

THE INCIPIENT

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS: APRIL

E. Clacks E. Dilley D. Jackson
T. Jarrell L. Major B. Holmes
Chad McGuire K. Menyweather
J. O'Bier R. Smith T. Watson D. Ware

MDA BOOT DRIVE

Members of Local 629 raised nearly \$11,000 for the MDA Boot Drive. This year Patrick Telano served as Chairman of this campaign. A kick-off rally was held at the Public Safety Center and truck crews collected money at the Wal-mart Shopping Center on Louisville Ave. No pictures available.

FANS FOR GRANS

Summer Month's are approaching and the Fans For Gran's Campaign is gearing for take-off. This campaign is one of the many ways the fire department gives back to the community. Last year we placed over (80)



fans in homes throughout the city. These fans were donated by employees, citizens and local business owners. Anyone

wanting to donate fans or assist with deliveries, can bring them to the PSC or any fire

MISSISSIPPI STATE FIRE ACADEMY'S

ARFF Hot Drill

March 28, 2008

Photos Courtesy of Dist. Chief Charles McGuire

R. Hall, S. Sawyer, K. Dodd, J. Keene, J. Bennett, M. Delcoure, M. Smith, R. Redding, B. Delaune, N. Schmitt, Charles McGuire and D. Brinson all attended this training.



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BLACK FIREFIGHTER'S

Annual Spring Conference
Hosted by Kansas City Firefighters
March 15th - 20th

Last week members of Twin Cities Firefighters visited Kansas City for the annual IAPBFF conference. This conference is held yearly and is hosted by a different city each year. Monroe played host to over 200 IAPBFF members the spring of 2003. Walter Jones (Pres. of TCFF), Ocie Jones (Srg. at Arms), Steve Lewis and Terry Dyer (Treasurer) were the selected delegates this year.



VERSES TO REMEMBER:

Arguing with a fool proves that there are two. (this one is my favorite)
 Doris M. Smith
 If evil be said of thee, and if it be true, correct Thyself; if it be a lie, laugh at it.
 Epictetus

GYM SHOES ONLY (NO EXCEPTIONS)

ANY DAMAGE OR MARKS PLACED ON THE GYM FLOOR
 BY INAPPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR, MAY BE CONSIDERED
 DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY.

These signs have been placed throughout the gym with signatures from the Mayor, Fire Chief and Chief of Police. This policy will be strictly enforced.

<u>Incident Summary</u>	<u>March 16th-22nd</u>	<u>March 23rd-29th</u>	<u>March – April 30th-5th</u>
TOTAL CALLS	126	114	112
DOLLAR LOSS	\$33, 813	\$234,010	\$19,400
FIRE CALLS	58 (0 EXPOSURE) (2 ARSON)	35 (3 EXPOSURE) (0 ARSON)	45 (0 EXPOSURE) (0 ARSON)
EMS CALLS	67 (71 PATIENTS)	78 (82 PATIENTS)	64 (64 PATIENTS)
SHIFT TOTALS	A-SHIFT – 39 B-SHIFT – 37 C-SHIFT – 49	A-SHIFT – 31 B-SHIFT – 41 C-SHIFT – 44	A-SHIFT – 45 B-SHIFT – 32 C-SHIFT – 32
DISTRICT TOTALS	DIST I - 34 DIST II - 51 DIST III - 40	DIST I - 20 DIST II - 39 DIST III - 57	DIST I - 31 DIST II - 46 DIST III - 32

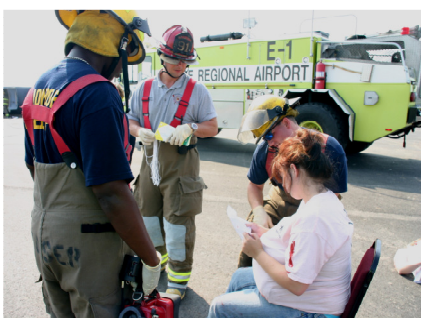


FIRE TITANS

Recruit Academy has begun for (21) males and (1) female. The group's 1st day of physical training was Tuesday, April 8th. Most of the training has been classroom studies. The Fire Titans, will be featured in the next issue of the Incipient, along with bios from the (2) new Communications Officers. Bronson Moss will also be added to the list of new faces, for his move from Suppression to Training.

2009-2010 FIREFIGHTER CALENDAR

The Monroe Fire Department is currently looking for **MODELS** to grace the pages of our **2009-2010 Firefighter Calendar**. Our hope is to raise money to support charity events such as MDA, Relay 4 Life, Sickle Cell Anemia and our Fans for Grans Drive. These funds can also assist in helping a burned out family or citizens who are less fortunate. If you are interested in doing a photo shoot and/or a fashion show, please contact Kim @ 329-2475 or LaTonja @ 329-2437. We are planning on shooting photos in July. Thank you in advance for all your support.



OBTAINING REFUSAL-OF-CARE AUTHORIZATIONS

Any time you assume care of a patient and that care is terminated without properly turning over the care of the patient to a person who can offer equal or better treatment, then you are unnaturally terminating the care of that patient. When this done, you must complete an EMS Refusal of Care Authorization form. This form can be found inside the clipboard of your apparatus.

Not long ago, emergency responders extricated a woman from an inverted vehicle. When access to the patient was gained and they attempted to place a c-collar, the patient refused to allow them to proceed, very forcefully saying she didn't want to be placed inside the ambulance nor did she want to go to the hospital.

Considering the mechanism-of-injury being the rolling and position of the vehicle, as well as her combativeness, the index of probability of having a head, neck and/or back injury was high. The EMT on the scene properly advised the patient of the hazards of not seeking ambulance transport and a doctor's evaluation, including the possibility of trauma caused by this type of incident.

Her verbal and physical combativeness continued and led to her being cuffed and placed into the back of a police unit. Being combative and cuffed, it was difficult to obtain a properly signed Refusal-of-Care from her.

In this situation you must document thoroughly. The EMT on the scene placed the words "patient unable to sign" in the signature blank and described the circumstances of why the patient was unable to sign. He gathered as much information on the patient as possible, obtain witnesses signatures from responders in different agencies such as MPD and the ambulance service. Then, upon returning to the station, he described the scene, patient condition, actions taken, advice given to the patient and the patient's reaction in her own words completely in the narrative section of the patient report in HTE.

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