VERSES TO REMEMBER:

Love measures our stature: the more we love, the bigger we are. There is no smaller package in all the world than that of a man all wrapped up in himself.

Arrogance and rudeness are training wheels on the bicycle of life for weak people who cannot keep their balance without them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS: MARCH

D. Ceasar K. Ceasar B. Delaune T. Douglas T. Dupree D. Ezell S. Gilliland J. Green R. Hill M. Lenard S. Moore J. Powell, Sr. S. Reynolds T. Taylor T. Temple S. Wink R. McConaughey

CIVIL SERVICE TESTING

COMPETITIVE:

Fire Investigator Fire Department Mechanic Firefighter Fire Inspector Fire Training Officer

PROMOTIONAL:

Assistant Fire Prevention Chief Fire Prevention Chief Chief of Training Chief Fire Investigator Chief Fire Comm. Officer

Application forms may be obtained from the Public Safety Center, located at 1810A Martin Luther King Blvd. Applications are due back by Wed., April 16, 2008.

Mississippi State Fire Academy's **ARFF Hot Drill** is scheduled for March 28, 2008.

CITY OF MONROE HEALTH FAIR MARCH 25, 2008 10:30AM – 4:30PM B.D. ROBINSON CONFERENCE ROOM All employees, retirees and dependants 18yrs. old covered by the city's health plan is encouraged to attend.

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MISSION STATEMENT Committed to Quality Service, Public Education and Professional Emergency Response.

VISION STATEMENT

TO CONTINUE AS THE BENCHMARK IN QUALITY SERVICE BY CONSTANTLY MEETING THE COMMUNITY'S EVER CHANGING NEEDS.

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

WE ARE COMMITTED TO CUSTOMER SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

WE PLACE THE SAFETY OF OUR MEMBER AND COMMUNITY ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE AND ARE CONTINUOUSLY EXPLORING INNOVATIVE MEANS OF DELIVERING CUSTOMER SERVICE BEYOND EXPECTATIONS.

WE FOSTER DIVERSITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, TEAMWORK, PROFESSIONALISM AND TRUST.

"HEALTH CORNER" AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDS)

The Monroe Fire Department has been equipped with automatic external defibrillators

(AEDs) in service for over fourteen years. Since then, the placement of AED in public places and with public safety professionals has grown significantly. Louisiana State Law mandates AEDs to be centrally located in large assembly structures such as the Civic Center, mall, fitness centers and airports. The reason for this is plain:



AEDs raise the chances of survival of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). For every minute that passes between collapse and defibrillation the chance of survival declines by 7%-10% per minute. As a result, organs such as the brain, kidneys, and heart tissue begin to die. Without intervention, the victim of SCA will die within minutes. Early CPR and defibrillation can double or triple the chances of survival from Cardiac Arrest.

In the past, MFD has been utilizing the Life Pak 300. These devices were a great asset to the department. In order for the Monroe Fire Department to maintain the current 2005 American Heart Association Standards, upgrades to the outdated AEDs were needed. By utilizing grant funds, our department was able to purchase (5) Zoll M-Series. These units were placed on Q-3, E-104, E-105, E-106 and Med-1. Recently, (6) Zoll Pro AED's were acquired also. Because of this grant, most units that routinely respond to EMS incidents have been equipped with a new defibrillator.

Our goals are to save lives and protect property, provide quality service, deliver the best patient care and ensure professional emergency response. In order to meet these changing needs, we need to ensure that each member is very proficient in AED operation and integrating current CPR management and guidelines. AED refresher courses and practical exams were conducted this week at the Public Safety Center.



Happy Easter!!



| INCIDENT SUMMARY | MARCH 9th-15th |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| TOTAL CALLS | 111 |
| Dollar Loss | \$49,651 |
| AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME | 4:41 |
| FIRE CALLS (1 EXPOSURE) (1 ARSON) | 39 |
| EMS CALLS | 72 (78 patients) |
| SHIFT TOTALS | A-SHIFT – 48 B-SHIFT – 36 C-SHIFT – 28 |
| DISTRICT TOTALS | Dist I - 35 Dist II - 46 Dist III - 31 |

National Safe Place Week



The **Training Division** has scheduled the following training sessions for the week of 3/17-3/21:

- Driver Training
- Haz-Mat Operation Training
- AED Skills Check

Training also conducted (2) tours of the Public Safety Center area elementary schools. Pictured is Carver Elementary. Swayze's Pre-K and Kindergarten classes also visited the PSC last week.



The **Fire Prevention Division** conducted 17 CO's and 50 existing building inspections. Chief Kenneth Green reported the construction of Taco Bell (formally Podnuh's) is well on its way.

