

# St. Matthews Fire Protection District

## 2011 — 2012

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## 2011 FIREFIGHTER &amp; EMS SHIFT SCHEDULE



A SHIFT



B SHIFT



C SHIFT

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## Fire District Tax Distribution:

## JCSO FIRE DISTRICT TAX DISTRIBUTION TOTALS

| FIRE DISTRICT  | Jan-11                                     | Dec-10                                      | Total                 | 2010                                  | % of 2010 Fire Tax Calculation Collected & Disbursed |
|----------------|--|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
|                | December Collection (January Disbursement) | November Collection (December Disbursement) | Collected & Disbursed | JCSO Calculated Fire Tax Distribution |  |
| ANCHORAGE      | \$ 113,399.25                              | \$ 276,168.39                               | \$ 389,567.64         | \$ 450,044.30                         | 87%  |
| BUECHEL        | \$ 299,821.79                              | \$ 711,888.96                               | \$ 1,011,710.75       | \$ 1,155,639.15                       | 88%  |
| CAMP TAYLOR    | \$ 168,840.26                              | \$ 540,935.69                               | \$ 709,775.97         | \$ 813,045.25                         | 87%  |
| DIXIE SUBURBAN | \$ 27,939.27                               | \$ 79,006.09                                | \$ 106,945.36         | \$ 126,421.21                         | 85%  |
| EASTWOOD       | \$ 312,063.30                              | \$ 1,232,500.03                             | \$ 1,544,563.33       | \$ 1,721,248.79                       | 90%  |
| FAIRDALE       | \$ 411,993.52                              | \$ 829,403.11                               | \$ 1,241,396.63       | \$ 1,406,603.68                       | 88%  |
| FERN CREEK     | \$ 476,706.53                              | \$ 1,656,830.16                             | \$ 2,133,536.69       | \$ 2,370,260.95                       | 90%  |
| HARRODS CREEK  | \$ 629,889.78                              | \$ 1,830,937.50                             | \$ 2,460,827.28       | \$ 2,761,759.84                       | 89%  |
| HIGHVIEW       | \$ 255,884.38                              | \$ 1,083,514.84                             | \$ 1,339,399.02       | \$ 1,484,017.99                       | 90%  |
| JEFFERSONTOWN  | \$ 1,054,630.80                            | \$ 2,794,955.58                             | \$ 3,849,586.38       | \$ 4,268,223.09                       | 90%  |
| LAKE DREAMLAND | \$ 260,664.32                              | \$ 391,961.50                               | \$ 652,625.82         | \$ 722,217.54                         | 90%  |
| LYNDON         | \$ 690,786.75                              | \$ 1,907,225.77                             | \$ 2,598,012.52       | \$ 2,845,460.19                       | 91%  |
| MCAHAN         | \$ 270,707.87                              | \$ 673,705.94                               | \$ 944,413.61         | \$ 1,022,714.81                       | 92%  |
| MIDDLETOWN     | \$ 1,005,864.48                            | \$ 3,515,975.35                             | \$ 4,521,839.83       | \$ 4,932,975.44                       | 92%  |
| OKOLONA        | \$ 1,232,605.76                            | \$ 2,351,999.16                             | \$ 3,584,604.92       | \$ 4,050,517.48                       | 88%  |
| PRP            | \$ 1,093,878.07                            | \$ 2,974,500.73                             | \$ 4,068,378.80       | \$ 4,673,231.65                       | 87%  |
| ST MATTHEWS    | \$ 737,472.19                              | \$ 2,223,295.22                             | \$ 2,960,767.41       | \$ 3,222,817.35                       | 92%  |
| WORTHINGTON    | \$ 649,630.28                              | \$ 2,193,442.54                             | \$ 2,843,072.82       | \$ 3,056,404.02                       | 93%  |
|                | \$ 9,692,778.42                            | \$ 27,268,246.36                            | \$ 36,961,024.78      | \$ 41,083,602.73                      | 90%  |

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## Mayor Greg Fischer forms task force to study Louisville Metro merger

By Sheldon S. Shafer  
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Calling for a "fresh look at merger," Mayor Greg Fischer on Thursday created a task force to examine ways to improve government services for both urban and suburban residents of Metro Louisville.

Fischer said the 23-member group will look at what is and isn't working and recommend changes to him by Oct. 1, as part of an effort he's calling Merger 2.0.

He named Dave Armstrong, a former Democratic Louisville mayor, Jefferson County judge-executive and state attorney general, and Rebecca Jackson, a former Republican judge-executive and county clerk, as co-chairs of the task force.

Merger is "off to a good start, but it's time to stop and reflect," Fischer said at a morning news conference announcing the review. "The community is looking forward to the second decade of merger, and this task force will (review whether) ... all citizens are getting the services and response they deserve from city government."

The state law that enabled city and county government to merge in 2003, also, erased Louisville's city boundaries, kept the suburban cities intact, essentially put a lid on new taxes without voter approval and halted annexations. It kept nearly all existing services in place and created a special Urban Services District in the former city of Louisville, where residents continued to pay a tax, now 36.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, for fire, sanitation and a few other services.

Louisville residents living outside the Urban Services District, including those of more than 80 suburban cities, don't pay the tax. Fire protection there is provided by 18 different departments staffed at varying levels of career firefighters and volunteers and is paid for by property tax assessments. Private contract haulers are paid for services such as garbage and recycling pickup.

The differing levels of taxes and services have been a source of consternation for some residents. And while Fischer said he is not dictating what should come from the task force, he said he expects it to review issues surrounding services, including recycling, garbage and junk pickup and fire protection.

Fischer said fire protection is on the table in light of the recent financial struggles that have been highlighted in some departments, such as Lyndon where the district has been forced to shut down a station periodically to accommodate sick time and leave because overtime money is not available.

The task force will also review ways to make Louisville an easy place to start, expand and attract businesses, the effectiveness of metro workers, how to better collaborate with other cities and how to ensure that all citizens are made to feel they are an important part of the community.

Besides Armstrong and Jackson, the task force will include four Louisville Metro Council members to be appointed by the council's president, and others who Fischer will appoint in the next month. He said they will include four citizen members, the police chief, the Louisville fire chief, two suburban fire chiefs, the county attorney and representatives of labor and business.

Armstrong said he will continue to also serve as chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission; Jackson recently retired as chief executive officer of the WHAS Crusade for Children. Armstrong and Jackson were among the leaders of the successful campaign a decade ago to merge the city and county.

Armstrong, Jackson and Fischer were reluctant to predict any specific outcomes from the task force. "We will get a lot of input and look at the different things we learned and maybe tweak some things. We want citizens to better understand what they are paying for," Jackson said.

But Jim King, the metro council's newly elected president, said he believes the outcome should be standardized services across the county. Without that, he said, "we will never really have one city."

Any expansion of the Urban Services District — and application of its tax in the new area — would require a majority vote in a referendum of the registered voters in the affected area.

Although officials acknowledged a strong public reluctance to pay higher taxes, Fischer noted that many of the suburban fire districts are struggling financially. All 18 suburban-based fire districts now are levying the state-authorized maximum real property tax rate of 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, and legislation is pending to try to raise that ceiling.

Several officials on Thursday noted the overwhelming defeat in 2007 of a proposed county-wide increase in the occupational tax to support the Louisville Free Public Library and proclaimed it doubtful that any area will vote to increase taxes — even for the broader services.

Eileen Senke, a Louisville resident and member of the conservative Tea Party of Kentucky, contended that it is highly unlikely that any local residents will vote higher taxes on themselves. "People are already paying taxes on so many things. They don't want to pay any more," she said.

Louisville Metro Council member Kelly Downard, R-16th District, who ran for mayor in 2006, said he doesn't think the Urban Services District will be expanded as a taxing area.

But Downard said that, if possible, residents of some suburban areas might join together as a unit and contract for Urban Services District services, such as recycling or junk pickup, and pay the district a fee for the service.

Pat Mulvihill, Fischer's general counsel and a former assistant county attorney with expertise on merger matters, noted that suburban residents also could petition the county Board of Elections to have a referendum on setting up a special services district funded by a tax. That is how library and ambulance districts are funded in many Kentucky counties. The petitioners would have to include at least 10 percent of the registered voters in the affected area.

St. Matthews Mayor Bernie Bowling noted in an interview that merger made little change in the services his city gets or provides, but he believes that most of his city's residents are well satisfied with St. Matthews-provided services, which include sanitation, police protection and street cleaning, with fire protection provided by the St. Matthews suburban district.

Reporter Sheldon S. Shafer can be reached at (502) 582-7088.

## Additional Facts

### Task force makeup

The executive order signed by Mayor Greg Fischer says the Merger 2.0 Task Force will consist of these members:

- \* Former Mayor Dave Armstrong and former Jefferson County Judge-Executive Rebecca Jackson, co-chairmen.
- \* Two Metro Council Members from the Urban Services District (the old city of Louisville) and two from outside the district to be appointed by the council's president. At least one member must be a Republican.
- \* A member of the Jefferson County League of Cities — a suburban city representative.
- \* A member of the Jefferson County legislative delegation.
- \* The director of the Metro Department of Public Works and Assets, or a designee.
- \* The director of Metro Department of Codes & Regulations, or a designee.
- \* Louisville Fire & Rescue chief, or a designee.
- \* Louisville Metro Emergency Medical Services chief executive officer, or a designee.
- \* Louisville Metro Police chief, or a designee.
- \* Member, Greater Louisville Central Labor Council.
- \* Member, Greater Louisville Inc., the metro chamber of commerce.

- \* Two fire chiefs from outside the Urban Services District, selected by all members, except the Louisville metro fire chief.
  - \* Four citizens, with one each residing in the respective Jefferson County commissioner districts (A, B and C) and one citizen appointed from the county at-large.
  - \* Fischer, or his designee.
  - \* The Jefferson County attorney, or a designee.
- All members will have equal voting authority, and shall serve until Dec. 31, 2011.

- \* Appointments to the task force will be made, subject to Metro Council ratification.
- \* The task force will meet at least monthly and probably hold a series of public hearings to get citizen input on how their view matters related to merger.
- \* The task force will report its findings to Fischer by Oct. 1 and disband by Dec. 31. \* Any needed merger-related legislation will be introduced to the 2012 General Assembly.



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### Fischer says task force should explore solutions to suburban fire districts' financial woes

By Jessie Halladay • [jhalladay@courier-journal.com](mailto:jhalladay@courier-journal.com) • January 6, 2011

With suburban fire districts citing financial concerns that have prompted some to sell surplus equipment, temporarily power down stations and, in one case, close a station, it's time to start a larger conversation about fire service in metro Louisville, said new Mayor Greg Fischer.

That conversation should be part of the work of a new Merger 2.0 Task Force that Fischer created on Thursday aimed at assessing how city services throughout the metro area are being provided, and how they could be improved.

"Many of those suburban districts are struggling," Fischer said. "Many have resorted to station brownouts, which we can't have."

In appointing his 23-member task force, Fischer said he will include two chiefs from suburban districts, as well as Greg Frederick, chief of Louisville Fire & Rescue.

Fischer, who has no oversight of the suburban fire districts, which are controlled by separate governing boards, said he is not advocating for a specific solution, including merger of the districts. But he said possible solutions to the financial difficulties need to be explored.

"What the solution is, I don't know," Fischer said.

He has not yet announced which two suburban chiefs will serve on the board, but said he expects all appointments to be made in the next month.

Over the past several months, several suburban fire chiefs have talked publicly about the strains their departments are under as tax revenues remain stagnant or decline, and costs for staffing and benefits have increased.

In Lyndon, Chief Russ Rakestraw has started brownouts at the district's Westport Road station, leaving it unmanned for some 12-hour periods overnight when there is not enough staff. Occasionally, it has been staffed with only two people manning a pickup truck to respond to medical runs, Rakestraw said.

"So far, we haven't had to deal with a structure fire," he said. "It's only a matter of time before that occurs."

Rebecca Jackson, former Jefferson County judge-executive and co-chair of the task force, said she values the work the suburban fire departments do, but recognizes some changes may have to be made out of necessity.

"Finances will cause suburban fire departments to merge with each other," she said, adding she hopes the task force can aid in making some of those decisions.

But she said there is great value in having volunteers and localized fire service, and that should not be lost in the discussion.

"Those people take great personal pride," she said of firefighters.

Reporter Jessie Halladay can be reached at



### Mayor Fischer institutes Merger 2.0 Task Force

by Mike Colombo

WHAS11.com

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11) -- Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer calls it merger 2.0 and Thursday, he created a task force to tie more city and county services together.

It's been eight years since the city and county governments merged and from now until October, Mayor Fischer is relying on a 23 member panel to recommend improvements to this merged government to help better life for all citizens.

With his signature, Mayor Greg Fischer made a commitment to the city of Louisville to move forward by hopefully bettering an already existing government.

"The point is what we need to do as a community is jump up and take a look at all these things to make sure people are receiving the best services they can," Fischer said.

Fischer says this 23 member panel will consist of four Metro Council members. Two will come from in the urban service district with the other two coming from outside it. There will also be three citizen members who reside in each of the former county commission districts, plus one additional citizen at large.

"I have no preconceived notions," Fischer said. "We've got two great co-chairs in Dave Armstrong and Rebecca Jackson that will lead a very healthy process over the next nine months or so and I look forward to the results."

Fischer says there will be plenty of opportunity for citizens input and anticipates the panels meetings will be open to the public.

"The key to me is how can we be the very best we can be as a city. How can we be the easiest place in the country to start, grow a business, and attract a business," Fischer said. "How can we be a more sustainable community. How can we involve all of our city. I expect recommendations coming out of this task force related to all those."

From recycling and garbage pick-up to fire protection, the group's goal is Making Louisville the best it could be.

"We are a merged government right now. It is a competitive advantage for us to be merged, so now it's time to for us to become one city, one community, one family," Mayor Greg Fischer said.

After presenting its recommendations to Fischer by Oct. 1, the task force will disband at the end of the year.

Once the work of the task force is complete, Fischer's team will work with the Kentucky legislature, as necessary, to introduce any changes in legislation at the 2012 General Assembly.



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### Mayor Fischer creates Merger 2.0 task force

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By David Williams - [biz](#) | [email](#)

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - It's a new year, and less than a week on the job, Louisville's new mayor is getting down to business.

Thursday, Mayor Greg Fischer signed an executive order creating the Merger 2.0 task force.



"It's time to take a fresh look at the merger," Mayor Fischer said.

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The goal: to see what can be improved - what should stay the same - and what hasn't been working so well in Jefferson County's Metro government.

With a stroke of the pen Thursday morning, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer signed an executive order creating the Merger 2.0 task force.

"We're about a decade into merged government, so now is a good time to stop and go through that process and then go to the 2012 legislative session with any suggested changes to our law here," Fischer said.

A 23-member panel, to be appointed by Fischer, will suggest those changes after hearing from residents on issues about city services.

"This task force will be diverse, and it will be a microcosm of our city representing all the faces of Louisville," Fischer said.

It's a move Metro Councilman Kelly Downard said is overdue.

"Well, a lot of things just haven't happened," Downard said. "The Mayor mentioned some this morning. People keep asking questions: 'Why don't I get this? Why don't I get that?' There are answers out there, but nobody gave them. I think we just didn't extend out further. I really look forward to this task force."

People currently living inside the urban services district pay higher property taxes.

In exchange, they get extra city services like garbage pick-up and fire protection.

People who live outside the district often pay private contractors for garbage pick-up and have several forms of fire protection from volunteer to fully-paid departments.

"This is just the start of a process that's going to evaluate everything," Mayor Fischer said.

"Certainly suburban fire chiefs are commenting about the cost pressures that they have. They are putting together a 10 year review of where they're going as well. What we need to do as a community is jump up and take a look at all these things and make sure that everybody's receiving the best services that they can," Fischer said.

Mayor Fischer says the focus will be on delivering services to residents more efficiently.

He expects to get public input throughout the process.

The mayor says the city-county government also needs to examine how they can make Louisville an easy place to start, grow and attract businesses.

WAVE 3 was told that 23-member panel should be appointed by sometime in February.

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### January 13, 2011, Letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: January 13, 2010  
Re: District Activity

The January Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Eifler or myself if you are unable to attend.

Currently, every one of our firefighters is 100% healthy and is on the job. As far as I know right now there is no one who is expected to be off from work for an extended period of time for any kind of illness or injury.

I am sure you have heard recently from Mayor Greg Fischer's office that he has put together a task force to study the merger of the old city and county governments. This committee which is known as Merger 2.0 will have two fire chief representatives on it from the suburban fire districts. Chief Randy Lawson from the Jeffersonton Fire District and Chief Walter Lage from the Anchorage Fire District have been selected to reside on that committee representing all of the Suburban fire districts. Hopefully this committee will bring about positive changes for us in the near future. I will keep everyone informed as this committee moves forward.

We had a small bathroom fire early last week at 197 Westwind Road, which is located in Indian Hills. The fire started from a failed heater vent in the ceiling which ended up catching several combustible items on the floor on fire. The homeowners, George and Nancy Stabilein who were home at the time the fire started, were quickly able to contact the fire department when the fire was discovered. Although the fire itself was contained to the bathroom, smoke damage was present on a majority of the first floor. Mrs. Stabilein has reported to me that the damage has exceeded the \$20,000 figure.

### Other District Updates for January

#### Apparatus:

2659: The Jake Brake is not working at all. Sergeant McCune is working with the dealer and several vendors to get this issue resolved. The truck is still in service.

2634: The left side interior driver door panel was replaced from years of wear and tear.

2631: We have had a metal plate fabricated to add to the back wall of the cab for the two jump seats that pulled away from their mounts because of wear and tear.

2634: We will be working on the bumper hose-line this week because it has been leaking for some time. This is not a major expense since we will be doing it all in-house. Also the strobe light pack was removed and sent back to the factory for service.

2658: Headlight replaced.

2633: Headlight replaced.

2658: We will be replacing some bad strobe lights next week.

#### Facilities:

Station One: Relocated two security locks from the two stairwell doors to the weight room door and the bunk room door.

We will be hydro testing all of our SCBA cylinders as required by NFPA soon.

All of our MetroSafe portable radios went through a re-programming last week.

Station Two: Replaced a bad outside light sensor for the parking lot and building lights.

Several repairs have been made to the bunkroom HVAC unit.

#### Inspections:

Existing Building Inspections:

Approximately 2000 inspections were completed in 2010.

New Construction Inspections:

1. Panera Bread on Rudy Lane is open to the public
2. Forever 21 in the Mall is scheduled to be open January 20th
3. Guitar center in the Plaza will be open January 31st
4. "Artisan Pizza" is being constructed in the St. Matthews Triangle (Old Vogue Theatre)
5. "Drakes" inside Bundorf's has started their remodel and has no opening date set yet.
6. Westport Road Church of Christ expansion is nearing completion.

Nursing Home/Assisted living on Westport Road. Construction in progress, opening late Fall.

#### Fire Prevention and Training:

We provided six community safety events in December, they included escorting Santa on his rounds, birthday parties and Scout groups.

The training bureau provided six training sessions for a total of 18 hours. We were a little light on training in December due to the holidays and Awards Dinner.

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# January 13, 2011, Trustee meeting:

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Sam McCune, Secretary

**William J. Seng  
Fire Chief**

Trustees Meeting Agenda  
January 13, 2011  
Noon

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Efler, Chairman  
McCune, Secretary  
Volkerding, Treasurer  
Monahan, Trustee  
Tonini, Trustee

I. ✓ Call to Order *12:00*

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting.

III. ✓ Treasurer Report - Volkerding  
(a) Investments

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng

V. ✓ Old Business  
(a) Creating of Emeritus Board Position (mailed) *PAID 1,350.00 of Monahan*

VI. ✓ New Business  
(a) Court of Appeals Ruling - Fire Chief's Suit (mailed)

VII. ✓ *YES* Executive Session - If needed. *Task Force*  
(a) Personnel Matters *(2 MATTERS)*

VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on January 20, 2011 at Fern Creek Station 1 - 7:00 p.m.

IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on February 10, 2011 - Thursday at NOON

districts employees due to a transition from the failed Jefferson County Fire Service self-insured insurance fund to that of a new insurance carrier for the St. Matthews Fire District, John Volkerding seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Lowdenback made a motion to approve Chief Seng's discipline recommendation concerning an employee who was in violation of the department's rules and regulations, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini made a motion to approve hiring Attorney Maurice Byrne to assist with this personnel matter, Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rick Tonini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 PM, Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon at Station 1.

## Interest Rates

### Current Interest Rates from local banks

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Commonwealth Bank  | 1.5% interest on 15 month CD no penalty  |
| First Capital Bank | 1.3 % interest on Money Market Acct.   |
| Stock Yards Bank   | .50% interest 6 month CD   |
| Republic Bank      | .40% interest 6 month CD<br>.50% interest 9 month CD<br>.65% interest 1 year CD        |
| Wilson & Muir      | .75% interest 6 month CD<br>.90% interest 9 month CD<br>1.15% interest for 13 month CD |
| Chase Bank         | .50% interest 9 month CD<br>.65% interest 13 month CD                                  |
| Old National       | .45% interest on 6-12 months CD's  |
| Fifth Third Bank   | .30% interest on 8 month CD  |

*Approved*

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

January 13, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on January 13, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Efler called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Efler, Bill Lowdenback, Sam McCune, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Major Dugan, Larry Heaphy, Nick Heilmann, Joe Bowley, Tony Glass, Nick Clark, Kevin Moulton, Charles McCune and Louis Stokes.

### Minutes

Rick Tonini motioned to approve the minutes of the November meeting, Sam McCune and Jack Monohan seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

John Volkerding reported that the district's expenses were in line with the budget. The overtime expenses were a little high for the first 6 months of the fiscal year due to two firefighters being off on injury.

John checked on CD rates with numerous local banks to discover that Commonwealth Bank & Trust provided the highest rate of return, with no penalty for early withdrawal and they are fully insured. The district purchased two 15 month CD's from Commonwealth totaling 1.9 million. The board made mention that Chief Seng's wife Valerie Seng worked for Commonwealth Bank, however they believed there was no conflict of interest since Commonwealth Bank & Trust offered the highest CD rates available. The board made mention of the time that John Volkerding gave to research the different CD rates. The CD rate findings are attached.

In regard to paying the loan balance on the Pierce aerial ladder truck, Rick Tonini made a motion that the district pay the balance of the loan in full which is 200,000.00, John Volkerding seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

### Chief's Report

Chief Seng handed out a deposit detail to the board from the Sheriff's Office for each of the suburban fire districts.

Chief Seng mentioned that Mayor Fischer's task force 2.0 has been assembled and a special meeting was held to decide who would sit on that committee.

Chief Seng requested one EA for the month of January.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Pro Fire Extinguishment<br>(Hydro Test all SCBA bottles) | \$75.00 |
|--|---------|

Rick Tonini made a motion to approve the EA requested, Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Bill Lowdenback reported on the Emeritus position in regards to Faye Ellerkamp's resignation and years of service. Mr. Lowdenback posed a question to the board regarding whether it was appropriate to have an emeritus position or honorary position created on her behalf. The board decided to table the discussion until correspondence is received from Mayor Fischer's office concerning the resignation letter that was sent in November.

Chairman Efler spoke to Cotton & Allen regarding the open invoice for work performed during the fiscal year 2010 audit. Cotton & Allen agreed to drop the invoice by half which brought the total amount due to \$1350.00. Jack Monohan made a motion to approve the payment of \$1350.00, Sam McCune seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Efler said that the board committee may meet in the next few weeks depending on acknowledgement by Mayor Fischer of Faye's request for resignation letter.

### New Business

Chairman Efler spoke briefly on the Court of Appeals ruling on the Fire Chief's Suit for the City of Indian Hills sprinkler ordinance.

Also there was mention of Mayor Fischer's Task Force and how they will address the issue of the financial state of services residents receive, such as professional fire protection.

### Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session at 12:25 PM.

The board resumed regular session at 1:30 PM.

Rick Tonini made a motion to pay an outstanding medical invoice of \$11,066.80 from Baptist Hospital East. This invoice was the result of a loss in coverage for one of the

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### Campbell's Gourmet Cottage owner gets shock probation in arson case

By Jason Riley • jriley@courier-journal.com • January 14, 2011

A St. Matthews shop owner sentenced to 12 years in prison for burning down her business was granted shock probation on Friday.

After a brief hearing, Jefferson Circuit Court Judge Audra Eckerle ruled that Susan Kay Lukjan was not a danger to the community and agreed to release her on probation.

Lukjan served six months of her sentence for second-degree arson, burning personal property to defraud an insurer and fraudulent insurance acts over \$300 in the destruction of her business, Campbell's Gourmet Cottage.

The ruling comes less than a month after Lukjan's attorney, Thomas Clay, asked Eckerle to recuse herself from the case and accused her of conspiring to have bar complaints filed against him and showing bias against Lukjan.

Clay has repeatedly criticized Eckerle's handling of the case, saying in July that she had shown a consistent bias against Lukjan and didn't follow the law. And he has said he doubted there was any chance Eckerle would give his client shock probation.

The Jefferson Commonwealth's Attorney's Office objected to Lukjan's probation request on Friday, arguing that Lukjan's

crime put firefighters in danger and she has never shown remorse for her actions.

In his motion, Clay said Lukjan has a job awaiting her in a place similar to her old business, was not a danger to the community and had no prior criminal record.

Clay declined to comment. Lukjan will be on probation for five years.

In a December hearing, Clay said he had been contacted by Chief Jefferson Circuit Judge Barry Willett after Lukjan was sentenced in July, with Willett telling him Eckerle had said a bar complaint should be filed against Clay for disparaging remarks he made about Eckerle.

In August, Clay said at the hearing, two supporters of Eckerle filed complaints with the Kentucky Bar Association, alleging Clay had made false statements about her to the media.

After that hearing, Clay said he would file a

motion asking Kentucky Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr. to remove Eckerle from the case.

On Aug. 19, 2006, firefighters arriving at Lukjan's store found heavy smoke pouring from the building. The fire destroyed inventory and much of the structure, which was later razed. The building, at 127 N. Sherrin Ave., was owned by the Trinity High School Foundation.

Prosecutors told jurors Lukjan let employees leave early the day of the fire and was captured on a video camera driving away from her business 13 minutes before the fire began.

Clay told jurors that investigators didn't have proof it was arson. He said they never found an accelerant, any physical evidence or a source for the fire.

In November 2005, 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 had used those spaces for more than 20 years but that Trinity faculty, staff, parents, students and others were using at least 16 of them.

Both Lukjan and the school have said the suit was settled amicably out of court.

Reporter Jason Riley can be reached at .



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# **Chairwoman of PRP fire district says western half of Jefferson County should be represented on merger task force**

By Jessie Halladay • jhalladay@courier-journal.com • January 14, 2011

The leader of the board that oversees Jefferson County's largest suburban fire district says the western half of the county should be represented on Mayor Greg Fischer's Merger 2.0 task force.

Maggie Neutz, the chairwoman of the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Trustees, issued a letter Wednesday objecting that two eastern suburban fire chiefs were selected to serve on the task force, while there is no representative from the western half of the county.

She asked Fischer to add an additional seat for another fire chief.

"The western side should be represented as well," Neutz said in an interview. The letter came after the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association voted to have Anchorage Chief Walter Lege and Jeffersonton Chief Randy Lawson serve on the task force, which was created last week. The task force will review how merger has worked and what improvements could be made in providing services throughout the county, including recycling, garbage pickup and fire protection.

The 23-member task force was designed to have two suburban fire chiefs, as well as

the county's emergency management director and the Louisville fire chief.

Chris Poynter, a Fischer spokesman, said the mayor left the decision about which suburban chiefs should serve on the task force to the chiefs themselves. Poynter said the mayor cannot expand the task force and relied on the chiefs to pick the best people for the job.

Poynter said people who do not serve on the task force will be able to weigh in with their ideas through subcommittees and public hearings.

"There's going to be plenty of opportunity for input," he said.

Lawson, who is the incoming president of the chiefs association, said about seven fire chiefs volunteered to serve on the task force during a meeting Tuesday, and Lawson and Lege were selected by vote.

The decision to put two chiefs from eastern districts on the task force did not sit well

with members of the Pleasure Ridge Park fire department, which is the largest suburban fire district and is in the western part of the county. Neutz's letter asked the four metro council members whose districts include the PRP fire district to object to the decision and urged Fischer to appoint a third fire chief to the task force so that the western part of the county can have a voice.

Lawson, however, said the two eastern chiefs will represent all 18 fire districts in the county and their interests.

"It's not that I don't sympathize," Lawson said. "It's not a regional thing. We're supposed to be representing all 18 districts."

Vicki Aubrey Welch, a metro council member whose district includes western fire districts and part of PRP, said she's disappointed by the chiefs' decision to appoint Lawson and Lege.

"That's not a very good cross section of our county," Welch said, adding that western districts have particular needs, including a large area of forest to consider.

PRP Fire Chief Vincent Smith said volunteered to participate in the task force, but no other western chiefs did, though not all were present at the meeting. He said he expressed his concern about the lack of western representation to the other chiefs following the vote, but had nothing to do with Neutz's letter.

Smith said he believes Lawson and Lege will fairly represent the suburban districts, but "we have done a disservice to the residents of the west side."

Reporter Jessie Halladay can be reached at

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January 18, 2011, Letter:

Dear Chief,  
Sorry to be so late in  
thanking you and your men for  
an outstanding job on our fire  
Jan. 3, 2011. They were very  
professional but kind. You,  
the firemen and Board do a  
great job and I'm so glad  
to be in your district.  
Maybe this small donation can  
help in some way to say "Thank You"  
Jan. 18, 2011 Nancy O. Stablen

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| DATE: Jan 18, 2011                       |  | PAGE 01   |
| TO THE ORDER OF: St. Matthews Fire Dept. |  | \$ 200.00 |
| Two hundred                              |  |           |
| National City                            |  |           |
| National City Bank of Kentucky           |  |           |
| FOR: Donation                            |  |           |
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January 25, 2011, Letter:

January 25, 2011

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

Dear Chief Seng:

It is with great sorrow that I must inform you that I will be resigning from the St. Matthews Fire District effective February 12, 2011. An opportunity to enhance my career as well as my family's quality of life has been offered to me by working for my uncle's business in Fayetteville, Georgia.

Please understand that this decision was not easy to make. I have always felt that the St. Matthews Fire District has always been the best place in the world that anyone could ever work at and I always will.

I will always appreciate your guidance and leadership as well as the support of the Board of Trustees toward me as an employee. I don't think myself or any of the employees could ever ask for anything more.

Sincerely,

*Derrick Miskell*  
Derrick Miskell

Rev.  
WJS  
01-31-2011  
15:30 hrs

January 28, 2011, *The Courier-Journal*:

January 28, 2011

## Christmas fire prompts legislator to propose automatic fire sprinklers for new homes

By Martha Elson  
melson@courier-journal.com

Two young boys who died in a Christmas morning fire at their grandparents' Glenview home in 2009 could have been saved if the house had been equipped with automatic fire sprinklers, according to Louisville's chief arson investigator.

"There's no doubt in my mind that nobody would have lost their life if they had had a sprinkler system," said Maj. Henry Ott, whose office recently released the report of its year-long investigation into the fire that claimed the lives of Solon Lawrence Bailey, 12, and William "Liam" Theiler Bailey, 10.

On Monday, Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, will file a proposed state law that would allow cities and counties to require sprinkler systems in new homes. The bill, which Wayne says comes in response to the Dec. 25, 2009 fire, would not apply to existing homes.

The Home Builders Association of Kentucky has said it will oppose the bill because it could add more than \$5,000 to the cost of a new home. But others dispute that figure, and Ott said if the proposal were adopted, it would allow Kentucky to join a national movement in favor of residential sprinklers.

"In 30 years, they'll be very common," he said.

Nationally, according to the National Fire Protection Association, there are statewide requirements for sprinklers in new homes in California and Pennsylvania. In South Carolina, a statewide requirement will take effect in 2014. New home sprinklers also are required in parts of 30 other states.

The investigative report on the early-morning Glenview fire at the \$1 million home of Ivy and Cathy Bailey found it spread so quickly that the boys had no chance to escape from a second-floor bedroom where they were sleeping, even though smoke detectors went off and an alarm system summoned firefighters.

The damage was so extensive that fire officials were unable to determine a cause, the report said.

Ivy Bailey, former chairman and chief executive of Provident Corp., now with Chrysalis Ventures in Louisville, recently made a video in support of home sprinklers for the National Fire Protection Association "Faces of Fire" campaign.

"If we'd had a sprinkler, it could have been a different outcome," Bailey says in the video.

He recalls trying to climb the stairs to his grandsons' room but being repelled by the intense heat and smoke. With his voice wavering, Bailey laments not being able to rescue them.

"But we couldn't," he said. "Unfortunately, we couldn't."

The remaining shell of the Baileys' house on Longview Lane was razed. They've since moved to a home on Glenview Avenue where they're having a sprinkler system installed.

Ivy Bailey was recruited to make the video by former Louisville Fire Chief Russell Sanders, who serves in several administrative posts for the national association. Sanders also has been consulted on Wayne's sprinkler legislation.



**Louisville Fire & Rescue Sgt. Shawn Abma walks out of the charred remains of the Bailey home, which was destroyed early Christmas morning by a fire that killed brothers Solon L. Bailey, 12, and William T. "Liam" Bailey, 10. (By Matt Stone, The Courier-Journal) Dec. 29, 2009 (Matt Stone)**

Indian Hills Mayor Tom Effer, who's also chairman of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District board of trustees, said the Glenview fire "was a wake up call . . . for a whole lot of people. It makes you think how vulnerable you are."

Indian Hills in 2007 was the first city in the state to pass a law requiring sprinklers in new homes. It hasn't been enforced, though, because the Kentucky Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction says local governments can't adopt building requirements that exceed those in the state code.

The state's position is being challenged on behalf of Indian Hills by several fire safety groups, including the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs. They sued the state in 2008; the Home Builders Association of Kentucky intervened in the case in support of the state. The Kentucky Court of Appeals upheld the state's position in December, after a ruling in Franklin Circuit Court, and the appeals court decision was appealed this month to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Wayne's proposed law would end Indian Hills' legal dispute with the state.

Wayne said he knows there would be stiff resistance if he was seeking a statewide requirement for sprinklers, but he's hopeful that his bill, which proposes only "a local option" for counties and cities like Indian Hills that are Fourth Class or larger, will draw support.

Just as Louisville, Lexington and other cities have been able to adopt more stringent regulations than the state's on issues like smoking bans, "We would like to see the same kind of thing happen with residential sprinklers," said former Jefferson County Fire Chief Jack Reckner, who's now a lobbyist for fire organizations.

The fire organizations disagree with the homebuilders about how much it would cost to install sprinklers in new homes.

The Home Builders Association of Louisville "feels like the cost of a sprinkler system is prohibitive," Ott said, "and we feel exactly the opposite."

The National Fire Protection Association estimates the cost at about \$1.61 per square foot, or about \$2,400 for a 1,500-square-foot home. The Home Builders group believes the cost would be at least twice that much, or about \$5,000 to \$6,000, said Chuck Kavanaugh, the association's executive vice president.

Bob Weiss, executive vice president of the state Home Builders Association in Frankfort, said the fire officials' estimate is lower because it doesn't account for all of the cost, including a different water meter and possibly a water pump.

Kavanaugh said his group believes sprinklers "should be an option and not a mandate. The consumer is really the driving force here."

The fire organizations also note that homes with sprinklers pay less for fire insurance. State Farm offers homeowners with sprinklers a discount of up to 10 percent, said Judy McConkey, a public affairs specialist in State Farm's regional office in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

In Maryland, where governing entities can opt out of a statewide requirement, 12 out of 23 Maryland counties and Baltimore now require home sprinklers, said Bruce Bouch, director of public education for the state fire marshal in Maryland.

Bouch said he has witnessed side-by-side burn demonstrations of two rooms with and without a sprinkler, and everything ignites and a "flashover" occurs in the room without one, he said. "This usually happens within three minutes," he said. "That's long before the fire department arrives. The sprinkler acts instantly . . . putting water onto the fire before it's too large."

Water damage is cited as an argument against sprinklers, but "everything dries out," he said. "Nothing ever will get unburned."

When a house is protected by home fire sprinklers, the fire is contained by the activation of just one sprinkler head roughly 90 percent of the time, according to the fire protection association. Home fire sprinklers are designed to activate when a certain temperature increase is reached.

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

## Additional Facts

### PROPOSED SPRINKLER LAW

Counties and cities Fourth Class or larger would be allowed under a "local option" to require sprinklers in new homes in legislation proposed by Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville. The state Uniform Building Code does not require sprinklers in new homes.

### Indiana

Neither the state nor any cities in Indiana require automatic fire sprinklers in new houses. Local governments have the option of requiring them, but only with the approval of the Indiana Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission, and the Commission has not approved any so far, said Emily Norcross, spokeswoman for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.



# January 31, 2011, STMFD Balance Sheet:

1:57 PM  
03/03/11  
Annual Basis

## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2011

|  | Jan 31, 11          | Dec 31, 10          |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                    |                     |                     |
| Checking/Savings                         |                     |                     |
| 1000 - Commonwealth Bank & Trust Check   | 203,072.03          | 1,830,258.21        |
| 1001 - HRA Account-Commonwealth Bank     | 2,500.00            | 2,500.00            |
| 1012 - CB&T CD 2.25% (mat. 10/31/11)     | 612,713.02          | 611,254.35          |
| 1013 - CB&T CD 2.5% (mat. 6/16/11)       | 215,416.59          | 215,011.33          |
| 1014 - CB&T CD 1.50% (mat. 4/15/12)      | 1,000,000.00        | 0.00                |
| 1015 - CB&T CD 1.50% (mat. 4/12/12)      | 900,000.00          | 0.00                |
| Total Checking/Savings                   | 2,693,701.64        | 2,669,024.59        |
| Accounts Receivable                      |                     |                     |
| 1201 - Accounts Receivable               | 0.00                | 205.70              |
| Total Accounts Receivable                | 0.00                | 205.70              |
| Other Current Assets                     |                     |                     |
| 1209 - Misc. Receivables                 | 175.81              | 0.00                |
| 1220 - Pre-Paid Insurance                | 3,482.50            | 4,781.00            |
| Total Other Current Assets               | 3,658.31            | 4,781.00            |
| Total Current Assets                     | 2,697,371.91        | 2,683,721.59        |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                      |                     |                     |
| 1610 - Building Station 1                | 1,342,332.64        | 1,342,332.64        |
| 1615 - Building Station 2                | 613,334.17          | 613,334.17          |
| 1620 - Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment | 612,524.08          | 612,524.08          |
| 1625 - Major Firefighting Apparatus      | 2,506,398.83        | 2,506,398.83        |
| 1630 - Light Duty Firefighting Apparatus | 63,943.00           | 63,943.00           |
| 1635 - Autos                             | 217,554.18          | 217,554.18          |
| 1695 - Accumulated Depreciation          | 32,824.40           | 32,824.40           |
| Total Fixed Assets                       | 5,385,061.28        | 5,385,061.28        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b>8,082,433.19</b> | <b>8,068,782.87</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>          |                     |                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                       |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>               |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable                         |                     |                     |
| 2000 - Accounts Payable                  | 50,433.50           | 69,848.33           |
| Total Accounts Payable                   | 50,433.50           | 69,848.33           |
| Other Current Liabilities                |                     |                     |
| 2100 - Payroll Liabilities               | 20,184.68           | 26,346.74           |
| Total Other Current Liabilities          | 20,184.68           | 26,346.74           |
| Total Current Liabilities                | 70,618.18           | 96,195.07           |
| <b>Long Term Liabilities</b>             |                     |                     |
| 2625 - Note Payable                      | 0.00                | 200,000.00          |
| Total Long Term Liabilities              | 0.00                | 200,000.00          |
| Total Liabilities                        | 70,618.18           | 296,195.07          |
| <b>Equity</b>                            |                     |                     |
| 3100 - Unappropriated Fund Balance       | 2,228,547.55        | 2,228,547.55        |
| 3105 - Fund Balance-Note                 | 0.00                | 200,000.00          |
| 3110 - Fund Balance-Capital Expense      | 5,385,061.28        | 5,385,061.28        |
| 3900 - Retained Earnings                 | 4,153,861.37        | 4,153,861.37        |
| Net Income                               | 941,440.31          | 642,212.70          |
| Total Equity                             | 8,011,815.41        | 7,766,672.90        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>    | <b>8,082,433.19</b> | <b>8,068,782.87</b> |

## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Accounts Payable Detail As of January 31, 2011

|                                 | Jan 31, 11       |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| A-M Electric                    | 299.25           |
| Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield   | -7,973.88        |
| Batteries Plus                  | 72.50            |
| Benovon                         | -217.00          |
| Bill Collins Ford               | 285.00           |
| Brownsboro Hdwe.                | 31.75            |
| C.E. Stephens Co.               | 61.00            |
| CERS                            | 54,462.41        |
| Clifford Distributing Co., Inc. | 170.39           |
| Courier Journal                 | -39.50           |
| Cummins Crosspoint              | 519.00           |
| Fleet One                       | 1,916.43         |
| HELP, LLC                       | 294.70           |
| Home Depot                      | 49.13            |
| IAFC                            | 214.00           |
| Jeff. Co. Fire Serv. (Dental)   | -1,832.06        |
| Lazer Blaze                     | 750.00           |
| Pep Boys                        | 9.29             |
| Robbins Heating                 | 468.54           |
| Roberts, Robin E.               | 412.50           |
| Safety USA                      | 204.75           |
| St. Matthews Hdwe.              | 8.50             |
| Stoll Keenon Ogden, PLLC        | 886.40           |
| The Hartford                    | -620.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>50,433.10</b> |

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# January 31, 2011, STMFD Incident Report

## Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between [01/01/2011] And [01/31/2011]

| Incident Type  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |       |                  |                 |               |
| 111 Building fire  | 1     | 1.01%            | \$53,000        | 100.00%       |
| 113 Trash or rubbish fire, contained                     | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 140 Natural vegetation fire, Other                       | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 3     | 3.03%            | \$53,000        | 100.00%       |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |       |                  |                 |               |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 11    | 11.11%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 312 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks                | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 313 Medical assist, Aspirin given to patient             | 2     | 2.02%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 316 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after             | 4     | 4.04%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 312 Motor vehicle accident with injuries                 | 2     | 2.02%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 332 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle                | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 21    | 21.21%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |       |                  |                 |               |
| 424 Carbon monoxide incident                             | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other           | 2     | 2.02%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 442 Overheated motor                                     | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 460 Accident, potential accident, Other                  | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 5     | 5.05%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 10    | 10.10%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |       |                  |                 |               |
| 500 Service Call, Other                                  | 3     | 3.03%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 510 Person in distress, Other                            | 2     | 2.02%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 511 Lock-out   | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 520 Water or steam leak                                  | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 550 Public service assistance, Other                     | 2     | 2.02%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 511 Cover assignment, standby, snowup                    | 3     | 3.03%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 12    | 12.12%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                                |       |                  |                 |               |
| 600 Good Intent Call, Other                              | 2     | 2.02%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route                      | 14    | 14.14%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch             | 6     | 6.06%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 631 Smoke scare, odor of smoke                           | 5     | 5.05%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 611 Radio release investigation w/no HazMat              | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |

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## Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between [01/01/2011] And [01/31/2011]

| Incident Type                                   | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|---|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|   | 26    | 26.26%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>           |       |                  |                 |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other            | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                   | 2     | 2.02%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to            | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction | 1     | 1.01%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 736 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction     | 3     | 3.03%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other  | 4     | 4.04%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -        | 3     | 3.03%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -              | 2     | 2.02%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -          | 6     | 6.06%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|   | 27    | 27.27%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |

Total Incident Count: 99 Total Est. Loss: \$53,000

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# Consultant: consolidate fire districts

Suggestions bring objections

By Jessie Halladay  
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The Courier-Journal

Jefferson County should merge its 17 suburban fire departments with the city service to improve fire protection and potentially save money, according to a consultant's report released Wednesday.

In addition, the consultant, Public Works LLC of West Chester, Pa., recommends that emergency response may improve and cost less if the Metro Emergency Medical Services department again becomes part of the Louisville Fire Department.

## SUBURBAN FIRE DISTRICTS



The findings could play a role in the final recommendation of Mayor Greg Fischer's Merger 2.0 Task Force, which he appointed to find ways to improve government services.

But the recommendations are sure to spark heated debate among suburban fire chiefs and trustees, some of whom see the task force as a thinly veiled effort

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## MERGER: Suburban fire officials question objectivity of consultant's study

Continued from Page A1

fort to eliminate their fire districts.

"I have enough financial and investigative background to review the data that's been presented and know if someone is just trying to justify an agenda by presenting biased information," said Charles Bauer, chairman of the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association, who dismissed the report as inaccurate material meant to further an agenda to place all fire service under the Louisville department.

Results of the report were discussed at a data subcommittee meeting Thursday, although there was no discussion of the merits of the suggestion.

The report also makes several suggestions about improving garbage pickup, assessing how federal grant money is obtained, conducting an overall performance review of how government operates and providing better information to the public, especially as it relates to how money is spent.

Fischer did not take a position on whether the recommendations are moving in the right direction.

"The suburban fire issue has been talked about a lot," said Fischer spokesman Chris Poynter. "There are no easy answers there."

Poynter said the mayor understands that the consultant's report released Thursday is not a comprehensive study of the issues,

but he said it provides a foundation to future work.

"This is just one piece of information, and it's a good way to start a conversation," Poynter said. "These are questions for the Merger 2.0 Task Force to wrestle with."

But some suburban fire chiefs and trustees took issue with some of the conclusions drawn in the consultant's report, particularly challenging budget numbers that they claim do not compare "apples to apples."

"The picture the report paints makes it a little more critical than we think it is," said Randy Lawson, chief of the Jeffersonton Fire Department. Lawson has been serving on the Merger 2.0 Task Force, including the fire and EMS subcommittee.

Lawson said that subcommittee, as well as a smaller, informal group of fire chiefs and trustees, has been discussing how fire service in Jefferson County can be improved.

Over the past several years, fire chiefs of various districts have said they will need increased tax funding to maintain service levels as costs have risen and fewer volunteers are available to supplement staffing.

But Lawson said no one should "automatically assume that merging will fix us."

In the consultant's report, the Louisville Fire & Rescue budget is listed as \$50,336,100, while the combined suburban budgets are listed as \$51,872,964.

*"It's reasonable to talk about anything to see what can be better."*

**RICH CARLSON,**  
Okolona fire chief

At the same time, metro data shows that Louisville Fire made 34,681 calls for fire and medicals runs in the first nine months of fiscal year 2010-11, while the suburban districts made 21,183 runs.

The consultant reported the average cost per run at \$1,341 for urban fire, and \$2,455 for suburban fire.

But Ross Rakestraw,

chief of the Lyndon Fire District, said comparing the suburban budgets with the city's budget is not that simple.

He said some urban costs, including building construction or equipment, are not factored into the fire budget because they are represented in other parts of the metro government budget.

For suburban districts, each of the 17 departments operate on budgets set by residential taxes — with districts collecting 10 cents per \$100 of assessed property valuation.

Louisville Fire & Rescue gets its funding through metro government's budgeting process.

"Merging suburban departments could provide some economies of scale, but the bottom line is that

you cannot operate a career department on 10 cents-per-\$100 tax rate," Rakestraw said.

Harrods Creek Fire Chief Kevin Tyler said he believes the report was rushed to be published. Still, he said the time has come for a discussion about how both fire and medical services can be improved throughout the county.

"There's a sense of not wanting to stomp on other agencies' toes," Tyler said. "It's time to sit down and be honest and be realistic."

While Okolona Chief Rich Carlson agreed that the report's data may be flawed, he said further discussion is needed.

"It's reasonable to talk about anything to see what can be better," he said.

Dr. Neal Richmond, di-

rector of Metro EMS, said the report brings forward a discussion "our community has long needed to have."

But he said that the report is limited because it only looks at costs, population and geography, and doesn't include response time or quality of care as factors.

"It also doesn't address the current challenges and costs of providing a uniform level of first-response capability throughout our community," he said.

"When you're talking about cardiac arrests, heart attacks and strokes," he said, "there should be no individual jurisdictions — there should be only one level of care."

Reporter Jessie Halladay can be contacted at 582-4081.

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## February 4, 2011, Chief's letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: February 4, 2011  
Re: District Activity

The February Trustees meeting is this **Wednesday** at 12:00 Noon. Please contact Chairman Eiffer or myself if you are unable to attend.

All of the apparatus' are up and running with no issues except unit 2659 which is the 2009 Pierce Tractor Drawn Aerial Ladder. It is having problems with the exhaust braking system that seems to have both the truck manufacturer and the local vendor perplexed. This is not causing any issues with the truck operation but I do believe it is going to be some time before they figure out how to fix it.

Enclosed in your packet is a resignation letter from Derrick Miskell. He has decided to leave his employment here with the fire district so that he can work with his uncle in Georgia. His last day of employment is February 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone has wished him the best of luck.

With Derrick leaving, that leaves us the responsibility to fill his vacancy as soon as possible so that unscheduled and unbudgeted overtime would be minimal. My suggestion to the Board and we can discuss this further in executive session, would be to hire Rickie Tapp. Rickie has been working here at the St. Matthews Fire District Station 1 part-time for over the last two years. Rickie was interviewed two years ago by the hiring committee and was chosen as the runner up to the last two firefighters hired. The committee, at that time, agreed Rickie was a good candidate and should be the next firefighter hired when an opening occurred. Rickie was born and raised here in the St. Matthews area and currently resides just a few blocks away from the firehouse. Please contact me if you have any thoughts or questions about this.

Also enclosed in your packet are several different items for your review. Again, if you have any questions about any of them please do not hesitate to call.

### Other District Updates for January

#### Apparatus:

2633: Repair made to the front grill and siren speaker.  
2659: Still waiting on answer from Pierce about the exhaust brake not working.  
2603: Console lighting system repaired. Ford is addressing paint issues on the rear tailgate.  
2631: Replaced rear seating support and also reupholstered the seats.

#### Facilities:

Station One: The lower roof deck that was not replaced last summer is leaking very badly. A repair order has been submitted.

The roof gutters are starting to leak from rust damage. They may need to be replaced soon.

The annual testing of both Station One and Station Two fire alarm systems are being reviewed to save on costs.

Station Two: The CoRayVac buy heating system went out for several days and had to be repaired.

All of the SCBA cylinders are being hydrostatically tested and should be completed by the end of the month.

#### Inspections:

##### Existing Building Inspections:

Approximately 170 fire prevention inspections were completed for the month of January.

All of the inspectors have been given their 2011 assignments for the New Year.

Guitar Center is now currently open in the Shelbyville Road Plaza.

Forever 21 in the Mall will open to the public on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Shelbyville Road Plaza will be opening a new Quest Outdoors sometime this summer.

It is rumored that Trader Joe's, which is a grocery store will also be opening up in the Shelbyville Road Plaza sometime this year.

## February 9, 2011, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
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**William J. Seng**  
Fire Chief

Trustees Meeting Agenda  
February 9, 2011  
Noon

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Eggs Overberg  
Bill Lowdenback  
Jack Monohan  
Robert J. Tapp

I. ✓ Call to Order

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

III. ✓ Treasurer Report

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng

V. ✓ Old Business

VI. ✓ New Business

VII. ✓ Executive Session  
(a) Personnel Matter

VIII. ✓ The next ICFA Trustee meeting will be held on February 17, 2011  
at Camp Taylor - 7:00 p.m.

IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on  
March 10, 2011 - Thursday at NOON

*Approved*

### Minutes of Meeting of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District February 9, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on February 9, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eiffer called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Eiffer, Sam McCune, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan and Rick Tonini. Mr. Lowdenback was absent due to a funeral. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Major Dugan, Larry Heaphy, Nick Heilmann, Tony Glass, Nick Clark, Kevin Moulton, Ron Renner, Joe Bewley, Greg Crabbe, Charles McCune, Rickie Tapp, Louis Stoke and Jordan Davis.

Chairman Eiffer called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon.

#### Minutes

Chairman Eiffer noted to the board that the research on the current CD rates by John Volkerding was added to the January minutes.

Rick Tonini motioned to approve the minutes of the January meeting, Jack Monohan seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

John Volkerding gave the Treasurer's report and stated that the overall budget is on target for the fiscal year, and the Overtime budget is less than 1% over budget. John reported that he invested 1.9 million for the district at Commonwealth Bank, which as stated before, held the highest interest rates.

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the financials as given, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the roof above the small classroom and hallway at Station 1 has been leaking for the last few weeks. Chief has spoken with Geoghegan to work on extending the warranty, however eventually the district will need to replace the roof.

Chief Seng reported that the House Bill 226 that would have introduced the adoption of a sprinkler ordinance for small cities inside Jefferson County, met opposition from the Kentucky Homebuilders Association, who was strongly against the bill. This bill was



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## February 9, 2011, Trustee meeting:

pulled, however attorney Maurice Byrne agreed to appeal this decision if the cities wanted to move forward.

Chief Seng reported that the district received a donation from Nancy Stablein in the amount of \$200 for gratitude in helping extinguish a house fire that the district responded to on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at her residence on 197 Westwind.

Chief Seng received a resignation letter from Derrick Miskell stating that his last day of employment will be February 12, 2011. The board wished Derrick well with his move and new employment.

Chief Seng requested one EA for the month of February.

|                      |                                       |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Mac Authority Outlet | 32G I-Pad for Fire Inspector's Use    | \$729.00            |
|                      | Other Box for I-Pad (Protective Case) | \$90.00             |
|                      | Firehouse Software License            | <del>\$500.00</del> |
|                      |                                       | <b>\$1319.00</b>    |

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the requested EA, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Chairman Eifler mentioned that in an effort to be pro-active with the upcoming Fiscal Year 2011-2012 audit, the district should request a proposal from Cotton & Allen.

### Executive Session

The board entered executive session at 12:13 PM.

The board ended executive session at 12:27 PM and entered back into regular session at that time.

It was at that time that Chief Seng recommended filling the vacant position left by Derrick Miskell with Firefighter Rickie Tapp. Rickie has been serving the fire district for the last 4 years as a volunteer and part-time firefighter.

Jack Monohan made a motion to hire Rickie Tapp as a Career firefighter, John Volkerding seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 PM, Sam McCune seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## February 21, 2011, FOX41.com: NOTE:

This was posted on STMFD web site, so I assume they responded to this accident.,

### Louisville attorney charged with DUI, assault

Recommend 42 people recommend this. Be the first of your friends.

Posted: Feb 17, 2011 8:09 AM MST

Updated: Feb 21, 2011 9:29 AM MST

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB Fox 41) -- A Louisville attorney pleads not guilty to drunk driving after St. Matthews Police say his drunk driving put two people in University Hospital with serious injuries Wednesday night.

According to an arrest report obtained by Fox 41 News, 59-year-old Paul Stephen Gordinier of the 400 block of S. Hubbards Lane was driving westbound on U.S. 60 (Shelbyville Rd.) sometime after 7:00 Wednesday night. As he attempted to make a left turn onto Fairfax Avenue, he failed to yield the right-of-way to an oncoming scooter.

Police say the incident "caused serious physical injury" to two people who were on the scooter. The two victims were taken to University Hospital. One of them was not wearing a helmet, according to St. Matthews Police Sgt. Lewis Christopher.

When police reached Gordinier, they reported that he "appeared to be under the influence of alcoholic beverages," the report states.

Police say Gordinier admitted that he had been drinking. He failed a field sobriety test and a preliminary breath test.

Police say his blood-alcohol level registered at .137.

Gordinier was charged with two counts of assault 1st, DUI and wanton endangerment.

Information obtained by Fox 41 News indicates that the Kentucky Bar Association suspended Gordinier's ability to practice law in Dec. 2009 over a failure to pay his dues. His law license was reinstated in June 2010.

The moral of the story, according to Sgt. Christopher?

"Don't drink and drive," he said.

Fox 41 News was the only station that was present for Gordinier's arraignment Thursday morning. The judge ordered that he be released on his own recognizance.

## February, 2011, St. Matthews Living:

### Fire Department news: "Hot off the press"



A team of five firefighters from the St. Matthews Fire District competed in the relay portion of the Firefighter Combat Challenge, an event in which participants perform simulated fire-fighting tasks while racing against the clock.

The St. Matthews team members are (left to right in photo above, taken after the Evansville competition): Nick Heilman, Joe Bewley, Kevin Moulton, Michael Monohan and George Wiggins.

The competition involves firefighters wearing 70 lbs. of bunker gear racing head-to-head in a simulation of the physical demands of real-life firefighting.

Participants perform a linked series of five tasks, including: climbing a

five-story tower with a 42-lb. high-rise pack; hoisting a 42-lb. hose bundle to the top of the five-story tower; descending five stories and using a mallet to drive a 5-foot, 160-lb. steel beam along the ground about 4 feet; negotiating a 140-yard slalom course to grab a charged hose and pull it 75 yards to blast a target; and a grueling rescue of a life-sized 175-lb. mannequin that must be lifted and dragged 100 yards.

The time a relay team takes to do all the above is recorded. Teams race against opponents and the clock.

St. Matthews' team is in its third year, having done very well in 2010. It finished in the top 16 in relays in Miami, OH, Evansville, IN, and Lexington.

In the Evansville race there is a challenge in which three teams from Kentucky and three from Indiana run against each other for interstate bragging rights. In 2009 and 2010, the St. Matthews team helped win this challenge.

The team reached its primary goal in 2010, making it to the world finals in Myrtle Beach, Fla.

The St. Matthews firefighters raced against the best of the best and did very well in its first appearance in the worlds. Teams that finished in a certain time advanced to the final challenge. The St. Matthews team missed the qualifying time by one-hundredth of a second.

The team was sponsored in 2010 by many businesses in St. Matthews, including Steepletons, Charlotte's Web, McDonalds and Paul Davis Restoration. Members are grateful to all team sponsors and to the fire department for allowing them to participate and for its support.

To check out video coverage of the team's performance, visit [www.stmatthewsfd.com](http://www.stmatthewsfd.com) or surf to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for "St. Matthews combat challenge."

For non-emergency calls:  
St. Matthews Fire District 893-7825;  
Lyndon Fire Department 425-7474.

A map of the fire districts that cover St. Matthews is online at [www.stmatthews.org](http://www.stmatthews.org).

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## February 28, 2011, STMFD Incident Report:

## March 7, 2011, Chief Seng letter:

STMFD

### Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (02/01/2011) And (02/28/2011)

| Incident Type  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |       |                  |                 |               |
| 111 Building fire  | 2     | 2.22%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 123 Cooking fire, confined to container                  | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 137 Passenger vehicle fire                               | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle           | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 5     | 5.55%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |       |                  |                 |               |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 7     | 7.77%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 312 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks                | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 316 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after             | 3     | 3.33%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 317 Medical assist, assist EMS crew on Patient           | 3     | 3.33%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 14    | 15.55%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |       |                  |                 |               |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                        | 2     | 2.22%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 444 Power line down                                      | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 2     | 2.22%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 5     | 5.55%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |       |                  |                 |               |
| 500 Service Call, other                                  | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 510 Person in distress, Other                            | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 521 Water evacuation                                     | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 530 Public service assistance, Other                     | 2     | 2.22%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 531 Assist police or other governmental agency           | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 533 Public service                                       | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 554 Assist invalid                                       | 5     | 5.55%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup                    | 3     | 3.33%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 15    | 16.66%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                                |       |                  |                 |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                              | 2     | 2.22%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route                      | 12    | 13.33%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 623 No incident found on arrival at dispatch             | 3     | 3.33%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 650 Stagn, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other           | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 651 Smoke waste, odor of smoke                           | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 652 Steam, report, fog or dust thought to be             | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 20    | 22.22%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>                    |       |                  |                 |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other                     | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 730 Malignous, mischievous false call, Other             | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                            | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to                     | 3     | 3.33%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction              | 4     | 4.44%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other           | 2     | 2.22%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 741 Sprinkler activation, no fire =                      | 3     | 3.33%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire =                 | 10    | 11.11%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire =                       | 2     | 2.22%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire =                   | 3     | 3.33%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO           | 1     | 1.11%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 31    | 34.44%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>Total Incident Count: 90</b>                          |       |                  |                 |               |
| <b>Total Est. Loss:</b>                                  |       |                  | <b>\$0</b>      |               |

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: March 7, 2011  
Re: District Activity

The March Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Eifler or myself if you are unable to attend.

Rickie Tapp officially started his first day of employment on March 1<sup>st</sup>. So far the transition has gone very smooth.

Since Rickie Tapp previously worked for us in an intern capacity one day a week, I would like to ask the board to approve the position again for this upcoming summer as well. This position would most likely be filled with a fire science student from Eastern Kentucky University.

Unit 2658 had a major breakdown last week and had to be towed to Clarke Diesel to be repaired. All six fuel injectors on the engine had to be replaced at a total cost including towing of \$3000.

Also enclosed in your packet are several different items for your review. If you have any questions about any of them please do not hesitate to call me.

### Other District Updates February

#### Apparatus:

2631: New LED brake lights were installed.  
2658: Towed to the shop and had six new fuel injectors installed.  
2659: Engine brake repair is still in limbo. We are continuing to resolve this issue.  
All of the heavy apparatus had the quarterly brake inspection completed with no issues found.

#### Facilities:

Roof at station one was patched over the small classroom area.  
The four replacement windows that were ordered for station one have been installed.  
Still need replacement quotes for the windows located in the training tower.  
Waiting for gutter replacement quotes for both Station One and Two.  
Replaced all four pressure switches in Station One's exhaust system.  
Replaced the electrical cord in the west parking lot for Louisville Metro EMS.

#### Inspections:

Approximately 160 fire prevention inspections were completed in the month of February.

#### New construction projects:

|                       |                                  |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 4600 Shelbyville Road | Quest Outdoors                   |
| 4600 Shelbyville Road | Lab Corp                         |
| 4600 Shelbyville Road | Davita Dialysis                  |
| 5071 Shelbyville Road | Golf Galaxy                      |
| 1901 Rudy Lane        | Nail Salon (Fresh Market Center) |
| 980 Breckenridge Lane | McAllister's Deli                |

Approved the Zambelli Fireworks display for the Louisville Country Club.

#### Fire Prevention and Training:

Four public education programs.  
Twelve regular training sessions.  
Four recruit training sessions with three St. Matthews volunteer recruits participating.

See you at the meeting!

# St. Matthews to buy three heart defibrillators

**By Martha Elson**  
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The Courier-Journal

The city of St. Matthews has approved spending up to \$6,500 for three heart defibrillators, devices that are used to shock a heart back into action after a sudden cardiac arrest.

The automated external defibrillators require little instruction and are designed to be used by the first person to respond to a victim of cardiac arrest.

The City Council agreed to the expenditure last week after it was proposed by Councilman Stuart Monohan, assistant chief of the **St. Matthews Fire** Protection District.

The devices would be kept at City Hall, the lobby of the community center at St. Matthews Com-

munity Center Park on Ten Pin Lane, and the park's sports concession stand.

They are common in public buildings, airplanes and shopping malls, Monohan said.

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

## CORRECTION

### Cell tower appeal

Because of a reporter's error, a story last week about the Masonic Homes of Kentucky appealing the Louisville Metro Planning Commission's approval of a cell tower gave incorrect information about how Pegasus Tower Co., the Planning Commission and Village Manor Partners are connected to the appeal. They are defendants.



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# March 10, 2011, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
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**Trustee Meeting Agenda**  
March 10, 2011  
Noon

I. ✓ Call to Order *None*

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

III. ✓ Treasurer Report *Good Shape - On Track*

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng  
(a) Roof Update *Fixed*

V. ✓ Old Business *None*

VI. ✓ New Business  
(a) Cell Tower *Save Area Interest In Make Carriers*

VII. ✓ Executive Session *None*

VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on April 21, 2011  
at Worthington - 7:00 p.m.

IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on  
April 14, 2011 - Thursday at NOON

*Rick  
Sam  
Jack* } *Election Comm.  
For  
Upcoming Trustee Elec.*

## Old Business

The leaks in the roof above the small classroom at Station 1 have been patched by Geoghegan. Rick Tonini asked if Geoghegan was interested in replacing the roof and at this time, however Geoghegan is only interested in patching the leaks.

Chief Seng asked if the Board would like to declare the remaining old radios as surplus.

Jack Monohan made a motion to declare the radios as surplus, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## New Business

Chief Seng was contacted a few weeks ago by Verizon concerning the ongoing Cell Tower equipment discussions. The district is holding to what it originally asked for, which was to see the agreement between each provider before moving forward.

Chairman Efler appointed an Election Committee of Sam McCune, Jack Monohan and Rick Tonini to oversee the Firefighter Trustee Election which will be held on June 25, 2011.

## Executive Session

None

Rick Tonini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:44PM, Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on April 14th at 12:00 Noon at Station 1.

Chairman

Secretary

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

March 10, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on March 10, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Efler called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Efler, Sam McCune, Bill Lowdenback, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Major Dugan, Mike Willinger, Patrick Montague, Ricky Tapp, Joe Wolfe, Matt Board, Mike Frantz, Moss Cione and Jordan Davis.

## Minutes

Rick Tonini motioned to approve the minutes of the February meeting, Jack Monohan seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

John Volkerding reported that projected revenue for this fiscal year is short by 250,000, however most of this money will be received in the upcoming months. John reported that the Overtime expenses are still a little high for the year. John stated that the district will need to cash a portion of one of the CD's in the next week to move into the general operations account. It was noted that Commonwealth Bank, who holds all the district's CD's, does not have an early withdrawal penalty.

Chief Seng commented that John Volkerding and he will be working on the upcoming budget in the near future.

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the financials as given, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the largest expense since the last Trustees meeting was the repair of 2658, which all fuel injectors had to be replaced. The total cost of the repair was 2,950.00, of which 350.00 was for towing expenses.

Chief Seng received a letter from Terri Livers stating that the re-appointment of Tom Efler and John Volkerding will be expiring on June 30, 2011.

Rick Tonini made a motion to send a letter to Mayor Fischer to re-appoint Tom Efler as Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Jack Monohan and was approved unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that the district will need to hold a firefighter election to fill the position of firefighter representative. Chief Seng's recommendation to the board was to follow the districts by-laws which mirror KRS Chapter 75. This states that the Firefighter Representative position on the Board can either be filled with a volunteer or career firefighter.

Chief Seng and Rick Tonini recently attended a Chapter 75 meeting, at which a bill was discussed that would allow each individual fire district to elect to be a sub-district and allow each sub-district to set their own tax rate. Rick Tonini stated that some districts were opposed to this change. Rick Tonini has spoken to several districts in support of the bill and would like to circulate a letter of support to show the lobbyists they have support by the Jefferson County Fire Districts.

Rick Tonini made a motion to circulate this signed letter in support of Senate Bill 144, Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng handed the board a letter from the Jefferson County Chief's Association. The Chief's Association would like to pass an ordinance to stop the sale of fireworks in Jefferson County. Currently Metro Government has no ordinance on Firework sales or use. The Board agreed to support Chief Seng in his efforts to help pass the ordinance. Chief Seng will be consulting Maurice Byrne on the issue.

Chief Seng requested that the district continue to have a summer intern position. Jack Monohan motioned to approve the summer intern position, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested two EA's for the month of March.

|          |   |         |
|----------|---|---------|
| FDIC     | Hotel Room, Registration Fees, Per Diem and Parking Fees for 4 rotating personnel | 7450.00 |
| Best Buy | Replacement TV for Station 2  | 1200.00 |

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the requested EA's, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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March 31, 2011, STMFD Incident Report:

STMFD

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {03/01/2011} And {03/31/2011}

| Incident Type  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |           |                  |                |               |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire                               | 2         | 2.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire                | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 162 Outside equipment fire                               | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5.26%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |           |                  |                |               |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 7         | 9.21%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3116 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after            | 5         | 6.57%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient          | 4         | 5.26%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries                 | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries              | 2         | 2.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>19</b> | <b>25.00%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |           |                  |                |               |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                        | 3         | 3.94%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 424 Carbon monoxide incident                             | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other           | 2         | 2.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 460 Accident, potential accident, Other                  | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>8</b>  | <b>10.52%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |           |                  |                |               |
| 522 Water or steam leak                                  | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 531 Smoke or odor removal                                | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 550 Public service assistance, Other                     | 2         | 2.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 551 Assist police or other governmental agency           | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup                    | 2         | 2.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>7</b>  | <b>9.21%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                                |           |                  |                |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                              | 4         | 5.26%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route                      | 15        | 19.73%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke                           | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>20</b> | <b>26.31%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>                    |           |                  |                |               |
| 700 false alarm or false call, Other                     | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  |           |                  |                |               |
| Incident Type  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>                    |           |                  |                |               |
| 710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other             | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                            | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to                     | 5         | 6.57%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 734 Heat detector activation due to malfunction          | 1         | 1.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction              | 4         | 5.26%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -                 | 5         | 6.57%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>18</b> | <b>23.68%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |

Total Incident Count: 76

Total Est Loss: \$0

## Scott Holzknecht '97, Joe Gottbrath '65, Kevin Moulton '94 honored by St. Matthews Business Association

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Trinity alumni Scott Holzknecht '97, Joe Gottbrath '65 and Kevin Moulton '94 on being honored at the annual St. Matthews Area Business Association Community Pride Breakfast held at The Olmsted on Dec. 8, 2010.

The St. Matthews area community meets annually to pay tribute to individuals who have distinguished themselves by making extraordinary contributions to community betterment through voluntary service. Honorees, each of whom receives a special "Community Pride Service Award," are selected by civic clubs and other organizations and institutions engaged primarily in community service.

**SCOTT HOLZKNECHT '97** has taught Theology at Trinity for seven years. Over that time, Scott has been integrally involved in service at Trinity and in the wider community. Examples of his service leadership at Trinity include his work with the Joseph of Arimathea Society, the St. Sebastian Society, Trinity's retreat programs, Students High On Life (SHOL) and Spring Break Alternative trips to involve students in service-related activity over the break.

Holzknecht has also been involved in service leadership in the wider community, working with CrossRoads Ministries. He was a presenter on eco-based teachings at the Festival of Faiths in Louisville, a founding board member of Louisville Young Catholics and a member of the Advisory Council of Young Adults in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Beyond the city limits, Holzknecht was a presenter at the recent E-convergence Conference in Portland, Ore. He visited Mississippi and helped establish relationships between parishes and St. William Parish in Louisville after Hurricane Katrina. He also traveled to Africa to spend a month in the Sodal slum of Kenya, working as a teacher in an orphanage.

Holzknecht is a contributing writer to JustFaith's periodical *Voices* and co-authored the book *Everyday Justice*, a series of daily justice-based meditations for teens, for St. Mary's Press.

**JOE GOTTBRAH '65** has been an active member of the St. Matthews business community for 41 years, serving as a State Farm Insurance agent.

Gottbrath was recognized for his dedication to our community through volunteerism, namely his service as a board member of CASA as well as chairman of the Fleur de Lis Sailing Regatta benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

In addition, Gottbrath has been an active member of the Rotary Club of St. Matthews for more than a decade, regularly taking on pivotal leadership roles, including his current position as director of club service.

Gottbrath and his wife of 41 years, Janet, have four children.

**KEVIN MOULTON '94** has been involved in the fire service for his entire adult life. He became a career member of the St. Matthews Fire District in 2000.

Moulton was honored for his tireless effort in upgrading St. Matthews Fire District's communication system to the new MetroSafe radio system.

Moulton started as a volunteer firefighter with the North Oldham Fire Department in 1995. He currently volunteers with the Zoneton Fire District in Bullitt County, where he holds the position of assistant fire chief.

Moulton and his wife, Karen, have been married for nine years. He has a stepdaughter and a stepson. The couple also has a toddler grandson.



Scott Holzknecht '97

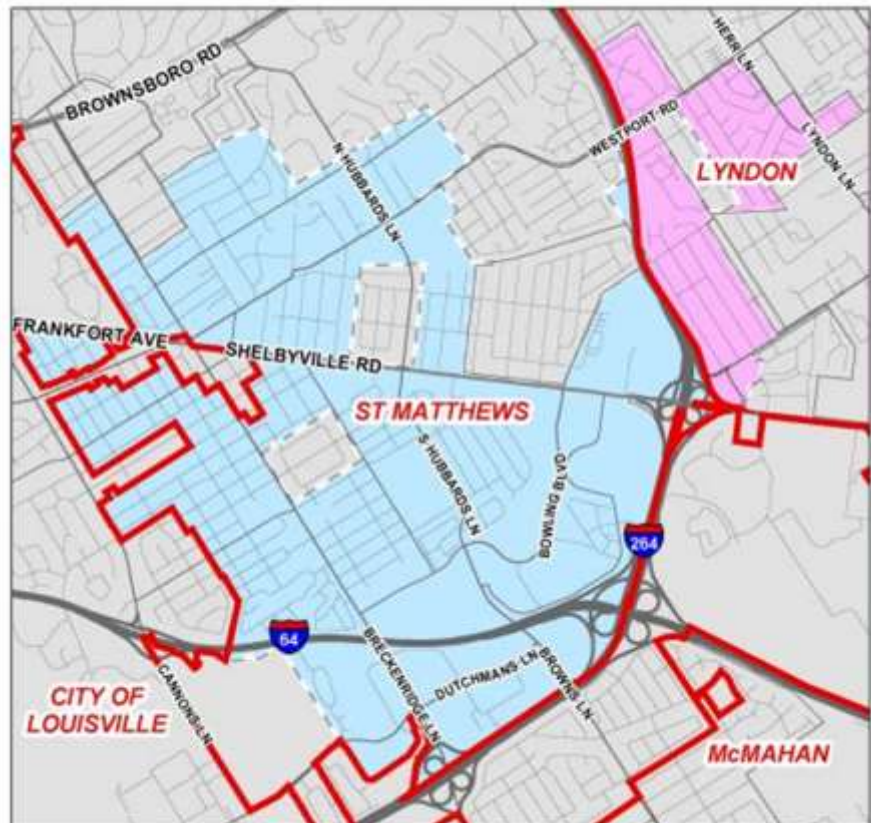


Joe Gottbrath '65



Kevin Moulton '94

Spring, 2011, The City of St. Matthews web site on fire service:  
District Map





2011

## April 11, 2011, Chief Seng letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: April 11, 2011  
Re: District Activity

The April Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Eifler or myself if you are unable to attend.

Enclosed in your packet is a proposed Ethics Policy that was written by Maurice Byrne. Due to the recent allegations that has been brought out by the Courier Journal against members of the MSD Board of Directors, Chairman Eifler thought it might be appropriate for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District to adopt its own code of ethics. Please review the enclosed policy so that we may be able to discuss its adoption during Thursday's meeting.

Other District Updates for March 2011

### Apparatus:

2602 brake & tire inspection.  
2638 waiting on back ordered fuel primer valve.  
2694 towed for electrical problem to dealer. Burned wiring.  
2694 towed for mechanical problem. Faulty fuel ignition system.  
2699 engine brake finally repaired.  
2633 riding fast out of station one (quarterly rotation).  
2631 replaced both truck batteries.  
2631 going to shop in April for AC repair and brake slack adjusters.

### Facilities:

Several small leaks still at station one on the lower roof around the flashing. Geoghegan Roofing came out after the last rain and took pictures. They are trying to get an answer about a settlement for a new roof.

Station two sewer lines cleaned out.  
Station one outside light repaired.  
Exhaust system at station one repaired.  
All window repairs completed at station one.

### Inspections:

Existing building inspections: 74 completed by Captain Ryan and shift inspectors.

### New construction projects in review:

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Golf Galaxy     | 5071 Shelbyville Road                   |
| Lab Corp        | 4600 Shelbyville Road                   |
| Nash Salem      | 1901 Rivaly Lane (Fresh Market Center)  |
| McAllister's    | 980 Beckenridge Lane                    |
| Drakes          | Shelbyville Road (Opening End of April) |
| Trilogy Nursing | Westport Road (Opening end of June)     |
| Quest Outdoors  | 4600 Shelbyville Road                   |

Note: Captain Ryan is working with the Louisville Fire Department and other Metro Fire Marshals to implement and enforce a Fireworks ordinance relating to Class B sales for all of Louisville Metro.

### Fire Prevention and Training:

Provided four public education events in the month of March.

Monthly Training Report: General FD Training: 48 total hours of training.  
Recruit Class Training: 28 total hours of training.


FDIC: 9 personnel (8 Paid & 1 Volunteer) attended the 5 day conference, with an average of 16 or 24 hours of training being attended. "Teach-Backs" are already underway, and research has started to look at training some of the instructors from key classes to St. Matthews.

State Training Records Audit: Successfully completed on March 1 with no problems or deficiencies noted.

Current Staffing Levels: Paid - 30  
Volunteer - 10 (6 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls / 2 Recruits)

## April 14, 2011, Trustee Meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



*Leave No  
Te Burn*

**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207  
(502) 893-7825

**William J. Seng  
Fire Chief**

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John Volkerding, Treasurer ✓  
Sam McCune, Secretary ✓

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Rick Tonini ✓  
Jack Monohan ✓  
Bill Lowdenback ✓  
Richard J. Tonini ✓

Trustees Meeting Agenda  
April 14, 2011  
Noon

- I. ✓ Call to Order
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *Approved*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business
  - (a) Cell Tower *Under Review - For Next Meet.*
  - (b) Election - Update *Ed*
- VI. ✓ New Business
  - (a) Lobbyist *Jack*
  - (b) Ethics Policy *Approved - Vote Next Month*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session *None*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on April 21, 2011 at Worthington - 7:00 p.m.
- IX. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on May 4, 2011 - Thursday at NOON

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

April 14, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on April 14, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eifler Called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Eifler, Sam McCune, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan and Rick Tonini and Bill Lowdenback. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Major Dugan, Kent Bewley, Joe Bewley, Ron Renner, Dan Doyle, George Wiggins, Nick Heilmann, Greg Crabb, Louis Stoke.

### Minutes

Rick Tonini motioned to approve the minutes of the March meeting, Jack Monohan seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurers Report

John Volkerding gave the monthly treasurers report, everything looked good

Chief reported that he would be meeting with John Volkerding to review next years budget for next months meeting.

There was a motion to approve the Treasurers Report by Jack Monohan and seconded by Rick Tonini, motion passed unanimously.

### Chief's Report

No new business

Chief Seng requested 7 Expense Authorizations for the month of April.

- Replace the gutters at both stations. Station two the gutter and all downspouts. Station one the main gutter and keep the downspouts. (Station one \$2,624.00), (station two \$7,664.00)

2011

## April 14, 2011, Trustee Meeting:

- Painting of all wood and metal windows (65) at Station One for \$20.00 Each / **Amount \$1300.00**
- Service four windows in the training tower that have broken parts / **Amount \$540.00**
- **Station One:** Pave and stripe small lot / **Amount \$6,100.00**  
Seal and stripe side and rear / **Amount \$2,200.00**  
**Station Two:** Seal and stripe entire lot / **Amount \$3,408.00**
- Remove and replace damaged siding on bottom third of training house / **Amount \$6,375.00**
- Replace 18 year old tool box and basic tools for the maintenance shop at station one / **Amount \$1,200.00**
- Purchase one Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera using funds from AFG Grant / **Amount \$10,300.00**  
**Fema Awarded Grant \$9000.00**  
**St. MFPD match to grant \$1000.00**  
**Additional camera options \$300.00**

Jack Monohan motioned to approve E.A.'s, seconded by Rick Tonini, E.A.'s were approved unanimously.

### Old Business

Chief Seng reported that he received a Lease Agreement from T-Mobile, which he has sent to our attorney for review.

Chairman Eifler indicated that he would like for the board to review the contract before we could commit to the lease agreement.

Chairman Eifler appointed Rick Tonini and Bill Lowdenback to assist the Chief in his fact-finding regarding the cell tower contract.

Chief Seng reported on the upcoming election and advised the board that he has received one application.

Chief Seng advised the board that a chairman has not been appointed for the election committee.

Firefighter Rep. Sam McCune was appointed to the chairman of the election committee.

### New Business

Rick Tonini reported that Howdy Curtsinger and Jack Reckner would like for all representatives of the trustees association to go back there Fire Districts Board of Trustees to get approval for Howdy and Jack to represent the Fire Districts in Frankfort.

John Volkerding motioned that the Board approve Howdy Curtsinger and Jack Reckner to represent St. Matthews Fire Dist. in Frankfort. Seconded by Rick Tonini and motioned passed unanimously.

Chairman Eifler would like for the District to adopt a Code of Ethics, it was tabled to next months meeting due to the fact that all trustees have not read the revised code of ethics.

### Executive Session

No Business For Executive Session

The next Trustees meeting will be held on May 12, 2011 at 12:00 Noon.

Bill Lowdenback made a motion to end the meeting at 12:54 P.M. Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

## Capital Expenditure List

2011-2012

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Second Exhaust Drop for Station 2          | \$2,000         |
| Replace two plastic skylights at Station 1 | \$3,000         |
| Repair Station 1 & 2 Alarm System          | \$4,000         |
| Replace SCBA mask webbing                  | \$6,000         |
| Asphalt paving for Station 2               | \$15,000        |
| Replacement Pick-Up Truck                  | \$30,000        |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$60,000</b> |

2011

April 14, 2011, STMFD:



**End of April—Harrods Creek Station 2 (River Road) moved apparatus and men to STMFD Station 2.**

**Two men in kayaks paddle through a neighborhood inundated with flood waters off River Rd. near Blankenbaker. (By Pat McDonogh, The Courier-Journal) April 26, 2011**



**The intersection of River Rd. and Zorn Avenue shows the rising flood waters of the Ohio River. (By Pat McDonogh, The Courier-Journal) April 26, 2011**





April 27, 2011, *The Courier-Journal*:



April 27, 2011

## St. Matthews opens ball season with new name

Parade kicks off Cal Ripken League

By Martha Elson  
melson@courier-journal.com

Parents and players were pelted with rain as they assembled for the annual opening-day parade for the St. Matthews Baseball and Softball season on a recent Saturday morning.

Nevertheless, Dennis Bincoe of Plainview was upbeat. "It's a beautiful day for baseball!" he proclaimed, as he and his son, Zack, 5, briskly approached the parade assembly area in the parking lot at St. Matthews Baptist Church on Grandview Avenue.

Participants ate from soggy boxes of doughnuts, and the parade went off as planned — with St. Matthews Fire Protection District trucks sounding their sirens while carrying wet players down Shelbyville Road.

A black pickup decorated with orange balloons and filled with players wearing Orioles T-shirts tried to keep up spirits by blasting out Queen's "We Will Rock You."

That's the spirit that has kept the ball program going since 1953, making it one of the oldest in the state, said Bo Phillips, the league's executive director. "We're thriving," he said.

Because of the rain and muddy fields, the opening day's games were canceled, and the customary opening-day ceremonies at McCandless Field at St. Matthews Community Center Park on Ten Pin Lane were abbreviated.

Most of the games were made up the next day, and the season is now in full swing. "We play nonstop Monday through Saturday and rainouts on Sunday," Phillips said. "We're playing every night and all day Saturday."

Games begin at 6 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Nonparticipants are welcome to watch.

The league has about 1,100 participants, up from about 800 in years past when it just had five fields instead of six, Phillips said.

Participation has been "very steady, very solid over the years," despite competition from other sports, such as soccer and — the latest big draw — lacrosse, he said. "We survived that."

The program is making a transition this spring to an affiliation with a new national organization after more than 50 years with Little League Baseball.

The older St. Matthews players have long been affiliated with Babe Ruth Baseball. Now the younger players will compete in Cal Ripken Baseball, a division of Babe Ruth. The switch brings all programs under the same umbrella and will give the younger players more opportunities for postseason tournament play, St. Matthews president Dick Farmer said.

Farmer, who lives off La Grange Road near Factory Lane, has a son, Robbie, 21, who played in the league from age 8 to 13.

The league has a tryout day, and all players are drafted. New teams are formed each year, so players can move about and they all get to know one another, he said. The league has attracted new

participants by adding softball and lowering the age to 4-year-olds, who play "Wee Ball," a simplified version of T-ball.

The upper age for players has been 15, although it may be extended this year. The organization also added an early spring league about four years ago and has had a fall league off and on.

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

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May 10, 2011, WHAS11:

Lyndon's aerial was out of service so STMFD was called.



## Two men caulking rescued after being stranded 6 floors up



Two men caulking rescued after being stranded 6 floors up

WHAS11.com

Posted on May 10, 2011 at 3:10 PM

Updated Tuesday, May 10 at 6:49 PM

Louisville, Ky. (WHAS11) – Two men caulking were stranded Tuesday, six floors up, on the side of the 8 story black tower at Hurstbourne Park Plaza on Hurstbourne Lane and Shelbyville Road.

The Lyndon and St. Matthews fire departments came to the scene for the rescue.

The St. Matthews aerial ladder truck reached the men, and both of them walked down the ladder steps to safety with no problems. Their washing platform malfunctioned and would not lower to the ground.



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**May 9, 2011, STMFD:**

Volunteer – 10 (6 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls / 2 Recruits)



2011

## May 12, 2011, Trustee Meeting:

Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives



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Rick Tonini  
Robert J. Seng

Trustees Meeting Agenda  
May 12, 2011  
Noon

- I. ✓ Call to Order *C. Seng*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report  
✓ (a) Budget 2011-2012 *Bill to Fire Protection Costs*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business  
  - ✓ (a) Cell Tower - Update - Seng
  - ✓ (b) Election - Update - McCune
  - ✓ (c) Lobbyist - Update
  - ✓ (d) Ethics Policy *Approved*
- VI. ✓ New Business  
  - ✓ (a) Fire Works Ordinance - Seng *Approved*
  - ✓ (b) Change June Meeting Date
- VII. ✓ Executive Session *None*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on June 16, 2011 at PRP #6 - 7:00 p.m.
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on June 13, 2011 - Wednesday at NOON

adopt the fireworks sale ordinance, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the ethics policy and fireworks ordinance is attached to be filed with the minutes.

### Executive Session

None

Jack Monohan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45PM, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on June 13th at 12:00 Noon at Station 1.

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

May 12, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on May 12, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Eiffer called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Eiffer, Sam McCune, Bill Lowdenback, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Seng, Major Dugan, Mike Willinger, Patrick Montague, Rickie Tapp, Charles McCune and Jordan Davis.

### Minutes

Rick Tonini motioned to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Bill Lowdenback seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

John Volkerding reported that the financials are in good shape. John made a few statements concerning the overall budget appearance. He stated that the district was above predictions for CD Interest Income, overall the budgeted expenses have stayed within the budgeted categories. The overtime budget is the only issue on expenses that needs to be addressed in the near future.

There was much discussion by the board on how to effectively manage overtime costs that are steadily increasing every year. The discussion was opened to the firefighters at the meeting. An overtime committee was established to address the issue and consists of Major Dave Dugan, Bill Lowdenback, Rick Tonini and Sam McCune with ex-officio members Chief Seng and Chairman Eiffer.

Chief Seng and John Volkerding collectively worked together to create the fiscal year 2012 budget for approval. Chief Seng presented the Board with three budget drafts. Chief Seng stated that our CERS expenses will increase by \$50,000 in the next fiscal year. Several budget categories were evaluated more closely to help the district save money, such as the district's physical fitness program. It was suggested to combine the Station 1 and Station 2 workouts into one combined workout, therefore cutting the cost of that expense in half. Capital Expenditures requested for fiscal year 2012 totaled to \$60,000.

After much discussion about the budget, Sam McCune made a motion to adopt the budget with a 2% salary increase, John Volkerding seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the financials as given, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that Captain Ryan has been selected as the 2010 Kiwanis Firefighter of the Year. He will be honored at a luncheon at the St. Matthews Community Center on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Seng reported that the apparatus issue is still ongoing with the Cummins Cumberland/Pierce-Finley invoice for warranty work performed on the 2659 jake brake.

Chief Seng requested one EA for the month of May.

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| MNJ Technologies | Replacement Computers for Station 1 | \$1,500.00 |
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Jack Monohan motioned to approve the requested EA, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Sam McCune reported that the election committee met and has received two submissions. Sergeant Greg Crabb and Marshal John Volkerding have submitted their nomination forms. The firefighter election will be held on June 25, 2011 from 11:00AM-2:00PM at Station 1.

Rick Tonini gave a lobbyist update on Senate Bill 144. He recently attended a Jefferson County Fire Chief's meeting to ask fire districts to sign a petition allowing each individual district to set their own tax rate.

Chairman Eiffer has spearheaded an effort to adopt the Fire District's ethics policy and with the help of Mo Byrne has compiled a new ethics policy for the St. Matthews Fire District Board of Trustees.

After some changes in the wording of the ethics policy, Jack Monohan made a motion to approve the policy, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

### New Business

Chief Seng and Captain Don Ryan have been working on a new ordinance that would restrict the sale and use of certain fireworks in the St. Matthews Fire District. Chief Seng recommended that the Board adopt a fireworks sale ordinance regulating and prohibiting the sale and use of certain fireworks. Jack Monohan made a motion to



## May 12, 2011, Trustee Meeting:

# CODE OF ETHICS OF THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**SECTION 1. STANDARDS.** The Trustees, Firefighters and Employees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District are dedicated to the highest moral and ethical standards in the operation of its fire department for the citizens of the district.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Code of Ethics is to clearly state the standards of ethical conduct and financial disclosure requirements for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and is enacted under the power vested in the Board of Trustees by KRS 75.120.

## SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS.

(A) "Business" means any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, trust, or any other legal entity through which business is conducted for profit.

(B) "Employee" means any person, whether full-time or part-time, who is employed by the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

(C) "Family member" means a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent or grandchild.

(D) "Firefighter" refers to the chief, officers, and members, whether volunteer or paid, of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

(E) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, an unemancipated child, or a dependent of a trustee, firefighter, or employee.

## STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

**SECTION 4. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN GENERAL.** Every trustee, firefighter, and employee of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District shall comply with the following standards of conduct:

(A) No trustee, firefighter, and employee, or any immediate family member, shall have an interest in a business that conflicts with the proper discharge of his/her public duties.

(B) No trustee, firefighter, or employee shall use his/her official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages.

(C) No trustee, firefighter, or employee shall take or refrain from taking any action on a St. Matthews Fire Protection District matter in order to obtain a financial benefit for: (1) him or herself; (2) a family member; (3) an outside employer; (4) any business in which he/she or any family member has a financial interest.

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a financial interest, which has been entered into, awarded, or granted by the St. Matthews Fire Protection District; (4) The date, amount, and specific type of any gifts worth more than twenty dollars (\$20.00); or, (5) The date, amount, and specific action of any use of time, funds, personnel, equipment, or other personal or real property, of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District for the private use of the trustee, officer, firefighter, member, employee, or any other person, not specifically authorized by a written policy of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

**SECTION 14. NONCOMPLIANCE WITH FILING REQUIREMENTS.** The Board may take legal action to void any contract entered into in violation of this Ethics Code.

## SECTION 15. NEPOTISM PROHIBITED.

(A) No trustee, firefighter, or employee of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District shall be solely responsible for the: (1) employment; (2) appointment; (3) promotion; (4) transfer; or, (5) advancement; of a family member within the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

(B) No trustee, firefighter, or employee of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District shall be solely responsible for the supervision of the work of a family member.

(C) No trustee, firefighter, or employee shall participate alone in any action relating to the employment or discipline of a family member, although this prohibition shall not prevent a trustee from voting on or working on a budget that includes compensation for a family member as a member of a class of persons.

## ENFORCEMENT

### SECTION 16. ETHICS COMMITTEE CREATED.

(A) There is hereby created an Ethics Committee that shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Board, and shall include: (1) one firefighter trustee; (2) one property owner non-firefighter trustee; and, (3) one trustee appointed by the Louisville Metro Mayor. The members shall serve a term of one (1) year.

(B) The Ethics Committee shall have authority to investigate complaints with regard to alleged violations of the Ethics Code and to refer information concerning alleged violations to the Board of Trustees.

(C) The Ethics Committee may either conduct its own investigation or refer a matter to other for investigation.

**SECTION 17. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Code of Ethics shall take full force and effect immediately.

ADOPTED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2011.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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## SECTION 5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN CONTRACTS.

(A) No trustee, firefighter, or employee of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District shall directly or through others execute or benefit from any contract entered into by the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, except as follow:

(1) This prohibition does not apply to contracts before a trustee, firefighter, or employee become part of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

(2) This prohibition does not apply if the contract is awarded after public notice and competitive bidding and the trustee, firefighter, or employee does not participate in any aspect of the contract.

(3) This prohibition does not apply if: (a) the specific nature of the contract is publicly disclosed and made a part of the official minutes of the Board of Trustees before the contract is executed; and, (b) The Board of Trustees determines that the contract is in the best interests of the public and the Fire Protection District.

(B) If any violation of this section occurs, the Board of Trustees may take legal action to void any contract entered into in violation of this section.

## SECTION 6. RECEIPT OF GIFTS.

(A) Any gifts worth more than twenty dollars (\$20.00) received by an individual trustee, firefighter, or employee, in his/her official capacity from someone outside the St. Matthews Fire Protection District shall be reported in writing to the Board of Trustees within forty-five (45) days of receipt.

(B) No individual trustee, firefighter, or employee shall solicit or accept any gift from outside the St. Matthews Fire Protection District under circumstances from which it could be inferred that the gift was intended to influence the performance of his/her public duties.

## SECTION 7. USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL.

(A) No individual trustee, firefighter, or employee of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District shall use or permit the use of any Fire Protection District time, funds, personnel, equipment, or any other property, for the private use of any person, unless the use is specifically authorized by a written policy of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

## SECTION 8. REPRESENTATION OF INTERESTS BEFORE BOARD.

(A) No trustee, firefighter, or employee shall represent any person or business, other than the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, in connection with any matter pending before the Board of Trustees.

(B) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any trustee, firefighter, or employee from representing himself or herself in matters concerning his/her interests.

(C) No member of the Board shall be prohibited from requesting information on behalf of residents of the St. Matthews Fire District if no compensation is received.

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**SECTION 9. Misuse of Confidential Information.** No trustee, firefighter, or employee of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District shall use or disclose any information acquired in the course of his/her official duties for the purpose of furthering his or her personal financial interest or that of another person or business. Information shall be deemed confidential, if it is not subject to disclosure pursuant to the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.872 to 61.884, at the time of its use or disclosure.

## FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

**SECTION 10. WHO MUST FILE.** Any trustee, firefighter, or employee of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District shall file a statement of financial disclosure if:

(A) Trustee, firefighter, or employee; family member; an outside employer; any business in which trustee, firefighter, or employee, or any family member has a financial interest; has undertaken, executed, or held any contract with the St. Matthews Fire Protection District; or,

(B) The trustee, firefighter, or employee has received any gifts worth more than twenty dollars (\$20.00), whether in the form of money, service, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or any other form; or,

(C) The trustee, firefighter, or employee has used or permitted the use of any time, funds, personnel, equipment, or other property, of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District that is not specifically authorized by a written policy of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

## Section 11. WHEN TO FILE STATEMENTS; AMENDED STATEMENTS.

(A) Initial statement of financial interests shall be filed with Ethics Committee no later than June 30, 2011. All subsequent statements of financial interest shall be filed no later than June 30 of each year, provided that: (1) Trustee, firefighter, or employee newly appointed to shall file his or her initial statement no later than thirty (30) days after the date of appointment; and, (2) A candidate for Board shall file his or her initial statement no later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the person becomes a candidate for an elected position on the Board.

(B) In the event there is a material change in any information contained in a financial statement that has been filed with the Ethics Committee, the trustee, firefighter, or employee shall, no later than thirty (30) days after becoming aware of the material change, file an amended statement with the Ethics Committee.

**SECTION 12. CUSTODY OF STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS.** The Board shall be the custodian of the statements of financial interests as public documents available for public inspection immediately upon filing.

## SECTION 13. CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS STATEMENT.

(A) The statement of financial interest shall include the following information for the preceding fiscal year: (1) Full legal name and home address; (2) Current business address and telephone number; (3) The date, amount, and specific nature of any contract by any business in which the trustee, firefighter, or employee, or any family member has

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May 17, 2011, WAVE3:

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May 31, 2011, *The Courier-Journal*:



## New ethics code passed by St. Matthews Fire District

Posted: May 17, 2011 5:18 PM CDT

Updated: May 17, 2011 5:18 PM CDT

Posted by Charles Gazaway - [email](#)

ST. MATTHEWS, KY (WAVE) – The St. Matthews fire board has passed a new code of ethics for its trustees, firefighters and employees.

The new Code of Ethics targets several issues, including standards of conduct, conflicts of interest and use of fire district property.

The document is the result of a push by the Louisville Metro Council for more transparency in Metro departments.

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## St. Matthews triathlete prepares to compete again in Golden Gate prison break challenge

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Dan Green is with daughter Emily, 6, during last year's Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon. (Courtesy of Dan Green)

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Police Station  
ALBUQUERQUE  
St. Matthews

Dan Green knows what it takes to break out of prison.

The 48-year-old St. Matthews resident has never served time in the big house, but he escaped ALCATRAZ, an infamous prison in San Francisco, last year and will do it again Sunday.

Green, the vice president of enterprise technology at a software company in Anchorage, isn't involved in a traditional prison break.

He's competing in the amateur division of the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon, a race once described as the most dangerous triathlon in the world. It will mark Green's second straight year competing in the event.



Dan Green has participated in more than 100 triathlons and is preparing to run in the Escape from Alcatraz race, which is considered to be the toughest triathlon in the world. Here Dan is with his daughter, Emily, 6, May 19, 2011. (Copyright: The Courier-Journal May 19, 2011) (AP Photo)

The St. Matthews volunteer firefighter and Belknap University graduate calls the Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon the ultimate challenge.

"I saw it on television once and realized I had to do it," said Green, who has completed in roughly 100 triathlons.

Green's wife, Lynette, and daughters Emily, 6, and Lucy, 6, will [join](#) in San Francisco with him. Last year, Emily crossed the finish line with Green. This year, both daughters plan to cross it with him.

The race, which totals 27.5 miles, begins with a plunge into 54-degree [water](#) off the coast of Alcatraz island. The chilly water turns the swim and requires most swimmers to wear two swim caps, Green said. From there, Green and roughly 2,000 triathletes from around the world will battle a 47½-mile course as they swim 1½ miles to Marina Green.

"You have 5 million gallons of water ebbing and flowing off the coast," said Eric Gilsenan, a Napa, Calif., native who has participated in the race a record 22 consecutive times. "It's like swimming in a river."

After the swim, participants will run roughly a mile to get to their bicycles. In most triathlons, bicycles are near the swimming portion, but because of the frigid water, Escape from Alcatraz gives its participants a longer distance to warm up. When the transition station was closer to the water, participants would fall off their bicycles because they were so cold, Gilsenan said.

Riders will mount their bicycles and embark on an 18-mile ride through San Francisco. The triathlon's bicycle course loops through the city's streets and past several landmarks, including Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway, before returning to Marina Green.

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Green said cycling San Francisco's streets is tough because of the city's many hills.

Several times during last year's race, Green found himself standing on his bike pedals, struggling to trek up the steep hills.

Upon completion of the cycling portion, racers will run an eight-mile course that takes them through a military bunker, under the [Golden Gate Bridge](#), and up and down roughly 70 flights of stairs.

"The run is misleading because it's really an obstacle course," Green said.

In last year's race, Green finished 865th out of 1,800 racers in the overall race and 103rd out of 194 in his division.

Preparation for Alcatraz is unlike training for any other triathlon, Green said. He bikes and runs in the spring, summer and fall. While he would normally start swimming a few weeks before other triathlons, he began training in the pool six months prior to last year's race and continues to swim regularly.

"If you stop swimming out there, you could legitimately die," he said.

In addition to [biking](#), running and swimming, Green has served for nine years as a volunteer firefighter for St. Matthews Fire Protection District. Firefighting complements triathlon training, he said.

"People do Alcatraz in three hours and are worn out," he said. "You fight fires for five minutes and you'll feel the same way."

Green and his family will leave for San Francisco on Friday.



June 5, 2011, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Crusade for Children collects \$5.1 million, down from last year

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY - SOUTHERN INDIANA

Firefighters and dozens of other groups in Kentucky and Southern Indiana collected more than \$5.1 million this year for the WHAS Crusade for Children, a decline of \$179,301 over last year.

Crusade officials blamed the decrease on a still-struggling local economy, high [gasoline prices](#) and sweltering temperatures during one of the final collection days on Saturday.

The 58th annual fundraiser for special-needs children netted \$5,121,888, falling short of last year's \$5,301,182 and more than a million dollars behind the record set in 2003, when the drive reached \$6.3 million.

"I think this says people in Kentuckiana are still having a really hard time," Dawn Lee, the Crusade's president and chief operating officer, said moments after the telethon at the WHAS television studios in downtown Louisville went off the air at 7 p.m. Sunday.

She said Crusade officials are grateful so many individuals and organizations dug deep to [help others](#).

"Five million dollars is still tremendous for this community to come up with."



The telethon normally continues until late Sunday night, but the on-air portion was cut short because the television station was airing the National Basketball Association finals.

The money will go to pay more than 200 requests for assistance totaling \$11 million.

Most of the area's top contributors hit the board again this year. Among fire agencies, Pleasure Ridge Park, which led in [donations](#) last year, was the top contributor with \$301,097. Fern Creek finished second with \$251,668. McMahan was third with \$128,358.

In Indiana, Lafayette Township Volunteer Fire Department's was the leader with \$65,674, nearly \$10,000 higher than the next closest, the Jeffersonville Fire Department, which rounded up \$55,920.

Just as it was last year, the largest non-fire department contributor was the Archdiocese of Louisville, which collected \$222,215 this year.

"Given all the challenges, I think this is really generous," Louisville Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz told WHAS Radio's Terry Meiners as he announced during the telethon the total collected by dozens of area Catholic churches.

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The amount represented an increase in the Archdiocese's contribution of \$6,215 over last year.

Fire departments, which raise about 60 percent of the Crusade's funds, have been at the heart of fundraiser, the city's most visible and successful telethon. But the indictment last year of the Crusade's former board chairman, ex-McMahan Fire Chief Paul Barth, on federal mail fraud, money laundering and other charges — including allegations he embezzled at least \$189,000 from the Crusade — had raised concerns the scandal would cut donations. Barth is facing trial in October.

The Crusade has tightened controls on handling cash and other procedures. While Crusade officials aren't sure how the problems affected donations, Lee said, "we're just hoping to get this behind us. For us, it's really a situation that's out of our control now."

Firefighter representatives were upbeat about the job they did this year. A tired-looking Joe Bowman, with the Pleasure Ridge Park department, who coordinates fundraising for the Jefferson County suburban fire departments, said he and other firefighters are proud of their work. They were moved by the generosity they saw in people as they asked for donations.

"I wasn't sure how it was going to go this year with the way the economy's been the last two to three years," Bowman said. "I was kind of skeptical (but) this community and this organization pour out everything they have."

The nonprofit Crusade traditionally divides all contributions to organizations that serve youngsters in Kentucky and Southern Indiana. In 2010, 211 agencies submitted requests for about \$11 million in funding, and the Crusade distributed \$5.3 million among 203 groups.

This year, more than 200 agencies have applied for funding for about \$11 million, and an advisory council has been evaluating requests. The group is expected to forward recommendations to the full Crusade board by mid-June.





2011

## June 6, 2011, Chief Seng letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: June 6, 2011  
Re: Overtime Study Committee Research

Attached is some information that was gathered by the Overtime Study Committee that was established at the last Trustees meeting. It covers a wide range of topics and ideas on how to possibly reduce the overtime budget.

Although no recommendation from the committee is ready at this time, further research is needed to study and analyze how each idea would impact the overall operation of the department.

Please review the attached documents in case the discussion is brought up at the Trustees meeting on Monday.

Thanks!

May 20, 2011

To: Chief Seng, Trustee Tonini, Trustee Lowdenback

From: Trustee McCune, Major Dugan

Subject: Overtime Research

On May 17, 18 and 19, 2011 Sam McCune and I met with each crew and the day staff. We met with the station 1 crew at 10:00 and the station 2 crew at 11:00am. Almost every meeting lasted an hour, with some going over an hour. Only one member was not able to attend so we received feedback from an excellent cross section of the department. We outlined the purpose of the meeting as being "the overtime budget (cost) is getting too high" and our problem was stated as "how can we (firefighters) control overtime expenses".

After we explained the purpose of the meeting we asked anyone that had an idea to bring it forward and we wrote it on a dry erase board. We asked for any ideas from the obvious to the most farfetched, and we got a lot of both. The list on the next page is in no particular order, it is listed as it was presented by the group.

Later in the week the discussion went from new ideas to ideas that the group did not like and ideas that need more investigation. The ideas highlighted in blue are ideas they felt should be investigated more, ideas in red they did not like, and ideas in black are ideas they felt were self explanatory and they were neutral on. You may not understand some of these ideas using the short explanation on the list so we would like to meet in the next week or two to discuss the findings.

Nuggets from the overtime committee meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Overtime statistics from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011, these days could have been from vacation or sick time,

- 1 person was off 141 days
- 2 people were off 68 days
- 3 people were off 14 days
- 4 people were off 3 days

Given this information there were 226 days that at least one person was off in the 12 month period. The overtime cost for one person to be off those 226 days is \$108,480. 226 days x 24 hours x \$20 (approximate average hourly rate) = \$108,480.

If a fifth person were on each shift this would result in a cost savings of \$108,480.

If the day staff were to cover the vacation or sick shift from 8-5pm the approximate cost savings would be \$28,980. 226 days/7 days a week x 5 days a week = 161 weekdays available. 161 days x \$20 = \$28,980.

During the recording period 24/7 personnel accumulated 736 overtime hours from responding to fire runs off duty incurring a cost of \$14,720. 736 hours x \$20 = \$14,720.

We were unable to capture the amount of overtime spent to cover a position while someone was on outside training. This figure would include the member at the training (on their scheduled duty day) and any fill in needed for the duty position.

## Ideas to Lower Overtime Budget

Day staff covers 8-5

Eliminate off duty response.

Overtime (OT) selection starts at the firefighter level and progresses up.

Hire part time personnel for extended leave. (medical, injuries)

Drop minimum manning to three.

Hire part time personnel to cover regular shifts.

Put fifth person on company (move three day staff to 24 hour shifts).

Only one member off per shift.

Brown out station two.

Vacation time buy back.

Hire one firefighter to float 24 hour shifts.

Limit outside training.

Cut one vacation day from each member.

Reassign day staff to shifts during extended leaves.

Create shift spot using day staff floater.

Personnel sharing with neighboring departments.

Sick time buy back.

Enforce OT policy/trade/share OT shifts.

Sick time policy modification/doctors note after first sick day.

OT for training, take the OT cost from the training budget.



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June 7, 2011, WHAS11.com:

## Tanker truck carrying a septic tank catches fire on I-71 N

by Mike Colombo

 Recommend 1

WHAS11.com

Posted on June 7, 2011 at 5:49 PM

Updated yesterday at 12:46 AM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11)- A septic truck caught fire Tuesday evening on I-71 N, shutting down traffic in both directions.

"I'm riding in the hammer lane and I felt like a 'boof!' I looked back and you could hear it roaring like a flame. I looked out the mirror and the whole side was engulfed in flames," said truck driver Bob Peele.



That is what Peele saw from the cabin of his B&H Environmental truck. From the sky, you could see thick black smoke filling the air as flames shooting from the trucks front end.

Fire crews from St. Matthews and Harrods Creek teamed up to contain and eventually put out the fire, but several obstacles stood in their way.

"There were tires and other things exploding. We did make sure the saddle tanks had released before we went in and attacked, but they were blowing off as we arrived," said Mike Hilliard, Harrods Creek's fire captain.

The charred truck cabin shows the damage the fire caused. It is still unclear how the fire started.

Inspectors from the Department of Transportation checked the overpasses steel support beams to make sure it was safe.

"I've been driving 22 years. I've never seen anything like it. I've seen fires but I've never actually been involved in one. It happened so fast you didn't know what to do besides keep people safe," said Peele.

Andrea Clifford with the Kentucky Department of Transportation says the heat from those flames Tuesday caused some warping to the steel support beams underneath the overpass but not enough to close the overpass.

Clifford says repairs will take place, but there is no time table yet for when those repairs are scheduled to start.

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June 7, 2011, WHAS11.com:



June 7, 2011, WAVE3:

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### Semi fire on Interstate 71

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Posted: Jun 07, 2011 4:56 PM CDT  
Updated: Jun 07, 2011 5:12 PM CDT

Posted by Charles Gazaway - email

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) – Emergency crews remain on the scene where a tanker trailer was burning on northbound Interstate 71 at mile marker 6.

The scene under the Lime Kiln Lane overpass of I-71 and just north of the split with the Watterson Expressway (I-264).

No injuries have been reported, but northbound traffic heading toward the Gene Snyder Freeway (I-265/KY 841) will be impacted.

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2011

## June 8, 2011, Chief Seng letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: June 8, 2011  
Re: District Activity



The June Trustees meeting is this Monday at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Eifler or myself if you are unable to attend.

Another WHAS Crusade for Children is over with and in the books. Crusade Chairman John Volkerding will give his final report during the Trustees meeting.

### Other District Updates for May 2011.

#### Apparatus:

2603: has had both front window motors replaced.  
2633: is having an AC blower replaced, also several wiring plugs were found damaged and will be replaced.  
2634: will be having the rear brake chambers repaired soon.  
2658: had the rear springs repaired and all four brakes repaired.  
2659: will have an air filter bracket replaced under warranty.

#### Facilities:

Awaiting word on the lower roof at station one, should hear back by the board meeting.  
Four windows in the training tower have been repaired.  
The bad siding has been replaced around the bottom 8' of the training building. We're waiting on the price to have the outside painted and should have something by the board meeting.  
The gutters at both stations that were leaking have been replaced.  
The station one windows should be painted any day.  
LG&E was able to credit our account regarding the natural gas billing problem at station two.  
Small parking lot paved and striped at station one, remaining lot sealing and striping any day.

#### Inspections:

Existing building inspections 197 completed

New construction projects in review or opening:

|                      |                      |  |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Trader Joe's         | 4600 Shelbyville Rd. | In review.                             |
| Davita Dialysis      | 4600 Shelbyville Rd. | Initial inspection.                    |
| McAllister's Deli    | 980 Breckinridge Ln. | Final completed and open for business. |
| Westport Senior Care | 4247 Westport Rd.    | Final inspection completed.            |
| Panera Bread         | 6221 Dutchmans Ln.   | In review                              |

### Other interesting news

Captain Ryan has had a second safety committee meeting with Metro council members regarding a countywide fireworks ordinance. No decision has been made.

Captain Ryan has contacted the Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office and I.P.L. about the St. Matthews Fireworks ordinance and is ready to enforce.

#### Fire Prevention:

The members of the fire district participated in 3 Community Risk Reduction events in May. We are continuing to get our fire safety message out to the members of the community through these endeavors.

#### Training:

General FD Training (4 weeks / 14 classes / 3 hours per class / 42 total hours of training)

Recruit Class Training (4 weeks / 4 classes / 4 hours per class / 16 total hours of training)

Special Teams – Capt Richardson assisted the Joint Emergency Services Unit with their security details at Oaks & Derby. Sgt Clark is maintaining his training and participation with the Louisville Metro Haz Mat Team. LMUSAR is currently undergoing some changes, and the Dept will be evaluating its support of the team in the next 30-60 days.

Outside Training – Capt Richardson attend the National Fire Service Higher Education Conference at the National Fire Academy in June. Major Dugan is continuing his work for the EFO Program.

#### Current Staffing Levels

Paid – 30

Volunteer – 11 (7 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls / 2 Recruits)





Photo by CHRIS HUMPHREYS / Voice-Tribune  
Westport Road headed west on Chenoweth Lane is now right-turn only.

## Busy St. Matthews intersection changed

By JACOB GLASSNER  
News Editor

The busy five-way intersection at Chenoweth Lane and Shelbyville Road in St. Matthews has undergone a notable change.

Barriers have been installed to prevent drivers headed west on Westport Road from crossing Chenoweth Lane to proceed on to Frankfort

Avenue. The lane is now right-turn only.

Those who wish to access Shelbyville Road are being directed to turn south on St. Matthews Avenue before reaching the intersection.

Andrea Clifford, public information officer for the Kentucky Department of Highways, said the change was made as part of a 2005 federal requirement to improve

safety at the railroad crossing on Chenoweth.

"It's a very unique intersection, but (the change) is to improve safety — that's the first goal of the improvements," she said.

The light at Westport and Chenoweth has been eliminated and having one fewer streetlight phase allows traffic to keep from being stopped on the railroad tracks

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## Busy St. Matthews intersection changed

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when a train is approaching. A second set of crossing gates is to be added soon.

The joint project involved the Highway Department, the Federal Railroad Administration, CSX Transportation, Louisville Metro Public Works and the city of St. Matthews.

Pete Hammer, owner of St. Matthews Hardware, which abuts Westport near the intersection, doesn't like the change.

"Every single person that has come in here has had nothing but negative or ugly things to say about it. Nobody's happy," he said. "I had one customer come in and tell me that he was third in line to turn and waited 20 minutes."

St. Matthews City Councilwoman Mary Jo Nay said she hasn't heard complaints about the intersection.

"I'm sure as people learn the new pattern, they'll easily be able to maneuver through there," she said.

The right turning lane of St. Matthews Avenue was widened in anticipation of increased traffic on that street, said Jim Birch, St. Matthews city engineer.

Birch said his office has gotten calls from people unhappy with the change at the intersection, but he added that drivers might find alternative routes after getting used to the change.

Tammy Gross, vice president of Gross Diamond Co., which is located at 3901 Shelbyville Road adjacent to Westport Road, said she has noticed people cutting through the parking lot of her business to access Shelbyville Road.

"I think it'll become a higher wreck area because people are not obeying the right-turn only rule and simply cutting through," she said.


Contact writer Jacob Glassner at [jacob@voice-tribune.com](mailto:jacob@voice-tribune.com).



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## June 13, 2011, Trustee Meeting:

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Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207  
(502) 863-7825

**William J. Seng  
Fire Chief**

*Learn Not  
To Burn*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Thomas E. Effer, Chairman  
John Volkerding, Treasurer  
Sam McCune, Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Rick Tonini, Chairman  
Bill Lowdenback, Treasurer  
Major Dugan, Secretary

Trustees Meeting Agenda  
June 13, 2011  
Noon

- I. ✓ Call to Order *Now*
- 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 - Seng *Contracts Are Ready to Sign.*
  - ✓ (b) Election - Update - McCune *JUNE 25 11-1*
  - ✓ (c) Overtime Committee Report - Dugan *Report Attached.*
- VI. ✓ New Business
  - (a) Report on Crusade - Volkerding *\$40,100.00 TOTAL*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session *Legal Matter 1:06 - 1:10 \$3,700.00 Extra \$43,800.00 \$ Still Coming In.*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCFA Trustee meeting will be held on June 16, 2011 at PRP 26 - 7:00 p.m. *OK*
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on July 14, 2011 - Thursday at NOON

Rick Tonini moved to approve the amended wording of the Fireworks Ordinance to include "tents" in section 4, paragraph 8. Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session at 1:05PM.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:07PM.

Jack Monohan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:07PM, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on July 14th at 12:00 Noon at Station 1.

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

June 13, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on June 13, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Tom Effer called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Effer, Sam McCune, Bill Lowdenback, John Volkerding, Jack Monohan and Rick Tonini. Also present were Chief Seng, Major Dugan, Nick Clark, Dan Doyle, Greg Crabbs, Brendan Montgomery, Ron Renner, George Wiggins, Charles McCune and Jordan Davis.

### Minutes

Rick Tonini motioned to approve the minutes of the May meeting, Jack Monohan seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

John Volkerding reported that the overall revenue for the Fiscal Year 2011 was down by \$45,000. John reported that the expenses for the Fiscal Year will be about \$15,000-\$20,000 over budget. He reported that Overtime expenses are projected to be \$10,000 over budget, however personnel expenses will be under budget overall.

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the financials as given, Rick Tonini seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the district has received another open records request from Jessie Halladay, a reporter with the Courier Journal. This is similar to the request made last year for financial information from the district. The board agreed that Rick Tonini will be the district's point of contact for any media requests.

Chief Seng reported that Geoghegan has made another offer to repair the first floor roof that is leaking at Station 1. Geoghegan is in the process of preparing a bid for the job.

Chief Seng reported that the district needed to change wording in the Fireworks Ordinance to include a clause concerning tents. Attorney Maurice Byrne will be making the changes and getting a final copy of the ordinance back to Chief Seng.

Chief Seng handed to board the districts Physical Fitness bids for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. There were five bids submitted to the district. A fitness committee met to discuss

the bids and they recommended the Heuser Clinic to lead the fire districts exercise program.

Chief Seng requested two EA's for the month of June.

|                         |   |                   |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>MNJ Technologies</b> | <b>Back-Up Computer Software for Servers</b>  | <b>\$5,868.22</b> |
| <b>Physio-Control</b>   | <b>Annual Maintenance Agreement for AED's</b> | <b>\$1,764.00</b> |

Rick Tonini motioned to approve the requested EA's and the Chief's report, Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Chief Seng gave a cell tower update letting the board know that a contract was received and Rick Tonini and Bill Lowdenback were reviewing the language in the contract. Points were made by the board that the principal site needed to be changed to Station 1 and that a 20 year contract may not be favorable to the board, however this language and length of time is necessary to make both sides a worth while return.

Sam McCune reported that the firefighter election will be held on June 25, 2011 from 11:00AM-2:00PM at Station 1.

Major Dugan reported on the Overtime committee findings. The meetings were conducted by Major Dugan and Sam McCune and they presented the collective ideas and suggestions to the board on how to manage Overtime costs. Rick Tonini mentioned that the Jefferson County Fire Chief's Association had spoken about forming a list of eligible part-time firefighters to fill-in on shifts instead of paying overtime. Rick Tonini made strong points on solutions for the growing overtime costs. The board agreed the district needs to be pro-active in addressing the issue.

John Volkerding reported on Crusade collections. As in past years the scouts volunteered to help by canvassing neighborhoods and helping with mailbox stuffers. The district had a few roadblocks over the Crusade weekend, while the collection envelopes were by far the most effective. John thanked everyone who participated to make it another successful year.

### New Business

Chairman Effer reported that a new board member will be appointed by Mayor Fischer and she will be at the July Trustees meeting. Her name is Christine Kessler and she is a CPA. The board thanked Chairman Effer for his 12 years of service and for all of the accomplishments he has made for the Fire District.

## June 15, 2011, The Voice-Tribune: St. Matthews Community Festival



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June 20, 2011: PDF:



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

GREG FISCHER  
MAYOR

June 20, 2011

Mr. Jim King, President  
Metro Council  
601 West Jefferson Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear President King:

In accordance with the Volunteer Fire Districts Ordinance, I am appointing the following to St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board.

| Name                | Term                               |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sarah Grider Cronan | Mayor's Appointee<br>June 30, 2012 |

Your prompt action on this appointment is most appreciated.

Sincerely,  
  
Greg Fischer  
Mayor

GF/taw

cc: Councilwoman Mary Wonbridge/enclosures  
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## Louisville Metro Government Boards and Commissions Application Form

### Candidate Information

Ms Sarah Grider Cronan  
53 Teepee Road  
Louisville, KY 40207

Home Phone: (502) 1 Business Phone: (502) 461-0543  
Cell Phone: (502) Date Entered: 5/23/2011  
E-mail: sgrider@outlook.com  
Employer: Sites & Harbort, PLLC

Profession/Occupation: Attorney

Interests:  
Public Safety

### Volunteer Activities:

Board of Directors, StageOne Family Theatre aka Stage One Childrens Theatre and Music Theatre Louisville

### Past Service on City and County Boards and Commissions?

No

### Are you employed by Louisville Metro Government?

No

### Do you or a member of your immediate family have ownership interest in any company that does business with Louisville Metro Government?

Yes

Do you or a member of your immediate family have ownership interest in any property that is the subject of a condemnation proceeding, planning and zoning proceeding or any other administrative or court proceeding in which Louisville Metro Government or its agencies are interested parties?

No

### Do you have any contract or matter pending before any Louisville Metro Government agency?

No

### Have you ever been sued by the former City of Louisville, Jefferson County or Louisville Metro Government?

No

### Have you ever been convicted of a felony offense?

No

### Additional Notes:

I believe that my law firm does business with Louisville Metro Government. I have not and am not currently involved in this work.

### Demographics

Race: Caucasian

Gender: F

Date of Birth: 4/4/1963

Party Registration: Dem

Louisville Metro District: 7

## ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### Board of Trustees

REGULAR MEETING: Second Thursday of Each Month  
TIME: 5:30 PM  
LOCATION: Station # 1, 240 Sears Avenue

|                  |  |   |
|------------------|--|---|
| <b>CHAIRMAN:</b> | Tom Eiler<br>4702 Old Brownsboro Court<br>Louisville KY 40207      | Represented: Mayor Appointee<br>Term Expires: 6/30/2011 |
| <b>SECRETARY</b> | Sam McCune<br>251 Wilsonville Heights Drive<br>Louisville KY 40023 | Represented: Firefighters<br>Term Expires: 6/30/2013    |
| <b>TREASURER</b> | John Volkening<br>504 Windsong Place<br>Louisville KY 40207        | Represented: Firefighters<br>Term Expires: 6/30/2011    |
| <b>TRUSTEE:</b>  | Jack Monahan<br>410 Chanywood Road<br>Louisville KY 40207          | Represented: Property Owners<br>Term Expires: 6/30/2012 |
| <b>TRUSTEE:</b>  | Rick Tonkl<br>3508 St. Germaine Court<br>Louisville KY 40207       | Represented: Property Owners<br>Term Expires: 6/30/2014 |
| <b>TRUSTEE:</b>  | Faye Ellerkamp<br>703 Mamfield Road<br>Louisville KY 40207         | Represented: Mayor Appointee<br>Term Expires: 6/30/2012 |
| <b>TRUSTEE:</b>  | Billy Lowdenback<br>3 Brownsboro Hill Road<br>Louisville KY 40207  | Represented: Mayor Appointee<br>Term Expires: 6/30/2013 |



June 22, 2011: A Tornado and very heavy rains hit the Louisville area. I listened on the Radiographic and the alarm office wasn't even using tones, just calling the different departments and giving them runs. At the time I listened Jeffersontown got the most runs. They were staked up.

Note from Rick Tonini—St. Matthews had no damage at all. (we made 5 nothing single company runs) Only heavy rain and a little wind. The storm was unusual because the storm was very compact and carried a lot of rain. I was in the Community Center when the sirens went off and there was absolutely no sign of any weather approaching on the horizon. A short time later firefighters from PRP started reporting funnel clouds in the sky but not on the ground. The clouds came east and then Camp Taylor reported these clouds over Poplar Level and I-264. The news later reported a touch down at Churchill Downs and general area of the barns and neighborhood. I barns were damaged and the buildings around Floyd and Central received major damage. The cloud again went airborne and followed the Watterson Expressway passing directly over the store (The Springs) I watched the storm pass overhead. When the storm reached Jeffersontown it again

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### Mayor praises warning system as National Weather Service confirms two tornados touched down in area

Written by

Chris Quay and Gregory A. Hall

11:33 AM, Jun. 23, 2011

Mayor Greg Fischer praised MetroSafe Communications for its response to severe weather Wednesday when sirens blared for much of the evening to warn residents of a string of storms that produced two confirmed tornadoes and other reports of funnel clouds across the city.

Fischer called the response "good work" at a press conference Thursday morning.

"The alarms were definitely working," he said.

The National Weather Service confirmed two tornados touched down in the area Wednesday evening — one at Churchill Downs and another 2.71 miles west of Jeffersontown.

The track canceled racing Thursday but said it would resume Friday.

While Churchill Downs was hit hard, Fischer said that luckily most of the city escaped serious damage.

Fischer said he was confident crews would have things back to normal in the hardest-hit areas. He said it was too early to assess the monetary damage caused by the storms.

Fischer visited Electron Drive in Jeffersontown Thursday to assess damage sustained by businesses from the storms.

He also planned to visit Churchill Downs, where several barns on the backside were damaged but no people or horses were hurt.

At Oxmoor Collision Center, in the 11500 block of Electron Drive, an exterior wall and some garage and glass doors were damaged, but there was little damage to the building's interior, said Steve Kelly, the center's director.

A gaping hole exposed metal trusses on

dropped to the ground and did some damage to homes and Bluegrass Industrial Park commercial buildings. The 73 Tornado was totally different and did damage to every property in its path. This storm was very selective and did very little damage over all. If it had missed Churchill it would not have made national news.

We did have a working house fire at 412 Cornell. Came in as working structure fire with a rescue (6:45pm). The home was occupied by a 98 year old lady who lived alone. A limb from a tree in the back yard fell and damaged the electrical drop from the pole. The basement caught fire. When Stuart arrived on scene with smoke showing and no rescue. The fire fighters did a great job of containing the fire to the basement and preventing most damage on the first and second floors, (minor smoke damage). I assisted the elderly homeowner to understand the damage and get security repairs started.

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one corner of the building. Much of the metal siding appeared to have peeled off.

No cars were damaged and no was working at the time. The shop opened at its regular time Thursday morning, Kelly said.

"It looks a whole lot worse than it is," he said.

Next door, at Berry Plastics Corporation, there was a large, square hole where siding was missing, but there appeared to be no other structural damage.

About 135 customers in Louisville were still without power as of noon Thursday, according to LG&E. Thousands were without power for much of Wednesday evening in parts of South Louisville near Churchill Downs and the University of Louisville, as well as areas to the north and east.

Bud Schardein, executive director for the Metropolitan Sewer District, said much of the flood water in viaducts and on streets from Wednesday night's storms had receded by Thursday morning. He said he had not received reports of any major residential flooding.

There were concerns about losing power at 57 of the more than 300 rural sanitary sewer pumping stations located throughout the county.

Schardein said outages from storm damage caused the plants to lose power, but

portable generators were going to be put in place while crews work to get power restored.

"It's going to keep us working around the clock for the next couple of days," he said of getting the plants up and running.

The National Weather Service has not confirmed any tornado touchdowns in Shelby, Meade and Oldham counties.

The Churchill Downs backside was one of the hardest hit areas.

The high winds also picked up beams on the side of the barns closest to the track, but track superintendent Butch Lehr said late Wednesday evening that he didn't know of any damage to the track itself, but Bahena said "you don't know how many pieces are going to be in the racetrack."

Wednesday evening's wind gusts were estimated to reach 50 to 70 mph throughout the area, but those were early estimates, said Andrea Schoellmer, a

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weather service meteorologist.

The area received 0.3 to 3 inches of rain, said Robert Szappanos, another meteorologist for the weather service.

Szappanos said the mixture of a cooler frontal boundary moving into an area of warm air caused the unusual string of weather reports.

Several reports of downed trees and wires were taken by MetroSafe Communications throughout the night, many in South Louisville in areas such as Southern Parkway and Third Street; Southern Parkway and Ashland Avenue; Floyd Street and Central Avenue near Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, where utility poles could be seen leaning at about 45 degree angles; and Central Avenue between Second Street and Crittenden.

Also, numerous roads were flooded throughout the area and there were reports of people being trapped by high water, according to MetroSafe. Heavy rain from the storms doused the area, but there were no reports of major injuries from the tornadoes or the flooding.

Many roads had been cleared as of Thursday morning, according to MetroSafe.

There were also several reports of transformer fires in areas such as the 500 block of Evelyn Avenue and the 500 block of Longfield Avenue.

The storms moved eastward from the track, downing wires near Eastern Parkway

and Burnett Avenue and in areas such as Electron Drive and Blankenbaker Parkway, Watterson Trail and Ruckriegel Parkway and Willowood Court and Etnelwood Drive in Jeffersonton.



Dale Roman's barn was one of those damaged by a tornado that touched down Wednesday night on the Churchill Downs backside. (By Gregory A. Hall, The Courier-Journal / June 23, 2011)

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**June 26, 2011, Note from Lyndon Chief Rakestraw—**Around 4:30 am Sunday morning, there was a well involved house fire at 7506 Maria Court in Bancroft. Unit 2658 was first in and then 1631 and it was a defensive operation. The residents were out of town and the cause is undetermined although lightning is a possibility. Lyndon had one unit there (station 2 was browned out) with Worthington, St. Matthews, Harrods creek, Middletown & McMahan responding.

Photo courtesy Wiley Brewer:





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June 29, 2011, Letter:

June 30, 2011, Audit:

June 29, 2011

St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Station 1  
240 Seaton Avenue  
Louisville, Ky. 40207

Attention: Captain Flynn

Dear Captain Flynn,

I would personally like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to you and your staff. On May 4, 2011, my husband, Gregory Logsdon, was injured on a work site. Perhaps you remember the call that a man had cut his leg with a circular saw and was on the roof of a garage.

I would like to let you and your staff know that Gregory has fully recuperated and has returned to work. Thank you for your immediate response to the call for help. Teams like yours make me proud to be a resident of Louisville. Your team took great strides to see that Gregory was taken to the best hospital for his injury.

I will be forever grateful to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, Station 1. Again, Thank You for taking such great care of my husband.

Yours truly,

*Geneva Logsdon*  
Geneva Logsdon

Capt. Frank Flynn  
Sgt. Nick Clark  
FF Nick Heilmann  
FF Kevin Mauldon

Great job guys!  
Thanks  
WJS

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

Combined Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund

June 30, 2011

|  | Assets     | Liabilities and Fund Balance |
|--|------------|------------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  | \$ 151,805 |                              |
| Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other investments | 96,212     |                              |
| Total assets   | 1,741,979  |                              |
| Liabilities  |            |                              |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                      |            | 21,044                       |
| Accrued wages and benefits                                 |            | 27,207                       |
| Total liabilities  |            | 48,251                       |
| Fund balance   |            | 31,212                       |
| Nonspendable   |            |                              |
| Assigned for   |            |                              |
| Capital expenditures                                       |            | 800,000                      |
| Unexpended   |            | 1,265,312                    |
| Total fund balance   |            | 1,365,524                    |
| Total liabilities and fund balance                         |            | 1,413,775                    |

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

Reconciliation of the Combined Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund to the Combined Statement of Net Assets

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Total fund balance for governmental funds   | \$ 1,365,524 |
| Total net assets reported for governmental activities in the 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 | 2,234,406    |
| Total net assets of governmental funds  | \$ 4,135,951 |

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund

Year Ended June 30, 2011

|                                  | Budget       | Actual       | Over (Under) Budget |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Revenues                         |              |              |                     |
| Property taxes                   | \$ 3,427,000 | \$ 3,372,124 | \$ (54,876)         |
| State aid, incentives, and other | 157,200      | 188,440      | 31,240              |
| Interest earnings                | 50,000       | 33,880       | (16,120)            |
| Total revenues                   | 3,634,200    | 3,594,444    | (39,756)            |
| Expenditures                     |              |              |                     |
| Salaries, wages, and benefits    | 3,015,000    | 2,917,348    | (97,652)            |
| Contracted services              | 306,500      | 284,564      | (21,936)            |
| Materials and supplies           | 67,800       | 65,718       | (2,082)             |
| Administration                   | 36,300       | 36,376       | 76                  |
| Debt service                     | -            | 300,000      | 300,000             |
| Principal payment                | -            | 3,520        | 3,520               |
| Interest                         | 212,000      | 26,730       | (185,270)           |
| Capital outlay                   | -            | 800,000      | 800,000             |
| Total expenditures               | 3,634,200    | 3,617,526    | (16,674)            |
| Net change in fund balance       | \$ -         | (23,312)     | \$ (23,312)         |
| Fund balance, beginning of year  |              | 31,212       |                     |
| Fund balance, end of year        |              | 8,900        |                     |

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

Combined Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2011

| Assets   | Governmental Activity |
|--|-----------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  | \$ 151,805            |
| Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other investments | 96,212                |
| Capital assets, net of depreciation                        | 2,234,406             |
| Total assets   | 4,184,223             |
| Liabilities and Net Assets                                 |                       |
| Liabilities  |                       |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                      | 21,044                |
| Accrued wages and benefits                                 | 27,207                |
| Total liabilities  | 48,251                |
| Net assets:  |                       |
| Investment in capital assets                               | 2,234,406             |
| Unrestricted   | 1,901,545             |
| Total net assets   | 4,135,951             |
| Total liabilities and net assets                           | \$ 4,184,202          |

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

Combined Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2011

|                                  | Governmental Activity |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Expenses:                        |                       |
| Salaries, wages, and benefits    | \$ 2,917,348          |
| Operating expenses               | 873,604               |
| Interest expense                 | 8,520                 |
| Depreciation expense             | 270,020               |
| Total expenses                   | 3,969,592             |
| General revenues:                |                       |
| Property taxes                   | 3,372,124             |
| State aid, incentives, and other | 188,440               |
| Interest earnings                | 33,880                |
| Total general revenues           | 3,594,444             |
| Change in net assets             | 26,940                |
| Net assets, beginning of year    | 4,109,011             |
| Net assets, end of year          | \$ 4,135,951          |

ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

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  | \$ (23,312) |
| 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 (\$270,020) exceeded capital outlays (\$26,940) in the current period. | (243,290)   |
| In governmental funds, notes payable are considered a source and use of financing, but in the combined statement of net assets, these obligations are reported as a liability. Therefore, principal payments on these obligations are not considered an expense in the combined statement of activities.                                   | 300,000     |
| Change in net assets of governmental activities  | \$ 26,940   |

Investments

At June 30, 2011, the District's investment balances were as follows:

|  | Maturity         | Amortized Cost | Fair Value   |
|--|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Certificates of deposit                    | 6-85 months      |                |              |
| Interest rates ranging from 1.49% to 2.25% | weighted average | \$ 1,741,979   | \$ 1,741,979 |

Interest Rate Risk - The District does not have a formal written investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from changes in interest rates.

4. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2011 was as follows:

|                                | Beginning Balance | Additions | Disposals | Ending Balance |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Buildings and improvements     | \$ 2,155,866      | \$ 30,561 | \$ -      | \$ 2,186,427   |
| Fire-fighting equipment        | 2,369,442         | -         | -         | 2,369,442      |
| Other equipment                | 622,526           | 53,169    | -         | 675,695        |
| Vehicles                       | 270,419           | -         | (32,824)  | 237,595        |
| Total cost                     | 5,388,053         | 83,730    | (32,824)  | 5,438,959      |
| Less accumulated depreciation: |                   |           |           |                |
| Buildings and improvements     | (1,331,115)       | (63,210)  | -         | (1,394,325)    |
| Fire-fighting equipment        | (1,193,001)       | (123,052) | -         | (1,316,053)    |
| Other equipment                | (432,673)         | (44,294)  | -         | (476,967)      |
| Vehicles                       | (147,568)         | (35,425)  | 32,824    | (150,169)      |
| Total accumulated depreciation | (2,904,357)       | (275,981) | 32,824    | (3,147,514)    |
| Net book value                 | \$ 2,483,696      | \$ 56,749 | \$ -      | \$ 2,540,445   |



2011

## July 11, 2011, Chief Seng letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: July 11, 2011  
Re: Activity Report

The July Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 12:00 noon. Please contact me if you are unable to attend.

Today was the first day the crews worked with the new personal trainers from the Heuser Clinic. They are providing 6 days a week physical training services for everyone between the hours of 8:15 am to 10:15am, Monday through Saturday.

Despite the fact the heat index is somewhere around 118 degrees the trim painter has decided that this was going to be the week he would start to paint all of the exterior windows at Station 1. All of the exterior trim was painted last year except the windows.

Geoghegan Roofing has finally received the "go ahead" from Honeywell to replace the old section of roofing that has the old system still in place. The District's cost on this project is \$12,630 which would be used to replace the old roof over the small classroom with a new one like the rest of Station 1. We tried to include this old roof replacement with the original project two years ago, however at that time Honeywell refused to approve the small roof until now!

### District Updates for July 2011

#### Apparatus:

2634: repaired all four brakes and it is now in service first out @ Station one.  
2659: AC not working in the cab, waiting for Finley to come down and look at it.  
2659: still waiting on Finley to come down on a few warranty issues.  
2659: billing issue with Crosspoint Cummins resolved.  
2658: has a bad electric module and a replacement has been ordered from E-ONE.  
2601: repaired bad headlamp.  
Quarterly career engine change at Station one. "2633 last out 2634 first out"

#### Facilities:

Ordered new exhaust cable for 2658 exhaust drop.  
Both Stations parking lots have been sealed and striped.  
Gutters installed on both stations.  
Station two crews are trimming the brush along the fence line

#### Inspections:

Existing inspections completed: 89

New construction projects in review or opening:

|                  |                      |  |
|------------------|----------------------|--|
| Trader Joe's     | 4600 Shelbyville Rd. | In review.                             |
| Davita Dialysis  | 4600 Shelbyville Rd. | Final completed and open for business. |
| Senior Living    | 4247 Westport Road   | Final completed and open for business. |
| Yogurt and more  | 4600 Shelbyville Rd  | Initial inspection completed.          |
| City Girl's Cafe | 4600 Shelbyville Rd  | In review.                             |

#### Other Fire Marshal news:

Capt. Don Ryan found himself enforcing the St. Matthews Fire District's first ever fireworks ordinance this year. Six different retailers were found to be without the proper permits and were asked to stop selling their fireworks until such proper permits were obtained. All of the retailers complied with the request and the fire district received \$1500 for permit fees.

#### Training:

General FD Training (4 weeks / 13 classes / 3 hours per class / 39 total hours of training)

Recruit Class Training (4 weeks / 6 classes / 4 hours per class / 24 total hours of training)

Acquired Structure at 184 Bow Lane -- we started using this structure as part of dept training on 6/14/2011. We will be using the structure throughout July and August as the weather allows. The property owner has not provided a firm date for the structure to be demolished, but is projected for late August or September. There will be no Live Fire Training conducted at the structure based on the request of the property owner.

#### Current Staffing Levels

Paid - 30

Volunteer - 11 (7 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls / 2 Recruits)

### PRELIMINARY / CERTIFIED REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS 2011 COMPARISON

| FIRE DISTRICT     | PRELIMINARY<br>TOTAL<br>ACCTS | CERTIFIED<br>TOTAL<br>ACCTS | PRELIMINARY<br>HOMESTEAD<br>ACCTS | CERTIFIED<br>HOMESTEAD<br>ACCTS | PRELIMINARY<br>FAIR CASH<br>VALUE | CERTIFIED<br>FAIR CASH<br>VALUE | PRELIMINARY<br>TAXABLE<br>ASSESSMENTS | CERTIFIED<br>TAXABLE<br>ASSESSMENTS | Difference<br>Pre/Cert | Tax Revenue *      |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 01-Jeffersonton   | 18,186                        | 18,183                      | 2990                              | 2,960                           | 3,901,499,055                     | 3,864,425,575                   | 3,748,820,045                         | 3,710,610,045                       | -38,009,100            | -36,509.10         |
| 03-Camp Taylor    | 2,453                         | 2,453                       | 433                               | 436                             | 631,178,650                       | 622,909,900                     | 618,456,650                           | 608,085,600                         | -8,370,850             | -8,370.85          |
| 06-Olsons         | 20,579                        | 20,575                      | 4,274                             | 4,290                           | 3,418,213,890                     | 3,363,139,660                   | 3,255,287,230                         | 3,222,029,020                       | -33,258,210            | -33,258.21         |
| 07-Eastwood       | 5,927                         | 5,927                       | 700                               | 700                             | 1,949,833,730                     | 1,836,235,770                   | 1,687,344,920                         | 1,662,510,600                       | -4,834,120             | -4,834.12          |
| 08-Lake Dreamland | 4,572                         | 4,571                       | 753                               | 756                             | 509,323,820                       | 490,176,440                     | 474,049,810                           | 463,754,040                         | -10,295,770            | -10,295.77         |
| 09-PRP            | 32,717                        | 32,711                      | 7,822                             | 7,884                           | 4,672,444,590                     | 4,408,661,430                   | 4,168,282,020                         | 4,121,280,870                       | -48,011,150            | -48,011.15         |
| 10-Dice Suburban  | 1,081                         | 1,068                       | 260                               | 266                             | 102,260,050                       | 102,078,930                     | 93,318,050                            | 93,034,930                          | -283,120               | -283.12            |
| 11-Highview       | 11,165                        | 11,165                      | 2,866                             | 2,874                           | 1,535,409,750                     | 1,521,470,550                   | 1,488,388,630                         | 1,464,157,430                       | -4,211,200             | -4,211.20          |
| 12-Hamods Creek   | 7,863                         | 7,857                       | 1,714                             | 1,718                           | 2,813,483,760                     | 2,795,492,840                   | 2,718,941,580                         | 2,693,539,910                       | -22,401,640            | -22,401.64         |
| 13-Middletown     | 15,371                        | 15,869                      | 3,518                             | 3,489                           | 4,782,414,860                     | 4,755,923,530                   | 4,631,852,650                         | 4,606,279,620                       | -25,573,330            | -25,573.33         |
| 14-McMahan        | 4,579                         | 4,577                       | 1,420                             | 1,398                           | 1,016,831,400                     | 1,006,617,800                   | 989,086,260                           | 955,631,600                         | -9,423,660             | -9,423.66          |
| 15-Farm Creek     | 13,510                        | 13,510                      | 2,660                             | 2,690                           | 2,822,865,580                     | 2,811,553,520                   | 2,355,625,060                         | 2,344,189,935                       | -11,455,130            | -11,455.13         |
| 16-Lynch          | 11,775                        | 11,775                      | 2,808                             | 2,959                           | 2,849,519,290                     | 2,839,993,388                   | 2,739,692,958                         | 2,731,041,278                       | -8,651,680             | -8,651.68          |
| 17-Buechel        | 6,631                         | 6,630                       | 1,164                             | 1,164                           | 1,108,385,670                     | 1,098,020,915                   | 1,055,794,925                         | 1,046,305,165                       | -9,399,760             | -9,399.76          |
| 18-Washington     | 11,254                        | 11,254                      | 2,561                             | 2,028                           | 3,020,288,460                     | 3,002,155,680                   | 2,922,326,400                         | 2,905,007,620                       | -17,320,780            | -17,320.78         |
| 19-Fordale        | 8,706                         | 8,700                       | 1,843                             | 1,855                           | 1,256,351,730                     | 1,252,546,670                   | 1,179,696,600                         | 1,175,394,190                       | -4,261,810             | -4,261.81          |
| 20-Anchorage      | 861                           | 861                         | 152                               | 155                             | 486,292,660                       | 484,337,580                     | 483,581,120                           | 450,524,040                         | -12,057,080            | -12,057.08         |
| 20-000 Matthews   | 10,250                        | 10,750                      | 2,700                             | 2,950                           | 9,145,767,710                     | 9,138,220,131                   | 8,963,967,861                         | 8,936,325,051                       | -17,241,620            | -17,241.62         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>     | <b>196,922</b>                | <b>196,886</b>              | <b>40,152</b>                     | <b>40,115</b>                   | <b>39,504,926,110</b>             | <b>39,228,972,090</b>           | <b>37,562,913,080</b>                 | <b>37,308,853,290</b>               | <b>-273,059,790</b>    | <b>-273,059.79</b> |

TAXABLE ASSESSMENTS = FAIR CASH - HOMESTEAD  
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR 2011 = \$34,000

Preliminary: 04/09/2011  
Certified: 07/15/2011  
Final: (Tax 08/15) Due August / September

Our certified numbers are already \$17,241.60 less than our preliminary numbers.

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# July 14, 2011, Trustee Meeting:

Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives



Leave No  
To Burn

**ST. MATTHEWS**  
**Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207  
(502) 883-7825

William J. Seng  
Fire Chief

Trustees Meeting Agenda  
July 14, 2011  
Noon

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
President: G. Seng  
Vice-President: J. Seng  
Secretary: J. Seng

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- ☒ I. Call to Order 12:00
- ☒ II. Certification of Appointment
- ☒ III. Executive Session - Legal Matters 12:00 to 1:14
- ☒ IV. Certification of Election
- ☒ V. Oath of Office
- ☒ VI. Election of Officers
- ☒ VII. Treasurer's Report
- ☒ VIII. Fire Department Operations
- ☒ IX. Old Business - Cell Tower Update All Contractors to be done
- ☒ X. New Business - Tax Rate Resolution - Real Estate & Personal Property
- ☒ XI. Executive Session - If needed
- ☒ XII. The next JCFTA meeting will be held on August 18, 2011 at St. Matthews Station 1 at 7:00 PM
- ☒ XIII. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on August 11, 2011 - Thursday at Noon

The district entered into an agreement with Verizon Wireless where they are to install additional equipment on the existing T-Mobile Cell Tower. Once the equipment is in place this will create an additional monthly income stream for the fire district.

Bill Lowdenback reported that the district's Code of Ethics state that if there are any conflict of interests with the Trustees and or Firefighters then a financial disclosure statement needs to be completed. A Code of Ethics committee was established and consists of Bill Lowdenback (Chairman), Jack Monahan and Greg Crabb.

## New Business

Jack Monahan made a motion to adopt the tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100.00 of value for all Real and Personal property assessed as well as any other taxable assets in the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. Christine Kesler seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Rick Tonini mentioned that the Jefferson County Fire Trustees Association meeting will be held at St. Matthews Fire Protection Station 1 on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

Jack Monahan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:07PM, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on August 11, 2011 at 12:00 Noon at Station 1.

Chairman

Secretary

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

July 14, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on July 14, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Sam McCune called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were, Rick Tonini, Sam McCune, Bill Lowdenback, and Jack Monahan. Also present were Chief Seng, Major Dugan, Chief Monahan, Christine Kesler, Mike Willinger, Tony Glass, Moss Cione, Joe Wolfe, Rickie Tapp, Greg Crabb, Charles McCune, Louis Stokes, Matt Board and Jordan Davis.

Christine Kesler was read the oath of office by Chief Seng.

## Executive Session

Rick Tonini made a motion that the Board enter into Executive Session for pending legal matters, Jack Monahan seconded, the motion carried and the board went into executive session at 12:05 PM.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:15 PM.

## Minutes

Rick Tonini motioned to approve the minutes of the June meeting, Jack Monahan seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## Election Report

Rick Tonini gave the Trustee Election Committee report. The Firefighter Trustee election was held on June 25, 2011. There were two candidates, Greg Crabb and John Volkerding. Greg Crabb won the election by a vote of 14 to 13 (see election committee report). Bill Lowdenback made a motion to accept and certify the election as presented. Rick Tonini seconded the motion which was then passed unanimously. Sam McCune read Greg Crabb the Oath of Office.

Bill Lowdenback reported that the Trustees recognize there is a question regarding residency for Firefighters. It appears to remain an evolving issue. The Trustees will continue to follow these developments and take whatever appropriate action is required.

In Lieu of the Firefighter Trustee election and Trustee Appointment, Jack Monahan made a motion to recommend Rick Tonini as Chairman, Sam McCune as Secretary,

and Christine Kesler as Treasurer. Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

Chief Seng reported that the district moved \$200,000 out of a CD to put into the general checking account for monthly expenses.

The district received the certified numbers from the PVA which were about \$17,000 less than anticipated. Rick Tonini made a recommendation that the district wait on purchasing some of the approved Capital Expenses for 2011-2012 to help offset the cost of the loss of income.

Chief Seng suggested different options on budgeting expenses and reminded the board that the district received revenue from permit fees for new Fireworks Permits issued that was not budgeted.

Jack Monahan motioned to approve the financials as given, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Chief's Report

Chief Seng requested five EA's for the month of July.

|                    |   |             |
|--------------------|---|-------------|
| CPR Savers         | (Rescue Manikin)                                  | \$754.50    |
| HELP               | (Training Books)                                  | \$750.00    |
| Vehicle Systems    | (2658 Fuel Tank Straps)                           | \$348.90    |
| Gasaway Consulting | (Training DVD's, Manuals)                         | \$400.00    |
| Alert-All Corp.    | (Public Relations Materials)                      | \$365.00    |
| David Metry        | (Painting for Training House)                     | \$3,000.00  |
| Geoghegan Roofing  | (Lower Roof Replacement at Station 1 (3000 sqft)) | \$12,630.00 |

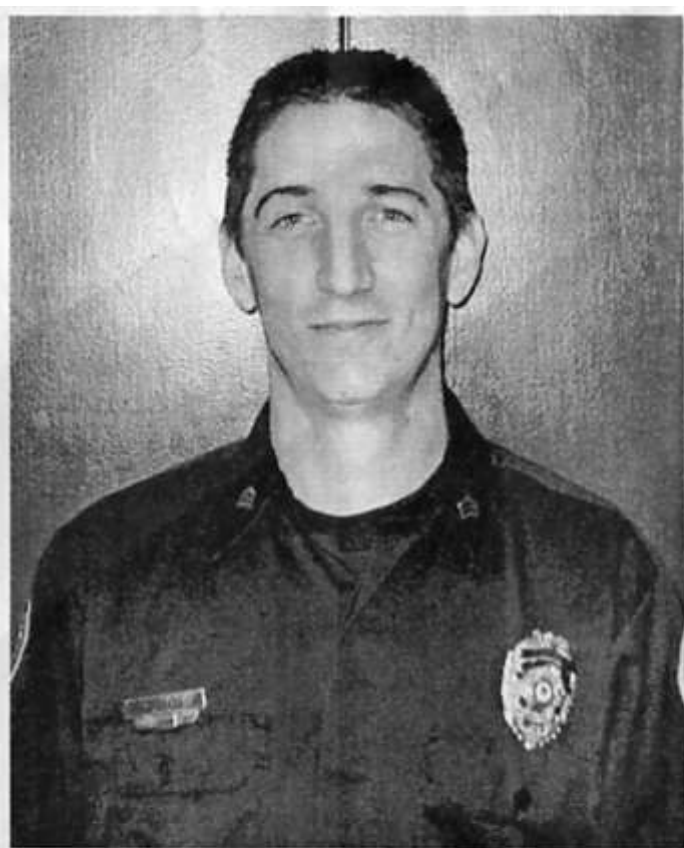
Jack Monahan motioned to approve the requested EA's and the Chief's report, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Old Business

Major Dugan reported on the new Heuser Clinic program. The rollout of the program started on July 5<sup>th</sup>. All participants received a personal evaluation with a nutrition lecture. There will be a six and twelve week follow-up evaluation to measure progress of the participants.

**July 2011: Board changes—** New Metro Mayor Greg Fischer does not want any appointed members on the Boards of Trustees serving more than 10 years and he is cracking down on his own appointments and making changes all across the county. Along with that on STMFD Board, Jim Graven had already been replaced after resigning by Bill M. Lowdenback as of September 2010. In June 2011 Gregory “Greg” M. Crabb was voted in as firefighters representative replacing John Volkerding. Mayor Fischer is replacing Tom Eifler with Christine J. Kesler and Faye Ellerkamp is being replaced by Sarah Grider Cronan. That leaves Jack Monohan and Rick Tonini as experienced Board members and Sam McCune who joined the Board in July 2009.

**New Member Gregory “Greg” M. Crabb**



**GREG CRABB**

St. Matthews Community is proud to honor Firefighter Greg Crabb.

Greg was born in Louisville and raised in Middletown. In 1966, he graduated from St. Francis. He attended the University of Colorado and the University of

Louisville.

Greg started with St. Matthews Fire Protection District in 1998 as a volunteer and was hired in 2000. He is proud to say that he has held the rank of Firefighter since 1998.

He currently resides in Crescent Hill.



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July 2011, New Trustee Christine J. Kesler & Sarah Grider Cronan

Louisville Metro Council, May 31, 2011

Appointment to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board. Term expires 2014.

9- AP053111CK APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE KESLER TO THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2014.

Committee: Contracts and Appointments  
Status: In-Committee

Louisville Metro Council, July 14, 2011

56- AP053111CK APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTINE KESLER TO THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2014. (Approved)

Committee: Contracts and Appointments  
Status: On Council Agenda - Old Business

Louisville Metro Council, July 28, 2011

32- AP061911SC APPOINTMENT OF SARAH GRIDER CRONAN TO THE ST. MATTHEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2012. (Approved)

Committee: Contracts and Appointments  
Status: On Council Agenda - Consent Calendar

July 14, 2011 Trustee Meeting:

The Trustees are—

Rick Tonini—Chairman

Sam McCune—Secretary

Christine J. Kesler —Treasurer

Jack Monohan

Greg Crabb

Bill Lowdenback

Sarah Grider Cronan appointed July 28

#### EDUCATION

**Vanderbilt University Law School**

J.D. 1990

Vanderbilt Bar Association,  
Vice President, Public  
Interest Fund Award  
recipient

**Tulane University**

B.A., cum laude, 1985

American Studies with  
concentration in Political  
Science

American University, Public  
Administration, Washington  
semester program, Spring  
1984

**Miami University**

B.A. 1981-82

Dean's List

#### ADMISSIONS

Admitted pro hac vice in  
several jurisdictions

Kentucky

Illinois

U.S. District Court for the  
Northern District of Illinois  
(Trial Bar)

U.S. District Court for the  
Central District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the  
Eastern District of Kentucky

U.S. District Court for the  
Western District of  
Kentucky

U.S. District Court for the  
Eastern District of  
Wisconsin

U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the 6th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the 8th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the 9th Circuit

#### MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association,  
Section of Litigation  
(Products Liability and  
Mass Torts Committees)

Defense Research Institute  
(DRI), Drug and Device  
Subcommittee

International Association of  
Defense Counsel

National Association of  
Women Lawyers



Sarah Grider Cronan has an active civil litigation practice, with expertise in products liability, insurance coverage, toxic tort, and commercial matters. She regularly defends complex cases through trial in state and federal courts around the country and has experience in class and mass actions as well as multi-district litigation. Sarah served as class action counsel for the defense of the unintended sudden acceleration litigation in Tennessee. She also coordinated the defense of medical device litigation nationwide for a Fortune 500 company as its national counsel.

#### Recent Assignments

- Counsel manufacturers of drugs, medical devices, oil and gas, chemicals, coal and energy, appliances, automobiles, industrial equipment, and other consumer products in product liability, toxic tort, and employment matters and provide risk management advice.
- Supervising attorney for defense of the unintended sudden acceleration automobile class actions in Tennessee.
- Defense counsel for America's largest drug store chain in a complex commercial dispute involving prescription drug plans.

#### Recent Presentations and Articles

- Presenter, "Demystifying the MDL Process," ABA Chemical Products and Mass Torts Regional CLE, October 8, 2010
- "Reaching Resolution: Utilizing Multi-District Litigation Beyond Pretrial Proceedings," co-author with Brittany Cross, October 2010
- "Determining Trial Structure for Complex Litigation," Co-author with Holly N. Lankster, ABA Products Liability Newsletter, Spring 2009
- Co-author of Kentucky and Georgia chapters, *Federal Jurisdiction Based Upon Removal*, ABA Practice Essentials Book ©2008
- Moderator, "David vs. Goliath: Jurors' Perceptions of Trial Lawyers and Their Clients," Mass, Class or Pass—Making Strategic Decisions in the Big Chemical Case, ABA Regional CLE, Wilmington, Del., Sept. 18, 2008 (Program Co-Chair)
- Presenter, Rule 30(b)(6) Depositions: Strategies for Deposing and Defending the Corporation, ABA Environmental Mass Tort and Product Liability Joint CLE Seminar, Snowmass, Colo., January 10, 2008
- Moderator, "Investigative Ethics 2007: What, Where, How, When and Who Should Investigate Personal Injury Claims," American Bar Association 2007 Pharmaceutical Regional CLE Workshop, Nutley, N.J., November 14, 2007
- Co-author, "Should I Google the Jury? And Other Ethical Considerations for the Modern Trial Lawyer," American Bar Association website and podcast, Summer 2007
- Moderator, "Ethical Considerations for Trial Lawyers," Women in Products Liability, ABA Regional CLE, Las Vegas, NV, September 14, 2006
- Moderator, "Women in the Courtroom—Bringing a Product to Life for the Jury through Demonstrative Exhibits," Women in Products Liability, ABA Regional CLE, Atlanta, Ga., November 6, 2003
- Moderator, "Winning Litigation Strategies in the Age of the Vanishing Trial," Women in Products Liability, ABA Regional CLE, New York, N.Y., November 9, 2004

#### Before Stites & Harbison



Women Lawyer's  
Association of Jefferson  
County

Women's Bar Association  
of Illinois (WBAI), Former  
Board Member and  
Corresponding Secretary,  
Former Chair of  
WILPOWER, the WBAI  
Political Action Committee

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Stage One Family Theatre,  
Secretary/Board of  
Directors

Sarah was formerly with the Chicago law firms of Caspary, Schade & Gloor (1998 to 2002), Burdick & Radtke, Chad (1995 to 1998) and Peterson & Ross (1990 to 1995).

#### Besides Stites & Harbison

In her free time, Sarah enjoys traveling, golfing and cooking with her husband, David, and their nine year old twins.

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## July 31, 2011, Incident Report:

## August 8, 2011, Chief Seng Letter:

| STMPD  |       |                  |                 |               |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)                |       |                  |                 |               |
| Alarm Date Between (07/01/2011) And (07/31/2011)         |       |                  |                 |               |
| Incident Type  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss  | Pct of Losses |
|  | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
|  | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |       |                  |                 |               |
| 111 Building fire  | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 113 Cooking fire, confined to container                  | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 121 Passenger vehicle fire                               | 3     | 2.04%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 134 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle           | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 1681 Fires involving ditch or landscape                  | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
|  | 7     | 4.76%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |       |                  |                 |               |
| 300 Rescue, EMS incident, other                          | 2     | 1.26%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 14    | 9.12%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 316 Medical assist, cancelled by equi after              | 3     | 2.04%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 317 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient           | 2     | 1.26%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 322 Motor Vehicle accident with injuries                 | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 331 Lock-in (if lock was, use 111)                       | 4     | 2.72%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 351 Extrication of victim(s) from                        | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
|  | 27    | 16.96%           | 20              | 0.00%         |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |       |                  |                 |               |
| 400 Hazardous condition, Other                           | 2     | 1.26%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 430 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition           | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 432 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                        | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other           | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 444 Power line down                                      | 4     | 2.72%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment                 | 2     | 1.26%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 460 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 6     | 4.09%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
|  | 17    | 11.56%           | 20              | 0.00%         |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |       |                  |                 |               |
| 511 Lock-out   | 4     | 2.72%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 522 Water or steam leak                                  | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 530 Public service consultation, Other                   | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 531 Assist police or other governmental agency           | 2     | 1.26%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 550 Crew assignment, standby, moving                     | 7     | 4.76%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
|  |       |                  |                 |               |
| STMPD  |       |                  |                 |               |
| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)                |       |                  |                 |               |
| Alarm Date Between (07/01/2011) And (07/31/2011)         |       |                  |                 |               |
| Incident Type  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss  | Pct of Losses |
|  | 15    | 10.20%           | 20              | 0.00%         |
| <b>4 Good Intent Call</b>                                |       |                  |                 |               |
| 400 Good intent call, Other                              | 9     | 5.94%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 612 Dispatched & cancelled en route                      | 25    | 17.00%           | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 621 Wrong location                                       | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 652 Wrong address, wrong of smoke                        | 2     | 1.26%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
|  | 36    | 24.49%           | 20              | 0.00%         |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>                    |       |                  |                 |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other                     | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 710 System malfunction, Other                            | 2     | 1.26%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 721 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction              | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to                     | 5     | 3.40%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system activation due to malfunction           | 6     | 4.09%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 736 GC detector activation due to malfunction            | 2     | 1.26%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other           | 2     | 1.26%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 741 Sprinkler activation, no fire =                      | 5     | 3.40%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire =                 | 6     | 4.09%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire =                       | 3     | 2.04%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire =                   | 4     | 2.72%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
| 746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no fire         | 1     | 0.63%            | 20              | 0.00%         |
|  | 44    | 29.93%           | 20              | 0.00%         |
| Total Incident Count:                                    | 147   |                  | Total Est Loss: | 20            |

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: August 8, 2011  
Re: District Activity

The August Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

Not much in the way of projects around the Stations has gone on this month due to the excessive heat. However the contractor who was hired to paint the training house has completed the work. Not sure how they manage to finish under the adverse conditions but the job looks good.

Geoghegan Roofing has been contacted to complete the remaining roofing work at Station One as soon as possible. As of now it appears we have been put on the schedule for late September or early October.

### District Updates for August 2011

#### Apparatus:

- 2634: It is having its transmission rebuilt at Clark Diesel; it should be back this week.  
Replaced one 50 ft section of bad supply hose and also replaced the 100 ft quick line.  
2658: Replaced the Electronic Control Module that makes the engine run properly.  
Replaced two steel straps that hold on the fuel tank to the frame that were failing.  
Replaced five worn out traffic safety vests.  
2659: The A/C System is currently being checked for leaks.  
2601: Added second battery to the charging system.  
Replaced one worn out traffic safety vest.  
2691: Mounted two new wheel chocks with holding brackets.  
2631: Repaired right side flood light.  
Repaired rear step bumper.  
Replaced six worn out traffic safety vests.  
2659: Warranty work was performed on the air filter system.

All of the Mobile Data Terminals in all the vehicles had a software system update by MetroSafe.

#### Facilities:

The painting of the Training House at Station 1 has been completed.  
Replaced several light ballast to outside light fixtures at Station 1.

#### Inspections:

Existing inspections completed: 143

New construction projects in review:

|                 |                       |  |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| City Girls Café | 4600 Shelbyville Road | Under Construction.                        |
| Quest outdoors  | 4600 Shelbyville Road | Final completed and open for business.     |
| Menci's Yogurt  | 4600 Shelbyville Road | Final completed and open for business.     |
| Trader Joe's    | 4600 Shelbyville Road | Demo permit issued and under construction. |
| Sato Zen Sushi  | 285 N. Hubbards Lane  | Under Construction.                        |

Other Fire Marshal news...

Captain Ryan is continuing to meet with other inspectors to work on the fireworks ordinance for next year.

Meeting with MSD to discuss pump plans for Mockingbird Road.

#### Training:

General FD Training (4 weeks / 13 classes / 3 hours per class / 39 total hours of training)

Recruit Class Training (4 weeks / 5 classes / 4 hours per class / 20 total hours of training)

Acquired Structure at 184 Bow Lane - We have not been able to use the structure due to the high heat levels, but we hope to use the structure in August as the weather allows. The property owner still has not provided a firm date for the structure to be demolished, but is projected for late August or September. There will be no Live Fire Training conducted at the structure based on the request of the property owner.

#### Current Staffing Levels


Paid - 30  
Volunteer - 11 (7 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls / 2 Recruits)



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# August 11, 2011, Trustee Meeting:

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**William J. Seng  
Fire Chief**

Trustee Meeting Agenda  
August 11, 2011  
Noon

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Rick Tonini, Chairman  
Christine Kesler, Treasurer  
Don McCune, Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Jack Monahan  
Bill Lowdenback  
Greg Crabb  
David Grider, Chairman

I. ✓ Call to Order *Noon*

II. ✓ Certification of Appointment (Sarah Grider Consent) *In Trial - Absent*

III. ✓ Oath of Office (Sarah Grider Consent)

IV. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

V. ✓ Treasurer Report  
    ✓ (a) Capitalization Expenditure Policy

VI. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng

VII. ✓ Old Business *None*

VIII. ✓ New Business *None*

IX. ✓ Executive Session-If needed *Not Needed*

X. ✓ The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on August 18, 2011 at St. Matthews Fire District, Station 1-7:00PM

XI. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on September 8, 2011-Thursday at Noon  
*END 12:35*

## Minutes of Meeting of Trustees of St. Matthews Fire Protection District August 11, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on August 11, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Sam McCune, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Jack Monahan and Bill Lowdenback. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monahan, Major Dugan, Frank Flynn, Nick Heilmann, Kevin Moulton, Patrick Montague, Matt Board, Larry Heaphy, Michael Monahan and Jordan Davis.

### Minutes

Jack Monahan motioned to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Bill Lowdenback seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Christine Kesler gave the financial report. Revenue was received from the Fireworks Ordinance for 6 fire permits issued on July 1, 2011. This income was categorized under miscellaneous income.

A transfer was made from a Commonwealth CD to the general checking account in the amount of \$200,000.00 on 8/2/11 to cover monthly expenses. One of the CD's matured on 8/16/11. Christine spoke with Commonwealth Bank and was able to get a renewal rate at 1.59% for 19 months. Bill Lowdenback made a motion to renew the CD at the new rate, Greg Crabb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Christine made a motion to pass a capitalization policy in which any item over \$1500.00 would automatically be capitalized, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Jack Monahan made a motion to approve the financials as given, seconded by Greg Crabb and the motion passed unanimously.

### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the Station 1 roofing project will begin soon, where Geoghegan will replace the lower roof of the building. Chief Seng reported on apparatus repairs in which 2634 had transmission and brake repairs and 2658 had a repaired fuel injector.

Chief Seng reported that the cell tower contract is being held up by the tower "load limit" restriction. This restriction limits the amount of equipment that can be mounted onto the tower.

Chief reported that 2694, the pick-up truck, will need to be replaced in this fiscal year. The Board brought up the point that if excessive maintenance persists with the current pick-up then it would be wise to look at purchasing another truck in the near future.

There were no EA's requested for the month of August.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

Chief Seng reported that the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service approved a contract to allow Jack Reckner and Howdy Kutsinger to represent the Fire Service as our State lobbyists.

Greg Crabb made a motion to accept the financial disclosure statements in accordance with the St. Matthews Fire Protection District's Ethics policy, seconded by Jack Monahan and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng shared that there will be a training workshop for all Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service Trustees on September 10, 2011 at the Galt House.

Rick Tonini mentioned that the next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on August 18, 2011 at St. Matthews Station 1 at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on September 8, 2011 at 12:00 Noon.

Greg Crabb made a motion to end the meeting at 12:27PM. Jack Monahan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman

Secretary

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## Storm repairs to take days

### More than 119,000 Jefferson County customers lose power

**By James Bruggers**  
*Bruggers is a staff writer for The Courier-Journal.*

It will be days before some Louisville residents have their power restored after a series of thunderstorms early Saturday evening left about a third of the city's homes and businesses without power, a spokesman for Louisville Gas & Electric Co. said.

"The damage was pretty much widespread," spokesman Chip

**LOCAL STORM DAMAGE**  
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Three died and at least 21 were hurt in a stage collapse during a storm. **A3**

Kearling said.

At 8:40 p.m., LG&E was reporting 130,797 homes and businesses without power in Jefferson County as well as 3,887 outages in Clark

County and 276 in Shelby County. The Jefferson County outages had reached more than 100,000 earlier in the evening.

In Indiana, Duke Energy said there were 10,434 outages in Clark County, 3,707 in Floyd County and 21 in Hamilton County.

Duke spokeswoman Irene Scarsone said she would not know until at least today where Duke expects to restore power because crews were

See **STORM**, B3, C1, C2



By David B. Larson, Special to The Courier-Journal  
A tree crashed into a home at 3400 Warner Ave. in the St. Matthews area.

## KENTUCKY

### Thousands lose power after severe storms

LOUISVILLE — Tens of thousands of customers were left without power after a line of brief, intense severe thunderstorms moved through parts of northern and central Kentucky.

Officials said the Saturday evening storms packed winds of up to 70 mph and downed trees and power lines. Louisville emergency management officials said no injuries were reported.

Louisville Gas & Electric officials reported 125,000 customers without electricity in the metro area.

The utility's outage website indicates thousands were also without power in Lexington, Frankfort and Richmond.

## Crews working to clean up, restore power after Saturday storm

Crews worked through the night to restore power after a severe thunderstorm hit the area Saturday night, leaving tens of thousands in the dark.

While thousands had the lights back on Sunday morning, as of 11:40 a.m. Louisville Gas & Electric and Kentucky Utilities were reporting that 74,260 customers were still without power. Jefferson County outages remained widespread, with nearly 66,334 of the outages centered there. Oldham and Scott counties each had more than 2,000 outages.

Duke Energy was reporting 13,895 outages in Indiana, with most of those in Clark and Floyd counties.

With Jefferson County Public Schools slated to start on Monday, school officials will be out Sunday assessing damage at schools and determining how many are without power, said Lauren Roberts.

Chris Poynter, a spokesman for Mayor Greg Fischer, said as of Saturday night officials believed there were between 40 and 48 schools without power, and LG&E was working on trying to give priority to getting those restored.

There were no plans as of Sunday morning to delay the start of school, Roberts said. More information is expected to be available later in the day Sunday on how extensively schools have been affected.

Poynter said public works crews were driving city streets to make sure that trees blocking public roadways have been cleared. He

urged residents who have trees that are blocking traffic to call MetroCall at 311 to report the problem.

"We're trying to make sure that all the roads are cleared," Poynter said.

Officials plan to give further updates at a noon press conference.

**NOTE: I listened from Tucson Arizona to RadioReference and Louisville called for a weather alert and I heard many, many runs dispatched to St. Matthews and all surrounding departments.**



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## Storm repairs to take days: More than 119,000 Jefferson County customers lose power

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It will be days before some Louisville residents have their power restored after a severe thunderstorm early Saturday evening left about a third of the city's homes and businesses without power, a spokesman for Louisville Gas & Electric Co. said.

"The damage was pretty much widespread," spokesman Chip Keeling said.

At 11:40 p.m., LG&E was reporting 102,765 homes and businesses without power in Jefferson County as well as 3,685 outages in Oldham County and 274 in Shelby County. The Jefferson County number had reached more than 119,000 earlier in the evening.

In Indiana, Duke Energy said there were 10,424 outages in Clark County, 11,269 in Floyd County and 21 in Hamilton County.

Duke spokesman Dave Scanlon said he would not know until at least today when Duke expects to restore power because crews were still assessing the damage. "We will move as quickly as we can, and as safely as we can," he said.



A tree crashed into a home at 3410 Warner Ave. in the St. Matthews area. (By David R. Lutzman, special to The Courier-Journal; Aug. 13, 2011 / C-J.)

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Officials in Louisville and Southern Indiana said they were unaware of any serious injuries Saturday night.

At a news conference Saturday night, Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer asked residents to stay away from downed power lines.

Chris Hermann, senior vice president of distribution for LG&E, said at the news conference that the company has called in work crews from Tennessee, Indiana and Arkansas to help with repairs. But he said it will take until today to get a good estimate of how long power restoration will take.

He said crews would comb their service territory overnight. "It's something that will be measured in days, for sure."

Ted Pullen, the city's public works director, said 70 intersections did not have traffic lights working properly Saturday night and at least 30 trees have blocked roads in Louisville.

With so many people without power, Doug Hamilton, the city's emergency management director, encouraged residents with power to offer help to those who don't have it and for people to look in on their elderly neighbors. City buildings can be used for charging cellphones or other electronic devices, he said.

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Officials warned against using gasoline powered generators inside homes, saying their carbon monoxide fumes can be deadly.

The National Weather Service predicted a continued chance of thunderstorms today, with partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the low to mid-80s.

Saturday's storm moved through the region in a little more than an hour, dumping between half an inch and an inch of rain, but the wind gusts caused the biggest problems, said Linda Gilbert, a weather service meteorologist. MSD rain gauges show that a couple of areas got up to 1.3 inches of rain.

One wind gust was clocked at 58 mph at Louisville International Airport, Gilbert said.

"It was a doozy," said Cpl. Carey Huls with the Indiana State Police in Sellersburg.

Danny O'Brien of St. Matthews said he was napping in his Nanz Avenue house when the storm moved in, but awoke to limbs being torn from trees in his front and back yards.

One limb hit the back of the house and poked a hole in his roof, he said.

Diane Lee, also of St. Matthews, said she lost power at her Briarwood Road home but otherwise made it through the storm pretty well. She hurried in the last of the daylight to get her flashlight, find her hand-operated can opener and change the batteries in her portable radio.

"I've got a feeling it could be a long time" before electricity is restored, she said while shopping for cat food and batteries. "I couldn't get through to LG&E. The line has been busy."

### Buildings damaged

In the 800 block of Eastern Parkway — less than a mile from the site of a water main break that occurred Thursday — two enormous trees were uprooted, damaging several homes and apartment buildings. The trees looked as if they had been cleanly plucked from the ground, with roots snapped off, leaving gaping holes in the ground.

Two fourplexes in the same block were evacuated when a tree broke open gas lines leading into the buildings. Residents were gathered behind the buildings, making plans for where they'd spend the night as firefighters cordoned off the properties and a stream of neighbors took photos.



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"What is going on with Eastern Parkway?" wondered Sherry Klein, who manages the fourplexes. "Every time you turn around water pipes are blowing up, trees are falling down."

A front corner apartment at 844 Eastern Parkway sustained significant structural damage, and the same tree also punched a hole through the roof of Susan Brinley's top-floor apartment at 848 Eastern Parkway.

"I was sitting in the kitchen getting ready to eat, and I heard the thunder roar and then the wind just started blowing," Brinley said. "All of a sudden I heard the windows crash and glass started flying everywhere. I ran into the hallway and started praying. What else can you do?"

Sam Edmondson, 13, said she was home alone while her mother was at the grocery when branches broke through their apartment's windows. "I heard a crack and went into the front room and then I heard another crack and all of a sudden branches crashed through our windows," she said. "We all had to come outside with our cats and dogs in the rain. It was chaos."

Just up the block, a large branch lay across the roof of a fourplex, and the front porch of Larry Reynolds' home was partially crushed. Firefighters found no evidence of gas leaks.

"I saw the storm coming and opened the basement door in case I needed to go down there, and then — boom — the tree fell," Reynolds said. "I didn't hear anything until it fell. The storm didn't even start until after it fell, and normally you hear thunder or something."

The National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm warning shortly before 5 p.m. for western Jefferson County along with Clark, Floyd and central Harrison counties in Indiana. It later extended the warning to eastern Jefferson County and along both sides of Interstate 64 toward Frankfort.

#### Fallen wires close I-64

At 6:40 p.m., police shut down Interstate 64 at Blankenbaker Parkway in both directions after power lines blew down on the highway, said Mindy Glenn, a supervisor at MetroSafe

Communications. MetroSafe officials said it might not reopen until Sunday morning. Glenn said she was not aware of any storm-related injuries.

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In Indiana, Huls said he did not hear of any injuries, but there was a close call when a tree fell on a Volkswagen on Charlestown Road near Hamburg. "They jumped out of the car before it landed," he said.

Clark County Emergency Management Director Les Kavanaugh said preliminary reports did not indicate any serious injuries. "We have some limbs down, and some outages."

Floyd County Emergency Management Director Terry Herthel also said he was not aware of any storm-related injuries, but he said damage to power lines and some homes was widely scattered. "The whole county, really it was everywhere."

In Harrison County, west of Louisville, the World on the Square festival in Corydon had to shut down about 5:30 p.m. Carolyn Mangeot, a festival official, said much of the festival was blown away by the storm. Vendors suffered damage, and the artist in the China booth estimated at least 40 percent of his works were lost. Mangeot said.

"At 5 o'clock it was a beautiful day; by 5:30 it was a disaster," she said.

Reporter James Bruggers can be reached at . C-J staffers Jeffrey Lee Puckett and Dan Klepal and freelancer Jenna Esarey contributed to this story.



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Billboard crashed into the overhang of a Circle K Shell station on Bardstown Road. (By David R. Lutman, special to The Courier-Journal) Aug. 13, 2011



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A tree snapped and crashed into a home at 3410 Warner. (By David R. Lutman, special to The Courier-Journal) Aug. 13, 2011



A tree blocked the street on Eline Ave near Lexington Road. (By David R. Lutman, special to The Courier-Journal) Aug. 13, 2011



Power lines and a tree blocked Bashford Manor Lane. (By David R. Lutman, special to The Courier-Journal) Aug. 13, 2011



Power lines and a tree blocked Newburg Road at Trevillian Way. (By David R. Lutman, special to The Courier-Journal) Aug. 13, 2011



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Traffic was reduced to one lane after a tree fell across Breckinridge Lane in St. Matthews . (Photo by Angela Shoemaker, Special to the Courier-Journal) August



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Several tree are down in Brown Park in St. Matthews following the storm . (Photo by Angela Shoemaker, Special to the Courier-Journal) August 13, 2011



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## Man pinned by concrete slab in ditch dies

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Joe Lord | The Courier-Journal

1:12 PM Aug. 23, 2011

A contractor was killed Tuesday afternoon while working on a house on Mockingbird Valley Road after a concrete slab he was digging around slipped and pinned him in a ditch, a spokesman for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District said.

Spokesman Rick Tonini said the man was using a backhoe to dig a trench abutting the house, which is off Mellwood Avenue. The man, identified as James R. Laslie, 33, of the 7400 block of Peachtree Avenue in Crestwood, got off the backhoe and into the trench when the slab — used to keep earth away from a basement window — slipped and pinned him against the opposite wall of the ditch, Tonini said.

It's unknown why the worker jumped into the trench, about six feet deep, Tonini added.

Other workers on the scene alerted authorities. St. Matthews firefighters were called out at 1:32 p.m.

He was pronounced dead at the scene at 2:35 p.m. by Jefferson County Deputy Coroner Larry Carroll.

An autopsy will be performed Wednesday.

The house is uninhabited and being renovated, Tonini said, and the contractor was working to seal the basement.

Metro Police homicide detectives will investigate Laslie's death, but no foul play is suspected, said Alicia Smiley, a police spokeswoman.

Officials from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration also went to the scene because it involved a workplace accident.

Smiley said the man who died worked for Griffin Plumbing. Calls to the company for comment were not returned.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Reporter Joe Lord can be contacted at 582-4199.



**Rick Tonini, STMFD spokesmen**



## Wall collapse at historic Mockingbird Valley Road home kills worker

Posted: Aug 23, 2011 10:40 PM CDT  
Updated: Aug 23, 2011 10:50 PM CDT

By Katie Bauer - email



LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) -- A day at work turns tragic when a wall caves in and kills a contractor fixing up a historic home in Mockingbird Valley.

The Jefferson County Coroner's Office says 33-year-old James Laslie of Crestwood died from multiple blunt force injuries. He worked for Griffin Plumbing and Piping.

Tuesday afternoon Laslie was working on a home that is part of the Old Duncan Estate on Mockingbird Valley Road near Mellwood Avenue. "This home has been vacant for sometime," said Rick Tonini, spokesman for St. Matthews Fire Department.

"It can't be tore down so it is being refurbished," said Tonini. "It was in pretty bad shape when they started."

A few construction crews were there working on some repairs. Tonini says Laslie was working on waterproofing the basement and was using a backhoe. Laslie then stepped into a six foot deep trench to remove dirt. That's when Tonini says one of the three concrete walls surrounding a window collapsed.

"Apparently they undermined this three wall containment and when it did, it tilted away from the home and when it did it crushed the operator against the side wall of the open trench," said Tonini.

When EMS arrived they pronounced Laslie dead at the scene. A rescue quickly turned into a recovery and for nearly three hours, fire crews safely worked to remove the man's body.

OSHA and Louisville Metro Police were on the scene conducting investigations. No one else was hurt.

Laslie's funeral arrangements are pending.

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Rick Tonini



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August 24, 2011, WLKYTV:

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WLKY.com

# Man Killed In Trench Collapse

Steve Tellier/WLKY

POSTED 2:14 pm EDT August 23, 2011  
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A tragic accident during construction at a historic Louisville home has led to the death of a worker.

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The coroner identified the victim as 33-year-old James Robert Laslie. He was known to his friends and family as "Robbie."

It is not known if any codes or protocols were violated in the

lead up to the deadly accident.

The call came out from a large estate off Mockingbird Valley Road around 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. A contract worker was trapped inside a trench.

"One of the gentlemen who was down in the ditch, the concrete wall gave way and crushed him against the side of the trench," said Rick Tonini with the St. Matthews Fire Department.

The historic estate is currently under renovation.

Fire officials said contractors dug a trench alongside the home because they were waterproofing the basement.

There were concrete walls protecting two basement windows.

One of the workers went down into the ditch when, in an instant, one of those concrete walls tipped over, pinning and crushing Laslie between it and the side of the trench.

"I'm sure when the basement wall gave way, it was very quick when it fell," said Tonini.



Emergency Medical Services workers pronounced Laslie dead at the scene. It took some time to stabilize the concrete walls and get his body out of the trench.

"They will stabilize the one that hasn't detached itself from the house, that will allow the firefighters to get into the hole so that they can then raise the one that did collapse and then extricate the gentleman from the trench," said Tonini.

The home known as the Duncan Estate and has been vacant for quite some time.

"I just know that it is on the registry for historic places, it can't be torn down, so it's being refurbished," said Tonini.

The coroner said Laslie died of blunt force trauma.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration was on the scene shortly after the accident, and the agency has opened an investigation. That is standard procedure when these kinds of incidents occur.

Police are also investigating, but they do not suspect foul play.

## Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {08/01/2011} And {08/31/2011}

| Incident Type                             | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|---|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 Fire                                    |       |                  |                 |               |
| 113 Cooking fire, confined to container   | 2     | 1.25%            | \$1,000         | 100.00%       |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire                | 2     | 1.25%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 1303 Fires involving vehicle or landscape | 2     | 1.25%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 142 Outside equipment fire                | 1     | 0.62%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|   | 7     | 4.40%            | \$1,000         | 100.00%       |

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|--|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident  |    |        |     |       |
| 305 Rescue, EMS incident, other                | 1  | 0.62%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew            | 16 | 10.06% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 316 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after   | 1  | 0.62%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 317 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient | 6  | 3.75%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 511)             | 3  | 1.88%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 394 Trench/wall/grade rescue                   | 1  | 0.62%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
|  | 29 | 17.61% | \$0 | 0.00% |

|  |    |        |     |       |
|--|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)                |    |        |     |       |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LFG)              | 2  | 0.62%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other | 3  | 1.88%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)           | 2  | 1.25%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 442 Overheated motor                           | 2  | 1.25%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 444 Power line down                            | 3  | 1.88%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 445 Arring, shorted electrical equipment       | 1  | 0.62%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 462 Vehicle accident, general cleanup          | 10 | 6.25%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
|  | 22 | 13.63% | \$0 | 0.00% |

|  |    |       |     |       |
|--|----|-------|-----|-------|
| 5 Service Call                                 |    |       |     |       |
| 511 Lockout                                    | 1  | 0.62% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 522 Water or steam leak                        | 1  | 0.62% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 553 Assist police or other governmental agency | 1  | 0.62% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 554 Assist juvenile                            | 1  | 0.62% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 555 Defective elevator, no occupants           | 2  | 1.25% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup          | 7  | 4.40% | \$0 | 0.00% |
|  | 13 | 8.17% | \$0 | 0.00% |

|  |    |        |     |       |
|--|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 6 Good Intent Call                           |    |        |     |       |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                  | 4  | 2.51%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route          | 27 | 13.83% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 672 No incident found on arrival at dispatch | 4  | 2.51%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 691 Break down, out of service               | 1  | 0.62%  | \$0 | 0.00% |

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## Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {08/01/2011} And {08/31/2011}

| Incident Type | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|---------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|               | 34    | 21.38%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |

|  |    |        |     |       |
|--|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 7 False Alarm & False Call                     |    |        |     |       |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other           | 4  | 2.51%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 730 Hydrant malfunction, Other                 | 3  | 1.88%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to           | 4  | 2.51%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction    | 6  | 3.75%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 3  | 1.88%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 6  | 3.75%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -             | 5  | 3.12%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 4  | 2.51%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
|  | 35 | 22.01% | \$0 | 0.00% |

|  |    |        |     |       |
|--|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 8 Severe Weather & Natural Disaster            |    |        |     |       |
| 813 Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment   | 19 | 11.88% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 815 Severe weather or natural disaster standby | 1  | 0.62%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
|  | 20 | 12.50% | \$0 | 0.00% |

Total Incident Count: 159 Total Est. Loss: \$1,000



2011

September 2, 2011—Lyndon, Worthington, St. Matthews and Middletown responded. Kitchen fire with lots of smoke and adult and a child rescued by ladder from the 2nd floor.

September 3, 2011, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Woman, child rescued from Westport Road fire

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A child and woman were taken to hospitals to be treated for smoke inhalation early Saturday after a fire at the Kingswood Apartments on Westport Road, according to the Lyndon Fire Department.

The pair were rescued by ladder from a second-story window after the fire was reported at 3:40 a.m., said David Joels of the Lyndon Fire Department. The blaze was localized to the townhouse's kitchen and the building sustained smoke damage, mostly contained to a single unit, Joels said.

Arson investigators from Louisville Fire & Rescue are investigating, Joels said.

September 4, 2011,  
*WLKY.com*:

## Mother, Child Hospitalized After Apartment Fire

POSTED: 4:39 pm EDT September 3, 2011  
UPDATED: 4:44 pm EDT September 3, 2011

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**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** -- A mother and her child were rushed to a hospital following an apartment fire in Lyndon early Saturday morning.

Firefighters said the fire started at the Kingswood Apartment Complex in the 7600 block of Westport Road at about 3:30 a.m.

Fire officials said the woman and child were rescued from a second floor and were taken to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

"Well the guys just laddered the window, the mother was at the window, they helped her down and she said, 'My child's still in there,' so they went back in and found the child and brought her out," Lyndon Fire and Rescue Chief Russ Rakestraw said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.



2011

September 3, 2011, WAVE3TV:

## Mother and infant rescued from fire



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*Posted: Sep 03, 2011 5:35 AM CDT*

*Updated: Sep 03, 2011 5:35 AM CDT*

By Christi Reynard - email

LOUISVILLE (WAVE) - Firefighters rescued a mother and child by ladder when their apartment caught fire early Saturday morning.

The call went out around 3:40AM to the Kingswood Apartments on Westport Road.

Investigators believe the fire started in the apartment's kitchen.

When crews arrived, a woman was at a second story window, and had to be rescued by ladder.

"They helped her down. Then she said 'my child's still in there'," says Lyndon Fire Chief Russ Rakestraw, "so they went back in there and brought her out."

Ambulances took both mother and child to the hospital for smoke inhalation, but firefighters say both were conscious and alert.



2011

September 3, 2011, Chief Seng Letter:

September 3, 2011, District Certification:  
with letter—

Sent

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: September 3, 2011  
Re: District Activity

The September Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

#### District Updates for August 2011

##### Apparatus:

2659: Compartment door repainted, still waiting on reflective decals.  
2601: Repaired several small items including a leaky roof from loose antenna mount.  
2602: Replaced faulty battery.  
2633: Replaced old traffic safety vest.  
2634: Replaced old traffic safety vest.  
2631: Repaired updated Mobile Data Terminal that was not working properly.  
2658: Repaired updated Mobile Data Terminal that was not working properly.

All ground ladders and aerial ladders were tested for annual compliance to NFPA standards.

##### Facilities:

Goughan Roofing has completed the warranty replacement of the lower roof at Station 1. Additional work outside the scope of the warranty is needed. See attached EA.

Station 2 has had several HVAC repairs during the month of August.

##### Inspections:

Existing inspections completed: 65

New Construction projects in review:

|                 |                         |                                       |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| City Girls Cafe | 4600 Shelbyville Road   | Opening September, 7 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Sato Zen Sushi  | 285 North Hubbards Lane | Opening September, 9 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Trader Joe's    | 4600 Shelbyville Road   | Opening date near the end of October. |
| Borders Books   | 4600 Shelbyville Road   | Closing business.                     |

3. A legal description of the service area of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT the foregoing information is true and accurate as approved by the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District at its regular monthly meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

Sara McCune, Secretary  
St. Matthews Fire Protection District

This information is provided on the standard reporting form furnished by the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet, pursuant to KRS 65.270 (2), to the Jefferson County Clerk.

This FIRE DISTRICT CERTIFICATION BY THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT was filed with the JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK at 527 West Jefferson Street in Louisville, Kentucky 40202 on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

#### SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

##### ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

FOR FISCAL PERIOD JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Beginning Cash on hand on July 1, 2010           | \$1,993,640 |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                  |             |
| Property taxes                                   | 3,985,873   |
| Rent income                                      | 22,300      |
| Kentucky incentive pay                           | 123,286     |
| Interest income                                  | 32,861      |
| Miscellaneous revenues                           | 83,016      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                            | \$3,987,036 |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                              |             |
| <b>Current:</b>                                  |             |
| Personal services                                | 2,075,730   |
| Contractual services                             | 81,675      |
| Building maint, grounds maintenance and supplies | 50,820      |
| Office expenses                                  | 25,071      |
| Training, education and travel                   | 540,201     |
| Utilities and telephone                          | 56,588      |
| Fire apparatus, automotive and pump expenses     | 113,125     |
| Radio repair and maintenance                     | 4,516       |
| Other expenses                                   | 10,160      |
| Capital expenditures                             | 20,730      |
| <b>Debt service:</b>                             |             |
| Interest   | 6,523       |
| Principal  | 300,000     |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                        | \$3,664,091 |
| Ending Balance on June 30, 2011                  | \$1,883,584 |

#### FIRE DISTRICT CERTIFICATION BY THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

- 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.
- The statutory authority under which the St. Matthews Fire Protection was created is **Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 65 and Chapter 75.**
- The name and address of the chief executive officer of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is:  
  
William J. Seng  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207
- 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:      | Richard Tonini<br>3608 St. Germaine Court<br>Louisville, KY 40207<br>Term Expires: 06-30-2014     |
| Secretary:     | Sam McCune<br>251 Wilsonville Heights Drive<br>Fishersville, KY 40023<br>Term Expires: 06-30-2013 |
| Treasurer:     | Christine Kesler<br>3613 Norbourne Blvd.<br>Louisville, KY 40207<br>Term Expires: 06-30-2014      |
| Gregory Crabbs | Sarah Grider Cronan<br>3414 Ingle Avenue<br>Louisville, KY 40207<br>Term Expires: 06-30-2015      |
| Jack Monohan   | Bill Lowdenback<br>410 Cherrywood Rd.<br>Louisville, KY 40207<br>Term expires: 06-30-2012         |
|                | 3 Brownsboro Hill Road<br>Louisville, KY 40207<br>Term expires: 06-30-2013                        |

#### EXHIBIT A

##### Legal Description of Areas Protected by

##### St. Matthews Fire Protection District

BEGINNING at 1-71, Mockingbird Valley Rd., South, including properties at 404, 403, 402-B, 401 Mockingbird Valley Rd., continuing to and including Country Club Rd., then West, including properties of Stickler, Rubel, Ronald, Rinehart, Stewart, Henry and Wolfe to the City of Louisville limits and South to Brownsboro Rd., and to Frankfort Avenue, the contiguous with the boundaries of the Cities of St. Matthews, Broadfields, Plymouth Village, then South to include Cannons Ln. from 1-64 to Dutchmans Lane, the East, including only Dutchmans Ln. properties 5810 through 5908, and Almara Circle properties, Big Springs Country Club, NTS Springs Development to Breckenridge Lane and all ramps of 1-264 on North side of 1-264, then along the North side of 1-264 to and including all ramps of 1-264 and Shelbyville Rd., to the Lyndon Fire Protection District boundary, the North, along the East side of 1-264 to and including the ramps of 1-264 and the South side of Brownsboro Rd. only, crossing Brownsboro Rd. at the exit ramp from 1-264 West to Brownsboro Rd., and North following 1-264 to 1-71, then the South side of 1-71 right of way to and including the Woodside Rd. properties (accessible from Blankenbaker Ln.) crossing Blankenbaker Ln. at Woodside Rd. and including the properties located in the Cities of Indian Hills and Indian Hills Trail to 1-71, then following the South side right of way of 1-71 to and including Mockingbird Valley Rd., to the point of Beginning and including within the hereinabove described area the following cities:

- The City of Beechwood Village
- The City of Bellewood
- The City of Brownsboro Village
- The City of Druid Hills
- The City of Indian Hills
- The City of Maryhill Estates
- The City of Norbourne Estates
- The City of Richlawn
- The City of Rolling Fields
- The City of St. Matthews
- The City of Windy Hills
- The City of Woodlawn Park

The here in above described area being coterminous with and identical to the past boundaries and areas served by the St. Matthews Fire Volunteer Fire Association.

2011

September 7, 2011, WAVE3TV:

## Firm recommends fire service merger, district chiefs weigh in

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Posted: Sep 07, 2011 4:15 PM CDT  
Updated: Sep 07, 2011 5:03 PM CDT  
By Scott Adams - email



LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - A consolidation conversation is sparking a heated debate among neighbors and suburban fire chiefs.

"I think it would make it a little less personal," said Lyndon resident Adrian Rowan.

The reaction comes after Mayor Greg Fischer appointed the Merger 2.0 Task Force - a committee charged with finding improvements among metro departments.

The Fire/EMS subcommittee is still weighing the pros and cons after a firm recommended the metro's 17 suburban fire districts combine with the Louisville Fire Department. The subcommittee met Wednesday evening.

"I just don't think they're comparing apples to apples when they were throwing out numbers and dollars," said Chief Bill Seng of the St. Matthews Fire Department.

St. Matthews and Lyndon's chief are on the same page. "The suburban fire budgets and the city budgets are very, very different," said Chief Russ Rakestraw of the Lyndon Fire Department.

Rakestraw and Seng agree: what looks good on paper, saves money and improves the bottom line doesn't always make sense.

"What value are those services? What value are those to the community? Do they in fact bring the community closer together?" Rakestraw said. "Can the suburban system be helped with some minor revenue enhancements as compared to funding them at the same level as the city? They're all imperative questions that warrant answers."

Lyndon upped its business fire inspections, but the incremental fees haven't outweighed rising labor costs.

Rakestraw offers this improvement to the system: fire-based EMS service versus the status quo of a third service entity - a result of the county-wide merger more than a decade ago.

Pennsylvania-based firm Public Works, LLC suggested fire-managed EMS runs move may improve emergency response time and cut costs.

"If the current structure the way these fire districts get their funding doesn't change we're going to see that constant decline of our budgets," Seng said.



Chief Bill Seng, St. Matthews Fire Department



Chief Russ Rakestraw, Lyndon Fire Department





2011

## September 8, 2011, Trustee Meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



*Learn Not  
To Burn*

**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**  
240 Beards Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207  
(502) 853-7521

**William J. Seng**  
Fire Chief

Trustee Meeting Agenda  
September 8, 2011  
Noon

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Robert Tonini, Chairman  
Christine Kesler, Treasurer  
Sam McCune, Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Jack Monohan  
Bill Lowdenback  
Greg Crabb  
Sarah Grider Cronan

- I.) ✓ Call to Order *CG Noon*
- II.) ✓ Certification of Appointment (Sarah Grider Cronan)
- III.) ✓ Oath of Office (Sarah Grider Cronan)
- IV.) ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- V.) ✓ Treasurer Report
- VI.) ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- VII.) ✓ Old Business
- VIII.) ✓ New Business
- IX.) ✓ Executive Session-If Needed
- X.) ✓ The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on October 20, 2011 at Lyndon, 7:00PM
- XI.) ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on October 13, 2011-Thursday at Noon

Jack Monohan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:43PM, Greg Crabb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

September 8, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on September 8, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Sam McCune, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Jack Monohan and Bill Lowdenback. Also present were Sarah Cronan, Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Major Dugan, Frank Flynn, George Wiggins, Ron Renner, Nick Helmann, Charles McCune, Joe Bewley, Daniel Doyle, John Chilko, Larry Heaphy and Jordan Davis.

The board welcomed Sarah Grider Cronan to the meeting. Sarah was read the oath of office and sworn into her position by Sam McCune. Jack Monohan motioned to certify the appointment, Christine Kesler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Minutes

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the minutes of the July meeting, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

Christine Kesler gave the financial report. Christine reported that the district finances are in line with the exception of Apparatus expenses, which is due to heavy transmission work.

Jack Monohan made a motion to approve the financials as given, seconded by Bill Lowdenback and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the district is currently training at a home on Bow Lane. Chief reported that recruits Patrick Kenney and Chase Galvin have graduated recruit class and are now our new volunteers.

Chief Seng reported that the district had a successful rescue at Kingswood in Lyndon's district. The firefighters were praised by the board for a job well done.

Chief Seng briefly explained the Turnout Gear purchasing process. Fire gear is currently replaced on an as needed basis. The gear rotation is overseen by Chief

Monohan and is documented in Firehouse Software. As firefighters leave the district, gear is placed in the gear room and used as needed. Chief Seng reported that the district is in the process of looking for a replacement pick-up truck. The current pick-up truck is 11 years old and the district has spent over \$5000.00 in the past five years in maintenance. Chief Seng stated that there is a need for a dependable heavy duty truck at Station 1. The Trustees discussed several different options for saving money.

Chief Seng requested 4 EA's for the month of September.

|                          |  |             |
|--------------------------|--|-------------|
| <b>General Rubber</b>    | 4 new Winter Jackets                     | \$ 1,392.00 |
| <b>General Rubber</b>    | Purchase 5 sets of Turnout Gear          | \$ 9,395.00 |
| <b>FORD/</b>             | Ford F250 4x4 extended cab pickup        | \$26,875.00 |
| <b>Manning Equipment</b> | Red Warning Light bar, Electric Siren    | \$ 2,130.00 |
|                          |  | \$29,005.00 |
| <b>Geoghegan Roofing</b> | Remove Radio Antenna from Station 1 Roof | \$1,820.00  |

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the EA's from General Rubber and Geoghegan, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the EA to purchase the new pick-up truck, Christine Kesler seconded and Greg Crabb opposed.

#### Old Business

The fire district certification has been completed with the financial statement completed by the fire district accountant Robin Roberts.

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the district certification, Greg Crabb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### New Business

The November Trustees meeting has been moved to November 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Executive Session

None

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on October 20, 2011 at Lyndon at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on October 13, 2011 at 12:00 Noon.



2011

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NOTE from Rick Tonini—Great job! Fire in second story master bedroom probably electrical from a window air-conditioning unit. 2634 forced entry at front door and advanced to second floor and extinguished the fire. 2658 laid in but did not charge supply line. 2659, and a Lyndon unit also made scene. Victim was gone for an hour and came home to find the fire department working on her house. Home owners were a young couple with a small son.





2011

September 15, 2011, WAVE3TV:

## Appeals court asked to hear business arson case

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*Posted: Sep 15, 2011 8:58 AM CDT*

*Updated: Sep 15, 2011 6:03 PM CDT*



LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) – The businesswoman convicted of burning down her St. Matthews business in August 2006 is appealing her conviction.

In May 2010, Susan Lukjan was sentenced to 12 years in prison for the fire at Campbell's Gourmet Cottage on Sherrin Avenue, but was released on shock probation in January 2011.



Susan Lukjan

At a hearing Thursday morning, Thomas Clay, Lukjan's attorney, argued that the court made several errors in the trial. One of those errors said Clay was that Jefferson Circuit Judge Audra Eckerle did not let a defense arson expert testify at the trial.

"The arson expert we had as a witness was going to testify that it was impossible to determine the origin of this fire, and if it was incendiary," Clay said. "And if it is not incendiary it's not arson."

Clay said Eckerle did not allow his arson expert to testify because the expert was not licensed in Kentucky.

## Dog is credited for fire rescue

Family awakened, escape unharmed

By Joseph Lord  
jlord@courier-journal.com  
The Courier-Journal

A dog was credited Wednesday with saving a sleeping family from a fire spreading through their eastern Louisville home.

And a Lyndon Fire Protection District official said the response to the fire took longer than it would have if a nearby fire station hadn't been closed because of budget problems.

No one was injured in the fire at the house in the 8500 block of Butternut Court, near Westport Road, but the home sustained damage, including a hole in the roof, said Russ Rakestraw, chief of the Lyndon Fire Protection District.

Electrical service had been turned off to the home, and the occupants — a woman and her daughter — had fallen asleep with candles still lighted. Arson investigators from Louisville Fire & Rescue determined that candles caused the fire, Rakestraw said.

The family's smoke detectors weren't working, but one of their two dogs nudged the mother awake, Rakestraw said. After trying to douse the blaze with a pan of water, she and her daughter fled the home and called for emergency services, he said.

Firefighters were dispatched at 3:03 a.m. The house is a half-mile from the Lyndon's Fire Station 2 at 8414 Westport Road, but Rakestraw said it was temporarily closed because of financial constraints, possibly costing an extra four to six minutes in response time.

Two firefighters were operating out of Station 2 with a pickup truck to make medical runs and responded promptly to the fire call, Rakestraw said.

## FIRE: Nearby station shut by cutbacks

Continued from Page B1

More Lyndon firefighters and equipment were dispatched from the headquarters station at 8126 New La Grange Road, approximately a 2½-mile drive from the fire.

Citing increasing costs and decreasing tax revenue, the Lyndon fire district announced last year that Station 2 would sometimes be closed when the department lacked manpower and couldn't afford overtime pay for firefighters.

Had firetrucks been operating from Station 2, the damage to the home might have been lessened, Rakestraw said.

"It really underscores the importance of that station being open," he said.

Firefighters from St. Matthews, Worthington and Anchorage also responded to the blaze.

Reporter Joseph Lord can be reached at 582-4199.

Fire chief says financial cuts delayed response time, dogs saved owners from fire



by Claudia Coffey

WHASTV.com  
Posted on September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM  
Updated Thursday, Sep 22 at 12:07 AM

(WHASTV) — The Lyndon Fire Department Chief, Russ Rakestraw, says a fire Wednesday morning was too close to being a tragedy.

He says the department was delayed by several minutes because of financial cutbacks.

The family on Butternut Court was able to escape the fire because their two dogs woke them up.

When a fire started by a candle tore through the home of Sihene and Evket Woldehanna's condo Wednesday morning, the Lyndon Fire Chief says it almost ended in tragedy.

"Those are the things that keep me awake at night," Rakestraw says.

The Woldehanna's electricity had been cut off, and a candle used to light a room sparked a fire on a bedroom lampshade. Even worse, there were no batteries in the smoke detectors. But the Woldehanna's have two small heroes.

"That dog saved their lives," Chief Rakestraw said.

A rescue pit bull named Toya and a Chihuahua mix called Little Bit.

The two started barking and woke up the women.

"When I woke up I saw extra light coming out of my mom's room and I am like what is that and I saw the flames come out and I'm like whoa god," Sihene Woldehanna says.

By the time they grabbed the dogs, the fire had spread to the hallway and bathroom. Meantime, Lyndon Fire Station number two, less than a mile away, was on a brown out, meaning the station is often closed or working with a skeleton crew because of budget shortfalls and rising costs. So a minute 15 second drive took more than 6 minutes. According to Chief Rakestraw that's the difference between life and death.

"You figure the delay by the station being browned out. They had four times as much fire when they got the water there than they did when they first got there," Rakestraw said.

The Woldehanna's lost their cat but they have their lives and two heroes to thank.

And a tough lesson learned about the importance of having a working smoke detector.

"We are OK. We just have to start all over again. But we are troopers and survivors," Evket Woldehanna said.

The Red Cross is putting up the family in the Holiday Inn for only two days. The Woldehanna's say complete strangers have been helping them with clothing and food for their dogs.

See FIRE, Page B3



2011

September 21, 2011, WAVE3TV:

## Budget cuts blamed for slowed fire response

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Posted: Sep 21, 2011 5:05 PM CDT  
Updated: Sep 21, 2011 5:05 PM CDT

By Eric Flack - email  
Posted by Charles Gazaway - bio | email

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - A family pet saved two people from their burning home in Lyndon overnight. But firefighters tell us they could have arrived earlier if it weren't for city budget cuts.

It is something the city of Lyndon calls a "brown out." It happens when a fire station is shut down temporarily to save money. It just so happens the closest station to this fire, Lyndon's Station Two, was shut down.

The fire broke out just after three at a home on Butternut Court just off Westport Road. Lyndon fire officials tell us the homeowner was having financial troubles and electrical power to the home was shut off. Firefighters also said there were no batteries in the smoke detector and the residents of the home were using candles.

The family dog actually started barking which woke up a woman and her daughter who were able to get out safely. However, one of their pets did die in the fire.

According to Captain Richard Bliven, fire crews arrived about three minutes after getting the call, but there was heavy fire coming from a back window and the flames had already reached the second floor of the house. Although Lyndon's Station Two is less than a mile away, its shutdown meant a longer response time for firefighters.

"The net result of that was probably a four to six minute delay in getting first water on the fire," said Lyndon Chief Rick Rakestraw. "We absolutely hate to have that station browned out, but our budget situation just forces us to do that."

Firefighters are estimating the damage to the home to be close to \$200,000 and say it is a great example of why you need to make sure your smoke detectors are working properly and that you change out the batteries regularly.

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Captain Richard Bliven



Chief Rick Rakestraw

## Overnight fire destroys a home in Lyndon

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Posted: Sep 21, 2011 6:19 AM CDT  
Updated: Sep 21, 2011 6:28 AM CDT

By Heather Smith - email



LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - An overnight fire destroyed a home off Westport Road in Lyndon.

A call went out just after 3 o'clock Wednesday at 8501 Butternut Court and firefighters arrived just a few minutes later.

"We arrived on scene about 3 minutes after responding, and found heavy fire that had extended out of one of the back windows of the house. It was extended up to the second floor," said Lyndon Fire Department Capt. Rich Bliven.

It took firefighters about 20 minutes to get the blaze under control. Investigators are still trying to determine how the fire started.

A woman and her daughter living in the home got out safely, along with most of their pets. Firefighters say one of their pets died in the fire.

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2011

September 22, 2011, *DogPostDaily.com*:

September 22, 2011, Butternut Court  
Fire: Courtesy Wiley Brewer

**Dog Name a Hero in Kentucky**

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Posted on 22 September 2011



From: *Courier-Journal*

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Electrical service had been turned off to the home, and the occupants — a woman and her daughter — had fallen asleep with candles still lit. Arson investigators from Louisville Fire & Rescue determined that candles caused the fire, Rakestraw said.

The family's smoke detectors weren't working, but one of their two dogs nudged the mother awake, Rakestraw said. After trying to douse the blaze with a pan of water, she and her daughter fled the home and called for emergency services, he said.

Firefighters were dispatched at 3:03 a.m. The house is a half-mile from the Lyndon's Fire Station 2 at 8414 Westport Road, but Rakestraw said it was temporarily closed because of financial constraints, possibly costing an extra four to six minutes in response time.

Two firefighters were operating out of Station 2 with a pickup truck to make medical runs and responded promptly to the fire call, Rakestraw said. More Lyndon firefighters and equipment were dispatched from the headquarters station at 8126 New La Grange Road, approximately a 2½-mile drive from the fire.

Citing increasing costs and decreasing tax revenue, the Lyndon fire district announced last year that Station 2 would sometimes be closed when the department lacked manpower and couldn't afford overtime pay for firefighters.

Had firetrucks been operating from Station 2, the damage to the home might have been lessened, Rakestraw said.

"It really underscores the importance of that station being open," he said.

Firefighters from St. Matthews, Worthington and Anchorage also responded to the blaze.

September 23, 2011, Cleaning apparatus floor  
Friday afternoon: Courtesy Wiley Brewer



2011

## September 30, 2011, Incident Report:

## October 10, 2011, Chief Seng Letter:



STMPD

### Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (09/01/2011) And (09/30/2011)

| Incident Type                             | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|---|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 Fire                                    |       |                  |                 |               |
| 111 Building fire                         | 2     | 1.53%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire                | 2     | 1.53%            | \$5,000         | 100.00%       |
| 1001 Fires involving rubbish or landscape | 2     | 1.53%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|   | 7     | 5.58%            | \$5,000         | 100.00%       |

|   |    |        |     |       |
|---|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident   |    |        |     |       |
| 300 Rescue, EMS incident, other                 | 1  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew             | 14 | 10.76% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 3111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given | 1  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 3112 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks      | 1  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 3116 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after   | 1  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient | 6  | 4.61%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 321 Lock-in till lock out - see 311             | 1  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
|   | 25 | 19.23% | \$0 | 0.00% |

|   |   |       |     |       |
|---|---|-------|-----|-------|
| 4 Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)          |   |       |     |       |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LNG)         | 3 | 2.30% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 445 Accidng, shorted electrical equipment | 2 | 1.53% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 461 Vehicle accident, general cleanup     | 3 | 2.30% | \$0 | 0.00% |
|   | 8 | 6.15% | \$0 | 0.00% |

|                                       |    |        |     |       |
|---------------------------------------|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 5 Service Call                        |    |        |     |       |
| 500 Service Call, other               | 2  | 1.53%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 511 Lock-Out                          | 2  | 1.53%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 554 Assist Invalid                    | 1  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 571 Power assignment, standby, moveup | 9  | 6.92%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
|                                       | 14 | 10.76% | \$0 | 0.00% |

|   |    |        |     |       |
|---|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 6 Good Intent Call                          |    |        |     |       |
| 600 Good intent call, other                 | 10 | 7.69%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route         | 28 | 20.00% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 632 Prescribed fire                         | 2  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 650 Smoke source, edge of smoke             | 2  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be | 2  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 661 EMS call, party transported by non-fire | 2  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 671 HazMat release investigation w/o HazMat | 1  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |

| Incident Type | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|---------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|               | 41    | 31.53%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |

|  |    |        |     |       |
|--|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 7 False Alarm & False Call                     |    |        |     |       |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other           | 2  | 1.53%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                  | 2  | 1.53%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction    | 2  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to           | 3  | 2.30%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction    | 5  | 3.84%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 738 CO Detector activation due to malfunction  | 1  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 1  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -            | 2  | 0.76%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 12 | 9.23%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 7  | 5.38%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
|  | 32 | 24.92% | \$0 | 0.00% |

Total Incident Count: 130 Total Est Loss: \$5,000

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: October 10, 2011  
Re: District Activity

The October Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District has been contacted by the St. Matthews Police Department's Special Response Team to assist them in developing several of our firefighters to potentially join their team as Tactical Medics. At this time we are currently exploring the cost and all legal ramifications to see if this is even feasible for us to undertake. I will keep everyone posted as this develops.

I have once again been asked by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security to travel to Maryland to assist in grant reviews for the Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program. I will be out of the office from Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>. If anyone needs to contact me I will still be available by cell phone.

### District Updates for September 2011

#### Apparatus:

2659: Replaced a broken hydraulic stabilizer jack pin.  
2634: Currently has a broken MIV motor which is on order and will be replaced soon.  
2631: Repaired broken side platform step.  
2658: Replaced electrical junction box from generator.

All fire pumps were tested and passed for annual compliance to NFPA standards.  
All apparatus had the quarterly brake inspection completed with no repairs needed.  
All apparatus are completing their annual service and oil change this month.

#### Facilities:

Ground cover is being replaced with stone around the flag pole at Station 2.  
Damaged ceiling tiles have been replaced at both stations.  
Station 1 rear door was damaged by 2658 aerial ladder. Lower door panel has been replaced.

#### Inspections:

Existing inspections completed: 176

#### New Construction projects in review:

|                  |                         |   |
|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| City Girls Cafe' | 4600 Shelbyville Road   | Final inspection completed and opened.                  |
| Sato Zen Sushi   | 285 North Hubbards Lane | Final inspection completed and opened.                  |
| Trader Joe's     | 4600 Shelbyville Road   | Opening Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> pending final inspection. |
| Tafel Motors     | 4156 Shelbyville Road   | Final inspection completed and opened.                  |

#### Training:

General FD Training (4 weeks / 14 classes / 3 hours per class / 42 total hours of training).

Recruit Class - the recruit class was completed in August, and recruits Galvin & Kenney are now functioning as volunteer firefighters. Both Middletown and Lyndon FD have decided to run any future recruit classes in-house, and as such the "Joint East Louisville Recruit Class" is now defunct. St Matthews currently has 2-3 volunteer applications on file, and any future recruit classes are on hold for now.

Acquired Structure at 184 Bow Lane - The structure was used for training on numerous dates in September. The property owner has provided us with a tentative date of early November for the structure to be demolished. We will hold off doing any significant damage to the exterior of the structure until we are within 1-2 weeks of the house being demolished.

#### Fire Prevention:


We hosted two birthday parties.  
Visited the City of Woodlawn Park's city meeting to discuss fire safety.  
Visited Kroger, Calvin Presbyterian Church, and The Mall St. Matthews for fire safety talks and 9/11 tributes.  
Participated in the flag raising at Sacred Heart Academy's field hockey game.  
Visited Chermoweth Elementary for a school health fair.  
Visited Skyline Chili for a Kid's night at the restaurant.



2011

# October 13, 2011, Trustee Meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



**ST. MATTHEWS  
Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207  
(502) 893-7825

**William J. Seng  
Fire Chief**

Trustee Meeting Agenda  
October 13, 2011  
Noon

*Learn Not  
To Burn*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Rick Tonini, Chairman  
Christine Kesler, Treasurer  
Sam McCune, Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Jack Monohan  
Bill Lowdenback  
Greg Crabb  
David Under-Gravel

I. ✓ Call to Order *12:00*

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *Approved*

III. ✓ Treasurer Report *Approved*

✓ (a) Audit Review-Dean, Dorton, Allen & Ford *In Review Report*

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng

V. ✓ Old Business *No New Update on Cell Tower*

VI. ✓ New Business *Update on Merger 2-0 (No Merger Planned)*

VII. ✓ Executive Session *Needed 12:55 to 1:18 PM*

VIII. ✓ The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service Meeting will be held on October 20, 2011 at Lyndon Station #1-7:00PM.

IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on November 17, 2011-Thursday at Noon.

*OVER 1:18 PM*

The next Trustees meeting will be held on November 17, 2011 at 12:00 Noon.

Jack Monohan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:39PM, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman

Secretary

|   | 2011 Preliminary Totals | 2011 St. Matthews Budgeted Totals  | 2011 Final Certified Totals      |
|---|-------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Real Property Tax Income                  | \$5,025,001             | \$5,030,001  | \$5,031,499                      |
| Personal Property Tax Income              | \$246,000               | \$246,000  | \$250,211                        |
| Motor Vehicle Tax Income                  | \$170,000               | \$170,000  | \$168,040                        |
| Taxes                                     | \$5,441,001             | \$5,446,001  | \$5,449,750                      |
| Budget shortfall                          |                         |  | \$96,250                         |
| Amount to draw to make up the difference: |                         | Income remaining Capital Expenditure Items<br>Move reserve funds to operations<br>Overline savings from personnel change | \$50,000<br>\$25,000<br>\$21,250 |
| Total                                     |                         |  | \$67,000                         |

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

October 13, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on October 13, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Sam McCune, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Jack Monohan, Sarah Cronan and Bill Lowdenback. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Major Dugan, Frank Flynn, Nick Clark, Kevin Moulton, Brendan Montgomery, Larry Heaphy, Tony Glass, Michael Monohan, Charles McCune and Jordan Davis.

Mr. Tom Eiffer was recognized for his twelve years of service on the board and the board presented him with service award.

### Minutes

Bill Lowdenback motioned to approve the minutes of the September meeting, Christine Kesler seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Christine Kesler gave the financial report. Christine reported that the district transferred \$200,000 to the checking account to cover general expenses. One of the CD's will mature on 10/8/11 and Christine will be shopping rates to renew this CD at the best rate available. Christine answered a question posed by Frank Flynn at the September Trustees Meeting regarding excess cash and the budget.

Jack Monohan made a motion to approve the financials as given, seconded by Sam McCune and the motion passed unanimously.

Jim Tencza and Travis Frick from Dean Dorton Allen and Ford presented the Fiscal Year 2011 Audit. Jim Tencza reported that this is the first audit that the firm has completed for the fire district under the new name Dean Dorton Allen and Ford. The accounting firm Cotton & Allen, which had performed the audit in past years, has merged with Dean Dorton Allen and Ford. Travis Frick introduced the Audit drafts to the Trustees and walked them through the financial statements. Travis pointed out that no weaknesses were found due to controls or non-compliance.

Bill Lowdenback posed the question of removing language that was not necessary to the scope of the audit. Dean Dorton Allen and Ford agreed to remove unnecessary language that pertained to Homeland Security Grants.

Chairman Tonini posed the question to the auditors of if the district should rotate auditors. Jim Tencza recognized the significance of the question and recommended instead of rotating auditors, just rotating personnel that handles the audit. Travis Frick explained to the Trustees that there is abundant information relating to relationships and auditing and the length of relationship that the current firm has with the fire district is a strength, rather than a weakness.

### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that George Wiggins is off duty on a Work Comp injury for approximately 6 weeks. While George is off duty, Charles McCune has agreed to cover his shift.

The Jefferson County Fire Recruit Class has been put on hold for now due to finances and personnel. Captain Richardson will report to Chief Seng if there are any changes.

Chief Seng reported that the district's uniform policy had been updated to include restrictions on body art. Chief Seng supplied a copy of the policy to all Trustees.

Chief Seng had no Expense Authorizations for the month of October.

### Old Business

There were no Cell Tower updates.

### New Business

Chairman Tonini reported that Mayor Fischer has delegated Lori Hutton as the Fire Representative of the Mayor's Office. Mayor Fischer has invited all county Fire Trustee members to join him for a meeting for Jefferson County Boards and Commissioners on November 2, 2011 at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

### Executive Session

Jack Monohan motioned to enter Executive Session at 12:55PM for legal and personnel matters.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:38PM.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on October 20, 2011 at Lyndon Station 1 at 7:00PM.

2011

# October 31, 2011, Incident Report:

# November 10, 2011, Chief Seng Letter:

## St. Matthews Fire Protection District

### Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (10/01/2011) And (10/31/2011)

| Incident Type  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |           |                  |                |               |
| 100 Fire, Other  | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 332 Road freight or transport vehicle fire               | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1.65%</b>     | <b>00</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |           |                  |                |               |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 12        | 9.30%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 313 Medical assist, cancelled by squad w/box             | 3         | 2.47%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 317 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient           | 3         | 2.47%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle                | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>19</b> | <b>15.06%</b>    | <b>00</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |           |                  |                |               |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other           | 2         | 1.45%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 443 Breakdown of light ballast                           | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 445 Arcing, started electrical equipment                 | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 483 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 4         | 3.30%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>8</b>  | <b>6.41%</b>     | <b>00</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |           |                  |                |               |
| 500 Service Call, other                                  | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 501 Lock-out   | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 522 Water or steam leak                                  | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 531 Smoke or odor removal                                | 2         | 1.65%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 551 Assist police or other governmental agency           | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, support                   | 3         | 2.47%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>9</b>  | <b>7.43%</b>     | <b>00</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                                |           |                  |                |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                              | 4         | 3.30%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route                      | 10        | 24.79%           | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch             | 4         | 3.30%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 631 Authorized controlled burning                        | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other           | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 651 Smoke sensor, odor of smoke                          | 3         | 2.47%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be              | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>44</b> | <b>36.36%</b>    | <b>00</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |

Alarm Date Between (10/01/2011) And (10/31/2011)

| Incident Type                                  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>          |           |                  |                |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other           | 2         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other   | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 714 Central station, malicious false alarm     | 1         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                  | 2         | 0.82%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction    | 3         | 2.47%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 737 Smoke detector activation due to           | 2         | 1.65%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 738 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction    | 3         | 2.47%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 4         | 3.30%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 742 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 12        | 9.30%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -             | 3         | 2.47%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 8         | 6.65%            | 00             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>38</b> | <b>32.23%</b>    | <b>00</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |

Total Incident Count: 121 Total Est Loss: 00

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: November 10, 2011  
Re: District Activity

The November Trustees meeting is next Thursday at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tosini or myself if you are unable to attend.

If anyone is interested in attending this year's St. Matthews Area Community Pride Award Breakfast where Captain Don Ryan will be honored as our Firefighter of the year, please let me know within the next week or two. The event will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Obelisk on Frankfort Avenue. Doors open at 7 am and breakfast will be served at 7:30 am.

The board will need to adopt a resolution at our next meeting stating that it is the policy of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District to be a drug and alcohol free workplace. By doing this we will receive a 5% discount every year off of our workman's comp premium.

I have been contacted by Verizon again and they have advised me that the cell tower project at Station two is back on schedule and we should see construction start as well as our rent check within the next month or so.

✓ The annual awards dinner which is held here at Station One is scheduled for Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar so that you can attend. *JMM 12 2*

### District Updates for October 2011

#### Apparatus:

2693: Replaced worn tires.

2602: Replaced worn tires.

Annual service is completed on 2631, 2633, 2634, and 2658. Unit 2659 will be completed in November.

#### Facilities:

Several rooms and hallways at Station One are being repainted by our firefighters.

Flag pole light fixture was repaired at Station Two.

#### Equipment:

Four new sets of firefighter turnout gear is now in service.

#### Inspections:

Existing inspections completed: 229

### New Construction projects in review:

|              |                       |   |
|--------------|-----------------------|---|
| NikeOutlet   | 4600 Shelbyville Road | Final inspection completed and opened.      |
| Trader Joe's | 4600 Shelbyville Road | Final inspection completed and opened.      |
| Chick Fillet | 5001 Shelbyville Road | Remodel complete. Waiting final inspection. |
| Panera Bread | 6221 Dutchman's Pkwy  | Remodel in progress.                        |

### Training:

General FD Training (4 weeks / 14 classes / 3 hours per class / 42 total hours of training)

#### Current Staffing Levels

Paid - 30

Volunteer - 10 (8 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls)

General FD Training (4 weeks / 14 classes / 3 hours per class / 42 total hours of training)

|          |                                     |          |
|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 10/3-5   | Annual Drivers Qualification Course | 9 Hours  |
| 10/10-12 | Multi-Co w/Lyndon @ Bow Lane        | 9 Hours  |
| 10/18-21 | Volunteers & EMT Cont Education     | 12 Hours |
| 10/24-26 | Annual Agility Test                 | 12 Hours |

### Fire Prevention:

We had a busy month in October with two birthday parties, six public education appearances and ten fire safety visits to schools.

#### We attended:

Home Depot Kids Fire Safety workshop  
Indian Hills Oktoberfest  
Batteries Plus fire safety event  
St Matthews Rotary Club pancake breakfast  
SMABA Halloween event at Browns Park  
Parkside Halloween Parade

#### We delivered fire safety talks at:

Baptist East Childcare Center  
Christ Church United Methodist Preschool x 2  
Chenoweth Elementary  
Friends School  
Harvey Browne Preschool x 2  
Bethel St. Paul  
Our Lady of Lourdes Preschool  
Waggener Preschool

2011

November 14, 2011, former STMFD firefighter William "Bill" Medina died.

### William Ernest Medina | [Visit Guest Book](#)



MEDINA, WILLIAM ERNEST, 84, of Louisville, entered peacefully into rest on Monday, November 14, 2011 at Baptist Hospital East.

Bill built and owned the Southern Glass Company in Shively, Medina Construction Company, and was a former partner in the Jeffersontown Mini Warehouse.

Bill was a loving husband and a great dad and grandpa. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church and was a member of the old Louisville Jaycees. Bill had a friendly, warm and open heart and special positive can-do attitude and could figure out how to fix almost anything.

He was especially proud of his large family. Bill was born in Teaneck, NJ August 12, 1927 and was a Marine [World War II](#) veteran.

He was preceded in rest by his mother, Marie Medina; and father, Ernesto Medina; and brother, Bob Medina.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 62 years, Betty Jane; his four children, Bill (Miller), Jim (Jan), Janice Jewell (Denis) and Roger (Candy); a sister, Carmen "Dede" Miller (Buddy); and a brother, Ernie (Melinda). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Beth (Campbell) Ewen, Kate, William, Erin (Ryan Goltry), Paul (Christy), Jessica (Kevin) McCarron, Brian (Trisha), Kevin Jewell, Rachael Medina, Amy Mueller and Matt Mueller and great-grandchildren, Lillian and Joseph McCarron and Henry and Evelyn Ewen.

The family especially thanks the wonderful and caring staff of Parr's at Springhurst for the care they provided.

His funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, November 19, 2011 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 531 E. Liberty St., with interment following in Cave Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 pm. Friday at Ratterman's, 3711 Lexington Road.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to St. Boniface Catholic Church or the Humane Society.



2011

# November 17, 2011, Trustee Meeting:

Smoke Detectors  
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Learn How  
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William J. Seng  
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Jack Monohan  
Bill Lowdenback  
Greg Chubb  
Sarah Cronan, Clerk

Trustee Meeting Agenda  
November 17, 2011  
Noon

- I. ✓ Call to Order *None*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *Approved*
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report  
a. Final Audit Review *(Send Copy to Tom Ertter)*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business *None*
- VI. ✓ New Business *None*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session-If Needed *YF 12:55 to 1:25*
- VIII. ✓ The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service Meeting will be held on January 19, 2011 at 7:00pm-Middletown, Station 1
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Trustee meeting will be held on December 8, 2011-Thursday at Noon.

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

November 17, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on November 17, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Sam McCune, Christine Kesler, Greg Chubb, Jack Monohan, Sarah Cronan and Bill Lowdenback. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Mike Frantz, Mike Richardson, Mike Willinger, Patrick Montague, Rickie Tapp and Jordan Davis.

## Minutes

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the minutes of the October meeting, Sam McCune seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

Christine Kesler gave the Treasurer's report. There was one discrepancy on the budget in which the Firefighter Combat Challenge income was reported on the budget and will be taken off the report by next meeting. Rick Tonini reported that the district should keep the FF Combat Challenge Funds separate for all reporting purposes. The board discussed that the money earned for the fund and the way it is spent reflects on the fire district and should be overseen. Christine recommended having a separate checking to run this account through and she will look into the best option for the situation.

Christine reported that projected property tax numbers were down from original projections by \$66,225.00. The current budget was based on the preliminary numbers and now the district will be required to make some changes.

Chief Seng offered solutions to the budget shortfall that included moving the reserve fund and putting all Capital Expenditures on hold until the next fiscal year. Chief Seng will be looking at all budget items to trim expenses and find savings. Bill Lowdenback motioned to allow Chief Seng to decide on how expenses could be lowered, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monohan motioned to accept the Fiscal Year 2011 audit as final and approve the financials, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that he had been approached by members concerning the buy-back of unused vacation time. The board discussed the pros and cons of the buy-back program and how it could be beneficial or abused. It was determined by the board that Chief Seng would review each request on a case by case basis.

Chief Seng asked the board to adopt a resolution to become a Drug Free Workplace. This designation will allow the district to receive a 5% discount on the annual Worker's Compensation premium. Bill Lowdenback motioned to pass the resolution that the St. Matthews Fire District has the designation of a Drug Free Workplace, Christine Kesler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Christine Kesler motioned to declare 2694 as surplus, Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng had no Expense Authorizations for the month of November.

## Old Business

There were no new Cell Tower updates.

## New Business

The Prime Rib and Awards dinner will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at Station 1 at 6:30 PM. The Community Pride Breakfast, which will honor Captain Don Ryan, will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Olmstead at 7:00 AM.

## Executive Session

Jack Monohan motioned to enter Executive Session at 12:56PM for personnel matters.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:30PM.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on January 19, 2012, location TBA at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on December 8, 2011 at 12:00 Noon.

Jack Monohan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:39PM, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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November 18, 2011, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Woman dies in St. Matthews apartment fire

7:26 PM, Nov. 18, 2011 | Comments

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St. Matthews firefighters pulled a woman from a smoke-filled unit at the Cypress Pointe apartment complex along Hubbards Lane Friday evening. Attempts to resuscitate here were unsuccessful. November 18, 2011 / By Pam Spaulding, The Courier-Journal

St. Matthews firefighters were unable to resuscitate woman they pulled from a smoky apartment Friday evening.

The woman's name or an official cause of death have not been released, said Rick Tonini, a spokesman for the St. Matthews department.

Tonini said fire crews arrived at the Cypress Pointe apartment complex in the 400 block of South Hubbards Lane — near Kresge Way — just before 5 p.m.

They found smoke coming from a second floor apartment, but saw no flames.

When firefighters entered the unit, they found the woman inside and pulled her out. She was pronounced dead at the scene, Tonini said.

Tonini said it appeared that fire may have started earlier in the day and then died out on its own because the apartment was closed off and there was limited oxygen inside.

The fire may have started on a couch in the apartment. Tonini said arson investigators were on the scene, which is standard procedure, to determine the cause of the fire and when it may have started.

He was unsure how many residents may have been displaced and whether power would remain cut off to the building overnight.

No one else was injured in the fire and there were no reports of rescues.

Tonini said it appeared the woman lived alone.

Matt Lyons, a neighbor who lives in the apartment above the one where the fire started, said the woman who lives there may have been in her 60s, but he rarely spoke with her. He said she mainly kept to herself.

2011

November 18, 2011, WAVE3TV:

## Deadly fire in St. Matthews

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Posted: Nov 18, 2011 4:33 PM CST

Updated: Nov 18, 2011 9:36 PM CST

By Katie Bauer - email



Rick Tonini

ST. MATTHEWS, KY (WAVE) – Police and firefighters in St. Matthews are investigating the death of a woman in a fire near Waggener High School.

The fire happened in a unit of the Cypress Pointe Apartments in the 400 block of South Hubbards Lane.

Fire crews were called to the scene just before 5 p.m. Friday after a resident returned to the complex and noticed the smell of smoke. That resident notified the apartment office.

A maintenance worker went and checked it out and we're told when he entered the apartment there was heavy smoke, so he called the fire department.

Rick Tonini with the St. Matthews Fire Department says crews prepared for a rescue, but once they were in the apartment, they found a woman dead on the floor.

Tonini says it is believed that the fire started in a couch, but the official cause is still yet to be determined. Arson investigators were on the scene trying to figure out exactly what happened.

Tonini also tells us it's a possibility that the woman may have been there a few hours. He says by the time crews got to the scene, the fire had already put itself out.

"There was a lot of heat a lot of smoke, we are very fortunate that the fire did not ventilate itself through a broken window or something like that and spread further in the complex," said Tonini.

The woman's identity has not yet been released. No other apartments were damaged.

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November 18, 2011, WHAS11.com:

## Woman found dead after fire at apartment complex



by Claudia Coffey

WHAS11.com  
Posted on November 18, 2011 at 11:54 PM  
Updated yesterday at 11:54 PM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11) – One woman is dead after fire and heavy smoke filled her apartment late Friday in St. Matthews. The fire was at the Cypress Point Apartment complex in the 400 block of South Hubbards Lane.

In the smoky aftermath of an apartment fire, one woman, believed to be the only person living there, is dead. The exact cause of her death is still under investigation.

Neighbor Matt Lyons was the first to smell the smoke.

"A bad burning smell, like plastic," recalls neighbor Matt Lyons.

Shortly after 4 this afternoon, Lyons smelled and then could see smoke rising in his apartment.

"I looked around my apartment first. I didn't think it was really that bad. Waited for a little bit and the smoke started appearing in the apartment," says Lyons.

He contacted a maintenance worker and when they opened this second floor apartment, all he could see were flames. When St. Matthews Fire Department arrived, they found only smoke and a woman on the floor.

"We went in and found a victim in the front room of the apartment. We brought her down and tried to revive her but she was obviously deceased," says Rick Tonini with St. Matthews Fire Department. The fire was contained to only this apartment.

"I feel lucky that it's only that apartment. I didn't come home to a burnt down building," says Lyons.

The identity of the woman has not yet been released. She also had several cats in the apartment that did not survive.



November 18, 2011, WDRB.com:

## One dead in St. Matthews apartment fire

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Posted: Nov 18, 2011 4:33 PM CST  
Updated: Nov 18, 2011 7:48 PM CST



Woman dies in St. Matthews apartment fire



Woman dies in St. Matthews apartment fire

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One dead apartment

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LOUISVILLE, KY. (WDRB) -- One person has died in a fire at a St. Matthews apartment complex.

Fire crews responded to 425 South Hubbards Lane in building 8 of Cypress Pointe Apartments.

"It's kinda shocking. Like something you'd see in a movie. Not something across the street from your home," says Rhonda Powell, who lives in an apartment nearby.

Another neighbor, Matt Lyons, lives above the apartment that caught fire.

He smelled the smoke when he arrived home, and saw the proof once he got into his apartment.

"Went in and there was a little bit of smoke in my apartment. Went ahead and went to the clubhouse to get the maintenance guys and they saw there was burn marks in the apartment below," says Matt Lyons.

That's when they opened it, and discovered the heavy smoke.

"They were saying that they were trying to track down that smell this afternoon but couldn't ever find it," says Matt Lyons.

Fire crews quickly arrived to Cypress Pointe apartments, where they discovered heavy damage inside the apartment, and a woman's body in the front room.

"We then went in to put the fire out, but there was no fire because the apartment was very tight and even though there was considerable amount of fire, the fire had consumed the oxygen and you have to have oxygen to support combustion, so the fire put itself out," says Rick Tonini with St. Matthews Fire.

While the woman's death and the fire has neighbors shaken up, they're thankful it didn't spread to other apartments.

"Cause there's so many other people. It could have been a lot worse", says Rhonda Powell.

Arson investigators are working to determine what caused the fire.

The coroner has not yet released the name of the woman.

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November 18, 2011, Trustee and PIO Rick Tonini of STMFD:

4:55pm St. Matthews and 5551 are dispatched to a structure fire in Cypress Point apartments. 2602 arrived on scene a very short time later - nothing showing. He met with the maintenance man with a pass key. Stuart opened the door to find Heavy smoke and heat in the apartment and determined there would be a probable rescue. 2631 found a female victim on the floor of the front room. They removed the victim from the toxic environment only to discover she had already started riggers and had probably been dead for hours. The arson investigator and coroner have not yet announced their conclusions however we believe the fire raged in the apartment until the oxygen was consumed and eventually put itself out. The apartment was heavily damaged by heat and smoke. When we opened the door to the apartment we expected a working fire because of the heat and smoke. The TV and computer had melted indicating extreme heat and fire. When the company advanced the line they never charged the line because there was no fire. The fire had self extinguished a long time prior its' discovery. We ventilated by opening the sliding door and the heat and smoke dissipated quickly in the apartment. The fire started in a couch area and most people believe the source of the ignition to be a cigarette. It is also believed the victim died from smoke inhalation. Neither is official, only opinion.

The upstairs neighbor came home from work and smelled smoke. He called the office and they dispatched the maintenance man. He used his pass key to discover the fire and called for Fire. The lady had bricks behind the door and the door opening was sealed with duct tape, strange.

November 19, 2011,  
WAVE3TV:

ST. MATTHEWS, KY (WAVE) – The victim in Friday's deadly fire in St. Matthews has been identified by the coroner's office as Elizabeth Gipson, 46, who lived in the apartment where the fire occurred, in the 400 block of South Hubbards Lane.

Deputy coroner Eddie Robinson, said Gipson was pronounced dead at the scene about 5 p.m. Friday. A Saturday morning autopsy revealed the cause of death was smoke inhalation.

## Woman who died in St. Matthews fire identified

12:01 PM, Nov. 18, 2011 | Comments

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November 19, 2011, *The Courier-Journal*:

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The woman who died late Friday afternoon in a fire at a St. Matthews apartment building has been identified.

Elizabeth Gipson, 46, was pronounced dead at the scene of the fire, said Eddie Robinson, a deputy coroner.

An autopsy was performed Saturday morning and smoke inhalation was determined to be the cause of Gipson's death, Robinson said.

Gipson lived in the Cypress Pointe apartment where St. Matthews firefighters put out the fire in the 400 block of South Hubbards Lane, Robinson said.

St. Matthews officials said Friday that the fire appeared to have started in a couch, but an official causes has yet to be released.



November 22, 2011, *The Courier-Journal*:

## St. Matthews firefighters stick with the basics

6:34 PM, Nov. 21, 2011 | Comments

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St. Matthews firefighter Nick Heilmann tried a "hot" new jalapeno chicken recipe recently when it was his turn to cook dinner at the district's firehouse on Sears Avenue.

He paired the chicken dish from Allrecipes.com with baked, garlic-roasted red potatoes and canned carrots, stirring the steaming potatoes in a big double oven in a spacious upstairs kitchen.

Generally, "I stick with the basics," he said. "I don't get too crazy. It's kind of hard to mess up chicken. But it's possible."

If dinner turns into a disaster, the evening can always turn into "Domino's night," he said.



Firefighters, from left, Ron Rammer, Nick Heilmann and Kent Monohan cook dinner at the St. Matthews firehouse. / Aaron Borton/ Special to The Courier-Journal

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- St. Matthews firehouse cooking
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- Yogi's cheesecake is hard to resist

In addition to life-and-death decisions that firefighters make in their jobs, they also have to make everyday decisions about what to eat and cook during their long, 24-hour shifts, alternating with 48 hours off, including for holidays.

Heilmann and the other members of the crew led by Capt. Kent Monohan can often be found shopping at Kroger in the Woodlawn Shopping Center on Hubbards Lane or the Walmart Neighborhood Market on Thierman Lane.

On holidays, they usually gather at the firehouse with their families and everyone brings a side dish.

Monohan's crew is not working on Thanksgiving this year. But it will be on Christmas, and Monohan, a fourth-generation firefighter, is making plans to smoke a turkey.

On holidays, he's grilled a turkey at home and brought it in, after letting it soak for 12 hours or more ("More is better" the recipe says) in a brine made from a recipe that calls for brown sugar, oranges, lemons and other ingredients. The brine is the "secret" to keeping the turkey moist, he said.

### Capt. Kent Monohan's turkey brine and grilled turkey recipes

Brine:

Enough water to cover turkey completely

1 cup salt

2 cups brown sugar

Herbs to taste (sage, parsley, thyme)

2 oranges, cut up

2 lemons, cut up

Mix together and place turkey in brine. Cover and let sit 12 or more hours. (More is better!)

Turkey:

Stuff cavity with one of each, sliced: orange, lemon, apple and onion. Add 1 whole clove of garlic, minced. Put favorite rub on the outside. Cook on medium-hot grill until thigh meat reaches 180 degrees. Let sit for 30 minutes. Serve and have seconds!

### Cranberry salad, courtesy of Capt. Kent Monohan

1 pound fresh cranberries, sorted and washed

Cook on stove with 2½ cups water until the berries pop. Add two 3-ounce or one 6-ounce red flavored jello. Stir over the heat until dissolved. Add 2 cups white sugar and stir. Add one can crushed pineapple and stir. Remove from heat and add 1 teaspoon cider vinegar. Pour into a container and chill in refrigerator until set. Use within a few days or freeze. Add a dab of mayonnaise before serving.

### Jalapeno chicken (Allrecipes.com), courtesy of firefighter Nick Heilmann

Prep time: 15 minutes. Cook time: 45 minutes.

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

2 teaspoons chili powder

1 teaspoons ground cumin

2 teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon black pepper

1 whole chicken, cut into pieces

1 cup chicken broth

2 tablespoons honey

2 limes, juiced

½ jalapeno pepper, minced

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Lightly grease medium baking sheet. In a small bowl, mix cinnamon, chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper. Rub chicken pieces with the mixture and arrange on the baking sheet. In medium saucepan over medium-high heat, blend chicken broth, honey, lime juice and jalapeno. Cook and stir until thickened. Place chicken in the preheated oven and cook about 15 minutes. Begin basting periodically with the chicken-broth mixture. Continue cooking 30 minutes, or until the chicken is no longer pink and juices run clear. Heilmann recommends doubling the sauce mixture and also serving it as sauce over the chicken.



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# November 23, 2011, *The Courier-Journal*: Former STMFD firefighter 1948-1951

## Joseph Anthony Lentz Sr. | [Visit Guest Book](#)



LENTZ, JOSEPH ANTHONY SR., 88, of St. Matthews, passed away Wednesday November 23, 2011 at Hurstbourne Care Center.

Joe was born June 11, 1923 in Louisville to the late Joseph F and Emaline Feller Lentz.

He was a graduate of Ahrens Trade School and retired from the Naval Ordnance Plant, where he worked as a telephone/electrician. Joe's "always willing to help" attitude, Joe's ham and Christmas cookies will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mary Brenzel Lentz; brothers, Jerome L, Earl M. and Eugene J. and a sister, Antoinette.

He is survived by sons, Tony Lentz (Cathy) and Jerry Lentz (Karen); six grandchildren, Pam Anderson, Joey Lentz (Amy), Richard P. Lentz, Allison Pullen and Cory Lentz, Cory Keefe (Melanie); six great-grandchildren, Brandon Anderson, Mitchell Anderson, Mary Olivia Pullen, Lucas Pullen, Seth Keefe and Camym Keefe; two sisters, Mildred D Harris (Lloyd) and Dolores Parr, a sister-in-law, Martha Jean Lentz and a brother, Raymond Lentz. He is also survived by numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian burial will be noon Wednesday at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 508 Breckinridge Lane with burial in Calvary Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Ratterman's, 3711 Lexington Road.

Memorials in the form of contributions may be made to Mass of the Air.

## November 30, 2011, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (11/01/2011) And (11/30/2011)

| Incident Type                                  | Count    | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>1 Fire</b>                                  |          |                  |                |               |
| 111 Building fire                              | 3        | 0.96%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 112 Fire in structure other than in a building | 1        | 0.96%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire                     | 1        | 0.96%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 140 Natural vegetation fire, Other             | 3        | 0.96%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 143 Grass fire                                 | 1        | 0.96%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>9</b> | <b>4.80%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |

### 3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident

|  |           |               |            |              |
|--|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew          | 13        | 12.70%        | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 316 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after | 5         | 4.80%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries     | 2         | 1.92%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
|  | <b>20</b> | <b>19.23%</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>0.00%</b> |

### 4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

|  |           |               |            |              |
|--|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 413 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)            | 2         | 4.80%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 422 Chemical spill or leak                   | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 442 Overheated motor                         | 2         | 1.92%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 444 Power line down                          | 2         | 1.92%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment     | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 443 Vehicle accident, general cleanup        | 6         | 5.76%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 480 Attempted burning, illegal action, Other | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
|  | <b>16</b> | <b>17.30%</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>0.00%</b> |

### 5 Service Call

|  |           |               |            |              |
|--|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 500 Service Call, other                | 3         | 2.88%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 511 Lock-out                           | 2         | 1.92%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 522 Water or steam leak                | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 531 Smoke or odor removal              | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 550 Public service assistance, Other   | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 554 Assist invalid                     | 2         | 1.92%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 511 Cover assignment, standby, scopeup | 8         | 3.84%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
|  | <b>14</b> | <b>12.46%</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>0.00%</b> |

### 6 Good Intent Call

|  |    |        |     |       |
|--|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 605 Good intent call, Other                  | 8  | 7.69%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 613 Dispatched & cancelled en route          | 14 | 15.38% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch | 2  | 1.92%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke               | 1  | 0.96%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 612 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be  | 2  | 1.92%  | \$0 | 0.00% |

Alarm Date Between (11/01/2011) And (11/30/2011)

| Incident Type | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|---------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
|               | <b>29</b> | <b>27.88%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |

### 7 False Alarm & False Call

|  |           |               |            |              |
|--|-----------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 714 Central station, malicious false alarm     | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to           | 2         | 1.92%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction    | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 9         | 8.63%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -             | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 2         | 1.92%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
| 746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO | 1         | 0.96%         | \$0        | 0.00%        |
|  | <b>18</b> | <b>17.30%</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>0.00%</b> |

Total Incident Count: 104 Total Est Loss: \$0

December 1, 2011, WHASTV:

## House fire breaks out off Lime Kiln Lane



by WHAS11 newsroom

WHAS11.com  
Posted on December 1, 2011 at 9:31 AM  
Updated today at 9:22 AM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11)- Firefighters have cleared the scene of a house fire in the 6000 block of Orion Road off Lime Kiln Lane in Louisville's east end.

Crews were called out around 5:30 Thursday morning after a smoke detector in the home woke up the family.

Firefighters said the blaze started in the attic and they believe a blown transformer may be the cause.

No injuries were reported.

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STMFD would have responded:

December 1, 2011, WLKYTV:

STMFD would have responded:

## No Injuries Reported In Early-Morning House Fire

POSTED: 7:10 am EST December 1, 2011  
UPDATED: 9:29 am EST December 1, 2011

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Images: Images: No Injuries Reported In Early Morning House Fire

smoke and was able to exit the home with no injuries. They were outside when we arrived," said Harrods Creek Fire Capt. Kent Kruer.

The fire was controlled by just after 6 a.m.

Fire officials said the cause of the blaze has not been determined, but they believe it was electrical in nature and started in the attic.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- No injuries were reported after a fire in the 6000 block of Orion Road on Thursday morning.

Crews were called to the scene just off Lime Kiln Lane at 5:30 a.m.

Fire officials said two people inside the home heard their fire alarm and were able to exit the house safely.

"The homeowner woke up and saw



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December 2, 2011, Wave3TV:

STMFD would have responded:

## Firefighters on the scene of apartment fire in Lyndon

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Posted: Dec 02, 2011 7:39 AM CST  
Updated: Dec 02, 2011 8:35 AM CST

By Kathy Melvin - [email](#)

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - Louisville firefighters are on the scene of an apartment fire in the 1600 block of Crossridge Lane in Lyndon. The apartment complex has six units. Preliminary information indicates everyone made it out safely.

We have a crew on the scene and will bring you all the details in our noon newscast.

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## Lyndon apartment fire investigation continues

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Posted: Dec 02, 2011 12:26 PM CST  
Updated: Dec 02, 2011 3:55 PM CST

By Scott Adkins - [email](#)

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - A fire forced neighbors out of their home in a Kingswood Apartment complex building on Crossridge Lane. No one was injured, but a pet died in the fire. Firefighters responded to the scene just after 7:30 a.m. The fire was contained to the second floor unit, according to investigators.

Joelle Harris pulled up moments after firefighters blocked her street. "I saw some smoke coming from the top. I saw some ladders going into the window," she said.

Residents escaped just fine and got out in time. "They were able to get out on their own through the front door," said Major David Joels.

"I couldn't tell what house it was, so I had to park all the way down there. I took off because I know my kids and my mother are in here," Harris said.

"There was a lot of smoke damage in that one unit. Fire was only in that room. We had smoke throughout the whole apartment," Joels said.

The residents who lived in the unit where the fire occurred told WAVE 3 he wasn't sure where he'd live.





2011

December 4, 2011, From Rick Albers and Tick Tonini:

STMFD responded to run:

Late Sunday afternoon Harrods Creek responded to a possible river rescue which turned out to be not much. Upon returning the Chief decided to stop by station two to use the rest room and upon entering found the kitchen on fire. The crew must have been cooking when they made the run and poof the fire broke out. It was a working fire in the station, mostly kitchen and the normal response was sounded. 2631 was in St. Matthews at a "Light Up St. Matthews" event in Brown Park. 2631 was on static display with kids climbing in and out of the truck. They got a run to Gloucester on a wire on a pole on fire. Frank Flynn called station two to ask if they could make the run. 2658 then responded to the Gloucester fire. 2658 diverted to that structure fire and 2631 made the wire after Harrods creek called. Their station two career crews will be staying at STMFD station two for about for the next three months or so until they can fix the building. I do not know if their volunteers will respond to the fire building or their station one. Never did they say on the radio that this was their firehouse.



### December 5, 2011, Chief Seng Letter:

### December 5, 2011, FF Combat Challenge:

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# December 8, 2011 Trustee Meeting:

Smoke Detectors  
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**ST. MATTHEWS**  
**Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207  
(502) 890-7825

**William J. Seng**  
Fire Chief

Trustee Meeting Agenda  
December 8, 2011  
Noon

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
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Christine Kesler, Treasurer  
Sam McCune, Secretary

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Jack Monohan  
Bill Lowdenback  
Greg Crabb  
David Green Crabb

- I. ✓ Call to Order @ 12:00
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✗ Old Business
- VI. ✗ New Business
- VII. ✓ Executive Session-If Needed 12:35 to 12:52
- VIII. ✓ The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service Meeting will be held on January 19, 2012 at 7:00pm-Middletown, Station 1
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Trustee meeting will be held on January 12, 2012-Thursday at Noon.

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

December 8, 2011

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on December 8, 2011 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Sam McCune, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Jack Monohan, Sarah Cronan and Bill Lowdenback. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Major Dugan, Rickie Tapp, Frank Flynn, Moss Clore, Joe Wolfe, Matt Board and Jordan Davis.

### Minutes

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the minutes of the November meeting, Sam McCune seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Christine spoke about the budget numbers and how the district may need to look at the budget further once the property tax deposits are in. Rick Tonini mentioned that Maurice Byrne has recommended that all persons handling money within a fire district should be bonded. The board agreed to look into the issue of bonding and see what is required.

Bill Lowdenback motioned that the district shop CD investment rates with all local banks to receive the best rate possible, Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Lowdenback mentioned that the apparatus repairs recently have left the district over-budget on that expense account. The board agreed that necessary repairs to apparatus have had to be made over the past few months.

### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the Community Pride Breakfast will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ormstead, honoring Captain Don Ryan.

Chief Seng reminded everyone that the Prime Rib and Awards Dinner will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at Station 1.

Chief Seng reported that Station 2 is currently housing Harrods Creek Fire Protection District's Station 2 on duty staff due to a Fire in their Fire House. Harrods Creek employs a crew of four people to man their Station 2 from 8AM-8PM. During the time it

takes to remodel Harrods Creek Station 2, they will be housed in St. Matthews Station 2.

Chief Seng received a retirement letter from Tom Marshall stated that his last day of employment with St. Matthews will be February 19, 2012. Jack Monohan motioned to accept the retirement letter, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng had two Expense Authorizations for the month of December.

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Northern Tool</b>               | Aluminum Tool Box for New Pick-Up | \$350.00 |
| <b>Auto Truck &amp; Fiberglass</b> | Repair Body Damage on 2658        | \$994.00 |

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the two EA's, Christine Kesler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

There were no new Cell Tower updates.

### New Business

None

### Executive Session

Chief Seng motioned to enter Executive Session at 12:22PM for personnel matters.

The regular meeting resumed at 12:50PM.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on January 19, 2012, Middletown Station 1 at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on January 12, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.

Christine Kesler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:55PM, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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December 11, 2011, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Four injured in eastern Louisville apartment fire

11:38 AM, Dec. 11, 2011 | [Comments](#)[Recommend](#) [Be the 5](#)

Four people, including three firefighters, were hospitalized Sunday morning after a fire in an Eastern Louisville apartment.

A woman suffered burns and possibly smoke inhalation, said Maj. Henry Ott, the chief arson investigator for Louisville Fire & Rescue. One of the firefighters suffered burns, but Ott did not know early Sunday the injuries to the other two.

The four were transported to University Hospital.

The firefighters were alert when they were transported, said Lyndon Fire Chief Russell Rakestraw said.

Lyndon firefighters were dispatched at 9 a.m. to the apartment complex on the 2300 block of Glen Eagle Drive, Rakestraw said. There, firefighters found a blaze on the third floor of an apartment building. Firefighters had the fire under control in about 15 minutes, Rakestraw said.

Firefighters took the woman in the apartment out through the stairs, he said.

The balcony of the apartment was burnt and charred by the fire, but the damage appeared to be cosmetic, Rakestraw said. The end of a firefighters' ladder leaned against the building, the end rung melted during the incident.

The apartment building was evacuated, but Rakestraw expected residents to be allowed back in Sunday morning.

The fire may have started on a stove, Ott said. The Louisville Arson Unit is investigating.

Harold Bayes, 60, said he was packing his car for a church toy drive when he heard emergency sirens and noticed smoke coming from the apartment.

The smoke darkened to black in seconds and the woman was on the balcony, said Bayes, who lives in the same building.

"She was screaming," he said.

When she was brought down, the woman appeared to be burned on her shoulder, Bayes said.

Reporter Joseph Lord can be reached at [\(502\) 582-4199](tel:502-582-4199).

Written by  
Joseph Lord

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Monica Markin, who lived in the apartment, suffered burns and possibly smoke inhalation and was listed in critical condition, said Maj. Henry Ott, lead arson investigator for Louisville Fire & Rescue.

The four were taken to University Hospital.

Ott said the firefighters were working for the Harrods Creek and St. Matthews fire departments, which were among the departments responding to the blaze at the complex.

St. Matthews firefighter Moss Ciole suffered second-degree burns on the hand and back, St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng said. Firefighter Mike Frantz suffered first-degree burns on the hand, Seng said.

Both also suffered smoke inhalation and were expected to stay at the hospital overnight, Seng said.

The Harrods Creek firefighter was treated for first-degree burns on the head and neck and returned to duty, said Harrods Creek Chief Kevin Tyler, who declined to name the firefighter.

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leaned against the building.



A ladder leans on a balcony where firefighters responded to a structure fire at 2300 Glen Eagle Drive in the Prospect Park Apartment Homes. / Aaron Borton/ Special to The Courier-Journal

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The apartment building was evacuated, but Rakestraw said most residents were allowed back in later Sunday.

The fire appears to have started on the kitchen stove, Ott said. The Louisville arson unit is investigating.

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## 3 firefighters, resident injured in eastern Jefferson County apartment fire

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December 11, 2011, WAVE3TV:

## One person rescued, 3 firefighters injured in apartment fire



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Posted: Dec 11, 2011 9:42 AM CST

Updated: Dec 11, 2011 9:55 AM CST

By Scott Adkins - email

Firefighters rescued one woman from a third-story apartment balcony as she tried to escape the flames around 8:45 Sunday morning. Three firefighters were also transported by ambulance with unknown injuries to University of Louisville Hospital.

It happened in the 2800 block of Glen Eagle Drive. That's near Hwy 22 and Lime Kiln Lane.

The fire broke out in a single room apartment in Prospect Park Apartment Homes.

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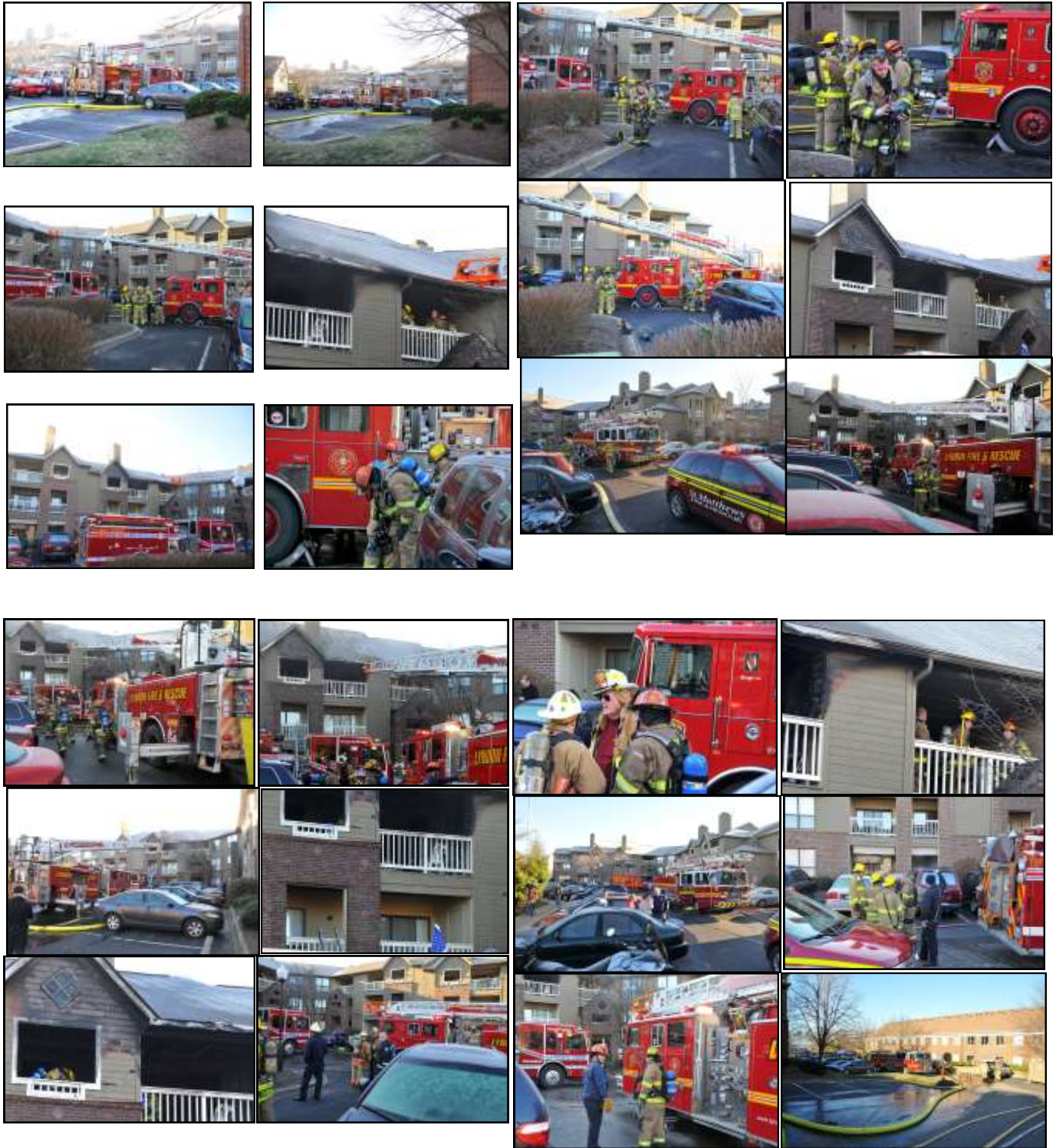


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## Firefighters and woman injured in apartment fire

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Posted: Dec 11, 2011 2:18 PM CST  
Updated: Dec 11, 2011 2:52 PM CST

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) -- A Louisville woman is now in critical condition, and three firefighters injured, after being rescued from a fire at an apartment.

The woman was rescued from a third floor apartment of Prospect Park Apartments on Sunday morning.

The fire happened at Prospect Park Apartments on Glen Eagle Drive.

That is off Brownsboro Road and Lime Kiln Lane.

Two firefighter from St. Matthews, and one from Harrods Creek were taken to University Hospital, along with the resident.

Lyndon fire officials tell us the woman had burns to her airway, and may have inhaled superheated gases.

One of firefighters will likely be kept overnight with significant burns to his hands.

Officials believe the fire started in the kitchen.

The preliminary cause is said to be unattended cooking.

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December 11, 2011, WLKY.com:

## Apartment Fire Flashover Injures 4

Flames Erupt During Rescue in 3rd Floor Unit

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- Four people, including three firefighters, were injured in an apartment fire in eastern Jefferson County early Sunday.

Firefighters said the fire broke out at about 9 a.m. in the Prospect Point Apartment Homes on Glen Eagle Drive. The fire broke out in a third-floor unit, something that firefighters

said made the job more dangerous.

Investigators said three firefighters were rescuing a woman from a third-floor unit when a flashover occurred.

"That's where the contents reach their ignition temperature, when practically all the contents get the right temperature," said Lyndon Fire Chief Russ Rakestraw. "They all ignite at the same time."

All four people were taken to a hospital.

Damage from the fire was confined to one apartment. Arson investigators said they're looking into the cause of the fire.

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December 12, 2011, WHAS11.com:

Note from Rick Tonini of STMFD:

### 3 firefighters, victim recovering from apartment fire



by WHAS11 newsroom

WHAS11.com  
Posted on December 12, 2011 at 4:08 AM  
Updated today at 8:19 AM

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11)- Three firefighters and a woman are recovering, after they were hurt during an apartment fire.

A third floor unit at the Camden Prospect Apartments just off Brownsboro Road caught fire Sunday morning.

Investigators say it may have started on the stove in an apartment.

Neighbors were able to get out safely, but the woman whose apartment was on fire was trapped.

"When I ran down here, I looked up, and there was a lady leaned out of the balcony as far as she could just trying to breathe," says witness Dawn Slaughter.

Mary Lynn Jaegers, who was another onlooker, says "they were yelling for her to get on the ladder, get on the ladder. I don't know if she just physically couldn't or if it was fear..she was scared."

When the woman did not get onto the ladder, firefighters had to break down her door, and that is when the three were hurt.

The woman was burned and is in critical condition.

They were all taken to University Hospital, but their names and conditions have not been released.

in flame and a fireball shot from the balcony door like a flamethrower until units got there to knock down the flames. They had to wait to take the lady out through the apartment and down the inside stairs on a stretcher. The victim has internal burns in her airway and burns to her face and upper torso.

The gear they were wearing is burnt up but it did a good job saving their lives. Moss has burns to the backs of his hands, back of his head, back right shoulder and butt. The burn mark on his butt was in a "V" shape and they figured out that he had a wire cutting tool in his back bunkers pocket and the heat transferred through the gear and superheated the metal onto his butt. Cliff received burns to the top of his head and the third Firefighter Mike Frantz burned his hand on the rail of the ladder that twisted in the heat and is no longer serviceable. Cliff was released from the ER, Mike Frantz was released late last night. Moss is still in the hospital and is expected to go home late today or tomorrow. The lady is in critical condition but is expected to live.

I was home (actually in bed) getting ready to go play golf. I knew nothing of the fire until Chief Seng called me to advise that two of our firefighters are being transported to University Hospital. This was actually a Lyndon fire where two of our guys and a Harrods Creek firefighter were hurt. I went directly to the hospital. Moss Clore and Mike Frantz were the two St. Matthews firefighters hurt and a FF name Cliff (also a City Firefighter) were all taken to University. I talked with these guys and discovered this information.

Harrods Creek station 2 was damaged by fire a week ago when they went out on a run and left grease on the stove. Since they cannot stay there while the building is being repaired they are now housed in our station 2 between 8am and 8pm. The two crews were preparing a big Sunday morning breakfast when they both were dispatched on smoke in the apartment. The Harrods Creek engine went out first and was the first on the scene. When they turned the corner they could see grey smoke coming from a third floor apartment. (this complex sits between US22 and US42 - between Austin's and Ballard High School). When they arrived on scene they found a female standing on the balcony trying to find fresh air to breath. They immediately raised a ground ladder to the balcony to get her down. Moss Clore raced up the ladder to help her down. The lady was very "big" maybe 400 lbs. The rail on the balcony was rather high and there was no way to have her climb over or to lift her. A second FF from Harrods Creek, Cliff was also on the balcony but the lady would not go down the ladder. Things went terribly wrong very quickly. The Harrods Creek pumper would not go in pumping gear. They had to take a line off 2658 to do an interior attack. In the mean time the two firefighters and the victim noticed the smoke had turned black and the heat became intense. Training took over and they moved the lady to the furthestmost point of the deck and laid over her to protect her from the hell that was about to rain down on them. The apartment exploded



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December 11, 2011, Courtesy Gregg Cobb:





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December 13, 2011, WHAS11.com:

### Firefighters now out of hospital after apartment fire



by Adam Walser

WHAS11.com  
Posted on December 13, 2011 at 4:09 AM  
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December 13, 2011, WHAS11.com:

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11) – The three firefighters that were hurt while rescuing a woman from her burning apartment building over the weekend, are now out of the hospital and expected to recover.

The fire broke out at the Camden Prospect Apartment complex off Lime Kiln Road.

Monica Markin was on her balcony screaming when firefighters arrived.

A St. Matthews firefighter and a Harrod's Creek firefighter tried to get her to climb down a ladder to safety, but she was unable to climb over the rail.

While the two firefighters were with Markin on the balcony, a fireball exploded from inside.

"Their instincts didn't tell them to run, but to help her and that's when they threw her in a corner and they didn't think twice about it," St. Matthews Firefighter Mike Frantz said. "That split second saved her life."

"We prepare and we train and we train and we prepare for these types of incidents," Harrod's Creek Fire Chief Kevin Tyler said. "So when things happen, the firefighters can kind of go off instinct. They're conditioned to react and not so much have to think about what they have to do."

The flames were an estimated 1,000 degrees, as the firefighters protected Markin with their protective turnout gear.

St. Matthews firefighter Moss Clore and Harrod's Creek firefighter Cliff Vandiver both were burned by flames.

Firefighter Mike Frantz climbed up the ladder to help, and was burned on his hand.

"I knew in that instant something was wrong," Frantz said. "That's when I realized we couldn't get down off that ladder, so we decided to try to carry her out the front door."

Markin is now in critical condition, but is expected to make it.

The firefighters all received minor injuries, from which they are expected to recover.

"We all get to wake up again and have another chance at life," Chief Tyler said.

December 18, 2011, STMFD:





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December 22, 2011, WHAS11.com:

## Firefighters recently hospitalized for burns talk about rescuing woman from apartment



by Claudia Coffey

WHAS11.com  
Posted on December 22, 2011 at 12:02 AM  
Updated yesterday at 12:31 AM

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(WHAS11) -- Two local firefighters are back home Wednesday night after suffering burns and smoke inhalation while rescuing a woman from her burning apartment early Sunday morning.

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- [Firefighters now out of hospital after apartment fire](#)

The two firefighters are talking about the ordeal that could have killed them.

It's the kind of dangerous situation that firefighters train for, being trapped in ball of flames. And that's exactly where St. Matthews Firefighter Moss Clore and Harrods Creek Firefighter Cliff Vandiver found themselves this past Sunday morning while rescuing a woman from her burning apartment.

When you look at what we went through it is unbelievable that we made it through it," Clore said.

Clore and Vandiver were called to an apartment fire at Camden Prospect off Brownsboro Road near Holiday Manor. There they found a woman screaming for help from her balcony. But once on the balcony, the situation took a dangerous turn.

"At that point the smoke got heavier and heavier and we realized things got worse the situation we were in and there was no way to exit," Clore said.

As the smoke grew darker Clore and Vandiver moved to the corner of the balcony, shielded the woman and in seconds a flashover had consumed them.

"It would be the essence of a fireball coming out and consuming the whole thing," Clore said.

"It got a little warm, that's the best way to put it. I have been in several fires and you know when you got burned," Harrods Creek Firefighter Cliff Vandiver said.

Crews on the ground knew that firefighters and victims rarely survive.

"And from talking to the other firefighters, that were there, that's what they were assuming. They had probably lost two of their own and the victim," Clore said.

Within seconds the fire cleared and the two pulled the woman to safety.

"I felt like everything was in control. I felt like I was in control of everything. I know that it got a little out of hand as far as everybody else could see on the outside. On the inside where we were, it got dark, we felt intense heat and within seconds the heat got pushed off of us," Vandiver said.

The men credit their training, and keeping a cool head. And in this case, all survived an ordeal that could have ended in tragedy.

"Our goal is to protect life and that's what we went for," Vandiver said.

The victim remains in the hospital. Clore suffered second degree burns on his hands and leg. Vandiver had 1st and second degree burns on his scalp.

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December 30, 2011, Letter:

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Makes you appreciate the card, huh?

Dear Chief Seng and Board Members,

I want to thank you for the VISA gift card presented to me at the prime rib dinner. Given the financial challenge the district is faced with this year, I am genuinely pleasantly surprised and grateful to receive this gift. I am not dependent on this gift but my family and I are appreciative of your generosity and it allows us to enjoy the holidays a little more freely. Thank you once again, and happy new year!

Sincerely,

The Bencke Family  
Mike, Wendie,  
Liza, Mary, + Sarah



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December 31, 2011, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {12/01/2011} And {12/31/2011}

| Incident Type  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |       |                  |                |               |
| 111 Building fire  | 2     | 1.75%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 130 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other                | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle           | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 4     | 3.50%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |       |                  |                |               |
| 300 Rescue, EMS incident, other                          | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 11    | 9.64%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3116 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after            | 3     | 2.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient          | 2     | 1.75%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries                 | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 331 Lock-in (if lock out , use 511 )                     | 2     | 1.75%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle                | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 353 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator           | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 22    | 19.29%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |       |                  |                |               |
| 410 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition,          | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                        | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other           | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),                    | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 442 Overheated motor                                     | 2     | 1.75%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 460 Accident, potential accident, Other                  | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 462 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 9     | 7.89%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 16    | 14.03%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |       |                  |                |               |
| 500 Service Call, other                                  | 2     | 1.75%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 511 Lock-out   | 4     | 3.50%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 512 Ring or jewelry removal                              | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 522 Water or steam leak                                  | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 531 Smoke or odor removal                                | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 551 Assist police or other governmental agency           | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 553 Public service                                       | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup                    | 12    | 10.52%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |

Alarm Date Between {12/01/2011} And {12/31/2011}

| Incident Type                                  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                      |       |                  |                |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                    | 3     | 2.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route            | 22    | 19.29%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch   | 3     | 2.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 671 HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat   | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 29    | 25.43%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>          |       |                  |                |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other           | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other   | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 714 Central station, malicious false alarm     | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                  | 2     | 1.75%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to           | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 736 CO detector activation due to malfunction  | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 2     | 1.75%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 5     | 4.38%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -             | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 4     | 3.50%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO | 1     | 0.87%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 20    | 17.54%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |

Total Incident Count: 114

Total Est Loss:

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January 5, 2012, WAVE3TV:

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## Woman dies after being rescued from apartment fire

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Posted: Jan 05, 2012 4:08 PM CST  
Updated: Jan 05, 2012 5:21 PM CST

By Sarah Eisenmenger - email

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) -- A woman has died of complications from being badly burned in an east Louisville apartment fire.

Monica Martin was trapped on her third floor balcony during the Dec. 11 fire at the Prospect Park Apartment Homes, located on Glen Eagle Drive.

Firefighters used a ladder to get her down. She was transported and was being treated for burns and smoke inhalation when she died Wednesday evening.

Three firefighters were also being treated and are expected to be ok.

One apartment was destroyed by the fire and several others suffered water damage.

Investigators believe the fire may have started on the stove.

## Louisville woman dies after badly burned in fire

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Posted: Jan 05, 2012 7:54 PM CST  
Updated: Jan 05, 2012 7:54 PM CST



LOUISVILLE, KY. (WRB) -- A Louisville woman has died from complications of burns sustained in an apartment fire last month.

Monica Martin died yesterday at University Hospital.

Three firefighters were also injured in the fire at Prospect Park Apartments on Glen Eagle Drive on December 11, 2011.

Officials believe the fire started in the kitchen.



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January 5, 2012, WHASTV:

January 5, 2012, WLKYTV:

## Women dead from injuries suffered in apartment fire



by WHAS11

WHAS11.com  
Posted on January 5, 2012 at 7:59 PM  
Updated today at 4:05 AM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11) -- A woman who was pulled from her burning apartment in St. Matthews in December has died from the injuries she received during that fire.

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- Firefighters now out of hospital after apartment fire

The Jefferson County coroner says 33-year-old Monica Markin died Wednesday night.

The fire started on Markin's stove at Camden Prospect Park Apartments on Brownsboro Road.

Markin was rescued from the apartment but was badly burned.

Three firefighters from St. Matthews and Harrods Creek were also hurt in that fire.

## Woman Dies Weeks After Apartment Fire

### Monica Martin Died Wednesday Night

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POSTED: 6:47 am EST January 5, 2012  
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- A woman who was seriously burned in an apartment fire last month has died.

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The coroner says 33-year-old Monica Martin died Wednesday night at University Hospital.

Four people were injured in the fire at the Prospect Park Apartments on Glen Eagle Drive in eastern Jefferson County on Dec. 11.

Fire investigators still don't know how the fire started.



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January 6, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Victim of Dec. 11 apartment fire dies

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A woman injured in an apartment fire that also injured three firefighters died late Wednesday from complications of burns she received, the Jefferson County coroner's office said.

Monica Martin, 33, died just after 11 p.m. Wednesday, said R. D. Jones, a deputy coroner.

Martin was burned when the fire started in her apartment in the 2300 block of Glen Eagle Drive on Dec. 11. Maj. Henry Ott, head of the Louisville arson squad, said investigators have determined the blaze began after food was left unattended on the stove.

When firefighters arrived, they found heavy fire coming from the third-floor apartment, Lyndon Fire Chief Russ Rakestraw said.

Firefighters found Martin on the balcony, Rakestraw said. But firefighters were unable to get Martin down a ladder, so two firefighters shielded her from flames that were coming from the apartment, Rakestraw said.

Once the fire was out, she was taken to University Hospital, Rakestraw said.

Two of the three injured firefighters were from St. Matthews and one was from Harrods Creek, which were among the departments responding to the blaze.

None of their injuries were life-threatening.



2012

## January 9, 2012, Chief Seng Letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: January 9, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The January Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tommi or myself if you are unable to attend.

The Harrods Creek Fire Protection District still has their Station 2 personnel located at our Station 2 due to the closure of their fire station at River Road and Lime Kiln. They will most likely continue this arrangement until their Station is repaired which is scheduled to be about three months. They have agreed to a \$1000 a month rent at our Station 2.

The SCBA air pack and bunker gear that Firefighter Clark was wearing during the Glen Eagle fire last month was damaged to the point that they have to be replaced under an insurance claim. The air pack has a value of about \$5000 while the bunker gear has a replacement value of about \$2500. Since our style of air pack is no longer offered due to its age I am not planning to replace it since we already have two spares. I will just have Jordan deposit the insurance check for the air pack back into the general fund.

The new pick-up truck (2695) has been delivered and is in service at this time. There still is some small conversion work left to do to put the old snowplow on the new truck. The old pickup truck will be listed on E-Bay this week and hopefully will sell for a high price.

Firefighter Joe Baudley has returned to work after being off since mid-December from having arm surgery.

Firefighter Freni has returned to work from his injuries sustained in the apartment fire last month.

Firefighter Clark is scheduled to return to work due to injuries he sustained from the fire sometime during mid-January.

Enclosed in your packet you will find a copy of a thank you card from Captain Mike Besoke along with the latest legislative report from our legislative representative in Frankfort.

### District Updates for December 2011

#### Apparatus:

2691 broken radiator repaired.  
2602 replaced broken siren module.  
2631 locking in to problem with the front end.  
2658 body work and painting finished on the right side.

2695 new pickup is in service waiting on the snow plow to be installed  
2633 is first out at station one

#### Facilities:

Nothing currently going on with either station at this time.

#### Facilities & Equipment:

Painted first floor doors at station one.

Training house garage door opener needs repairing and is waiting on parts.

Station one bushes were trimmed back.

#### Inspections:

Existing inspections completed: 434 Note: This is an extremely high number due to the fact that 160 of these were Mall St. Matthews and several inspectors wait until the last month to do paperwork.

New construction projects completed or being reviewed:

|                   |                       |  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Swope Fiat        | 4311 Shelbyville Road | Demo completed/Showroom open.            |
| Indian Restaurant | 4134 Oeschli Avenue   | New hood and kitchen under construction. |
| Plaza             | 4600 Shelbyville Road | Updating fire alarm systems.             |

Other Fire Inspection news:

Completed all Holiday inspections at Mall and other Anchor store occupancies. Conducted spot inspections of stock rooms and floor displays. Also, handed out information to business owners about common Holiday fire code violations.

#### Training:

Monthly Training Report – December 2011

Current Staffing Levels

Paid – 30

Volunteer – 10 (8 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls)

General FD Training (1 week / 3 classes / 3 hours per class / 9 total hours of training)

12/5-12/7 Vehicle Rescue / Extrication 9 Hours

KY State Training Hours Summary – all career personnel have meet the 100 hour requirement, and all Volunteer personnel meet the 20 hour requirement for 2011.

#### Fire Prevention:

We participated in four PR events in the month December:

Light up St Matthews in Browns Park.

Meeting with Coachgate Condominium Safety Committee.

Drove Santa Claus through Beechwood Village.

Had a young person visit the fire house for a fire safety talk.

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# January 12, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
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Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
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**William J. Seng  
Fire Chief**

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To Burn*

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Bill Lowdenback  
Greg Crabb  
David Under-Gorman

Trustee Meeting Agenda  
January 12, 2012  
Noon

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

January 12, 2012

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on January 12, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Sam McCune, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Jack Monohan, Sarah Cronan and Bill Lowdenback. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Major Dugan, Nick Heilmann, Kent Monohan, Ron Renner, George Wiggins, Mike Richardson, Joe Bewley, Louis Stokes, Dan Doyle and Jordan Davis.

### Minutes

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Sam McCune seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Christine reported that the district had begun to receive Real Estate Tax money from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Christine checked with eleven area banks to inquire about CD rates, collateralization and early withdrawal penalty. Only one bank met all three requirements, which was Commonwealth Bank and Trust. Christine recommended the board invest the money with Commonwealth Bank at 1% for a 24 month term with no penalty.

Discussions were made on income projections and how the district will operate during the remainder of the fiscal year. There were three payrolls in the month of December, which contributed to high personnel costs for that month. The training budget will most likely be consumed in the upcoming months due to a lot of trainings being held in the spring.

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the financials, Sam McCune seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that during the last Chapter 75 meeting, it was discussed that each district should adopt an investment policy. The board discussed the current method of investing and agreed to abide by the current Chapter 75 investment policy.

Chief Seng reported that St. Matthews Fire and Harrods Creek Fire have negotiated a rental agreement for the Harrods Creek Staff who are currently staying at St. Matthews, Station 2. Harrods Creek Fire District will be paying a monthly rent of \$1,000.00.

- I. ✓ Call to Order *12:00*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✗ Old Business
- VI. ✗ New Business
- VII. ✓ Executive Session-if Needed
- VIII. ✓ The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service Meeting will be held on January 19, 2012 at 7:00pm-Middletown, Station 1
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Trustee meeting will be held on February 20, 2012 *Thursday* at Noon

Chief Seng reported that all injured Firefighters who were off-duty on Worker's Comp have returned or will be returning by the end of the week. There was one damaged Air Pack during the Glenview fire which resulted in a total loss of the air pack. Insurance has paid for the Fire District to purchase a new pack, since the district currently has a spare, the insurance money will be deposited in the general account.

Chief Seng reported that the snow plow equipment will be switched from the old pick-up onto the new one. The status and use of the Blower Truck was discussed by the Board. Jack Monohan motioned to put the Blower Truck on E-Bay, seconded by Sam McCune and the motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed that the district would contact all local fire districts to see if they have any use or interest in the truck.

Chief Seng reminded the Board that Thomas Marshall will be retiring on February 19, 2012. The Board recommended the district follow the standard procedure for hiring. The hiring process will begin in March.

Chief Seng had two Expense Authorizations for the month of January.

|   |                     |           |
|---|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>FDIC Conference</b>                  | Training Conference | \$7301.00 |
| <b>ACS/Firehouse Software for I-Pad</b> | Software            | \$1300.00 |

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the two EA's, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Executive Session

Bill Lowdenback motioned to enter Executive Session at 12:35PM for personnel matters.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:58PM, Sarah Cronan motioned to adjourn the meeting, Christine Kesler seconded and the meeting ended at 1:59PM.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on February 16, 2012, McMahan at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on February 20, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.



## Arson conviction of St. Matthews shop owner Susan Lukjan overturned

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Susan Lukjan talks about the state Court of Appeals ruling overturning her conviction for burning down her St. Matthews business in Louisville, KY, Jan. 13, 2012. Frankie Steele/Special to The C-J

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The state Court of Appeals has overturned the conviction of a St. Matthews shop owner who was sentenced to 12 years in prison for burning down her business.

The appeals court ruled Friday that there were reversible errors in the trial of Susan Kay Lukjan, including that her defense was not allowed to have its fire scene expert testify and the judge improperly let three experts for the prosecution testify.

Thomas Clay, who represents Lukjan, had asked the state appeals court to disqualify Jefferson Circuit Judge Audra Eckerle from the case, claiming the judge has abused her authority.

The ruling sends Lukjan's case back to circuit court for a new trial. She was convicted of second-degree arson, burning personal property to defraud an insurer and fraudulent insurance acts over \$300 in the destruction of her business, Campbell's Gourmet Cottage.

Clay said Lukjan wants to have a new trial, even though she has already been released from prison on shock probation.

"She runs the risk of having a jury convict her again, but she is resolved that she is going to vindicate her name and she has maintained her innocence from day one," said Clay. "Hopefully, if we get a fair trial the second time around, we will get the correct result."

Clay has alleged that Eckerle "improperly predetermined an unfavorable opinion of this case prior to hearing any evidence" and ruled against Lukjan inappropriately during her 2010 trial.

Clay repeatedly criticized Eckerle's handling of the case, saying that the judge showed a consistent bias against Lukjan, didn't properly follow the law and denied Lukjan a fair trial.

He said that Eckerle ruled inconsistently on objections, giving favorable treatment to prosecutors; didn't properly review the qualifications of prosecution witnesses; failed to ensure the commonwealth turned over exculpatory evidence; and didn't allow a key defense expert to testify because he wasn't properly licensed, which Clay claimed was an error.

Lukjan's appeal, Clay said in his motion, raises "monumental" errors "that occurred as a result of the trial court's blundering evidentiary rulings."

In a past interview, Eckerle would not discuss Clay's specific complaints but said, "I think my record speaks for itself."

Reporter Jason Riley can be reached at (502) 584-2197.



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Shortly after the state Court of Appeals overturned the conviction of a St. Matthews shop owner who was sentenced to 12 years for allegedly burning down her business, prosecutors said it was likely that they would take the case to trial again.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Leland Hubert said his office is still reviewing Friday's appeals court decision, and could appeal it, but that if he and the attorney for Susan Kay Lukjan could not reach a plea agreement, there will likely be second trial.

Thomas Clay, Lukjan's attorney, said there would be no plea bargain, even though there is a danger that Lukjan, who was released on shock probation a year ago, could go back to prison if a new jury convicts her.

Lukjan said in an interview that she understands the dangers of a new trial, but wants to clear her name.

"I think it's the right thing to do," she said of a possible re-trial. "Like I tell my kids, the right thing isn't always the easiest thing. This was totally unfair and I didn't do anything. I just feel like when something is wrong, you have to stand up for right."

The Court of Appeals ruled there were two reversible errors in the 2010 trial: that Lukjan's defense was not allowed to have its fire scene expert testify and that the judge let three experts for the prosecution testify without properly finding out if they were qualified.

Clay said their expert witness will testify that the 2006 fire at Campbell's Gourmet Cottage on Sherrin Avenue across from Trinity High School was of "unknown origins" and disagree with the conclusions of the prosecution's experts, that the fire was arson.

Clay has repeatedly criticized the Circuit Court judge who has handled the case, Audra Eckerle, claiming she had shown a consistent bias against Lukjan. Clay asked the judge at one point to recuse herself, claiming she had abused her authority.

On Friday, Clay said he will renew that request if there is another trial.

In an interview, Eckerle said she could not talk about details of the case, but defended her handling of it, saying the appeals court, in ruling that Lukjan's expert could testify, was creating new law in allowing someone without a private investigator's license to testify about the cause of a fire.

Clay disagreed that the ruling created new law.

Eckerle also said she did review the qualifications of the prosecution's witnesses. And she added that she will take any recusal request by Clay under consideration but that she previously found no reason to recuse herself.

In May 2010, Lukjan was convicted of second-degree arson, burning personal property to defraud an insurer and fraudulent insurance acts over \$300 in the destruction of her business, Campbell's Gourmet Cottage.

She spent time at various Kentucky prisons before being released on shock probation in January 2011.

Lukjan said on Friday that the verdict ruined her life and she is still struggling, living with friends, though she recently started a new business, selling homemade tamales out of a few local stores.

"I've lost pretty much everything, my car, my business, my home," she said at Clay's office, adding later, however, that she "couldn't be more pleased with the outcome."

"Today is my one year anniversary of being released, so Friday the 13th is a good day."

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## Lukjan conviction overturned, but new trial is possible



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By Charles Gazaway - bio | email  
By Connie Leonard - email

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - The Kentucky Court of Appeals has overturned the 2010 arson conviction of Susan Lukjan, the St. Matthews woman who was convicted of burning down her business.

Lukjan, who has been released on shock probation, told us a few months ago that she planned to fight to clear her name even if it meant a new trial and the risk of going back to jail.

In the first move to try and prove that she didn't burn down Campbell's Gourmet Cottage, which was located at the time on Sherrin Avenue across from Trinity High School, Lukjan won big. The Appeals Court ruled that Lukjan's key defense witness at trial, a nationally known fire scene expert, should have been allowed to testify.

Lukjan said she found out about the ruling Friday morning on the Kentucky Court of Appeals website and was very happy about it.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the outcome today," said Lukjan. "Today is my one year anniversary of being released, so Friday the 13th is a good day."

Lukjan went on to say that she is glad they were going to have time for the truth to come out, something she is looking forward to.

Thomas Clay, Lukjan's attorney, told us trial judge Audra Eckerle was wrong in forbidding the expert's testimony. Clay claimed that Eckerle showed clear bias against his client throughout the trial.

It was a great day because what happened at the first trial," said Clay. "We're looking forward to the second trial that does not include those errors and the jury will get to hear the whole story."

"I think where I find the frustration is speaking with the jurors," said Leland Hulbert, the Assistant Commonwealth Attorney who prosecuted Lukjan. "I mean they're the people that didn't know anything about this case and sat there for over two weeks and listened to every witness. You know we had our side, they had their side. T. Clay cross examined every witness we had to death they had that and still found her guilty. Now those 12 people will not have any say in the outcome of this case."

Clay wants Eckerle removed from the case. When I spoke to her Friday afternoon, Eckerle said if Clay makes a motion she will consider it. But Eckerle said she did nothing wrong and was only following the law when ruling not to allow the witness testimony.



Susan Lukjan



Thomas Clay



Leland Hulbert



Audra Eckerle



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January 17, 2012, WAVE3TV:

STMFD made a few runs, nothing serious. WLKY

## 4 tornado touchdowns confirmed by weather service

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LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) -- The National Weather Service has confirmed that four tornadoes touched down in Kentuckiana during the severe storms that hit Tuesday morning.

Both of the latest confirmations happened in southern Indiana. The first touchdown was in Floyds Knobs at 11 a.m. on East Riley Road where a garage was destroyed before the storm headed east toward Binford Road where it took down some trees.

An NWS survey team said the tornado crossed Paoli Pike just north of Interstate 265 and caused damage to roofs at the Knob Point Apartments.

The storm was only on the ground for two minutes, but traveled 1.2 miles. It was 50 yards wide and had wind speeds of 95 to 100 miles per hour.

The next tornado touched down at 11:06 a.m. in Clarksville, Indiana in the Walmart parking lot on Veterans Parkway just west of Interstate 65. The weather service said the tornado, rated EF-0, overturned a car on I-65 and skipped over an area before coming down again in a subdivision.

Its second touchdown left damage along Belmar Drive and Meadows Drive, as well as the intersection of Kingsfield Street and Crown Court. Several fences were knocked down and the NWS storm survey team said there was evidence of cyclonic circulation.

Before the storm ended, it lifted up a third time and landed on Armstrong Road where it took the roof off a barn.

NWS officials say this storm covered a path of 1.9 miles and was 30 yards wide. Its wind speeds are estimated to have been 75 miles per hour.

Shortly after the Clarksville tornado, the storm survey team determined that an EF-1 tornado touched down near the intersection of the Watterson Expressway and Brownsboro Road. That storm tracked northeast to a point near the intersection of Hurstbourne Parkway and Brownsboro Road near the Summit shopping plaza where it lifted from the ground.

The report said the storm reformed briefly and crossed the Gene Snyder Freeway (I-265). NWS says the preliminary track of the storm was 4.2 miles and it had a width of 250 yards.

A pair of semis were blown over on the Snyder near the Brownsboro Road exit during the storm. The Springhurst Tennis Center and the Meijer store at Springhurst also were damaged.

The fourth confirmed touchdown was in the Madison, Indiana where a tornado rated EF-0 hit the airport. The tornado was a quarter-mile long and 60 yards wide. It had a maximum speed of 85 miles per hour.

No injuries were reported from any of the tornado touchdowns.



Damaged plane at the Madison, IN airport.



Semis down over on the Gene Snyder Freeway.



Damage to the Springhurst Tennis Center

## East Louisville Residents Clean Up Storm Damage

**Brownsboro Road, Hurstbourne Parkway Areas Hardest Hit**

Marissa Alter/WLKY

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- Businesses and residents in east Louisville will be busy Wednesday cleaning up damage left behind by Tuesday's severe weather.

Areas off Brownsboro Road and Hurstbourne Parkway were some of the hardest hit.

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The tennis club at Springhurst is temporarily closed after taking a direct hit from one of the tornadoes. Mother Nature tore one wall of the building completely off, leaving siding, roofing and insulation everywhere.

It was just a portion of the 4-mile path the National Weather Service said the tornado took.

In other areas of eastern Jefferson County, trees were uprooted and utility poles were toppled, leaving lines dangling. It was all the result of a tornado packing winds in the 95 mph range.

Neighbors said the storm came fast, but left a mess that will take a while to clean up.

The good news is most people heeded the tornado siren's warnings, and took cover when the tornado came through, preventing a worse outcome than just property damage.

"I got here about two minutes before it blew in, and I realized I lived here in 1974 when the other tornado came through and it got my attention big time," said Jeff Hobart, who lives on Dinah Way.

Back at the tennis club, the courts were packed at the time the tornado came through, with roughly 50 people on them. But owners got everyone off them and into safety before it officially hit.



January 18, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Louisville region cleans up from 4 tornadoes

Thousands lose power from severe storms

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Storm damage in Eastern Jefferson County: Large trees littered the streets of Barboursmeade after Tuesday's tornado swept through the quiet neighborhood.

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Having heeded the tornado warning, Sandy Callahan was in her Goose Creek-area basement when she heard a sickening but unmistakable sound — the crash of a 40-year-old oak tree slicing through the roof of her home.

Hours later, as her street buzzed with chain saws and utility trucks, Callahan watched from a neighbor's deck while a giant crane lifted the massive trunk off her wrecked home. After it was gone, she spotted a tree-removal worker standing in the open air of what had been her bedroom ceiling.

"It's a mess," she said, shaking her head as she prepared to salvage what she could. "But I'm glad everyone is safe."

That was the common refrain after an unnerving January storm blew through the Louisville area Tuesday morning, stirring up at least four confirmed tornadoes, toppling trees and vehicles and leaving thousands without power.



A huge tree was down in the yard of Dan Koker, who lives on Dinah Way in Barboursmeade. January 17, 2012

### STORM-DAMAGED AREAS



The National Weather Service confirmed that an EF-1 tornado, with winds up to 95 mph, touched down near the Watterson Expressway and Brownsboro Road, tracking northeast. An EF-0 tornado reaching 85 mph briefly touched down at the Madison, Ind., Municipal County Airport, causing some damage.

A third tornado, an EF-0 with winds reaching 75 mph, touched down in the Walmart parking lot at Veterans Parkway in Clarksville, knocking over vehicles and damaging buildings on a 2-mile path.



As an teacher Barbara Spravo tries to quiet students, 5th-grader Dakota Dehl takes cover along with other students at Kenwood Elementary Tuesday morning during a tornado warning. (By Matt Stone, The Courier-Journal) Jan. 17, 2012 / g

### Downed lines

LO&E is asking that anyone who spots a downed line call 589-3900 to report it. The utility also warn people to avoid downed lines and debris that may be touching it.



Tuesday's storms prompted weather warnings for most of the Louisville area. / David Harrison/The Courier-Journal

And Tuesday night the weather service confirmed a fourth tornado, an EF-0, touched down on East Riley Road in Floyds Knobs about 11 a.m.

No one was killed or seriously injured during the storms.

The Louisville area appeared to be among the hardest hit in Kentucky, though storm warnings stretched into south-central and Eastern Kentucky. The Indiana towns of Clarksville, Jeffersonville and Madison also saw businesses damaged and trees uprooted.

The twister seemed to follow Ky. 22 up through northeast Jefferson County. Trees and limbs were strewn all over the small city of Ten Broeck off Ky. 22, where a witness said he saw the twister blow through.

Contractor Ed Jackson said he watched from inside his truck as a "sidewinder" funnel cloud ripped through the area, snapping and uprooting trees.



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January 29, 2012, STMFD:





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January 31, 2012, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {01/31/2012}

| Incident Type  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |           |                  |                |               |
| 154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle           | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>1</b>  | <b>1.06%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |           |                  |                |               |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 10        | 10.63%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given          | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3114 Medical assist, Albuterol given to patient          | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3116 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after            | 5         | 5.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient          | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 331 Lock-in (if lock out , use 511 )                     | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle                | 2         | 2.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>21</b> | <b>22.34%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |           |                  |                |               |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                        | 2         | 2.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),                    | 3         | 3.19%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 444 Power line down                                      | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment                 | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 6         | 6.38%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>13</b> | <b>13.82%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |           |                  |                |               |
| 500 Service Call, other                                  | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 511 Lock-out   | 2         | 2.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup                    | 3         | 3.19%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>6</b>  | <b>6.38%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                                |           |                  |                |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                              | 3         | 3.19%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route                      | 18        | 19.14%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch             | 8         | 8.51%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke                           | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be              | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>31</b> | <b>32.97%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>                    |           |                  |                |               |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction              | 2         | 2.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {01/31/2012}

| Incident Type                                  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>          |           |                  |                |               |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to           | 3         | 3.19%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction    | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 5         | 5.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 6         | 6.38%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -             | 1         | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 4         | 4.25%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>22</b> | <b>23.40%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |

Total Incident Count: 94

Total Est Loss: \$0



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## Six people displaced by Lyndon townhouse fire

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Six people were displaced Thursday morning after a Lyndon townhouse caught fire, a Lyndon Fire Department official said.

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No one was injured and no rescue was required, Lyndon Fire Capt. Rich Bliven said.

The fire was reported at 4:25 a.m. in the 1000 block of Willow Springs Drive, according to a MetroSafe supervisor.

The blaze caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage to the two-story townhouse building at the Woodbridge Apartments, Bliven said.

The fire appears to have begun in or near a fireplace, Bliven said. The people in the townhouse units had gotten out before firefighters arrived.

Worthington, Middletown and St. Matthews firefighters also responded, Bliven said.

The Red Cross is assisting the displaced residents, he said.



## Problem fireplace may have caused Lyndon apartment fire

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By Christi Reynard - email

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) - A problem with a fireplace may have caused an apartment fire in Lyndon early Thursday morning.

Fire crews were called to a two-story townhouse building at the Woodbridge Apartments on Willow Springs Drive around 4 a.m.

The people living in the town homes escaped unharmed.

Lyndon and Worthington Fire Departments were on the scene investigating.



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February 2, 2012, WLKYTV:

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## Townhouse Catches Fire In Lyndon

*No Injuries Reported*

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**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** -- Four fire departments responded to the scene of a blaze at the Woodbridge Apartments on Thursday morning.



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They called 911 and knocked on their neighbor's door.

Fire crews from Lyndon, Middletown, Worthington and St. Matthews responded to the blaze.

There were no injuries reported.

Two townhouses on Willow Springs Drive were evacuated by the time crews arrived at the scene around 4:30 a.m.

People inside the home where the blaze began said they were on the couch with a fire going in the fireplace when the wall went up in flames.



Raw Video





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February 2, 2012, WLKYTV:

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## Townhouse Catches Fire In Lyndon



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February 6, 2012, WAVE3TV:

February 6, 2012, WHASTV & WLKYTV:

## Man charged in deadly I-71 crash

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Posted: Feb 06, 2012 6:25 AM CST  
Updated: Feb 06, 2012 9:30 AM CST  
By Charles Gazaway - email

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) – Louisville Metro Police have arrested the man who they believe was the driver of a Corvette that crashed late Sunday on Interstate 71 killing one person.

The single car crash happened around 11:30 p.m. near the Watterson Expressway split. According to LMPD, witnesses said the driver of the Corvette was traveling northbound at a high rate of speed when the driver lost control.

The car went off the shoulder and flipped several times. A passenger in the Corvette died at the scene.

Early Monday, 51-year-old Robert Kempf of Nashville, TN was charged with murder and DUI. Kempf is being held at Louisville Metro Corrections and will be arraigned Tuesday morning.

The name of the passenger has not been released.



Robert Kempf (Source: LMDCC)



## Man charged with murder and D.U.I. in I-71 crash



by WHAS11 newsroom

WHAS11.com  
Posted on February 6, 2012 at 8:18 AM  
Updated today at 9:48 AM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11)- An overnight crash has left one person dead and another in the hospital.

It happened at about 11:30 p.m. on I-71 near the Watterson Expressway split.

Investigators say a Corvette was speeding when the driver lost control. The passenger died was pronounced dead at the scene and the driver was taken to the hospital.

Robert Kempf, 52, is believed to be the driver of the vehicle. He has since been released from the hospital and charged with murder and D.U.I. - Kempf is now at Metro Corrections.

## Driver Charged After Fatal I-71 Crash

1 Killed, 1 Injured In I-71 Crash Late Sunday

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POSTED: 6:32 am EST February 6, 2012  
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- One person is dead and another charged with murder and DUI after a high-speed crash late Sunday night.

Police said one vehicle was involved in the crash around 11:30 p.m. on Interstate 71 north, near the Interstate 264 split.

Metro police said a Corvette was speeding on I-71 north when the driver, 51-year-old Robert Kempf, lost control of the vehicle.

Police said the car went off the roadway and flipped several times.

According to police, the passenger died at the scene and the driver was rushed to University Hospital.

"At this time, the Louisville Metro police traffic unit is investigating. At this time, we haven't ruled out any factors, such as alcohol, but definitely, according to witnesses, speed was also a factor as well," said LMPD spokesman Dwight Mitchell.

Kempf was taken to Metro Corrections on Monday morning.

The stretch of I-71 near where the crash happened was closed while police investigated, but reopened in time for the Monday morning commute.

The name of the person killed in the crash has not been released.

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February 6, 2012, WDRBTV41:

## Driver charged with murder after fatal I-71 crash

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Posted: Feb 06, 2012 6:19 AM CST

Updated: Feb 06, 2012 9:06 AM CST

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) -- One person was killed in a single-vehicle crash on Interstate 71 last night and the driver of the car has been charged with murder.

It happened about 11:30 p.m. Sunday night in the northbound lanes of I-71 near the Watterson Expressway.

Metro Police officers with the LMPD Traffic Unit say the passenger in the car -- 50-year-old Michael Carr -- died at the scene.

Police say the driver -- 51-year-old Robert Kempf -- was taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

LMPD spokesman Dwight Mitchell says Kempf was later released and taken to Metro Corrections where he is charged with murder and DUI.

According to Kempf's arrest report, he was driving the white 1995 Chevrolet Corvette "at an extremely high rate of speed" when he lost control just before the I-264 split, causing the vehicle to veer off the roadway, strike a rock embankment and overturn. The vehicle ended up on its roof.

Police say Kempf admitted to drinking alcohol prior to the crash.

The northbound lanes of I-71 were shut down for several hours during the investigation.



Robert Kempf (source: Department of Metro Corrections)



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February 8, 2012, STMFD”





## Former St. Matthews shop owner requests new trial in arson case

1:04 PM, Feb. 20, 2012 | 5 Comments

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Susan Lukjan talks about the state Court of Appeals ruling overturning her conviction for burning down her St. Matthews business in Louisville, KY, Jan. 13, 2012. / Frankie Steele/Special to The Courier-Journal

Written by  
Jason Riley  
The Courier-Journal

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Nearly two years after being convicted of arson, Susan Kay Lukjan was back in court Monday, asking for a new trial following the state Court of Appeals decision last month to overturn her conviction and 12-year prison sentence for allegedly burning down her business.

And both Lukjan and her attorney, Thomas Clay, said they hoped the second trial would take place without Circuit Judge Audra Eckerle, who has handled the case against the former St. Matthews shop owner.

While Eckerle was not in court today — a senior status judge filled in for her — Clay said he will ask the judge to recuse herself, claiming she is biased against him and Lukjan.

After a short hearing, Clay told reporters that Eckerle contacted then-Chief Jefferson Circuit Judge Barry Willett in 2010, telling him a bar complaint should be filed against Clay for disparaging remarks he made about Eckerle.

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Eckerle also has previously defended her handling of the case and said she found no reason to recuse herself.

If Eckerle does not step down, Clay said he will ask Kentucky Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr. to remove her from the case.

Senior Judge Martin McDonald did not set a trial date Monday, instead asking both sides to come back March 12 to come up with a date. McDonald said Eckerle was not present on Monday because she had an obligation involving her status as chief circuit court judge.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Leland Hulbert said in an interview that the prosecution would be open to a plea agreement before trial, but both Clay and Lukjan said she would not take a plea.

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"We're ready to go back to trial," Lukjan told reporters, even though there is a danger that Lukjan, who was released on shock probation a year ago, could go back to prison if a new jury convicts her. "I'm looking forward to the truth coming out."

The Court of Appeals ruled in January there were two reversible errors in the 2010 trial: that Lukjan's defense was not allowed to have its fire scene expert testify and that the judge let three experts for the prosecution testify without properly finding out if they were qualified.

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# February 20, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

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Trustee Meeting Agenda  
February 20, 2012  
Noon

- I. ✓ Call to Order *None*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. ✓ Old Business  
*Investment Policy - Approved*
- VI. ✓ New Business  
*Trustee Recommendation*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session-If Needed *No Action Taken End 1:43*
- VIII. ✓ The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service Meeting will be held on April 19, 2012 at 7:00pm-Highview, Station 1
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Trustee meeting will be held on March 8, 2012-Thursday at Noon.

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

February 20, 2012

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on February 20, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Sam McCune, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Jack Monahan, Sarah Cronan and Bill Lowdenback. Also present were Chief Seng, Nick Heilmann, Kent Monahan, Ron Renner, George Wiggins, Charles McCune, Joe Bewley, Louis Stoke, Dan Doyle and Jordan Davis.

### Minutes

Bill Lowdenback motioned to approve the minutes of the January meeting, Sarah Cronan and Sam McCune seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Christine reported on the district's finances. A new format for the Profit and Loss Statement was presented to the board and the board agreed to use the new format in the future. Christine reported that if it pleased the board, the Firefighter Combat Challenge Team's donation money will be appropriately disbursed to the team once they have established a team name that would separate the team's association from the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

Christine Kesler made a motion to remove the Firefighter Combat Challenge Team donation money from the general fire district account and distribute the money back to the team, Jack Monahan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Jack Monahan motioned to approve the financials, Sam McCune seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the Ford F250 Pick-Up Truck sold on E-Bay for \$10,000.00. He also reported that the district recently received approval from Kentucky Department of Workers Claims for a Drug Free Workplace Certification which will give the district a 5% savings on Workers Comp premiums. This certification will need to be renewed annually.

Chief Seng reported that Tom Marshall's last on duty day was February 19; however he will remain an employee of the fire district until May 1, 2012.

Chief Seng had three Expense Authorizations for the month of February.

|                     |                        |            |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Dyson               | Vacuum                 | \$500.00   |
| All Safe Industries | Hydrogen Cyanide Meter | \$729.00   |
| Raben Tire          | 4 new Tires            | \$2,500.00 |

Jack Monahan motioned to approve the three EA's, Sam McCune seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng handed each board member a waiver to sign stating they had received a copy of the Mayor's Transparency and Accountability DVD.

Chief Seng reported that the City of Louisville Fire District is interested in acquiring the district's blower truck. In exchange for the blower truck the City of Louisville has offered to do preventive maintenance on all major apparatus. Chief Seng stated that if the district donated the blower truck, it would still be available to St. Matthews and surrounding districts in the case of a fire run. This decision would save the district approximately \$8,000.00 in annual maintenance expenses.

Jack Monahan made a motion to donate the blower truck to City of Louisville Fire District, seconded by Sam McCune and the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Chief Seng reported that the Investment Policy that Maurice Byrne provided to the Suburban Fire Districts has been updated to include St. Matthews Fire Protection District's policies.

Sarah Cronan made a motion to adopt the new investment policy, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

Chief Seng reported that Sarah Cronan's Trustee position term is ending on 6/30/12. Jack Monahan motioned to send a recommendation from the Board to Mayor Fischer for Sarah Cronan's term to be renewed.

Jack Monahan approached the board and let it be known that he will not run for re-election to the St. Matthews Board of Trustees. The Board will accept all nominations for Property Owner Trustee and there will be an election.

### Executive Session

Greg Crabb motioned to enter Executive Session at 1:15PM for personnel matters. No action was taken.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:43PM, Sarah Cronan motioned to adjourn the meeting, Christine Kesler seconded and the meeting ended at 1:44PM.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on April 19, 2012, Highview #1 at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on March 8, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.



2012

February 24, 2012, Courtesy Wiley Brewer.

213 Merriman Road

It started at noon today with a run for St. Matthews to Massie on a furnace motor burning in a basement . They were calling for fans to the upper floors and called in they could handle with first truck. While the others were clearing they put out the a house fire run to 213 Merriman Road. As soon as command car got there he said working fire. It looked like clothes in the basement as you can see from the photo's. St. Matthews, McMahan. Lyndon made the run.





2012

February 24, 2012, Courtesy Wiley Brewer.  
213 Merriman Road



March 6, 2012, *The Kentucky Standard*:



ERIN L. MCCOY/The Kentucky Standard  
Bardstown-Nelson County Volunteer Fire Department Inc. Board Chair Neal Pyle, left, and Interim Fire Chief Marlin Howard said firefighters are concerned about the recent controversy concerning the selection of the City of Bardstown fire chief. Howard was elected corporation chief Jan. 16 while Anthony Mattingly was city fire chief, and Bardstown Mayor Bill Sheckles said he didn't want two chiefs over the two departments, which have traditionally shared a chief.

### Council to vote on mayor's fire chief selection; mayor speaks with corporation

Bardstown Mayor Bill Sheckles chose a new fire chief for the City of Bardstown Fire Department Friday after a month and a half of controversy over how the fire chief is selected.

Sheckles chose Kevin Moulton from a pool of three finalists. Moulton has been a firefighter since approximately 1996 and is assistant chief at the Zoneton Fire District, as well as serving as a paid firefighter in St. Matthews, according to Sheckles.

February 29, 2012, Incident Report:

#### St. Matthews Fire Protection District

#### Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (02/01/2012) And (02/29/2012)

| Incident Type                                 | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|---|-------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 Fire  |       |                  |                |               |
| 111 Building fire                             | 1     | 1.06%            | \$31,000       | 99.21%        |
| 113 Cooking fire, confined to container       | 1     | 1.06%            | \$100          | 0.89%         |
| 114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney | 1     | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 115 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire      | 1     | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 141 Outside storage fire                      | 1     | 1.06%            | \$500          | 0.89%         |
|   | 5     | 5.31%            | \$56,000       | 100.00%       |

#### 2 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident

|  |    |        |     |       |
|--|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew            | 3  | 3.17%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 312 Medical assist, ASD applied no shocks      | 1  | 1.06%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 314 Medical assist, ambuplied by squad after   | 1  | 1.06%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 317 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient | 4  | 4.23%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 320 Motor vehicle accident with injuries       | 1  | 1.06%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 350 Removal of victim(s) from vehicle          | 2  | 2.12%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
|  | 22 | 23.40% | \$0 | 0.00% |

#### 4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)

|   |   |       |     |       |
|---|---|-------|-----|-------|
| 424 Carbon monoxide incident                    | 1 | 1.06% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other  | 1 | 1.06% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 442 Overheated motor                            | 1 | 1.06% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 445 Arcing, arched electrical equipment         | 2 | 2.12% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 447 Building or structure weakened or collapsed | 1 | 1.06% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 493 Vehicle accident, general cleanup           | 3 | 3.17% | \$0 | 0.00% |
|   | 9 | 9.57% | \$0 | 0.00% |

#### 5 Service Call

|                                      |    |        |     |       |
|--------------------------------------|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 500 Service Call, other              | 1  | 1.06%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 511 Lock-out                         | 2  | 2.12%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 531 Seals or door removal            | 1  | 1.06%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 552 Police matter                    | 1  | 1.06%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, sweep | 5  | 5.31%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
|                                      | 10 | 10.63% | \$0 | 0.00% |

#### 6 Good Intent Call

|  |    |        |     |       |
|--|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 600 Good intent call, Other                  | 4  | 4.23%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route          | 11 | 11.70% | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch | 3  | 3.17%  | \$0 | 0.00% |
| 651 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke               | 1  | 1.06%  | \$0 | 0.00% |

Alarm Date Between (02/01/2012) And (02/29/2012)

| Incident Type                                 | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|---|-------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 6 Good Intent Call                            |       |                  |                |               |
|   | 19    | 20.21%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 7 False Alarm & False Call                    |       |                  |                |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other          | 1     | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 730 Sprinkler malfunction, Other              | 2     | 2.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction   | 1     | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to          | 6     | 6.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction   | 1     | 1.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 736 CO detector activation due to malfunction | 2     | 2.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -      | 6     | 6.31%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -            | 2     | 2.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -        | 3     | 3.17%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|   | 25    | 26.85%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |

Total Incident Count: 94

Total Est Loss: \$56,000



2012

## March 6, 2012, Chief Seng Letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: March 6, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The March Trustees meeting is this Thursday at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

Enclosed in your packet is the latest legislative report from the Trustees Association.

### District Updates for February 2012

#### Apparatus:

2602 having the brakes looked at.  
2659 look at officer's seatbelt issue.  
2634 warranty work completed on water tank.

#### Facilities & Equipment:

No report on buildings.  
All mobile and handheld radios have been updated.

#### Inspections:

No report on existing inspections.

New construction projects completed or under review:

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Tin Roof             | Pending structural review due to exterior wall concerns.      |
| Tafel Motors         | Additional parking lot with security gate is being installed. |
| MSD Pump Station     | 501 Mockingbird Valley Rd. is under construction.             |
| Dodge Dealership     | 4520 U.S. 60 Renovation and construction underway.            |
| Menchie's Spice Rack | 4600 U.S. 60 A new spice store will be open next week.        |
| Titled Kilt          | CLOSED  |
| New Home             | 184 Bow Lane Indian Hills Sprinkler Ordinance permit issued.  |

#### Training:

Monthly Training Report – February 2012

Current Staffing Levels

Paid – 30

Volunteer – 10 (7 Firefighters / 1 Recruit / 2 Marshalls)

General FD Training (4 weeks / 13 classes / 3 hours per class / 39 total hours of training)

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 2/6-2/8   | PPE Review & Annual Fit Test                        |
| 2/13-2/15 | Mutual Aid Training with HCFD Apparatus & Equipment |
| 2/21-2/24 | Volunteer Training & EMT Cont. Ed                   |
| 2/27/3-29 | Crew Trainings                                      |


Acquired Structures at Shadow Wood / Mutual Aid Training – approximately 20 structures, which are being removed for the East End Bridge Project, are supposed to be made available to HCFD for training. Plan is to spend 1-2 weeks at the location training with the East End Depts. As of the first of March we are still waiting for final approval and dates.

#### Fire Prevention:

Hosted one birthday party.  
Hosted State Fire/Rescue's CPR class  
Discussed fire safety with a visually impaired group at Logan's Roadhouse.  
Visited a chili cook off at Broadway Baptist Church.

## March 8, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
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- I ✓ Call to Order *12:04*
- II ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V ✓ Old Business  
*\*Senate Bill-192 Attached*
- VI ✓ New Business  
*Please Take Given to City of Louisville (#269)*
- VII ✓ Executive Session-If Needed *No Action Taken 12:13 PM*  
*MEET OVER 1.30*
- VIII ✓ The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service Meeting will be held on April 10, 2012 at 7:00pm-Highview, Station 1
- IX ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Trustee meeting will be held on April 12, 2012-Thursday at Noon

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#### Minutes

Sam McCune motioned to approve the minutes of the February meeting; Christine Kesler seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

Christine reported on the district's finances. Christine mentioned that money was moved from an existing lower rate CD to cover general expenses. Christine stated that the district is on budget and the profit and loss statement revealed that for this current fiscal year.

Bill Lowdenback motioned to approve the financials, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that Tom Marshall's position will be filled by May 1, 2012 and the hiring committee will begin the official hiring process in the next week. The district's hiring list will be determined by the hiring process.

Chief Seng reported that the district's budget process will begin soon, while the preliminary numbers from the PVA will not be released until mid-April. The official budget numbers need to be submitted by June 1, 2012 to Tom Livers with Jefferson County Fire Service.

Chief Seng reported that a letter was submitted to Mayor Fisher's office for re-appointment of board member Sarah Cronan.

Chief Seng reported that Verizon should contact the fire district within the next two weeks concerning the Cell Tower contract. T-Mobile is ready to move forward.

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March 8, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

March 12, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:

Chief Seng recommended that one I-Pad and two Toshiba Tough-books be sold as surplus. The district no longer uses these items.

Chief Seng recently met with the City of St. Matthews to discuss the SRT team how or if the district could receive compensation for Overtime due to the firefighters who will be participating with the SRT Team. Chief Seng will report back to the Board if anything is decided.

Chief Seng has one item for Executive Session.

#### Old Business

Senate Bill 192 is currently in appropriations. Chairman Tonini will follow-up with any new details at the next Trustee Meeting.

#### New Business

None

#### Executive Session

Jack Monohan motioned to enter Executive Session at 12:30PM.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:00PM. Bill Lowdenback motioned to adjourn the meeting. Christine Kessler seconded and the meeting ended at 1:02PM.

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Reporter Jason Riley can be reached at  (502) 584-2197 

## Second trial is set for Susan Lukjan

Shop owner charged in 2006 arson case

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And she made the appearance before a new judge.

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In a recent order, Eckerle denied that she had shown any bias or misconduct, but recused herself, saying she could not "conduct a proper judicial proceeding" where she must "constantly defend" herself against a "sideshow of baseless allegations. The focus of this case should remain, as it did throughout the trial, upon the defendant."

The trial in front of the new judge, Frederic Cowan, was set for September. Lukjan will be back in court in May.

Clay declined to comment on Eckerle's order, saying that "we want to look forward and get on with what we have to do."

He had previously said that Eckerle told then-Chief Circuit Judge Barry Willett in 2010 that a bar complaint should be filed against Clay for disparaging remarks he made in the media about Eckerle.



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March 14, 2012, WHAS11.com

STMFD responded to at least 3 accident/mitigation runs.

## Police arrest 2nd suspect after police chase on Shelbyville Rd.



by Amy Stallings

WHAS11.com

Posted on March 14, 2012 at 12:38 PM

Updated today at 3:30 PM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11) -- A police chase on Shelbyville Road Wednesday has ended with the arrest of two suspects.

According to reports, several accidents occurred on Shelbyville Road in connection with the chase.

It is not clear at this time why police were chasing the suspects.

WHAS11 will continue to update this story as more information becomes available.

### Gallery



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**Matthews D**  
 Police said the man could be armed  
 and has past robbery charges. Police  
 said they believe he is still in the area  
 near Bowling Boulevard.

Police are using two K-9 units to track the man and the police helicopter is  
 surveying the area near Robin K Us.

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. — St.**  
 Matthews police are looking for an  
 18-year-old man last seen wearing a  
 reddish-colored shirt after a police  
 chase ended in a crash on Shalleville  
 Road.





2012

March 23, 2012: Call at Extended Stay on Dutchman's Lane, STMFD, Lyndon, McMahan responded.

## Extended Stay America Efficiency Studios - Louisville, KY Hotel



Hotel Home



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Extended Stay on Dutchman's Lane. Food on the stove activated sprinkler and sprinkler put out the fire. Some smoke and the tenant and office manager were transported to separate hospitals. Manager mostly anxiety a little smoke. Tennant must have been asleep, transported for smoke to University. When FD tried to shut down sprinkler the valve broke. Had to call Water Company to shut off water from street. Had to shut down electric because of flooding of 3 floors of rooms and office. Could not allow tenants to stay with no sprinkler, water or electric.

## March 31, 2012, Incident Report:

## 2012 Spring, 2012, The Leader— Information on Firefighter Don Ryan

| St. Matthews Fire Protection District                    |           |                  |                         |                |
|--|-----------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)                |           |                  |                         |                |
| Alarm Date Between (03/01/2012) And (03/31/2012)         |           |                  |                         |                |
| Incident Type  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss         | Pct of Losses  |
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |           |                  |                         |                |
| 111 Building fire  | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire                               | 1         | 1.13%            | \$4,500                 | 100.00%        |
| 142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire                | 2         | 2.27%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>4</b>  | <b>4.54%</b>     | <b>\$4,500</b>          | <b>100.00%</b> |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |           |                  |                         |                |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 10        | 11.36%           | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 3116 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after            | 6         | 6.81%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient          | 4         | 4.54%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with            | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries                 | 3         | 3.40%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries              | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>25</b> | <b>28.40%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |           |                  |                         |                |
| 413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill                | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 426 Carbon monoxide incident                             | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other           | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),                    | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 442 Overheated motor                                     | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 444 Power line down                                      | 3         | 3.40%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 445 Wiring, shorted electrical equipment                 | 4         | 4.54%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 460 Accident, potential accident, Other                  | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 483 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 5         | 5.68%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>18</b> | <b>20.45%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |           |                  |                         |                |
| 502 Service Call, Other                                  | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 511 Lock-out   | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 510 Public service assistance, Other                     | 2         | 2.27%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 552 Police matter  | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 553 Public service                                       | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>6</b>  | <b>6.81%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                                |           |                  |                         |                |
| 609 Good intent call, Other                              | 6         | 6.81%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route                      | 11        | 12.50%           | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch             | 2         | 2.27%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>19</b> | <b>21.58%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| Alarm Date Between (03/01/2012) And (03/31/2012)         |           |                  |                         |                |
| Incident Type  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss         | Pct of Losses  |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                                |           |                  |                         |                |
| 601 Smoke state, odor of smoke                           | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 602 Steam, vapor, fog or mist thought to be              | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>2</b>  | <b>2.27%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>                    |           |                  |                         |                |
| 710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other             | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 712 Direct tie to FD, malicious false alarm              | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                            | 2         | 2.27%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 736 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction              | 1         | 1.13%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -                 | 7         | 7.95%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -                   | 2         | 2.27%            | \$0                     | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>14</b> | <b>15.79%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>              | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>Total Incident Count:</b>                             | <b>98</b> |                  | <b>Total Est. Loss:</b> | <b>\$4,500</b> |

### ALUMNI NEWS

#### Rev. Dave Zettel '58, Capt. Don Ryan '81 honored at Community Pride Breakfast

**TRINITY ALUMNI:** Rev. Dave Zettel '58 and Capt. Don Ryan '81 were honored at the St. Matthews Church of Commerce Community Pride Breakfast at The Obelisk on Dec. 14, 2011.

The St. Matthews community meets annually to pay tribute to individuals who have distinguished themselves by making extraordinary contributions to community betterment through voluntary service. However, each of whom received a special Community Pride Service Award, are selected by civic clubs and other organizations and institutions engaged primarily in community service.

**REV. DAVE ZETTEL '58** served from Trinity High School after 40 years of service. His contribution to Trinity and the impact he had on the lives of thousands of Trinity students is incalculable. In his years at Trinity, Father Zettel served as a priest, teacher, college counselor and chaplain.

Born on Oct. 1, 1940, Father Zettel has always called Louisville home. After his graduation from Trinity in 1958, Father Zettel followed his heart and took to pursue the priesthood. He attended St. Thomas Seminary in Louisville and then St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD. Father Zettel was ordained at the Cathedral of the Assumption on May 14, 1966. In the fall of 1966, Father Zettel returned to his high school alma mater to teach. This would begin a long and exemplary career at Trinity High School.

One of Father Zettel's most notable and lasting achievements was his involvement in Trinity's Christian Awakening retreat program, which he co-founded in 1974. Since that time, more than half of all Trinity alumni have attended the program. Equally noteworthy is Father Zettel's role in assisting thousands of Trinity students as well as encouraging students to realize their college dreams.

Every student that has walked Trinity's halls over the past 40 years has felt the impact of Father Zettel's legacy, devotion and love for Trinity High School.

**CAPT. DON RYAN '81** was born and raised in St. Matthews. He attended Our Lady of Lourdes School and graduated from Trinity High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Ball State University. While pursuing his education, he became interested in being a volunteer firefighter with the St. Matthews Fire Department.

After a few years, he was hired as a full-time firefighter. Capt. Ryan worked his way up the ranks to become a suppression captain in 1995. During this period, he became interested in building and fire codes as well as fire inspectors.

The opportunity came for Capt. Ryan to become the fire marshal for St. Matthews and is currently serving in this capacity. His duties include reviewing the inspection bureau and doing plan reviews for new construction. He also works with the state fire marshal's office and Louisville Metro Building Department to oversee the general construction safety of the St. Matthews area. His goal has always been to help keep St. Matthews a safe place to live, work and play.

Capt. Ryan and his wife, Ashley, live in St. Matthews with their three children: Brandon, Sara and Sydney.

## April 9, 2012, STMFD:





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## April 13, 2012, Chief Seng Letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: April 13, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The April Trustees meeting is Wednesday April 18th at 12:30 Noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

### District Updates for March 2012

#### Apparatus:

2691 was delivered to LFD.

2658 is still waiting on new rear tires that are on back order.

All five heavy apparatus have been taken down to the Louisville Fire repair facility for inspection.

2633 had both front rear suspension brackets & pins replaced.

2631 had one of the cab lockdown brackets replaced.

2634 had no problems.

The quarterly rotation for the career engine company was done April 1st, 2634 is first out of station one.

#### Facilities & Equipment:

Breathing air compressor at station one has been serviced.

Bay door behind 2659 was repaired.

Middle overhead door of the training house was repaired.

Replaced the American flags at both stations.

Station one gutter was damaged during training, we will try to make repair.

40 donated office chairs from Steepleton's were placed in the large classroom at station one.

#### Inspections:

Existing Inspections Completed: 98

New Construction Projects completed or under review:

Tin Roof Currently is being renovated.  
Lu Lu Yogurt (Old Carolina Shrimp Co.) Currently is being renovated.  
Dodge/Chrysler Temporary C/O issued.

Heine Brothers

New Construction started.

A Fire at Extended Stay of America on Dutchman's Lane and Breckenridge Lane caused a complete utility shutdown for the entire building. We held a meeting with all utility companies and tested the fire sprinkler system and fire alarm the following day for functionality. The building is now fully occupied and all fire safety equipment operational.

#### Training:

Monthly Training Report - Mar 2012

Current Staffing Levels

Paid - 30

Volunteer - 9

General FD Training (4 weeks / 13 classes / 3 hours per class / 39 total hours of training)

3/5-3/7 Hydraulics & Pump Operations Review

3/12-3/14 Mutual Aid Training with Lyndon FD

3/20-3/23 Volunteer Training & EMT Continuing Education

3/26-3/28 Crew Training

State EMT Audits - received notification that Asst. Chief Monahan and Capt. Flynn had successfully passed the audit process. Found out on Thursday March 29 that Sgt. Clark & FF Montgomery were also supposed to be audited but never received the paperwork. As such, Capt Richardson will be submitting all necessary paperwork for the audit.

Acquired Structures at Shadow Wood / Mutual Aid Training - decision was made by State DOT to NOT allow the training to take place.

St Matthews Police Department Special Response Team Program - progress continues to be made. Based on the financial situation, the decision was made to cut the team to 3 personnel, and FF Bewley voluntarily resigned his position with the team. Still waiting on the draft of the Memorandum of Understanding which will have STMPD provide STMPD with finances to cover OT incurred during training and callouts. Sgt Montague, FF Montgomery, and Capt Richardson will all be attending the 40 hour KTOA TEMS class in Frankfort KY from April 2-6.

New Hire Testing Process - was successfully completed on Tues March 27. Interviews with the successful candidates will be forthcoming. We should have a have an individual ready to be approved at the May Trustees meeting.

#### Fire Prevention:

We had a slow month in the Public education department. We had two events in March. Judged a chili cook off at St Matthews Baptist Church  
Performed a public education program for St Matthews Baptist Preschool.

## April 13, 2012, Assessments:

### PRELIMINARY REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS 2011 / 2012 COMPARISON

| FIRE DISTRICT       | 2011<br>TOTAL<br>ACCTS | 2012<br>TOTAL<br>ACCTS | 2011<br>HOMESTEAD<br>ACCTS | 2012<br>HOMESTEAD<br>ACCTS | 2011<br>FAIR CASH<br>VALUE | 2012<br>FAIR CASH<br>VALUE | 2011<br>TAXABLE<br>ASSESSMENTS | 2012<br>TAXABLE<br>ASSESSMENTS | 2011/2012<br>Change | Tax<br>Revenue      |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 01-Jeffersonton     | 16,180                 | 16,230                 | 2998                       | 3125                       | 3,901,499,855              | 3,918,745,350              | 3,746,620,045                  | 3,750,370,765                  | 12,550,720          | \$12,550.72         |
| 03-Camp Taylor      | 2,453                  | 2,493                  | 433                        | 483                        | 631,178,600                | 626,116,170                | 616,456,650                    | 613,714,170                    | -2,742,480          | -\$2,742.48         |
| 06-Okolona          | 20,578                 | 20,583                 | 4,274                      | 4,470                      | 3,416,213,890              | 3,427,412,570              | 3,256,267,230                  | 3,260,149,020                  | 4,881,790           | \$4,881.79          |
| 07-Eastwood         | 5,927                  | 5,908                  | 703                        | 770                        | 1,840,633,730              | 1,869,891,720              | 1,687,344,920                  | 1,714,153,780                  | 26,808,860          | \$26,808.86         |
| 08-Lake Dreamland * | 4,572                  | 5,658                  | 753                        | 1,067                      | 500,323,630                | 599,117,360                | 474,049,610                    | 582,239,510                    | 88,189,900          | \$88,189.90         |
| 09-PRP              | 32,717                 | 32,728                 | 7,822                      | 8,178                      | 4,452,444,595              | 4,444,424,226              | 4,169,262,026                  | 4,149,689,416                  | -19,572,610         | -\$19,572.61        |
| 11-Highview         | 11,165                 | 11,163                 | 2,898                      | 2,817                      | 1,585,406,700              | 1,589,297,320              | 1,488,368,630                  | 1,467,122,200                  | -1,246,430          | -\$1,246.43         |
| 12-Harolds Creek    | 7,863                  | 7,836                  | 1,714                      | 1,813                      | 2,813,453,790              | 2,814,454,130              | 2,715,941,550                  | 2,709,889,440                  | -6,252,110          | -\$6,252.11         |
| 13-Middletown       | 15,871                 | 15,902                 | 3,516                      | 3,699                      | 4,762,414,890              | 4,822,055,150              | 4,631,852,950                  | 4,667,559,500                  | 35,702,550          | \$35,702.55         |
| 14-McMahan          | 4,578                  | 4,581                  | 1,422                      | 1,469                      | 1,016,831,400              | 1,031,671,450              | 985,095,260                    | 978,471,250                    | -13,415,990         | -\$13,415.99        |
| 15-Farm Creek       | 13,910                 | 13,930                 | 2,896                      | 2,871                      | 2,822,685,585              | 2,827,906,765              | 2,355,625,065                  | 2,365,324,105                  | 9,699,040           | \$9,699.04          |
| 16-Lyndon           | 11,775                 | 11,779                 | 2,986                      | 3,075                      | 2,849,510,295              | 2,869,761,888              | 2,739,692,958                  | 2,766,871,798                  | 17,178,840          | \$17,178.84         |
| 17-Buechel          | 6,631                  | 6,657                  | 1,164                      | 1,214                      | 1,105,395,875              | 1,105,190,785              | 1,055,704,525                  | 1,063,818,375                  | -1,886,550          | -\$1,886.55         |
| 18-Worthington      | 11,254                 | 11,306                 | 2,051                      | 2,178                      | 3,020,258,460              | 3,097,789,640              | 2,922,326,400                  | 2,997,244,430                  | 74,918,030          | \$74,918.03         |
| 19-Fairdale         | 8,708                  | 8,696                  | 1,843                      | 1,932                      | 1,250,361,730              | 1,272,825,870              | 1,179,656,000                  | 1,192,914,680                  | 13,258,680          | \$13,258.68         |
| 20-Anchorage        | 861                    | 860                    | 152                        | 150                        | 465,292,695                | 465,562,530                | 452,581,120                    | 451,612,990                    | -968,130            | -\$968.13           |
| 26-St. Matthews     | 10,910                 | 10,919                 | 2,709                      | 2,736                      | 3,145,797,131              | 3,186,410,080              | 2,933,587,890                  | 2,993,258,045                  | 59,670,155          | \$59,670.16         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>       | <b>185,831</b>         | <b>187,320</b>         | <b>39,869</b>              | <b>42,033</b>              | <b>39,406,665,060</b>      | <b>39,771,331,995</b>      | <b>37,489,595,030</b>          | <b>37,793,190,455</b>          | <b>303,604,425</b>  | <b>\$303,604.43</b> |

\* Includes Former DSFD: 1,091 263 102,260,050 93,318,050

TAXABLE ASSESSMENTS = FAIR CASH - HOMESTEAD  
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR 2012 = \$34,000

Figures as Reflected on Assessment Notices - Subject to Change as a Result of Conferences / Appeals

Certification not Expected until late June, early July  
Final Recap Follows Certification (sometime in August)

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# April 18, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

*Smile Detention  
Save Lives*



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Fire Protection District**  
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William J. Seng  
Fire Chief

Trustees Meeting Agenda  
April 18, 2012

*Leave Not  
To Burn*

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jack Monahan  
Bill Lowdenback  
Greg Dray  
Sarah Cronan

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

April 18, 2012

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on April 18, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Sam McCune, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabbs, Jack Monahan, Sarah Cronan and Bill Lowdenback. Also present were Chief Seng, Dan Doyle, Patrick Montague, Rickie Tapp, Matt Board, Moss Clore, Mike Frantz, Joe Wolfe and Jordan Davis.

### Minutes

Sam McCune motioned to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Bill Lowdenback seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Christine reported on the district's finances. Christine reported that overall, expenses are down. Some training expenses have not yet hit the budget, however will be documented by the end of the fiscal year.

Jack Monahan motioned to approve the financials. Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Chief's Report

Chief Seng handed the Board the preliminary PVA numbers for budgeting purposes. The certified numbers will not be announced until August. Chief Seng and Christine Kesler will be working on the upcoming budget.

Chief Seng reported that all Apparatus are being rotated to Louisville Fire for routine maintenance. This will continue throughout the year.

Chief Seng reported that a budget will be presented at the May Trustees meeting.

Bill Lowdenback motioned to put an RFP out for the annual fiscal year audit. Sarah Cronan seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Sarah also recommended that the district put all professional services up for bid.

### Old Business

Chairman Tonini provided an update on the Senate and House Bills. He explained that both of these will need the Mayor and Senate support. The current Legislative representation is Howdy Kutsinger and Jack Reckner.

### New Business

Rick Tonini appointed an election committee for the Property Owner Trustee position. The committee consists of Sarah Cronan, Christine Kesler and Sam McCune.

### Executive Session

None

Jack Monahan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:43PM. Sam McCune seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on June 21, 2012, Lyndon #1 at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on May 10, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.

Chairman

Secretary

I. ✓ Call to Order *12:30*

II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting

III. ✓ Treasurer Report *Approved*

IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng

V. ✓ Old Business

VI. ✓ New Business

VII. ✓ Executive Session-If needed.

VIII. The next JCSPS Trustee meeting will be held on April 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM-Highview, Station #1

IX. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on May 10, 2012-Thursday

## St. Matthews Fire Protection District 2012-2013 Proposed Draft Budget

|                              | 2011-12 Budgeted | 2012-13 Proposed<br>0% Payroll Increase | 2012-2013 Proposed<br>1% Payroll Increase | 2012-2013 Proposed<br>2% Payroll Increase |
|------------------------------|------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Income Revenues</b>       |                  |   |   |   |
| Real Prop                    | 1,053,000        | 1,062,325                               | 1,062,325                                 | 1,062,325                                 |
| Perm Prop                    | 170,000          | 170,000                                 | 170,000                                   | 170,000                                   |
| Inc Tax                      | 93,000           | 93,000                                  | 93,000                                    | 93,000                                    |
| Tangible                     | 243,000          | 239,000                                 | 239,000                                   | 239,000                                   |
| Inc Pers                     | 32,500           | 32,500                                  | 32,500                                    | 32,500                                    |
| CDR                          | 3,000            | 3,000                                   | 3,000                                     | 3,000                                     |
| Cell Tower                   | 22,000           | 42,000                                  | 42,000                                    | 42,000                                    |
| Interest                     | 30,000           | 29,000                                  | 28,000                                    | 25,000                                    |
| Hydant Testing               | 6,500            | 6,500                                   | 6,500                                     | 6,500                                     |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>         | <b>1,625,500</b> | <b>1,646,325</b>                        | <b>1,646,325</b>                          | <b>1,646,325</b>                          |
| <b>Payroll Expense</b>       |                  |   |   |   |
| Gross Pay                    | 1,817,831        | 1,817,831                               | 1,835,006                                 | 1,848,187                                 |
| OT/Ret                       | 225,000          | 225,000                                 | 227,250                                   | 229,500                                   |
| Interest                     | 93,000           | 93,000                                  | 93,000                                    | 93,000                                    |
| <b>Total Payroll Expense</b> | <b>1,835,831</b> | <b>1,835,831</b>                        | <b>1,865,256</b>                          | <b>1,876,687</b>                          |
| <b>Operational Expense</b>   |                  |   |   |   |
| ITCA                         | 145,441          | 145,441                                 | 141,774                                   | 143,107                                   |
| Health Ins                   | 180,000          | 170,000                                 | 170,000                                   | 170,000                                   |
| Life Ins                     | 8,000            | 8,000                                   | 8,000                                     | 8,000                                     |
| Dental                       | 24,000           | 25,000                                  | 25,000                                    | 25,000                                    |
| CDRS                         | 696,480          | 696,272                                 | 696,625                                   | 705,375                                   |
| Worker Comp                  | 67,482           | 67,482                                  | 58,007                                    | 58,522                                    |
| Volunteer Team               | 22,000           | 18,000                                  | 18,000                                    | 18,000                                    |
| Physicals                    | 15,500           | 15,500                                  | 15,500                                    | 15,500                                    |
| Uniforms                     | 15,000           | 15,000                                  | 15,000                                    | 15,000                                    |
| Tuition                      | 28,500           | 26,500                                  | 26,500                                    | 26,500                                    |
| Recreation                   | 20,000           | 17,000                                  | 17,000                                    | 17,000                                    |
| Training                     | 40,000           | 40,000                                  | 40,000                                    | 40,000                                    |
| Education                    | 20,000           | 12,000                                  | 12,000                                    | 12,000                                    |

## St. Matthews Fire Protection District 2012-2013 Proposed Draft Budget

|                        |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| EAP                    | 1,000            | 1,000            | 1,000            | 1,000            |
| Certification/Renewals | 1,000            | 1,000            | 1,000            | 1,000            |
| Fuel                   | 33,000           | 33,000           | 33,000           | 33,000           |
| Maintenance            | 80,000           | 80,000           | 80,000           | 80,000           |
| Equipment              | 20,000           | 20,000           | 20,000           | 20,000           |
| EMT - D                | 5,000            | 5,000            | 5,000            | 5,000            |
| OSHA                   | 5,000            | 5,000            | 5,000            | 5,000            |
| Utilities              | 45,000           | 45,000           | 45,000           | 45,000           |
| Computer               | 8,000            | 8,000            | 8,000            | 8,000            |
| Building               | 30,000           | 30,000           | 30,000           | 30,000           |
| Phones                 | 13,000           | 13,000           | 13,000           | 13,000           |
| Radio Repair           | 5,000            | 5,000            | 5,000            | 5,000            |
| Auto/Mech              | 14,000           | 17,000           | 17,000           | 17,000           |
| Legal                  | 15,000           | 15,000           | 15,000           | 15,000           |
| Legal Adv              | 1,000            | 1,000            | 1,000            | 1,000            |
| Data Processing        | 8,000            | 8,000            | 8,000            | 8,000            |
| Insurance              | 60,000           | 62,000           | 62,000           | 62,000           |
| Postage                | 500              | 500              | 500              | 500              |
| Office Supplies        | 8,500            | 8,500            | 8,500            | 8,500            |
| Public Education       | 8,000            | 8,000            | 8,000            | 8,000            |
| Tax Rpts               | 500              | 500              | 500              | 500              |
| Trustee Fees           | 1,800            | 1,800            | 1,800            | 1,800            |
| Membership Fees        | 3,000            | 3,000            | 3,000            | 3,000            |
| Trustee Assoc          | 3,000            | 3,000            | 3,000            | 3,000            |
| Legislative Rep        | 3,000            | 3,000            | 3,000            | 3,000            |
| Physical Fitness       | 25,000           | 25,000           | 25,000           | 25,000           |
| <b>Sub-Total</b>       | <b>1,428,327</b> | <b>1,451,000</b> | <b>1,477,495</b> | <b>1,503,325</b> |
| Capital                | 88,000           | 88,000           | 88,000           | 88,000           |
| Apparatus Replacement  | 100,000          | 100,000          | 100,000          | 100,000          |
| Reserve                | 29,673           | 29,219           | 33,390           | 7,500            |
| <b>Total Budget</b>    | <b>1,625,000</b> | <b>1,666,325</b> | <b>1,666,325</b> | <b>1,666,325</b> |
| <b>Total Income</b>    | <b>1,625,000</b> | <b>1,666,325</b> | <b>1,666,325</b> | <b>1,666,325</b> |



2012

April 21, 2012, Former Board Member— William D. Hammer

**William D. Hammer Sr., 93, Retired Certified Public Accountant**

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He was a retired self employed Certified Public Accountant and a devout member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

He graduated from Manual High School in 1937 and was a founding member of Hurstbourne Country Club. His extensive volunteer work included the Little Sisters of the Poor, Sister Visitor Program, Kentucky Right to Life and the Schuhmann Center.

His incredible work ethic was a source of pride to him, but his greatest source of joy was his family. He was a loyal friend to many.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 58 years, Joan W. Hammer; his children, Father William D. Hammer, Jr., Robert G. Hammer, MD (Andrea), Thomas Joseph Hammer (Amy), Mary Beth Hammer, Meg Hammer Adams (Kevin), and Joan Ellen Hammer; his loving

**William D. Hammer Sr. | Visit Guest Book**



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His Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 3345 Lexington Road, with burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Monday, April 23, 2012 at Ratterman Brothers Funeral Home, 3711 Lexington Rd., and at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

2012

April 23, 2012, Former firefighter— Blaine Bishop, Jr.



## Obituary

### Blaine Bishop Jr. | Visit Guest Book

BISHOP, BLAINE JR., 69, husband of Carolyn Bishop, died April 23, 2012 at his residence.

He is the son of the late Blaine and Bertie Ree Bishop Sr. Mr. Bishop was retired from Rohm & Haas, where he worked fire and security. He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of Ashby Lane Baptist Church.

Besides his wife of 16 years, he is survived by his children, Belinda Duggan (Terry) and "Lil" Blaine III (Maureen); stepchildren, Paula Phillips (Dan) and Timmy Meyer (Denise); grandchildren, Karyn (John), Donnie (Ashley), Wes and Matthew; great-grandchildren, Ethan, Evan, Jackson and Owen, whom he loved dearly; sisters, Barbara Lanham (Baute) and Beverly Sue Rusch (Chris); his brother, Bobby Joe Bishop (Elaine); former wife, Brenda Bishop; caregiver, Josh Kingren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Brenda Carol London.

A service celebrating Blaine's life will be held noon Saturday at Louisville Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 4400 Dixie Hwy. Visitation will be 2 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.



## Trinity High School student Jacob Stengel leads the way in restoring old trucks

11:59 AM, Apr. 24, 2012 | [Comments](#)

While other teenagers are souping up sports cars, Trinity High School senior Jacob Stengel has put his mechanical skills to use restoring a bright red 1945 City of Louisville Ford firetruck.

Jacob finished it in time to ride in the truck with ballplayers in the opening day parade last Saturday for the St. Matthews Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball program.

The truck belongs to Jim Graven of Windy Hills, a fire vehicle and memorabilia collector and owner of Steepleton Billiards Co. who retired in July after 36 years as a trustee of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

Graven wanted to have the truck restored for his grandson, Wyatt Graven, 5, so that Wyatt's team could ride in it in the parade.

"It's a piece of Louisville history," Graven said.

Outside of Graven's spacious barn-like storage building at his home on Rudy Lane last week, Jacob was putting on the front bumper of the fire truck, assisted by his brother, Ross, 13.

Jacob, who lives in Crescent Hill, had driven there in a green, 1948 Ford pickup that he also restored. His work on the firetruck included putting in a motor.

red fire truck

The firetruck restoration has cost about \$20,000 to \$25,000, including labor costs paid to Jacob, and anyone who saw the results would be "in awe," Graven said.

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"I'm astonished," he said.

He noted that Jacob did research on the Internet and elsewhere to obtain original-type parts, kept ledgers, made cost estimates and purchases and was reimbursed by Graven each week. Body work and painting were done by a friend of Graven's in Jeffersonville.

Even though Jacob is only 18 and headed to Bellarmine University next school year, his knack for fixing up old trucks and getting them in running condition also has earned him the respect and admiration of experts in the local chapter of the American Truck Historical Society, of which Jacob is a member.

"All of his best friends are guys in this truck club," said Madonna Stengel, his mother.

His dad, Todd Stengel, is a builder and former machinist who specializes in restoring old homes and buildings. "I've always had a passion for old things," Todd Stengel said. "He's kind of got that too." But he and others say Jacob learns largely on his own and used to bring home old lawnmowers to work on that were left out for junk-day pickups.

"It just comes naturally," Jacob said. "I always liked taking toys apart and then started messing with bikes."

The Stengels met Graven after buying a 1920 building on East Gray Street from him a couple of years ago that was part of a business complex Graven used to have on Broadway east of downtown. Jacob also works for Steepleton's, maintaining vehicles.

Early on, Jacob said he didn't like to read and was slowed by dyslexia in school. But that changed when he discovered car magazines and vehicle repair manuals.

His dad bought a 1950 Ford flatbed truck for him to work on when he was 12 for his birthday, and he's still restoring it at the Gray Street building, where he's also working on a 1964 Lincoln.

"He's very unusual," said Leonard Krebs, a truck society member who lives on Rudy Lane and passed along the green truck to Jacob. "He reads something and retains it."

Several society members have asked Jacob for help, and he's known for being able to diagnose a problem and fix it, Krebs said.

After Krebs gave the truck to Jacob, he was driving it within about three weeks. He also drives a 1963 Volkswagen Bug that he worked on.

Although the Ford flatbed is big and not too practical for driving around, Jacob is putting a great deal of effort into restoring it. "I'm trying to make it perfect," he said.

April 24, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:

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Former firefighter and Trustee Jim Graven

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April 26, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:

Friend of STMFD—was our radio system for years.

## Obituary

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### Orin Burhl Bond Sr. | [Visit Guest Book](#)



BOND, ORIN BURHL SR., 86, passed away April 26, 2012 in Louisville.

He was born in Shelbyville, KY, to James Ralph Bond Sr. and Helen Cornelia Porter Bond.

He attended Anchorage High School, where he was a member of the football team.

After serving in the U.S. Merchant Marines during [World War II](#), he began his business career by purchasing St. Matthews Cab Company. He founded and operated Louisville 2-Way Radio, Radio Page and RCS Communications.

He was a member of Beargrass Christian Church and enjoyed traveling and maintaining the property at his home, Holly Gate Farm.

Mr. Bond was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 60 years Norma Ruth Ellingsworth Bond, and his only sibling James Ralph Bond Jr.

He is survived by his children Perry Porter Bond, Dr. Orin Burhl Bond Jr. and Mary Helen Bond Myles (John David); His grandchildren Brook Whitney Bond (Amy), Jennifer Ann Bond and James Robert Bond; and a great-granddaughter, Whitney Catherine Bond.

He is also survived by a sister-in-law Martha "Jane" Brangers, several nieces and nephews and special friends and extended family Alison B. Woodcock and Rebecca Driskell.

A private graveside service will be held. Ratterman's Lexington Road, is in charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may go to Beargrass Christian Church or donors favorite charity.

2012

April 30, 2012, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {04/01/2012} And {04/30/2012}

| Incident Type  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses  |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |           |                  |                |                |
| 100 Fire, Other  | 1         | 1.03%            | \$50           | 100.00%        |
| 111 Building fire  | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 1601 Fires involving mulch or landscape                  | 2         | 2.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>4</b>  | <b>4.12%</b>     | <b>\$50</b>    | <b>100.00%</b> |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |           |                  |                |                |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 14        | 14.43%           | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 3112 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks               | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries                 | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle                | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>17</b> | <b>17.52%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |           |                  |                |                |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                        | 2         | 2.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 424 Carbon monoxide incident                             | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other           | 2         | 2.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 444 Power line down                                      | 3         | 3.09%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment                 | 3         | 3.09%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 460 Accident, potential accident, Other                  | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 3         | 3.09%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>15</b> | <b>15.46%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |           |                  |                |                |
| 500 Service Call, other                                  | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 511 Lock-out   | 2         | 2.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 522 Water or steam leak                                  | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 551 Assist police or other governmental agency           | 2         | 2.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup                    | 6         | 6.18%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>12</b> | <b>12.37%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                                |           |                  |                |                |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                              | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route                      | 23        | 23.71%           | \$0            | 0.00%          |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch             | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>25</b> | <b>25.77%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>   |

7 False Alarm & False Call

Alarm Date Between {04/01/2012} And {04/30/2012}

| Incident Type                                  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>          |           |                  |                |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other           | 4         | 4.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other   | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                  | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to           | 2         | 2.06%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction    | 3         | 3.09%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 1         | 1.03%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 6         | 6.18%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -             | 3         | 3.09%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 3         | 3.09%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>24</b> | <b>24.74%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |

Total Incident Count: 97

Total Est Loss:

\$50



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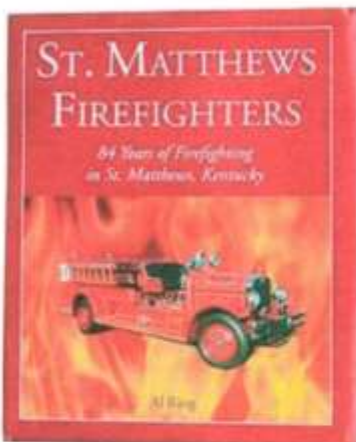
## May, 2012, Greater Tucson Fire Foundation page 2 of newsletter:

### "Are you ready for some H-I-S-T-O-R-Y?"

Do you know that opening line from the Hank Williams song that used to begin many televised football games, exciting the crowd for the big event? Well —Are You Ready For Something Big from the Greater Tucson Fire Foundation? With a little luck the history of the Tucson Fire Department will soon be accessible in a website from the comfort of your own home.

To begin, let me introduce myself. I am Al Ring and I currently serve as the archivist/historian for the Greater Tucson Fire Foundation. How much arm twisting did it take to convince me to contribute? Absolutely none! I brought an idea to the Foundation and the Trustees jumped on it. This group truly has a love for the history of Tucson Fire community and I wanted to be a part of bringing it back to life.

I was born in Connecticut and moved to Louisville, Kentucky at age 9. I retired to Tucson in 1998. For 26 years, I was a volunteer firefighter with the St. Matthews Fire Department, near Louisville. Over the years, I developed a family website that includes the



history of the St. Matthews Fire Department in Jefferson County, as well as that of surrounding departments. That work can be found at <http://ringbrothershistory.com/>. The site contains over 29,000 pages and 61,000 graphic images. With that project under my belt I thought I'd wander over to my new hometown department of Tucson and see if they were interested. Retired or not I just can't get the fire service out of my system.

I am currently creating PDF's for thousands of items related to the history of TFD, including magazine and newspaper articles, documents, photos, videos, etc. Additional items include annual reports from 1954 to present, daybooks, and communication and fire run logs, procurement documents, and even chow books. The three Department yearbooks have also been scanned to date. My intent is to include all of Tucson's major fire events, such as the Pioneer and Congress Hotels, Cele Peterson store, Old Tucson Studio and air crashes among others. My work includes information and photos of fire apparatus of the 1910 Nott Steamer and the restoration of the 1923 American LaFrance Engine.

We will have the history of each station with all kinds of photos and information. Want to know the story of the old Bell Tower and 5-mile bell which the department purchased in 1881? You will be able to view it online at any time. There is information about related organizations such as the Last Alarm Foundation, Fallen Firefighters Memorial, Sparkettes, and IAFF Local 479! There are individual scrapbooks from current and former members of

the department. One of the main sections will be a chronological history where a variety of material from any particular year will be grouped together. Finally, we want to create an Honor Roll that would include a photo and personal information on each of the estimated 10,000 members of the department from 1881 to the present. To me, this is the most important section! Without the dedicated men and women who served and continue to serve, there would be no Tucson Fire Department.

By the time you read this article, we will have over 135 sections completed with 11,000 pages and over 12,000 graphics. Currently, we have another 120 sections under construction with over 8,000 pages and 31,000 graphics completed. As you now know, we are not just talking about it, we are doing it! How much more is there? Well, in football terms, I think that we are early in the first quarter and have a long way to go. We are scoring touchdowns with new information arriving regularly. I estimate that there are still over 100 boxes in the TFD basement that I haven't even opened. So, my guess is we will never be done. How can you help? How about sharing your old scrapbooks, photos, etc. on the department history? Let us borrow and scan it so everyone can enjoy it!

This effort has not been mine alone. Many have helped gather information and photos. *Chiefs Dave Ridings and Joe Gulotta, Andy Dowdle, Bill Martin, Retired Chiefs, Mike McKendrick and Ted Geare III, Captains Trish Tracy and Fred Bair*, and many more who have joined in this tremendous effort.

- Al Ring, Archivist, Author, Historian, Volunteer

Mark Paris Golf Tournament benefiting the Southern Arizona Disabled Firefighters

Saturday August 18

Make your reservations, sign up your team or become a sponsor! Log on to [www.sadff.com](http://www.sadff.com)



## HOT PION

DVD's and program books for the documentary "HOT PION" are available for purchase at Pima Uniforms, in the Foundation office or via e-mail [tucsonfirefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:tucsonfirefoundation@gmail.com). This film tribute to the 40th anniversary of the tragic Pioneer Hotel Fire, the lives lost and the heroic firefighters who responded to the scene was produced by Chief Albert and Mrs. Elsa Pesqueira who have donated all the proceeds from these sales to benefit Foundation.

2012

## May 8, 2012, Chief Seng Letter:

## May 10, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: May 8, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The May Trustees meeting is this Thursday May 10th at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

Enclosed in your packet is the proposed budget that the Board will need to adopt at the meeting on Thursday. Changes can still be made if you have any questions or concerns before the final copy is sent to the Mayor's office.

### District Updates for April 2012

#### Apparatus:

2658: has finally had the four rear tires replaced.  
2631: has been relocated back to station two after a 2 1/2 year stay at station one;  
2659: we are trying to modify the officer's seatbelt with help from the manufacturer.  
2658: will be the first apparatus to go to the Louisville Fire automotive repair facility for the annual preventive maintenance, sometime in May.  
Betsy: has been relocated back to station two after a 5 month stay.

#### Facilities & Equipment:

Everything seems to be running smoothly with no issues outstanding at this present time.

#### Inspections:

Existing Inspections Completed: 98

New Construction Projects completed or under review:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Tin Roof                               | Construction has been halted pending plan review. |
| Lu Lu Yogurt (Old Carolina Shrimp Co.) | Still under construction.                         |
| Dodge/Chrysler                         | Currently open for business.                      |
| Heine Brothers                         | New Construction started.                         |
| Watterson Restaurant US 42             | Under construction                                |

Several vacant structures in the DuPont area, Vogt-Nern Building, Calistoga Restaurant, and the Louisville Surge Center.

The proposed new movie theatre at The Mall St. Matthews is currently receiving construction bids but no other details have been released.

A new Qdoba Mexican Restaurant will be opening soon at Hubbard's Lane and Shelbyville Road at the old Starlight Yogurt Store.

#### Training:

Current Staffing Levels  
Paid - 29  
Volunteer - 9

General FD Training (4 weeks / 15 classes / 3 hours per class / 45 total hours of training)  
4/2-4/4 MRI & RAD Safety, Hospital Tours at Jewish Hospital East  
4/9-4/11 Hands-On Pump Operator Class  
4/16-4/18 Crew Trainings  
4/24-4/27 Volunteer Training & EMT Continuing Education Classes

State EMT Audits - Sgt Clark & FF Montgomery successfully passed the audit process. The fire district will follow up with KBEMS during future recertification efforts to insure we do not have any more issues getting audit notifications in a timely manner.


Special Teams - Capt Richardson assisted the LMPD SWAT Team, LMPD Joint-Emergency Service Unit Team, and the St. Matthews PD SWAT Team with their monthly trainings. Capt Richardson, Sgt Montague, and FF Montgomery all attended the 40 hour Kentucky Tactical Officers Association, Tactical Emergency Medical Support training course in Frankfort. Sgt. Clark is maintaining his training and participation with the Louisville Metro Haz-Mat Team. FF Moulton is continuing his participation with the Water Rescue Team.

#### Fire Prevention:

We had four Public Education events during the month of April.

Betsy visited the Thunder preview party at Bowman Field.  
We had four vehicles in the St Matthews Little League parade.  
We hosted two birthday parties at Station 1.

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



*Learn Not  
To Burn*

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Fire Protection District**  
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Richard Tonini, Chairman  
Greg Crabb, Treasurer  
Jack Monahan, Secretary

**William J. Seng  
Fire Chief**

Trustees Meeting Agenda  
May 10, 2012

- I. ✓ Call to Order *C. Noon*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *Approved*
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report *Approved* & *Budget Proposal - See Attached*
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng *Approved*  
*(1) annex here before that time Approved*
- V. ✓ Old Business-Election Committee Report
- VI. ✓ New Business *Proposals For Review 5-11-12*
- VII. ✓ Executive Session-If needed. *Legal Issues 12:01 to 12:28*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCSFS Trustee meeting will be held on June 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Lyndon, Station #1
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on June 14, 2012-Thursday at Noon

**Minutes of Meeting of  
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District**  
May 10, 2012

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on May 10, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Greg Crabb, Jack Monahan, and Sarah Cronan. Also present were Chief Seng, Joe Bewley, Nick Clark, Frank Flynn, Brendan Montgomery, Larry Heaphy, Tony Glass, Charles McCune, Michael Monohan and Jordan Davis.

#### Minutes

Jack Monahan motioned to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Greg Crabb seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Executive Session

Chairman Tonini moved to go into Executive Session at 12:05PM to discuss a legal matter.

The regular meeting resumed at 12:32PM. Sarah Cronan reported that there are three candidates running for the upcoming Property Owner Trustee Election. Thomas Eiffer, Sr., Jackie Dehart and Chris Mooser. All three candidates are qualified, however all three need to be certified by May 14<sup>th</sup>. The election will be held on June 23, 2012 from 11:00am- 2:00pm at Station 1. Sarah Cronan made a motion to certify all three candidates. Jack Monahan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

Chief Seng reported on the district's finances. Chief Seng reported that OT is still understated for the fiscal year due to 3 payrolls in June. Some additional training expenses from FDIC will be on next month's budget.

Jack Monahan motioned to approve the financials. Greg Crabb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that interviews will begin taking place soon as they are interviewing the top final 9 candidates.

Chief Seng presented three different budgets with pay increases of 0%-2%. Chief reported that Tangible taxes are down by projections. For budgeting purposes, the district averages the past two years for a good number. Some of the Capital



2012

May 10, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

May 29, 2012, WHASTV: 2602 & 2658 made this run

Expenditures that were requested for this fiscal year have rolled into next fiscal year requests.

Sarah Cronan motioned to approve the budget with a 2% salary increase for Career and Volunteer employees. Jack Monohan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested that the Board allow him to fund an intern position for this summer. The position is 40 hours per week at \$10.00 per hour with no benefits. Jack Monohan motioned to allow the intern position. Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng reported that Kevin Moulton is off duty on Worker's Compensation and is anticipating surgery.

Chief Seng requested one EA for the month of May.

|                |  |            |
|----------------|--|------------|
| Tim Sendelbach | 6.5 Hour Training Presentation<br>at Baptist Hospital East | \$2,785.00 |
|----------------|--|------------|

Old Business  
None

New Business  
Jack Monohan reported on the Firefighter Reunion Committee. The group has been meeting regularly and the Reunion will be August 11, 2012 at the St. Matthews Community Center. The Reunion Committee is looking for support to help fund some of the expenses for the upcoming event. This discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

Jack Monohan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:13PM. Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on June 21, 2012, Lyndon #1 at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on June 14, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.

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Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

## One person rescued after car is trapped in rapid creek at Brownsboro Rd. and Springcrest



by WHAS11 News

WHAS11.com  
Posted on May 29, 2012 at 12:32 PM  
Updated today at 12:38 PM

Louisville, KY (WHAS11) - Metro Dispatch is working a water rescue, a car is stuck in a rapid creek at Brownsboro Road and Springcrest. Authorities say one person was rescued from the vehicle.

Sky11 is over the scene and we will bring you more information as it becomes available.

### Gallery



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May 29, 2012, WLKYTV:

2012  
2602 & 2658 made this run





May 31, 2012, WLKYTV:

2012  
Lyndon & McMahan responded



Condominium catches fire in St. Matthews

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - A two-alarm fire broke out at a condo in Saint Matthews just before 1 a.m. Thursday in the 200 block of Saint Matthews Avenue.

The fire started in a building housing four separate condominiums. Firefighters say extra crews were dispatched because they were concerned the flames might spread to the three neighboring condos. They say when fire crews arrived, there were flames coming out of the front and back of one of the units. No one was injured in the blaze and crews say they were able to get the fire under control and extinguished very quickly. The man living inside one of the condos told the fire department that he woke up to find smoke in his apartment and called 911. There was only one unit damaged by the fire and the neighboring units had some smoke damage. Investigators are still trying to determine what sparked the blaze, but at this point they say the man living in the unit smokes and it may have been a lit cigarette.

2012

May 31, 2012, WLKYTV:

Lyndon & McMahan responded

Comments from St. Matthews Chairman and PIO:

## 2-alarm fire breaks out at St. Matthews condo

UPDATED 10:04 AM EDT May 31, 2012



Call 0049

Disp 0050

on scene 0053

Stuart (2602) arrived on scene with large working fire. Fire was blowing out the 2nd floor of the condo at a very impressive manor. 2634 from station 1 pulled in and immediately did an interior attack on tank water. 2658 also pulled into the property and hooked up to the hydrant in front yard. Crews knocked down the main fire immediately and really did a great job. 2659 got out quickly and did some fire fighting. 2602 called for a 2nd alarm because he did not see a fire wall between the fire condo and the neighbor. Lyndon was also dispatched on the first alarm. McMahan, Lyndon and others were on the 2nd. The second alarm units were not needed. 1601 was on the scene. There was extensive overhaul and they cleared the scene approx 04:10. The home owner is an interior decorator and the fire load on the second floor was incredible. Hugh insurance claim on both structure and content. I'm sure you remember the units, they were built in the mid 70s around the old farm house. The owner of the house advised the main house was built in 1830s and was the house on the northern portion of the Bullitt Farm. The fire unit is one of the new units.



## May 31, 2012, Incident Report:

2012

June 2, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:  
Former STMFD firefighter

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between {05/01/2012} And {05/31/2012}

| Incident Type  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
|  | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |       |                  |                |               |
| 111 Building fire  | 2     | 1.62%            | \$415,000      | 96.96%        |
| 120 Mobile property (vehicle) fire, Other                | 1     | 0.81%            | \$1,000        | 0.23%         |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire                               | 1     | 0.81%            | \$12,000       | 2.80%         |
| 142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire                | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle           | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 6     | 4.87%            | \$428,000      | 99.99%        |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |       |                  |                |               |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 19    | 15.44%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3116 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after            | 3     | 2.43%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient          | 2     | 1.62%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 320 Emergency medical service, other                     | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 331 Lock-in (if lock out, use 311)                       | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 26    | 21.13%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |       |                  |                |               |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                        | 4     | 3.25%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other           | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 441 Heat free short circuit (wiring),                    | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 442 Overheated motor                                     | 2     | 1.62%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 443 Breakdown of light ballast                           | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 444 Power line down                                      | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment                 | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 443 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 2     | 1.62%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 13    | 10.56%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |       |                  |                |               |
| 500 Service Call, other                                  | 4     | 3.25%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 511 Lock-out   | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 520 Water problem, Other                                 | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 552 Follow matter  | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup                    | 8     | 6.50%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |

Alarm Date Between {05/01/2012} And {05/31/2012}

| Incident Type                                  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                          |       |                  |                |               |
|  | 15    | 12.19%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                      |       |                  |                |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                    | 4     | 3.25%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route            | 25    | 20.32%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch   | 2     | 1.62%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 650 Steam, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke                 | 2     | 1.62%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 34    | 27.64%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>          |       |                  |                |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other           | 3     | 2.43%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 714 Central station, malicious false alarm     | 2     | 1.62%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                  | 4     | 3.25%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction    | 2     | 1.62%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to           | 2     | 1.62%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction    | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 5     | 4.04%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -             | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 3     | 2.43%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 28    | 22.76%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |

Total Incident Count: 123

Total Est Loss:

\$428,000

## Lyndon fire chief to serve until 2015

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Lyndon Fire & Rescue Chief Russ Rakestraw (By Sam Upshaw Jr., The Courier-Journal) Aug. 7, 2008

The Lyndon Fire & Rescue trustees have passed a resolution to keep Chief Russ Rakestraw on the job until July 2015, the fire protection district announced.

The trustees also resolved to begin a search process for a new fire chief in June 2014, according to a news release.

Rakestraw became the Lyndon fire chief in 2008.

"We believe that his knowledge and skills will continue to have a positive effect on the future of our organization," said trustees chairman Mark Weber, in a statement.

June 2, 2012, WLKYTV:

## Collecting for the Crusade for Children: Firefighters, others bring in funds

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Mike Copass joined the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department about two weeks ago and spent Saturday in a spot familiar to local firefighters — at an intersection, fire boot in hand.

It was Copass' first time collecting money for the WHAS Crusade for Children. He arrived at his post on Dixie Highway at Lower Hunters Trace around 8:30 a.m. and by late afternoon had filled his boot with cash and a \$200 check.

"I'd never really done it before, but being out here and seeing the warm reception you get and the thanks that you get — it makes it worthwhile," Copass said.

Even with cooler temperatures and occasionally cloudy skies, "just being out here all day takes a toll on you," he said.



Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Department firefighter Mike Copass stands at the intersection of Dixie Highway and Lower Hunters Trace Saturday to collect donations for the Crusade for Children. / Photos by The Courier-Journal

The 59th annual Crusade, which raises money for groups in Kentucky and Indiana that serve children with special needs, ends its fundraising run today. Crusade President Dawn Lee said officials expect donations to "remain a little flat," due in part to a slow economy.

The Crusade reported raising more than \$5.3 million last year. Lee said the drive doesn't set specific goals.

"You like to hope for the best, and we want to help as many kids as we can," she said.

Lee said one highlight of this year's Crusade is the involvement of the Monroe Township Volunteer Fire Department, which serves

Henryville, Ind., a community devastated by the early March tornadoes that tore through Indiana and Kentucky.

The department approached Crusade officials several weeks ago about participating — a "welcome surprise" given the damage the department suffered during the storms, Lee said.

"The fact that they were concerned about their total going down ... just shows you how important this cause is to so many people," Lee said.

Monroe Township Chief Mark Furnish said in a telephone interview from Henryville that all of his department's roughly 30 members were affected by the tornado. Some had cars that were damaged. Others' homes were hit hard.

Three roofs on the department's firehouses are set to be replaced, and three fire engines are being fixed, he said.

"There really wasn't an option," Furnish said. "Nobody on our department said, 'Hey, let's not do this this year.'"

Furnish said people have been donating, although he's noticing more \$1 and \$5 bills, compared with larger amounts in the past.

"Everyone's had a traumatic experience and everyone in this area has experienced damage," Furnish said.

Firefighters account for about 60 percent of the Crusade's collections, Lee said. But volunteers also were out on area roads on Saturday.

Volunteer Melanie McGovern was stationed at Dixie Highway and Blanton Lane. It was her second Crusade — and first since moving to Pleasure Ridge Park four months ago, she said.

On Saturday, she said she received three separate \$100 bills from passing drivers.

Overall, she said, the people who donated were appreciative of those collecting money.

"You hear a 'great job' and you're ready to do it again," McGovern said. "You're ready to stay out here another hour."

Reporter Marcus Green can be reached at [\(502\) 582-4675](tel:502-582-4675).





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June 2, 2012, WHAS11.com:

Lyndon FD \$29,931.37  
St. Matthews VFD \$62,000.00

## \$5,189,348.69 raised for WHAS Crusade for Children



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by WHAS11

WHAS11.com  
Posted on June 2, 2012 at 12:30 PM  
Updated today at 3:58 AM

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11) -- Thanks to the generosity of so many across Kentucky and Indiana, the 59th annual WHAS Crusade for Children raised \$5,189,348.69 for children with special needs.

The WHAS Crusade for Children has changed the lives of millions of children in Kentucky and Indiana since 1954.

The crusade set up an endowment board to make sure 100% of donations go directly to help children with special needs. The crusade endowment campaign fully funds future operational costs.

Over the years, the crusade has raised \$148 million dollars for children with special needs. Last year, the crusade raised \$5.3 million.

Donations to the crusade help children in all 120 Kentucky counties and 50 southern Indiana counties.

From John Volkerding, of STMFD—

Hey Al.

I know you were Mr. Crusade for awhile at St. Matthews. As young teen I still remember Al's Ace on the Blackboard. I helped that year.

Today they gave us the 2 Mil award when I turned in this years \$62,000.

Hope all is well!

John



2012

June 9, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:



## Fatal accident on Interstate 71 near Watterson Expressway in Louisville

One person is dead after a roll-over accident on Interstate 71 near the seven-mile marker just north of the Watterson Expressway interchange, according to Louisville Metro Police and MetroSafe.

June 9, 2012, WAVE3TV:

## Fatal accident shuts down I-71

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*Posted: Jun 09, 2012 1:26 PM MDT*

*Updated: Jun 09, 2012 1:26 PM MDT*

By Sarah Eisenmenger - [email](#)

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) – A fatal wreck has shut down traffic on Interstate 71.

MetroSafe confirmed police were dispatched to the single vehicle wreck at 2:54 p.m. on I-71 at the 7 mile marker.

I-71 southbound is shut down and northbound traffic has been reduced to one lane.



We will bring you more information on this breaking story as it develops on WAVE 3, online at [wave3.com](http://wave3.com) and on your mobile device with the [WAVE 3 mobile app](#).

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June 10, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Driver dies after flipping Jeep on I-71 near Watterson Expressway in Louisville

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A man died Saturday after his Jeep flipped several times on Interstate 71 near the seven-mile marker just north of the Watterson Expressway interchange.

According to witnesses, the Jeep was traveling southbound on I-71 when it lost a tire, entered the median and flipped several times across the northbound lanes before coming to rest against a tree, Louisville Metro police spokesman Dwight Mitchell said.

Traffic is slow on I-71 as police are diverting northbound vehicles to a contra-flow lane on the southbound side, which should last until about 6:30 p.m., Mitchell said.



A Trimarc image shows a back up on I-71 northbound following a fatal accident near the Watterson Expressway.

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The man was pronounced dead at the scene. There were no passengers or other vehicles involved in the accident, Mitchell said. The accident occurred about 3 p.m.

Mitchell said he didn't know whether the Jeep's tire came loose or was popped, whether alcohol was a factor or the speed of the vehicle at the time of the accident.

"We're not ruling anything out," he said.

It's the second accident of the day on I-71 in Louisville. Earlier, one person was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after a single-vehicle accident near the Zorn Avenue interchange.

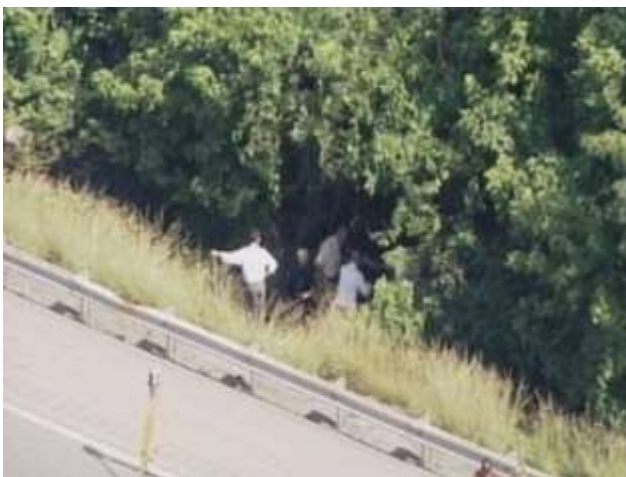
June 9, 2012, WAVE3TV:





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Former STMFD Firefighter:

## Obituary



### Philip A. Iwan | [Visit Guest Book](#)

IWAN, PHILIP A., 84, of Louisville, passed away Sunday, June 10, 2012 at Baptist Hospital East.

Philip was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and had retired from General Electric, where he had 30 years of service. He had also worked for Bob Hook Chevrolet and was a Coast Guard veteran.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Fred and Helen Iwan; his wife, Theresa Joyce Sanders Iwan and a daughter, Theresa Helen Pfeiffer.

Survivors include his children, Mike Iwan (Mary Ann) of Maricopa, AZ and Carol Krebs (David) of Louisville; a cousin, Florence Rieckie; as well as seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 14, 2012 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 508 Breckenridge Lane, with entombment to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be 1 - 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations may be made, in his memory to Hosparus of Louisville or Our Lady of Lourdes Church.





# Susan Lukjan rejects plea deal; arson retrial set for Sept. 25

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Susan Lukjan talks about the state Court of Appeals ruling overturning her conviction for burning down her St. Matthews business in Louisville, KY. Jan. 13, 2012

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Susan Kay Lukjan rejected a plea deal and is scheduled to go to trial Sept. 25 on charges she burned down her business, Campbell's Gourmet Cottage in St. Matthews, in 2006.

Prosecutors said Lukjan rejected an Alford Plea in which she would have not admitted guilt but would have acknowledged the prosecution would likely prevail at trial. The plea would have resulted in no more jail time.

Earlier this year, the state Court of Appeals overturned her 2010 conviction and 12-year prison sentence on charges of second-degree arson, burning personal property to defraud an insurer and fraudulent insurance acts exceeding \$300 in the destruction of her business.

The Court of Appeals ruled in January that there were two reversible errors in the 2010

trial: Lukjan's defense was not allowed to have its fire-scene expert testify, and the judge let three experts for the prosecution testify without properly determining if they were qualified.

Lukjan spent time at various prisons before being released on probation in January 2011.

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## Semi crash limits I-264 eastbound access to 71 southbound

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Updated: Jun 19, 2012 6:42 AM MDT

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) -- A semi crash late Monday night caused major problems for drivers during the morning commute.

It happened just before 11 p.m. June 18 on the on the access ramp from eastbound I-264 where it merges with southbound I-71. Interstate 71 was completely closed until almost 4 a.m., and one lane remained closed just before 9 a.m. as cleanup continues.

The right lane of I-264 eastbound is open to traffic, but access to I-71 southbound for morning commuters was limited.

The truck came to rest in the wooded median. Its driver had to be rescued and taken to the hospital with injuries. We're told that his injuries are not considered life-threatening.

Hazmat crews remained on the scene at 9 a.m.





June 8, 2012, Chief Seng Letter:

2012  
June 14, 2012, Trustee Meeting:  
meeting of Jack Monohan—

This is the last

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: June 8, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The June Trustees meeting is this Thursday June 14th at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

We just finished another successful year of the WHAS Crusade for Children. A total of \$62,000 was collected, which was up quite significantly from last year. Special thanks are in order for John Volkerding who heads this event for us every year and to the Boys and Girls Scouts of Our Lady of Lourdes, who without their help would not be possible. Also, special thanks are needed for all of our firefighters from St. Matthews Fire District who put in many hours of time and dedication to reach this goal.

Jackson Helson will be starting later this month as our summer intern as a firefighter. Jackson is a 2011 ST-X graduate who will be starting his sophomore year at the University of Louisville this fall.

#### District Updates for May 2012

##### Apparatus:

Waiting on LFD shop to begin annual maintenance on the heavy trucks.  
No Crusade for Children breakdowns this year!

##### Facilities:

Replaced broken CO2 detector for Station 2 exhaust system.  
Working on plumbing fixture problem at Station 2.  
Cell tower work at Station 2 has already started.

##### Inspections:

Existing Inspections: 45

##### New Construction Updates:

|                    |                              |                     |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Movie Theatre      | Mall St. Matthews            | Plans under review. |
| Norfolk Hospital   | Dutchman's Lane              | Plans under review. |
| Kroger Gas Station | Hubbard's Ln. & Westport Rd. | Plans under review. |

##### Other Fire Marshal news:

It's Fireworks enforcement time again. We are enforcing our fireworks ordinance in St. Matthews which allows no display fireworks to be sold or used. Only 5 businesses have applied and paid for permits to sell novelty items. Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Target, Big Lot's and Kroger's are in compliance. Spot checks will be made twice a week to ensure no other illegal fireworks are being sold.

##### Training:

##### Current Staffing Levels

Paid - 29

Volunteer - 9 (7 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls)

##### General FD Training (4 weeks / 14 classes / 3 hours per class / 42 total hours of training)

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 4/30- 5/2 | Pump Operations & Hydraulics                  |
| 5/7-5/9   | New Construction Tours                        |
| 5/14-5/16 | Crew Trainings                                |
| 5/22-5/25 | Volunteer Training & EMT Continuing Education |
| 5/29-5/31 | NO TRAINING-Crusade                           |

Acquired Structures for Training - advised that Leta Gipson may have a structure to donate for training. Paperwork has been picked up, waiting to hear back from her. Location of this property is still unknown at this time.

Sergeants testing, and Captains testing Process - The date for the Sergeants test has been set for June 14. Notification has been made to all potential candidates, and study materials have been distributed. Work is also underway to prepare for the Captains test which should take place sometime in September or October.

St. Matthews PD SRT TEMS program - progress continues to be made. Finalized copy of the MOK which will have STMPD provide STMPD with finances to cover OT incurred during training and callouts was forwarded to the Chief.


##### Fire Prevention:

We participated in five events this month:

We hosted two birthday parties.

Participated in a water day at Walden School and Holy Trinity School.  
Participated in SMABA street fest on Frankfort Avenue.

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Greg Crabb  
Sarah Cronan

Trustees Meeting Agenda  
June 14, 2012 *JMS last Mt.*

- I. ✓ Call to Order *C. New*
- II. ✓ Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. ✓ Treasurer Report
- IV. ✓ Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng: *Cell Tower Const. Has Begun.*
- V. ✓ Old Business-Election Committee Report
- VI. ✓ New Business-Swearing In New Firefighter (Mike Abell)
- VII. ✓ Executive Session-If needed. *None*
- VIII. ✓ The next JCSPB Trustee meeting will be held on June 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM at Lyndon, Station #1
- IX. ✓ The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on July 25, 2012-Thursday at Noon *Jack Monohan 19th Mt.*

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

June 14, 2012

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on June 14, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Jack Monohan, Sam McCune, Bill Lowdenback and Sarah Cronan. Also present were Chief Seng, Mike Willinger, Patrick Montague, Rickie Tapp, Kent Monohan, Michael Monohan, Jenny Monohan, Mike Frantz, Moss Clore, Mike Abell and Jordan Davis.

##### Minutes

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the minutes of the May meeting, Sam McCune seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

##### Treasurer's Report

Christine Kesler reported that the district transferred \$200,000 from the lowest rate CD to the general checking for monthly expenses. There will be three payrolls in June, also annual employee physicals and some training expenses will be recorded to June's expenses in the budget.

Jack Monohan motioned to approve the financials, Greg Crabb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

##### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the cell tower project has begun at Station 2 to add new equipment to the existing Tower. The exhaust system is currently down at Station 2.

Jackson Helson is the new summer intern for 2012. He will be working 40 hours per week until he returns to college in August.

The 2012 Crusade Collections went very well this year, with collections exceeding \$63,000 this year and \$2,000,000 in collections since the beginning.

Chief Seng announced that Michael Abell was hired as Tom Marshall's replacement. His first day of employment will be 7/2/2012. Chairman Tonini read Michael Abell the Firefighter Oath of Office and he was sworn in and the Board congratulated him.

##### Old Business

Sarah Cronan reported that the election committee met and has certified three candidates, which are Tom Eiler, Jackie DeHart and Chris Mooser.

# 2012

## June 14, 2012, Trustee Meeting: This is the last meeting of Jack Monohan—

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#### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the cell tower project has begun at Station 2 to add new equipment to the existing Tower. The exhaust system is currently down at Station 2.

Jackson Helson is the new summer intern for 2012. He will be working 40 hours per week until he returns to college in August.

The 2012 Crusade Collections went very well this year, with collections exceeding \$63,000 this year and \$2,000,000 in collections since the beginning.

Chief Seng announced that Michael Abell was hired as Tom Marshall's replacement. His first day of employment will be 7/2/2012. Chairman Tonini read Michael Abell the Firefighter Oath of Office and he was sworn in and the Board congratulated him.

#### Old Business

Sarah Cronan reported that the election committee met and has certified three candidates, which are Tom Eiffer, Jackie DeHart and Chris Mooser.

#### New Business

None

#### Executive Session

None

Jack Monohan made a motion to adjourn at 12:47PM, Greg Crabb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on June 21, 2012, Lyndon #1 at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on July 19, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.

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### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Profit & Loss Budget Performance June 2012

|   | Jun 12     | Budget     | \$ Over Bud. | Jul '11 - Jun. | YTD Budget   | \$ Over Bud.  | Actual Bk.   |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Income                                  |            |            |              |                |              |               |              |
| 8000 - TAX REVENUE                      |            |            |              |                |              |               |              |
| 4000 Real Property Tax                  | 2,229      | 10,000.00  | -7,771.00    | 3,831,284.49   | 2,023,000.00 | -6,168,715.51 | 3,831,284.49 |
| 4001 Sales & Use Tax                    | 1,000.00   | 20,000.00  | -19,000.00   | 181,525.21     | 179,000.00   | -1,524.79     | 179,000.00   |
| 4002 Delinquent Tax                     | 4,346.18   |            |              | 77,398.22      |              |               | 77,398.22    |
| 4003 Transfer Credit                    | 0.00       |            |              | 278,244.87     | 0.00         |               | 278,244.87   |
| Total 8000 - TAX REVENUE                | 7,575.26   | 20,000.00  | -12,424.74   | 4,289,448.59   | 2,022,000.00 | -2,267,551.41 | 4,289,448.59 |
| 44000 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE       |            |            |              |                |              |               |              |
| 4403 Insurance Pay                      | 7,482.72   | 7,792.28   | -309.56      | 52,382.23      | 83,000.00    | -30,617.77    | 83,000.00    |
| 4404 Insurance Premium                  | 2,870.23   | 2,712.39   | 157.84       | 70,470.34      | 50,000.00    | 20,470.34     | 70,470.34    |
| 4405 State Government Revenue           | 254.01     |            |              | 2,485.28       |              |               | 2,485.28     |
| Total 44000 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE | 10,606.96  | 10,504.67  | 102.29       | 125,337.85     | 133,000.00   | -7,662.15     | 125,337.85   |
| 46000 - OTHER INCOME                    |            |            |              |                |              |               |              |
| 4600 Fine Service Fees                  | 0.00       |            |              | 1,250.00       |              |               | 1,250.00     |
| 4607 CRC Insurance                      | 0.00       | 200.00     | -200.00      | 10,004.73      | 5,000.00     | 5,004.73      | 5,000.00     |
| 4608 Excavation Rental Fee              | 0.00       |            |              | 2,000.00       |              |               | 2,000.00     |
| 4609 Misc. Income                       | 0.00       |            |              | 21,211.21      |              |               | 21,211.21    |
| 4611 FF Control Challenge               | 0.00       |            |              | 4,822.22       |              |               | 4,822.22     |
| 4612 Allowance from Sub-FF Equipment    | 0.00       |            |              | 462.00         |              |               | 462.00       |
| 4600 INTEREST INCOME                    |            |            |              |                |              |               |              |
| 4201 Interest Income-CCA                | 2,116.16   | 2,440.00   | -323.84      | 32,211.26      | 28,000.00    | 4,211.26      | 28,000.00    |
| 4202 Interest Income-Check Acct.        | 14.28      | 0.00       | 14.28        | 507.22         |              |               | 507.22       |
| Total 4600 - INTEREST INCOME            | 2,130.44   | 2,440.00   | -309.56      | 32,718.48      | 28,000.00    | 4,718.48      | 28,000.00    |
| 4600 Cell Tower                         | 3,887.50   | 1,000.00   | 2,887.50     | 37,702.50      | 32,000.00    | 5,702.50      | 32,000.00    |
| 4600 Rented Tower                       | 0.00       |            |              | 5,500.00       |              |               | 5,500.00     |
| Total 46000 - OTHER INCOME              | 4,017.99   | 4,000.00   | 17.99        | 80,330.66      | 65,000.00    | 15,330.66     | 80,330.66    |
| Total Income                            | 22,199.21  | 34,504.67  | -12,305.46   | 4,395,117.10   | 2,115,000.00 | -2,283,882.90 | 4,395,117.10 |
| Direct Profit                           | 10,494.24  | 10,000.00  | 494.24       | 3,895,447.42   | 3,828,000.00 | 67,447.42     | 3,828,000.00 |
| Expenses - PERSONNEL                    |            |            |              |                |              |               |              |
| 8000 - Total Payroll                    | 181,752.28 | 170,000.00 | 11,752.28    | 1,820,815.79   | 1,810,000.00 | 10,815.79     | 1,811,201.23 |
| 8001 Gross Pay                          | 22,848.21  | 10,700.00  | 12,148.21    | 203,774.67     | 200,000.00   | 3,774.67      | 200,000.00   |
| Total 8000 - Total Payroll              | 211,600.49 | 180,700.00 | 30,900.49    | 2,024,590.46   | 2,010,000.00 | 14,590.46     | 2,011,201.23 |
| 8002 - Employees Payroll Taxes          | 15,432.21  | 10,000.00  | 5,432.21     | 128,100.84     | 140,473.23   | -12,372.39    | 140,473.23   |
| 8003 - Employees Payroll Taxes - Other  | 23.00      |            |              | 230.88         |              |               | 230.88       |
| Total 8002 - Employees Payroll Taxes    | 15,455.21  | 10,000.00  | 5,455.21     | 128,331.72     | 140,473.23   | -12,141.51    | 140,473.23   |

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### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Profit & Loss Budget Performance June 2012

|                                       | Jun 12     | Budget     | \$ Over Bud. | Jul '11 - Jun. | YTD Budget | \$ Over Bud. | Actual Bk. |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 8000 - Health Insurance               | 13,607.72  | 10,000.00  | 3,607.72     | 168,899.97     | 150,000.00 | 18,899.97    | 168,899.97 |
| 8001 Life Insurance                   | 600.00     |            |              | 5,785.48       | 5,000.00   | 785.48       | 5,000.00   |
| 8002 Dental Insurance                 | 4,528.38   | 2,000.00   | 2,528.38     | 22,617.79      | 24,000.00  | -1,382.21    | 24,000.00  |
| 8003 CDRO                             | 17,546.71  | 10,000.00  | 7,546.71     | 879,840.02     | 880,000.00 | -159.98      | 880,000.00 |
| 8002 - Worker's Compensation          | 4,359.85   | 4,000.00   | 359.85       | 30,855.98      | 30,000.00  | 855.98       | 30,000.00  |
| 8003 - Misc. Personal Expenses        | 0.00       |            |              | 33,899.00      |            |              | 33,899.00  |
| 8002 - Volunteer Indemnification      | 2,070.38   | 1,200.00   | 870.38       | 10,000.00      | 20,000.00  | -10,000.00   | 20,000.00  |
| 8001 - Employees & Supervisors        | 4,020.25   | 1,200.00   | 2,820.25     | 15,000.00      | 15,000.00  | 0.00         | 15,000.00  |
| 8000 - Uniforms                       | 214.67     | 1,200.00   | -985.33      | 5,102.07       | 11,000.00  | -5,897.93    | 11,000.00  |
| 8000 - Turnout Gear                   | 225.00     |            |              | 17,869.81      | 20,000.00  | -2,130.19    | 20,000.00  |
| 8000 - Vehicle Driver Expenses        | 0.00       |            |              | 2,225.46       |            |              | 2,225.46   |
| 8000 - Education                      | 892.07     | 1,400.00   | -507.93      | 5,817.12       | 10,000.00  | -4,182.88    | 10,000.00  |
| 8000 - Employee Assistance            | 0.00       |            |              | 1,888.88       |            |              | 1,888.88   |
| 8001 - Director's Automobile          | 0.00       | 1,400.00   | -1,400.00    | 6,666.67       | 10,000.00  | -3,333.33    | 10,000.00  |
| 8001 - Certifications & Security      | 0.00       |            |              | 49.28          |            |              | 49.28      |
| 7999 - Expense Transfer               | 1,080.52   | 1,000.00   | 80.52        | 27,848.86      | 20,000.00  | 7,848.86     | 20,000.00  |
| Total 8000 - PERSONNEL                | 127,253.47 | 121,120.00 | 6,133.47     | 1,000,000.77   | 920,473.23 | 79,527.54    | 920,473.23 |
| 8002 - CONTRACTED SERVICES            |            |            |              |                |            |              |            |
| 8001 - Professional Service           | 540.75     | 500.00     | 40.75        | 16,872.30      | 14,000.00  | 2,872.30     | 14,000.00  |
| 7999 - Accounting & Auditing          | 0.00       | 1,200.00   | -1,200.00    | 4,200.00       | 18,000.00  | -13,800.00   | 18,000.00  |
| 7999 - Legal Expenses                 | 0.00       | 1,700.00   | -1,700.00    | 20,716.12      | 20,000.00  | 716.12       | 20,000.00  |
| Total 8002 - Professional Services    | 540.75     | 3,400.00   | -2,859.25    | 42,788.42      | 52,000.00  | -9,211.58    | 52,000.00  |
| 8000 - MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS        |            |            |              |                |            |              |            |
| 8001 - Appliance Repairs              | 996.48     | 6,000.00   | -5,003.52    | 90,740.00      | 90,000.00  | 740.00       | 90,000.00  |
| 8001 - Computer Software & Repair     | 1,150.80   | 800.00     | 350.80       | 5,000.00       | 3,000.00   | 2,000.00     | 3,000.00   |
| 8001 - Drug, Maintenance & Supplies   | 595.45     | 2,000.00   | -1,404.55    | 14,473.11      | 10,000.00  | 4,473.11     | 10,000.00  |
| 8001 - Radio Purchase & Repairs       | 1.00       | 472.00     | -471.00      | 30.00          | 1,500.00   | -1,469.00    | 1,500.00   |
| Total 8000 - MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS  | 2,743.73   | 9,272.00   | -6,528.27    | 115,243.11     | 113,500.00 | 1,743.11     | 113,500.00 |
| 8000 - Utilities                      | 3,045.75   | 3,700.00   | -654.25      | 40,302.94      | 40,000.00  | 302.94       | 40,000.00  |
| 8000 - Phone                          | 1,425.50   | 1,000.00   | 425.50       | 13,844.88      | 13,000.00  | 844.88       | 13,000.00  |
| 7999 - Legal Advertising              | 337.24     | 0.00       | 337.24       | 1,042.04       | 1,000.00   | 42.04        | 1,000.00   |
| 7999 - Data Processing                | 473.57     | 300.00     | 173.57       | 4,715.82       | 5,000.00   | -284.18      | 5,000.00   |
| 7999 - Insurance                      | 0.00       |            |              | 27,888.78      | 30,000.00  | -2,111.22    | 30,000.00  |
| Total 8002 - CONTRACTED SERVICES      | 5,842.21   | 14,700.00  | -8,857.79    | 108,000.76     | 109,000.00 | -999.24      | 109,000.00 |
| 8400 - OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES       |            |            |              |                |            |              |            |
| 8402 - Materials & Supplies           |            |            |              |                |            |              |            |
| 8700 - Equipment Expenses - Equipment | 2,215.15   | 1,000.00   | 1,215.15     | 15,381.52      | 10,000.00  | 5,381.52     | 10,000.00  |
| 8700 - Equip. Expenses                | 80.00      | 112.00     | -32.00       | 2,867.00       | 5,000.00   | -4,133.00    | 5,000.00   |
| 8700 - GCM Purchase & Repairs         | 50.00      | 112.00     | -62.00       | 2,876.00       | 5,000.00   | -2,124.00    | 5,000.00   |
| 7999 - Postage                        | 0.00       | 10.00      | -10.00       | 10.00          | 500.00     | -490.00      | 500.00     |
| 7999 - Office Supplies                | 1,248.00   | 712.00     | 536.00       | 7,888.64       | 8,000.00   | -111.36      | 8,000.00   |
| Total 8402 - Materials & Supplies     | 3,593.15   | 2,034.00   | 1,559.15     | 34,053.16      | 34,500.00  | -446.84      | 34,500.00  |

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|  | Jun 12     | Budget     | \$ Over Bud. | Jul '11 - Jun. | YTD Budget   | \$ Over Bud. | Actual Bk.   |
|--|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 8000 - Fuel                              | 2,889.67   | 1,000.00   | 1,889.67     | 27,881.21      | 21,000.00    | 6,881.21     | 21,000.00    |
| Total 8001 - OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES    | 5,914.78   | 3,836.00   | 2,078.78     | 68,262.69      | 50,500.00    | 17,762.69    | 50,500.00    |
| 8000 - FF Control Challenge Expenses     | 0.00       |            |              | 5,408.44       |              |              | 5,408.44     |
| 8001 - ADMINISTRATION                    |            |            |              |                |              |              |              |
| 8000 - Training                          | 507.21     | 2,200.00   | -1,692.79    | 24,344.31      | 40,000.00    | -15,655.69   | 40,000.00    |
| 7999 - Tag Sale                          | 0.00       | 30.00      | -30.00       | 27.00          | 500.00       | -473.00      | 500.00       |
| 7999 - Trophies Fees                     | 100.00     | 100.00     | 0.00         | 1,011.00       | 1,000.00     | 11.00        | 1,000.00     |
| 7999 - Miscellaneous Fees                | 0.00       | 200.00     | -200.00      | 3,386.55       | 3,000.00     | 386.55       | 3,000.00     |
| 7999 - Trophies Recognition              | 0.00       | 200.00     | -200.00      | 0.00           | 3,000.00     | -3,000.00    | 3,000.00     |
| 7999 - Legislative Representation        | 0.00       |            |              | 0.00           | 2,000.00     | -2,000.00    | 2,000.00     |
| 7999 - Public Education                  | 207.80     | 810.00     | -602.20      | 6,931.27       | 8,000.00     | -1,068.73    | 8,000.00     |
| Total 8001 - ADMINISTRATION              | 1,215.01   | 3,510.00   | -2,294.99    | 35,119.13      | 60,000.00    | -24,880.87   | 60,000.00    |
| 8001 - CAPITAL OUTLAY DEBT SERVICE       |            |            |              |                |              |              |              |
| 8002 - Capital Expenditures              | 0.00       | 100,000.00 | -100,000.00  | 45,205.15      | 100,000.00   | -54,794.85   | 100,000.00   |
| 4900 - Reserve                           | 0.00       | 20,000.00  | -20,000.00   | 0.00           | 20,000.00    | -20,000.00   | 20,000.00    |
| Total 7999 - CAPITAL OUTLAY DEBT SERVICE | 0.00       | 120,000.00 | -120,000.00  | 45,205.15      | 120,000.00   | -74,794.85   | 120,000.00   |
| Total Expenses                           | 183,947.22 | 187,260.00 | -3,312.78    | 2,176,756.63   | 2,025,000.00 | 151,756.63   | 2,025,000.00 |
| Net Income                               | 3,251.99   | 4,000.00   | -748.01      | 21,360.47      | 9,000.00     | 12,360.47    | 9,000.00     |



2012

June 14, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

This is the last meeting of Jack Monohan—

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Annual Basis

St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Balance Sheet  
As of June 30, 2012

|  | Jan 31, 12          | May 31, 12          |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                    |                     |                     |
| Checking/Savings                         |                     |                     |
| 1000 - Commonwealth Bank & Trust Check   | 19,707.32           | 51,035.69           |
| 1001 - IRA Account-Commonwealth Bank     | 2,500.00            | 2,500.00            |
| 1015 - CB&T CD 1.38% (mat. 3/16/13)      | 311,136.66          | 320,838.25          |
| 1015 - CB&T CD 1.4% (mat. 1/13/14)       | 1,884,838.73        | 2,183,027.90        |
| Total Checking/Savings                   | 2,228,182.71        | 2,457,383.90        |
| Accounts Receivable                      |                     |                     |
| 1201 - Accounts Receivables              | 33.40               | 89.89               |
| Total Accounts Receivable                | 33.40               | 89.89               |
| Total Current Assets                     | 2,228,216.14        | 2,457,480.55        |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                      |                     |                     |
| 1810 - Building Station 1                | 1,394,343.65        | 1,394,343.65        |
| 1810 - Building Station 2                | 818,334.17          | 818,334.17          |
| 1820 - Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment | 818,400.28          | 818,400.28          |
| 1820 - Major Firefighting Apparatus      | 2,306,308.83        | 2,306,308.83        |
| 1830 - Light Duty Firefighting Apparatus | 63,043.00           | 63,043.00           |
| 1835 - Autos                             | 208,050.31          | 208,050.31          |
| 1895 - Accumulated Depreciation          | -3,097,030.68       | -3,097,030.68       |
| Total Fixed Assets                       | 2,277,829.96        | 2,277,829.86        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b>4,506,046.10</b> | <b>4,735,310.21</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>          |                     |                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                       |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>               |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable                         |                     |                     |
| 2000 - Accounts Payable                  | 84,001.48           | -7,000.38           |
| Total Accounts Payable                   | 84,001.48           | -7,000.38           |
| Other Current Liabilities                |                     |                     |
| 2100 - Payroll Liabilities               | 29,879.58           | 30,830.40           |
| Total Other Current Liabilities          | 29,879.58           | 30,830.40           |
| Total Current Liabilities                | 113,881.06          | 23,830.02           |
| Total Liabilities                        | 113,881.06          | 23,830.02           |
| <b>Equity</b>                            |                     |                     |
| 3100 - Unappropriated Fund Balance       | 1,607,923.23        | 1,907,923.23        |
| 3110 - Fund Balance-Capital Exp. net     | 2,277,829.96        | 2,277,829.86        |
| 3600 - Retained Earnings                 | 290,820.89          | 290,820.89          |
| Net Income                               | 212,000.00          | 532,776.41          |
| Total Equity                             | 4,391,864.74        | 4,711,550.19        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>    | <b>4,505,745.80</b> | <b>4,735,380.21</b> |

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## Fire district elections Saturday

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Eleven of Jefferson County's suburban fire districts will hold elections on Saturday for property owner positions on each district's board of trustees.

Elections for the fire trustee boards are held annually from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of June. Elections take place at the main fire station of the district.

This year, elections are being held in the Fairdale, Fern Creek, Harrods Creek, Highview, Jeffersonton, Lake Dreamland, McMahan, Middletown, Okolona, St. Matthews and Worthington fire districts.

Incumbent candidates are running in most of the districts, except in St. Matthews, where three people are vying for the chance to take the seat being vacated by Jack Monohan.

In Middletown, Debbie Sue Mills is running unopposed to fill a vacant property owner's seat. In addition to the Middletown election, Highview, McMahan and Worthington also only have one candidate on the ballot.

Terms for the outgoing trustee members end June 30.

In addition to the property owner elections, some districts will be holding an election among firefighters to select a new firefighter rep for the district's board of trustees.

June 23, 2012. Phone call with Jack Monohan: The vote was taken and it was one of the largest in Fire District history in Jefferson County. Chris Mooser won the election and will be sworn in to the board at the July meeting. The June meeting would be Jack Monohan's last official meeting.

2012

**John McKiernan "Jack" Monohan, III**

**Firefighter 1951 to Present (June 2012) various short periods off, Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief, Director, Trustee**



**1937, June 3, Born, St. Matthews, Kentucky. The year his Dad joined STMFD.**

**Attended Holy Trinity Grade School.**

**1955, Graduated Eastern High School.**

**Attended Oklahoma A & M and majored in fire protection engineering, a two-year course.**

**Attended Bellarmine College and was a track man running the 440.**

**Worked for Kentucky Inspection Bureau for about 1 1/2 years.**

**Joined Louisville Ladder Company after the Inspection Bureau, became a vice president and was with them until retirement.**

**1951, June 3, Joined the St. Matthews Fire Volunteer Department. (age 14)**

**1956, attained rank of Lieutenant (the youngest in the departments history at that time) at age 20.**

**1958, May 21, William Kentnor Monohan born to Jack & Judy Monohan.**

**1960, moved to 1311 Mill Race Road in Lyndon, gave up his being an officer.**

**1963, May 25, Jack married Rose Marilyn Wilson and they lived at 3945 Kennison Avenue..**

**1964, January 19, John Stuart Monohan born to Jack & Marilyn Monohan.**

**1965, became a Captain on the department.**

**1967, April 29, Dana Marie Monohan born to Jack & Marilyn Monohan.**

**1974, became Assistant Chief of the department.**

**1974, teamed up with Al Ring and started collecting STMFD history for a possible future book on the department.**

**1976, October 14: Board meeting, Chief Monohan announced to the board that he would be retiring from the Fire Department in the near future. Along with this announcement he requested that Jack Monohan be appointed as Deputy Chief, and that Frank Florence be appointed Assistant Chief. They would serve until the annual meeting in July 1977. (Jack Monohan declined to be considered for Deputy Chief of the department, and Al Haerberlin was placed in that position.)**

**1982, May 13, became member of the Board of Directors of the STMFD.**

**1992, retired from Louisville Ladder.**

**1993, June 3, retires from the department and left the board.**

**2000, July, Elected again to the Board of Trustees where he served until June 2012.**



2012

June 26, 2012, STMFD—



**St. Matthews**  
FIRE & RESCUE

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2012

Fire Run #: 12-\_\_\_\_\_ EMS Run #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Situation: \_\_\_\_\_

Dispatch: \_\_\_\_\_ Responding: \_\_\_\_\_ On Scene: \_\_\_\_\_ Control: \_\_\_\_\_ Clear: \_\_\_\_\_

CRC Form: \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no (please check one)

(PLEASE MARK "X" IF INELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT)

| Name                        | FD#    | EMT     | Signature | Truck | Time | X |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|-------|------|---|
| Abell, Mike                 | 070130 |         |           |       |      |   |
| Beneke Mike, Captain        | 890136 | 53103   |           |       |      |   |
| Bewley, Joe                 | 071737 | 54988   |           |       |      |   |
| Board, Matt, Sergeant       | 020714 | 45061   |           |       |      |   |
| Chilko John, Marshal        | 960557 |         |           |       |      |   |
| Clark Nick, Sergeant        | 990115 | 40245   |           |       |      |   |
| Clifford Hal, Captain       | 790439 |         |           |       |      |   |
| Clore, Moss                 | 000566 | 38688   |           |       |      |   |
| Crabb Greg, Sergeant        | 980910 | 45382   |           |       |      |   |
| Doyle Dan, Captain          | 840625 | 17439   |           |       |      |   |
| Dugan Dave, Major           | 850218 | 21835   |           |       |      |   |
| Flynn, Frank, Captain       | 840512 | 19834   |           |       |      |   |
| Frantz, Mike                | 981043 | 46140   |           |       |      |   |
| Galvin, Chase               | 110101 |         |           |       |      |   |
| Glass Tony, Sergeant        | 860405 | 21837   |           |       |      |   |
| Green Dan, Sergeant         | 020867 |         |           |       |      |   |
| Head, Brian                 | 090549 |         |           |       |      |   |
| Heaphy Larry, Captain       | 771003 | 7571    |           |       |      |   |
| Helson, Jackson             | 120616 | 1114831 |           |       |      |   |
| Heilmann, Nick              | 010768 | 55796   |           |       |      |   |
| McCune Charles, Sergeant    | 050817 | 54194   |           |       |      |   |
| McCune, Sam                 | 070134 | 55282   |           |       |      |   |
| Monohan, Kent, Captain      | 760926 | 6427    |           |       |      |   |
| Monohan, Michael            | 051261 | 54789   |           |       |      |   |
| Monohan Stuart, Asst. Chief | 811246 | 17582   |           |       |      |   |
| Montague, Patrick, Sergeant | 010354 | 43416   |           |       |      |   |
| Montgomery, Brendan         | 010360 | 49892   |           |       |      |   |
| Moulton, Kevin              | 001124 | 41108   |           |       |      |   |
| Renner, Ron                 | 990142 | 49459   |           |       |      |   |
| Richardson Mike, Captain    | 020407 | 50238   |           |       |      |   |

|                          |        |       |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Ryan Don, Captain        | 811265 | 17466 |  |  |  |  |
| Seng William, Chief      | 780550 | 7644  |  |  |  |  |
| Stoke, Louis             | 000129 |       |  |  |  |  |
| Tapp, Rickie             | 010744 | 55963 |  |  |  |  |
| Unthank, Ty              | 090158 |       |  |  |  |  |
| Volkerding John, Marshal | 780548 |       |  |  |  |  |
| Wiggins George, Sergeant | 970459 | 40206 |  |  |  |  |
| Willing Mike, Captain    | 840423 | 21721 |  |  |  |  |
| Wolfe Joe, Captain       | 791240 | 18194 |  |  |  |  |
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June 30, 2012, Incident Report:

| St. Matthews FD  |       |                  |                |               |
|--|-------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)                |       |                  |                |               |
| Alarm Date Between (06/01/2012) And (06/30/2012)         |       |                  |                |               |
| Incident Type  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |       |                  |                |               |
| 100 Fire, Other  | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 111 Building fire  | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 113 Cooking fire, confined to container                  | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire                               | 2     | 1.83%            | \$7,000        | 100.00%       |
| 1601 Fires involving mulch or landscape                  | 2     | 1.83%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 7     | 6.42%            | \$7,000        | 100.00%       |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |       |                  |                |               |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 13    | 11.92%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given          | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3116 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after            | 3     | 2.75%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient          | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 311 Lock-in (If lock out, use 511)                       | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 350 Extrication, rescue, Other                           | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 352 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle                | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 21    | 19.26%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |       |                  |                |               |
| 400 Hazardous condition, Other                           | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill             | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                        | 2     | 1.83%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 442 Overheated motor                                     | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment                 | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 7     | 6.42%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 13    | 11.92%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |       |                  |                |               |
| 510 Person in distress, Other                            | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 511 Lock-out   | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 522 Water or steam leak                                  | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 553 Public service                                       | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 561 Unauthorized burning                                 | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup                    | 5     | 4.55%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 10    | 9.17%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                                |       |                  |                |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                              | 7     | 6.42%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route                      | 9     | 8.23%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |

| St. Matthews FD                                  |       |                  |                |               |
|--|-------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)        |       |                  |                |               |
| Alarm Date Between (06/01/2012) And (06/30/2012) |       |                  |                |               |
| Incident Type                                    | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                        |       |                  |                |               |
| 622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch     | 2     | 1.83%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 650 Steams, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other  | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke                   | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 20    | 18.34%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>            |       |                  |                |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other             | 4     | 3.66%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false      | 2     | 1.83%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                    | 2     | 1.83%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction      | 2     | 1.83%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to             | 3     | 2.75%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction      | 6     | 5.50%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other   | 3     | 2.75%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -              | 1     | 0.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -         | 6     | 5.50%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -               | 2     | 1.83%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -           | 7     | 6.42%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 38    | 34.86%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |

Total Incident Count: 109

Total Est Loss:

\$7,000



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# June 30, 2012, Yearly Audit:

## ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

Combined Financial Statements and Supplementary Information  
Year Ended June 30, 2012

with Independent Auditors' Report Thereon

### Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Trustees  
St. Matthews Fire Protection District and  
St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Holding Company, Inc.  
Louisville, Kentucky

We have audited the accompanying combined financial statements of the governmental activity and the major fund of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and St. Matthews Fire Protection District Holding Company, Inc. (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activity and the major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 13, 2012 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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### ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

#### Combined Statement of Net Assets

June 30, 2012

| Assets   | Governmental Activity |
|--|-----------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  | \$ 72,207             |
| Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other receivables | 68,925                |
| Investments  | 2,305,878             |
| Capital assets, net of depreciation                        | 3,033,294             |
| Total assets   | 4,580,404             |
| Liabilities and Net Assets                                 |                       |
| Liabilities:   |                       |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                      | 107,172               |
| Accrued wages and benefits                                 | 35,014                |
| Total liabilities  | 142,186               |
| Net assets:  |                       |
| Investment in capital assets                               | 2,033,294             |
| Unrestricted   | 2,184,421             |
| Total net assets   | 4,177,715             |
| Total liabilities and net assets                           | \$ 4,580,404          |

### ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

#### Combined Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2012

|                                  | Governmental Activity |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Expenses:                        |                       |
| Salaries, wages, and benefits    | \$ 3,075,888          |
| Operating expenses               | 352,779               |
| Depreciation expense             | 254,332               |
| Total expenses                   | 3,682,999             |
| General revenues:                |                       |
| Property taxes                   | 3,392,770             |
| State aid, incentives, and other | 307,347               |
| Interest earnings                | 26,389                |
| Total general revenues           | 3,726,506             |
| Change in net assets             | 41,784                |
| Net assets, beginning of year    | 4,135,831             |
| Net assets, end of year          | \$ 4,177,615          |

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on page 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Dean Dotson Allen Ford, PLLC

September 13, 2012  
Louisville, Kentucky

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## June 30, 2012, Yearly Audit:

### ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

Combined Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund

June 30, 2012

|  | General Fund        |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>  |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  | \$ 22,207           |
| Accounts receivable, property taxes, and other investments | 66,925              |
|  | <u>1,305,925</u>    |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <u>1,329,107</u>    |
| <b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>                        |                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>   |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                      | 107,172             |
| Accrued wages and benefits                                 | <u>25,514</u>       |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                   | <u>142,686</u>      |
| <b>Fund balance</b>  |                     |
| Nonspendable   | 30,971              |
| Assigned for:  |                     |
| Capital expenditures                                       | 600,000             |
| Unassigned   | <u>1,723,659</u>    |
| <b>Total fund balance</b>                                  | <u>1,154,621</u>    |
| <b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>                  | <u>\$ 1,329,107</u> |

### ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

Reconciliation of the Combined Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund to the Combined Statement of Net Assets

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Total fund balance for governmental funds  | \$ 1,154,621        |
| Total net assets reported for the governmental activity in the 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. | <u>2,093,294</u>    |
| <b>Total net assets of governmental funds</b>  | <u>\$ 4,177,715</u> |

### ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund

Year ended June 30, 2012

|  | General Fund     |                     | Over (Under)      |
|--|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|  | Budget           | Actual              | Budget            |
| <b>Revenues</b>                                    |                  |                     |                   |
| Property taxes                                     | \$ 1,408,000     | \$ 1,392,773        | \$ (15,227)       |
| State aid, incentives, and other interest earnings | 187,206          | 207,347             | 20,141            |
|  | <u>30,000</u>    | <u>24,140</u>       | <u>(5,860)</u>    |
| <b>Total revenues</b>                              | <u>1,625,206</u> | <u>1,624,260</u>    | <u>(946)</u>      |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                                |                  |                     |                   |
| Salaries, wages, and benefits                      | 3,012,527        | 2,975,888           | (36,639)          |
| Contracted services                                | 259,000          | 226,183             | (32,817)          |
| Materials and supplies                             | 111,500          | 92,879              | (18,621)          |
| Administration                                     | 56,300           | 33,117              | (23,183)          |
| Capital outlay                                     | <u>185,873</u>   | <u>43,225</u>       | <u>(142,648)</u>  |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>                          | <u>3,625,200</u> | <u>3,371,392</u>    | <u>(253,808)</u>  |
| <b>Net change in fund balance</b>                  | <u>\$ -</u>      | <u>252,876</u>      | <u>\$ 252,876</u> |
| <b>Fund balance, beginning of year</b>             |                  | <u>1,901,545</u>    |                   |
| <b>Fund balance, end of year</b>                   |                  | <u>\$ 2,154,421</u> |                   |

### ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, INC.

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  | \$ 252,876       |
| The change in net assets reported for the governmental activity 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 (\$256,337) exceeded capital outlays (\$43,225) in the current period. | <u>(213,112)</u> |
| <b>Change in net assets of the governmental activity</b>   | <u>\$ 41,764</u> |

#### 4. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2012 was as follows:

|                                       | Beginning Balance   | Additions        | Disposals       | Ending Balance      |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Buildings and improvements</b>     | \$ 2,166,227        | \$ 14,400        | \$ -            | \$ 2,180,627        |
| <b>Fire fighting equipment</b>        | 2,369,442           | -                | -               | 2,369,442           |
| <b>Other equipment</b>                | 622,695             | -                | (4,205)         | 618,490             |
| <b>Vehicles</b>                       | 217,595             | 28,725           | (49,319)        | 196,901             |
| <b>Total cost</b>                     | <u>5,375,969</u>    | <u>43,225</u>    | <u>(44,524)</u> | <u>5,374,660</u>    |
| <b>Less accumulated depreciation</b>  |                     |                  |                 |                     |
| Buildings and improvements            | (1,196,334)         | (66,198)         | -               | (1,262,532)         |
| Fire fighting equipment               | (1,318,263)         | (115,650)        | -               | (1,433,913)         |
| Other equipment                       | (474,947)           | (34,853)         | 4,205           | (505,595)           |
| Vehicles                              | (150,199)           | (33,675)         | 40,319          | (143,555)           |
| <b>Total accumulated depreciation</b> | <u>(3,140,003)</u>  | <u>(250,376)</u> | <u>44,524</u>   | <u>(3,345,855)</u>  |
| <b>Net book value</b>                 | <u>\$ 2,235,966</u> | <u>\$ 18,849</u> | <u>\$ -</u>     | <u>\$ 2,254,811</u> |



July 3, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:  
2012  
Former STMFD Firefighter  
Robert E. "Bob" McGrath

Firefighter January 13, 1970 to 1974

August 29, 1943 — July 3, 2012



**Bob McGrath: Born August 29, 1943.**

**Early retirement from US Post Office after 20 years due to injury.**

**Bob now lives in Bowling Green, Ky near his son Patrick and his wife Vicky who are veterinarians. His daughter Julie resides in Louisville. Bob has 3 grandchildren and is a great fan of metal detecting and enjoys travel. While on the Department, Bob lived on Monohan Drive.**

## Robert Eugene McGrath

### Obituary



McGRATH, ROBERT EUGENE, 68, of Louisville, passed away Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at Baptist Hospital East.

He was a retired carrier for the USPS, member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, [U.S. Air force](#) veteran, volunteer for St. Matthews Fire Department, a KY Colonel, and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mary McGrath.

He is survived by his son, Pat McGrath (Vicky), Bowling Green, KY; daughter, Julie Walling (Michael); brothers, Tony McGrath (Treva), Jerry McGrath (Betty), and Jim McGrath (Jolee); sisters, Mary Thornsberry (Jerry) and Susan Weiter (Rick); and three grandchildren, Maggie, Owen, and Samuel McGrath.

His funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 6, 2012 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 531 East Liberty St. Burial will take place in St. Joseph Cemetery in Bowling Green on Saturday, July 7 at 11:30 a.m. CST. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Highlands Funeral Home, 3331 Taylorsville Road.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the St. Boniface Nativity School.

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July, 2012, STMFD new Trustee Chris Mooser—July, 2012, STMFD Alumni Association—



Chris J. Mooser

Residence: 400 Springwood Lane • Louisville, KY 40207

Born: Louisville, Kentucky  
February 17, 1965

Married: R. Dawn Mooser

Four Children:

Joseph - 18yrs

JT - 10yrs

Joanna - 8yrs

Ginger - 5yrs

Email: cmooser@mooserc.com

Phone: 502.315.1660

#### Experience

Mooser & Associates, LLC /Title Agency Support, LLC, Louisville, KY

2009 - Present

Founding Member, Attorney

Multi-state residential and commercial real estate closing services.

First American Title Insurance, Co., Santa Ana, CA

2005 - 2009

Vice President, Attorney

Fulfilled employment contract as a result of First American Title Insurance Company purchasing Mooser & Freibert Land Title

Mooser & Freibert Land Title, LLC, Louisville, KY

2000 - 2005

Founding Member, Attorney

Multi-state residential real estate closing services

#### Education

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

1983-1987

Business Administration in Finance and Marketing

Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, KY

1989-1992

Juris Doctor





2012

## July 16, 2012, Chiefs letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: July 16, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The July Trustees meeting is this Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

This meeting we will be swearing in a newly elected Trustee, Chris Mooser. As you can see from the agenda, once he is sworn in an election of the Board Officers needs to take place.

In an effort to save money this year, I elected not to send anyone to the spring Fire Chief Conference this year. This conference is usually attended by two chief officers during the month of June but due to its remote location and our budget constraints I decided not to send anyone.

With that being said Asst. Chief Minohan, Major Dugan, and I will be attending the International Fire Chiefs Conference July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> in Denver, Colorado. Capt. Mike Richardson will be in charge of day to day operations in our absence. Capt. Frank Flynn and Capt. Dan Doyle will also be riding as Battalion Chiefs and responding to emergency calls as well.

Enclosed you will find an older Mission Statement that the district adopted I believe in 2002 or 2003. I would like for the board to review the enclosed newer Mission Statement that soon clearly reflects our true mission and I will bring this up for discussion during the Trustees meeting.

Enclosed are several EA's for your review.

### District Updates for June 2012

#### Apparatus:

2658 was the first truck sent for the annual service with Louisville Fire & Rescue. It was in the shop for over two weeks because the Louisville shop did a very detailed review and found a lot of minor issues that required some parts to be ordered in from different manufacturers. The pump test and aerial ladder testing was complete as well and passed with flying colors. 2602 was in the shop for major engine repair which was all covered under warranty.

#### Facilities & Equipment:

Replaced a broken CO2 sensor for Station 2 exhaust removal system.  
Cell tower work still continues at Station 2.  
Station 1 generator failed in the on position during an outage and is being serviced.

Station 1 (kitchen) ice machine is out for repair.  
2614 had a broken window motor replaced.  
One SCBA unit failed during testing and was sent in for service.  
New Hydrogen Cyanide meter was placed in service.  
New voltage/current tester has been placed in each apparatus toolbox.

#### Inspections:

Existing inspections: 60

#### New Construction Updates:

**Cinemark Movie Theatre, The Mall St. Matthews:** Demo permit only has been issued. The existing Dillard's store has been torn down and debris has been removed.  
**Norton Hospital Suburban:** Construction has begun for a 2 year renovation project.  
**Red Lobster:** Interior and exterior renovation.  
**Old Holdaway Drug Store:** New exterior facade being installed and separated into leaseable suites.  
**Waggoner High School:** Major Renovation of science labs and restrooms.

#### Other Fire Marshal news...

No issues with Fireworks to date. Only 5 permits issued for novelty fireworks and all stands have been inspected several times and found to have no violations.

#### Training:

##### Current Staffing Levels

Paid - 29 as of June, will be 30 at the beginning of July  
Volunteer - 9

General FD Training (4 weeks / 13 classes / 3 hours per class / 39 total hours of training)  
6/04-6/06 FDIC & FSHS Teach Back  
6/11-6/13 Final Review for Sergeants Testing  
6/19-6/22 Volunteer Training & EMT Continuing Education  
6/25-6/27 Company Officer Week 1 / Crew Trainings

#### Special Topics / Notes

IFSAC Company Officer 1 - the joint training program was started with Harrods Creek on June 25. St Matthews has 4 personnel per shift participating in the program. The program will be completed the first week of October with the IFSAC Test.

Captains Testing Process - Work is also underway to prepare for the Captains test which should take place sometime in October or November.

St. Matthews Police Department Special Response Team program - progress continues to be made. Finalized copy of the MOU which will have STMPD provide STMPD with finances to cover OT incurred during training and callouts was signed by the Chief and returned to St. Matthews Police Department.

Joint training exercise with St. Matthews Fire, St. Matthews Police and Baptist Hospital East is currently underway for a Multi-Agency Active Shooter Drill at the hospital. The first planning meeting should take place in July and the drill should take place in August.

Acquired Structures for Training - advised that Lets Given may have a structure to donate for training. Paperwork has been picked up, waiting to hear back from her.

#### Fire Prevention:

We participated in four events this month.  
We hosted two birthday parties.  
Participated in water day at Second Presbyterian.  
Fire Extinguisher Training at Women's Care Physicians.  
Participated in Kids Night at Texas Roadhouse.  
Participated in Fire Prevention Night at Stepleton's.

2012

# July 19, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



*Leave Not  
To Burn*

**ST. MATTHEWS**  
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Fire Chief  
Trustees Meeting Agenda  
July 19, 2012  
None

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

July 19, 2012

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on July 19, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Jack Monahan, Sam McCune, Bill Lowdenback, Chris Mooser and Sarah Cronan. Also present were Chief Seng, Stuart Monahan, Dave Dugan, Mike Richardson, Dan Doyle, Joe Bewley, Louis Stoke, Joe Wolfe, Ron Renner, Nick Heilmann, George Wiggins, John Chiklo and Jordan Davis.

## Minutes

Sarah Cronan motioned to approve the revised minutes of the June meeting, Sam McCune seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## Election Report

Sarah Cronan reported on the Property Owner Trustee Election held on June 23, 2012. Sarah reported that the election results were Jackie DeHart (137) Chris Mooser (327). Bill Lowdenback made a motion to certify the election results, Sam McCune seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Oath of Office

Rick Tonini congratulated Chris Mooser on winning the election and read him the Oath of Office for Trustees.

## Election of Officers

Bill Lowdenback made a motion to keep the current officers in their respective positions, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Treasurer's Report

Christine Kesler reported that most of the training expenses fell at the end of the budget year. The district's net income is currently at \$212,000 overall and any income received in July 2012 that is related to the prior fiscal year will be credited back into that budget. The district will be receiving reimbursement for OT paid to Firefighters for participating in The City of St. Matthews SRT (Special Response Team) program.

Sarah Cronan motioned to approve the financials, Greg Crabb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the St. Matthews Fire District's Mission Statement has been revised to expand our "true mission" and go above and beyond what is expected.

Sam McCune motioned to approve the revised Mission Statement, Chris Mooser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng requested three EA's for the month of July.

**MPC Promotions** 28 Uniform Shirts \$1,260.00

**General Rubber** Replace 3 sets of PPE \$6,268.00

**Physiocontrol** Replacement AED (Apparatus) \$2,398.25

Christine Kesler motioned to approve the EA's requested, Greg Crabb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Old Business

Chief Seng reported that the additional equipment has been installed on the cell tower and our first monthly check has been received from Verizon. The district is waiting on Verizon to install additional equipment which will result in additional income.

## New Business

The 2012/2013 tax rate certification was due to be renewed. Christine Kesler motioned to set the tax rate of \$0.10, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng handed a summary to the board on the State Auditor's recommendations for Special Taxing Districts.

Chris Mooser was nominated to be a member on the current ethics committee, Chris is replacing Jack Monahan who retired in June 2012 from the Board.

## Executive Session

None

Christine Kesler made a motion to adjourn at 12:42PM, Greg Crabb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on August 16, 2012, PRP #6 at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on August 9, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.

9:25 PM  
08/03/12  
Annual Basis

## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2012

|  | Jul 31, 12          | Jun 30, 12          |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                    |                     |                     |
| Checking/Savings                         |                     |                     |
| 1005 - Commonwealth Bank & Trust Check   | 180,036.98          | 16,797.36           |
| 1001 - HRA Account-Commonwealth Bank     | 2,500.00            | 2,500.00            |
| 1012 - CBAT CD 1.5% (mat 3/15/13)        | 221,424.86          | 221,136.66          |
| 1018 - CBAT CD 1.5% (mat. 1/15/14)       | 1,361,388.02        | 1,384,838.73        |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b>            | <u>1,563,850.86</u> | <u>2,225,182.74</u> |
| Accounts Receivable                      |                     |                     |
| 1201 - Accounts Receivables              | 36.13               | 33.40               |
| <b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>         | <u>36.13</u>        | <u>33.40</u>        |
| <b>Other Current Assets</b>              |                     |                     |
| 1205 - Misc. Receivables                 | 0.00                | 33,762.87           |
| 1220 - Prepaid Expenses                  | 0.00                | 30,971.08           |
| <b>Total Other Current Assets</b>        | <u>0.00</u>         | <u>64,734.36</u>    |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>              | <u>1,563,886.99</u> | <u>2,289,947.20</u> |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                      |                     |                     |
| 1810 - Building Station 1                | 1,394,343.02        | 1,394,343.02        |
| 1815 - Building Station 2                | 810,334.17          | 810,334.17          |
| 1820 - Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment | 618,490.39          | 618,490.39          |
| 1825 - Major Firefighting Apparatus      | 2,306,388.83        | 2,306,388.83        |
| 1830 - Light Duty Firefighting Apparatus | 63,043.00           | 63,043.00           |
| 1835 - Autos                             | 206,056.31          | 206,056.31          |
| 1905 - Accumulated Depreciation          | -3,351,898.35       | -3,351,898.35       |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>                | <u>2,022,751.09</u> | <u>2,022,751.09</u> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <u>3,586,638.08</u> | <u>4,312,698.29</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>          |                     |                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                       |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>               |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable                         |                     |                     |
| 2008 - Accounts Payable                  | 53,629.02           | 107,172.16          |
| <b>Total Accounts Payable</b>            | <u>53,629.02</u>    | <u>107,172.16</u>   |
| <b>Other Current Liabilities</b>         |                     |                     |
| 2026 - Accrued Payroll                   | 0.00                | 5,533.80            |
| 2106 - Payroll Liabilities               | 31,218.90           | 38,979.58           |
| <b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>   | <u>31,218.90</u>    | <u>44,513.38</u>    |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>         | <u>84,847.92</u>    | <u>151,685.54</u>   |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                 | <u>84,847.92</u>    | <u>151,685.54</u>   |
| <b>Equity</b>                            |                     |                     |
| 3400 - Unappropriated Fund Balance       | 2,140,264.53        | 2,196,421.79        |
| 3116 - Fund Balance-Capital Exp. net     | 2,022,751.09        | 2,022,751.09        |
| Net Income                               | -125,735.10         | -46,137.26          |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                      | <u>3,501,780.52</u> | <u>4,154,991.62</u> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>    | <u>3,586,638.08</u> | <u>4,312,698.29</u> |



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July 19, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

July 31, 2012, Incident Report:

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#### Mission Statement

It is our mission to provide fast, effective, and compassionate emergency services to citizens of the St. Matthews Fire District. In pursuit of that mission we shall strive to prevent and suppress fires, educate and rescue citizens, provide emergency medical services, promote public safety and foster community relations.

#### Core Values

- Preparedness** Our members will do everything possible to ensure that they and our organization are at an optimum state of readiness when called upon to respond. Our members will be properly trained, equipped, supported and focused on safe immediate response and services.
- Honor** We strive to be an organization of honorable people in an honorable profession. Our community can be assured that the St. Matthews Fire District is a trusted and reliable team dedicated to "doing the right things right." It is the way we are to operate, its how we communicate and its how we relate with others in and outside our organization.
- Compassion** We shall to the best of our ability be a people oriented service organization focused on helping those in need. By our words and actions whenever possible we shall demonstrate we are an organization that cares. We shall restore hope when we can and provide comfort when we cannot.
- Committed to Professional Excellence** -- At the St. Matthews Fire District we shall strive to "set the standard" in everything we do. We will provide our members with the means, skills and education to provide outstanding professional services. Our leader's staff will do whatever is necessary to attain and provide exemplary services for the citizens of the region. It is our focus, it is our commitment.

| St. Matthews Fire Protection District                      |           |                  |                 |               |
|--|-----------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)                  |           |                  |                 |               |
| Alarm Date Between {07/01/2012} And {07/31/2012}           |           |                  |                 |               |
| Incident Type  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |           |                  |                 |               |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire                                 | 1         | 3.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 140 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire                  | 2         | 1.47%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>3</b>  | <b>2.30%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>2 Rescues &amp; Emergency Medical Services Incident</b> |           |                  |                 |               |
| 211 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                        | 11        | 8.08%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 212 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks                  | 7         | 1.47%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 3118 Medical assist, cancelled by report after             | 2         | 1.47%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 3119 Medical assist, assist EMS crew no patient            | 4         | 2.94%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 311 Lock-in lift lock out, use RIL                         | 2         | 2.20%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 320 Extrication, rescue, Other                             | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 313 Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator             | 2         | 1.47%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 317 Extrication of victim(s) from machinery                | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>26</b> | <b>19.11%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>3 Hazards &amp; Conditions (No Fire)</b>                |           |                  |                 |               |
| 411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill               | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 410 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other             | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)                       | 2         | 1.47%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 442 Breachwater meter                                      | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 444 Power line down  | 1         | 2.20%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 460 Accident, potential accident, Other                    | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed            | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 403 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                      | 4         | 4.41%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>14</b> | <b>11.76%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                      |           |                  |                 |               |
| 500 Service Call, other                                    | 2         | 1.47%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 511 Lock-out   | 2         | 1.47%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 522 Water or steam leak                                    | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 531 Smoke or odor removal                                  | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 551 Assist police or other governmental agency             | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 561 Unauthorized burning                                   | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, message                     | 3         | 3.67%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>13</b> | <b>9.60%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                                  |           |                  |                 |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                                | 8         | 6.61%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |

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Alarm Date Between {07/01/2012} And {07/31/2012}

| Incident Type                                  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-----------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                      |           |                  |                 |               |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route            | 22        | 16.17%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 621 Wrong location                             | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch   | 5         | 3.67%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>27</b> | <b>27.30%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>          |           |                  |                 |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other           | 3         | 2.20%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 710 Malicious, mischievous false call, Other   | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                  | 2         | 1.47%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction    | 2         | 1.47%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to           | 4         | 4.41%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction    | 7         | 5.14%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 9         | 6.61%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -             | 4         | 2.94%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 3         | 2.20%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>39</b> | <b>27.94%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>8 Severe Weather &amp; Natural Disaster</b> |           |                  |                 |               |
| 815 Severe weather or natural disaster standby | 2         | 1.47%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1.47%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>9 Special Incident Type</b>                 |           |                  |                 |               |
| 911 Citizen complaint                          | 1         | 0.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0.73%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>Total Incident Count: 136</b>               |           |                  |                 |               |
| <b>Total Est. Loss:</b>                        |           |                  | <b>\$0</b>      |               |

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Jefferson County's suburban fire districts — responsible for protecting nearly 187,000 homes and businesses — are tumbling toward a financial crisis that could force sweeping changes in the way the county fights fires.

Handcuffed by sagging property tax revenue, rising wage and pension costs, and their own questionable spending decisions, the county's 17 suburban fire departments are making cuts that their fire chiefs warn are undercutting their ability to fight fires — reducing staff, freezing salaries, selling equipment and closing firehouses.

Suburban chiefs acknowledge they sometimes have fewer firefighters on duty than they need — the national safety standard recommends four firefighters per crew — but say they can't afford more full-time staff.



A fire training supervisor 'lights' a torch for incoming recruits to train in at the fire training facility. September 28, 2011



A firefighter performs a drill in a training seminar. September 28, 2011 / Bill Luster, The Courier-Journal

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"Every day we're riding below the standard," said Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Chief Vincent Smith, who staffs with three firefighters per unit. "I don't like it, but that's the best we can afford to do."

Though they maintain that public safety hasn't been jeopardized so far, some fire officials warn that without a major revamping of the system, some districts will soon have to dangerously reduce services — or risk slipping into bankruptcy.

To residents, the gradual slide raises the risk of longer response times and the threat of severe damage or death from a fire.

And it also increases the likelihood that fire protection could become dangerously uneven throughout the county — with fire service varying even more than it already does, depending upon each district's financial health and operational policy.

"People are going to have to understand that the future does look bleak," said Okolona Fire Chief Rich Carlson.

A months-long Courier-Journal examination found several factors conspiring to undercut fire service in Jefferson County:

- Suburban departments increasingly have moved away from using volunteers, opting instead for career firefighters who are more dependable but also more expensive, earning higher wages and greatly raising pension costs. Since 2000, suburban districts have hired 84 percent more career firefighters, increasing from 226 to 415, and reduced their volunteer numbers 29 percent, from 637 to 450.

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- The county's suburban districts form a patchwork quilt of coverage, where politics and protecting turf can conflict with best practices, resulting in deployment policies that sometimes prevent the closest station from responding to an emergency. Firefighters from Louisville Fire & Rescue, for example, aren't automatically sent to fires in suburban areas even if they have the closest crews.

- That same patchwork can get in the way of economies of scale. Adjoining districts may buy the same expensive fire apparatus, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, even though their call volume indicates they could probably get by with fewer trucks and engines if they operated jointly. The same applies to smaller purchases such as gear and supplies, which can cost less if bought in greater volume.

- And for years, when districts were flush with rising property tax revenues, many spent money on equipment or new facilities without setting cash aside in case of future declines. Some of those expenditures, chiefs now acknowledge in hindsight, were unnecessary.

Middletown, for example, paid \$500,000 in 1997 for a 102-foot aerial ladder truck, even though few buildings in the district are tall enough to require that size ladder. After using that truck just twice in 2009, the department sold it for \$150,000 and made arrangements to use aerial trucks from neighboring Jeffersonton and McMahan.

And in 1998, when volunteers were aplenty, Middletown built a 30,000-square-foot headquarters on Urton Lane. Since then, Middletown has lost volunteer staff, and Chief Jeffrey Riddle said if the station were built today, he'd make it half as big.

The mounting financial worries and concerns about maintaining service have fueled talks about merging departments, but no action has been taken — largely because of opposition from suburban chiefs and fire district trustees fearful about losing their autonomy.

The few departments that have merged in recent years, such as Lake Dreamland and Dixie Suburban, consolidated to ease financial stress and improve service. But other districts still resist, their leaders arguing that there's no proof that taxpayers would pay less or that service would improve.

"Anyone who thinks you're going into a fire department merger to save money is wrong," said Okolona's Carlson.

But given the state General Assembly's reluctance to consider any tax increases, some suburban firefighters and residents say mergers may be inevitable.

"We're going to be one big fire department before it's all over," said Jack Monohan, a past member of the St. Matthews Fire District board of trustees. "We're behind the eight ball now. We've got to make the public aware of that."

### Capped and frustrated

Suburban fire districts depend almost entirely on property taxes for their revenue.

Since 1944, state law has allowed districts to collect a tax of 10 cents per \$100 worth of assessed property value on homes and businesses within their boundaries. All the districts have been charging that maximum rate since 2005, and they can't go higher unless the legislature changes the law.

That wasn't much of an issue decades ago, when departments were largely staffed by volunteers and a booming housing and development market provided steady, and often increasing, property tax revenues. But the market crash and rising costs have made finances unsteady.

According to department budgets filed with the county, suburban fire districts' total revenue has fallen more than 3 percent, to \$55.5 million, since 2009 — even as expenditures have risen more than 4 percent, to \$58.1 million.

Fire departments have lobbied Frankfort to raise the taxing cap, but no proposal has made it past the committee level.

Meanwhile, some departments now must draw on reserve funds to balance their budgets, while others are making cuts.

PRP Chief Smith said he expects that in the fiscal year that started July 1, his district will have to begin drawing on a reserve fund it started building about six years ago in anticipation of leaner times. The move is necessary now after property tax values in his district dropped by more than \$100 million between 2009 and 2011.

"We just buckled down and didn't do any unnecessary spending," Smith said. "But we didn't expect it to be this bad. If we didn't have the reserve, we'd have to borrow money or make cutbacks."



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Middletown's Riddle said he and his board have done a 10-year projection of their budget, figuring no increase in revenue for the next four years and modest increases after that. Based on those projections, Riddle said, the department in five years will have to cut expenses to make budget and won't be able to put any money in reserves.

Part of the problem, he said, stems from estimates that the department will have to contribute nearly 20 percent more than the 35 percent of its payroll budget it contributes currently to the retirement system.

Indeed, one of the biggest drivers of the cost increases among the suburban districts has been a 23 percent rise in pension obligations since 2009. That's due in part to limited investment returns, benefit increases and unfunded cost-of-living increases, according to fund officials.

"If these projections hold true, every time someone retires you will look at who do you replace," Riddle said.

Another issue is the need to replace aging equipment — at ever-increasing costs.

For example, in 2009, St. Matthews Fire paid \$838,158 for a new truck for its station on Sears Avenue, replacing a similar truck that had been purchased new in 1986 for \$259,170.

Carlson and other chiefs are also keeping a close watch on staffing and overtime.

In October 2010, Okolona shut down its station on Orchard Avenue in the Edgewood neighborhood after its board of trustees decided it could save \$24,000 annually by moving staff to a more populated area, reducing utility and operating costs.

Lyndon officials have closed the district's Westport Road station roughly 10 times in the past two years rather than pay overtime, said Chief Russ Rakestraw. On another 10 occasions, staffing was reduced to two people to make medical runs only, said Rakestraw. Volunteers were used to keep the station open seven other times.

"Money is as tight as it's ever been," said Carlson, whose Okolona district's taxable value is more than \$12 million below 2009 levels. "We're stretching things. And sooner or later, the rubber band is going to snap."

### Fees unpopular

Other districts have looked at charging fees to supplement their tax revenue and cover expenses.

Lyndon now assesses a charge for house fires, car wrecks and other emergencies. Since the charges started in September, the department has brought in \$58,000, with another \$35,000 billed but not collected.

Rich Bliven, a captain of the department, said the billing has prompted complaints from residents and business owners who say they already pay for fire services with their taxes.

"It hasn't been well-received," Bliven said. "It's really bad for us, but the next step for us is laying people off."

Jim Crush, who runs JC Repair Co., said he was assessed a \$100 fee after his business was inspected by the fire department in March for code violations. He said he paid the bill: "I'm afraid not to, because what are they going to find next time?"

Other districts bill for responding to hazardous materials incidents or for runs to auto accidents.

But the fees have raised little revenue. McMahan officials say in fiscal year 2010-11 they collected about \$5,300 from responding to auto accidents and vehicle fires. St. Matthews collected about \$5,600 from auto accidents that same year.

### Medical runs

Adding to the financial strain, fire chiefs say, are medical runs their departments make without reimbursement from Metro EMS.

Nearly half of the 21,474 service calls the 17 suburban fire districts made last year — covering 310 square miles of Jefferson County — were medical calls. Firefighters, most of whom are trained as emergency medical technicians, supplement EMS and often are first on the scene.

Some fire chiefs contend those runs strain their budgets when their responsibility is to deal with fires. In McMahan, for example, firefighters responded to 737 medical runs in 2011, compared with 352 fire calls.

Chiefs complain that costs Metro EMS recovers through patient insurance don't compensate fire districts for their efforts. In response, some fire districts now only go to the most serious medical calls, such as those that are initially reported as cardiac arrest or stroke.

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Metro EMS officials say they seek help from local fire districts to ensure that people get the closest medical care available.

Firefighters can provide treatment until an ambulance arrives.

In return for the help, Metro EMS provides medical supplies and training to fire districts, which Dr. Neal Richmond, who runs Metro EMS, says is a fair exchange.

And Richmond argues that fire departments nationwide have taken on more medical runs because better sprinkler systems and fire warning systems such as smoke detectors have decreased the number of house fires.

"It's not fair to the members of those communities, when the resources are sometimes within blocks, that they (fire districts) should withhold help because they aren't being reimbursed," Richmond said. "The taxpayers do pay for this."

### Cost per call varies

The truth is, even factoring in medical runs, the amount that fire districts budget in relation to their service calls varies widely.

The Courier-Journal's analysis shows that Jefferson County's 19 fire districts, including Louisville and Shively, had a combined budget last year of more than \$101 million (excluding reserves) and were dispatched to more than 61,000 fire and EMS calls — for an average cost of roughly \$1,660 per call.

While Louisville Fire has the largest budget, \$51 million last year, it also responded to 34,000 calls — about \$1,500 per call. That excludes calls Louisville responded to outside its service area, which could not be pulled from the MetroSafe dispatch system.

While six districts operate at a lower cost per call than Louisville Fire, most are higher.

Seven districts (Middletown, Eastwood, Worthington, Anchorage, PRP, St. Matthews and Fern Creek) averaged more than \$2,000 per call they were dispatched on, according to the Courier-Journal analysis.

Eastwood, in far eastern Jefferson County, has one of the largest districts and the highest cost per run. In 2011, the district made 358 fire and medical runs in the district and responded to another 138 calls in other districts, bringing its average cost to \$4,251 per call.

### Fewer volunteers

Another part of that rising financial cost, fire chiefs contend, is the move away from volunteers.

Districts such as Harrods Creek relied for decades on dedicated residents who gave their time to respond to fires no matter what time of day or night. But as Harrods Creek grew to more than 4,800 homes and businesses, volunteers alone couldn't meet the district's fire needs.

What started as a fire department staffed by 25 volunteers now relies on 22 full-time firefighters and eight volunteers. Wages and salaries now make up 72 percent of the \$3.1 million budget, said Chief Kevin Tyler.

"There was a time when volunteers could do the job in Jefferson County," Tyler said. "But Jefferson County is not a rural place anymore."

A few districts continue to operate a mostly volunteer operation.

Highview Fire Chief Dave Goldsmith said he wouldn't be able to run his district without the 64 volunteers on his roster. He staffs one station full time with career personnel, but having volunteers allows him to keep two stations functional.

"If we lost our volunteers, there's no way we could do it," he said.

### What lies ahead

So, what can be done about suburban fire districts' continuing financial struggles and rising costs?

While some fire chiefs and fire department trustees support the idea of merging the districts into one or several larger departments, others adamantly argue mergers would not save money.

Questions about fire services were part of the discussion for the Merger 2.0 task force that Mayor Greg Fischer convened last year to improve metro government.

The committee reviewing fire services dismissed mergers and instead gave the mayor a list of suggestions aimed at improving the sharing of technology and information among departments.

Still, as a result of that review, a smaller group of chiefs has been meeting to consider what mergers could look like. No official proposal has been unveiled, and some say it will take more prodding from Fischer and even bigger financial problems to move the discussion.

But many fire chiefs, including Harrods Creek's Tyler, believe mergers will occur.

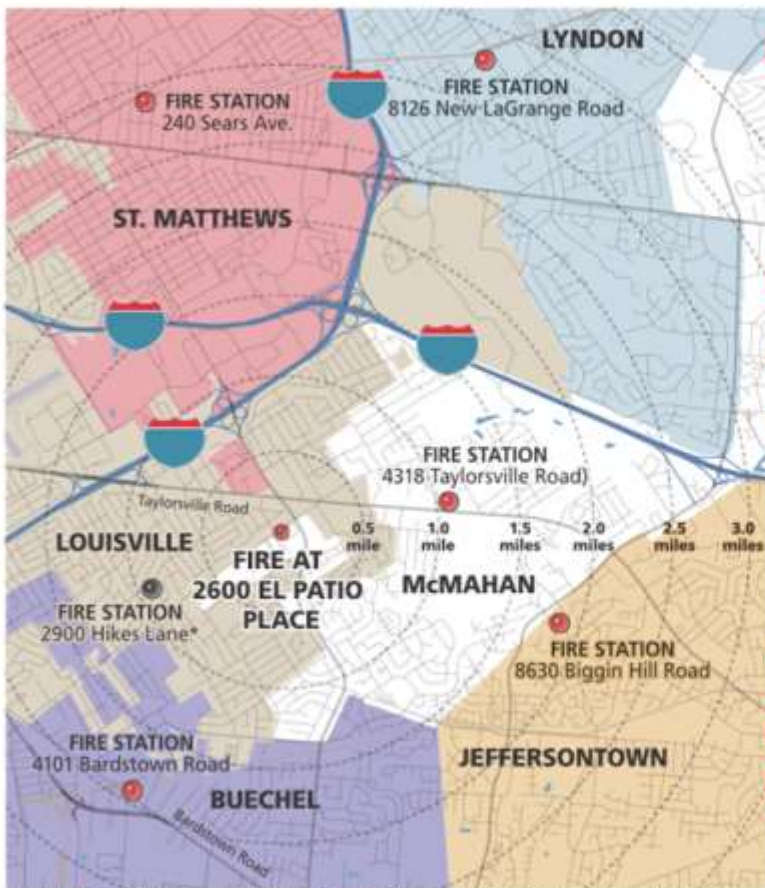
"We understand we have a problem," Tyler said. "And we understand we might have to merge some districts. Twenty-five years from now, we can't have this same discussion. It's not sustainable."







## ANATOMY OF A MULTIPLE-DISTRICT RESPONSE TO A FIRE



**AUG. 28, 2011**

**11:53 p.m.**

- Report of a fire in an apartment at 2600 El Patio Place in the McMahan Fire District.
- McMahan quint and division chief sent to the fire. (4318 Taylorsville Road.)
- Also dispatched are fire engines from Buechel (4101 Bardstown Road), St. Matthews (240 Sears Ave.), a telesquirt from Jeffersontown (8630 Biggin Hill Lane) and a quint from Lyndon (8126 New LaGrange Road.)

**11:56 p.m.**

- McMahan quint arrives on the scene. Fire fighters find food burning on the stove.

**11:57 p.m.**

- McMahan command vehicle arrives on the scene.

**11:58 p.m.**

- St. Matthews engine arrives on the scene.
- McMahan firefighters control the fire and check on a resident who is sleeping on the couch.
- Call for EMS to arrive. Firefighters vent the apartment.
- Lyndon quint and command car cleared en route. Not needed at the scene.

**11:59 p.m.**

- Jeffersontown and Buechel command cars and apparatus cleared en route. Not needed at the scene.

**Midnight**

- St. Matthews engine clears from the scene.

**12:16 a.m.**

- McMahan command and quint clear from the scene.

SOURCE: MetroSafe Communications

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**COMMAND  
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**ENGINE**



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\*Louisville Fire & Rescue station: Despite being the closest station to the fire location, it only is dispatched by request of the suburban district.

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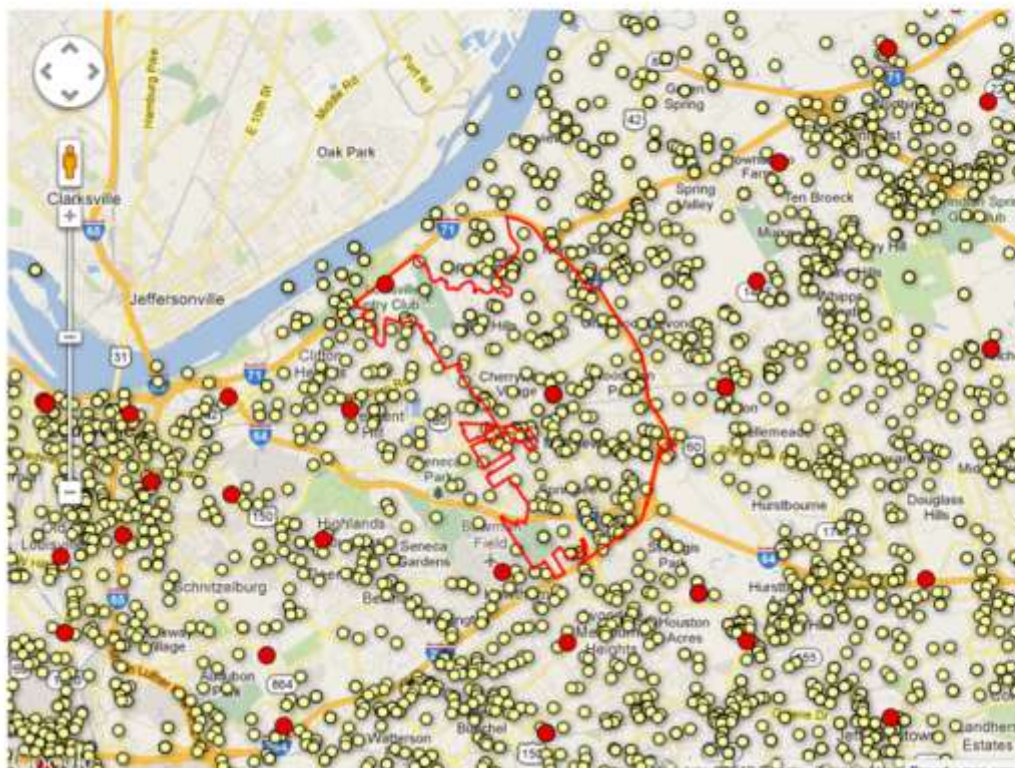
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Firefighter, Nick Helmann talked to students, from left, Terra Dempsey, Taylor Schulte, and Kendra Durec at Harvey Brown Pre-School. October 11, 2011 / C-J

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Even as some suburban fire departments close stations, cut staff and sell equipment to balance their budgets, consensus on how to shore up fire protection in Jefferson County remains elusive.

But while "merger" remains a dirty word among many suburban fire chiefs — who cannot even agree on the color of county firefighters' helmets — some are forcing discussions about the future, including the possibility of consolidation.

A small group of fire chiefs, including Louisville Fire Department Chief Greg Frederick, has been meeting about once a month since January to discuss options ranging from consolidating suburban districts to joining all departments into one countywide operation.

The Jefferson County Chiefs Association has also formed a strategic planning committee that is looking at how to provide services better and faster, said Charles Bauer, chairman of the Jefferson County Trustees Association and member of the Fern Creek Fire Department board of trustees.



St. Matthews firefighter Michael Monohan talks with Harvey Browne Preschool students in October. / Kylene Lloyd/The Courier-Journal

Still, the discussions are preliminary, and there is no timeline for action. And, while Frederick's group is trying to compile data for the discussion, there are no plans for a comprehensive, independent study of how fire protection is provided in Jefferson County.



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But Steve Halford, recently retired fire chief in Nashville, Tenn., who has worked in both merged and unmerged departments, says no study is needed to know that there are too many fire districts in metro Louisville.

Merging the 17 suburban districts and Louisville Fire would undoubtedly create efficiencies and save money, he said.

"It's just a no-brainer," Halford said. "You don't even have to do a study to know it would be cheaper."

But any change would require the approval of fire chiefs and trustees, who continue to focus on maintaining local control, said Capt. Rich Bliven, a Lyndon firefighter who heads the suburban fire union and says there could be benefits from merger.

"Every chief wants to have control of what happens in their district," he said.

Craig Willman, president of the Louisville firefighters' union, said that thinking must change. Merger would bring many benefits, including improved response times, he said, adding that maintaining the status quo has dominated the conversation for too long.

"You have to ask, is it a boys' club or is it about providing a service?" Willman said.

### Political hot potato

Mayor Greg Fischer has steered clear of trying to force the issue, saying only that in the next 2½ years — before the end of his term — he wants to figure out how fire protection can be handled more smoothly throughout the county.

In an interview, Fischer said, "There's no one who thinks we have a perfect system," but he declined to say if he favors merger, saying that's a decision for the fire chiefs.

Because state law establishes each fire district as independent, Fischer could not dictate mergers. He would, however, have to approve any voluntary merger agreement between districts.

Consolidation advocates had hoped that more serious fire district merger discussions would emerge from Fischer's Merger 2.0 Task Force, aimed at assessing the progress of merged government, including fire service.

In fact, an outside review released in September as part of Merger 2.0 backed merging the city and suburban districts.

That review, by the government policy consulting firm Public Works of West Chester, Pa., looked at costs, population and geography and concluded that merging the 17 suburban districts with Louisville's fire department could save money while improving efficiency.

(Where Shively would fit into merger discussions has not been raised because Shively is a separate city fire district funded through that city's general fund.)

But several suburban chiefs and trustees condemned the report as inaccurately comparing urban and suburban spending, and decried it as an intentional effort to build support for a city takeover of the suburban districts.

In the end, the issue proved too volatile for the Merger 2.0 task force. Votes by the group to recommend a study of merger were not approved and the final recommendations to the mayor did not include merger, but suggested such steps as consolidating data collection.

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"As soon as you say the word merger, you see the wall come up," said Kevin Tyler, chief in Harrods Creek. "They don't want the mayor's office to come in or the state and tell them they have to have merger."

### Battle over money

Any discussion about the future of firefighting in Jefferson County quickly turns to money.

Chiefs and trustees routinely cite Kentucky's law capping fire districts' tax rate at 10 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. They say that to have the equivalent budget of the Louisville Fire Department, they would need to tax at a rate of at least 30 cents per \$100.

A merged department, by their reasoning, would require higher taxes.

Frederick dismisses the idea that merger would be cost-prohibitive, noting that the 17 suburban districts employ 415 career firefighters, only four fewer than Louisville. Combined, the suburban districts had just over \$58 million budgeted for the fiscal year that just ended, according to budget data provided by the districts.

Louisville Fire's current budget is \$51.2 million, which is funded through the Louisville Metro government general fund.

Figuring that merger would include combining those budgets (including the property tax revenues), Frederick said, "I think we can run a department twice the size of my department for the money that exists."

He bases that in part on his estimate of 60 stations, four fewer than now, with an annual staffing cost of \$1.4 million each — although he acknowledges that a single department might eventually need a budget of up to \$125 million to support additional training, maintenance and other non-firefighting duties.

In all, he envisions 75 companies, each staffed with four firefighters, an increase as some stations currently staff with three firefighters on certain shifts. There would also be 10 battalion chiefs to oversee the operations, replacing the role some individual chiefs perform now.

None of that means getting rid of volunteers, said Frederick, who envisions volunteers working regular shifts to augment staffing and manage costs. Currently, there are 450 volunteers on rosters in the county.

Frederick stressed that his idea is only one way at looking at how to provide fire protection countywide, and more research needs to be done.

"It's time to look at the fire problem and the resources available and look at them collectively," Frederick said.

### Equalizing pay

One potential hurdle to merging would be equalizing pay scales among the departments.

Starting salaries for county firefighters range as low as \$8.50 per hour in Fairdale (less than \$18,000 a year) to \$35,110 annually in St. Matthews. Most of the districts have a starting salary of \$25,000 to \$35,000.

By comparison, the starting salary for Louisville firefighters is nearly \$42,000 a year.

Jack Reckner, a former Jeffersontown fire chief who now lobbies in Frankfort on behalf of the fire districts, said there could be some savings in administrative costs with a merger.

For example, Frederick's plan would replace the 17 fire chiefs with 10 battalion chiefs overseeing specific regions.

Louisville battalion chiefs make an average base salary of about \$73,000, so the total cost would be about \$730,000, excluding variances for longevity with the department.

Salaries for suburban chiefs, by comparison, currently range from \$22,000 in Lake Dreamland to \$94,600 in St. Matthews. In all, Jefferson County's fire chiefs are paid more than \$1.3 million in salary — meaning Frederick's plan would potentially save more than half a million dollars.

Reckner said there also would be increased service efficiency if 17 suburban chiefs and 17 decision-making boards were replaced by a united leadership unit.

Plus, a larger department with more firefighters would provide more scheduling flexibility and improve the chances of finding firefighters to cover a shift without going into overtime, Reckner said.

There would also be a need for fewer office personnel, and some consolidation of equipment and vehicles, merger proponents say.

For example, neighboring districts St. Matthews, McMahan and Jeffersontown, which often make runs together, all have aerial ladders. If they were all part of one district, fewer aerial ladders would be required.



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While merger opponents agree there may be some efficiencies, they say they would not be enough to offset additional costs of raising firefighter salaries and other expenses for a larger department.

Reckner said the suburban district leaders who oppose merger must think about the bigger picture.

"There is still some entrenched thinking, and I think that's dangerous," he said.

### Cheaper or costlier?

Okolona Fire Chief Rich Carlson, who studied merging county fire districts while a graduate student in 1998, updated that work with new figures in October 2011 to create a report that several chiefs and trustees cite as evidence that merging departments would cost more than it would save.

Carlson's report explores four firefighting scenarios: countywide systems providing fire response in no more than 3 minutes; 3.4 minutes (which Carlson estimates is Louisville's average response time); 4 minutes (the recommended goal of the National Fire Protection Association); and a fourth that doesn't list response times but simply staffs all current county stations full time at Louisville Fire wages.

- For a 3-minute response, Carlson estimates it would cost 53 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, and require 84 new fire stations, 114 new pieces of fire apparatus and 1,521 additional personnel.

- For 3.4-minute response, he estimates it would take a 41-cent tax, 56 new fire stations, 78 new pieces of equipment and 1,003 new personnel.

- A 4-minute response would require, he says, a tax rate of 29 cents, 29 new stations, 40 new pieces of apparatus, and 474 additional personnel.

- If all the existing stations were converted to full time, Carlson's report says, all volunteers would have to become career staff and more firefighters would still have to be hired.

None of those scenarios is likely, Carlson said, because the additional cost in salaries, stations and equipment would be in the millions of dollars.

"I don't think that's the solution," Carlson said of merger.

Frederick said Carlson's report makes inaccurate assumptions, doesn't consider actual numbers of calls for service, and doesn't consider new approaches to providing fire protection. Frederick said he believes the intent of the report was to "make it cost-prohibitive to look at one department. It was really trying to deter people from mergers."

He also called the data skewed, in part because it uses insurance industry ratings and the National Fire Protection Association standards for response time as a main determinant of how many stations would be needed.

While those standards have a place, they wouldn't be the sole driving factor in designing a merged department, Frederick said.

Indeed, a *Courier-Journal* analysis of response times for the past year showed that no Jefferson County fire departments had an average response of 3 minutes. In fact, the average district response time ranged from over 4 minutes to as much as 7 minutes, with a countywide average of 5 minutes, 25 seconds.

And even those response times are flawed, since they are based on the first fire vehicle at the scene. Oftentimes, that first vehicle in suburban districts is a command car driven by a chief or ranking officer, which has no capability of fighting fires until other units arrive.

Randy Lawson, the former Jeffersonton fire chief who, with Frederick, had been co-chairing the informal committee studying the future of fire service, said the group is trying to take all factors into account. It can't just be about money, he said.

"If you base merger on trying to save a dime, you're wasting time," Lawson said. "It needs to be about improving service."

But collecting data to figure out that part of the puzzle has been difficult.

Fire districts have different methods for collecting data on runs and response times, which makes getting consistent information a struggle. MetroSafe Communications logs all the runs for the county, but there is no single system in place to collect all the data for analysis.

"We've got the pieces of the puzzle; we just haven't been able to put them together," Frederick said.

In the next several months, his group hopes to have gathered more consistent data and to present its findings to the mayor, outlining options for fire service and cost projections. That will require getting new software installed through the MetroSafe system and having all chiefs agree to have their data filtered through it, a process that is under way.

"The key is to be open-minded enough to let the data be collected, let the analysis be done and let the template be created for what (merger) could look like," Frederick said.

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They control multimillion-dollar budgets and make decisions that affect fire protection for more than half of Jefferson County's residents. But few people know who they are — or voted to elect them.

Management of Jefferson County's 17 suburban fire districts rests in the hands of 119 trustees — seven for each district.

Each trustee board includes three members appointed by Louisville's mayor, two firefighters elected by their peers and two property owners elected by district residents. The board's job is to approve budgets, approve hiring of the chief and other staff and set the direction of the fire district.

But there's little public scrutiny of those decisions, and few members of the public bother to turn out to vote trustees into power.

In fact, some get elected with just a single vote being cast.

In this year's election held June 23, for example, McMahan homeowner John Shackleton Jr., running unopposed, was re-elected with just one vote cast.

In fact, five of this year's property owner elections — in McMahan, Highview, Jeffersontown, Middletown and Worthington — had only uncontested candidates.

Even contested elections typically bring out 100 voters or less, according to a Courier-Journal analysis. Only 42 voters cast ballots in the Lake Dreamland Fire District election June 23, which David George Sr. won.

Part of the reason for that poor turnout, officials say, is that trustee elections aren't held in November with other elected offices. They are held on the fourth Saturday in June between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at each district's main firehouse.

Jeffrey Johnson, chief executive officer of the Western Fire Chiefs Association, who has written extensively about fire department

consolidations, said it is extremely rare to find districts that don't hold elections in conjunction with other general elections.

But in Kentucky, the process for elections is spelled out in state law, so it would require a law change in Frankfort to have it done differently.

### Trustees by district

Firefighter positions are elected by fellow firefighters and property owners are elected by other residents. All trustee terms end June 30, and the final year of each term is noted.

- James Nicholson, appointed, 2015
- David Berger, appointed, 2013
- Jim Carpenter, appointed, 2014
- Michael Hellman, firefighter, 2016
- Ron Wilder, firefighter, 2015
- James Robertson, property owner, 2013
- Neil MacDonald, property owner, 2014
- Gerald Strange, appointed, 2012\*
- John Clark Jr., appointed, 2013
- John Tiltman, appointed 2014
- Jack Miller, firefighter, 2014
- Adam Jones, firefighter, 2016
- Kenneth Hill, property owner, 2013

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While state law requires districts to have annual audits and file paperwork outlining their budgets, trustees answer to no other agencies.

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer can make appointments, but he has no direct say in the boards' decisions, including those regarding response to medical runs, spending or dispatch protocols. And while firefighters must meet certification requirements, the state has no control over the way fire districts operate.

That gives district trustees wide discretion and a good deal of power.

Trustees oversee budgets ranging from Anchorage's \$533,000 to Pleasure Ridge Park's nearly \$10 million — approving salaries, equipment purchases and other spending.

Trustees also hire the fire chief, following whatever rules they see fit.

In Buechel, the board decided at its July 3 meeting to skip a search process and appoint an internal candidate, Assistant Chief Rick Harrison, to replace Chief Jonathon Yuodis when he retires in November. When the Jeffersontown Fire Board decided not renew Chief Randy Lawson's contract, it conducted a search and selected Sean Dreisbach, who took over July 1.

Trustees make decisions about what equipment to purchase or sell and give approval for shutting down firehouses. Earlier this year, Lake Dreamland trustees voted to shut down and sell the station formerly used by the Dixie Suburban district before the two districts merged.

And many trustees serve multiple terms, some for decades.

Jefferson County Fire Service records show that Tom Ruckriegel, the chair of the Jeffersontown board, has served since 1980 and was re-elected June 23. Mike Harlamert, a mayoral appointee, has been on the McMahan Fire District board since 1990.

With long-term members, there tends to be a shortage of new ideas, Fischer said. "There's a greater likelihood of questions not being asked that should be asked."

Fischer has said he wants to end long board tenures, although he wants people to stay long enough to understand the district and make a difference, said Lori Hatton, director of boards and commissions for metro Louisville.

### Potential conflicts

Although trustees are not financially compensated, loose rules on who can serve invite potential conflicts.

For example, in Lake Dreamland, John Wilkinson Jr. served about eight years on the board of trustees, during his father's tenure as chief.

After John Wilkinson Sr. resigned for health reasons, his son was named chief but continued, until his sudden death April 13, to also serve on the trustee board because no change was made by Fischer's office.

After Wilkinson Jr. died, Freddie George, who had spent years with the fire department, was appointed as chief, with no external hiring process. On June 23, George's uncle, David George Sr., was elected to the board in an election where 42 people cast votes.

Freddie George said his uncle had registered to run in that election before he became chief.

Another board appointee, Lynn Meiman, has two sons who work for the district, where her husband also worked for years. Records indicate that Meiman often abstains from votes that would directly affect her children.

Meiman said she often leaves the room when there is discussion of her children, something she said others on the board haven't done when there might be potential conflict.

"I take myself completely out of the equation," she said.

Hatton said the mayor's office tries to avoid appointing people where there are family connections because of the potential for at least the appearance of conflicts of interest.

"There is always a concern within any organization where there is family present at various levels," said Hatton.

But it's not uncommon for those seeking positions on the fire trustee boards to have connections inside the department, including wives, fathers, brothers and other family ties.

While state law sets out some rules for who can serve on boards, other guidelines are determined by the trustees.

For example, state law requires each candidate be at least 18 years old and mandates when elections take place. However, trustees create bylaws for the election procedures, including details about whether write-in candidates will be allowed or how nominations are accepted.

Jackie DeHart, who spent more than 30 years as a St. Matthews firefighter, ran for the trustee board June 23 but was beaten by Chris Mooser, who has a brother-in-law who serves as a captain in the department.

DeHart said the number of family and personal connections between some trustees and those on the department can be problematic. And even if there is no family connection, DeHart said often elections become about who the chief or other trustees want to be on the board, so there is a lot of campaigning and angling done to get that person elected.

"It's a good old buddy scenario," DeHart said. "It poses a potential for favoritism."

DeHart said many trustees, despite the connections, have good intentions, but overall it may not be the best way to run a fire department.

"The best thing that could happen to suburban fire departments is for the city of Louisville to merge them," DeHart said.

## Volunteers still fill crucial role in suburban stations



One of the firefighters looks to the window of the training center after the room was lit for training. September 28, 2011. / Bill Luster, The Courier-Journal

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Bill Knapp is a full-time mechanic with two children and a third one on the way.

The 36-year-old also devotes 15 to 20 hours a week as a lieutenant volunteering with the Highview Fire Protection District.

Across Jefferson County's 17 suburban fire districts, 450 men and women follow in the volunteer firefighter tradition, accepting little pay, no benefits and typically odd hours.

They must meet state training requirements that often mean giving up several nights a month to sharpen their skills in tasks ranging from hose operations to pulling ceilings to look for hot spots. Each volunteer is trained to the same standard as a career firefighter, though the latter are required to complete 400 training hours to be certified, while volunteers must do 150 hours.

Many say they volunteer because it gives them a chance to help their community. For others, it's a way to get experience they hope will lead to a full-time career as a firefighter.

"It's a big part of my life," said Knapp, who plans to pursue a career firefighter position. "I don't do a lot of other things for entertainment. I just love it."

Dating as far back as 1911, when the Anchorage Fire Department formed, suburban firefighting in Jefferson County has relied on citizen volunteers.

And throughout the nation, about 70 percent of the more than 1.1 million firefighters are volunteer, according to the National Fire Protection Association. The association reports that about 95 percent of volunteer firefighters work in districts that protect fewer than 25,000, many in rural communities.

Locally, with increasing demands of full-time jobs, family responsibilities, required training hours and the push for 24-hour coverage, suburban fire districts have turned to paying career firefighters to staff their stations.

Since 2000, the number of volunteer firefighters has decreased 29 percent, falling from 637 to 450. And the number of career firefighters has risen 84 percent, going from



Gathering for lunch in February are Okolona firefighters Sgt. Frankie Hickey, from left, Capt. Bill Schmidt and firefighters Tom McKenna, Scott Underwood and Jeff Carlson. The district has 12 volunteers. / John Roth/The C-J

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Kevin Berry, a 43-year-old volunteer with Harrods Creek Fire, said there is still a place for volunteers.

"Volunteers are needed less and less in the day-to-day activities, but needed more in the time of big events," such as damaging storms, Berry said.

Berry spends two hours a day commuting to his job in Indiana from his Prospect home. And he has two children under age 5, so his time for volunteering is limited.

Each volunteer must have 150 hours of training, with an additional 20 hours each year after that. Career firefighters are required to have 400 initial hours, with 100 each year after.

Berry makes time to go to the weekly trainings whenever possible and responds to runs from home, but rarely works a designated shift. He plans to continue volunteering as long as he is needed.

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"Volunteers are needed less and less in the day-to-day activities, but needed more in the time of big events," such as damaging storms, Berry said.

Berry spends two hours a day commuting to his job in Indiana from his Prospect home. And he has two children under age 5, so his time for volunteering is limited.

Each volunteer must have 150 hours of training, with an additional 20 hours each year after that. Career firefighters are required to have 400 initial hours, with 100 each year after.

Berry makes time to go to the weekly trainings whenever possible and responds to runs from home, but rarely works a designated shift. He plans to continue volunteering as long as he is needed.

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## Volunteers still fill crucial role in suburban stations

"As long as I can have a value, I want to help out," he said.

How volunteers are utilized varies from district to district, which Capt. Rich Bliven, president of the suburban firefighters union, said leads to some differences in response. In Lyndon, where Bliven works, and other districts that don't have many volunteers, he said there is less opportunity for volunteers to practice their skills because career firefighters make up the bulk of the staff.

"Volunteers, even when they are among the ranks, aren't able to participate as much as would be ideal," he said. "Career firefighters, simply said, have more training and more experience and are, therefore, better equipped to perform."

But Highview Fire Chief Dave Goldsmith said he would feel confident in any of his staff handling a fire, whether they are career or volunteer. He said his department has made it a priority to encourage active volunteerism and aggressively trains all its volunteers so that they are capable of handling anything a career firefighter could handle.

And they are a critical part of responses.

"If we lost our volunteers, there's no way we could do it," Goldsmith said.

## Nation's fire departments turning more toward cooperation, expert says

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For several years, the fire chiefs, trustees and employees of the Lyndon, Harrods Creek, St. Matthews and Worthington fire districts worked to create a merger plan that would unite them as one district.

But despite evidence that joining forces would create efficiencies in training, response, inspections and other operations, all merger talks fell apart by 2006 — in part because of political infighting over who would serve as chief and trustees.

"There was logistical stuff that should not have derailed the plans," said Chris Aponle, who was then the chief in Harrods Creek. "It became so obvious how political these boards are."

While some small fire district mergers have occurred since, including Dixie Suburban's consolidation with Lake Dreamland last year, other attempts have largely been dismissed. Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Chief Vincent Smith said he has spoken to some neighbors but has found no interest in consolidating forces.

Jefferson County's failed negotiations come even as fire districts across the nation are turning increasingly to cooperative service, including mergers.

"Cooperation is on a dramatic increase," said Jeffrey Johnson, chief executive officer of the Western Fire Chiefs Association who has co-authored a book used by fire departments that spells out how mergers can be done.

Johnson said improvements in technology and tougher economic times have undermined the need for boundaries that once made sense in some communities. And that is causing departments to consider ways to work together more seamlessly.

In Jefferson County, fire districts are established by state law. But they can merge by mutual agreement of their boards of trustees, with final approval by Louisville's mayor.

Johnson said fire districts are smart to investigate ways that they can work more efficiently, including considering consolidations or mergers.

"It's all about the greater community discussion," Johnson said. "What's in the best interest of the people we serve? That's the million-dollar question."

Reporter Jessie Halladay can be reached at [502-582-4081](tel:502-582-4081).

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## Districts' fire response policies sometimes prevent using closest stations



House fire being fought by Harrods Creek, St. Matthews, and Worthington Fire Districts in the 6100 block of Innes Trace Road, east of Lime Kiln Lane. Nobody was hurt and the fire was electrical. October 21, 2011 / *Courier-Journal*

Just before midnight on Aug. 28, 2011, a woman dialed 911, fearful that a neighbor was inside an apartment filling with smoke on El Patio Place.

But the closest firefighters, the Louisville Fire Department's Engine 8, less than a mile down Hikes Lane, weren't dispatched.

The call instead went to McMahan Fire District, a half-mile farther away on Taylorsville Road.

Units from four other departments eventually were dispatched to help — Buechel, St. Matthews, Jeffersontown and Lyndon — some from as far as three miles away.

But Engine 8 was never alerted — and that was no oversight.

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Jefferson County's 19 fire departments each have their own policies for how they respond to fires within their districts — including which departments are called in to help when needed.

And those policies dictate that Louisville firefighters do not automatically get dispatched to fires in suburban areas, even if they have the closest crew. Instead, it takes

a special request from a suburban chief to get a Louisville crew to respond.

In the El Patio call, it took McMahan crews about three minutes to arrive at the scene and discover a small stove fire. The other crews were called off, and EMS treated a woman in the apartment for minor smoke inhalation.

But such cases have made many firefighting officials question whether Jefferson County dispatchers should send the closest unit, no matter the district.

While no one has pointed to specific cases of lost lives or property because of the dispatch policies, those officials say that's no reason to wait until a tragedy happens.

"It makes no sense that these geographical boundaries have to be there," said Craig Willman, president of the Louisville firefighters union. "You have to send the closest response. We've got to get over this."

"It needs to happen," said Steve Adkins, assistant chief of the Camp Taylor Fire District, which borders Louisville. "It's that imaginary line. It's crazy. It needs to be worked out for everybody's sake."

MetroSafe Communications officials say their dispatchers are merely following the rules provided by each fire district.

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## Districts' fire response policies sometimes prevent using closest stations

"We move their resources according to their parameters," said Debbie Fox, deputy director of MetroSafe.

Many of the suburban districts have a closest, automatic response protocol with each other. And the Louisville and Shively departments respond that way for each other.

But Louisville doesn't go automatically in to any suburban districts.

For example, when there is a fire run in Fern Creek, no other district is called until all Fern Creek crews, career or volunteer, are dispatched — even if other districts' stations are closer or more fully staffed.

Louisville Fire Chief Greg Frederick said the biggest hurdle to a closest-response system is that suburban districts don't always keep dispatchers updated about their units' exact location.

For example, suburban fire units alert dispatch when they are at the fire stations and when they are leaving the station on emergency runs, but they don't always tell dispatchers their whereabouts while out of the station on a non-emergency run.

That makes it difficult to determine who actually has the closest unit at any given moment, Frederick said. And there is the added complication of how to track a volunteer unit, which might show as not available because volunteers often respond from home.

But Frederick said the problems could be worked out with new technology, including GPS tracking, and a uniform model for tracking fire units.

Rick Harrison, assistant chief of the Buechel Fire Protection District, is leading a suburban chiefs' association committee that is looking at whether a closest-response system could be implemented.

Harrison said some chiefs are skeptical of the idea.

"If they don't buy into it and support it, then it's a failure," Harrison said. "I can almost assure you ... that we won't get to 100 percent buy-in from chiefs."

Some chiefs, Harrison said would balk at the cost of purchasing equipment to install GPS, and others simply want to run their districts the way they see fit.

Jeffrey Johnson, chief executive officer of the Western Fire Chiefs Association, who has studied and written about consolidations and shared resources among fire districts, said he supports using closest response whenever possible.

Johnson said in some areas there are statutory restrictions on fire departments crossing boundaries, which is not the case in Jefferson County.

"If I'm the one having the fire, it's a big deal," he said. "We need to get the fire apparatus to the fires. If (restrictions are not) statutory, then I urge closest response."



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## August , 2012, Chiefs Letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Song  
Date: August 8, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The August Trustees meeting is this Thursday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

Sorry for the delay of this Activity Report but our network server went down sometime Sunday morning and it wasn't able to be brought back on until late yesterday afternoon. I am not fully aware of all the details on why it failed but it appears the repair bill may be slightly over \$1000. No data was lost due to the failure just the down time of the network.

Hopefully everyone was able to read the articles written by Jessie Halladay in last Sunday's and Monday's Courier Journal about the Suburban Fire Service. I'm sure we will have some discussion about them during the board meeting under New Business.

Enclosed are several EA's for your review.

### District Updates for July 2012

#### Apparatus:

2631 is in the Louisville Repair Facility for preventive maintenance work.  
2658 had to have the master pump controller replaced due to a failure.  
2602 had several warning light replaced because of light failure.  
2601 had a battery charger replaced under warranty due to failure.

#### Facilities:

Station one had a roof top HVAC unit repaired.  
Work slowly continues on the cell tower at station two.  
The computer server at station one failed and is under repair.  
All of the window sills at station one have been power washed and cleaned.

#### Inspections:

Existing Monthly Inspections: 35

New Construction updates:

Cinemark Movie Theatre at the Mall: Demo work completed. New construction will start soon.  
Texas Road House: Renovation of waiting area complete.  
Tin Roof Bar/Restaurant: Inspections complete, Opening Mid-August

Residence Upper River Road: 16,000 Sq. ft. home under construction. Plans show a residential sprinkler system will be installed.

#### Training:

Current Staffing Levels

Paid - 30

Volunteer - 7 (5 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls)

General FD Training (5 weeks / 15 classes / 3 hours per class / 45 total hours of training)

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 7/2 -7/4  | Crew Training (July 4 Holiday No Training)          |
| 7/9-7/11  | Company Officer Week 2 @ St Matthews Fire Station   |
| 7/16-7/18 | Company Officer Week 3 @ Harrods Creek Fire Station |
| 7/24/7-27 | Volunteer Training & EMT Continuing Education       |
| 7/30-8/1  | Company Officer Week 4 @ St Matthews Fire Station   |

#### Special Topics / Notes

IFSAC (International Fire Service Accreditation Congress) Company Officer I - the joint training program was started with Harrods Creek on June 25. St. Matthews has 4 personnel per shift participating in the program. The program will be completed the first week of October with the IFSAC Test.

Captains Testing Process - Work is also underway to prepare for the Captains test which should take place sometime in October or November.

St. Matthews Police Department Special Response Team: TEMS program: Progress continues to be made with this joint program. A finalized copy of the St Matthews TEMS SOP was approved by both the St. Matthews Fire District and the St. Matthews Police Department last month. Training and planning will still continue between both agencies.

Active Shooter Drill at Baptist Hospital East: Planning is currently underway for a Multi-Agency Active Shooter Drill at Baptist Hospital East. The Drill should take place sometime in mid-September. This will be the second time in recent years that St. Matthews Fire along with the St. Matthews Police and Baptist Hospital East has trained together on this type of mock event.

#### Fire Prevention:

We participated in eight public education events in July

We participated in five 4th of July Parades.

- City of Rolling Fields
- City of Norbourne Estates
- City of Indian Hills
- Neighborhood of Mockingbird Gardens
- Neighborhood of Springlee

We hosted a birthday party for 20 children at Station One.

We participated in a water day at Our Lady of Lourdes School summer camp.

We presented a public education class at St. Matthews Elementary School's summer camp.

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# August 9, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

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Save Lives*



*Learn Not  
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Sarah Cronan

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

August 9, 2012

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on August 9, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Sam McCune, Chris Mosser and Sarah Cronan. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monahan, Dan Doyle, Joe Bewley and Mike Frantz.

### Minutes

Sam McCune motioned to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Christine Kesler seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

Christine Kesler gave the monthly Treasurer's report. She stated that the district is on track for the new fiscal year. There was a transfer from the lowest interest CD to the general checking to cover monthly expenses. Chief Seng made mention that tangible income would decline this year. The Fiscal Year 2012 Audit is now in progress and a report or draft may be ready as early as September.

Christine Kesler motioned to approve the financials, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the server was down for several days and will need to be updated to combine all servers down to one main unit. The cost could be around \$1000.00 for the update.

Chief spoke about the Courier Journal article that was recently published and the board commented accordingly. The Board agreed that Chief Seng will write a letter to Chief Frederick addressing the issue of closest station response. The Board would like to include the letter in the minutes and also copy the Mayor's office to this letter.

Chief Seng reported that the additional equipment has been installed on the cell tower at Station 2 and we should receive the rent payments for May, June and July within the next few weeks.

- Trustees Meeting Agenda  
August 9, 2012  
Notes
- I. Call to Order *12:00 PM*
  - II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting *Approved*
  - III. Treasurer's Report *Christine Kesler*
  - IV. Fire Department Operations-Chief Seng *Approved*
  - V. Old Business
  - VI. New Business
  - VII. Executive Session- If needed
  - VIII. The next JCSPS meeting will be held on August 16, 2012 at PRP, Station 6 at 7:00 PM
  - IX. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on September 13, 2012-Thursday at Noon

5:53 PM  
08/09/12  
Accrual Basis

## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2012

|  | Aug 31, 12          | Jul 31, 12          |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                    |                     |                     |
| Checking/Savings                         |                     |                     |
| 1000 - Commonwealth Bank & Trust Check   | 173,700.94          | 180,030.88          |
| 1001 - HRA Account-Commonwealth Bank     | 2,500.00            | 2,550.88            |
| 1013 - CBAT CD 1.50% (mat 3/16/13)       | 221,723.09          | 201,424.86          |
| 1015 - CBAT CD 1.0% (mat 1/13/14)        | 1,382,707.92        | 1,561,388.62        |
| Total Checking/Savings                   | 1,780,727.93        | 1,966,363.86        |
| Accounts Receivable                      |                     |                     |
| 1201 - Accounts Receivables              | 7.93                | 36.15               |
| Total Accounts Receivable                | 7.93                | 36.15               |
| Other Current Assets                     |                     |                     |
| 1200 - Misc. Receivables                 | 6.00                | 14,137.38           |
| Total Other Current Assets               | 6.00                | 14,137.38           |
| Total Current Assets                     | 1,790,734.92        | 1,999,527.41        |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                      |                     |                     |
| 1810 - Building Station 1                | 1,364,343.69        | 1,364,343.69        |
| 1815 - Building Station 2                | 816,334.17          | 816,334.17          |
| 1820 - Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment | 618,498.38          | 618,498.38          |
| 1825 - Major Firefighting Apparatus      | 2,306,386.63        | 2,306,386.63        |
| 1830 - Light Duty Firefighting Apparatus | 63,043.00           | 63,043.00           |
| 1835 - Autos                             | 206,050.31          | 206,050.31          |
| 1805 - Accumulated Depreciation          | (3,351,388.48)      | (3,311,260.45)      |
| Total Fixed Assets                       | 2,023,233.66        | 2,023,265.86        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b>3,794,028.78</b> | <b>4,022,821.28</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>          |                     |                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                       |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>               |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable                         |                     |                     |
| 2008 - Accounts Payable                  | 60,162.63           | 65,869.68           |
| Total Accounts Payable                   | 60,162.63           | 65,869.68           |
| Other Current Liabilities                |                     |                     |
| 2100 - Payroll Liabilities               | 32,501.74           | 31,469.24           |
| Total Other Current Liabilities          | 32,501.74           | 31,469.24           |
| Total Current Liabilities                | 92,664.37           | 97,338.92           |
| Total Liabilities                        | 92,664.37           | 97,338.92           |
| <b>Equity</b>                            |                     |                     |
| 3000 - Unappropriated Fund Balance       | 2,154,421.82        | 2,154,421.82        |
| 3110 - Fund Balance-Capital Exp. net     | 2,023,200.86        | 2,023,200.86        |
| Net Income                               | (475,999.77)        | (272,233.44)        |
| Total Equity                             | 3,794,028.78        | 4,022,821.28        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>    | <b>3,794,028.78</b> | <b>4,022,821.28</b> |

Chief Seng requested three EA's for the month of August.

|                         |   |          |
|-------------------------|---|----------|
| <b>Home Depot</b>       | Pressure Washer   | \$399.00 |
| <b>MNJ Technologies</b> | Monitor for Engine-Requested 1 at \$460.00, Approved for 2 during meeting at \$920.00 | \$920.00 |
| <b>FedEx/Kinko's</b>    | 5500 Door Hangers for Smoke Detector Program  | \$682.70 |

The existing Pressure Washer will be declared as surplus and sold.

Sarah Cronan motioned to approve the EA's requested, Christine Kesler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Executive Session

None

Sarah Cronan made a motion to adjourn at 12:57PM, Chris Mosser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on August 16, 2012, PRP #6 at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on September 13, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.

Chairman

Secretary



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August 9, 2012, Trustee Meeting:  
letter to Chief Frederick:

August 12, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:

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Colonel Greg Frederick  
1125 W. Jefferson Street  
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August 10, 2012

Colonel Frederick:

Due to the recently published article in the *Courier Journal* concerning the Suburban Fire Service of Metro Louisville, I felt a responsibility as the Fire Chief of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District to point out one piece of misleading information. As you have been aware the St. Matthews Fire Protection District has for many years been willing to cooperate and make automatic responses with Louisville Fire & Rescue, especially in those areas of each other's response districts where either have a closer unit.

As fire professionals, we both know all too well that response times are critical when it comes to life safety. Therefore, as in the past, I am again offering our services into the Louisville Fire & Rescue response areas of Metro Louisville where we can offer quicker response times. I would likewise want Louisville Fire & Rescue to make automatic responses into the areas of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District where Louisville Fire & Rescue has closer units.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime to discuss this in further detail so that we can make this concept a reality. Together, in the spirit of cooperation our community and our citizens will be the ones who will truly benefit from our efforts.

Sincerely,  
  
William J. Berg  
Fire Chief

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### Editorial | Fighting fire with fewer resources

an effort to reduce the number of high-paid chiefs, potentially close redundant firehouses and better distribute equipment and manpower around the county.

Over the last decade, South Dixie, Edgewood and Black Mudd have merged with bigger neighbors when they struggled to balance budgets as revenues fell.

It's hard to imagine all of the existing departments surviving the current economy in which lower property values mean lower revenues for the departments.

Louisville's suburban fire departments are facing a crisis that endangers the community because of petty political posturing by some department leaders who place the protection of their fiefdoms over the protection of their citizens.

With tax dollars growing scarce, the 17 suburban fire districts that were once flush with cash now are struggling to provide the basic services they are charged to offer.

According to a series of stories last week by *The Courier-Journal's* Jessie Halladay, departments are staffing firehouses with fewer fire fighters, they're closing firehouses to save money and they are selling off equipment at firesale prices because they can't afford to staff them any longer.

The loss of revenue is particularly troublesome as the departments have to rely more and more on paid, professional firefighters rather than the volunteers that used to be the backbone of such departments.

But still, some departments are resistant to merger.

Okolona Fire Chief Rich Carlson has produced a study that appears to have

The series also found problems with nepotism on some of the boards of trustees that operate the suburban fire departments and also a potentially deadly situation in which the nearest fire truck isn't always dispatched because of turf battles.

Enough!

A work group led by Louisville Fire Chief Greg Frederick has been studying the idea of merging the suburban departments in

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been created as an argument against merger. It creates a model that assumes much faster response times than the departments have now and assumes doing away with volunteers completely — and then knocks down the idea as too costly.

A merger that would effectively keep response times the same as they are now and keep a hybrid volunteer and professional firefighting corps in suburban Jefferson County would be much less expensive than Carlson's estimate.

Steve Halford, a retired fire chief in Nashville who has worked in both merged and unmerged departments, says that merger does, in fact, save money.

"It's just a no brainer," he told Ms. Halladay. "You don't even have to have a study to know it would be cheaper."

The chiefs need to quit trying to protect their own jobs and fiefdoms and do what is best for those who live and work in their fire protection districts.

Unfortunately, it's unlikely the fire chiefs will back merger on their own.

"As soon as you say the word merger, you see the wall come up," said Harrods Creek Fire Chief Kevin Tyler.

That's where Mayor Greg Fischer comes in.

So far, he has refused to endorse merger and has said only that by the end of his term, he wants to figure out how fire

protection can operate more smoothly.

Mr. Fischer needs to step up and provide leadership now and call for some form of merger — whether it would create a small number of departments around the county or one county-wide department that would save hundreds of thousands of dollars in administrative costs.

Such a merger would take time and efforts to combine departments must start now. But there are things that could be done more quickly to shore up fire protection in Jefferson County in the meantime.

First, the departments' boards of trustees lack proper oversight and are sometimes riddled with nepotism that can lead to waste and corruption. The boys' clubs that traditionally have run the departments have overspent on equipment and on firehouses over the years and are paying for it now.

A planned crackdown on special taxing districts by state Auditor Adam Edelen, hopefully, will root out such problems and

help put the departments on the right course.

Beyond that, the suburban departments must put aside old turf wars and enter into pacts with the Louisville Fire Department to make sure that the closest fire firefighters are always dispatched to fires — something that isn't done now.

Until these issues are resolved, the suburban fire chiefs look a lot the old Roman Emperor Nero — crooning and playing their lyres while your tax dollars go up in smoke.





**NOTE; August 10, STMFD, Lyndon and Harrods Creek held their Picnic/Reunion at St. Matthews Community Center.**

**August 11, 2012 Rekindle/Connection  
STMFD—Lyndon—Harrods Creek**

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August 11, 2012 Rekindle/Connection STMFD—Lyndon—Harrods Creek  
Courtesy Karen Ring:



Keith McBride, Dennis Lange, Al Ring



J. B. Lesher & Doug Monohan



Al Ring & Gar Davis



Margo & Doug Monohan, Marty & Jack Handel, Clarke Fenimore



Margo & Doug Monohan



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August 11, 2012 Rekindle/Connection STMFD—Lyndon—Harrods Creek  
Courtesy Al Ring:



Jack Handel & Jim Graven



2634 making a run



Seagrave pumper owned by J. B. Leshner



Old S2



Old S2



Old S3 owned by Rick Albers, 1935 Ahrens Fox, Louisville Wagon 2, by Leonard Krebs



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August 11, 2012 Rekindle/Connection STMFD—Lyndon—Harrods Creek  
Courtesy Al Ring:



Allan Flood's 1946 Chevrolet



Former 1990 Harrods Creek command car owned by Franklin Florence



George B. Wiggins, former 1954 Louisville FD Engine 17



Russ Rakestraw, Rick Albers, Jack & Marilyn Monohan



Margo & Doug Monohan

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Margo & Doug Monohan, Marty Handel, Karen Ring,  
Jack Handel



Jack & Marilyn Monohan & Brian Martin



Al Haeberlin & Frank Florence



Alice Reising, Jim & Jo Lee McGrath



Ken & Alice Reising, Jim & Jo Lee McGrath



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Courtesy Wiley Brewer



Jack Monohan, early STMFD helmet



8/10/2012 Lunch with the Oldies, Ken Reising, Jack Handel, Russ Rakestraw, Rick Albers, Jack Monohan, Al Ring, Doug Monohan



Jack Handel, Jim Graven, Al Ring Ken Reising



Ken Reising, Al Ring, Jack Handel & Rick Albers



Ken Reising, Doug Monohan, Jack Handel, Jack Monohan, Al Ring, Rick Albers



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The Group



Rick Albers, Al Ring, Jack Handel



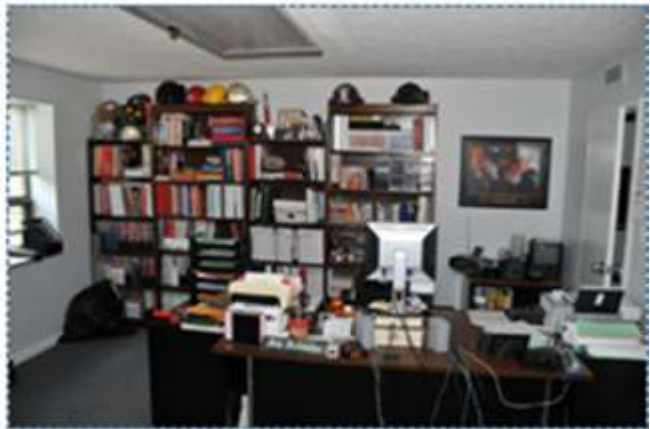
Down stairs classroom



Viewing the firehouse



Viewing the firehouse



Viewing the firehouse

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Viewing the firehouse



Viewing the firehouse



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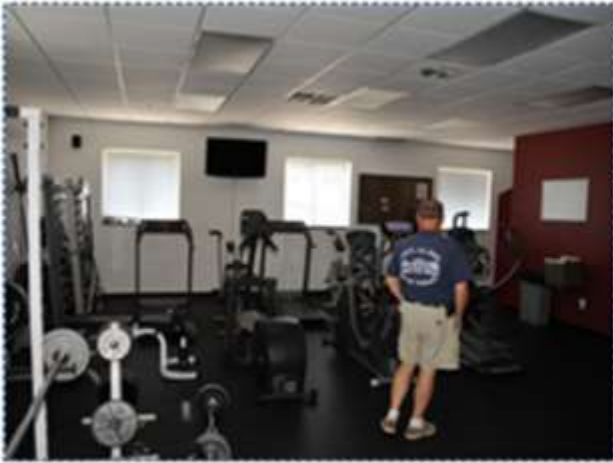


Viewing the firehouse

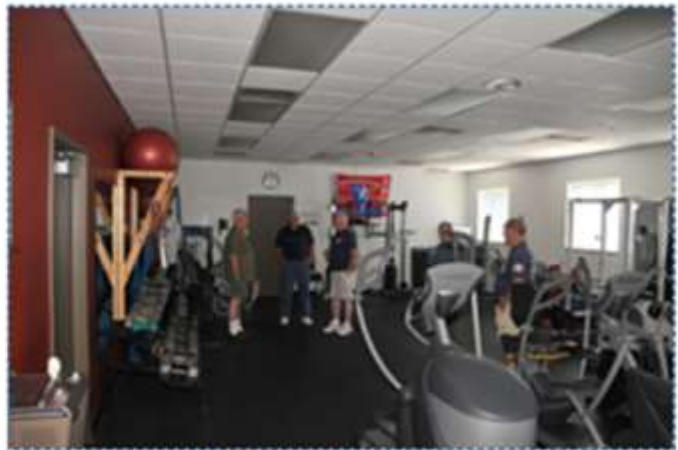


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Viewing the firehouse



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Jack Handel, Doug Monohan, Jack Monohan,  
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Viewing the firehouse



Viewing the firehouse



Xander Johnson



Vivian & Russ Rakestraw & Linda Herosian



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Allan Flood, Lakeview FD car 46



8/11/2012 Rekindle/Connection, Old S3 & XJ



8/11/2012 Rekindle/Connection, Leonard Krebs 1935  
Ahrens Fox & XJ



8/11/2012 Rekindle/Connection, old S2



8/11/2012 Rekindle/Connection, Old Apparatus



Allan Flood, Lakeview FD car 46



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J. B. Lesh, Seagrave Pumper



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Al & Karen Ring on Old S2



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On the right, John & Janet Stich, Russ Rakestraw & Bill Pierce



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Margo & Doug Monohan on Old S2



George B. Wiggins, former Louisville FD Engine 17



J. B. Leiber Seagrave Pumper

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Seagrave pumper owned by J. B. Leshner



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Boz Tabler, Kyle Reagan, Jack Monohan, Cindy Hytken, Rick Albers



John Walling & Al Ring



Barry Munz, Jim Andriot, Doug Monohan, Suzanne & Bill Andriot, Mike Noon



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Margo Monohan, Karen Ring, Jack Monohan & more



Kyle Reagan, Rick Albers & Ken Reising



Jason Handel, Barry Munz & more



Bill Pierce, Clifford Long, John Stich & Nolan Caudill



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Frank Florence, Skip Golden, John Walling & Bill Andriot



Gar Davis, Jenny Haeberlin, Suzanne & Bill Andriot



8/11/2012 Rekindle Connection



Robert Cleveland, Bill Pierce, Gar Davis, Kent Dayton



Clarke Fenimore



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Bill Pierce on left, Robert Cle



Jim Baker, Jim Andriot & J. B. Leiber



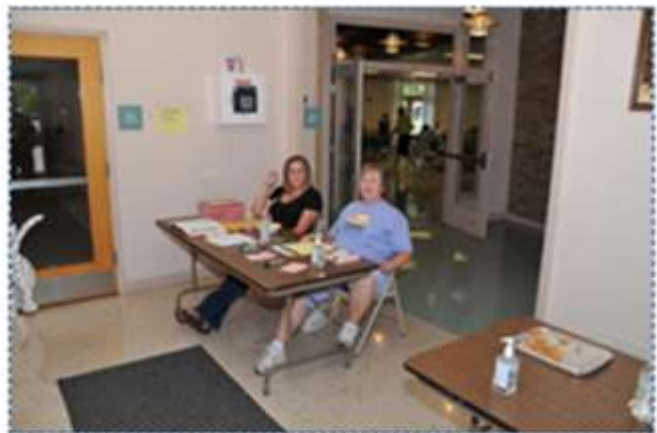
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Rick Albers, S2, Rick Vail & Cindy & Jim Hylken's



8/11/2012 Rekindle Connection



Mariah House & Charlene Johnson



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Bill Pierce, Andy Fuchs, Janet & John Stich



Rich Vail on right



Jenny & Al Haeberlin & Alberta & Clarke Fenimore



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Jack & Marty Handel, Doug Monohan, Karen Ring,  
Margo Monohan & Al Ring



Al & Jenny Haeberlin & Alberta & Clarke Fenimore



Jack Monohan & Kyle Reagan



Bob and his wife and brother Jim Breuzel



ZJ & Robert Cleveland



Al Haeberlin & Jack Monohan

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Dennis Lange, Jim Baker and Bill Pierce in red



8/11/2012 Rekindle/Connection—John Stich on right of table



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8/11/2012 Rekindle/Connection



1990 Crown Victoria Ford from Harrods Creek, owned  
by Franklin Florence



Jim Andriot, John Walling & Mike Noon



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Al Ring getting a point across to Gar Davis



Mariah House



The Hytken's & Steve Florence



Berry Munz & others



Andy Fuchs on left



8/11/2012 Rekindle/Connection



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Doug Monohan & Denny Lange, Marty & Jack Handel



8/11/2012 Rekindle/Connection



Al Ring & Mike Noon



Karen Ring across from Alberta Fenimore



Steve Florence, Jim Hytken, Dave Kamer



Clifford Long, John Stich, Jim Baker & Bill Pierce



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Kent Dayton, ???? , Charlie Hazel & Charlene Johnson



John Kleinstabor on right



Russ Rakestraw, Rick Albers, Jack & Marilyn Monohan



Jim Hytken & Steve Florence, Gary Doyle



David Houxer, John Stich, Clifford Long & Mrs. Long



Jim Jackson & Doug Monohan, Karen Ring

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Brian & Cindy Martin



Cindy & Jim Hytken



Rick Albers, Cindy & Jim Hytken,  
Cindy & Brian Martin



Rick Albers & Jim Hytken at S3



August 17, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:

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Former Trustee Faye P. Ellerkamp

## Faye P. Ellerkamp

### Obituary



ELLERKAMP, FAYE P, of Louisville, passed away Friday, August 17, 2012 at Oaklawn Nursing Home.

She was a native of Greensburg, PA, clerk for the City of Windy Hills for 30 years, member of the Windy Hills City Council, St. Matthews Fire Board, member of the League of Cities, KY Tax Payers Action Group, and Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, George J. Ellerkamp, her parents, Benjamin and Anne Bocker Perkins; and brothers, Ben, Don and Jack Perkins.

Faye is survived by two sons, Greg J. (Kathy) and Gary J. (Ann) Ellerkamp; two grandchildren, Shannon and Kevin Ellerkamp; and special friends Alex Richardson and Tom Chapman.

Her funeral service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Ratterman's, 3711 Lexington Road with entombment at Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Monday.

Memorial donations in Faye's memory may be made to the St. Matthews Fire Department for the Crusade for Children.

### Guest Book

*"When I was a member of the Louisville Board of Aldermen,..."*

- Melissa Mershon

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August 27, 2012, WDRBTV:

### Car crash snaps utility pole, knocks out power in Saint Matthews

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Posted: Aug 27, 2012 6:38 AM MDT

Updated: Aug 27, 2012 8:25 AM MDT



Louisville, Ky. (WDRB) — Power is being restored to a Saint Matthews neighborhood, after a car crash early Monday. Witnesses tell WDRB that the car hit a utility pole on Brunswick Road just before 1 a.m.

The driver reportedly drove a short distance to her home. Witnesses followed her and alerted police. Then the police cruiser investigating the earlier wreck was involved in a second crash at the scene.

Utility crews are working to replace the 40 foot utility pole that was snapped in half. They are working to restore power by 10:30 a.m. in the Beechwood neighborhood off Shelbyville Road.




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August 27, 2012, wave3tv:

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## Woman accused of burning down business back in court

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*Posted: Aug 27, 2012 5:07 PM MDT*

*Updated: Aug 27, 2012 5:07 PM MDT*

By Sarah Eisenmenger - [email](#)

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) – A Louisville woman charged with burning down her business was back in front of a judge Monday afternoon.

Susan Lukjan was convicted of burning down Campbell's Gourmet Cottage and was given shock probation, but she wanted another trial to clear her name – even though she risks going back to prison.

In court Monday, Lukjan's attorney Thomas Clay argued that arson investigators did not follow proper procedures when they combed through the scene of the burnt business. Her attorney argued, "And its more or less the bible for fire investigators. It requires they comply with scientific methods and the witness from California indicated they did not follow the scientific method and therefore the conclusions are unreliable."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Leland Hulbert said Lukjan's case if one of the best investigated cases he has ever seen. The judge delayed hearing more on the challenge in the case until at least September 6.



Susan Lukjan



## Former Windy Hills treasurer was devoted to residents

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Faye Ellerkamp

Written by  
Martha Eason | The  
Courier-Journal

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The first thing Windy Hills City Council member Kate Greer noticed at the memorial service for Faye Ellerkamp last week was a bowl of peppermints beside the guest book.

Ellerkamp, who served for 25 years as the city's clerk and treasurer and another five years on the council, would have liked that.

She always brought candy to the City Council meetings, and Greer briefly carried on the tradition. Ellerkamp even used to take what was left to restaurants to give to the waitress, when some of the council members went out to eat afterward.

"She was one of the most generous people I have met in my life," Greer said.

She would "sweeten us up," added Suzanne Spencer, another council member.

A framed, written tribute from the city honoring Ellerkamp for her years of public service also was displayed at the memorial service at Ratterman funeral home on Lexington Road.

Ellerkamp died Aug. 17 at Oaklawn Health & Rehabilitation Center near Middletown. She had resigned from the City Council in 2010 for health reasons.

The city tribute said she was known and loved by many in the city for her "availability to residents, especially when the city office was in her home," and her willingness to listen to them and work to resolve their problems.

The rent-free home office was in operation for 25 years until 2005, when the city began leasing space in the Summit I office building at Brownsboro Road and Hubbards Lane.

Ellerkamp also was remembered for her civic-mindedness and leadership roles with other organizations, too, including the St. Matthews Fire Protection District board of trustees, Jefferson County League of Cities and the Taxpayers Action Group, a watchdog organization that opposed tax increases that brought her widespread recognition.

Her photo ran on the front page of The Louisville Times in 1980 when she spoke against higher real-estate assessments at a meeting at the Southwest Government Center, and a 1985 Courier-Journal editorial led off with an account of her reluctant opposition to a special tax proposed for the Louisville Free Public Library system.

(Page 2 of 2)

"I hate opposing this," she was quoted as saying, "because our family, we're the greatest book-lovers in the world."

A firefighter's helmet bearing Ellerkamp's name and a 1999 fire board of trustees open house program with her name and picture when she was chairwoman also were displayed at the service. Fire Chief Bill Seng and other firefighters, including St. Matthews City Councilman Stuart Monohan, served as pallbearers.

Seng recalled before the service how Ellerkamp, former state Rep. Susan Stokes, former Windy Hills Mayor Betty Walsh and former Indian Hills Mayor Jeanne Beam lobbied for the St. Matthews fire service to establish its own taxing district and was appointed to the district's first board in 1984 by then-Mayor Harvey Sloane.

Current Indian Hills Mayor Tom Eifler, a former fire board member who took Ellerkamp's place as board chairman in 2006, said she also brought cookies and candy to the board meetings at the fire station on Sears Avenue, which were attended by firefighters.

"She was like a mother to the firefighters," he said.

Ellerkamp was a native of Greensburg, Pa., and had an older brother who was a fire chief in the town of Irvin, said Gary Ellerkamp of Shelbyville, one of her two sons. Serving with the St. Matthews fire service was probably her "favorite" civic endeavor, he said. "She just loved all that."

She also was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Ellerkamp's husband, George J. Ellerkamp, a World War II Navy veteran and retired supervisor for Brown-Forman, died 12 years ago. She also had two grandchildren.

Faye Ellerkamp was a longtime friend, neighbor and government colleague of the late Walsh, who was mayor of Windy Hills for 36 years until she stepped down in 2002. She died in 2006.

Walsh once said in a newspaper interview that a developer called them the "snoopy sisters," because they were always showing up at meetings to find out what was going on.

"They were the talk of the town," Eifler said. "They got more done behind the scenes."

Greg Ellerkamp of St. Regis Park, Ellerkamp's other son, said she believed in bettering society and that things "wouldn't get better if someone didn't take the initiative."

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August 31, 2012, Incident Report:

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (08/01/2012) And (08/31/2012)

| Incident Type   | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss  | Pct of Losses  |
|---|-----------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>1 Fire</b>   |           |                  |                 |                |
| 111 Building fire   | 2         | 1.63%            | \$10,500        | 39.03%         |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire                                  | 4         | 3.27%            | \$16,400        | 60.96%         |
| 143 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire                   | 2         | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 154 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle              | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 1601 Fires involving mulch or landscape                     | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
|   | <b>10</b> | <b>8.19%</b>     | <b>\$26,900</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |
| <b>2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat(no fire)</b> |           |                  |                 |                |
| 251 Excessive heat, scorch burns with no                    | 2         | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
|   | <b>2</b>  | <b>1.63%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b>    |           |                  |                 |                |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                         | 10        | 13.11%           | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 3111 Medical assist, AED applied w/shocks given             | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 3112 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks                  | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 3116 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after               | 7         | 5.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient             | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 331 Lock-in (if lock out , use 311 )                        | 4         | 3.27%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 350 Extrication, rescue, Other                              | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
|   | <b>31</b> | <b>25.40%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                      |           |                  |                 |                |
| 400 Hazardous condition, Other                              | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 410 Combustible/flammable gas/liquid condition,             | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 440 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other:             | 2         | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 441 Heat from short circuit (wiring),                       | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 444 Power line down   | 2         | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                       | 3         | 2.45%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
|   | <b>10</b> | <b>8.19%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                       |           |                  |                 |                |
| 511 Lock-out  | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 554 Assist invalid  | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 561 Unauthorized burning                                    | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup                       | 6         | 4.91%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
|   | <b>9</b>  | <b>7.37%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>   |

St. Matthews Fire Protection District

Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (08/01/2012) And (08/31/2012)

| Incident Type                                  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                      |           |                  |                |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                    | 1         | 3.27%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route            | 22        | 18.03%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch   | 3         | 2.45%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke                 | 2         | 1.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 652 Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be    | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>32</b> | <b>26.22%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>          |           |                  |                |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other           | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false    | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                  | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction    | 3         | 2.45%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to           | 2         | 1.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction    | 3         | 2.45%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 736 CO detector activation due to malfunction  | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 3         | 2.45%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -            | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 2         | 1.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 744 Detector activation, no fire -             | 3         | 1.63%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 5         | 4.91%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>27</b> | <b>22.13%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>9 Special Incident Type</b>                 |           |                  |                |               |
| 900 Special type of incident, Other            | 1         | 0.81%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0.81%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>     | <b>0.00%</b>  |



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September 6, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:

STMFD made many calls in this storm.

## Thunderstorm leaves more than 6,000 without power in Louisville

2:58 AM, Sep 6, 2012 | Comments

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A tree lies atop a car in the 2100 block of Woodbourne Avenue in the Highlands, blocking the street after a storm. Sept. 5, 2012 / Arza Barnett/The Courier-Journal

A severe thunderstorm rumbled through the region Wednesday afternoon, knocking out power for more than 6,000 people in Jefferson County and causing temporary flooding of some Louisville streets.

Lightning strikes from the storm caused two house fires in Jefferson County, said Jody Johnson Duncan, a spokeswoman for MetroSafe Communications. The fires, at 2201 Deveron Drive in Shively and 7007 Windham Parkway in Prospect, were reported between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.

No injuries were reported from the fires.

The storm also caused several blown electrical transformers and knocked down wires around the city, Johnson Duncan said. Two people had to be rescued from their vehicles after driving into high water at South 7th Street and Berry Boulevard.

The Jefferson County Public Schools delayed releasing elementary students while the storm passed through, said Rick Caple, the transportation director.

The weather service issued a severe thunderstorm warning for the storm, which it said was capable of producing damaging winds of more than 60 mph.

The Metropolitan Sewer District, which tracks rainfall closely at several monitors, said that the storm produced 1.25 inches of rain in about 30 minutes, with some areas getting up to a half inch in as little as five minutes.

Water pressure from the storm blew the covers off about 10 manholes, but all MSD storm water and sewer facilities were operating after the storm, said MSD spokesman Steve Tedder. He said a few pumping stations used backup power.

Several trees were reported down in Jeffersonville, the weather service said. A weather spotter also reported a large tree down on a railroad track in Anchorage and another person reported on Facebook that a small car was crushed at Woodbourne Avenue.

More than 6,000 electric customers in Jefferson County were without service at 6 p.m., according to Louisville Gas & Electric. The outages were spread across the county, with the outages tracking the path of the storm.

The weather service also issued a tornado warning for northeastern Shelby County that was in effect until 5:05 p.m. There were no immediate reports of tornadoes.

Reporters Harold Adams, Mark Vanderhoff, Mark Boxley and James Bruggers contributed to this report.

## Three people injured in St. Matthews hotel fire

9:32 AM, Sep 7, 2012 | [Comments](#)

A firefighter was injured and two people were treated for smoke inhalation early Friday after a fire in the restroom of the Extended Stay America hotel in St. Matthews, St. Matthews Fire Chief Bill Seng said.

The firefighter received a head trauma while fighting the fire and was transported to Baptist East.

One of the people was transported to nearby Norton Suburban Hospital; the other was treated at the scene, Seng said.

The injuries were not life-threatening.

About 30 rooms of the hotel, at 1401 Browns Lane, were occupied, and the occupants will likely be displaced, Seng said.

The fire did not reach beyond a first-floor restroom, but caused heavy smoke throughout the hotel's three floors, he said.

The fire was reported at 5:20 a.m., the MetroSafe supervisor said.

Firefighters had the blaze under control by 6 a.m., Seng said.

The Louisville Metro Arson Squad is investigating, Seng said. The fire did not appear suspicious, he added.

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Courtesy Rick Tonini, PIO and Chairman of STMFD:

2631 and 2658 dispatched on alarm sounding @5:17am. Almost immediately a second dispatch including 2659 and 5532 for structure fire. 2631 crossed over I-64 with smoke showing and working fire. The smoke was on the back of the building many of the occupants were already standing in parking lot. There was pretty heavy smoke on the first floor and less but still significant amount of smoke on 2 and 3. The fire was contained to a wall in the rear. This fire generated lots of smoke and we had to make sure no one was still in the rooms. We forced the doors on many rooms. We did find people still in the rooms and had two complaining with smoke inhalation. One was transported to Suburban Hospital but the other refused. The fire was smaller than it could have been had a water pipe joint had not come un-sweated by the heat and helped reduced the spread of the fire. The big push was making sure all were evacuated from the structure. The occupants were not allowed to remain in the building until plumbers and electricians made the building safe.


FF Rickie Tapp (STMFD) was injured very late in the in the process. He and another FF were trying to open a roof hatch type door that opened inward into the structure. The door was made of very heavy gauge steel and when the locks broke the door swing downward. FF Tapp was on a ladder when the door struck him in the head knocking him silly for a short while. I visited Rickie at Baptist Hosp. and although he was being thought of as ok he was having some scans before cutting him loose.

Cleared scene around 8:am

Rick Tonini



## 2 treated after fire at St. Matthews hotel

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Posted: Sep 07, 2012 4:01 AM MDT

Updated: Sep 07, 2012 6:05 AM MDT

By Christi Reynard - [email](#)  
and Charles Gazaway - [email](#)

ST. MATTHEWS, KY (WAVE) – An early morning fire at a hotel in St. Matthews has been extinguished and investigators are trying to determine how it started.

According to MetroSafe dispatch, the 911 call came in at 5:19 a.m. reporting a fire on the first floor of the Extended Stay America Hotel at 1401 Browns Lane.

Crews from several departments responded to the alarm.

Investigators say the fire started in the wall of a room on the first floor and created a lot of smoke. Firefighters say as smoke spread to the second and third floors, they decided to evacuate the entire building.

One person was taken to the hospital with smoke inhalation. No word has been released on their condition. Another person refused treatment at the scene. A firefighter was also taken to the hospital after an overhead access door hit his head.

Guests at the hotel were being taken one by one to their rooms to get items they may need. At this time it is unknown if they will be allowed to stay at the hotel tonight.



## Firefighter, guest suffer minor injuries after fire breaks out at hotel



by Amy Stallings

WHAS11.com  
Posted on September 7, 2012 at 6:04 AM  
Updated today at 9:18 AM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11) -- Two people were slightly injured Friday morning after a fire broke out just after 5 at the Extended Stay America hotel on Browns Lane.

Officials said a firefighter and a guest suffered minor injuries. The guest was taken to Norton Suburban Hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation. It was reported the firefighter was struck in the face while working the fire and was taken to the hospital to be checked for a possible concussion.

The fire started in a wall on the first floor and spread, firefighters said, filling all three levels with smoke. They also said the flames caused a pipe to burst and that helped to extinguish the fire.

While firefighters said they know where the fire started, they aren't not sure at this time what caused the fire.

We will have more about this developing story coming up on WHAS11 News at Noon.

### Gallery





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## September 10, 2012, Chief's Letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Song  
Date: September 10, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The August Trustees meeting in this Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Torini or myself if you are unable to attend.

Last Friday we had a small fire at the Extended Stay America located on Browns Lane. Although the fire was contained to one small area of a first floor restroom, it caused a lot of smoke and water damage to the entire three story structure. All of the residents were relocated to other properties in the Louisville area for several days. At this time the first floor residents are still unable to move back in and may not be able to for another week or so. The fire has been determined to be suspicious in nature. I will keep you posted as things develop.

The second trial of Ms. Susan Lukjan has been rescheduled to June 2013. If you remember Ms. Lukjan is the person who was convicted in July 2010 for burning her business, Campbell's Goumen Cottage, in August 2006. In January 2012, the Kentucky State Court of Appeals overturned Ms. Lukjan conviction and ordered a new trial.

The 2011-2012 Audit is complete and will be presented to the Board at the Thursday meeting.

Enclosed is one EA for your review.

### District Updates for August 2012

#### Apparatus:

2631: Spent several weeks at Louisville Fire's repair facility for many minor issues.  
2658: Replaced a turn signal assembly.  
2614: Had engine repair work done at Bill Collins Ford.  
2659: Replaced several LED marker lights.

#### Facilities:

Station one needed a plumber to clean out several drain lines from the second floor.  
Looking into office space at Station 1 to see if several areas can be better utilized.  
Pricing the replacement of two bathroom vanities for Station 2.  
Sold surplus hot water pressure washer on eBay for \$455.

#### Inspections:

Existing inspections: 85

#### New Construction Updates:

Cinemark Movie Theatre: General Contractor has been hired, construction to start soon.  
Tin Roof Bar/Restaurant: Kitchen hood test and final inspection completed.  
Heine Brother: Construction on the Shelbyville Road store has started.  
Kroger Gas Station: Permits applied for, construction starting soon.  
Jamestown Apt. Clubhouse: Permits have been applied for. Start date has not been set.

#### Training:

Current Staffing Levels  
Paid - 30

Volunteer - 7 (5 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls)

General FD Training (4 weeks / 13 classes / 3 hours per class / 39 total hours of training)

8/6 - 8/8 Company Officer Week 5 @ Harrods Creek Station 1.  
8/13 - 8/15 Company Officer Week 6 @ St. Matthews Station 2.  
8/21 - 8/24 Volunteer Training and EMT Continuing Education  
8/27 - 8/29 Company Officer Week 7 @ Harrods Creek Station 1.

#### Special Topics / Notes

IFSAC Company Officer 1 - the joint training program was started with Harrods Creek on June 25. The St. Matthews Fire District has 4 personnel per shift participating in the program. The program will be completed the first week of October with the IFSAC Test.

Captains Testing Process - a draft of the content for the Captains test has been completed. With necessary reviews and approval, testing should hopefully take place sometime in Mid-November.

St. Matthews Police Department SRT TEMS program: progress continues to be made with this joint effort. Finalized copy of the St. Matthews TEMS SOP was emailed out to the departments and reviewed with all members.

Active Shooter Drill at BHHE - planning is currently underway for a Multi-Agency Active Shooter Drill at Baptist Hospital East which will take place Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6am.

Tim Sendelbach's Presentation is scheduled for Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 5pm.

#### Fire Prevention:

We participated in seven public events in the month of August.

- Participated in the Maryhill Estates Picnic.
- Participated in the Holy Spirit water day.
- Participated in the Holy Trinity water day.
- Hosted several birthday parties.
- Hosted the antique truck club meeting.
- Participated in the St. Matthews United Methodist Church block party.
- Provided a fire truck ride for the Make a Wish Foundation.

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## Three people rescued from apartment fire, LMPD officer injured

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Flames shoot through the roof of an apartment building on Hill Park Way Wednesday morning. / Mark Boxley | The Courier-Journal



## Three people rescued from apartment fire, LMPD officer injured

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At least three people were rescued from an apartment fire Wednesday morning that also sent a Louisville Metro police officer and a 1-month-old baby to the hospital.

The fire was reported at 10:42 a.m. at the Churchill Park Apartments at 7218 Hill Park Way.

Written by  
The Courier-Journal

Louisville Metro Arson and Louisville Metro Police investigators are on the scene.

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A resident, JoAnn Simpson, said she heard a loud boom just before the fire broke out in another first-floor apartment.

Simpson said she and her husband, Lawrence, were trapped inside their apartment when they were rescued by another resident, Tyler Dixon, and his friend, Eric Durbin.

"I know it was a miracle," Simpson said. "God bless them."

Simpson said she and her husband "lost everything we had."

"What are we going to do?" she asked.



Raw video: Hike Point apartment fire scene. Raw video: Hike Point apartment fire scene



Apartment fire at 7218 Hill Park Way. / Aaron Borton/Special to The Courier-Journal

Durbin said he and Dixon had trouble opening the window to the Simpsons' apartment, so he took off his shirt, wrapped it around his fist and broke the window. "I don't think I was a hero," he said. "I just did what I guess anyone else would do."

Durbin also hopped a fence to retrieve a ladder to rescue another resident from her second-floor apartment.

"I was in the wrong place at the wrong time, but the right place to help," he said.

The Louisville Metro Police officer was among the first responders and suffered from smoke inhalation while trying to warn people at the apartment, said Alicia Smiley, a police spokeswoman.

The officer was transported to Baptist Hospital East, Smiley said. The officer's condition was not immediately known.

A Louisville police officer, who was one of the first emergency personnel on the scene, was treated for smoke inhalation and taken to the hospital, said Pat Walsh, the chief of the McMahan fire department, which was the lead agency fighting the fire. The department was assisted by firefighters from St. Matthews, Jeffersontown and Lyndon.


Dixon said his baby was taken to Baptist East Hospital as a precaution but appeared to be OK. One other person was taken to the hospital as a result of the fire, Walsh said.

There will be eight to 10 families displaced because of damage done by the fire, which he called "pretty significant."

McMahan Fire Chief Pat Walsh said the fire appeared to have started in a first-floor apartment. McMahan Fire was the lead agency, with assistance by firefighters from St. Matthews, Jeffersontown and Lyndon.

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## Fire at Hikes Point apartment complex

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*Posted: Sep 12, 2012 9:20 AM MDT*

*Updated: Sep 12, 2012 11:29 AM MDT*

By Charles Gazaway - email

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) – Firefighters had to rescue several people at the scene of an apartment fire in the Hikes Point area.

Firefighters were called to the 7300 block of Hill Park Way in the Churchill Park Apartments around 10:45 a.m. According to Col. Pat Walsh, chief of the McMahan Fire Protection District, when firefighters arrived they found heavy fire and smoke coming from the building.

Walsh said firefighters found two people during an initial search of the building and brought them out.

Walsh tells WAVE 3 that several people were taken to the hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation. At least two others were treated at the scene by Metro EMS and declined to go to the hospital. Three others were still being treated at the scene.

One of those being treated for smoke inhalation was a police officer who Walsh said was first on the scene. The officer knocked on doors to alert residents to the fire.

Walsh said the fire appears to have started in the rear of the apartment on the first floor and spread fast through the roof. One the flames broke through the roof, Walsh said firefighters were evacuated from the building.

Walsh estimated 10 to 12 units in the apartment complex were damaged by, fire, smoke, or water.

In addition to McMahan, firefighters from St. Matthews, Jeffersontown and Lyndon worked to put out the fire.

We will continue to follow developments in this breaking story on air, online at [wave3.com](http://wave3.com) and on mobile with the free [WAVE 3 mobile app](#).



Fire crews on the scene of the fire



Firefighters attack the flames with an aerial stream of water.



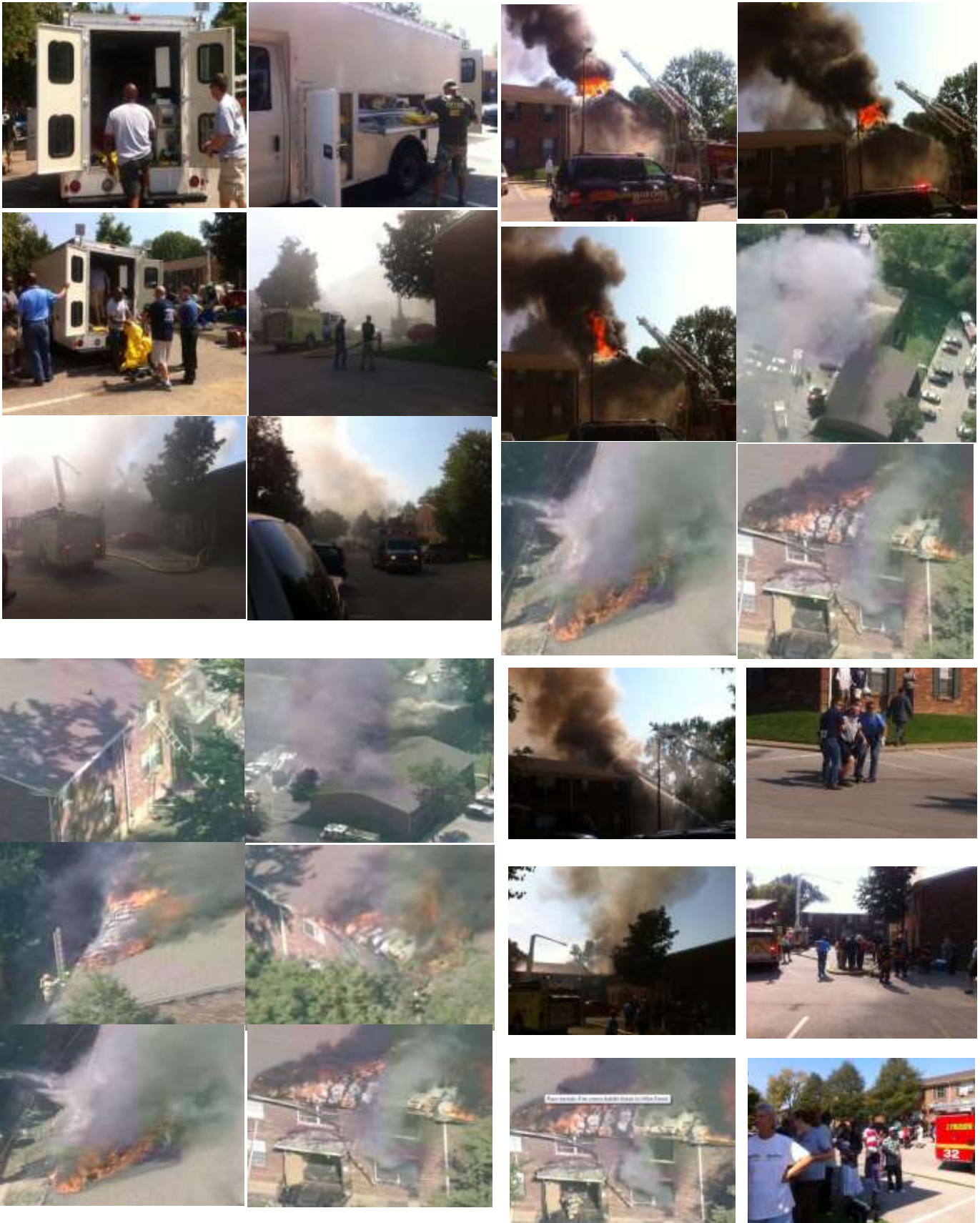
More of the attack on the flames with an aerial stream.





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## Fire crews battle blaze at Hikes Point apartment complex

3 taken to hospital for treatment

UPDATED 2:19 PM EDT Sep 12, 2012

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Several fire crews responded to an apartment blaze in Hikes Point on Hill Park Way Wednesday morning.

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The fire broke out at the Churchill Park Apartments about 10:45 a.m. Crews from McMahan, Jeffersontown, St. Matthews, Lyndon and West Buechel responded to the scene.

Fire officials said flames from one unit spread to the attic and engulfed the building.

Officials said it's likely the entire building is a loss and eight units are affected.



Raw aerials: Fire crews battle blaze in Hike Point

Three people were taken to the hospital, including a Louisville Metro Police officer. The officer was treated for smoke inhalation.

At one point, fire crews had to back out of the building and go on the defensive. It took crews about 30 minutes to get the fire under control. They are now waiting to go inside for the investigation.

Officials have not determined the cause of the fire. Neighbors said they suspect it was related to meth, but firefighters said initial



### SLIDESHOW: Several injured in fire at Churchill Park Apartments

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Posted: Sep 12, 2012 2:22 AM EDT  
Updated: Sep 12, 2012 1:29 PM EDT



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) — Three people — including one police officer — were injured after firefighters responded to an apartment fire in Hikes Point, Ky., Wednesday morning.

The fire broke out at the Churchill Park apartments, near the intersection of Breckinridge Lane and Hikes Lane late Wednesday morning.

The flames originated in a building in the corner of the complex and involved eight units. All eight units were destroyed. Three people had to be rescued — including a woman who told WDRB News her neighbor had to practically break down the door to get her out.

Three people were transported to the hospital, including one police officer who may have been suffering from smoke inhalation. We've told none of the injuries were serious.

#### [SLIDESHOW: CHURCHILL PARK APARTMENT FIRE]

Police say eight people were treated at the scene.

The McMahan Fire Department, as well as fire departments from Lyndon and Jeffersontown, responded.

The cause of the fire has not been confirmed, but the police meth lab team was also investigating.

We'll have the latest coming up on WDRB News at 4.





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# September 13, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
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*Learn Not  
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Minutes of Meeting of  
Trustees of St. Matthews Fire  
Protection District

September 13, 2012

**ST. MATTHEWS**  
**Fire Protection District**  
240 Sears Avenue  
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Robert Tonini, Chairman  
Christine Kesler, Treasurer  
Sam McCune, Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Chris J. Mooser  
Bill Lowdenback  
Greg Crabb  
Sarah Cronan

**William J. Seng**  
**Fire Chief**

Trustee Meeting Agenda  
September 13, 2012  
Noon

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. Audit Report
- IV. Treasurer's Report
  - a) Financial Summary Report
  - b) District Certification
- V. Fire Department Operations-Chief Seng
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Executive Session- If needed.
- IX. The next KCSF meeting will be held on October 18, 2012 at St. Matthews, Station 1 at 7:00 PM
- X. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on October 11, 2012-Thursday at Noon

## New Business

Bill Lowdenback suggested that the district develop a 5 year projection of where the district will be in the future for long range planning purposes.  
The October Board meeting has been changed to October 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. The November Board meeting has been changed to November 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. The Prime Rib Dinner will be December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Executive Session

None.

Bill Lowdenback made a motion to adjourn at 1:22 PM, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on October 18, 2012, St. Matthews, Station 1 at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on October 16, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.

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Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on September 13, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Bill Lowdenback, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Sam McCune, Chris Mooser and Sarah Cronan. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Major Dugan, Robin Roberts, Jordan Davis, Jim Tencza, and Travis Thomas.

## Minutes

Sam McCune motioned to approve the minutes of the August meeting, Christine Kesler seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## Audit Review

Jim Tencza and Travis Thomas from Dean Dorton Allen Ford gave the fiscal year 2012 audit review. Travis Thomas went over the highlights of the audit and stated that a clean opinion was provided by Dean Dorton Allen Ford based on the Government Auditing Standards. The firm stated that St. Matthews Fire District maintained a healthy balance sheet, with a compliment to the board for on target budgeting of finances.

There were no issues with non-compliance, weaknesses or fraud. DDAF noted that only significant estimates used on the financial statements are the useful life of Capital Assets and note any health claims that will occur in current fiscal year.

The Board spoke about re-bidding the annual financial audit.

## Treasurer's Report

Christine Kesler gave the monthly Treasurer's report. Christine stated that the district received \$9,200.00 in Delinquent Taxes from the last fiscal year. She also noted the negative wages in the Workers Compensation account are actually gross wages that were credited back to the account from an injured firefighter being off duty. The proceeds from the sale of the surplus pressure washer, that was approved last month, were \$455.00.

Christine Kesler motioned to approve the financials, Bill Lowdenback seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Seng presented the District Certification to the Board for approval. This report is filed every year in the Courier Journal.

Chris Mooser motioned to approve the District Certification, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that there was a recent fire at Regency Suites on Browns Lane. One firefighter sustained an injury to his tooth during overhaul of the fire scene; however no time from work was lost.

Chief reported that the Susan Lukjan trial has been postponed until June 2013. Chief will keep the Board up to date on the progress of the trial.

Chief reported that Verizon will be relocating some of the cell tower equipment on the existing tower at Station 2. The district has received back-pay since that dated back to the original installation of the equipment several months ago.

Chief Seng reported back to the Board concerning using Google Mail for the district's email. This product was not cost effective for the district.

Chief Seng reported that Captain Wolfe recently wrote a grant for the purchase of a Fire Extinguisher Training Program. The district was awarded the grant and will receive funds from FEMA toward the purchase of the training system. The total cost of the system will be \$6,668.19 and the district will be responsible for approximately \$1,000.00 of the purchase.

Chief Seng requested two EA's for the month of September.

|                 |  |            |
|-----------------|--|------------|
| <b>Bullex</b>   | Fire Extinguisher Training             | \$6,668.19 |
| <b>Best Buy</b> | Replacement Computer for Training Room | \$750.00   |

Sarah Cronan motioned to approve the EA's requested, Chris Mooser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## Old Business

None

2012

September 13, 2012, Trustee Meeting:

September 30, 2012, Incident Report:

1:01 PM  
10/11/12  
Annual Basis

St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Balance Sheet  
As of September 30, 2012

|  | Sep 30, 12          | Aug 31, 12          |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                     |                     |
| Current Assets                           |                     |                     |
| Checking/Savings                         |                     |                     |
| 1000 - Commonwealth Bank & Trust Check   | 184,634.34          | 174,403.07          |
| 1001 - HRA Account-Commonwealth Bank     | 2,503.00            | 2,500.00            |
| 1013 - CB&T CD 1.55% (mat. 3/16/13)      | 0.00                | 221,723.06          |
| 1015 - CB&T CD 1.0% (mat. 1/13/14)       | 1,363,999.02        | 1,362,797.92        |
| Total Checking/Savings                   | 1,531,129.36        | 1,761,423.15        |
| Accounts Receivable                      |                     |                     |
| 1201 - Accounts Receivables              | 7.00                | 7.00                |
| Total Accounts Receivable                | 7.00                | 7.00                |
| Total Current Assets                     | 1,531,137.28        | 1,761,431.05        |
| Fixed Assets                             |                     |                     |
| 1810 - Building Station 1                | 1,364,343.85        | 1,364,343.85        |
| 1812 - Building Station 2                | 816,534.17          | 816,534.17          |
| 1820 - Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment | 618,400.38          | 618,400.38          |
| 1825 - Major Firefighting Apparatus      | 2,300,398.63        | 2,300,398.63        |
| 1830 - Light Duty Firefighting Apparatus | 63,043.00           | 63,043.00           |
| 1835 - Autos                             | 208,050.31          | 208,050.31          |
| 1899 - Accumulated Depreciation          | -3,351,368.48       | -3,351,368.48       |
| Total Fixed Assets                       | 2,023,293.86        | 2,023,293.86        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b>3,554,431.12</b> | <b>3,784,724.91</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>          |                     |                     |
| Liabilities                              |                     |                     |
| Current Liabilities                      |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable                         |                     |                     |
| 2000 - Accounts Payable                  | 45,877.86           | 65,686.74           |
| Total Accounts Payable                   | 45,877.86           | 65,686.74           |
| Other Current Liabilities                |                     |                     |
| 2100 - Payroll Liabilities               | 31,601.67           | 32,501.74           |
| Total Other Current Liabilities          | 31,601.67           | 32,501.74           |
| Total Current Liabilities                | 77,479.33           | 98,188.48           |
| Total Liabilities                        | 77,479.33           | 98,188.48           |
| Equity                                   |                     |                     |
| 3100 - Unappropriated Fund Balance       | 2,154,421.82        | 2,154,421.82        |
| 3110 - Fund Balance-Capital Exp, net     | 2,023,293.86        | 2,023,293.86        |
| Net Income                               | -700,783.56         | -491,170.35         |
| Total Equity                             | 3,476,951.79        | 3,686,536.43        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>    | <b>3,554,431.12</b> | <b>3,784,724.91</b> |

St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (09/01/2012) And (09/30/2012)

| Incident Type  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
|  | 2     | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 2     | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |       |                  |                 |               |
| 111 Building Fire  | 1     | 0.81%            | \$150,000       | 94.71%        |
| 113 Cooking fire, confined to container                  | 1     | 0.81%            | 40              | 0.00%         |
| 131 Passenger vehicle fire                               | 4     | 3.27%            | \$5,100         | 3.29%         |
| 1401 Fire involving mulch or landscape                   | 1     | 0.81%            | 80              | 0.00%         |
|  | 7     | 5.73%            | \$155,120       | 100.00%       |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |       |                  |                 |               |
| 211 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 9     | 5.73%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 2111 Medical assist, ASD applied w/shocks given          | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 2112 Medical assist, ASD applied no shocks               | 2     | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 2116 Medical assist, immobilized by squad after          | 3     | 2.45%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 2117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patients         | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 222 Motor vehicle accident with injuries                 | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 331 Lock-in (if lock out - use 311)                      | 2     | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 17    | 13.33%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |       |                  |                 |               |
| 411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill             | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                        | 2     | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 460 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other           | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 461 Rust from short circuit (wiring)                     | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 462 Overheated motor                                     | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 464 Power line down                                      | 4     | 3.27%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 465 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment                 | 2     | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 493 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 8     | 6.32%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 18    | 14.73%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |       |                  |                 |               |
| 510 Person in Distress, Other                            | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 520 Water problem, Other                                 | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 552 Police matter  | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 591 Crew assignment, standby, sweep                      | 6     | 4.91%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |

St. Matthews Fire Protection District  
Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)

Alarm Date Between (09/01/2012) And (09/30/2012)

| Incident Type                                  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                          |       |                  |                 |               |
|  | 9     | 7.37%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                      |       |                  |                 |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                    | 6     | 4.91%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route            | 16    | 12.11%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch   | 3     | 2.45%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 650 Brawl, Other gas mistaken for smoke, Other | 2     | 1.63%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 27    | 22.13%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>          |       |                  |                 |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other           | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 720 System malfunction, Other                  | 5     | 4.09%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction    | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to           | 4     | 3.27%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction    | 5     | 4.09%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 736 CO detector activation due to malfunction  | 3     | 2.45%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 740 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other | 8     | 6.35%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -            | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -       | 8     | 6.35%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -         | 5     | 4.09%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 41    | 33.60%           | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| <b>8 Severe Weather &amp; Natural Disaster</b> |       |                  |                 |               |
| 815 Severe weather or natural disaster standby | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | 1     | 0.81%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |



2012

October 4, 2012, Charles W. "Bud" Rohmann former STMFD firefighter died:



## Charles "Bud" Rohmann

### Obituary



ROHMANN, CHARLES "BUD," passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 4, 2012 in Tualatin, OR, where he had been living to be close to his daughter and her family. He was born on November 30, 1925.

Bud served his country in the Air Force. He was most proud of his time fighting fires for Lyndon and St. Matthews Fire Departments. He was co-owner of C&R Graphic Plate Service.

Bud's funeral Mass will be noon on October 20, 2012 at St. Aloysius Chapel in Pewee Valley. Bud loved the UofL Cards. If you are a fan, please wear your gear in his honor. The family will be at the chapel at 11:30 a.m. to receive guests.

Bud is survived by his daughter, Donna Rentfro (Rick); and grandchildren, Brad and Kelly Rentfro.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Aloysius for Masses for Bud or the Humane Society.

### Guest Book

*Be the first to share your memories or express your condolences in the Guest Book for Charles "Bud" Rohmann.*

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October 7, 2012, WAVE3TV & WHAS:

## Crews battling apartment fire in St. Matthews

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Posted Oct 07, 2012 2:57 PM EDT  
Updated Oct 07, 2012 2:57 PM EDT

By Heather Smith - email

LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) -- Emergency crews are on the scene of an apartment fire in St. Matthews.

According to MetroSafe, the fire started around 4:30 Sunday afternoon in the 8000 block of Lake Avenue near Westport Village.

We have a crew on the way to the scene and we will continue to follow developments in this breaking story on air, online at [wave3.com](http://wave3.com) and on mobile with the free WAVE 3 mobile app.



## Crews on the scene of St. Matthews apartment fire



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by WHAS11

WHAS11.com  
Posted on October 7, 2012 at 4:57 PM  
Updated today at 5:05 PM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11) -- Several fire crew are on the scene of an apartment fire at 8115 Lake Avenue near Westport Village in St. Matthews.

The fire was reported around 4:30 and the building was evacuated around 4:45 Sunday evening.

WHAS11 has a crew on the way to the scene. We will bring you more information as it becomes available.

### Sunday evening apartment fire



2012

Lyndon, STMFD, Middletown & Worthington  
October 7, 2012, *The Courier-Journal*:

## Fire displaces 23 from Lyndon apartment complex

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A blaze at Lyndon apartment complex drove at least 23 people from their homes on Sunday.

No injuries were reported at the Westbury Harbor Apartments, in the 8100 block of Lake Avenue, and residents were able to leave their units safely.

The fire started sometime after 4 p.m. in a third-floor apartment and spread quickly into a roof which eventually collapsed, said Maj. David Howser of the Lyndon Fire Department.

The fire remains under investigation, but residents were told they were not allowed on the premises until the apartment owners and contractors could survey the damage, Howser said.

Two of the apartment's 12 units were heavily damaged, and six more sustained water damage. All had heavy smoke damage, he said. It took firefighters more than a half hour to get the blaze under control.

Howser said the Red Cross was expected on the scene late Sunday night to assist residents who need temporary housing.

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October 7, 2012, WAVE3TV:

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## Dozens displaced after Louisville apartment fire

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Posted: Oct 07, 2012 2:57 PM MDT  
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By Heather Smith - email  
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Part of the roof is gone after the fire.

"I heard everybody screaming and then all of a sudden, I saw smoke," said James Ewing, who lives in the apartment building.

Ewing and his brother were inside his 3rd floor apartment.

"I opened the door. The hallway was full of smoke," He said.

Ewing says his brother knocked on someone's door, telling everyone to get out.

"All of a sudden, we looked, came outside and there was flames shooting out of the roof," Ewing said.

Major David Howser, with the Lyndon fire department, said the fire was under control by 5:05pm. From the outside, Howser said it appears the fire began in apartment 11 on the 3rd floor and got into the attic. No one was in the apartment at the time. At least 1 unit was destroyed.

"There will be water damage throughout since the fire was on the 3rd floor," Howser said. "When we went defensive, we had to put big arrow ladders up to put the fire out. It puts out 1,000 gallons a minute."

Shauntay Todd had just gotten off work and pulled into the parking lot.

"Oh my gosh, Fear!" she said.

Her building was on fire.

"From the looks of the hole, definitely smoke damage," said Todd. "Definitely water damage to everything I have."

No one was injured in the fire.

"It was pretty scary," Ewing said.

It was a scary situation that is still hard to process.

"I probably lost everything I own. I have some clothes, but I am missing my shoes," Ewing said with a laugh as he looked down and lifted one of his feet wearing white socks. "I guess I could've grabbed my shoes."

The fire left people like Ewing and Todd to wonder...what's next?

"That's a good question. I'm not sure. I lost everything I have," Ewing said. "I'm going to have to find a place to stay, I guess with some family or something."

Todd said "I guess just a lot of prayer."

The cause of that fire is under investigation.



Part of the roof is gone after the fire.

October 7, 2012, WHASTV:

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## Apartment fire displaces 24 people



by WHAS11

WHAS11.com  
Posted on October 7, 2012 at 4:57 PM  
Updated today at 8:00 AM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WHAS11) – Fire crews were called to the scene of an apartment fire at 8115 Lake Avenue in the Lyndon neighborhood of Louisville. The fire was reported around 4:30 and the building was evacuated around 4:45 Sunday evening.

We are told the fire started in a unit on the third floor of the Westbury Harbor Apartment Complex. Fire officials are not sure what room the fire started in, but they say it spread to the attic causing the roof to collapse.

Brianna Goldsmith lives two floors below where the fire started. She says people were running and screaming from the building as they evacuated.

"I looked upstairs...there's flames busting out of the windows. People beating on doors saying, 'come on, come on there's a fire,'" said Goldsmith.

David Ewing lives in the unit next to where the fire started. He was home with his kids, brother and nephew when he smelled smoke.

"I thought somebody was burning something on the stove, you know burning some food. I went and I got everybody in the back and ran and knocked on all the doors. Smoke started blowing out of the building," said Ewing.

Three fire crews responded to the blaze that left 24 people displaced. Major David Howser tells WHAS11 no one was home in the apartment where the fire started. Howser says fire investigators were on the scene but it is too early to tell what may have started the blaze.

At least one unit has been destroyed by the fire and 12 other units were affected. No one was injured.

The Red Cross is helping the displaced families.

### Related:

- New Albany blaze recent string of fire in Kentuckiana
- Fire officials caution after recent string of fires

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### Sunday evening apartment fire



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October 7, 2012, Courtesy Wiley Brewer:

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## October 15, 2012, Chief's Letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: October 15, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The October Trustees meeting is this Thursday October 18th at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

Please see the enclosed documents or two attachments for you digital people, concerning Open Records and "Your Duty Under the Law". You don't have to have them read by this Thursday but I will have a document for you to sign that states that you have received copies of them. This is something new coming out of the Mayor's Office this year.

Firefighter Kevin Moulton is still off duty because of his on duty injury and is currently scheduled to return back to work around Thanksgiving. He has been off duty since April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Firefighter Nick Heilmann has announced his engagement but has not set a specific date yet for the wedding.

Firefighter Mike Frantz has announced that he and his wife are expecting their fourth child sometime around early April.

### District Updates for September 2012

#### Apparatus:

2602 had new brakes installed and a front end alignment.  
2614 had front driving light headlamp replace.  
2631 had to have all new rear leaf springs installed.  
2633 went to LFD for annual maintenance work.  
2634 had several issues repaired this month, pump drain, tank to pump valve, and intake valve.  
2658 inspected and tested all 5" supply line.  
All portable radios have been realigned and checked by MetroSafe technicians for functionality.

#### Facilities:

The Cell Tower project is moving along as planned at Station 2.

#### Inspections:

Existing inspections: 100

#### New Construction Updates:

|                       |                      |                               |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Heine Brothers Coffee | 4311 U.S. 60         | Currently under construction. |
| Pawn Shop             | 4238 U.S. 60         | Currently under construction. |
| Beverage Warehouse    | 4238 U.S. 60         | Installing a drive-thru.      |
| Verizon Cellular      | 4169 U.S. 60         | Currently under construction. |
| Norton Hospital       | 4001 Dutchman's      | Major renovation.             |
| Anytime fitness       | 291 N. Hubbard's Ln. | Currently being remodeled.    |
| Kroger Fuel           | 296 Hubbard's Ln.    | Site work has started.        |

After many years of pre-planning the old Smith's furniture at 4310 Shelbyville Road is being fitted for a sprinkler system. The new tenant, Century Entertainment is putting in a new fire alarm as well as a NFPA 13 moistened sprinkler system.

#### Training:

Current Staffing Levels  
Paid - 20

Volunteer - 7 (5 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls)

No other report this month.

#### Fire Prevention:

The Fire District participated in seven public education events in September.

Hosted one birthday party.  
Participated in a water day at Second Presbyterian Preschool.  
Participated in a health fair at Chenoweth Elementary School.  
Hosted a Cub Scout group from Beargrass Christian Church.  
Participated in an open house at Hwang's Martial Arts studio.  
Participated in a neighborhood picnic in Beechwood Village.  
Participated in a neighborhood picnic in Richlawn.

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Sam McCune, Secretary

**William J. Seng**  
**Fire Chief**

Trustees Meeting Agenda

October 18, 2012

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chris J. Mosser  
Bill Lowdenback  
Greg Crabb  
Sarah Cronan

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. Treasurer Report
- IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Executive Session-if needed.
- VIII. The next JCSFS Trustee meeting will be held on October 18, 2012 at St. Matthews Station #1 at 7:00PM
- IX. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on November 19, 2012-Monday at Noon

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

October 18, 2012

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on October 18, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Bill Lowdenback, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Sam McCune, Chris Mosser and Sarah Cronan. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monahan, Mike Frantz, Mike Abeil, Joe Wolfe and Jordan Davis.

#### Minutes

Sam McCune motioned to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Christine Kesler seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

Christine Kesler gave the monthly Treasurer's report. Christine reported there was a \$200,000 transfer in September to cover general expenses and there has been another transfer of \$200,000 in October. Christine reported that the budget looks good for the month and credited the Chief and staff for keeping operation costs at a minimum.

Christine presented a five year financial projection spreadsheet for advanced planning by the board. The spreadsheet can be adjusted as financial information changes.

Christine Kesler motioned to approve the financials, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Chief's Report

Chief Seng spoke about the document from Mayor Fischer's office titled "Your Duty Under the Law", and presented the Board with proof of receipts to sign and send a copy to the Mayor's office to confirm all Trustees had received the document.

Chief Seng reported that 2631 and 2658 are having repairs currently. Chief reported that 2631 will have extensive repair that will run approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Chief Seng reported that Kevin Moulton is expected to return to work from an injury after he is cleared by the doctor on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Seng confirmed that the Prime Rib and Awards Dinner will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.



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## October 31, 2012, Incident Report:

## October 31, 2012, Balance Sheet:

| St. Matthews Fire Protection District               |       |                  |                 |               |
|---|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)           |       |                  |                 |               |
| Alarm Date Between [10/01/2012] And [10/31/2012]    |       |                  |                 |               |
| Incident Type                                       | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
|   | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
|   | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 1 Fire  |       |                  |                 |               |
| 111 Building Fire                                   | 2     | 1.80%            | 53,000          | 100.00%       |
| 113 Cooking Fire, confined to container             | 2     | 1.80%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
|   | 4     | 3.60%            | 83,000          | 100.00%       |
| 2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheating fire |       |                  |                 |               |
| 251 Explosive test, rough burst with no             | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
|   | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 3 Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident       |       |                  |                 |               |
| 313 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                 | 11    | 9.90%            | 60              | 0.00%         |
| 318 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after        | 4     | 3.60%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 317 Medical assist, assist EMS crew by Patient      | 3     | 2.70%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 321 Lock-Je (if lock out, use 511)                  | 3     | 2.70%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
|   | 21    | 18.91%           | 90              | 0.00%         |
| 4 Hazardous Condition (On Fire)                     |       |                  |                 |               |
| 400 Hazardous condition, Other                      | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                   | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 421 Chemical spill or leak                          | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 441 Heat fire short circuit (wiring)                | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 443 Resonance of light ballast                      | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 462 Accident, potential accident, Other             | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup               | 3     | 2.70%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
|   | 9     | 8.10%            | 90              | 0.00%         |
| 5 Service Call                                      |       |                  |                 |               |
| 502 Service Call, other                             | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 512 Person in distress, Other                       | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 531 Sewer or odor removal                           | 4     | 3.60%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 551 Assist police or other governmental agency      | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 552 Police matter                                   | 2     | 1.80%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 553 Public service                                  | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 554 Assist invalid                                  | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |

| St. Matthews Fire Protection District            |       |                  |                 |               |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)        |       |                  |                 |               |
| Alarm Date Between [10/01/2012] And [10/31/2012] |       |                  |                 |               |
| Incident Type                                    | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
| 5 Service Call                                   |       |                  |                 |               |
| 571 Over assignment, standby, sweep              | 6     | 5.40%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
|  | 17    | 15.31%           | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 6 Good Intent Call                               |       |                  |                 |               |
| 620 Good intent call, Other                      | 2     | 1.80%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled en route              | 18    | 16.21%           | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 622 No Incident found on arrival at dispatch     | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 630 Stuck, Other gas mistake for smoke, Other    | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
|  | 22    | 19.81%           | 60              | 0.00%         |
| 7 False Alarm & False Call                       |       |                  |                 |               |
| 700 False alarm or false call, Other             | 3     | 2.70%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 711 Municipal alarm system, malicious false      | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 714 Central station, malicious false alarm       | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                    | 3     | 2.70%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 731 Sprinkler activation due to malfunction      | 3     | 2.70%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to             | 4     | 3.60%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction      | 4     | 3.60%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 740 Deliberate transmission of alarm, Other      | 3     | 2.70%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 741 Sprinkler activation, no fire -              | 1     | 0.90%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 742 Smoke detector activation, no fire -         | 4     | 3.60%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -           | 3     | 2.70%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
| 746 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO   | 2     | 1.80%            | 30              | 0.00%         |
|  | 36    | 32.43%           | 30              | 0.00%         |
| Total Incident Count:                            | 111   |                  | 85,000          |               |

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Annual Run

| St. Matthews Fire Protection District    |                |                |  |
|--|----------------|----------------|--|
| Balance Sheet                            |                |                |  |
| As of October 31, 2012                   |                |                |  |
|  | Oct 31, 12     | Sep 30, 12     |  |
| ASSETS                                   |                |                |  |
| Current Assets                           |                |                |  |
| Checking/Savings                         |                |                |  |
| 1000 - Commonwealth Bank & Trust Check   | 120,940.22     | 104,634.34     |  |
| 1001 - NRA Account-Commonwealth Bank     | 2,000.00       | 2,390.99       |  |
| 1010 - CB&T CD 1.0% (mat. 1/13/14)       | 1,160,110.04   | 1,363,090.83   |  |
| Total Checking/Savings                   | 1,284,050.26   | 1,470,116.16   |  |
| Accounts Receivable                      |                |                |  |
| 1201 - Accounts Receivable               | 0.00           | 7.80           |  |
| Total Accounts Receivable                | 0.00           | 7.80           |  |
| Other Current Assets                     |                |                |  |
| 1300 - Misc. Items                       | 300.00         | 0.00           |  |
| Total Other Current Assets               | 300.00         | 0.00           |  |
| Total Current Assets                     | 1,284,350.26   | 1,478,124.00   |  |
| Fixed Assets                             |                |                |  |
| 1810 - Building Station -                | 1,364,343.69   | 1,364,343.69   |  |
| 1815 - Building Station -                | 818,334.17     | 818,334.17     |  |
| 1820 - Furniture, Fixtures and Equipm    | 818,490.38     | 818,490.38     |  |
| 1825 - Major Firefighting Apparatus      | 2,304,398.83   | 2,304,398.83   |  |
| 1830 - Light Duty Firefighting Apparatus | 63,043.00      | 63,043.00      |  |
| 1835 - Autos                             | 200,000.31     | 200,000.31     |  |
| 1899 - Accumulated Depreciation          | (3,351,366.48) | (3,351,366.48) |  |
| Total Fixed Assets                       | 2,032,203.69   | 2,032,203.69   |  |
| TOTAL ASSETS                             | 3,316,553.95   | 3,510,327.69   |  |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY                     |                |                |  |
| Liabilities                              |                |                |  |
| Current Liabilities                      |                |                |  |
| Accounts Payable                         |                |                |  |
| 2000 - Accounts Payable                  | 72,386.13      | 83,611.27      |  |
| Total Accounts Payable                   | 72,386.13      | 83,611.27      |  |
| Other Current Liabilities                |                |                |  |
| 3100 - Payroll Liabilities               | 33,141.00      | 31,801.87      |  |
| Total Other Current Liabilities          | 33,141.00      | 31,801.87      |  |
| Total Current Liabilities                | 105,527.13     | 115,413.14     |  |
| Total Liabilities                        | 105,527.13     | 115,413.14     |  |
| Equity                                   |                |                |  |
| 3100 - Unappropriated Fund Balance       | 2,154,421.89   | 2,164,421.89   |  |
| 3199 - Fund Balance-Capital Exp, re      | 2,032,203.69   | 2,032,203.69   |  |
| Retained Income                          | (860,000.30)   | (706,300.60)   |  |
| Total Equity                             | 2,326,625.28   | 2,489,325.98   |  |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY               | 3,316,553.95   | 3,510,327.69   |  |

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## RING'S REFLECTIONS

## Tucson Fire Dept.'s history can be found on new site



**Bob Ring**  
is a Tucson  
writer and  
historian

A fantastic new treasure — the history of the Tucson Fire Department — is now available online.

The department was founded in 1881, just four years after Tucson was incorporated, and 31 years before Arizona became a state. It was a completely volunteer organization until about 1900. After 1915 all firefighters were paid.

Gasoline-powered motor vehicles fully replaced horse-drawn equipment in 1917. By 1967 diesel fire engines began replacing the gasoline-powered engines, and diesel-powered engines remain in use today.

Many of TFD's early apparatus can still be found throughout the city, with several still in the department's possession.

The 131-year history of the department is now at [www.tucsonfirefoundation.com/tfd-archive](http://www.tucsonfirefoundation.com/tfd-archive) online.

The site is very well organized and incredibly detailed — a true "research center." You can select from a menu that includes 20 different facets of the department and its operations, including Records, Major Incidents, Historical Articles, Fire Apparatus and Scrapbooks.

The database contains thousands of articles, documents, photographs, videos, and voice transmissions and alarms.

My favorite section so far is "Major Incidents" that links to descriptions of the Congress Hotel Fire of 1934, the Pioneer Hotel Fire of 1970, Air Force jet crashes of 1967 and 1978, and the Old Tucson Studios Fire of 1995, among many other significant fires.

Tucson's worst disaster, based on loss of life, was the Pioneer Hotel fire. According to Assistant Chief Dave Ridings, this "intentionally set fire quickly raged out of control in the 11-story hotel ... leaving behind 29 fatalities, along with the hospitalization of 32 civilians and 19 firefighters."

For a truly engrossing experience, listen to the voice transmission record of this catastrophe (click on "Major Incidents," then scroll down to "Pioneer Hotel Fire 1970, Voice Transmission"). Over the course of the hour it took to



Much of Old Tucson Studios was destroyed in this 1995 fire. Find out more about it at [www.tucsonfirefoundation.com/tfd-archive](http://www.tucsonfirefoundation.com/tfd-archive) online.

control the fire, a total of four alarms were called, summoning all fire equipment and ambulance resources in the city to the scene.

You can listen as firemen radio to central control that fire-panicked hotel guests are jumping out of upper-floor windows and off the roof.

The online TFD history has been accomplished under the auspices of the Greater Tucson Fire Foundation, an organization formed in 2010 to support the greater Tucson fire community.

Ridings and my brother Al Ring, volunteer archivist/historian, with the help of many friends of the department and firefighters, collected, organized and entered historical items into a computerized database.

Ridings has lived in Tucson since 1971 and is a 35-year veteran of the fire service. Today he is assistant fire chief for emergency medical administration, the 911 Communications Center, and disaster preparedness.

He wrote a short history of the department in 2011.

Before retiring to Tucson in 1998, Al Ring spent 26 years as a volunteer firefighter with the Saint Matthews Fire Department, near Louisville, Ky. Soon after arriving in Tucson, he wrote a book about the 84-year history of that depart-

ment. He's since been the principal researcher for the three books we've written together and a key source for many of the historical columns I've written for the *Arizona Daily Star*.

Al is busy expanding the TFD online database, adding pieces weekly under each of the current headings. He will soon add a complete chronological history of TFD operations. Future plans include an honor roll with photos and personal information on each of the thousands of members of the TFD from 1881 to the present, including three firefighters who lost their lives on active duty.

So far, he said, "We've done the easy stuff, plowing through readily available material. And there are still 100 to 150 boxes in the TFD basement that I haven't even opened."

Meanwhile more information is needed from other sources such as Tucson libraries, historical societies and current and former firefighter families. So this is a never-ending adventure.

To contribute to this history treasure, email Al at [alringal@comcast.net](mailto:alringal@comcast.net)

E-mail Bob Ring at [ringbob1@aol.com](mailto:ringbob1@aol.com)

On StarNet: Read Bob Ring's recent columns at [azstarnet.com/bobring](http://azstarnet.com/bobring)



Al Ring with history-data notebooks he's compiled.



The Pioneer Hotel Fire in 1970 cost 29 lives.



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November 12, 2012, STMFD:



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## November 14, 2012, Chief's Letter:

## November 19, 2012, Trustee meeting:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: November 14, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The November Trustees meeting is this Monday November 19th at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

Firefighter Kevin Moulton is still off duty because of his on duty injury and is currently scheduled to return back to work around Thanksgiving. He has been off duty since April 25<sup>th</sup>.

There is an EA included in your packet for a request to add spray foam insulation to the underside of the roof and ceiling areas at Station 2. We have been battling a moisture problem for years over there and this is just about the last fix we can come up with. I have included some pictures to show what we have been dealing with. I will be able to discuss it in further detail during the meeting on Monday.

### District Updates for October 2012

#### Apparatus:

2601 working on headlights and leak in the roof.  
2631 came back from the transmission shop and is now going to LFD to have the broken snow chains replaced.  
2655 came back from LFD and is running out first at station one until the first of the year.  
2654 is next to go to LFD for several maintenance issues.  
2658 has a small water leak at the pump, we'll have LFD look at it when they have time.

#### Facilities:

The Cell Tower project is just about completed.

#### Inspections:

Existing Inspections: 313

New construction updates:

|                       |                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Heine Brothers Coffee | 4311 Shelbyville Road | Currently under construction. |
| Sprint Store          | 4202 Shelbyville Road | Final inspection completed.   |
| Verizon Wireless      | 4169 Shelbyville Road | Currently under construction. |

|                       |                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Anytime Fitness       | 291 N. Hubbards Lane  | Final inspection completed.     |
| Kroger Gas Station    | 296 N. Hubbards Lane  | Fuel tanks have been installed. |
| Century Entertainment | 4310 Shelbyville Road | Currently under construction.   |
| Ross's Dress Barn     | 4600 Shelbyville Road | Currently under construction.   |

#### Training:

Current Staffing Levels  
Paid – 30

Volunteer – 7 (5 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls)

No other report this month.

#### Fire Prevention:

We participated in 19 public education events in October.

We visited:  
St. Matthews Elementary School  
Christ Church United Methodist Preschool  
Baptist East Child Development Center  
Harvey Browne Preschool, twice  
Walden School  
Chenoweth Elementary  
St. Matthews Episcopal Preschool  
Our Lady of Lourdes School, twice  
Waggoner Preschool

Home Depot Safety Fair  
Indian Hills Fall Picnic  
Halloween in Brown Park  
Harvey Browne Fall Festival  
Parkside Neighborhood Halloween Parade

Two Scout groups visited the firehouse:  
Our Lady of Lourdes Cub Scouts  
The Temple Cub Scouts

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Greg Drake  
Sarah Grier Cronan

Trustee Meeting Agenda  
November 19, 2012  
Noon

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. Treasurer Report
- IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Executive Session-If needed
- VIII. The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held in January 2013, date and time to be announced.
- IX. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on December 13, 2012 at St. Matthews Fire District, Station 1- 12:00 Noon

There were no EA's requested for the month of October.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

None

#### Executive Session

Christine Kesler motioned to go into Executive Session at 12:42PM.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:40PM.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

Chairman Tonini mentioned that Legislative Representation for the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service will be discussed in the JCSFS meetings.

Sarah Cronan motioned to set a cap of \$1500.00 donation for Legislative Representation.

Sam McCune made a motion to adjourn at 1:55 PM, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on January 17, 2013, TBA at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on November 19, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary



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## November 19, 2012, Trustee meeting:

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

November 19, 2012

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on November 19, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Bill Lowdenback, Christine Kesler, Greg Crabb, Sam McCune, Chris Mooser and Sarah Cronan. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monahan, Captain Flynn, Joe Bewley, Captain Doyle, Major Dugan and Jordan Davis.

#### Minutes

Sam McCune motioned to approve the minutes of the October meeting, Christine Kesler seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

Christine Kesler gave the monthly Treasurer's report. Christine reported there was a \$200,000 transfer in October to cover general expenses. There will be three payrolls in the month of November so money will be transferred according to when it's needed. Christine reported that a grant was received in the amount of \$5,700.00 for the Fire Extinguisher Training System that was purchased from Bullex.

Chief Seng and Christine Kesler discussed that the district would be operating with approximately 1.2 million in surplus after the property tax money is deposited from the Sheriff's Office if all factors remain constant.

Bill Lowdenback motioned to approve the financials, Chris Mooser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the district will need to obtain a \$1,000,000 employee theft limit policy that covers the Treasurer's position. Chief Seng stated that the theft policy would meet Chapter 75 regulations and keep the district compliant. The Board discussed other factors involved and Chief Seng is meeting with our current insurance agent about the proper insurance that is needed for this situation.

Chief Seng reported that Kevin Moulton returned to duty on November 18<sup>th</sup> from a work comp injury.

The Prime Rib and Awards Dinner will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, awards presentation will be at 6:30PM and dinner will be at 7:00PM.

There were five EA's requested for the month of November.

|                     |   |           |
|---------------------|---|-----------|
| Porter Paints       | Primer and Paint for Station 2 Bay                    | \$900.00  |
| Best Buy            | Replacement TV and Wall Bracket for Station 1 Kitchen | \$650.00  |
| Sexton              | Spray Foam Insulation for Station 2                   | \$8000.00 |
| Weber Heating & Air | Cold Air Returns for Bedrooms at Station 2            | \$675.00  |
| MPC                 | Sweatshirts for Firefighters                          | \$2650.00 |

Bill Lowdenback motioned to approve the EA's presented, Chris Mooser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

None

#### Executive Session

Christine Kesler motioned to go into Executive Session at 12:25PM.

The regular meeting resumed at 1:05PM.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

Sarah Cronan made a motion to adjourn at 1:10 PM, Chris Mooser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on January 17, 2013, TBA at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on December 13, 2012 at 12:00 Noon.

## CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN SENTENCING



Former **McMahan Fire** Chief Paul Barth, center, leaves the federal courthouse after being sentenced Monday. Barth stole money from the WHAS Crusade for Children while he was fire chief. JOHN SOMMERS/SPECIAL TO THE COURIER-JOURNAL

# Barth gets 3-plus years, must pay back \$198,277

Ex-**McMahan fire** chief promises to sell home

By **Jessie Halladay**  
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The Courier-Journal

Former **McMahan Fire** Chief Paul Barth, who stole nearly \$200,000 from the WHAS Crusade for Children fund he helped lead, will spend nearly 3½ years in prison and has promised to sell his house to pay back the money he took.

Barth, 55, agreed to sign over a stake in his home to the federal government to repay \$190,000 to the Crusade and \$8,277 to the **McMahan Fire** Department. U.S. District Judge John Heyburn also ordered Barth to serve three years of supervised release after the end of his prison term of three years and five months.

Barth, who followed his father's foot-

steps to become chief of the **McMahan Fire** District, spent 26 years leading the organization where he began as a firefighter.

But dating to 2001, Barth used money — collected largely from small donations from residents who would pitch coins and bills into firefighter boots at intersections — to pay for Disney vacations, support his activities with a Corvette Club, and pay taxes on a Florida vacation home and several of his vehicles.

His attorney requested that he be sent to a federal facility in Manchester, in Eastern Kentucky's Clay County. The government operates medium and minimum security facilities there, which his attorney Thomas Clay said would be "nicer" than some alternatives and keep him closer to family.

Heyburn agreed to the recommendation, but the prison system will make the final placement, likely in 45 to 60 days.

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PAUL BARTH

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## BARTH: Ex-chief sentenced in theft

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Heyburn agreed to the recommendation, but the prison system will make the final placement, likely in 45 to 60 days.

In his plea in June, Barth admitted that he took money collected by his fire department for the Crusade for several years.

Barth did not speak during his sentencing or to the media afterward, but said in a statement: "I apologize first to my family and friends for all of the pain that I have caused them throughout this matter, and for the pain that they will endure in the future. ... I apologize to the community and all those who believed in me, for letting them down as well."

The statement went on: "I have kept my word and have accepted responsibility for my actions, and anything questionable, just as I said I would. I ask for your forgiveness, and for your prayers for both myself and my family."

Clay said his client understands his crimes.

"The reality of what he's done has sunk in," Clay said.

Barth was chairman of the Crusade board when he was first accused of wrongdoing. He was removed from that position during the investigation.

"Firefighters remain the heart of the Crusade, and they collect each year with great integrity," Crusade President and CEO Dawn Lee said in a statement. "Every penny of the money received goes directly to help children, and the efforts of the Crusade will continue for years to come."

Lee declined to be interviewed after the sentencing.

Metro Council President Jim King donated to the Crusade, and benefited from it when one of his daughters was born prematurely years ago.

He said the prison term and restitution handed down during the sentencing seems "just."

"I'm just very disappointed that something like that happened," King said. "I've always loved the Crusade; it's such an important part of the community."

Dave Ramer, executive director of the Kids Center for Pediatric Therapies, which regularly gets Crusade support, said he's glad to see Barth's situation resolved.

"It just kind of gives all of us a black eye," said Ramer, adding that it is a relief to see justice served. "It hurts us more directly when charitable funds are being abused."

Ramer said the Crusade has continued to raise much-needed dollars despite Barth's case. For the Kids Center, that money is used to provide special therapy equipment, expand programs and pilot new therapy programs for children with special needs.

"It certainly does prove that the Crusade is bigger than one person," he said.

In the past several months, Barth has attempted to sell his home on Parkshire Lane in Regency Woods, but several offers have fallen through. Clay said a closing was set for

late October, but fell through at the last minute, leaving Barth without the money to pay his restitution.

The home is listed for \$570,000, down from \$598,000 in June.

"Mr. Barth and his wife are trying to sell their home as quickly as possible," Clay said.

He did not know the status of a condo in St. Petersburg, Fla., which was listed for sale for \$575,000 in the summer.

Internal investigations into Barth began in 2009 when the fire district's board of trustees suspended him while looking into discrepancies with the department's financial records.

Before the trustees could take any action against Barth, he resigned in January 2010.

By April 2010, Barth had been indicted, after an investigation by both state and federal authorities. Barth pleaded guilty earlier this year to 15 counts of fraud and money laundering — all but one of the original charges. A charge related to false salary payments he made to himself from the district was dismissed in Monday's sentencing.

After Barth was charged, the Crusade put in place additional safeguards.

While it was unclear Monday how long it will take for Barth to repay the money, Lee said in her statement that the organization is "grateful that, through restitution, all of the money intended for children will be returned to the Crusade."

"We're just looking forward to putting this behind us," said Mike Harlamert, chairman of the **McMahan Fire** Trustees board.

Reach Jessie Halladay at (502) 582-4081. Dan Klepal contributed to this story.

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## November 30, 2012, Incident Report:

## November 30, 2012, Balance Sheet:

| St. Matthews Fire Protection District                        |           |                  |                 |                |
|--|-----------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)                    |           |                  |                 |                |
| Alarm Date Between (11/01/2012) And (11/30/2012)             |           |                  |                 |                |
| Incident Type  | Count     | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses  |
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |           |                  |                 |                |
| 111 Building fire  | 1         | 0.80%            | \$1,200         | 99.04%         |
| 112 Conting fire, confined to container                      | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 113 Passenger vehicle fire                                   | 2         | 1.60%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 114 Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle               | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 1601 Fires involving mulch or landscape                      | 1         | 0.80%            | \$50            | 0.93%          |
|  | <b>6</b>  | <b>4.80%</b>     | <b>\$1,250</b>  | <b>100.00%</b> |
| <b>2 Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)</b> |           |                  |                 |                |
| 251 Excessive heat, stored burns with no                     | 1         | 2.41%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2.41%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b>     |           |                  |                 |                |
| 300 Rescue, EMS incident, other                              | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 311 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                          | 15        | 12.00%           | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 316 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after                 | 2         | 1.61%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 320 Emergency medical service, other                         | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries                     | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 321 Lock-in (if lock out, use 311)                           | 1         | 2.41%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 352 Extrication of vehicle(s) from vehicle                   | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>24</b> | <b>19.20%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                       |           |                  |                 |                |
| 400 Hazardous condition, other                               | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 411 Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill                 | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                            | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 413 Oil or other combustible liquid spill                    | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 424 Carbon monoxide incidents                                | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 430 Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other               | 2         | 1.61%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 450 Accident, potential accident, other                      | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                        | 1         | 2.41%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>11</b> | <b>8.80%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>   |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>  |           |                  |                 |                |
| 502 Water or steam leak                                      | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 531 Smoke or odor removal                                    | 1         | 2.41%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 551 Assist police or other governmental agency               | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 552 Police matter  | 1         | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, sweep                         | 2         | 1.61%            | \$0             | 0.00%          |
|  | <b>6</b>  | <b>4.80%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>   |

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| Alarm Date Between (11/01/2012) And (11/30/2012) |            |                  |                 |               |
| Incident Type                                    | Count      | Pct of Incidents | Total Est. Loss | Pct of Losses |
| <b>6 Service Call</b>                            |            |                  |                 |               |
|  | <b>2</b>   | <b>1.60%</b>     | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>8 Good Intent Call</b>                        |            |                  |                 |               |
| 802 Good intent call, other                      | 7          | 5.64%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 811 Dispatched & cancelled en route              | 11         | 8.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 822 No incident found on arrival at dispatch     | 3          | 2.41%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 831 Authorized controlled burning                | 1          | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 851 Smoke alarm, odor of smoke                   | 5          | 4.03%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>27</b>  | <b>21.70%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>9 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>            |            |                  |                 |               |
| 100 False alarm or false call, other             | 1          | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 111 Municipal alarm system, malicious false      | 1          | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 112 Direct tie to FD, malicious false alarm      | 1          | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 114 Central station, malicious false alarm       | 1          | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 130 System malfunction, other                    | 7          | 5.64%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 133 Smoke detector activation due to             | 6          | 4.83%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 134 Heat detector activation due to malfunction  | 1          | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 135 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction      | 1          | 2.41%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 140 Unintentional transmission of alarm, other   | 1          | 2.41%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 143 Smoke detector activation, no fire -         | 10         | 8.00%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 144 Detector activation, no fire -               | 2          | 1.61%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 145 Alarm system activation, no fire -           | 2          | 1.61%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
| 146 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO   | 1          | 0.80%            | \$0             | 0.00%         |
|  | <b>45</b>  | <b>36.20%</b>    | <b>\$0</b>      | <b>0.00%</b>  |
| <b>Total Incident Count:</b>                     | <b>124</b> |                  | <b>\$5,390</b>  |               |

2:04 PM  
12/03/12  
Actual Basis

| St. Matthews Fire Protection District    |                     |                     |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Balance Sheet                            |                     |                     |
| As of November 30, 2012                  |                     |                     |
|  | Nov 30, 12          | Oct 31, 11          |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                    |                     |                     |
| Checking/Saveings                        |                     |                     |
| 1000 - Commonwealth Bank & Trust Check   | 31,707.51           | 105,548.22          |
| 1001 - WFA Account-Commonwealth Bank     | 2,800.00            | 2,800.00            |
| 1010 - CRAT CD 1.0% (wac: 1/13/14)       | 908,875.23          | 1,105,112.04        |
| <b>Total Checking/Saveings</b>           | <b>1,003,382.74</b> | <b>1,213,460.26</b> |
| Other Current Assets                     |                     |                     |
| 1300 - Misc. Cleaning                    | 300.00              | 300.00              |
| <b>Total Other Current Assets</b>        | <b>300.00</b>       | <b>300.00</b>       |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>              | <b>1,003,682.74</b> | <b>1,213,760.26</b> |
| <b>Fixed Assets</b>                      |                     |                     |
| 1810 - Building Station 1                | 1,394,343.69        | 1,394,343.69        |
| 1812 - Building Station 2                | 816,334.17          | 816,334.17          |
| 1820 - Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment | 816,480.38          | 816,480.38          |
| 1825 - Major Firefighting Apparatus      | 2,398,386.83        | 2,398,386.83        |
| 1830 - Light Duty Firefighting Apparatus | 63,043.00           | 63,043.00           |
| 1835 - Aerial                            | 306,550.51          | 306,550.51          |
| 1905 - Accumulated Depreciation          | (3,351,386.48)      | (3,351,386.48)      |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>                | <b>2,023,261.88</b> | <b>2,023,261.88</b> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b>3,026,944.62</b> | <b>3,237,022.14</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>          |                     |                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                       |                     |                     |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>               |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable                         |                     |                     |
| 2000 - Accounts Payable                  | 68,885.23           | 74,801.58           |
| <b>Total Accounts Payable</b>            | <b>68,885.23</b>    | <b>74,801.58</b>    |
| Other Current Liabilities                |                     |                     |
| 2100 - Payroll Liabilities               | 35,106.80           | 35,141.80           |
| <b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>   | <b>35,106.80</b>    | <b>35,141.80</b>    |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>         | <b>103,992.03</b>   | <b>109,943.38</b>   |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                 | <b>103,992.03</b>   | <b>109,943.38</b>   |
| <b>Equity</b>                            |                     |                     |
| 3100 - Unappropriated Fund Balance       | 2,154,421.00        | 2,154,421.00        |
| 3110 - Fund Balance-Capital Exp, net     | 2,023,261.88        | 2,023,261.88        |
| Net Income                               | (1,039,749.29)      | (887,680.22)        |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                      | <b>3,093,933.59</b> | <b>3,279,992.66</b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>    | <b>3,093,933.59</b> | <b>3,279,992.66</b> |

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## December 7, 2012, Chiefs letter:

To: All Trustees  
From: Chief William J. Seng  
Date: December 7, 2012  
Re: District Activity

The December Trustees meeting is this Thursday December 13th at 12:00 noon. Please contact Chairman Tonini or myself if you are unable to attend.

Please see the enclosed documents or attachments for you digital people, concerning updating the Sick Time Policy and the rescinding of the Firearms Policy. We will need to act on both of these at this Thursday's meeting.

### District Updates for November 2012

#### Apparatus:

2639 is at LFD for the annual preventive maintenance.  
2634 has been relocated to station 2.  
All of the ground ladders were tested and two will need some minor attention

#### Facilities:

Station 2 ceiling work will start soon.  
The new television was installed in the kitchen.  
We had a meeting with a metro building inspector about updating the bathroom at station one.

#### Inspections:

Existing inspections: 207

#### New Construction Updates:

These Occupancies have had final inspections and are open for business:

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Verizon         | 4169 Shelbyville Rd. |
| Sprint          | 4200 Shelbyville Rd. |
| Home Brother's  | 4305 Shelbyville Rd. |
| New Pawn Shop   | 4238 Shelbyville Rd. |
| Anytime Fitness | 291 N. Hubbards Ln.  |

These occupancies are currently under construction and are not ready for final inspections as of today:

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Century Entertainment  | 4310 Shelbyville Rd.   |
| M.S.D. Treatment Plant | 404 Mockingbird Valley |
| Cinemark theatre       | 5000 Shelbyville Rd.   |
| Ross Dress Barn        | 4600 Shelbyville Rd.   |
| Jamestown Club House   | 900 Milford Ln.        |
| Kroger Fuel            | 292 N. Hubbards Ln.    |

#### Training:

Current Staffing Levels  
Paid – 30

Volunteer – 7 (5 Firefighters / 2 Marshalls)

General FD Training (4 weeks / 16 classes / 3 hours per class / 48 total hours of training)  
11/5-7 Annual Agility Test  
11/12-14 Strategy & Tactics Review (EMT Continuing Ed class was CANCELED)  
11/19-21 New Ext Prop & Training Overview / Strategy & Tactics  
11/26-28 Captains Test Overview / Strategy & Tactics

Captains Testing Process – Test was completed on Nov 29. The resulting rankings were 1-Crabb, 2-Montague, 3-Wiggins, 4-Clark, and 5-Boyd. Received positive feedback on the testing process, no major complaints was noted.

EMT Recertification – Recertification process was completed, and individuals are starting to receive their new State of Kentucky EMT cards.

Special Teams – Capt Richardson assisted the LMPD SWAT and LMPD J-ESU with their monthly trainings. Work is currently underway to restructure all of the Jefferson County Special Teams, anticipate an update coming out in the first of 2013. Once this update is released, it would be my recommendation that St Matthew's participation with Special Teams be reevaluated at that point.

St Matthews Police Department-Special Response Team – Captain Richardson, Firefighter Montague & Montgomery attended the monthly St Matthews SRT Training, all 3 members successfully completed the required Physical Agility Test.

#### Fire Prevention:

We participated in four public events in the month of November.

- Conducted a fire extinguisher class for the Westport Health Campus.
- Hosted a birthday party.
- Hosted a fire safety class for the Beargrass Christian Cub Scouts.
- Visited the City of Windy Hills "Light Up" event.

## December 11, 2012, STMFD, Moss Award:



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December 13, 2012, Trustee meeting:

*Smoke Detectors  
Save Lives*



*Leave No  
To Burn*

**ST. MATTHEWS**  
Fire Protection District  
240 Sears Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40207  
(502) 693-7825

**William J. Seng**  
Fire Chief

Trustee Meeting Agenda  
December 13, 2012  
Noon

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Richard Tonini, Chairman  
Christine Kesler, Treasurer  
Sam McCune, Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Chris J. Mosser  
Bill Lowdenback  
Greg Crabb  
Sarah Cronan, Secretary

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

December 13, 2012

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting
- III. Treasurer Report
- IV. Fire Department Operations Report, by Chief Seng
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Executive Session-If needed
- VIII. The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held in January 2013, date and time to be announced.
- IX. The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board Meeting will be held on January 10, 2013 at St. Matthews Fire District, Station 1- 12:00 Noon

The meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on December 13, 2012 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue. Chairman Rick Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Trustees present were Chairman Tonini, Bill Lowdenback, Greg Crabb, Sam McCune, Chris Mosser and Sarah Cronan. Also present were Chief Seng, Chief Monohan, Captain Wolfe, Joe Bewley, Captain Doyle, Michael Monohan, Nick Heilmann, George Wiggins and Jordan Davis.

Minutes

Bill Lowdenback motioned to approve the minutes of the November meeting, Sarah Cronan seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Chief Seng gave the monthly Treasurer's report. The budget continues to be consistently in line with the Board's expectations and the district's net income is positive. There is \$155,000 Capital Expenses category in the budget, of which \$100,000 of that is for Equipment surplus and \$55,000 is for Capital Expenses. The district received a deposit of \$2,344,000 for Real Property Tax. Christine Kesler will investigate current bank rates to make an informed decision on investing the money.

Sam McCune motioned to approve the financials, Chris Mosser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that he has researched insurance coverage for bonding all individuals who handle the district's money. The insurance premium to cover all persons would be \$1854.00 annually.

Chief reported that 2659 will return back to Station 1 within a day, it was out of quarters due to routine maintenance at Louisville Fire Maintenance.

Chief reported that work at Station 2 is currently underway and the Spray Foam has been applied and the Ceiling Tiles have been replaced.

Old Business

Chairman Tonini spoke concerning the recent Chapter 75 meeting in detail.

Chief Seng reported that the current district Sick Time Policy has a proposed change. Sergeant Greg Crabb added a paragraph into the policy per the Board's request to clarify specific details when sick time is used.

Sam McCune made a motion to approve the changes made to the Sick Time Policy, Sarah Cronan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Chief Seng reported that per the E-Fire Handbook, the Fire Districts Firearms Policy needs to be rescinded from the SOP. Sarah Cronan suggested that the district amend the current policy. There was much discussion about the matter.

Bill Lowdenback made a motion to table the issue until the next Board Meeting on January 11, 2013.

Executive Session

None

Sarah Cronan made a motion to adjourn at 1:07 PM, Chris Mosser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held on January 17, 2013, Middletown Station #1 at 7:00PM.

The next Trustees meeting will be held on January 11, 2013 at 12:00 Noon.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary



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December 19, 2012:

**Former STMFD firefighter Bill Dieckman died. There was visitation December 29, 2012, at Kraft Funeral Home in New Albany, Indian and was buried at St. Mary's cemetery with funeral service at St. Benedicts church on December 31, 2012.**



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## December 31, 2012, Incident Report:

## December 31, 2012, Balance Sheet:

| St. Matthews Fire Protection District                    |       |                  |                |               |
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| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)                |       |                  |                |               |
| Alarm Date Between (12/01/2012) And (12/31/2012)         |       |                  |                |               |
| Incident Type  | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
|  | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>1 Fire</b>  |       |                  |                |               |
| 132 Road freight or transport vehicle fire               | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 138 Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire             | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 151 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire                 | 2     | 1.56%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 4     | 3.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b> |       |                  |                |               |
| 309 Rescue, EMS incident, other                          | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 313 Medical assist, assist EMS crew                      | 10    | 12.50%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3112 Medical assist, AED applied no shocks               | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3116 Medical assist, cancelled by squad after            | 7     | 5.46%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 3117 Medical assist, assist EMS crew No Patient          | 5     | 3.90%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 329 Emergency medical service, other                     | 2     | 1.56%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 396 Extrication, rescue, Other                           | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 33    | 25.78%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>                   |       |                  |                |               |
| 412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)                        | 4     | 3.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 441 Heat from short circuit (wiring)                     | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 444 Power line down                                      | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment                 | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 461 Building or structure weakened or collapsed          | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup                    | 9     | 6.25%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 16    | 12.50%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>5 Service Call</b>                                    |       |                  |                |               |
| 511 Lock-out   | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 522 Meter or stand leak                                  | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 598 Public service assistance, Other                     | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 501 Assist police or other governmental agency           | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 554 Assist animal  | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 571 Cover assignment, standby, sweepup                   | 2     | 1.56%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 7     | 5.46%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |

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| St. Matthews Fire Protection District            |       |                  |                |               |
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| Incident Type Report (Summary) (Modified)        |       |                  |                |               |
| Alarm Date Between (12/01/2012) And (12/31/2012) |       |                  |                |               |
| Incident Type                                    | Count | Pct of Incidents | Total Est Loss | Pct of Losses |
| <b>6 Good Intent Call</b>                        |       |                  |                |               |
| 600 Good intent call, Other                      | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 611 Dispatched & cancelled on scene              | 24    | 18.75%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 621 Wrong location                               | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 622 No incident found on arrival at dispatch     | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 650 Stuck, other gas mistaken for smoke, Other   | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 651 Smoke odor, odor of smoke                    | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 652 Stuck, report, fog or mist thought to be     | 2     | 1.56%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 30    | 23.04%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| <b>7 False Alarm &amp; False Call</b>            |       |                  |                |               |
| 709 False alarm or false call, Other             | 4     | 3.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 730 System malfunction, Other                    | 2     | 1.56%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 733 Smoke detector activation due to             | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction      | 4     | 3.12%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 748 Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other   | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -         | 6     | 4.61%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 749 Detector activation, no fire -               | 2     | 1.56%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 745 Alarm system activation, no fire -           | 9     | 6.92%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
| 744 Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO   | 1     | 0.78%            | \$0            | 0.00%         |
|  | 32    | 25.00%           | \$0            | 0.00%         |

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Actual Basis

| St. Matthews Fire Protection District    |                     |                     |  |
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| Balance Sheet                            |                     |                     |  |
| As of December 31, 2012                  |                     |                     |  |
|  | Dec 31, 12          | Nov 30, 12          |  |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                            |                     |                     |  |
| Current Assets                           |                     |                     |  |
| Checking/Savings                         |                     |                     |  |
| 1000 - Commonwealth Bank & Trust Check   | 2,500,598.39        | 2,500,598.39        |  |
| 1001 - HRA Account Commonwealth Bank     | 2,500.00            | 2,500.00            |  |
| 1015 - CB&T CD 1.0% (mat. 1/13/14)       | 969,809.90          | 969,809.90          |  |
| Total Checking/Savings                   | 5,970,908.29        | 5,970,908.29        |  |
| Other Current Assets                     |                     |                     |  |
| 1306 - Misc. Clearing                    | 300.00              | 300.00              |  |
| Total Other Current Assets               | 300.00              | 300.00              |  |
| Total Current Assets                     | 6,271,208.29        | 6,271,208.29        |  |
| Fixed Assets                             |                     |                     |  |
| 1010 - Building Station 1                | 1,394,343.65        | 1,394,343.65        |  |
| 1015 - Building Station 2                | 824,007.17          | 816,354.17          |  |
| 1020 - Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment | 618,490.58          | 618,490.58          |  |
| 1025 - Major Firefighting Apparatus      | 2,306,398.83        | 2,306,398.83        |  |
| 1030 - Light Duty Firefighting Apparatus | 63,043.00           | 63,043.00           |  |
| 1035 - Autos                             | 200,050.31          | 200,050.31          |  |
| 1055 - Accumulated Depreciation          | (3,351,306.48)      | (3,351,306.48)      |  |
| Total Fixed Assets                       | 2,051,826.06        | 2,023,344.06        |  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                      | <b>8,323,034.35</b> | <b>8,294,552.35</b> |  |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>          |                     |                     |  |
| Liabilities                              |                     |                     |  |
| Current Liabilities                      |                     |                     |  |
| Accounts Payable                         |                     |                     |  |
| 3080 - Accounts Payable                  | 46,143.83           | 50,179.18           |  |
| Total Accounts Payable                   | 46,143.83           | 50,179.18           |  |
| Other Current Liabilities                |                     |                     |  |
| 2180 - Payroll Liabilities               | 36,221.80           | 35,106.80           |  |
| Total Other Current Liabilities          | 36,221.80           | 35,106.80           |  |
| Total Current Liabilities                | 82,365.63           | 85,286.00           |  |
| Total Liabilities                        | 82,365.63           | 85,286.00           |  |
| Equity                                   |                     |                     |  |
| 3180 - Unappropriated Fund Balance       | 2,154,421.32        | 2,154,421.32        |  |
| 3190 - Fund Balance-Capital Exp. ret     | 2,031,626.98        | 2,023,203.88        |  |
| Net Income                               | 841,477.58          | (1,279,154.38)      |  |
| Total Equity                             | 5,027,525.88        | 2,898,470.82        |  |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>    | <b>8,323,034.35</b> | <b>8,294,552.35</b> |  |