a little bit about a lot of things," Thomas said in news stories. "You might say these fellows will be specialists in the prevention of death."

In the early 1970s, Thomas was an outspoken advocate of establishing an ambulance service, frequently calling the system of police transporting patients to hospitals outdated and illogical.

He called for an end to "a huge gap in care" from the time accidents and medical emergencies occurred to the time patients arrived at the hospitals, usually having received no medical treatment along the way.

Thomas most respected those who, in his words, "put their butts on the line" — police, firefighters and EMTs who dealt with emergencies in the line of duty, according to Darst.

But people were "never more equal than when in the ER," with Thomas demanding that all patients receive the best medical efforts, with "no room for value judgments," according to Darst.

"Our chief was a bold, flexible and tempestuous rebel and visionary," Darst said.

2008

March, 2008, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (03/01/2008) And (03/31/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	2	1.04%	\$500	0.11%
112 Cooking fire, contained in container	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
122 Passenger vehicle fire	2	1.04%	\$11,875	99.89%
	4	3.12%	\$11,875	100.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
300 Rescues, EMS incident, other	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	40	31.25%	\$0	0.00%
3111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shock(s) given	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
3112 Medical assist, AED applied, no shock	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
3113 Medical assist, AED given to patient	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
3114 Medical assist, Adrenaline given to patient	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
3115 Medical assist, convulsed enroute by	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
3116 Medical assist, convulsed by squad after	22	17.45%	\$0	0.00%
3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
3118 Medical assist, staffed facility no PD	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
	66	51.56%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	1.56%	\$0	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	3	1.56%	\$0	0.00%
430 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
443 Overheated motor	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
445 Leaking, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
452 Vehicle accident, animal involved	3	2.00%	\$0	0.00%
	17	8.85%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
510 Person in distress, Other	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
520 Smoke or odor removal	3	1.56%	\$0	0.00%
550 Public service assistance, Other	3	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
570 Cover assignment, standby, moving	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
	6	3.12%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
605 Good intent call, Other	3	1.84%	\$0	0.00%
611 Disappeared & cancelled on scene	17	8.85%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	6	3.12%	\$0	0.00%
	26	13.81%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
710 Mischief, malicious false call, Other	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	2	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	4	4.16%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	7	6.84%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	2	1.04%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	1	0.52%	\$0	0.00%
	33	17.18%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 192			Total Est. Loss: \$11,875	

April 9, 2008, The Courier-Journal, Four brothers honored by St. Matthews Fire Protection District, Four acted quickly during house fire, by Martha Elson:



April 9, 2008

Four brothers honored by St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Four acted quickly during house fire

By Martha Elson

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Thirteen-year-old Jim Bradford was upstairs playing video games with his 8-year-old brother Paul one Saturday evening at their home in Norbourne Estates when their brother Will, 11, shouted from downstairs that the house was on fire.

"The whole stairway was covered with smoke," Jim said last week. "I said, 'Let's go!'" They also rounded up Daniel, 5, who was downstairs at the computer, Jim said.

Jim was recounting the Feb. 2 lifesaving actions that recently won him and his brothers "Heroic Effort" awards from the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

"They did everything right," said Tom Effer, chairman of the fire district board and mayor of Indian Hills.

What made the situation especially unusual was that their parents, Kit and Susan Bradford, were on a short getaway trip to Florida, and the boys' 24-year-old baby sister, Jessica Tinnel, the Bradfords' niece, was at a cousin's birthday dinner, as the parents knew.

Jim and Will made sure the boys all got outside to a park area across Norbourne Boulevard from their house. Jim called 911 on his cell phone, reported the fire and gave his name and address, he said.

"All our neighbors came running over," Paul said.

Fire Chief Bill Seng and a group of other fire officials presented the trophy-like awards in the shape of a flame to the three older boys recently at their school, Sacred Heart Model, in Crescent Hill. Last week, Seng took an award by the Bradfords' house to Daniel, who attends Ursuline Montessori School.

On the evening of the fire, Seng was headed to dinner and driving nearby on Breckinridge Lane when the blaze was reported on his car radio. He was the first to arrive at the house and was able to put out the fire with cups of water before the firetrucks arrived. He said it had burned a kitchen wall and the floor.

Firefighters preach about fire safety every year in schools, and "these kids ... were able to exit the house and find a safe place," Seng said.

In retrospect, Jim said, "It was a lot more weird than it was scary." He also called Tinnel's cell phone.

"They did a good job," Kit Bradford said. "Here we are in Florida and get a call from the niece, saying, 'I don't want to alarm you, but this is what happened.'"

Jim has been left in charge of the younger boys for short periods of time before, Kit Bradford said.

"He's a very take-charge 13-year-old," Susan Bradford said.

2008

April 9, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*, Four brothers honored by St. Matthews Fire Protection District, Four acted quickly during house fire, by Martha Elson:

The house was designed by the late Louisville architect Stratton Hammon and built in 1930. It had old buzzers that were once used to call servants, and a chair leg had accidentally been sitting on one on the floor under the dining room table, keeping the buzzer activated. Heat from the buzzer caused the circuitry in the doorbell and buzzer sound equipment to ignite, fire officials said.

The buzzer has now been removed and a rug put on the floor under the table.

In addition to being thankful that her sons are safe, "I'm just so grateful that somebody was home" to protect the house, Susan Bradford said. "I think it probably could have burned down."

"They kept their heads and did what they were trained to do," said Rick Tonini, another fire district board member and public relations spokesman for the district. Tonini was at a dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church nearby, and also came to the house when he heard the report.

Jim said he knew to call 911 because "my mom tells me, like, every day. But it helped for once."

Reporter Martha Elson can be reached at (502) 582-7061.



By Arza Barnett, The Courier-Journal
Daniel Bradford, 5, got his award last Wednesday from St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng as Daniel's brother, Will, 12, watched.



By Martha Elson, The Courier-Journal
The Bradford home, which recently caught fire, is in Norbourne Estates.

2008

April 10, 2008, *The Voice-Tribune*:



Fire department honors brothers

The St. Matthews Fire Department honored brothers Jim, Will and Paul Bradford March 17 for their efforts and heroism when their house caught fire on Feb. 2.

The boys, all students at Sacred Heart Model School, noticed the house filling with smoke, but didn't know why. They quickly called 911 and got themselves and younger brother Daniel to safety.

The fire was extinguished quickly, but the house sustained moderate damage.

April 10, 2008, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors
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*Leave Not
To Burn*

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William J. Seng
Fire Chief

Trustees Meeting Agenda
April 10, 2008

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thomas H. Eifler, Chairman
David D. Green, Treasurer
Joe Monahan, Secretary

Absent

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Joe Wolfe
Richard A. Tonini
Jack Monahan
Faye Ellerkamp

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

April 10, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on April 10, 2008 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, Jim Graven, Faye Ellerkamp, Rick Tonini and Jack Monahan. Also present were Chief Seng, Frank Flynn, Nick Clark, Kevin Molton and Nick Heilmann.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monahan moved; Rick Tonini seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report.

Our CRC revenue for March was \$1,800.

The 2008-2009 Budget Committee will be Joe Wolfe, Chief Seng, Jim Graven & Rick Tonini.

Jack Monahan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The most recent news on HB 503 is that Ellen Call was going to contact David Williams in an effort to have the bill brought to a vote in two remaining days of this year's session.

HB 600, which deals with the pension reform and CERS, may be passed in the last 2 days of the session, or a special session.

I. ✓ Call to Order *5:30 PM*

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

III. ✓ Treasurer Report

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
(a) Report on Ursuline School Presentation.

V. ✓ Old Business

(a) Hospital Committee - Report - *SAH In works*

(b) Greening Firehouse Committee Report - Graven/Monahan. *Report to May*

★ VI. ✓ New Business *City Rebuilding 126 - 1st floor w/ 5 sprinklers*

X VII. ✓ Executive Session - If needed. *1st City to Rebuild sprinklers*

VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on April 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department Station #6

IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on May 8, 2008 - Thursday

2008

April 10, 2008, Trustee meeting:

The FDIC in Indianapolis is this week. St. Matthews has sent over 11 firefighters for training for 1-3 days this week

Fire Department annual physicals will begin the week of April 13th.

Chief Seng requested that a summer intern position be funded again this year.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the summer intern position. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that he would be out of town April 27 through May 2 serving on the Grant Review Committee in Washington D. C.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditure's for April:

Upgrade Network Software \$1,229.35

Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenditure; Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

There will be a meeting on April 15th at 10:00 am regarding health insurance plans for retired/rehire employees.

New Business

Chief Seng reported that 222 Blankenbaker Lane a 2500 square foot house is the first property to comply with the new Indian Hills Sprinkler Ordinance.

Chief Seng and Russell Sanders of NFPA will make a presentation to the City of St. Matthews regarding a similar Sprinkler Ordinance.

Rick Tonini moved to send a letter to Mayor Abramson with a board letter requesting that Tom Eifler be re-appointed to the board when his term expires in June. Jack Monohan seconded.

The next board meeting will be May 8, 2008.

There being no further business, Joe Wolfe moved and Jack Monohan seconded; that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 5:55 pm.

April 24, 2008, Letter: Case file not shown here

*Good News
Now We Can Move
Forward.*



STOLL-KEENON-OGDEN
MEMORANDUM

*Attorney-Client Privileged
Prepared Pursuant to Litigation*

TO: Chief Bill Seng
Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District

FROM: Timothy J. Eifler

DATE: April 24, 2008

RE: Kentucky Supreme Court's opinion in *Jones v. Cross*

The Kentucky Supreme Court issued an opinion today in *Jones v. Cross*, Case Nos. 2005-SC-000854-DG and 2006-SC-000164-DG, unanimously affirming the Court of Appeals' holding that sheriffs are liable for the acts and omissions of their deputies pursuant to KRS 70.040. A copy of the Kentucky Supreme Court's opinion is attached. Unless a petition for rehearing is filed within twenty days, the Court's opinion will become final May 15, 2008.

Current status of the Fire District's case. The Jefferson Circuit Court held in our case that the Jefferson County Sheriff and County Clerk enjoyed sovereign immunity and therefore were immune from suit on the Fire District's claims. We appealed and our appeal is currently under submission at the Kentucky Court of Appeals. We have argued in our briefs that neither the sheriff nor the county clerk have sovereign immunity and, even if they did, KRS 70.040 and 62.210 are clear waivers of that immunity. The Court heard oral arguments on March 21, 2007 after which our appeal was submitted for a decision. On August 8, 2007 however, the Court of Appeals ordered our appeal abated (basically suspended) until a decision had been rendered in *Jones v. Cross*. Under the Court's order, our case will be returned to the Court's active document once *Jones v. Cross* is final.

Fire District participation before the Kentucky Supreme Court. *Jones v. Cross* involves two state troopers who were run over by a Barren County Deputy Sheriff while all three were attempting to apprehend an individual. The troopers sued the Sheriff's office and the Sheriff personally. The Court of Appeals held that the sheriff's office had sovereign immunity but that KRS 70.040 waived that immunity with respect to the acts and omissions of deputies, and the Barren County Sheriff Appealed.

April 24, 2008
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While our appeal was pending before the Court of Appeals, the Fire District filed an *amicus curiae* ("friend of the court") brief in *Jones v. Cross*. We also largely wrote the brief for the lawyer representing Officers Cross and Spadlin, the persons suing the Barren County Sheriff for damages. The Fire District and the troopers both argued in their Kentucky Supreme Court briefs the sheriff does not have sovereign immunity and, even if he did, KRS 70.040 is a clear waiver of that immunity. Neither the Jefferson County Sheriff, County Clerk or PVA filed a brief in *Jones v. Cross*. The Kentucky Supreme Court heard arguments on November 14, 2007 and the case has been under submission since that time.

Holding in *Jones v. Cross*. In the attached opinion, all six of the participating justices agreed that sheriffs are liable for the acts and omissions of their deputies. The majority held that sheriffs have sovereign immunity under common law but KRS 70.040 was a waiver of that immunity. Justice Abramson in her concurring opinion agreed with our primary argument that sheriffs have no immunity at common law and KRS 70.040 simply codified that rule. While we believe J. Abramson's reasoning is more intellectually honest, the ultimate effect of the holding is that Sheriff Aubrey can be held liable for the negligence of his deputies in preparing the Fire District's tax roll. Because the wording of KRS 62.210 is virtually identical with respect to county clerks, we believe that *Jones v. Cross* is clear authority that any immunity the Jefferson County Clerk would have is similarly waived by that statute. Thus, sovereign immunity is not a defense in our action against the Jefferson County Sheriff and Clerk.

We believe that once *Jones v. Cross* becomes final, the Court of Appeals will establish a briefing schedule for the parties to brief the impact of that decision on our appeal. As discussed above, we believe that decision to be determinative that the Jefferson County Sheriff and County Clerk can be held liable for the Fire District's prior years' taxes.


2008

April, 2008, Incident Report

May 5, 2008, Trustee meeting:

St. Matthews Fire Protections District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (04/01/2008) And (04/30/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
106 Fire, Other	4	7.26%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building Fire	5	9.09%	\$0	0.00%
112 Road Freight or transport vehicle fire	1	1.82%	\$4,000	100.00%
142 House or house-and-attached garage fire	1	1.82%	\$0	0.00%
170 Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, Other	1	1.82%	\$0	0.00%
	12	7.10%	\$4,000	100.00%
2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
100 Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	1.82%	\$0	0.00%
111 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	43	76.42%	\$0	0.00%
112 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	1.82%	\$0	0.00%
115 Medical assist, cancelled enroute by	2	3.64%	\$0	0.00%
116 Medical assist, cancelled by enroute after	10	18.18%	\$0	0.00%
117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient	7	12.73%	\$0	0.00%
123 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	3.64%	\$0	0.00%
163 Swift water rescue	1	1.82%	\$0	0.00%
	77	45.56%	\$0	0.00%
3 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1	1.82%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	1.82%	\$0	0.00%
445 Leaking, shorted electrical equipment	1	1.82%	\$0	0.00%
446 Vehicle accident, general mishap	5	9.09%	\$0	0.00%
	8	4.72%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
320 Water problem, other	4	7.26%	\$0	0.00%
321 Water evacuation	2	3.64%	\$0	0.00%
322 Water or steam leak	7	12.73%	\$0	0.00%
331 Sewer or water removal	1	1.82%	\$0	0.00%
354 Aerial hydraulic	1	1.82%	\$0	0.00%
373 Crew assignment, standby, message	7	12.73%	\$0	0.00%
	12	7.10%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
400 Good intent call, other	1	1.71%	\$0	0.00%
411 Dispatched & cancelled en route	11	18.18%	\$0	0.00%
422 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch	2	3.18%	\$0	0.00%
426 Down, other gas mistakes for smoke, Other	1	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
401 Smoke alarm, other of smoke	1	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
432 Alarm, report, fire or shut thought to be	2	3.18%	\$0	0.00%
433 Smoke from barbecue, gas settle	1	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
	4	6.36%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
100 False alarm or false call, other	1	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
131 System malfunction, Other	1	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
132 Smoke detector activation due to	4	6.36%	\$0	0.00%
134 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
135 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
136 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
143 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	7	11.82%	\$0	0.00%
144 Detector activation, no fire -	2	3.18%	\$0	0.00%
145 Alarm system activation, no fire -	5	7.73%	\$0	0.00%
	23	37.27%	\$0	0.00%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
912 Flood assessment	2	3.18%	\$0	0.00%
	2	3.18%	\$0	0.00%
9 Special Incident Type				
911 Officer complaint	1	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
	1	1.59%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	169		Total Est. Loss:	\$4,000

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**Trustees Meeting Agenda
May 8, 2008**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Jim Wolfe
Richard J. Evans
Jack Morrison
Paul Starnes

I. ✓ Call to Order *5:28*

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

III. ✓ Treasurer Report

IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng

V. ✓ Old Business
 X (a) Hospital Committee - Report *NEXT MONTH*
 X (b) Greener Firehouse Committee Report - Graves/Monahan *NEXT MONTH*
 X (c) Health Committee Report - Wolfe/Dugan
 X (d) Legal - Update *SEE ATTACHED*

VI. ✓ New Business
 (a) Cell Tower - Metrostar (if needed)

VII. X Executive Session - If needed

VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on June 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Jeffersonstown Fire Department

IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on June 12, 2008 - Thursday *5:30*

** Sat. 7-20-08 Awards @ McManis Art Center
 12:30 Family Outing @ K&B, Richmond
 - Election last of June*

MR. MONCHAN,

THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT BENEFIT
PACKAGE THE BOARD PROVIDES FOR US
@ STMFPD. I HAVE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD
WHY A GREAT BLESSING IT IS TO US, AND
NOW AFTER THE BIRTH OF OUR FIRST CHILD
I REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT IS ALSO. WE
ARE SO GRATEFUL! SINCERELY,
MICHAEL FRANTZ

2008

May 5, 2008, Trustee meeting:

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

May 5, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on May 5, 2008 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, Jim Graven, Rick Tonini, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding and Jack Monohan. Also present were Chief Seng, Frank Flynn, Nick Clark, Kevin Molton and Nick Heilmann.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved, Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report.

Our CRC revenue for April was \$1,122.71.

We sold our lowest interest rate CD from Stock Yards bank to add money for operating expenses. The plan is to sell the newer lower interest CD's as money is needed while holding on to the older higher rate CD's.

After 10 months of the budget year the district has received 96.48% of budgeted income and has expenses of 81.79%.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The Crusade for Children will be June 3-8 2008.

New Red and yellow reflective stripes have been added in house to the rear of each apparatus to improve visibility. This is now required by NFPA on all new apparatus.

ISO is in the process of reviewing Harrods Creek Fire District. It has been 15 years since the last review at St. Matthews so we could be coming up for review in the near future.

The Award banquet committee has decided to have this year's event on September 20, 2008 at the Melwood Arts Center. The committee needs \$500 for the deposit to hold the date. Rick Tonini moved to approve the \$500 for the deposit. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng informed the board that starting in June the district will change our EMS assist policy to the new ECHO only standard. Using this standard our units will be dispatched only on true life saving emergency's instead of many of the runs they respond on where they are not needed.

Chief Seng requested no expenditures for May.

Old Business

Walter Sales and Tim Eifler reviewed the latest news our pending legal appeal. The State Supreme has ruled in case 2003-CA-001224 that Sheriffs can be held responsible for their mistakes which should send our case back to district court to be heard.

New Business

Ron Pannell presented the plan from Metro Safe to add Microwave Equipment to the cell tower at station 2. Ron presented two options to stabilize the tower but asked the cable guy wires be allowed. The board discussed the pro and cons of both options with Ron.

Rick Tonini moved to allow Metro Safe to co-locate their equipment and add the needed guy wires after all documents have been given to the department and reviewed. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Tom Eifler appointed an election committee of Joe Wolfe and Faye Ellerkamp to administer the property owner trustee election in June.

Rick Tonini moved that the District adopt the current .10 cent per 100 tax rate on all real, personal and intangible property for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng presented his proposed budget for the 2008-2009 budget year.

The proposed budget is for \$3,543,700 is 3.75% higher than the current year and is balanced. Included in the budget is \$140,218 dollars for requested Capital Projects, \$100,000 for the apparatus replacement fund, a 3% raise for all employees and 3% increase in volunteer reimbursement.

The board discussed the proposed budget with Chief Seng including projected revenue increases, and higher fuel expenses. Jack Monohan moved to approve the budget as written. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini presented a plan to allow employees to opt out of the district provided health insurance plan if they have coverage from another source. The plan would save the district money but also give the employee a \$3,500 annual health care reimbursement account. The board discussed the idea at length.

Rick Tonini moved that the Fire District institute a health insurance drop program. In this program, employees may opt not to accept the District provided health insurance benefit. Employees who opt out of the health insurance plan will be supplied by the District with a Health Reimbursement Arrangement account to be administered by Benovation Inc. The District shall fund the HRA accounts in the amount of \$3,500.00 annually per participating employee. At anytime an employee wishes to opt back into the District provided health insurance plan, he will be allowed to do so by surrendering the HRA account to the Fire District. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be June 12, 2008.

There being no further business, Jack Monohan moved and Faye Ellerkamp seconded; that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:45 pm.

2008

May 22, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*, by Martha Elson: Lyndon fire takes TARC safety director as new chief——(Former St. Matthews Firefighter)



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Lyndon fire takes TARC safety director as new chief

BY MARTHA ELSON • MELSON@COURIER-JOURNAL.COM • MAY 22, 2008

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Russell Rakestraw, director of safety and security for TARC, was named chief of the Lyndon fire Protection District today.

Rakestraw, 61, replaces Chief James Baker, who is retiring July 1 after 45 years in all with the Lyndon district.

Rakestraw had worked in the fire service field for more than 30 years — including stints as a firefighter with Lyndon in the late 1970s and with the St. Matthews Fire Protection district before that. He also was fire chief in Petersburg, Va., and training officer for the Bowling Green fire service.

He currently is a volunteer with the North Oldham Fire Protection District and lives in Indian Hills.

He has been with TARC for less than three years, and has held other county government administrative posts.

"The fire service has always been my passion," Rakestraw said.

He said he found the Lyndon district to be a "very progressive, professional department" when he worked there, "and I thought it might be a good fit for me."

His salary will be in the \$70,000 range, and he will be sworn in as chief June 10. Rakestraw was chosen from among about 25 applicants during a search process that a committee of the Lyndon district fire board began last fall.

Reporter Martha Elson can be reached at (502) 582-7061.



Russell Rakestraw, director of safety and security for TARC, who was named chief of the Lyndon Fire Protection District today. The photo is taken at the TARC headquarters on West Broadway. (By Martha Elson, The Courier-Journal) May 22, 2008

2008

May, 2008, Incident Report:

June 10, 2008, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (05/01/2008) And (05/31/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
101 Fire, Other	2	1.16%	\$0	0.00%
102 Building fire	5	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
103 Passenger vehicle fire	1	1.16%	\$21,000	100.00%
104 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	2	1.16%	\$0	0.00%
107 Grass fire	3	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
108 Outside equipment fire	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
109 Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, other	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
	12	7.01%	\$21,000	100.00%
2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
201 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	47	27.48%	\$0	0.00%
202 Medical assist, AER applied no reports	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
203 Medical assist, Aspirin given to patient	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
205 Medical assist, cancelled enroute by	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
206 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after	24	14.03%	\$0	0.00%
207 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patients	4	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
208 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	4	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
	81	50.87%	\$0	0.00%
3 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
302 Hazardous condition, Other	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
303 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
304 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
305 Gear from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
306 Overheated motor	2	1.16%	\$0	0.00%
308 Power line down	4	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
309 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
310 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	1.16%	\$0	0.00%
	13	7.60%	\$0	0.00%
4 Service Call				
401 Lock-out	1	1.16%	\$0	0.00%
402 Ring or jewelry removal	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
403 Brake up order removal	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
404 Public service	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
405 Home assignment, standby, service	2	1.16%	\$0	0.00%
	7	4.09%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
5 Good Intent Call				
501 Good intent call, Other	1	1.16%	\$0	0.00%
502 Dispatched a technician on route	10	10.52%	\$0	0.00%
503 Meeting location	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
504 No Incident found on arrival/OT dispatch	5	2.83%	\$0	0.00%
505 Other, Other gas detection for smoke, Other	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
506 Smoke alarm, other of smoke	2	1.16%	\$0	0.00%
507 Smoke from bathroom, fan bottle	2	1.16%	\$0	0.00%
508 HazMat release investigation/no HazMat	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
	33	19.29%	\$0	0.00%
6 False Alarm & False Call				
601 False alarm or false call, Other	4	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
602 Malfunction, miscellaneous false call, Other	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
603 System malfunction, Other	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
604 Smoke detector activation, no fire	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
605 Sprinkler activation, no fire	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
606 Smoke detector activation, no fire	4	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
607 Detector activation, no fire	1	0.58%	\$0	0.00%
608 Alarm system activation, no fire	4	2.29%	\$0	0.00%
	19	11.12%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 171				
Total Est. Loss: \$21,000				

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seig
Date: June 10, 2008
Re: District Activity

- ✓ Another year has gone by and the 2008 WHAS Crusade for Children is finally over. I will have John Volkening who is our Crusade Chairman give a final report Thursday night at the Trustees meeting.
- ✓ The annual pump testing for all of the fire pumps will take place the week of June 18th. Fire Department Service will come to our station and do all of the testing out of our pump test pit at Station 1. This is the same service company that has done our pump testing over the last two years.
- ✓ All of the crews have just recently completed testing all 773 fire hydrants that are located in the fire district. The testing consists of flowing water and hydrant maintenance. The summer project for the fire hydrants will be painting of all the new hydrants that have been installed since last summer and any of the existing hydrants that are in bad shape.
- ✓ The crews have also just recently completed the testing of all the fire hose that is located on every truck. This is a yearly test that is done in the springtime of each year.
- ✓ All of the roof leaks that I reported to the Board last month have been repaired. At this time, we do not seem to have any active leaks.
- ✓ From all indications so far, MetroSafe is supposed to be up and running sometime late this year. If you remember they are to supply all of the fire districts with new mobile, base stations, and handheld radios at their expense.

Enclosed you will find several EA's for this month's meeting.

See you Thursday!

June, 2008, Crusade for Children:

2008 Crusade for Children Donations


Event	Tuesday Night	Wednesday Night	Thursday Night	Friday night	Sat. morning	Sat. Afternoon	Saturday night	Sunday Morning	Totals
2631	\$860.52	\$1,656.07	\$521.81	\$2,312.74	743.86	845.65	388.05	750.00	\$8,078.70
2633	\$2,165.31	\$1,522.22	\$1,322.28	\$2,693.26	4,316.24	3,341.44	514.41		\$15,875.16
2634	\$3,580.61	\$1,616.03	\$913.00						\$6,109.64
2653	\$760.72								\$760.72
2691									
2658	\$2,334.55	\$1,696.70	\$3,238.83	\$6,171.65	1,157.66	2,762.96	491.83	1,200.00	\$19,054.18
2694									
2613				\$578.05		1,017.26		468.13	\$ 2,063.44
2692			\$363.74						\$363.74
Misc	\$48.33			\$57.44			\$20,989.91		\$21,095.68
Session Total	\$9,750.04	\$6,491.02	\$6,359.66	\$11,813.14	\$6,217.76	\$7,967.31	\$22,384.20	\$ 2,418.13	\$73,401.26
Last Year	\$8,095.54	\$9,028.45	\$9,693.73	\$7,684.30	\$8,764.05	\$4,484.05	\$29,964.32	\$ 3,651.35	\$81,365.79
Difference	\$1,654.50	\$2,537.43	\$3,334.07	\$4,128.84	\$2,546.29	\$3,483.26	\$7,580.12	\$1,233.22	\$7,964.53

* Negative
* Positive

2008

June 12, 2008, Trustee meeting:

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John H. Wolfe, Treasurer
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Absent

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Joe Wolfe
Rick Tonini
John Monohan
Faye Ellerkamp

Trustees Meeting Agenda
June 12, 2008

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:28*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *By Chief Seng*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
 (a) Ordinances vs Resolutions *Next Month*
- V. ✓ Old Business
 - ✓ (a) Hospital Committee - Report *No Report*
 - ✓ (b) Greening Firehouse Committee Report - Graven/Monohan *No Report*
 - ✓ (c) Health Committee Report - Wolfe/Dugan/Tonini *working on*
 - ✓ (d) Legal - Update
 - ✓ (e) Echo Runs - Update *Next Month*
 - ✓ (f) Metro-Safe/Cell Tower Update
 - ✓ (g) Election Committee Report - Wolfe *6-28-08 @ 10:00*
- VI. ✓ New Business
 - ✓ (a) Crusade Report
 - ✓ (b) Awards Banquet - September 20, 2008 - Update *John to attend Family Meeting*
 - ✓ (c) Sprinkler Ordinance June 23 meeting
- VII. ✓ Executive Session - If needed. *None*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCEA Trustee meeting will be held on June 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Jeffersonville Fire Department
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on July 10, 2008 - Thursday @ 5:00 *6:31 P.M.*

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

June 12, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on June 12, 2008 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, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding and Jack Monohan. Also present were Chief Seng, Frank Flynn, Nick Clark, Kevin Molton, Stuart Monohan, Dave Dugan, Derrick Miskell, Mike Frantz and Nick Heilmann.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 8, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved that the minutes be approved as written. Jack Monohan seconded; the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Seng gave the treasurer's report in Jim Graven's absence.

Our CRC revenue for May was \$2,538.52.

After 11 months of the budget year, the district has received 98.91% of budgeted income and has had expenses of 89.12%. The district should finish the budget year just above our projected income. Expenses will also be slightly below the budgeted amount.

Chief Seng reported that expenses for fuel are expected to exceed the budget by about \$6,000 and that overtime pay is slightly up due to several extended vacant positions earlier in the year.

Rick Tonini pointed out an error in the credit card statement on a computer purchase labeled for Station 2. The computer purchased was a server for Station 1. Chief Seng will have the error corrected.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The annual pump tests will be done the week of June 18th by Fire Dept Service Co. using our test pit at Station 1.

The flow tests on all 773 fire hydrants have been completed. During the summer, the on-duty crews will paint hydrants as needed.

The annual fire hose tests are complete for 2008.

The roof leaks at Station 1 were completed under warranty.

The HVAC went out in the rear office area of Station 1. The replacement unit cost \$3,400. Jim Graven approved the emergency repair. The new unit has been installed and is up and running.

Metro Safe reported that they expect the new radios to be in place and the system up and running by late 2008. They will replace every radio in the district with the new equipment.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for June:

- \$ 2,405 for a new ice machine at Station 2
- \$ 905 for fire prevention supplies
- \$ 1,545 for the District's summer family picnic
- \$ 6,372 for the September awards banquet

All items are budgeted.

Rick Tonini asked Chief Seng about inviting Harrods Creek Fire District to participate in the Family Picnic in July. Chief Seng said he had no problems with it except there could be a parking issue with the Knights of Columbus. He will check with their management and make a decision.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the expenses. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Hospital Committee - No Report

Greening Committee-Stuart Monohan reported that the committee expected to present the details of the project in early fall.

Health Insurance Report-Joe Wolfe reported that Dave Dugan has almost completed the project of signing up the firefighters who have other forms of insurance. Paper work still needs to be completed, but it should be complete by July.

Echo Runs- Chief Seng reported a reduction in EMS assist runs as expected and that he will have a more detailed report in July.

Legal Update- Tom Eifler reported that the case is still waiting for the appeals court to send the case back to the district court.

Metro Safe Tower Update- Chief Seng reported that T-Mobile has some issues with Metro Safe using the tower. Metro Safe and T-Mobile need to work out their issues before Metro Safe can give the District all the necessary legal paper work.

Election Committee- Joe Wolfe reported that the election for the property owner trustee will be held June 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Jack Monohan is the only candidate.

New Business

John Volkerding reported that the Crusade for Children effort for 2008 was complete. The District turned in \$74,000 to WHAS for this year. The Boy Scouts from Our Lady Of Lourdes were again very important to our efforts. Special thanks was given to Charles McCune and Stuart Monohan for each giving up 15 hours of their time to help. Valerie Seng and Vicki McCune helped each night with the money counting.

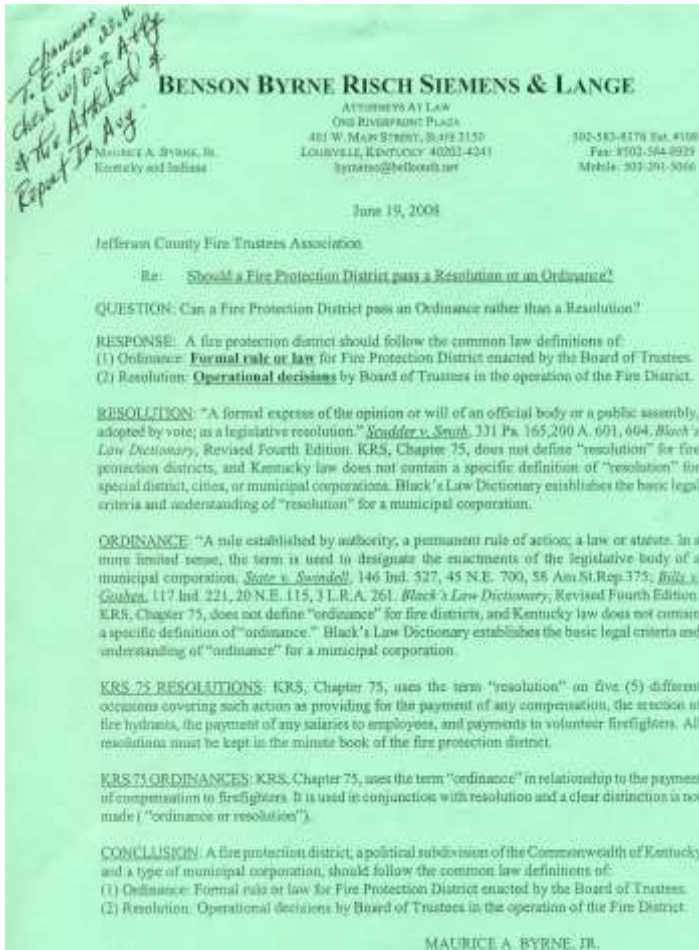
Chief Seng reported that the state has ruled that the sprinkler ordinance adopted by Indian Hills may be illegal. There will be a hearing in Frankfort on June 23, 2008. The building contractors have lined up against the issue.

The next board meeting will be July 10, 2008.

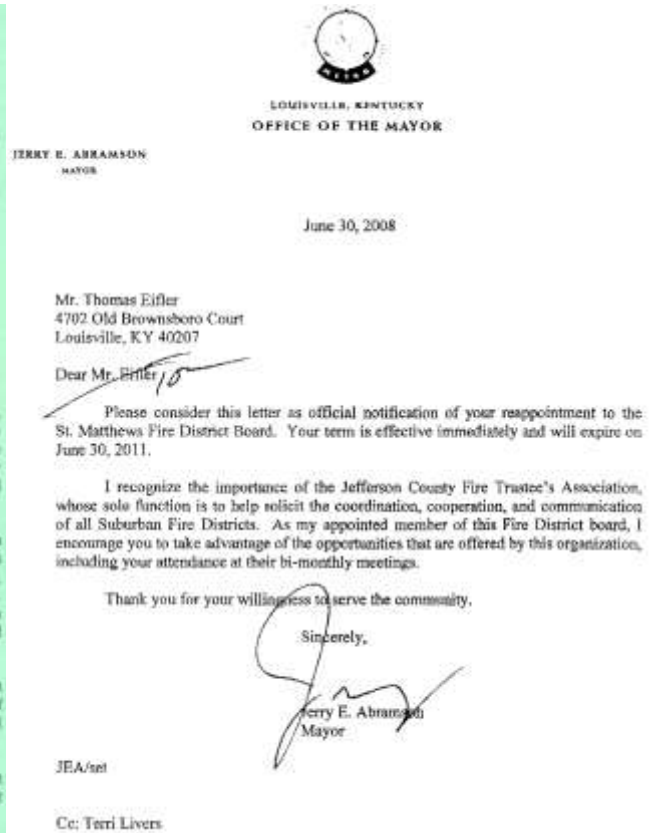
There being no further business, Joe Wolfe moved and Jack Monohan seconded; that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:21 p.m.

2008

June 19, 2008, Opinion:



June 30, 2008, Letter:



June 20, 2008, Courtesy Wiley Brewer (former STMFD), Beechwood Village event—



2008

June 20, 2008, Courtesy Wiley Brewer (former STMFD), Beechwood Village event—



June 30, 2008, Employment opportunity:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

JOB POSTING INTERNAL CANDIDATES ONLY

Position Title: Career Sergeant

Type of Examination: Open Competitive (eligibility pool) good thru June 30, 2010

Position Location: St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Date and Time of Exams:
Written Examination

Position Salary:
\$39,425.95
+ \$ 3,100.00 State Incentive
100% paid family health, dental packages
20-year retirement plan (CERS)
Life insurance
EAP program
Sick time
Paid vacation and holiday time
Uniforms provided

Application Deadline:

Job Description and Qualifications:
See Attached Job Description

Position Selection Process:
Successful completion of a written and practical examination: (75% passing score)

Application Process:

- Items to include in application package
- A resume and letter of intent
 - A copy of all certifications as required by the Job Description

Only applicants with the top three scores will be interviewed when a position becomes available. Interviews will be conducted by a committee appointed by the Fire Chief.

There are currently no vacant positions available; this process is to create an eligibility pool in anticipation for future openings.

Testing process will start in July, 2008!

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Job Description for Sergeant

Position Title: Sergeant
Division: Operations
Supervised by: Captain
Supervises: Operational Personnel, as assigned
Status: Non-Exempt - Career

GENERAL PURPOSE

Protects life and property by performing firefighting, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and other duties, as assigned. Responsible for the operation, maintenance, and inventory of fire/EMS apparatus and related equipment.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Works under the direct supervision of a Captain and Chief's Staff.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Supervises operational personnel, as assigned.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Perform firefighting activities including safely driving of fire apparatus, operating pumps, and related equipment, laying hose.
- Ensures apparatus and equipment are returned to service after incidents and drills.
- Does hydraulic calculations to effectively pump and deliver fire streams.
- Ensure all daily, weekly, and monthly apparatus and equipment inspection, test records and logs are properly filled out and submitted in a timely manner.
- Train firefighters in driving and operation of apparatus and equipment.
- Assist in evaluating results of apparatus/equipment training and makes recommendations for improvement to his/her captain.
- Perform routine maintenance of apparatus and completes vehicle repair request forms, as necessary.
- Participate in pre-planning with an emphasis on water supply, vehicle access, power lines, and fire department connections.
- Respond as dispatched within the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, and on automatic or mutual aid assignments.
- Provide EMS treatment in accordance with Kentucky Laws and Regulations.
- Write reports accurately and in a timely manner, documenting incident data, patient assessment, and patient treatment.
- Operate radio and other communication equipment.
- Perform general maintenance work in the upkeep of facilities and equipment; cleans and washes walls and floors; cares for grounds around station; makes minor repairs; maintains hose; washes, cleans, polishes, maintains, and tests apparatus and equipment.
- Assist in developing plans for special assignments such as emergency preparedness, training programs, firefighting, hazardous materials, and EMS activities.
- Present programs to the community/District on safety, medical, and fire prevention/suppression topics.

Agencies track, locate lost blind woman

Several public safety agencies were involved in tracking down a 28-year-old blind woman on Thursday who had left her residence late Wednesday night.

Kerri Richardson, a spokeswoman for Mayor Jerry Abramson's office, said someone contacted the Lyndon Fire Department around noon on Thursday with a report of a missing woman.

MetroSafe Communications dispatchers asked someone at the woman's residence, the McDowell Center for visually impaired people off Westport Road, to call her cell phone and instruct her to dial 911.

Richardson said dispatchers tracked the incoming call to a cell tower to figure out the woman's general location.

Firefighters who were searching for her "would ask her if she could hear people calling her name or sirens so they could come closer to where she was," said Richardson.

The woman was located about 3:30 p.m. in the Ten Broeck area.

Richardson said the woman, who was not identified, was dehydrated and in distress. She was treated by EMS personnel and was expected to fully recover, Richardson said.

Agencies involved in the search were Louisville Metro Police and the Lyndon, St. Matthews, Middletown and Worthington fire departments.

Man still missing at Red River Gorge

Officials still have not located a Louisville man who has not been seen since he left for a camping trip to Red River Gorge on June 15.

Joseph Sanders, 37, was to go camping near the Pumpkin Bottom Campground in Menifee County. His vehicle and some personal belongings were found.

Friends of Sanders, including two members of the St. Matthews Fire Department where he once was a volunteer, went this week to search with a helicopter, St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng said. The firefighters took thermal imaging cameras but found nothing, Seng said.

Kentucky State Police did not provide further information on the status of the search.

June 30, 2008, Employment opportunity:

- Participate in fire drills, attends classes in firefighting, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and related subjects.
- Maintain positive working relationship with the public and other ST, MFPD members.

GENERAL DUTIES

- Performs firefighting activities including fire, containment, extinguishment, and overhaul tasks.
- Performs salvage operations such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water, and removing debris.
- Interacts with, supports, and assists ST, MFPD operational members as directed within the chain-of-command.
- Assists in training new members, as assigned.
- May participate in developing apparatus specifications, as assigned.
- Assumes duties of Captain, as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:

- Twenty one (21) years of age.
- Certified Kentucky Firefighter.
- Certified IFSAC Firefighter I & II
- Certified IFSAC Driver/Operator Aerial/Pumper (*Must be certified by time of appointment*)
- Current Kentucky EMT State certification. (*Career only*)
- Five (5) Years of experience in the fire service two (2) as an Apparatus Operator.
- Associates Degree in Fire Science, Public Administration, or a closely related field (*)

Necessary Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Thorough knowledge of:
 - fire behavior and characteristics.
 - hydraulics, practices and procedures of fire suppression, and rescue operations.
 - first and second-in run districts including location and function of on-scene firefighting systems, alarm systems, and available water supplies.
 - state driving laws for emergency and non-emergency vehicles.
 - operation and safety limits of assigned apparatus.
 - fire suppression principles, procedures, techniques, and equipment.
- Working knowledge of:
 - the geographic area, including street and hydrant locations.
 - all departmental vehicles and equipment capabilities; vehicle and power tool mechanics and operation.
 - emergency medical and resuscitation techniques and their application.
 - fire prevention principles, procedures, techniques, and equipment.
- Ability to:
 - drive, operate, adjust, and repair various types of fire apparatus under both emergency and non-emergency conditions.
 - apply standard firefighting and emergency medical techniques to specific situations.
 - to follow verbal and written instructions.
 - handle stressful situations.
 - communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

* If Associates Degree (Ad) has not been achieved at time on job acceptance, employee has 24 months to receive degree.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Special Ops Team Member within Metro Louisville. (Trench, Swift Water, USAR ...)
- Demonstrated ability to use and operate a Computer.
- Familiarity with:
 - St. Matthews Fire Protection District.
 - St. Matthews Fire Protection District Policies and Procedures.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must possess, or be able to obtain by time of hire and maintain, a valid Kentucky driver's license.
- Must be able to read, write, and speak the English language clearly.
- Must maintain EMT certification.
- Must meet insurability requirements of district insurance carriers.
- Must obtain at least 100 hours of fire service training annually to maintain state incentive pay.
- Must be able to complete and pass districts annual physical exam.
- Must be able to obtain Kentucky State Fire Inspector status within one year of appointment.

SELECTION GUIDELINES

May include any or all of the following: Formal application; written examination, oral interview; background/driver's license verification and check.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED

Motor vehicle, radio, apparatus computer, personal computer, calculator, telephone, district apparatus, fire suppression tools, combustible gas meters, and FMS equipment.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by any member to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the member is frequently required to stand; sit; walk; talk or hear; use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The member is frequently required to climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; and taste or smell. The member must frequently lift and/or move up to 175 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close, distance, color and peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus. Must be able to wear and breathe a SCBA.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those a member encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. Work is performed primarily in office, vehicle, and outdoor settings; in all weather conditions, including temperature extremes; during day and night shifts. Work is often performed in emergency and stressful situations. Individual is exposed to sirens and hazards associated with fighting fires and rendering emergency medical assistance, including infectious substances, smoke, noxious odors, fumes, chemicals, liquid chemicals, solvents, and oils. The member occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, radiation, risk of electrical shock, and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually quiet in office settings, moderate during daily work routine, and loud at an emergency scene.

June 30, 2008, Combined Financial Statements:

COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2008

	Governmental Activity
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 112,971
Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other investments (Note 2)	45,253
Capital assets, net of depreciation (Note 3)	1,836,981
TOTAL ASSETS	3,902,847
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	82,933
NET ASSETS	
Investment in capital assets	1,836,981
Unrestricted	1,982,933
Total Net Assets	3,819,914
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 3,902,847

COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Governmental Activity
EXPENSES	
Salaries, wages, and benefits	\$ 2,920,730
Operating expenses	104,619
Repairs, maintenance, and supplies expenses	241,138
Depreciation expense	218,591
Interest expense	1,570
Total Expenses	3,486,653
GENERAL REVENUES	
Property taxes (Note 6)	3,138,088
Interest earnings	89,696
State aid, incentives, and other	239,767
Total General Revenues	3,467,551
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(19,102)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,839,016
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 3,819,914

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June 30, 2008, Combined Financial Statements:

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 6

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

JUNE 30, 2008

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 2)	\$ 112,971
Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other	45,253
Investments (Note 2)	1,907,642
TOTAL ASSETS	2,065,866
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	82,933
FUND BALANCE	
Unreserved	
Designated for capital expenditures	600,000
Undesignated	1,382,933
Total Unreserved	1,982,933
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,065,866

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. Page 7

RECONCILIATION OF THE COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE COMBINED STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 1,982,933
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.	1,836,951
Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 3,819,914

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	General Fund		Over (Under)
	Budget	Actual	Budget
REVENUES			
Property taxes (Note 4)	\$ 3,173,000	\$ 3,138,086	\$ (34,912)
Interest earnings	80,000	89,696	9,696
State aid, incentives, and other	190,700	239,767	49,067
Total Revenues	3,443,700	3,467,551	23,851
EXPENDITURES			
Property and equipment additions			
Building improvements, furnishings, and office equipment	160,000	98,635	(61,365)
Personnel operating expenses	2,061,892	2,106,618	44,726
Administrative expenses			
Insurance	45,000	49,634	4,634
Retirement costs	553,738	543,493	(10,245)
Legal and accounting	38,200	25,634	(12,566)
Public education	5,000	5,090	90
Trustee's expenses	3,800	1,800	(2,000)
Payroll taxes	125,069	123,548	(1,521)
Other supplies and miscellaneous	23,000	22,461	(539)
Operating expenses			
Utilities	55,000	47,147	(7,853)
Gasoline and oil	27,000	33,635	6,635
Fire fighting and training expenses	123,312	147,076	23,764
Repairs and maintenance expenses			
Vehicles	60,000	60,083	83
Buildings	38,000	33,566	(4,434)
Communication equipment	25,000	29,899	4,899
Fire fighting equipment	30,500	27,131	(3,369)
Personal equipment	8,000	9,677	1,677
Interest expense		1,570	1,570
Total Expenditures	3,382,511	3,366,697	(15,814)
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 61,189	100,854	\$ 39,665
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			1,882,079
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR			\$ 1,982,933

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June, 2008, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (06/01/2008) And (06/30/2008)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
171 Passenger vehicle fire	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
182 Brush or brush-and-grass structure fire	2	2.80%	60	0.00%
183 Grass fire	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
184 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
	6	8.45%	80	0.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheating fire)				
281 Explosive heat, smother burns with oil	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	8	11.36%	30	0.00%
3114 Medical assist, handled by squad after	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
	9	12.77%	60	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
413 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
424 Carbon monoxide incident	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	2.80%	30	0.00%
440 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
463 Vehicle accident, potential damage	9	12.77%	30	0.00%
	11	15.49%	90	0.00%
5 Service Call				
520 Person in distress, Other	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
559 Public service	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
	3	4.22%	90	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	3	4.22%	30	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	2	2.80%	30	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	2	2.80%	30	0.00%
651 Wrong house, address of house	3	4.22%	30	0.00%
	10	14.04%	90	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
701 False alarm or false call, Other	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
719 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
720 System malfunction, Other	2	2.80%	30	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	2	2.80%	30	0.00%
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	7	9.86%	30	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
740 Intentional transmission of alarm, Other	3	4.22%	30	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	3	4.22%	30	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	1	1.40%	30	0.00%
	29	40.84%	90	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	71		Total Est Loss:	90

July 4, 2008: City of Indian Hills, July 4, parade:



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July 10, 2008, Trustee meeting:

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Trustee Meeting Agenda
July 10, 2008

- I. ✓ Call to Order
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *By Chief S*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
 - (a) Ordinances vs Resolutions
- V. ✓ Old Business
 - (a) Hospital Committee - Report *No Report*
 - (b) Greening Firehouse Committee Report - Graven/Monahan *No Report*
 - (c) Health Committee Report - Wolfe/Dugan/Tonini *No Report*
 - (d) Legal - Update
 - (e) Echo Run - Update
 - (f) Metro-Safe/Cell Tower Update
 - (g) Award Banquet - September 20, 2008
 - (h) Summer Outing - K of C July 12, 2008
- VI. ✓ New Business
 - (a) Election Results & Certification *Approved by both Jack & Tom*
 - (b) Election of Officers - *DDME*
 - (c) Update on Def. Exam - *9 completed (see ATTACHED)*
 - (d) Executive Session - If needed
- VII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on August 21, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Fern Creek Fire Department #1
- VIII. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on August 14, 2008 - Thursday
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on August 14, 2008 - Thursday

The board discussed the Echo response issue at length with Chief Seng and its effect on the public. No changes are going to be made to our current response and Chief Seng will monitor the situation and wait and see if Metro EMS can come up with a better way of coding runs.

The district participated in 4 different July 4th parades in Robinswood, Indian Hills, Rolling Fields and Norbourne Estates.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for July 2008

Fire Dept Safety Officers class for D. Dugan S. Monahan and M. Richardson.	\$1,765	budgeted
Dead tree removal at station 2.	\$1,300	budgeted
Computer mount for 2633.	\$ 500	budgeted
Uniform Shirts.	\$1,074	budgeted

Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenditures. Jack Monahan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Greening the Firehouse Committee. Stuart Monahan reported that they should have a report completed in August.

Chief Seng reported that T-Mobile and Metro Safe are still working out their issues on the use of the tower at Station 2 for the new Metro Safe radio project.

New Business

There was no new business.

The next board meeting will be August 14, 2008.

There being no further business, Jack Monahan moved and John Volkerding seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; the motion passed unanimously at 6:17 pm.

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

July 10, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on July 10, 2008 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, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding and Jack Monahan. Also present were Chief Seng, Stuart Monahan and George Wiggins.

Election Report

Joe Wolfe reported on the property-owners trustee election. Jack Monahan, who was unopposed received, all 7 votes cast in the election. Joe Wolfe moved to certify the election results. John Volkerding seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chief Bill Seng reported that the district had received the reappointment for Tom Eifler from Mayor Abramson.

John Volkerding gave the oath of office to Jack Monahan and Tom Eifler.

Election of Officers

Joe Wolfe move to keep Tom Eifler as Chairman, John Volkerding as secretary and Jim Graven as treasurer. Jack Monahan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 12, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monahan moved; Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Seng gave the treasurer's report in Jim Graven's absence.

Our CRC revenue for June was \$1,523.71.

After 12 months of the budget year, the district has received 101.23% of budgeted income and has expenses of 98.31%. The majority of the extra income was from our federal grant for the sprinkler system for station one.

The audit for the recently completed 2007-2008 fiscal year is currently being conducted by Cotton and Allen.

The district expects to receive a one-time savings from the State retirement system of approx. \$44,000.

Jack Monahan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The firefighter's summer picnic will be July 12, 2008 from 2-5pm at the Knights of Columbus. McMahan Fire Department will Cover station one while the crew from 2631 is attending.

The sergeant's test was given to seven firefighters on July 10. The results were as follows:

1. Kevin Moulton
2. Mike Frantz
3. Ron Renner
4. Sam McCune

All firefighter's who are promoted to sergeant are expected to complete an associates degree program. There is currently no opening. The list will be valid for two years.

There still seems to be a legal difference of opinion as to whether the district can pass an ordinance to put teeth into our CRC collections. Our attorneys are still researching the issue.

Chief Seng will be out of town the week of July 14th reviewing fire department grant requests at the National Fire Academy.

The numbers are still coming in, but in 2007 the district responded to 105 EMS assist runs in June. In June 2008, after changing to the new Echo response, the district only responded to 9 EMS assist runs.

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July 12, 2008, Summer Picnic:



Saturday, July 12th
2 - 5 P.M.

@ Knights of Columbus

Fun activities for the kids.

- ~ pony rides
- ~ bouncy
- ~ face painting

Great Food and Fun to be
had by all.

Please contact Jordan and let her
know how many your are planning
on bringing.



2008

July 12, 2008, Summer Picnic:



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July 12, 2008, Summer Picnic:



2008

July, 2008, Incident Report:

August 4, 2008, Letter:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (07/01/2008) And (07/31/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
I Fire				
00 Fire, Other	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
11 Building fire	2	1.92%	90	0.00%
12 Cooking fire, confined to container	3	2.88%	30	0.00%
13 Passenger vehicle fire	3	2.88%	30	0.00%
42 Brush or brush-and-grass fire	2	1.92%	40	0.00%
43 Grass fire	3	0.96%	30	0.00%
55 Outside stationary dumpster/comparted	3	0.96%	30	0.00%
	13	12.50%	80	0.00%
II Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
100 Rescue, EMS incident, other	3	0.96%	30	0.00%
111 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	6	5.76%	30	0.00%
112 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient	2	1.92%	30	0.00%
122 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3	0.96%	30	0.00%
300 Extrication, rescue, Other	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
312 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	4	3.84%	30	0.00%
333 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
	16	15.30%	80	0.00%
III Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
410 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	3.84%	30	0.00%
414 Carbon monoxide incident	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
419 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	6.72%	30	0.00%
443 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	5	4.80%	30	0.00%
	20	19.20%	80	0.00%
IV Service Call				
121 Lock-out	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
123 Sewer or odor removal	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
120 Public service assistance, Other	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
171 Cover assignment, standby, message	2	1.92%	30	0.00%
	5	4.80%	80	0.00%
V Good Intent Call				
900 Good intent call, alarm	4	5.76%	30	0.00%
911 Unreported & cancelled on scene	8	7.68%	30	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
I Good Intent Call				
121 Wrong location	1	0.96%	00	0.00%
122 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	2	1.92%	00	0.00%
121 Authorized controlled burning	1	0.96%	00	0.00%
151 Smoke alarm, note of smoke	4	3.84%	00	0.00%
152 Smoke, vapor, fog or dust (through) to be	2	1.92%	00	0.00%
153 Smoke from barbecue, hot bottle	1	0.96%	00	0.00%
	21	20.16%	00	0.00%
II False Alarm & False Call				
100 False alarm or false call, other	2	1.92%	30	0.00%
130 System malfunction, Other	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
131 Smoke detector activation due to	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
134 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.96%	30	0.00%
135 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	1.92%	30	0.00%
140 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.92%	00	0.00%
141 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	2	1.92%	00	0.00%
143 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	2	6.72%	00	0.00%
144 Detector activation, no fire -	1	0.96%	00	0.00%
145 Alarm system activation, no fire -	4	5.76%	00	0.00%
146 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	0.96%	00	0.00%
	26	25.00%	80	0.00%
III Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
613 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	2	1.92%	00	0.00%
614 Severe weather or natural disaster standby	1	0.96%	00	0.00%
	3	2.88%	00	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	104		Total Est. Loss:	80

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: August 4, 2008
Re: District Activity

✓ Don't forget that the August Trustees meeting is being held this Wednesday, August 6th at 5:30.

✓ Enclosed are several EA's for you to review. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions about any of them.

✓ While at the meeting please take a look at the new striping that we have been slowly replacing on all of the department vehicles. The new striping is a lot more visible than before and it is what is being required on all new vehicles that are manufactured today. It has been a very tedious job but everyone has done a great job on it.

✓ I am sure by now everyone has heard that we officially have been awarded our AFG grant from FEMA towards the replacement of 2653. An apparatus committee has been put together to start all of the research needed to be able to place an order in the very near future.

✓ There should be an article in the Courier Journal this Sunday about the City of Louisville's EMS service. The article has been reported to be mainly about the Jefferson County Fire Service and what participation level the local fire services are providing. As you are aware over the past six months the majority of the Jefferson County Fire Departments have switched to a level of service that has reduced the number of times they are being called out for runs. As predicted, this has increased the overall response times for LEMS. I should have more information for you about this issue at Wednesday's meeting!

✓ Most of next week both Asst. Chief Monahan and myself will be out of town attending the IAFS Fire Recue International in Denver Colorado. In our absence, Major Dave Dugan will be in-charge of all day to day operations. Both Stuart and I will still be available by cell phone if needed.

✓ Last week the Kentucky State Fire Commission had a representative at our station auditing all of our training records for the past several years. We passed the audit with flying colors. Captain Mike Richardson is to be commended for a job well done in this area. I was always confident that there wouldn't be any problem with the audit because Capt. Richardson is very detailed when it comes to record keeping!

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August 6, 2008, Trustee meeting:

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Matt Board
Michael Monohan
Nick Heilmann

Trustees Meeting Agenda
August 6, 2008

- I. ✓ Call to Order 5:30
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting. *Approved*
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *Approved*
 - (a) Audit - Update
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
 - (a) Ordinances vs Resolutions
 - (b) Echo Response - Update
 - (c) Apparatus Replacement Committee*see Apparatus Report*
- V. ✓ Old Business
 - (a) Hospital Committee - Report *De Motio 1st*
 - (b) Greening Firehouse Communittee Report - Graven/Monohan *De Motio 2nd*
 - (c) Legal - Update *De Motio*
 - (d) Metro-Safe/Cell Tower Update
- VI. ✓ New Business
 - (a) Data Center - 8/10/08
- VII. ✓ Executive Session - If needed. *for 1st*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on August 21, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Fern Creek Fire Department #1
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on September 11, 2008 - Thursday

7-20-08 F.D. Board

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

August 6, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on August 6, 2008 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, Jim Graven, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding and Jack Monohan. Also present were Chief Seng, Stuart Monohan, Greg Crabb, Mike Frantz, Charles McCune, Matt Board, Michael Monohan and Nick Heilmann.

Minutes

The minutes of the July 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monohan moved; Faye Ellerkamp seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report.

Our CRC revenue for July was \$1,903.26.

After 1 month of the fiscal year the finances are in excellent shape. The District has about \$1,826,000 spread between 3 local banks. Expenses are expected to be about \$300,000 per month and this year's major tax revenue will be received after mid November.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Faye Ellerkamp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The annual audit is scheduled to be completed by Cotton and Allen before September 1. They are currently waiting on letters of collateralization from our banks.

The annual award banquet will be held September 20, 2008 at the Melwood Arts Center.

The Metro Safe communication project on the Station 2 cell tower is still waiting on the legal issues to be worked out between Metro Safe and T-Mobile.

Chief Seng and Assistant Chief Monohan will be attending the Chiefs Conference in Denver the week of August 11. Major Dugan will be acting Chief in their absence.

Chief Seng distributed the proposed ordinance # 08-01 reviewed by the District's attorney that is designed to back up our CRC collection efforts. The Ordinance is similar to those already passed by other Districts in Jefferson County. Tom Eifler asked Chief Seng to obtain copies of the ordinances from other Districts for review.

Jim Graven moved to pass ordinance number 08-01 as written. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that the Courier Journal is writing a story about the increased EMS response times since many fire districts have adopted the ECHO Response. He expects the article to blame the fire districts for their change in response, instead of looking at the real issues involving EMS funding and response guidelines. In addition, Dr. Richmond with Metro EMS has asked us to consider changing to a new option of Delta response. This is designed to send the firefighters on all medical runs where the fire district is needed, but still eliminate the large amount of runs where we are not needed. Chief Seng expects it to push the run total back up close to the previous level of unneeded responses, but has asked EMS to provide some data to show the types of runs and numbers that the Delta response would have been as compared to the ECHO Response and the old response.

The board discussed the many issues involving EMS response at length. John Volkerding suggested that at some point maybe the district should try the Delta Response to see what types of runs the district is sent on, and if it strikes some middle ground that eliminates the many unneeded runs, but still sends the district on runs where help is really needed. The issue was tabled until more information is available.

The District received a Federal Grant of \$346,000 toward the purchase of a replacement truck company for 2653 which is 22 years old. The grant requires that an order be placed within one year.

Chief Seng has established an Apparatus Committee to determine the department's needs in the replacement of the truck, equipment on the truck, to write the specs and put the truck out for bid.

2008

August 6, 2008, Trustee meeting:

August 11, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*:

Members of the committee are:

Stuart Monohan (Chairman)	Chiefs Staff
Dave Dugan	Chiefs Staff/Safety Officer
John Volkerding	Trustee
Joe Wolfe	Trustee/Career Captain
Mike Beneke	Volunteer Truck Captain
Charles McCune	Maintenance/Truck Sergeant

Chief Seng reported that in the interest of safety, all apparatus have had their speed set to a maximum of 55 mph.

The State just completed an audit of the district's training records. Captain Mike Richardson keeps excellent records and all were in perfect order.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for July 2008

Replace Heating System at Station One	\$20,879.00
Replace 4 Rear Tires on 2634	\$ 1,360.90
Replace Stackable Washer & Dryer at Station 2	\$ 1,250.00
Replace 11 Uniform Jackets	\$ 3,245.00
Replace Base Station Radio Station 2	\$ 1,800.00
Add private radio channel to dept radios	\$ 200.00
Add Drive Cams to 2631 & 2658	\$ 1,645.00

Jack Monohan moved to approve the expenditures. Jim Graven seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng asked for the final additional expenditure.

Replace Assistant Chief Monohan's 2000 Tahoe	\$28,910.00
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The Tahoe has 104,000 miles. Chief Seng presented the state contact prices on 4WD replacement vehicles.

Escape,	\$20,511
Escape Hybrid,	\$29,546
Edge,	\$28,910
Explorer	\$26,573
Expedition	\$31,360

Chief Seng recommended the purchase of another Expedition similar to the other newer command vehicles in order to maintain a uniform fleet.

The board discussed the issues of fuel expenses, safety, and size needed to carry the required equipment with Chief Seng and Assistant Chief Monohan.

Joe Wolfe moved to approve a maximum price of \$28,910 and to allow Chief Monohan to decide which vehicle best fits his needs. Jim Graven seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

The Hospital Committee expects to finalize plans soon for the request to the non profit hospitals in the district to help fund the replacement aerial truck.

New Business

There is no new business.

The next board meeting will be September 11, 2008.

There being no further business, Jack Monohan moved and John Volkerding seconded; that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:21 pm.



August 11, 2008

9 suburban Louisville fire districts cut medical runs over costs

Metro EMS says response might be longer

By Jessie Halladay
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Nine of Jefferson County's 18 suburban fire districts have stopped responding to all but the most critical medical emergencies, citing rising fuel costs and limited resources, a Courier-Journal analysis shows.

As a result, Louisville Metro EMS ambulances are handling more calls without backup in parts of Jefferson County — even though suburban firefighters usually can respond faster. Fire stations generally are located to reach patients within five minutes, compared with EMS' goal of eight minutes.

"There are going to be cases, especially in cases of people living in the outlying areas, that will have to wait longer for response," said Dr. Neal Richmond, director of Metro Emergency Medical Services.

The changes by the nine suburban districts — which have all occurred since March — surprised Mayor Jerry Abramson, who said he worries they are creating "inconsistency" in Jefferson County's response to medical emergencies — with residents receiving different levels of service depending upon where they live.

It also means that just nine of the county's 20 fire departments — including Louisville's and Shively's — will routinely respond to lower-priority medical calls.

Two other suburban departments had already been responding to only high-priority calls.

"My concern is that the community has a confidence across the board that if they have a life-threatening incident, they will get high quality of care," Abramson said.

But because suburban fire districts operate independently, collecting their own taxes and being governed by their own boards, he and EMS officials have no authority to compel them to respond to more medical emergencies.

Several suburban chiefs told The Courier-Journal that it's not their job to be medical responders, and that they have to keep costs down.

"The taxpayers pay taxes for us to be around here to fight fires," said Buechel Fire Chief Jonathon Yuodis.

Oxolona Chief Rich Carlson said often, firefighters aren't even needed on medical runs.

"A lot of times we weren't able to do much more than put oxygen on them (patients) or hold their hands while we wait for the ambulance to arrive," he said.

Sending a fire engine to medical calls, even highest-priority ones, costs \$7.58 per mile, Carlson said. In response, he's started sending firefighters in service trucks, which cost just 57 cents a mile, for medical runs and other calls that don't require a fire engine.

"We are a busy fire department," he said. "I'd hate to see us on one of these medical runs where we weren't really needed, and meanwhile somebody's house is burning down."

Eighteen independent suburban fire districts comprise the Jefferson County Fire Service. Shively and Louisville Fire & Rescue operate separately as urban districts. Each department decides how it will respond to medical emergencies. In recent months, several suburban services have cut the number of medical calls to which they respond.



EMS SERVICE	Budget	full time staff	part time staff	volunteer staff	hour calls for service	fire runs	ambulance runs
Louisville Metro EMS	\$27,386,100	263			45,138		
URBAN FIRE SERVICE							
Louisville Fire	\$54,274,000	436	0	0	14,258	5,645	8,613
Shively	\$1,958,539	20	0	0	594	247	347
SUBURBAN FIRE SERVICE							
Anchorage Fire	\$556,299	17	6	0	187	147	40
Buechel *	\$1,934,702	11	5	39	563	266	297
Camp Taylor *	\$898,169	8	0	48	301	203	98
Dixie Suburban	\$269,176	1	0	19	118	56	62
Eastwood	\$1,682,268	18	0	19	238	151	87
Fairdale *	\$1,616,639	15	0	20	655	334	321
Fern Creek *	\$2,531,722	16	1	56	561	281	280
Harrods Creek	\$3,103,500	19	9	30	578	293	285
Highview	\$4,016,500	13	0	29	451	199	252
Jeffersonton *	\$5,248,160	48	0	3	1,053	551	502
Lake Dreamland *	\$842,700	4	7	46	413	233	180
Lyndon	\$3,207,236	27	3	26	1,199	539	660
McMahan	\$1,683,584	8	3	23	665	318	347
Middletown	\$7,066,622	40	24	0	1,101	690	411
Okolona	\$4,490,421	45	4	31	1,982	906	1,076
Pleasure Ridge Park *	\$5,486,032	36	2	90	1,624	859	765
St. Matthews *	\$3,543,700	31	3	12	984	476	508
Worthington *	\$3,285,040	24	9	27	820	343	477

MEDICAL RESPONSES

Firefighters respond to only the most urgent medical dispatches in six categories, including cardiac arrest, allergic reaction, choking and electrocution.

Includes both high-priority medical runs and calls where dispatchers determine that more help is required for patients. That could include cases involving multiple victims or those with serious trauma.

The broadest response level. Firefighters go to high-priority runs, as well as other medical emergencies where ambulance crews might need additional assistance, such as providing aspirin to cardiac patients or medication to asthma patients.

August 11, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*:

Departmental divides

Jefferson County has 20 fire departments, including the 18 suburban districts, and two urban departments — Louisville Fire & Rescue and Shively.

Since Metro EMS became an independent service in February 2005, all of the fire departments have worked with Richmond on how — and when — they will respond to all levels of medical calls.

As part of that, EMS provides the suburban districts with help in covering medical costs — the agency spends about \$120,000 a year to provide medical direction and training, as well as oxygen and other medical supplies.

But the suburban departments must pay for all their own personnel costs, as well as fuel and vehicle maintenance.

Their main funding comes through taxing districts that assess property owners up to 10 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. That hasn't changed in decades, and several chiefs said with fuel and personnel costs soaring, something had to give.

In the first six months of 2008, Yuodis said his crews made 283 medical runs, traveling about 816 miles. Those runs alone cost \$677.24 in fuel expenses, too much, he said, for a department that covers about an 8-square-mile area with a \$1.9 million budget.

So starting in July, Buechel Fire began responding to only the highest priority — or echo level — medical calls from the MetroSafe Communications dispatch centers.

While "we don't mind helping EMS out," Yuodis said, "I gotta keep fuel in the fire trucks."

But the suburban fire departments' pullback comes as Louisville Fire & Rescue is being asked to respond to more medical calls.

Abramson made that request in an effort to help shore up the EMS system, which has been criticized for deployment changes that have resulted in longer response times.

Louisville Fire Chief Greg Frederick says his department now responds to twice as many medical calls — about 2,000 a month.

He estimates his fuel budget has gone up 12 percent to 15 percent because of additional runs; he expects to spend about \$400,000 for fuel this year.

But Frederick says it's worth the extra cost.

"If we get there first, we provide care to taxpaying citizens," he said. "The more you work together, the better the system can be."

Emergency worries

The suburban district changes now leave Jefferson County with just nine fire departments that will respond to less critical medical emergencies.

That worries Richmond, especially since not every potentially life-threatening medical call gets coded by a dispatcher as an echo-level, or top priority, call.

Much depends upon how the emergency is described when the 911 call comes in.

For instance, on July 22, when a 2-year-old boy was struck by a baseball bat during a T-ball practice, several people called 911 to report the accident.

One caller told a dispatcher that the boy wasn't breathing, which automatically triggered an echo-level

emergency response, according to MetroSafe Communications records.

Another caller described the boy as unconscious and not alert, a description that triggered a lower delta-level emergency code — low enough that 11 suburban fire departments would not have responded, if the emergency had occurred in their districts.

The Harolds Creek Fire Department, which hasn't changed its response system and goes to most medical emergencies, did respond, though neither they nor EMS workers could save the boy.

Even so, Harolds Creek Chief Chris Aponte still believes it's important that his department make as many medical runs as possible to bolster emergency services in his outlying area.

"Even if we're just going to a run to ... just hold someone's hand, that has a lot of value to our customers," he said.

McMahan Fire Chief Paul Barth, who estimates that his department spends about \$10,000 a year on costs related to medical runs, agrees.

"As long as we continue to make a difference ... then we'll continue to do that," Barth said.

Making a difference

Jean Kaelin, who lives off Wolf Pen Branch Road, said that having fire departments respond quickly to medical calls makes "a big difference."

On March 31, Harolds Creek firefighters responded to a 911 call reporting that she was having a seizure. They arrived within about three minutes and found her in full cardiac arrest.

They defibrillated her and prepared her for the ambulance, which showed up about 10 minutes later.

"Every minute counts," said Kaelin, 61, who works at Kindred Healthcare downtown.

Statistics show that the chances of survival for those in cardiac arrest drop 10 percent for every minute a patient goes without resuscitation, Richmond said.

Metro EMS has 27 standby locations in Jefferson County where ambulances and paramedics wait for calls. But city budget cuts have prompted EMS to operate with fewer units to limit overtime.

Since then, response times have crept up by about a minute, according to an April analysis by *The Courier-Journal*.

With more locations around the county, suburban firefighters can consistently reach patients quicker than ambulances, according to dispatch records for the first six months of 2008.

For example, Fern Creek firefighters reached patients first 71 percent of the time, beating EMS ambulances by an average of nearly seven minutes.

Worthington firefighters arrived first 86 percent of the time, showing up before ambulances by roughly five minutes.

"Every time they get there, and every time they get there first," Richmond said, "it's potentially very helpful."

EMS is responsible

But Vincent Smith, who leads Pleasure Ridge Park's department, said he doubts that medical care has been compromised by his district's decision in March to no longer respond to all but the highest-level medical calls.

Smith said the department responded to 765 medical calls in the first half of this year, too many for his firefighters to manage.

If the community wants faster response, it should look to EMS, he said.

"EMS needs to be allowed to increase their budget to be able to put more ambulances on the street," Smith said.

Councilman Kelly Dornard, R-16th District, who has questioned EMS' escalating response times, said he'd like to see fire departments help with medical runs, though they shouldn't be expected to cover for EMS.

"I hold EMS more responsible, because it's their service," he said.

But Richmond says he's repeatedly told the Metro Council that Louisville can improve response times by doing two things: adding ambulances or by leaning on trained fire departments to help.

"You've got a pool of resources," Richmond said. "You should use them together in a financially responsible and efficient operation."

Metro Council member James Peden, R-23rd, who is a firefighter with the Highview Fire Department, said he believes many fire chiefs simply resent being asked to pick up medical runs as EMS makes cuts.

But he insists that suburban districts will continue to go to the calls where they think they can be of help.

"If the fire department is called they will respond," Peden said. "I don't think anybody would do anything consciously to endanger anyone."

What IS the job?

Ed Racht, director of the Austin/Travis County, Texas EMS, said that the debate over medical calls is being played out in many communities.

The crux of the issue, he said, is the question: "Am I a firefighter, or am I an emergency medical technician?"

Racht said Austin, which has an EMS system similar to Louisville's — about 35 ambulances to cover 1,200 square miles — leans on 13 suburban county districts and the city fire department to help cover medical calls.

Suburban fire departments there respond to every emergency medical call, including low priority.

"There really is no concern on the part of the fire departments," said Racht, who is a member of a consortium of EMS medical directors for the largest 911 systems in the country and other national groups.

But Racht says systems throughout the nation are grappling with how to use fire and EMS resources in the best way.

"And I think the contemporary departments that look at the reality of what they're doing understand and have leadership that says 'You know what, the public really doesn't care what you think your job is,'" Racht said. "The public cares what they need and what the community has told them their job is."

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2008

August 20, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*, by Martha Elson: Lyndon Fire Chief Russ Rakestraw loves his new job——-(Former St. Matthews Firefighter)



Rakestraw worked out with trainer Lisa Graft at Baptist East/Milestone Wellness Center in St. Matthews. He stays in shape partly to be a role model in a district that stresses firefighters' physical and mental health.

innovative, visionary" leader.

Rutledge said the job of fire chief is "much more than fire suppression." It also involves financial, administrative, business and community duties.

David Howser said he and fellow firefighters already know Rakestraw is enjoying his job. He "thinks he has the best job in the world," said Howser, who is also a board member.

Rakestraw, who has met with the Lyndon Area Business Association, said he plans to go to small city meetings.

Lyndon, like other fire districts, hopes the state legislature will lift the state cap on the fire tax that can be charged — 10 cents per \$100 of assessed property value — and allow it to be gradually raised to 20 cents to bring in more revenue.

Rakestraw said if the district is eventually able to ask for a tax increase, people should know where their money is going. Some of the work — such as securing evidence at crime scenes — is "mostly invisible to the public," he said.

The Lyndon district, which covers about 14 square miles and has a budget of about \$3.2 million, had about 2,200 calls last year — many of them for medical emergencies. Nine of the county's 18 suburban fire districts have decided to stop responding to all but the most critical medical emergencies. But Lyndon was not among them.

Rakestraw said the district relies on a few part-time firefighters in addition to its full-time staff to meet the needs, but it would like to have money for two more full-time, around-the-clock positions — which amounts to six additional people.

A Lyndon Fire & Rescue Strategic Plan issued in July 2007 said the district had a 38 percent increase in call volume between 2003 and 2006 and has experiencing a significant increase in operating expenses.

"For example, fuel costs have increased 100 percent in five years," the plan said.

The plan also stresses good physical and mental health for firefighters, and Rakestraw said he works out at Baptist East/Milestone Wellness Center in St. Matthews in part to be a good role model.

He said there may be a perception that fire districts are concerned about having the biggest, shiniest trucks, but that's wrong. "It's individuals that matter," Rakestraw said.

He said a firefighter and a civilian died in a 1982 fire in Petersburg, while he was chief there. "I don't ever want to go through that again," he said.

Reporter Martha Elson can be reached at (502) 582-7046.



2008

August, 2008, Incident Report:

September 4, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*, Fire chiefs' suit backs Indian Hills sprinkler ordinance:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between {08/01/2008} And {08/31/2008}				
Incident Type	Count	Pot of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pot of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	2	2.66%	\$0	\$1,000
111 Building fire	2	2.66%	\$0	\$1,000
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
	8	10.66%	\$0	\$1,000
2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
211 Medical assist, senior EMS crew	3	6.66%	\$0	\$1,000
212 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
219 Medical assist, cancelled by squad alarm	2	2.66%	\$0	\$1,000
217 Medical assist, senior EMS crew to patient	2	2.66%	\$0	\$1,000
222 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	2.66%	\$0	\$1,000
252 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
	12	16.00%	\$0	\$1,000
3 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
312 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
322 Chemical spill or leak	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
340 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
342 Overheated motor	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
344 Power line down	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
343 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
343 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	5	6.66%	\$0	\$1,000
	11	14.66%	\$0	\$1,000
4 Service Call				
411 Lock-out	2	2.66%	\$0	\$1,000
431 Smoke or odor (odor)	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
451 Rural police or other governmental agency	4	5.33%	\$0	\$1,000
455 Defective elevator, no occupants	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
	8	10.66%	\$0	\$1,000
5 Good Intent Call				
500 Good intent call, Other	2	2.66%	\$0	\$1,000
511 Dispatched & cancelled no route	8	10.66%	\$0	\$1,000
521 Wrong location	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
550 No incident, suspect no alarm or other equipment	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
	12	16.00%	\$0	\$1,000
Incident Type	Count	Pot of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pot of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
611 Smoke alarm, edge of smoke	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
612 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
	2	2.66%	\$0	\$1,000
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	2	2.66%	\$0	\$1,000
711 Municipal alarm system, maximum false	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
720 System malfunction, Other	3	4.00%	\$0	\$1,000
733 Smoke detector activation due to	5	6.66%	\$0	\$1,000
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	5.33%	\$0	\$1,000
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire	3	4.00%	\$0	\$1,000
745 Alarm system activation, no fire	3	4.00%	\$0	\$1,000
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	1.33%	\$0	\$1,000
	25	33.33%	\$0	\$1,000
Total Incident Count:	75		Total Est Loss:	\$0

Fire chiefs' suit backs Indian Hills sprinkler ordinance

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A state challenge to an Indian Hills ordinance requiring sprinklers in all new homes has prompted a suit by some local fire chiefs and others, who side with Indian Hills.

The state says the ordinance, which Indian Hills adopted in November, is prohibited and cannot be enforced because it is more stringent than what is required in a provision of the Uniform State Building Code.

The fire chiefs' suit, filed Tuesday, says the provision has "no legal basis" and asks that it be declared null and void. It also asks for a temporary injunction against the state to prevent it from enforcing the provision.

Jeffersonton Chief Jack Reckner initiated the suit and is a party to it both as a private individual and as chief, representing the district. Among the other plaintiffs are the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, based in Anchorage, and fire chiefs for St. Matthews, Harrods Creek, Lyndon, Highview, McMahan and Fern Creek.

The Kentucky Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction is named as a defendant in the suit. The Public Protection Cabinet/Energy & Environment Cabinet, which oversees the office, has not filed a response to the suit but issued a statement saying "If a builder and the homeowner wish to install fire protection equipment that goes beyond what is provided by the state Uniform Building Code that is certainly their right. However, the Code presently does not allow for a local jurisdiction to mandate changes that are outside the state Code."

Reckner said "home rule" provisions in state law giving authority to local governments should prevail in matters of fire safety.

2008

September 4, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*, Photos on story of damage at 600 Rudy Lane, with Jim Graven board member, from deadly storm from remnants of hurricane. "Jim's personal truck"



September 8, 2008, Letter:

2008

September 11, 2008, Trustee meeting:



Learn Not
To Burn

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Joe Wolfe
Richard J. Tonini
Jack Monohan
Faye Ellerkamp

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: September 8, 2008
Re: District Activity

- ✓ Don't forget that the September Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 5:30 pm.
 - ✓ As far as fire apparatus goes everything is currently up to date and is in good shape. The annual service for all apparatus (oil change and lubrication) was completed last month by the maintenance shop at Harrods Creek.
 - ✓ The annual ladder testing for all aerial ladders and ground ladders will be conducted this month by Mike Hill of First Alarm Testing. This is the same testing company that we have been using for the last 10 to 15 years.
 - ✓ The new vehicle that was approved at last month's Trustees Meeting has been ordered and should be here sometime in the month of October. The Ford Edge was chosen over all other vehicles submitted. The final sale price of the vehicle was less than the approved \$28,910.
 - ✓ The Co-Ray-Vac heating system that was approved last month was ordered and has been delivered to Station One. Larry's Heating & Air Conditioning will be installing the system sometime within the next several weeks.
 - ✓ You should start to see some of the firefighters in their new winter coats that were purchased last month. These jackets will look radically different than the old dark blue ones we used to have. These jackets will be bright yellow with reflective striping for better visibility when working on roadways! They are the same style of jackets that you have seen London Bobbies wear on TV when watching the national news.
 - ✓ The command staff met with Bill Lowdenback last week to work on developing a better way to conduct employee performance appraisals. Bill Lowdenback, who helped out the fire district in the past on other performance evaluations, is a retired Human Resource manager from a large local company. We will probably meet with Mr. Lowdenback on several occasions until we develop a performance appraisal that we feel addresses the needs of the fire district.
 - ✓ The apparatus committee has been meeting on a regular basis and working very hard to determine both the need and style of aerial device needed to replace Unit 2653. Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan who is heading the committee will be at Thursdays Trustees meeting to give a report as to the status of the committee.
 - ✓ Several firefighters as well as Trustee members having been working on the feasibility of producing another district wide newsletter again for this fall. A sample draft should be ready for your review at Thursday's meeting!
 - ✓ Don't forget about the Awards Banquet that is being held Saturday September 13th at the Mellwood Arts Studio. Please contact Jordan at the Station if you are planning on attending.
 - ✓ Enclosed you will find several EA's for this month's Trustees Meeting.
- Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!



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William J. Seng
Fire Chief

Trustees Meeting Agenda
September 11, 2008

- I. ✓ Call to Order - 5:30 *Meeting of September 11*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
(a) Audit - Update
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
(a) Delta vs Echo Response - Update *Keep As Is*
(b) New Assistant Chief's Car - Update
- V. ✓ Old Business
(a) Hospital Committee - Report *Next Month*
(b) Greening Firehouse Committee Report - Graven/Monohan *Next Month*
(c) Legal - Update *APR 11 11:52 AM*
(d) Metro-SafeCell Tower Update *No Report*
- VI. ✓ New Business
(a) Apparatus Committee Report - S. Monohan *+ Approved \$11,000 - News letter 500 Sample Attached*
(b) Insurance and Personnel Report - Dugan
- VII. Executive Session - If needed
- VIII. ✓ The next JCTA Trustee meeting will be held on October 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Worthington Fire Department - Station #2
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on October 9, 2008 - Thursday *Roll call is this Nite*

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

September 11, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on September 11, 2008 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, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jim Graven and Jack Monohan. Also present were Chief Seng, Stuart Monohan, Greg Crabb, Charles McCune, Matt Board, Derrick Miskell, Ron Renner, Louis Stoke, Mike Frantz and Kent Monohan.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 6, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved; Jack Monohan seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report.

Our CRC revenue for August was \$1,322.59.

After 2 months of the budget year, the district has received 2.5% of budgeted income and has expenses of 17.92%. Jim reported that all is in line and there are no problems.

Wilson & Muir Bank has made a mistake on interest calculation in the districts favor on a CD we have with them. It will be corrected for future interest payments. The corrected interest rate is still above the average of our CD's.

Jack Monohan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The Co-Ray Vac heating system will be installed in early October at station one.

2008

September 11, 2008, Trustee meeting:

Dr. Richmond has given the district a corrected response comparison between Echo and Delta responses for the month of June. Echo response was 9 EMS assist runs. Delta response would have been 47 EMS assist runs. The old response would have been over 100 EMS assist runs. Chief Seng has asked Dr. Richmond for the comparison data for July and August for the board to review when discussing a possible change to the delta response.

The district ordered the new command car approved for Assistant Chief Monohan. A Ford Edge Crossover was chosen. The price will be less than the \$29,910 approved.

All District ladders will undergo their annual testing in Mid September.

The apparatus replacement committee has visits scheduled with Lebanon, Lexington and Louisville to see various brands and types of aerial ladders and platforms. The committee has eliminated a Quint type aerial ladder and has decided to seek bids only from single source manufacturers.

The committee will meet again on September 18 to try to make a decision between a tractor drawn aerial, straight aerial or aerial platform. Once this decision is made the specifications can be completed. A target date has been set to have the aerial out for bid in early October with the bids due in early November. The committee expects to have a recommendation for the November board meeting.

Chief Seng reported that the districts response codes are under review and in the interest of safety some will be changed beginning in early October.

Jack Rectner of Jeffersonton has filed a lawsuit challenging the states decision to disallow the Indian Hills sprinkler ordinance.

Jack Monohan moved that the district back the lawsuit and assist with the legal fees. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that legal council has advised against the installation of Cameras in apparatus. After some discussion Jack Monohan moved to not purchase the cameras. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng asked that the district declare the old uhf ems pagers that are no longer used surplus so they can be sold or donated. Rick Tonini moved to make the uhf pagers surplus. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng asked the board to approve our 2008-2009 tax rates. Rick Tonini moved to approve 10 cents per 100 dollars of value tax rates for 2008-2009. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for September 2008.

Seal and restripe the lots at station one & two.	\$5556	budgeted
Repair corrosion on 2658.	\$2885	budgeted
Purchase 4 tires for 2631	\$1375	budgeted
Purchase 12 vhf pagers	\$3144	budgeted
Replace Station Yard Barn	\$1500	budgeted
Upgrade training house	\$1500	budgeted
Replace Station 2 yard fencing	\$ 750	budgeted

Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenditures. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Greening the Firehouse Committee. No report.

Hospital Committee. Tom Eifler reported that some meeting will be scheduled in September.

Chief Seng reported that T-Mobile and Metro Safe have reached an agreement about our tower, but he still has no paper work to review.

Tom Eifler reported that an updated ruling on our legal issue is expected on September 18.

New Business

Jim Graven presented to the board information on a second annual newsletter to be sent to all taxpayers in the district. The board discussed and reviewed the rough draft of the upcoming issue.

Jim Graven moved to approve the \$11,000 for the newsletter. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that the joint self funded dental insurance the district shares with the other Jefferson County Fire District's had some cost overruns while the medical insurance had a large surplus. There will be some adjustments in the dental plan to avoid future overruns.

Joe Wolfe presented a plan to the board to increase firefighter fitness. This plan would replace the current allowance for fitness training with an in house program run by personal trainers every morning Monday through Saturday. The hope is to greatly increase participation by the districts firefighters. There will also be some upgrading of the district fitness room after some recommendations from the trainers. The board discussed at length the benefits of this program.

John Volkerding asked that volunteers who are not able to receive the district training which will be during their normal job hours be allowed to stay in the current fitness allowance plan. In addition he asked that career firefighters who are still under contracts at health clubs be allowed to receive the allowance until their contract end.

Consider for
Jack Monohan moved to approve \$15,000 for a 6 month trial of the new fitness plan, allow volunteers to remain in the current fitness allowance plan and career fire fighters to remain in the allowance plan until their contracts expire. Joe Wolfe seconded; the motion passed unanimously + 10,000⁰⁰ For Equip. Upgrade

The next board meeting will be October 9, 2008.

There being no further business, Jim Graven Jack Monohan moved and Jack Monohan seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; the motion passed unanimously at 6:43 pm.

September 11, 2008, Trustee meeting:

2008 Wellness Proposal

Revised
6th Contract of Renewal

St. Matthews Fire Department Fitness and Wellness Proposal

The physical demands on the body of a firefighter are astronomical. The average weight of firefighter gear is 50 lbs. The average core body temperature of a firefighter goes from a normal 98.6 to 104 degrees after performing the normal workload at a fire scene. Firefighting requires work with hand tools and equipment (usually in adverse & fatigued conditions). The normal workload at a fire would be the equivalent of running a 1.5-mile stretch without stopping. The job of a firefighter is, without question, one of the most physically demanding jobs and requires exceptional levels of cardiovascular fitness, anaerobic power, muscular strength and endurance. Due to the immense physical demands firefighters endure and associated injury rates, I propose a contract to the St. Matthews Fire Department to provide the resources that are not readily available in firefighters, but are crucial to supporting firefighting operations.

Program Objective:

This contract will allow us to simulate the physical demands of real life firefighting by prescribing specific exercise programs that will properly train the body to increase overall work capacity and, as a result, decrease injury rates. The benefits of physical activity are well known. Research has also shown significant correlations between physical performance measures and firefighting abilities. These studies show that strength and cardiovascular fitness are invaluable. Our proposed Fitness and Wellness programs will address firefighter inadequacies and, not only increase their quality and quantity of life, but also reduce healthcare costs and absenteeism through proper health and wellness education.

Services:

*Fitness testing will be administered, every 6 weeks, which is recommended by the American College of Sports Medicine for exercise testing and prescription. A collection and analysis of the data will identify strengths and, more importantly, weaknesses among firefighters and their total body wellness. Specific programs will be designed and prescribed, only by the exercise physiologist represented in this contract, to improve the overall health & fitness of the firefighters.

***Fitness Assessments:**

- Height & Weight
- Resting Heart Rate
- Blood Pressure
- Body Composition
- Circumference Measurements
- Vo2 Sub maximal protocol
- Muscular Strength & Endurance
- Mock (whatever kind of physical test they do now) Field Testing
- Flexibility

***Programs:**

- Strength Training Programs
- Cardiovascular Programs
- Obstacle course workouts
- Boot camp
- Fire Fighter specific Exercise Programs

*Incentive programs will help overcome one of the greatest challenges in the fitness profession: keeping clients motivated! Research shows nearly half of those who begin a new exercise program will quit. By offering challenges, incentives, and monitoring progress, firefighters will be motivated to succeed in achieving their fitness goals.

***Incentives:**

- Platoon versus Platoon
- Greatest Increase in Performance variables
- Biggest Loser Contest
- Regional and International Fireman Challenges
- Greatest attendance
- Before and After Photos

We will work with you to customize your fitness center to your specific vision and needs while ensuring that your facility can operate efficiently, effectively, and safely. Our goal is to maximize your available space to ensure that you are getting the greatest return for your dollars spent.

***Facility:**

- *Equipment Selection
- *Facility Design (Lay-out)
- *Equipment and Facility Maintenance (Daily and Monthly)

The proposed cost and tentative hours of the St. Matthews Fitness & Wellness contract to implement the above programming is as follows:

***Hours:** Monday thru Friday: 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. Fifteen (15) hours per week.

***Cost:** Option A:
\$2,400 Flat Rate a Month (Monday-Friday, 15 hours/week) – *4000*
\$2,940 Flat Rate a Month (Additional Saturday Hours)

Option B:
\$50.00 a Session per Employee
Example: 1 firefighter 2 sessions a week would cost \$400.00 a month

We are committed to applying ourselves to guide and develop future Fitness/Wellness programs. We would greatly appreciate your consideration for this contract, and because of our education and experiential background, we are confident that your colleagues will see improvements in their professional performance and everyday lives.

Mitch Miller 709.242.5151
Matt Thoma 270.847.3599

*Proper nutrition and optimal health go hand in hand. Poor nutrition and deficiencies may initially result in minor ailments today, but in the long term they can be a factor in the development of cardiovascular problems, osteoporosis, diabetes, cancer and other degenerative diseases, that are preventable through proper nutrition. Surveys and food logs will be utilized to assess the dietary needs of the fire fighters.

***Proper Nutrition:**

- Nutritional Survey
- Food Log
- Group/Individualized Counseling
- Nutritional Education
- Foods List
- Nutritional Presentations: Covering all aspects of Nutrition.
- Healthy Cooking Demos
- Proper Hydration

*Optimal wellness is not only about good nutrition and regular exercise, but it is also about people discontinuing harmful habits and making informed and responsible decisions about their health. Wellness should be used as a foundation for a lifestyle that will undoubtedly help firefighters achieve their highest potential. After assessing the diverse needs of each firefighter, tailored educational information will be offered to each firefighter in an attempt to improve their overall lives.

***Wellness Topics:**

- Stress Management
- Blood Pressure Screenings and Info
- Cholesterol
- Sleep
- Improve work Performance
- Injury prevention
- Massage Therapy

*Individual/Group exercise programs will be prescribed from the data collected from initial fitness assessments. Each firefighter's strengths and weaknesses will be identified in order to: a.) develop parameters within the group training, b.) develop personalized programs based on their specific needs. This will allow for a higher degree of specificity for the firefighter and will enhance the platoon training.

Matthew J. Thoma

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Office Phone ~ 502-580-4588

Professional Objective

To attain a leadership position in an established fitness center, in order to further my experience, knowledge and expertise in the fields of exercise science, fitness and wellness.

Education

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY
BS: Physical Education, Exercise Science
BS: Physical Education, Exercise Science

Professional Memberships and Certifications

- ✓ NSCA-Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist
- ✓ NSCA-Certified Personal Trainer
- ✓ CPR, First Aid, AED certified

Fitness Coordinator, Humana Clocktower Fitness Center, Louisville KY

- August 2007-Present
- ✓ Supervision of Fitness Specialist
- ✓ Responsible for payroll reporting
- ✓ Implementation/Coordination of Incentive Programs
- ✓ Ordering of club amenities (Towels, Shampoo, Gym wipers, ect)
- ✓ Equipment Maintenance/Repairs
- ✓ Blood Drives promotion and organization
- ✓ Fitness Assessments, Exercise Prescription & Health Consultations
- ✓ Monthly Wellness Breaks (Wellness Topic info and BP Screening)
- ✓ Monthly Program Numbers, Daily App Schedule, Monthly Workouts

Personal Trainer, Total Fitness Connection, Fitness Instructor, Bowling Green Parks & Recreation, KY, January 2007-August 2007

- ✓ Presentation of Personal Training to prospective clientele
- ✓ ACSM & Macro-Fit fitness assessment to determine baseline physical condition
- ✓ Needs Analysis/Goal Setting
- ✓ Exercise Prescription/Program Design
- ✓ Demonstrate proper biomechanics and correct exercise technique
- ✓ Motivate and educate clients to maintain a physically active lifestyle in absence of a trainer
- ✓ Chemical Checks for weight/pool
- ✓ Pass Registration, Pass Renewals and Cash Out procedure using Bas. Trac.
- ✓ New Member orientations/consultations
- ✓ Opening/Closing Procedures

Fitness Director/Personal Training Director, National Fitness Center, TN November 2005-January 2007

- ✓ Manage and develop Fitness Staff
- ✓ Provide Leadership for new and existing Fitness Professionals
- ✓ Responsible for developing and achieving financial targets
- ✓ Development and implementation of risk management strategies

September 11, 2008, Trustee meeting:

2008 Wellness Proposal

- ✓ Organizing fitness promotional events and competitions
 - ✓ Coordinate fitness-center communications
 - ✓ Management of staff to include recruiting, hiring, compensation, payroll, scheduling
 - ✓ Perform Micro-Fit Assessments
 - ✓ Personal Training
 - ✓ Perform consultations and presentations of Personal Training
- Part-Time Administrator**, Western Kentucky University, KY, Health & Fitness Lab
May 2003-June 2003
- Interim Exercise Coordinator**, Western Kentucky University, KY, Health & Fitness Lab
June 2004-August 2004
- ✓ Conduct ACSM based Fitness Assessments
 - ✓ Prescribe Exercise
 - ✓ Perform Consultations
 - ✓ Conduct Personal Wellness Profiles using Wellsource Software
 - ✓ Assist with Fitness Promotional Events & Competitions (planning, set-up, take-down)
 - ✓ Teach group fitness classes
 - ✓ Health & Fitness Presentations per request (Demos, Classes)
 - ✓ Recruit, Train, Supervise interns and volunteers
 - ✓ Maintenance of Dance Studio/Weight Room Equipment
 - ✓ Responsible for writing Fitness Newsletter
 - ✓ Assist with necessary office duties
- Personal Trainer**, Western Kentucky University, KY, August 2004-June 2005
- ✓ ACSM fitness assessment to determine baseline physical condition
 - ✓ Needs Analysis/Goal Setting
 - ✓ Exercise Prescription/Program Design
 - ✓ Demonstrate proper biomechanics and correct exercise technique
 - ✓ Educate clients in order to maintain a physically active lifestyle in absence of a trainer
- Facility Supervisor**, Western Kentucky University, KY, May 2003-June 2005
- ✓ Weekend Supervision of Preston Health & Activities Center (112,000 sq ft)
 - ✓ Supervision of all student staff (front desk staff, weight room attendants, lifeguards)
 - ✓ Opening and Closing Procedures
- Interim Strength & Conditioning**, Western Kentucky University, Athletics, August 2002-December 2002
- ✓ Acquired skills for Periodization
 - ✓ Acquired skills for Sport Specific Training
 - ✓ Acquired skills for Olympic Style Lifts
 - ✓ Supervision of student athletes
 - ✓ Work with baseball, softball, swimming, cross country and track teams
- References:**
- ✓ Todd Misener, Director of Fitness, WKU Health & Fitness Lab, 270-745-6447
 - ✓ Derrick Fair, Fitness Coordinator, Bowling Green Parks and Recreation, 270-393-3733
 - ✓ Scott Wilson, Center Director, Humans Health & Fitness, 502-580-1393

St. Matthews Fire Protection District Ordinance No. 0801, Series 2008

An Ordinance Authorizing the Recovery of Costs Relating to Accident Service Runs

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION ONE:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE USER FEES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES RENDERED BY THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.

SECTION TWO:

This Ordinance becomes effective immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

WHEREAS, the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's run activity to vehicular accidents and structure fires continues to increase each year; new Home Security regulations, such as biological training and equipment, etc., will create increased demands on all operational areas of the fire protection district's services; and,

WHEREAS, the St. Matthews Fire Protection District has investigated different methods to maintain a high level of quality of Fire emergency services throughout times of constantly increasing service demands, where maintaining an effective response by the Fire department decreases the insurance companies cost by saving lives and minimizing vehicular damage by fire; and,

WHEREAS, raising the real property tax to meet the increase in service demands would not be fair to the property owners, when a majority of the Motor Vehicular Accidents (MVA) involve individuals not owning property or paying property taxes in the jurisdiction of the fire department; and the ability of the fire department to effectively respond decreases the liability of the insurance companies by saving lives; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to implement a fair and equitable procedure by which to collect said fees from insurance companies and non-tax payers and shall establish a billing system in accordance with State and Federal laws, regulations and guidelines; Now, Therefore,

MITCH MILLER

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstrated ability to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate the needs of diverse patient groups
- In-depth experience working in medical rehabilitation settings & wellness services
- Exceptional work ethic and desire for professional growth
- Outstanding interpersonal skills and greatly interested in patient growth and success

EDUCATION

Evans College, Evansville, IL, Bachelor of Science, May 2004
Major: Physical Fitness Leadership GPA: 3.11

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Rehabilitation Technician**, Frontier Rehabilitation Institute, Louisville, KY January 2008-Present
- Create and implement programs for spinal chord injury clients and research participation
 - Prepare and lead patients through treatment, program activities, and low-intensity training
 - Actively involved in patient research and analysis during subject recruitment, data collection, data analysis, and completion of experiment sessions
- Personal Trainer**, Urban Active Fitness, Louisville, KY June 2007-Present
- Design customized fitness programs for clients based on their individual goals and needs
 - Maintain high retention rate among clients due to progressive improvement
 - Motivate clients through fitness confidence and knowledge in a productive exercise environment
- Fitness Specialist**, Corporate Fitness Works, Louisville, KY July 2006-January 2008
- Perform major tasks needed to maintain fitness facility
 - Conduct fitness assessments, personal exercise plans, and health and wellness consultations
 - Enter membership data into company computer system
 - Promote wellness and CFW by establishing personal relationships with members
- Exercise Specialist**, OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL May 2004 - July 2006
- Instruct and coordinate fitness classes designed for medical rehabilitation patients
 - Develop and implement resistance training classes for geriatric and bariatric patients
 - Assess with health and wellness assessments such as body composition and vital signs analysis
 - Promote wellness through the development of a personally written exercise handbook
- Corporate Wellness Consultant**, Citizens Equity First Credit Union, Peoria, IL January 2005 - July 2004
- Hired by CEFCU to develop strength training and wellness programs for their employees
 - Developed fitness programs to assist employees in returning to the work force after injury/disability
- Fitness Coordinator Intern**, Peoria (River) Park District, Peoria, IL January - May 2004
- Developed children's wellness program addressing importance of physical fitness
 - Provided orientation for new clients and developed personalized exercise programs for members
 - Oversee maintenance logs for exercise equipment

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Editor, Evansville College Homecoming Student Newspaper
- Evansville College Dean's List
- Evansville College Football Team, 4 yrs
- 2003, Evansville College Football Team Honorees Most Valuable Player
- 2002, Evansville College Homecoming Student Most Valuable Player
- 2001-02, Sophomore Class President and Student Senate Secretary
- 2003, Evansville College Football Team Captain
- Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Member

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Appleton High School United Food Drive, Spanish Springs, Walnut Grove Christian Church Bible School, Chicago Board Security, Wildlife Trail Church, Volunteer, Peoria Community Health Services

REFERENCES

- Mr. Timon
Fitness Coordinator, Corporate Fitness Works
Evansville, Kentucky
(773) 817-1596
- David Cook
Head Football Coach, Washington High School
Washington, Illinois
(309) 424-0991
- Jim Gierman
Manager, OSF St. Francis Medical Center Rehabilitation
Peoria, Illinois
(309) 242-1000
- Michelle Lugo
Recreation Coordinator, OSF St. Francis Medical Center
Peoria, Illinois
(309) 242-1000

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: The St. Matthews Fire Protection District shall initiate user fees for the delivery of Fire and Rescue services, personnel, supplies and equipment to the scene of motor vehicle accidents. The rate of the user fees shall be that which is the usual, customary and reasonable costs (UCR), which includes any services, personnel, supplies and equipment and may fluctuate based on the needs of the accident or fire.

SECTION 2: The user fees shall be filed to the motor vehicle insurance, commercial or homeowner's insurance, representing an add-on-cost of the claim for damages of the vehicles, property and/or injuries. The claim costs shall be filed to the insurance coverage of the owner of a vehicle, owner of property, or responsible party.

SECTION 3: The Trustee Chairman may make rules or regulations, and from time-to-time may amend, revoke or add rules and regulations, not consistent with this Section as they may deem necessary or expedient in respect to billing for these fees or the collection thereof.

SECTION 4: All amounts collected as a result of this Ordinance shall be placed into a fund as established by the Treasurer to be used exclusively for personnel, supplies and equipment for the fire district.

SECTION 5: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Trustees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in open meetings of this Board of Trustees, and that all deliberations of this Board of Trustees and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in compliance with all legal requirements.

September 11, 2008, Trustee meeting: Apparatus being considered



2007 E-ONE 95-foot mid-mount aerial – North Syracuse Fire Department, North Syracuse, N.Y.: E-ONE Cyclone II cab and chassis; Detroit Diesel Series 60 515-hp engine; Hale 2,000-gpm pump; 250-gallon tank; Harrison 10,000-watt hydraulic generator; Akron Brass 1,250-gpm monitor. \$897,000. Dealer: Bob Liberatore, Absolute Emergency Vehicles & Equipment, Endicott, N.Y.



2008 KME platform aerial – Morrisville (S.C.) Fire Rescue: KME Predator cab and chassis; Cummins ISM 500-hp engine; 102-foot heavy-duty platform ladder; 1,000-pound platform capacity; Hale Qmax 1,500-gpm pump; dual Akron electronic monitors; 300-gallon tank; Onan 15,000-watt pto generator. \$796,000. Dealer: Barry Slagle, Slagle Fire Equipment, South Boston, Va.



2008 Pierce tractor-drawn aerial – Tampa (Fla.) Fire Rescue: Pierce Quantum cab and chassis; Detroit Diesel Series 60 470-hp engine; Pierce TAK-4 independent front suspension; EMS compartment in cab; FireCom intercom system; 100-foot heavy-duty ladder; Harrison 10,000-watt hydraulic generator. \$882,000. Dealer: John Thompson, Ten-8 Fire Equipment, Bradenton Fla. (Don Feipel Photo)



2007 Ferrara 100-foot rear-mount aerial platform – Knoxville Fire Department, Knoxville, Tenn.: Ferrara Inferno cab and chassis; Detroit Diesel 515-hp engine; three-section ladder with a 21-square-foot basket; 500-pound rappelling arm; 1,500-gpm waterway and dual monitors in the platform. \$800,000. Dealer: Jeff Hagwell, Ferrara factory representative, Holden, La.



2007 Sutphen 100-foot aerial platform – Alpha Fire Company, State College, Pa.: Sutphen extended cab; Detroit Diesel Series 60 515-hp engine; Cummins Onan 15,000-watt generator; LED lighting system; Akron 3479 electric dual remote controlled platform monitors; 200 feet of ground ladders. \$827,355. Dealer: Jeff Britt, Fire Apparatus Sales, Amlin, Ohio.



2008 Ferrara mid-mount aerial platform – Old Mystic (Conn.) Fire Department: Ferrara Inferno cab and chassis; Detroit Diesel Series 60 515-hp engine; 100-foot platform; Hale Qmax 2,000-gpm pump; UPF Poly 300-gallon tank; Harrison MPC 30,000-watt hydraulic generator. \$1,200,000 turnkey delivery with all equipment mounted. Dealer: Brian Baker, Shipman's Fire Equip., Waterford, Conn.



2008 Pierce tractor-drawn aerial – Stockton (Calif.) Fire Department: Pierce Quantum cab and chassis; Detroit Diesel Series 60 515-hp engine; 100-foot heavy-duty aerial; Command Zone controls; TAK-4 independent front suspension; Havis Shield scene lighting. \$876,475. Dealer: Ryan Wright, Golden State Fire Apparatus, Modesto, Calif.



2007 E-ONE: A 114-foot Bronto built on an E-ONE Cyclone II cab and chassis was delivered to the Manchester (N.H.) Fire Department. It is powered by a Cummins ISM 500-hp engine and an Allison transmission. It's equipped with Whelen LED lights, a 10,000-watt generator and Alcolac ladders. The \$895,000 unit was sold by John Buckley, Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, North Attleboro, Mass.



2007 Fort Garry Spartan 100-foot aerial platform – North Bayshore Fire & Emergency Services, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada: Spartan 100 cab and chassis; Cummins ISM 500-hp engine; Onan 15,000-watt generator; 100-foot rear-mount ladder. \$862,000. Dealer: Larry Fennig, Fort Garry Trucks, Winnipeg, Canada. (Fire Apparatus Photo by Dave Stevenson)

September 26, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*:
Former Firefighter



Dan J. Sullivan Jr.

SULLIVAN, DAN J. JR., 84, died Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at Jefferson Place. Mr. Sullivan was President of Sullivan & Cozart Construction Co. and had attended the University of North Carolina and Babson College. He was an Army Air Corp veteran of World War II and a member of Louisville Country Club & BBS Club. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, the former Peggy Mullin Sullivan. He is survived by his two daughters, Susan Andriot and Tracy Brewer (John); two sons, Danny Sullivan (Brenda) and Tommy Sullivan (Cathy). Also survived by his grandchildren, Laurie Andriot, Amy Campbell (Chad), Meg Andriot, Driscoll Sullivan, Tierney Simpson, Sarah Brewer, Campbell Brewer, Dan Brewer, Jack Sullivan and Peter Sullivan; and one great grandchild, Nate Allen. Memorial Mass will be 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Frances of Rome, 2119 Payne St. with private burial at Cave Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday at Pearson's, 149 Breckenridge Ln. Memorial gifts may be made to Cerebral Palsy Kid's Center.

October 6, 2008, Letter:

*Snake Detectors
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS
Fire Protection District**
240 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207
(502) 893-7825
**William J. Seng
Fire Chief**

*Learn Not
To Burn*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Joe Voth
Robert J. Ward
Jack Menden
Craig Whitmore

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: October 6, 2008
Re: District Activity

- ✓ The October Trustees meeting is tomorrow night at 5:30 pm.
- ✓ Enclosed you will find a copy of this year's audit along with a report to the Board of Trustees concerning the last fiscal year. Cotter and Allen will be in attendance at the Trustees meeting explaining the audit and to answer any questions you may have.
- ✓ Both stations have had a new layer of blacktop sealer applied and has been rescripted before the start of this winter season. The company that did the work was Bluegrass Sealing and Striping.
- ✓ The project to replace the old boiler with the new infrared heating system in the bay at Station 1 is just about complete. The contractor needs a few more days before the system is up and running and fully functional.
- ✓ Over the last couple of days some cell-power work at Station 2 has been done but has now been put on hold until some liability waivers are obtained. I should be able to provide you with better information about this issue at tomorrow's Trustees meeting. *See Attached CERT RE L&C Co.*
- ✓ We had a small building fire early Saturday morning at the Oriental House located on Shelbyville Road. The fire started in a small shed that was attached to the rear of the building. The shed, which contained small kitchen supplies, was a total loss and there was minor smoke damage to the rear of the main building. Louisville Metro Arson is investigating the fire which is suspicious in nature.

Several weeks ago Chairman Tom Eifler made a call to the US Attorney's Office and spoke with David Huber concerning the case of the Campbell's Gourmet Cottage fire. Mr. Huber advised Chairman Eifler that the case is still under review and that a decision should be made soon as to what the US Attorney's Office will do with the case. Chairman Eifler should be able to give us more information concerning his conversation with David Huber at our Trustees meeting tomorrow evening.

Please see the two enclosed EA's for this month's meeting. *More on this w/ 14 or next 30 days. Tom to Follow Up*

2008
September, 2008, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (09/01/2008) And (09/30/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
Fire				
00 Fire, Other	1	0.31%	\$0	0.00%
11 Building fire	1	0.31%	\$0	0.00%
15 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	0.31%	\$0	0.00%
31 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.31%	\$2,775	100.00%
43 Grass fire	1	0.31%	\$0	0.00%
51 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	1	0.31%	\$0	0.00%
	6	3.09%	\$2,775	100.00%
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)				
51 Excessive heat, scorch marks with no	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
013 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
013 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
013 Medical assist, cancelled enroute by	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
013 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
02 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	4	2.06%	\$0	0.00%
04 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
05 Expiration of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
	14	7.21%	\$0	0.00%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
00 Hazardous condition, Other	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
012 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	2.06%	\$0	0.00%
012 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
024 Carbon monoxide incident	4	2.06%	\$0	0.00%
041 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
043 Overheated motor	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
043 Power line down	70	36.08%	\$0	0.00%
043 Arcing, started electrical equipment	3	1.54%	\$0	0.00%
063 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	5	2.57%	\$0	0.00%
	91	46.90%	\$0	0.00%
Service Call				
011 Smoke or odor removal	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
061 Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
068 Assist invalid	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
071 Cover assignment, standby, survey	3	1.54%	\$0	0.00%
	6	3.09%	\$0	5.00%
Good Intent Call				
00 Good intent call, Other	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
011 Dispatched & cancelled en route	18	9.22%	\$0	0.00%
022 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	3	1.54%	\$0	0.00%
051 Smoke score, odor of smoke	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
	20	10.30%	\$0	0.00%
False Alarm & False Call				
00 False alarm or false call, Other	3	2.07%	\$0	0.00%
018 Central station, malicious false alarm	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
019 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
028 System malfunction, Other	3	1.54%	\$0	0.00%
031 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
031 Smoke detector activation due to	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
036 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
040 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	3	2.06%	\$0	0.00%
041 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
043 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
048 Detector activation, no fire -	8	4.12%	\$0	0.00%
049 Alarm system activation, no fire -	13	6.70%	\$0	0.00%
	33	27.31%	\$0	0.00%
Special Incident Type				
000 Special type of incident, Other	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
011 Citizens complaint	1	0.51%	\$0	0.00%
	2	1.03%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	194		\$2,775	

2008

October 7, 2008, Trustee meeting:

Smoke Detectors
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ST. MATTHEWS Fire Protection District

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
October 7, 2008

- I. ✓ Call to Order @ 5:30
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *W/ CHAIRMAN'S NOTES*
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
(a) Audit - Update
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
(a) Delta vs Echo Response - Update *No Report*
- V. ✓ Old Business
✓ (a) Hospital Committee - Report *Tom Eifler*
✓ (b) Greening Firehouse Committee Report - Graven/Monahan *No Report this Month*
✓ (c) Legal - Update *STAY WAITING*
✓ (d) Metro-Safe/Cell Tower Update *Discussed*
- VI. ✓ New Business
✓ (a) Apparatus Committee Report - S. Monahan
✓ (b) Insurance and Personnel Report - Dupon *SEE ATTACHED VISION PLAN*
Check out of STAY 9-1-08, IF WARRANTED
- VII. *None* ✓ Executive Session - If needed.
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on October 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm - Worthington Fire Department - Station #2 *R. Tonini to Attend*
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on October 9, 2008 - Thursday

St Matthews Fire District

Vision Care Proposal

10/7/08

The attached is a proposal for vision care through the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association; it is an optional benefit being offered with our County Dental Plan with an effective date of 11/1/08. Given our current employee benefit make up the annual cost of the program would be \$7012.57.

Employee only-3 @ \$7.34 x12	= \$264.25
Employee + spouse-6 @ 14.68 x12	= \$1056.96
Employee + children-1 @ \$13.96 x12	= \$167.52
Family-21 @ \$21.92 x12	= \$5523.84

This cost would be for Option 2, the benefits of Option 2 are spelled out on page four of the Humana proposal. Option 2 is the only option available to us because the other Districts participating in the program chose option 2 and the group can only choose one option. The effective date of this program is 11/1/08 and our decision to participate needs to be to Terry by 10/15/08.

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

October 7, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on October 7, 2008 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, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jim Graven and Jack Monahan. Also present were Chief Seng, Stuart Monahan, Charles McCune, Nick Clark, Nick Heilmann, Patrick Montague, Kevin Moulton, Tom Marshall, Brendan Montgomery, George Wiggins and Mike Willinger. Representing Cotton & Allen were Travis Frick and Roy Hill.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 11, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Jack Monahan moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Rick Tonini seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Audit Report

The audit report was presented by Travis Frick and Roy Hill from Cotton & Allen. The report found no major issues. Several small changes for the future were suggested and have been made.

Rick Tonini moved to approve the audit report. Jack Monahan seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report.

Our CRC revenue for September was \$53.71.

After 3 months of the budget year, the district has received 3.25% of budgeted income and has expenses of 25.34% which is right on schedule with the budget. Jim reported that all is in line and there are no problems.

Jack Monahan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Rick Tonini seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The Co-Ray Vac heating system will be installed at station 1 by October 15th.

Microwave Dishes are installed on the station 2 cell tower and all of the liability waivers and proof of insurance have been received.

The Fire Department picture has been sent for framing.

The parking lots at both stations have been sealed.

There was a fire in a shed, attached to the rear of the Oriental House, that contained kitchen supplies. The shed was a total loss and Metro Arson is investigating the cause.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for October 2008:

Desktop Computer & Monitor (Training)	\$ 850	budgeted
Purchase 4 tires for 2633	\$1575	budgeted

Jack Monahan moved to approve the expenditures. Rick Tonini seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Greening the Firehouse Committee. No report.

Hospital Committee. Tom Eifler reported that Sue Tamme with Baptist Hospital East was receptive to some possible funding and would discuss the idea with Norton Suburban Hospital.

New Business

Stuart Monahan reported that the New Apparatus Committee had decided that a new tractor drawn aerial should be the replacement for 2653. The specifications have been written to attract up to 4 bidders from single source manufacturers. The bid opening date is 12:00 p.m. on November 3, 2008. The committee will make a recommendation after reviewing the bids at the next board meeting. The Federal grant the department received requires delivery of the new aerial by the end of July 2009.

Chief Seng presented some information on a vision care plan that can be added to the department's health insurance. Joe Wolfe suggested that the plan be studied to make sure it is a good value for the department and Tom Eifler

suggested that the board look at the issue when preparing next years budget. The issue was tabled.

The next board meeting will be November 13, 2008.

There being no further business, Jack Monahan moved and Joe Wolfe seconded, that the meeting be adjourned, the motion passed unanimously at 8:31 pm.

2008

October, 2008: City of Indian Hills October Fest. October 18, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*, by Jessie Halladay, 15 Louisville firefighters earn promotions:



15 Louisville firefighters earn promotions

BY JESSIE HALLADAY • JOURNAL/COURIER-JOURNAL.COM • OCTOBER 18, 2008

Photo by Jessie Halladay • Louisville Courier-Journal

Tom Carroll didn't set out to become a full-time firefighter, getting a degree in dentistry and starting a private practice.

But 10 days as a volunteer firefighter for Harmons Creek and St. Matthews made him think firefighting could be a good career.

So when he got hired 23 years ago by the old Louisville Division of Fire, he never went back to dentistry.

Yesterday, Carroll was promoted to Louisville Fire & Rescue's second-highest position, given the rank of captain.

He will be in charge of the department's daily fire operations.

"I never thought I'd rise to this level," Carroll said before a promotional ceremony at the Spectrum Building at 911 S. Brook St.

"It's going to be a challenge, but nothing I can't deal with," he said.

Fifteen people were promoted during yesterday's ceremony.

Fire Chief Greg Froderick said he's excited about the new leadership and looks forward to what the men can do for the department.

He said he's particularly pleased with the experience Carroll will bring to his new role.

"It's critical to have someone that understands the department," the chief said. "He's very diplomatic. He's a good listener."

Rolanda Montgomery, whose husband Oscar Montgomery was promoted to sergeant, echoed the pride felt by many family and friends who attended the ceremony.

"It was very exciting," she said. "He studied for a long time. I couldn't be happier for him."

But she also praised the work the family had done to support his efforts.

"It was a team effort," she said.

Montgomery, Wesley Gibson, Marc Myers, Michael Yappert, Michael Weinberg, William Davis II and Al Thomas all were promoted to sergeant.

Linus Schumann, Thomas Stowers, Matthew Gawarecki and Clayton Nevitt were promoted to captain.

Nicholas Renard was promoted to major, Rick Schriver to fire apparatus mechanic II and Emmer Mann to fire communications specialist.



Photo by Area Bureau, The Courier-Journal
Lt. Col. Tom Carroll, promoted to his wife's job, received a sergeant's insignia on his uniform at yesterday's promotion ceremony for Louisville Fire & Rescue firefighters. Carroll will be the department's new second-in-command.



Wesley Gibson stood tall as his wife, Rolanda, pinned a sergeant's insignia onto his collar at the ceremony.



October 1, 2008, *The Courier-Journal*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to KRS 424.260 that the **St. Matthews Fire** Protection District is soliciting sealed proposals for one (1) new fire truck. This apparatus shall be a custom 100' tractor drawn 500 pound aerial ladder with a pre-piped waterway, 10 KW generator and associated equipment. Proposals shall be from companies which have an established reputation in the field of fire apparatus construction and have been building aerial apparatus for a minimum of twenty-five years. Bids will be from manufacturers that construct the entire apparatus including the cab/chassis, body, and aerial device. Specifications may be obtained at the main fire station, 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky beginning at 9:00 Friday October 3, 2008. Said proposals will be received no later than 12 noon Monday, November 3, 2008 local time at the main fire station. All bids will be opened with award thereafter based on bid evaluations. The **St. Matthews Fire** Protection District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

NOV08/11/08

2008

October, 2008, Incident Report:

November 6, 2008, Letter:

STMPD

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (10/01/2008) And (10/31/2008)

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
Fire				
00 Fire, Other	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
01 Building fire	1	1.17%	\$13,000	46.57%
02 Passenger vehicle fire	2	2.35%	\$18,575	62.66%
42 Sprinkler or stand-by-fire alarm fire	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
43 Alarm fire	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
62 Outside equipment fire	1	1.17%	\$100	0.36%
7	7	8.23%	\$32,675	100.00%

Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
017 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	3	3.53%	\$0	0.00%
017 Medical assist, assist EMS crew to patient	2	2.35%	\$0	0.00%
051 Extraction of victim(s) from vehicle	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
052 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
7	7	8.23%	\$0	0.00%

Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
012 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	3.53%	\$0	0.00%
022 Chemical spill or leak	3	3.53%	\$0	0.00%
140 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
144 Power line down	2	2.35%	\$0	0.00%
145 Arching, shorted electrical equipment	2	2.35%	\$0	0.00%
143 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	4	4.70%	\$0	0.00%
15	15	17.64%	\$0	0.00%

Service Call				
110 Person in distress, Other	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
112 Lockout	2	2.35%	\$0	0.00%
121 Smoke or odor removal	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
140 Animal problem, Other	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
5	5	5.88%	\$0	0.00%

Good Intent Call				
606 Good intent call, Other	3	3.53%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled on route	6	7.06%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	2	2.35%	\$0	0.00%
631 Smoke alarm, user of alarm	4	4.70%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
15	15	17.64%	\$0	0.00%

False Alarm & False Call				
000 False alarm or false call, Other	2	2.35%	\$0	0.00%
011 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
024 Central station, malicious false alarm	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
031 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
033 Smoke detector activation due to	1	1.17%	\$0	0.00%
032 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	3.53%	\$0	0.00%
043 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	11	12.94%	\$0	0.00%
088 DETECTOR ACTIVATION, NO FIRE -	7	8.23%	\$0	0.00%
143 Alarm system activation, no fire -	3	3.53%	\$0	0.00%
26	26	30.35%	\$0	0.00%

Total Incident Count: 83 Total Est Loss: \$27,675

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William J. Berg
Fire Chief

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Paul Henderson

To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Berg
Date: November 6, 2008
Re: District Activity

- ✓ The new Co-Ray-Vac heating system has been installed and is up and running at station one. Everything seems to be working properly and hopefully we will be able to compare old bills to see how much of a savings there is by not using the old boiler. I will keep you posted.
- ✓ The new exercise program is in full swing and is getting great reviews. Most of the new equipment that was ordered has been delivered and is currently being used on a daily basis. There are still a few more remodeling items that need to be completed before the room is finished. Please come by and check the room and the new equipment out if you get a chance.
- ✓ The new 2009 Ford Edge SUV has all of its emergency equipment installed and has been placed into service as of last Monday. We will need to declare the 2000 Chevy Tahoe as surplus at our next meeting and sell it on EBay.
- ✓ The cell tower at Station 2 has seen very little work over the last two months. MetroSafe just this week has started pouring a concrete pad so they can install most of their electronic equipment that will operate the microwave dishes. The guide wires that caused most of the controversy for the tower have still not been installed.
- ✓ *Repeat* Walter Sales should be at our Trustees meeting this Thursday to discuss recent decisions that have been made in our lawsuit against the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.
- ✓ Denny Engstahl is back at home recuperating after a short stay in the nursing home. I should know more by Thursday night about his exact medical condition and what his prognosis will be.
- ✓ Captain Kent Monahan will be out from work for about five shifts to have some surgery he will have this Wednesday. I should know more about Kent and his surgery on Thursday.
- ✓ Firefighter Ronnie Renner and his wife Adrienne just had twin boys delivered Tuesday morning. At last report, both the mother and the babies are doing great! More info on the Renner family will come shortly.
- ✓ The apparatus Committee that has been working very hard over the last several months will have a presentation and a recommendation to make to the Board at this Thursday's Trustees meeting.
- ✓ Please mark your calendar that the makeup date for the Awards Banquet will be held on November 29th at Mellwood Arts Studio on Mellwood Avenue. You should have received a post card in the mail reminding you. See you there!

PRIME Rib Dinner 12-16-08

Expenditures for November 2008

Item	Cost	Budgeted
✓ Firehouse Annual Dinner	\$1500	Yes
✓ Holiday Gift Cards	\$2600	Yes
✓ Flooring replacement weight room	\$2851	Pre-unit + D to District Capital
✓ Six 10lb ABC fire extinguishers with mounts	\$435	Yes
✓ Door Hangers for Smoke Detector Program	\$1080	Yes

Approved ALL

+ 6 SETS OF FIRE GEAR & 2 Appliances (Approx 11,000)
John to provide the details

2008

November 13, 2008, Trustee meeting:

Smoke Detectors
Smoke Lenses



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Fire Protection District
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William J. Seng
Fire Chief

Trustees Meeting Agenda
November 13, 2008

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James P. Board, Treasurer
John E. Frantz, Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Joe Wolfe
Robert J. Seng
Jack Monahan
Rick Tonini

- I. ✓ Call to Order *5:30 PM*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *Approval*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
(a) Delta vs Echo Response - Update *only 7 Remains Out (Dean From Area 1004)*
- V. ✓ Old Business
✓ (a) Hospital Committee - Report *No Report*
✓ (b) Greening Firehouse Committee Report - Graves/Monahan - *(No Report)*
✓ (c) Legal - Update *No Report*
✓ (d) Metro-Safe/Cell Tower Update - Guidewires - Update
✓ (e) News Letter - *Single Attached*
- VI. ✓ New Business *Approved*
✓ (a) Apparatus Committee Report - S. Monahan - Bid Results *\$23,459*
✓ (b) Insurance and Personnel Report - Dugan *\$1,000,000 Equip*
✓ (c) *After By Check Attached 2/1/03 Page 1 of 2* *\$423,459*
VII. ✓ Executive Session - If needed. *2:30 to 6:30* *346,800 Grant*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCA Trustee meeting will be held on January 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm - Boonshel Fire Department
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on December 11, 2008 - Thursday @ 5:30 PM

New Business

Stuart Monahan reported that the New Apparatus Committee had received bids from 3 Truck Manufacturers for the Tractor Drawn Aerial to replace 2653.

Pierce Mfg.	\$799,000
KME Mfg.	\$898,000
E-ONE Mfg.	\$997,000

The committee reviewed each proposal to determine which bid filled the needs of the department in terms of quality, meeting the intent of the specs, price and required July delivery.

The committee recommends the purchase of the new tractor drawn aerial from Pierce Mfg. for a price of \$823,459. This price includes the addition of a complete airbag system and upgraded brakes and suspension for firefighter safety and minor design changes that were not in our spec. Pierce has committed to meeting the July delivery required for the department's federal grant.

Jack Monahan moved to approve the purchase of a new tractor drawn aerial from Pierce Mfg. for \$823,459. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Jim Graven reported that he researched financing options. Old National will offer a 4.05 interest rate which was the best he has found right now.

Chief Seng reported that Pierce proposed paying 7.25% interest on any money the dept decided to pay up front.

The board discussed both options and decided to do more research into both financing and the Pierce proposal before making a decision.

Joe Wolfe moved to go to executive session. Jack Monahan seconded; the motion passed unanimously at 6:19 p.m.

The board returned from executive session at 6:31 p.m.

Joe Wolfe moved for the board to allow employees to sell back up to 3 days of vacation time at their standard hourly rate in each year's vacation cycle. The days have to be sold back in single work day increments. Jim Graven seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is December 11 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Jim Graven moved and Joe Wolfe seconded, that the meeting be adjourned; the motion passed unanimously at 6:38 pm.

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

November 13, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on November 13, 2008 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, Faye Ellerkamp, John Volkerding, Jim Graven and Jack Monahan. Also present were Chief Seng, Stuart Monahan, and Charles McCune, Mike Beneke, Louis Stoke, Mike Frantz, Frank Flynn, Matt Board, Derrick Miskell, Greg Crabb, Brendan Montgomery, Eric Colston and Dave Dugan.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Jack Monahan seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report.

Our CRC revenue for October was \$ 1,895.73.

After 4 months of the budget year, the district has received 4.29% of budgeted income and has expenses of 33% which is right on schedule with the budget. Jim reported that all is in line and there are no problems.

Jack Monahan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Rick Tonini seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

The Co-Ray Vac heating system at station 1 is complete and working well. The new system is expected to be more efficient than the 39 year old boiler system it replaced.

The New Ford Edge for Assistant Chief Monahan is in service. With the new Edge in service, the older 2000 Tahoe can be declared surplus and sold. Rick Tonini moved to declare the 2000 Tahoe surplus. Jack Monahan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The new exercise program is up and running. The participation level is over 90%. The firefighters have bought in to the program and are working very hard to increase their fitness level.

The rescheduled annual awards banquet will be November 29th at the Mellwood Arts Center at 6 p.m.

Captain Kent Monahan will miss about 5 shifts of work to recover from some minor surgery.

Metro Safe is slowly working on adding their equipment to the cell tower at Station 2. A new concrete pad was added last week. The guide wires have still not been installed.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for November 2008:

Holiday gift cards for all firefighters	\$2600	budgeted
Firehouse annual dinner	\$1500	budgeted
Flooring for renovated weight room	\$2851	capital
5-10lb ABC fire extinguishers with mounts	\$ 435	budgeted
Door hangers for smoke detector program	\$1080	budgeted
Replace water thief & gated wye	\$1609	budgeted
6 sets of firefighter protective clothing	\$10200	budgeted

Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenditures. Jack Monahan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Greening the Firehouse Committee. No report.

Hospital Committee. Tom Eifler reported that Sue Tamme with Baptist Hospital East had says that their foundation can not help fund the new truck. Tom has asked them to look at funding it from other areas.

2008

November 13, 2008, Trustee meeting:
New Apparatus

November 14, 2008, Photos courtesy STMFD:

EXCEPTIONS REMARKS AND CLARIFICATIONS

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Pierce proposal is contingent upon the St. Matthews Fire Protection District paying the balance due on the apparatus upon pick up of the completed apparatus at Pierce Manufacturing. If the payments herein stated are not acceptable, the sum of \$ 235.00 per day must be added to the total invoice. It is to be understood that payment under no circumstances will be later than 10 days from said invoice. It is to be understood that for any miscellaneous equipment shortage, payment may be withheld until said equipment is received by the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. If a Lease Purchase or deferred payment plan is being utilized, all documents must be complete and credit approval obtained 30 days before delivery.

If the St. Matthews Fire Protection District desires to make a pre-payment towards the total price of the apparatus, Pierce Manufacturing Inc. will discount the price of the apparatus in the amount of 7.25 % interest per annum. Interest would be applied from the time Pierce actually receives the pre-payment until the ready for pick up date for the completed apparatus.

If the St. Matthews Fire Protection District desires to pay for the Pierce "Arrow XT" chassis approximately 90 days prior to completion of the apparatus the sum of \$ 267,304.00; they may deduct the amount of \$ 8,019.00; from our total proposal price.

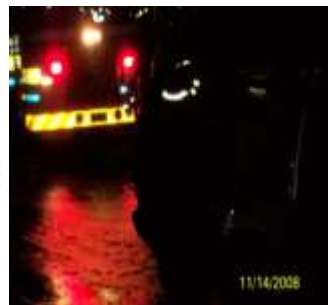
If a deferred payment plan or lease purchase plan is desired, we can configure a plan from Oshkosh Capital Leasing to meet the needs of the fire protection district.

Factory inspection trips will be provided per the specifications.

Apparatus warranty and service is provided by our fleet of traveling mechanics repairing the apparatus at Fire Department Headquarters or by our regional service center located in Bowling Green, Kentucky and McConnellsville, Ohio.

A full in-service and training program will be provided to the fire department upon delivery of the completed apparatus. Training will include chassis and cab orientation, body orientation, aerial operations, manuals, and warranty.

The apparatus will be manufactured per the Pierce proposal. We have made every attempt to meet or in most cases exceed the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's specifications.



2008

November 23, 2008:

Former Firefighter dies

HOWARD LEE MARTIN

MARTIN, HOWARD LEE, 85, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 23, 2008, at the Episcopal Church Home. He was retired from LG&E after 47 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty Lane Moll Martin; and his daughter, Mary Lou Martin. His memorial service will be 6 p.m. Wednesday at Arch L Heady Westport Road. Visitation will precede the memorial service from 4-6 p.m. Memorial contributions may be given to the Animal Care Society, 12207 Westport Road or the Crusade for Children.



November 23, 2008, Martin A. Kamer, Sr.
December 4, Long Time Member of STMFD Dies *The Voice-Tribune*:

Martin A. Kamer Sr., 90, former St. Matthews assistant fire chief

Martin A. Kamer Sr., 90, of Louisville passed away Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008.

Mr. Kamer managed the old Kroger store in St. Matthews for more than 23 years and retired from Kroger after 40 years of employment. He served the St. Matthews community for more than 50 years, as a St. Matthews volunteer firefighter, assistant fire chief and fire inspector. Mr. Kamer drove for Funeral Auto Company after his retirement from Kroger. He was an Army Veteran having served during World War II, a member of the Gruetli Helvetia Society and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Louivinia L. Dietrich Kamer.

He is survived by two sons, Marty A. Kamer Jr. (Sissy) of Lakeside Park, Ky. and David A. Kamer (Tamra) of Louisville; three daughters, Patricia A. Berry (John), Janice M. Nordmann (John) and Mary Margaret Pierce (David) all of Louisville; 15 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

His funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, with burial in Louisville Memorial Gardens East.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the WHAS Crusade for Children.

Martin A. Kamer Sr.

KAMER, MARTIN A. SR., 90, of Louisville, passed away Sunday, November 23, 2008. Mr. Kamer managed the old Kroger store in St. Matthews for over 23 years and retired from Kroger after 40 years of employment. He served the St. Matthews community for over 50 years, as a St. Matthews Volunteer Firefighter, Asst. Fire Chief and Fire Inspector. Mr. Kamer drove for Funeral Auto Company after his retirement from Kroger. He was an Army Veteran having served during World War II, a member of the Gruetli Helvetia Society and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. He is preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Louivinia L. Dietrich Kamer. He is survived by two sons, Marty A. Kamer Jr. (Sissy), of Lakeside Park, KY, and David A. Kamer (Tamra) of Louisville; three daughters, Patricia A. Berry (John), Janice M. Nordmann (John) and Mary Margaret Pierce (David), all of Louisville; 15 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. His funeral Mass will be celebrated noon Wednesday, November 26, 2008, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 508 Breckenridge Lane with burial to follow in Louisville Memorial Gardens East. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, and after 9 a.m. Wednesday, Ratterman Funeral Home, 3711 Lexington Road. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the WHAS Crusade for Children.

2008
November 26, 2008, Martin A. Kamer, Sr. Funeral, courtesy Chief Bill Seng:



2008

November 26, 2008, Martin A. Kamer, Sr. Funeral, courtesy Chief Bill Seng:



November 29, 2008, Awards Banquet at the Mellwood Arts Center:



November, 2008, Incident Report: honorees, Captain Joe Wolfe

2008
December 4, 2008, *The Voice-Tribune*, Community Pride

STMPD				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (11/01/2008) And (11/30/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	2	2.59%	\$0	0.00%
111 Building fire	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
113 Cooking fire, confined to container	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
	7	9.09%	\$0	0.00%
2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4	5.18%	\$0	0.00%
316 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
317 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
329 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
	9	11.08%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
433 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	2.59%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light fixture	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arson, damaged electrical equipment	2	2.59%	\$0	0.00%
443 Vehicle accident, general cleaning	3	3.79%	\$0	0.00%
	10	12.98%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
510 Person in distress, Other	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
511 Lock-out	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
520 Water or steam leak	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	2	2.59%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	3	3.79%	\$0	0.00%
557 Follow caller	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, sweep	3	3.79%	\$0	0.00%
	12	15.38%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	3	3.79%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	6	7.59%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
	10	12.67%	\$0	0.00%
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
4 Good Intent Call				
651 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
	15	19.40%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	4	5.18%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	2	2.59%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	3	3.79%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	7	9.09%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	3	3.79%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1	1.29%	\$0	0.00%
	24	31.16%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	77		Total Est. Loss:	\$0

Community Pride honorees selected

The St. Matthews area community meets at the annual Community Pride Breakfast to pay tribute to individuals who have distinguished themselves by making contributions to the community through voluntary service.

Community Pride Honorees, each of whom receive a special "Community Pride" service award, are selected by city, clubs and other service organizations.

This year's honorees are: Cliff Truitt, St. Matthews Rotary Club; Martha Threlkeld, St. Matthews Kiwanis Club; Randy Mills, Deane Foundation; Shelby Kniskern, Wallace School; Pam Magner, SeniorCare; Ery McKenna, St. Matthews Lions Club; Pete Hammer, St. Matthews Area Business Association; Capt. Joe Wolfe, St. Matthews Fire District; Tammy Boushrie, St. Matthews Elementary School and Waggoner High School; Sgt. Louis Christopher, St. Matthews Police; Lisa Gibson, Norton Schubert Hospital; Kim Kelley, St. Matthews Area Ministries; Sharm Beharman, Trinity High School; and Debra Hargett, Baptist Hospital East.

The Community Pride breakfast will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7:15 a.m. at The Olmstead. Tickets are \$15 and reservations are required by calling 699-2525.

Randy Mills, Pam Magner, Sgt. Louis Christopher, Sharon Beharman, Tammy Boushrie
 Ery McKenna, Lisa Gibson, Kim Kelley, Martha Threlkeld, Cliff Truitt
 Capt. Joe Wolfe, Shelby Kniskern, Debra Hargett, Pete Hammer

2008

December 8, 2008, Letter:

December 11, 2008, Trustee meeting:

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To: All Trustees
From: Chief William J. Seng
Date: December 8, 2008
Re: District Activity

I think all of you are aware by now Unit 2633 had a catastrophic engine failure back during the Thanksgiving weekend while making a fire run with Harrods Creek Fire District. Since that time it has been kept out at Clark Diesel in the Bluegrass Industrial Park waiting to be repaired. Since the engine had a total failure due to a blown piston and block, the only alternative was to replace the engine with a remanufactured engine from Detroit Diesel. The price tag for the remanufactured engine and the labor to install it will run \$21,200.00. Clark Diesel was able to get Detroit Diesel to waive an engine core fee since ours was totally destroyed saving us \$2000.00 making the total cost of the repair \$19,200.00. The repair should be completed sometime late next week.

The 2001 Tahoe that was declared surplus last month was sold on eBay to an individual out of Lexington, Kentucky. A certified check for \$5,355.00 was received from this individual and deposited into our checking account.

The cell tower at Station 2 is still under renovation from Metro Safe. If you happen to drive by the tower site you may notice something is missing from the original planned project. For some reason, some engineer from Motorola decided that guide wires would not be a good idea for this cell tower so they decided to install stiffening rods instead. I am not sure why this happened but the stiffening rods look a whole lot more appealing than the guide wires. Go figure!

The 2008 Awards Banquet was held last week at the Melwood Arts Center. The event was very well attended and everyone had a real good time. The Banquet Committee, which consisted of Jordan Davis, Captain Don Ryan, Sergeant Nick Clark, and Firefighter Nick Heilmann did an excellent job of making sure everything went off without a hitch.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 16th. That is the night that the fire district will hold its annual Prime Rib dinner. Please RSVP to Jordan at Station One if you plan on attending.

After lengthy negotiations between the fire districts legal council and Pierce Manufacturing, a purchase contract was finally agreed upon by both parties. Our side of the contract has been signed and we are waiting for Pierce to sign and return a copy of the agreement back to us.

The exercise program is still up and running very strong since its inception. Almost everyone is participating in this strenuous but beneficial program. It has also been great for the overall morale of the department.

Expenditures for December 2008

Item	Price	Budgeted
Firehouse Software for mobile users (2653, 2658)	2175.00	X
Fire Ground Ladders for new truck! ^{\$500.00}	4050.00	X
Saves an additional \$5000 if we order today! Order Does not have to be paid until the order ships.		
Computer Mount for 2634	716.35	X

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Trustees Meeting Agenda
December 11, 2008

- I. ✓ Call to Order @ 5:30
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *Approved*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
 - ✓(a) Greening Firehouse Committee Report - Graven/Monahan - (No Report)
 - ✓(b) Legal - Update
 - ✓(c) Metro-SafeCell Tower Update - Update
 - ✓(d) Newsletter - Graven *In March Next wk*
 - ✓(e) New Apparatus Contract - Update
- VI. ✓ New Business
 - (a) Re-visit Vacation Day Motion - Wolfe *Ronan tabled July 2008*
 - ✓(b) Meeting Schedule for 2009 - *STANIS*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session - *If needed*
MEET END 6:15
6:15 to 6:25
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on January 15, 2009 at 7:00 pm - Buchel Fire Department
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on January 8, 2009 - Thursday

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

December 11, 2008

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on December 11, 2008 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Effer called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Trustees present were Tom Effer, Joe Wolfe, Jim Graven, John Volkerding, Rick Tonini and Jack Monahan. Also present were Chief Seng, Stuart Monahan, Michael Monahan, Larry Heaphy, Brendan Montgomery, George Wiggins, Moss Clore, Joe Bewley, and Patrick Montague.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Rick Tonini moved; Jack Monahan seconded that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Graven gave the treasurer's report.

Our CRC revenue for November was \$1,752.62.

After 5 months of the fiscal year the finances are still in excellent shape. The District has about \$666,000 spread between 3 local banks. The majority of the districts real tax revenue should be received in December and January. Through 5 months, expenses have run 40.54% of the budgeted amount.

A small bridge loan was taken out to cover some current expenses in order to keep cash in the CD's at a higher rate. This loan will be repaid within a few days with the arrival of the first real tax check this week.

Jack Monahan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Rick Tonini seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported the following items:

2008

December 11, 2008, Trustee meeting:

Letters

Congratulations to Captain Joe Wolfe for being awarded the firefighter of the year award from the St. Matthews Area Business Association.

The Cell tower work by Metro Safe is being completed without the much debated guide wires. In addition Metro Safe reports all of the new radio equipment has been ordered.

The 2001 Tahoe was sold on EBay for \$5,355. A certified check has been received and the vehicle was transferred.

The 2008 awards dinner was held and was well attended.

The districts annual firefighter night Prime Rib dinner will be held December 16 at station 1. All board members are asked to attend.

The final contract for the new aerial truck has been finalized with Pierce Mfg. A signed copy is expected back from Pierce within a few days.

Dave Dugan reported that the new strength program has great participation and has shown great improvement in our firefighter's strength over the first 5 weeks. As a group Upper Body strength has shown an avg. of 44% improvement and leg exercises have shown an avg. of 18% improvement.

Unit 2633 suffered a major engine failure while responding on a run. A rebuilt engine is needed and the expected cost is \$19,200. Rick Tonini moved to approve the needed repairs. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested the following expenditures for December 2008

Computer mount system for 2643	\$ 716.35
Firehouse Software Modules	\$ 2,175.00
Ground Ladders for new Aerial (July delivery ordered to beat price increase)	\$ 4,050.00

Rick Tonini moved to approve the expenditures. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Walter Sales reviewed the status of the districts pending appeal in our past tax money lawsuit.

Jim Graven told the board that the districts newsletter has been mailed and should be received throughout the district later this week.

New Business

Joe Wolfe asked the board to re-address last month's decision of allowing firefighters to sell back 3 vacation days each year. The board discussed both sides of the issue.

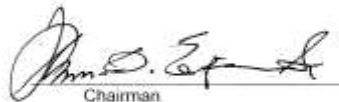
Joe Wolfe moved to return the districts old policy on vacation buyback effective December 31 and to study a policy on vacation buyback for the future. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Wolfe moved for the board to go into executive session. Jack Monohan seconded; the motion passed unanimously at 6:15p.m.

The board returned from executive session at 6:24 p.m.

The next board meeting will be January 8, 2009.

There being no further business, Jack Monohan moved and John Volkerding seconded; that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously at 6:25 pm.


Chairman


Secretary

Dear Jack,

I would like to wish a Happy Holidays to you and your families! I would also like to say thank you for several events that you have approved over the past year, I have truly enjoyed and appreciated them all. First I would like to thank you for providing us another opportunity to have an excellent Holiday/Awards Banquet. I know that Jordan and "the Nicks" worked hard to make this one of the better Banquets. Location and food were amazing as was the band, and the computer bags are great! It seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

Next, I think that adjusting the workout program to the firehouse has yielded the best results to date. We have virtually complete participation, which is helping to strengthen crew and department camaraderie. Not to mention the health benefits, some that we have already started to see. A high level of priority has been given to the program, and the workout schedule is flowing well with the daily schedule. Training has been moved to the afternoon and to my knowledge that is working out great. Changing up the daily routine has broken the schedule rut that we all feel that we are in everyday. As we all know it is hard to break someone of their daily routine, and everyone has issues with change, but it has already yielded unexpected results; department morale, in my opinion, is at the highest level since I was hired on 4 years ago. I'm sure the heightened morale is a byproduct of the workout program and other initiatives that you have approved over this past year.

Last I want to thank you immensely for the annual Prime Rib Dinner and the very generous Christmas gifts that we received this year. It was a very unexpected surprise, the bags are very nice and the Visa Gift Card was a much appreciated gift especially this time of year.

Again I wanted to express my sincerest thanks for all you have done and all you continue to do for this department. May you and your families have a wonderful holiday season, and good tidings to you all in the upcoming year.

Warmest Regards,


Brendan Montgomery

Mr. Monohan,

12-22-08

On behalf of my family, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the Christmas gift card you and the other members of the Board gave to us. Our computer had just died the day before, and we used the money to buy a new one! Thank you so much for your gift - we will all enjoy it!

Sincerely,
FR. CHAD E. SHARBER
STMPD #47

Dear Board Members,

12/15/08

I want to express my appreciation for all that you do for us and the department. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is clearly expressed throughout the year to all of us and especially during the holidays. Thank you for the very nice annual awards dinner, door prizes, gift cards, and service rounds. The St. Matthews FD is fortunate to have outstanding leadership, staff, equipment, and training, making it a great place to belong and serve. May you and your family have a meaningful and blessed Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
Mike
Reneke

2008
December 11, 2008, JCSO Disbursement Comparison:

JCSO DISBURSEMENT COMPARISON

Fire District	Nov-06	Nov-07	Nov-08	Difference (06 - 07)	Difference (07 - 08)
Anchorage	\$169,159.01	\$181,571.11	\$122,239.60	\$12,412.10	-\$59,331.51
Buechel	\$366,278.49	\$363,219.01	\$321,664.35	-\$3,059.48	-\$41,554.66
Camp Taylor	\$435,751.38	\$413,268.72	\$313,183.62	-\$22,482.66	-\$100,085.10
Dixie Suburban	\$43,289.95	\$57,209.27	\$36,280.32	\$13,919.32	-\$20,928.95
Eastwood	\$419,818.80	\$451,252.94	\$331,618.34	\$31,434.14	-\$119,634.60
Fairdale	\$615,465.66	\$602,841.92	\$457,328.74	-\$12,623.74	-\$145,513.18
Fern Creek	\$668,652.78	\$664,529.78	\$527,361.52	-\$4,123.00	-\$137,168.26
Harrods Creek	\$1,069,702.53	\$1,050,102.16	\$817,276.97	-\$19,600.37	-\$232,825.19
Highview	\$428,529.96	\$423,890.33	\$346,374.65	-\$4,639.63	-\$77,515.68
Jeffersontown	\$1,580,450.19	\$1,584,445.03	\$1,413,702.54	\$3,994.84	-\$170,742.49
Lake Dreamland	\$288,756.48	\$370,660.86	\$218,277.99	\$81,904.38	-\$152,382.87
Lyndon	\$1,222,978.90	\$1,150,103.46	\$858,805.94	-\$72,875.44	-\$291,297.52
McMahan	\$471,203.78	\$410,805.94	\$320,482.02	-\$60,397.84	-\$90,323.92
Middletown	\$1,904,190.00	\$1,792,224.25	\$1,409,095.36	-\$111,965.75	-\$383,128.89
Okolona	\$1,516,013.50	\$1,470,972.99	\$1,098,151.09	-\$45,040.51	-\$372,821.90
PRP	\$1,729,857.60	\$1,740,107.38	\$1,384,338.44	\$10,249.78	-\$355,768.94
St. Matthews	\$1,379,531.21	\$1,384,290.78	\$1,055,434.66	\$4,759.57	-\$328,856.12
Worthington	\$904,777.70	\$1,030,854.23	\$706,150.71	\$126,076.53	-\$324,703.52
	\$15,214,407.92	\$15,142,350.16	\$11,737,766.86	-\$72,057.76	-\$3,404,583.30

T. Livers, EFA
12/11/2008

December 21, 2008, Courtesy Wiley Brewer (former STMFD), Beechwood Village event:



Welcome...

Our second newsletter gives valuable information on winter and holiday fire safety, our school safety program, new home safety using sprinklers and a behind the scenes look at some of our firefighters. Thanks for helping us keep your family and neighbors safe.

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If you would like to have your smoke detectors checked, or if you have questions regarding your smoke detectors, please contact your St. Matthews Fire Protection District at 502-893-7825. Read more about smoke detectors in the home on page three.

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Mayor Bruce Gale

Brownsboro Village
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Mayor Ben Franklin

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Mayor Sandy Banta

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Holiday Safety—Trees, Candles and Decorations Can Be Dangerous

The holidays are right around the corner, and soon we'll be decking the halls and hosting family and friends for celebrations. In order to ensure safe and happy holidays, let's make sure we adhere to some basic safety guidelines.

Candles

Many holiday decorations include candles. While they are a beautiful addition to Thanksgiving or Christmas decorations, they constitute a fire hazard. According to the National Fire Protection Agency, candle fires account for three percent of all fatalities from fires. Due to the increased candle usage, these figures are increasing.

The National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) reports candle fires occur most in the bedroom, family room and bathroom.

The following simple candle-safety tips are important to memorize when using candles.

- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Never place a burning candle near something that can catch fire.
- Keep burning candles out of the reach of children or pets.
- Keep candles away from drafts and vents.
- Trim wicks to 1/4" prior to each use.
- Extinguish taper or pillar candles when they get within 2" of their holders.
- Discontinue use of a container candle when 1/2" of wax remains.

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Brothers Receive "Heroic Effort" Awards

Earlier this year, four brothers were home alone one evening when Will Bradford, 11, noticed a fire had started in his house. He yelled upstairs to his older brother Jim, 13, who was playing a video game with Paul, his eight-year-old brother, that there was a fire in the kitchen.

Jim calmly jumped to action and rounded up all of the boys in the house including the youngest brother Daniel, 5, and directed them to a safe area across the street from the house. He also quickly dialed 911 on his cell phone to report the fire. Luckily, Chief Bill Seng was close to the location when the call came across his radio and was able to quickly arrive on the scene, extinguish the fire and contain the damage to the kitchen.

"These boys did just what they should have—they didn't panic and they got out of the house quickly," said Chief Seng. "The four boys' actions probably saved the house, and possibly saved their own lives. Because of their efforts, the boys were each given awards in the shape of a flame from the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. This event illustrates the importance of parents and guardians communicating to their children overall fire safety as well as specific procedures in the case of a home fire. Kit and Susan Bradford, the boys' parents who were away the night of the fire, have always preached fire safety. Jim said his mom always tells him, 'like everyday day,' to call 911 in an emergency."



Chief Bill Seng presents "Heroic Effort" awards to the Bradford brothers for their brave actions during a home fire.

Furnaces and Space Heaters Are the Cause of Many Cold Weather Fires

In 2005, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 62,200 reported U.S. home fires, with 670 civilian deaths, 1,550 injuries, and \$909 million in property damage. In 2005, heating equipment fires accounted for 16 percent of all reported home fires and 22 percent of home fire deaths. Space heaters accounted for one-third of home heating fires and three-fourths of home heating fire deaths in 2005.

Excluding small confined fires, heating equipment too close to objects that can burn—furniture, clothing or bedding—is the leading factor contributing to home heating fires and home heating fire deaths.

Make sure a new space heater carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory and install it according to manufacturer's instructions. Better yet, have it installed by a professional. Plug your electric space heater into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord. Use the proper grade of fuel for your liquid-fueled heater, and never use gasoline in a heater not approved for gasoline use. Turn off space heaters when the room

is unoccupied. Portable space heaters are easy to knock over, so they should be at bedtime. Never use an oven to heat a home. Inspect all equipment annually, and clean as necessary. Test smoke alarms monthly and install a carbon monoxide detector in a central location.

Your family's safety depends on the condition of the heating equipment in your home. Ensure the furnace in your home is working safely. Have it serviced by a licensed contractor every fall.

Check-ups You Can Do Yourself

- Switch the power off prior to any maintenance.
- Ensure the area around your furnace is free of flammable liquids.
- Replace/clean filters monthly.
- Vacuum dust from the furnace.
- Check condition of fan belts.
- Change the humidifier evaporator pad regularly.
- Ensure the fan doors are securely fastened after servicing.

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From the Chief's Staff...

The St. Matthews Fire District has recently started two aggressive initiatives concerning firefighter and public safety. Over 50 percent of the firefighters that die in the line of duty each year, die from involvement in motor vehicle accidents or from heart attacks. We have created a new response policy which limits the amount of fire trucks that respond with lights and siren on, while still getting the same number of fire trucks to the emergency. One fire truck will respond with lights and siren activated while the rest will respond while within normal traffic flow. If there is a confirmed emergency, all fire trucks will respond with lights and siren. Our goal is to get to the emergency expeditiously and safely with as little traffic disruption as possible. You will also notice that we have changed the striping on the fire trucks to a bright reflective color and the fire fighters are wearing reflective vests while working on the roadway. This is another way we are increasing the safety of your firefighters.

We have also started a health and wellness initiative for all of our firefighters with the goal of developing stronger and more heart-healthy firefighters. The program is focusing on muscular strength and weight control; we are doing



(left to right) Chief Wilken Seng, Assistant Chief Stuart Monahan, Major Dave Dugan

this through a daily supervised training program and nutritional education. Hopefully you will see your firefighters in the produce section rather than the fast-food line.

Through these and other progressive initiatives, our goal is to provide you with a safer and healthier fire service.

New Apparatus Preview

July 2008, the District was awarded a \$346,500 federal grant to replace a 22-year-old tractor-drawn aerial. A committee was formed for the selection and specification process.

The committee hit the ground running by researching the various types of aerial apparatus currently available including straight trucks, tractor-drawn aerials, trucks with towers, and quints with a 100' aerial. After an extensive investigation, the committee presented the pros and cons on each type of truck along with how they related to the needs of our firefighters and community. The primary need was to maintain a 100' aerial device in the fleet that would provide excellent service, particularly to area hospitals and assisted-living facilities. After much discussion, the committee members selected the same type of 100' tractor-drawn aerial design that has been used for the last 28 years.

The truck will be delivered in July and will be assigned to Station 1, in the heart of St. Matthews. The new truck will be equipped with a 100' aerial with a 500-lb. tip load, pre-piped waterway, and furnished with new ground and roof ladders, rescue, forcible entry, and ventilation equipment.



Holiday Safety, cont.

Christmas Trees

A fire on any day is bad, but a fire during the holidays seems even worse. Annually, around 300 Christmas trees catch fire, with electrical problems being the most common culprit. Here's how to keep your tree green and your presents safe.

- If you buy a live tree, have the vendor make a fresh cut. This will help the tree drink.
- If you use lights outdoors, make sure they are meant for outdoor use and carry certification from a laboratory.
- Don't use electric lights on a metal tree.
- Discard any strings of lights that are frayed or broken.
- Unplug your Christmas tree before you leave or go to bed.
- Don't buy a tree that is dry and dropping needles.
- Make sure your tree stand holds plenty of water, and don't let it run out.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it is fire-retardant.
- Keep your tree at least three feet from furnaces, radiators and fireplaces.
- Try to position it near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances. Do not place the tree where it may block exits.
- When Christmas is over, don't leave the tree in your house or put it in your garage.

Meet Your St. Matthews Fire Protection District Firefighters



Major Dave Dugan a graduate of Trinity (class of '80), has been with STMFPD since 1985. He was hired as a career fireman in 1987. In 2000 he was promoted to Captain and moved up to the rank of Major in 2007. Major

Dugan has also been accepted into the Executive Fire Officer program through the National Fire Academy, something the department is very proud of. His family consists of his wife Mary and two sons Chris 15 and Alex 13. When asked why he enjoys serving the STMFPD, he says, "I enjoy serving with the STMFPD because we have a wonderful group of professional first responders who everyday strive to do the best job we possibly can for our community. It is very rewarding to know that we can make a positive difference when someone in our community is having a bad day, whether it's a fire, auto accident, medical emergency, being locked out of their vehicles, or the many other responses we make, we'll always try to do our best to help our community."



Captain Frank Flynn, a graduate of Wagner High School (class of '84), joined the STMFPD that same year. In 1986 he was hired on as a career fireman. He quickly moved up the ranks and was

promoted to Sergeant in 1988 and to Captain in 1993. His family consists of his wife Julie, sons Will 15, Charlie 3 and his daughter Caroline 13, and two step daughters, Molly 17, and Katie 15. Captain Flynn says he enjoys serving the STMFPD because, "I thoroughly love my job as a firefighter here. Being a firefighter is a very rewarding career and I truly look forward to coming in for work every shift. Each shift is different and you never know what might happen. I believe that this makes the job more enjoyable and keeps you from falling into the same old day-to-day routine or rut. Being a lifelong resident of St. Matthews presents an added benefit where many of the run responses I make are to help residents I personally know, former neighbors, or past customers on one of my paper routes here in St. Matthews."

Firefighters Visit Schools and Teach Kids Fire Safety

October is fire-safety month, so many of your children may have seen us in their schools and daycares in the past several weeks. Firefighters speak to students and children on a regular basis to reinforce fire-safety programs and answer questions for students and teachers alike. St. Matthews has programs directed at kids of all ages, parents and the elderly. These programs teach children the importance of identifying fire-safety hazards, correcting those hazards, having an escape plan, and instructions on what to do if they hear a smoke detector.

During school visits, students hear a short lecture about different fire-safety aspects that are tailored to the age group present, and a firefighter dons his protective equipment, illustrating to younger children that firefighters can appear frightening at first, but are really friends. This hopefully will allow children to feel comfortable with firefighters in an emergency situation. Students are also taken around the fire truck to see the vast number of tools that are required to perform the different tasks required of firefighters.

Parents can also benefit and reinforce what their children have seen and heard in school. Information for parents can be found on our website under the "Fire Education" tab. Programs there include how to create a fire-escape plan, smoke detector checks, home fire drills, fire safety at home, warning signs to look for and controlling kids' curiosity with fire. Programs at St. Matthews aren't limited to parents with younger children. A large percentage of our fire district's demographics is older adults, who comprise a growing number of fire-related injuries and deaths each year. Programs for these adults include smoke alarms, escape plans, and teaching safety in cooking, heating, smoking and sprinkler systems.

All of this information is posted on our website and can be downloaded free of charge. These programs can also be found in paper form at our headquarters (Station 1) located at 240 Sears Ave.

To sign-up for a school visit or for more information, call 893-7825 and ask for Captain Don Ryan.



Firefighter Mike Evans demonstrates for children what firefighters might be carrying during an emergency run. The goal is to get kids comfortable with the look, feel and sound of a firefighter to help reduce the overall fear for them during the event they or their parents are having an emergency.



**Contact Marshall John Volkerding
(502) 893-7825**

Smoke Detectors – What Do You Need To Know To Stay Safe?

Properly installed and maintained smoke alarms will provide an early warning of fire in your home. It could save your life by providing the chance to escape.

There are many different brands of alarms available, none that the fire department recommends over another. However, there are variations in the way they sense fire. Ionization alarms sound more quickly when a fast-moving fire occurs. Photoelectric alarms are quicker at sensing smoldering fires. There are dual sensor alarms that combine ionization and photoelectric into one unit.

Many stores carry smoke alarms. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or early morning. Install smoke alarms both inside and outside sleeping areas. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions and make sure alarms are installed at the correct height. If you are uncomfortable standing on a ladder, please call the Fire Department, we will be happy to send someone over to assist you in locating the best spot for your detectors and installing them.

If your smoke alarms are wired into the electrical system, you will need to have an electrician do the installation. Be sure you follow the manufacturer's instructions; there are differences between brands. If you have any doubts about installation, call St. Matthews Station at 893-7825.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Each year in America, Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning claims 480 lives and sends another 15,200 people to emergency rooms for treatment. CO is a byproduct of burning fossil fuels, such as heating oil, gasoline and natural gas. Items that produce CO are fireplaces, heaters, hot water heaters, gas stoves, dryers, electric generators and automobiles. These household appliances usually don't cause any problems with normal care and maintenance.

The symptoms of CO poisoning can be hard to distinguish from other afflictions, but will usually include headaches, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. To safeguard you and your family, CO detectors can be found at virtually any hardware store. They should be installed away from any CO-producing appliances. It is recommended that they be installed in or near the sleeping areas of a home.



Sergeant Nick Clark began his service career with the Buechel Fire District in 1968. He came to St. Matthews in 1999 and was hired as a full-time employee in 2002. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2005. He is a graduate of St. X (class of '91) and has a B.S. in Fire Science from EKU (class of 1996). He and his wife Gina have two children Jackson 6 and Charlie 2. When asked why he enjoys serving the STMFPD he says, "St. Matthews is very much like a second family for me. You can depend on people here when you're in need, no matter what the situation. I feel very fortunate to work for an organization that offers the best in resources and equipment along with some of the most diverse and qualified people in the fire service."



Fire Fighter Kevin Moulton, a Trinity High School graduate (class of 1994), has been in the fire service for 13 years. He has served with the St. Matthews Fire District since 2000. He also serves as a volunteer for the Zoneton Fire District and is its Assistant Chief. His family consists of his wife Karen and his step children Kristin and Chris. When asked why he enjoys serving the St. Matthews Fire District he says, "I have made many friends at St. Matthews. I have enjoyed the camaraderie amongst the members of the fire service. We have very good support from the Command Staff in making sure we have the tools we need to safely and effectively protect our district."



Fire Fighter Nick Heilman, son of Gary and Helen Heilman, joined the Fire District as a volunteer in January of 2007. He is a graduate of Louisville Male High School (class of 1997) and the University of Louisville (class of 2001). Because of his hard work and desire to be a fireman, Nick was quickly hired on full time to the District in September of 2007. When asked why he enjoys serving the St. Matthews FD, he replied, "Being able to live and serve in the same community is very fulfilling."



Rickie Tapp is one of STMFPD favorite volunteers. Rickie hopes to one day be hired on as a career fireman and currently works one day a week as one of our temporary employees. Rickie joined the fire service in January of 2006 and is the son of Rick and Susan Tapp. He is a graduate of Trinity (class of 2005). When asked why he enjoys serving the STMFPD he says, "I like the excitement, the people I work with and helping out my community."

What's new in home fire safety? Automated water sprinklers.



Business owners long ago realized the need for quick, effective, automated protection from fires and have accepted the need for automatic fire sprinklers. But why don't we have these devices in our homes if they work so well? A majority of households now have at least one smoke detector and this has saved lives, but there is still more that we can do. Smoke detectors can alert us to the presence of fire and hopefully give us enough time to escape to safety but they cannot extinguish fires. Residential Sprinkler Systems can put out fires.

Residential Sprinkler Systems work much the same way that the ones business have, in that fire activates them quickly so that they can extinguish it before it grows. Many people believe that if one sprinkler head activates, every one in the system will go off. Sprinkler heads are designed to be heat activated and only

heads affected by enough heat will activate. A majority of fires extinguished by sprinkler systems are put out using only one or two heads. Residential sprinkler systems are run off the existing water supply of the house unlike commercial ones that have to have their own supply of water independent from the buildings. Because of this and new technologies in piping, sprinkler systems are inexpensive and cost effective for homes. The cost for installing these systems in the home range from about \$1.00 to \$1.50/sq ft of protected space and is usually about the same as most minor home improvement projects. The advantages are a fast response to fires, low cost, small size, and minimal installation and low water requirements.

Another misconception is that water damage from a sprinkler will be more extensive than a fire by itself. Fire hoses produce 200 gallons/minute while sprinkler heads produce about 8 to 24 gallons/minute. Studies have also shown that only one in about 16 million heads ever activates by accident.

Sprinkler system requirements are quite rigid in the commercial and industrial world but practically non-existent for residences. Only the sixth-class city of Indian Hills has passed an ordinance in Kentucky for residential sprinkler requirements. This innovative thinking has hit a set back however as state officials have declared the ordinance invalid because the Indian Hills ordinance exceeds state codes and cannot be enforced. The fire chiefs have filed suit. State officials and the Home Builders Association of Kentucky both say they believe the uniform building code should stand. The suit is pending at this time but for updates on its status, feel free to call your local fire

department for progress. Until then there are no laws that keep you from protecting yourself and your family by installing a Residential Sprinkler System in your home.

**For more information e-mail
firesprinklers@stmatthewsfd.com or
send a letter to:**

**Chief William Seng
St. Matthews Fire Protection District
204 Sears Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207**



**Our thanks to Dalmatian Fire, Inc. for
providing the sprinkler system for the first new
home built in Indian Hills since an ordinance
was passed requiring all new homes include
sprinkler systems in living areas.**

Please Remember - Fire Sprinklers Save Lives

Wood and Gas Fireplaces Pose Special Winter Fire Risks



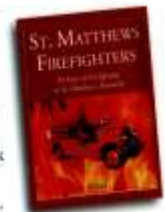
Many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and other fuels, which account for 36 percent of home fires in rural areas. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps.

- Keep chimneys clean and inspected by a chimney specialist.
- Always use a metal screen protector.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris and flammable materials.
- Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flues or vents.
- Install Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

Visit www.usfa.dhs.gov to learn more about fireplace safety and many other topics.

If you would like to know more about the St. Matthews Fire Department, Al Ring, a former member has written *St. Matthews Firefighters*, available online at RingBrothersHistory.com. All proceeds from this book benefit the St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association.



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www.stmatthewsfd.com,
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*St. Matthews Firefighters***

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Verlin A. Beam



Verlin Arnold Beam was born May 29, 1884 in Bardstown Kentucky. After completing seventh grade, Verlin was forced to leave school and go to work to help support his family. He married Bess Hicks and together they raised three children, two daughters and a son.

V.A Beam was hired by the Louisville Fire Department in November, 1917. He was not a big man, measuring only 5'6", but his lack of stature did not slow his progress through the fire service. V.A. served on various engine companies throughout the city and on the water tower. He was quickly promoted to Engineer in 1919. V.A. spent ten years as Assistant Drill Master for the Louisville Fire Department beginning in 1927. In 1932 V.A. Beam was named Captain of Engine Company One, a position he held along with Assistant Drill Master until his retirement in 1937. He became well known in the fire education circles teaching the trade with every opportunity throughout the Commonwealth.

In 1931 Verlin Beam was elected President of the Kentucky Firefighters Association, the seventh individual to hold this prestigious position. In 1932 V.A. was elected to a second term as KFA president, making him one of only six persons to serve more than one term as president of the KFA. The annual KFA Conference held during his first term of office as President was held in his home city, Louisville. The KFA Conference of 1932 was hosted in Corbin.

In 1937 V.A. Beam retired from the Louisville Fire Department and in 1938 he was named State Fire Coordinator. He traveled to municipal and volunteer fire departments across Kentucky lecturing on fire prevention and fire fighting. V.A. Beam was one of the founding fathers of the outstanding fire prevention programs seen throughout Kentucky today.

In 1956 Mr. Beam was hired by the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department as their Office Manager and Spokesman, making him the first paid employee of that department. He worked with St. Matthews until 1962, when he retired from the fire service at the age of 78.

V. A. Beam was also a member of the Aurora Masonic Lodge and Shawnee Baptist Church. He passed away on February 26, 1963 and is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.

The KFA is honored to recognize one of our founding fathers, Mr. V.A. Beam of the Louisville and St. Matthews Fire Department as an inductee into the KFA "Hall of Fame".



December 2008, Incident Report:

2008, Incident Report Summary, 1/1/2002 and 12/31/2008:

STMPD				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (12/01/2008) And (12/31/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	1	0.92%	\$300	100.00%
111 Building fire	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
138 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
	4	3.76%	\$300	100.00%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)				
201 Overpressure rupture of air or gas	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no	2	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
	3	2.77%	\$0	0.00%
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4	3.55%	\$0	0.00%
322 Medical assist, AED applied on shocks	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
323 Medical assist, unaided enroute by	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 311)	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
342 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
	10	9.25%	\$0	0.00%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	3	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
420 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	2	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
431 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	3	2.77%	\$0	0.00%
442 Overheated motor	2	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	2	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
446 Accident, potential accident, Other	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
443 Vehicle accident, potential cleanup	2	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
	16	14.81%	\$0	0.00%
5 Service Call				
511 Lock-out	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
520 Water problem, Other	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removed	4	3.76%	\$0	0.00%
541 Assist police or other governmental agency	2	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
555 Refuse(s) (elevator, no occupant)	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
571 Crew assignment, standby, search	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
	10	9.25%	\$0	0.00%

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
	10	9.25%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	4	3.76%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	10	10.66%	\$0	0.00%
624 Wrong location	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
627 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	2	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
641 Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
671 Smoke waste, odor of smoke	2	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
	20	27.77%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
713 Local alarm system, maintenance false alarm	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
721 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	9	8.33%	\$0	0.00%
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	7	6.48%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	2	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
742 Smoke detector activation, no fire	4	3.76%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire	1	0.92%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire	2	1.85%	\$0	0.00%
	35	32.40%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count:	109		\$300	

STMPD				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2002) And (12/31/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
100 Fire, Other	85	2.14%	\$25,500	0.74%
111 Building fire	120	3.11%	\$3,194,500	92.22%
112 Flame in structure other than in a building	4	0.10%	\$2,500	0.07%
117 Cooking fire, confined to container	42	1.12%	\$40	0.00%
114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	11	0.28%	\$0	0.00%
116 Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
118 Trash or rubbish fire, contained	8	0.21%	\$0	0.00%
130 Vehicle property (vehicle) fire, Other	5	0.13%	\$25,000	0.74%
131 Passenger vehicle fire	130	3.40%	\$305,400	2.30%
132 Auto (trailer) or transport vehicle fire	4	0.10%	\$4,500	0.13%
134 Motor vehicle fire	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
138 Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	2	0.05%	\$2,000	0.06%
140 Natural vegetation fire, Other	23	0.59%	\$12	0.00%
141 Forest, woods or woodland fire	3	0.08%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	77	2.04%	\$700	0.20%
143 Grass fire	24	0.62%	\$0	0.00%
150 Outside rubbish fire, Other	6	0.16%	\$0	0.00%
151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	32	0.83%	\$0	0.00%
154 Construction or demolition landfill fire	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
156 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle	19	0.49%	\$0	0.00%
155 Outside stationary compressor/compressor	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
160 Special outside fire, Other	5	0.13%	\$0	0.00%
161 Outside storage fire	2	0.05%	\$0	0.00%
162 Outside equipment fire	15	0.39%	\$2,400	0.07%
164 Outside gas or vapor substitution explosion	2	0.05%	\$0	0.00%
164 Outside machine fire	1	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
170 Cultivated vegetation, crop fire, Other	2	0.05%	\$0	0.00%
173 Cultivated trees or nursery stock fire	2	0.05%	\$0	0.00%
	641	4.88%	\$3,355,478	96.86%
2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)				
201 Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat	4	0.03%	\$250	0.00%
210 Overpressure rupture from steam, Other	1	0.02%	\$0	0.00%
211 Overpressure rupture of steam pipe or	1	0.02%	\$0	0.00%
220 Overpressure rupture from air or gas, Other	2	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
221 Overpressure rupture of air or gas	3	0.02%	\$0	0.00%
223 Air or gas rupture of pressure or process	1	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
240 Explosion (no fire), Other	2	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no	20	0.19%	\$500	0.01%
	41	0.31%	\$750	0.02%

STMPD				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2002) And (12/31/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident				
300 Rescue, EMS incident, Other	40	0.10%	\$0	0.00%
311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew	4,690	31.82%	\$0,000	0.00%
312 Medical assist, AED applied w/smoke given	15	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
313 Medical assist, AED applied on shocks	24	0.06%	\$0	0.00%
314 Medical assist, Aspirin given to patient	9	0.06%	\$0	0.00%
315 Medical assist, Albuterol given to patient	3	0.02%	\$0	0.00%
317 Medical assist, unaided enroute by	41	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
318 Medical assist, unaided by squad after	145	1.26%	\$0	0.00%
319 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No patient	71	0.18%	\$0	0.00%
318 Medical assist, straffed facility no pt	9	0.02%	\$0	0.00%
321 EMS call, unaided vehicle accident with	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	30	0.19%	\$0	0.00%
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	6	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
330 Detention (if lock out, use 311)	30	0.27%	\$0	0.00%
342 Search for person at water	2	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
350 Detention, rescue, Other	8	0.06%	\$0	0.00%
361 Extrication of victim(s) from	4	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
362 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle	77	0.58%	\$18,000	0.51%
363 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	36	0.27%	\$0	0.00%
360 Water & low-colored rescue, Other	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
363 Swift water rescue	12	0.09%	\$0	0.00%
360 Watercraft rescue	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
381 Vermin or EMS standby	3	0.02%	\$0	0.00%
	5,274	40.28%	\$23,000	0.66%
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
400 Hazardous condition, Other	14	0.10%	\$0	0.00%
410 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition	4	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	53	0.40%	\$275	0.00%
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	119	0.90%	\$0	0.00%
413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill	42	0.31%	\$0	0.00%
420 Toxic condition, Other	4	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
421 Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	8	0.06%	\$0	0.00%
422 Chemical spill or leak	31	0.24%	\$0	0.00%
423 Refrigeration loss	1	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
424 Odorous smoke incident	49	0.37%	\$0	0.00%
440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	63	0.48%	\$900	0.01%
441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)	45	0.34%	\$900	0.01%
442 Overheated motor	47	0.35%	\$0	0.00%
443 Breakdown of light fixture	19	0.14%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	362	2.76%	\$2,000	0.05%
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	123	0.93%	\$0	0.00%

2008 Incident Report Summary, 1/1/2002 and 12/31/2008:

STMPD				
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2002) And (12/31/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
411 Biological hazard, confirmed or suspected	2	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
440 Accident, potential accident, Other	18	0.13%	\$1,000	0.02%
461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed	14	0.10%	\$15,000	0.43%
462 Vehicle accident, general cleanup	466	3.37%	\$45,100	1.27%
480 Attempted burning, illegal action, Other	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
481 Attempt to burn	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
	1,524	11.63%	\$56,100	2.44%
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, other	51	0.38%	\$0	0.00%
515 Person in distress, Other	36	0.27%	\$0	0.00%
517 Lock-out	92	0.70%	\$0	0.00%
518 Ring or jewelry removal	2	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
525 Water problem, Other	12	0.09%	\$0	0.00%
527 Water evacuation	7	0.05%	\$0	0.00%
528 Water or steam leak	46	0.35%	\$0	0.00%
531 Smoke or odor removal	155	1.18%	\$0	0.00%
540 Animal problem, Other	2	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
541 Animal problem	4	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
542 Animal seizure	9	0.06%	\$0	0.00%
550 Public service assistance, Other	9	0.06%	\$0	0.00%
551 Assist police or other governmental agency	85	0.64%	\$0	0.00%
552 Police matter	9	0.06%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	25	0.19%	\$0	0.00%
554 Assist invalid	15	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
555 Defective elevator, no occupants	5	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
561 Unauthorized burning	10	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
573 Crew assignments, standby, sweep	231	1.76%	\$0	0.00%
	779	5.91%	\$0	0.00%
6 Good Intent Call				
600 Good intent call, Other	178	2.88%	\$0	0.00%
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	936	7.14%	\$0	0.00%
621 Wrong location	33	0.25%	\$0	0.00%
622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch	71	0.54%	\$0	0.00%
631 Authorized controlled burning	6	0.04%	\$0	0.00%
632 Prescribed fire	5	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
641 Vicinity alarm (incident in other location)	4	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other	34	0.26%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	205	1.55%	\$0	0.00%
652 Steam, vapor, fog or mist thought to be	59	0.45%	\$0	0.00%

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Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)				
Alarm Date Between (01/01/2002) And (12/31/2008)				
Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
6 Good Intent Call				
613 Smoke from barbecue, bar, grill	4	0.06%	\$0	0.00%
641 BOD call, party transported by non-fire	2	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
611 HazMat release investigation w/o HazMat	11	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
	1,742	13.30%	\$0	0.00%
7 False Alarm & False Call				
700 False alarm or false call, Other	268	2.04%	\$0	0.00%
710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other	39	0.29%	\$0	0.00%
711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false	13	0.09%	\$0	0.00%
712 Direct rise to FD, malicious false alarm	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
713 Telephone, malicious false alarm	4	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
714 Central station, malicious false alarm	22	0.16%	\$0	0.00%
715 Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	10	0.07%	\$0	0.00%
730 System malfunction, Other	162	1.23%	\$0	0.00%
731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	42	0.31%	\$0	0.00%
732 Extinguishing system activation due to	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
733 Smoke detector activation due to	476	3.63%	\$0	0.00%
734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction	21	0.16%	\$0	0.00%
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	394	3.00%	\$0	0.00%
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction	52	0.39%	\$0	0.00%
740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	149	1.13%	\$0	0.00%
741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -	51	0.38%	\$0	0.00%
742 Extinguishing system activation	1	0.00%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	400	3.05%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	195	1.48%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	445	3.39%	\$0	0.00%
746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	32	0.24%	\$0	0.00%
	2,992	22.77%	\$0	0.00%
8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster				
805 Severe weather or natural disaster, Other	2	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
812 Flood assessment	15	0.11%	\$0	0.00%
813 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	14	0.10%	\$0	0.00%
814 Lightning strike (no fire)	7	0.05%	\$0	0.00%
815 Severe weather or natural disaster standby	2	0.01%	\$0	0.00%
	100	0.76%	\$0	0.00%
9 Special Incident Type				
900 Special type of incident, Other	5	0.03%	\$0	0.00%
911 Citizens complaint	9	0.06%	\$0	0.00%

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Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est. Loss	Pct of Losses
	14	0.10%	\$0	0.00%
Total Incident Count: 13093				
Total Est. Loss:			\$3,464,253	

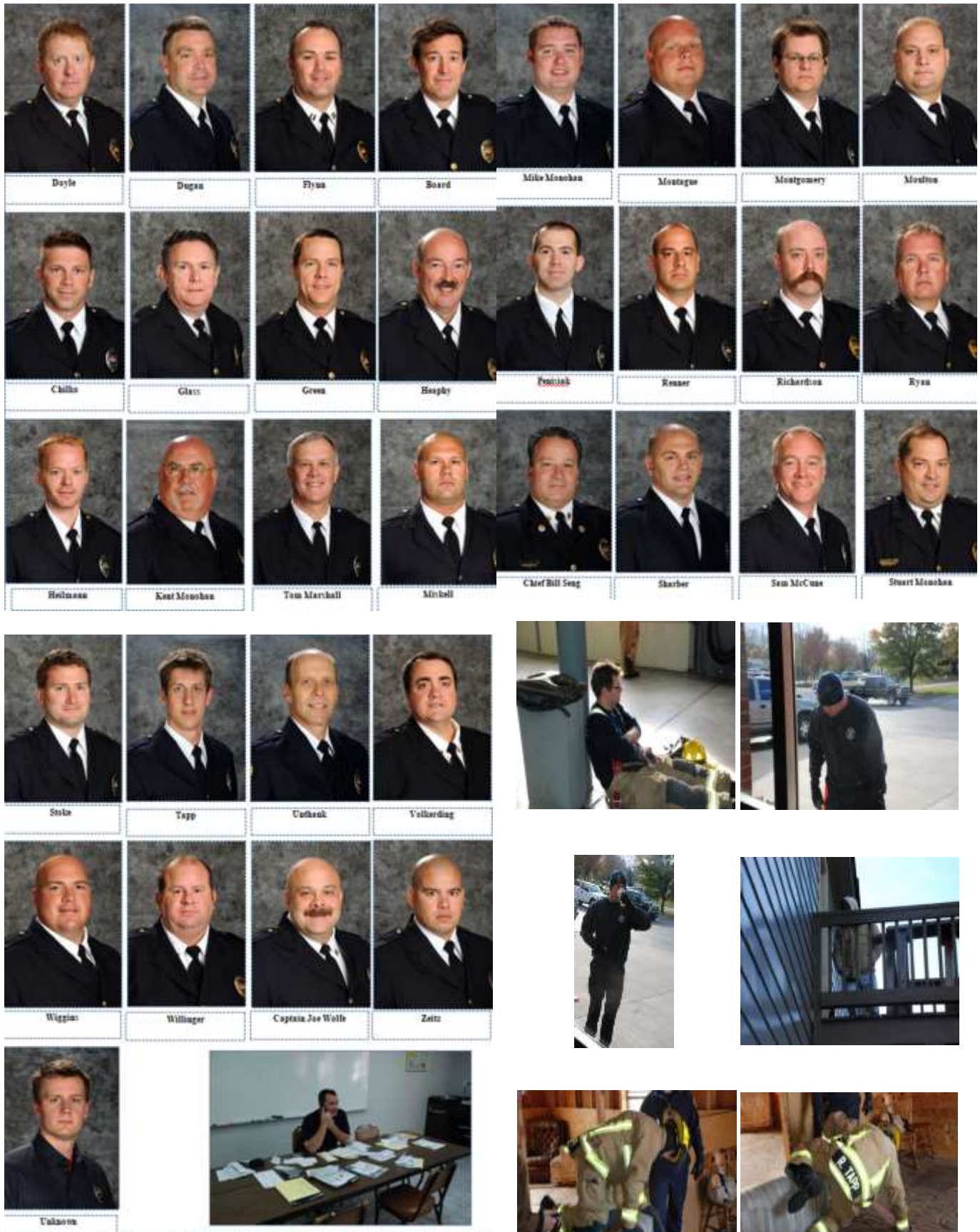
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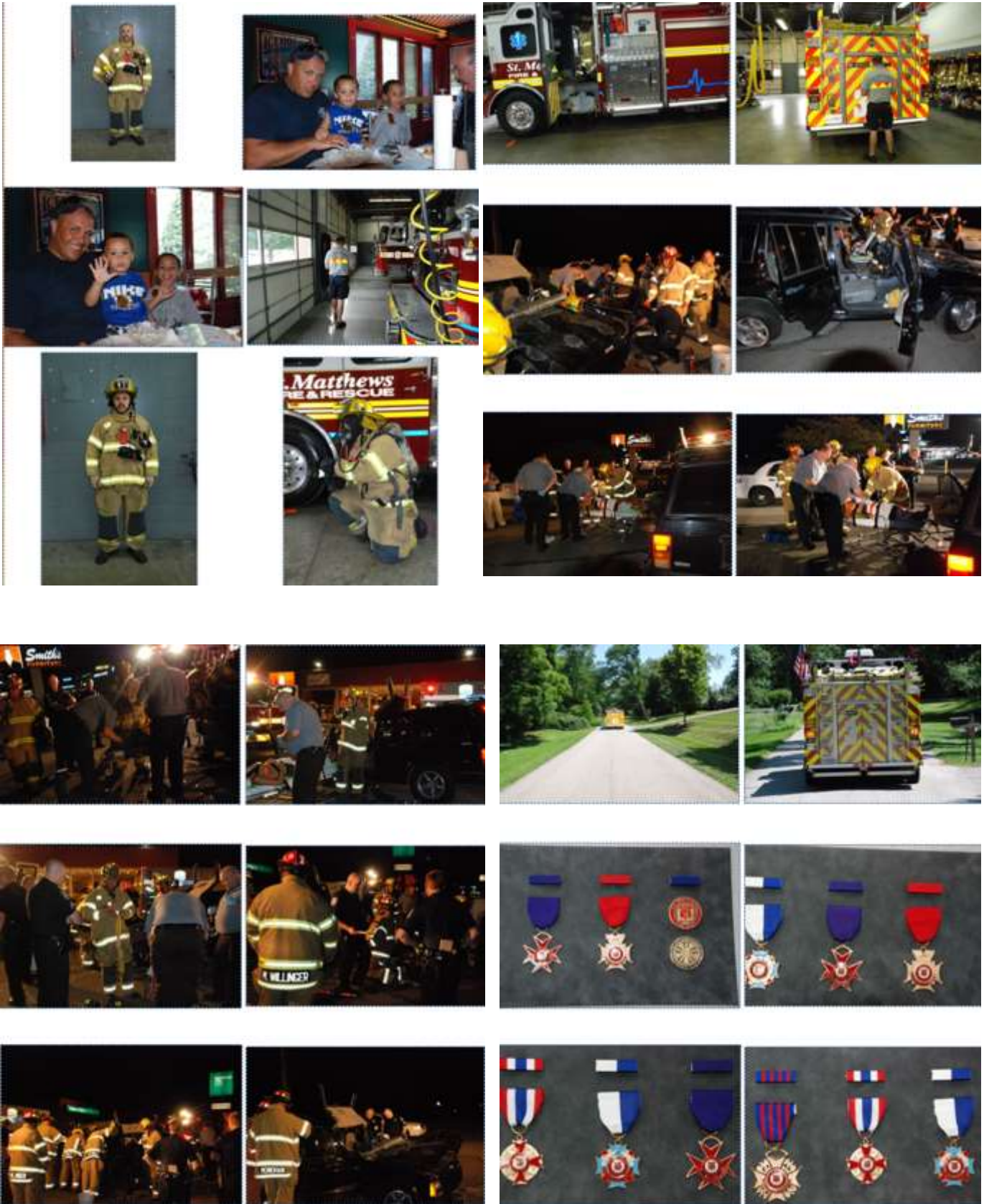
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