



Smoke Rings



May 2006

From the Chief's Office

Welcome to the Spring issue of our newsletter. Let me start things off by thanking all the personnel who helped with the Immigration protest march that took place on April 10, 2006. The march route bisected the Tice area of the District. The sheriff's office estimated the marchers in excess of 75,000. We were able to man all our apparatus and reserve trucks with your assistance. I appreciate your manning these vehicles and weathering the conditions where you were deployed. In spite of the massive crowds and vehicular traffic backed up along all intersecting road and I-75, the protest march was "uneventful". We only had a couple "runs" related to the event. There were a lot of hours that went into operational planning on the Friday through Sunday preceding the event. Captain Fullon was our representative at the EOC and did a fine job coordinating with the other agencies. I want to thank the other outside agencies who assisted our department as well.

As we enter the month of May, we all know how dry we are. The drought index is approaching 700, which is extreme. I want to thank those employees who responded to Lehigh on the last weekend of April to assist them. That was by far the largest fire in recent years. It was a valuable learning experience for some of our "probies". I hope that you can see why we canvassed our rural areas at the end of March and left notices to those with wildfire interface issues.

Finally just two quick notes, our website is up and running at www.ticefire.com. One of our elementary schools (Orange River) has added our weather sticker to their website. I want to wish Firefighter Rollings good luck in his new endeavor.

Chief Greg Bradley

TRAINING UPDATES

The following department members attended schools and/or conferences recently:

Most members of the department are participating in the various training drills and evolutions at the former Holiday Inn downtown. This training started in April and will continue through June.

All shifts are going through the County's Waste-to Energy Plant while it is down for maintenance.

CONGRATULATIONS

To John Finn and Jacob Kingery on passing the state's pump operator exam.

CAPTAIN CHARLES W. SHADDUCK (CW)

WELCOME NEW FIREFIGHTER



Our newest firefighter (John Finn) is shown receiving his first check on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. John began his orientation on March 23rd and has started his rotation on "C" shift.



To Captain Shadduck for completing twenty five (25) years of service with the District. Chairman Pickering is shown presenting a plaque to Captain Shadduck at the April Board meeting. Congratulations CW!

APRIL-JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Owen Lippincott April 22nd
John Kreitzer May 4th
Lloyd Hatch May 18th
Dan Woolley June 15th
Jordan Mathews June 18th

APRIL-JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

John Kreitzer	April 8 th	17 years
Chris Rennie	April 11 th	18 years
Todd Burik	May 4 th	4 years(this time)
Jason Pigott	June 1 st	5 years

GOOD JOB

Special thanks to all who are spending their time remodeling the Buckingham Station. I know that it is taking a lot of time and sweat but it is really turning out nice. It will really be something to be proud of when you get the jobs completed. THANKS again!!

To those who participated in the Public Safety Softball Tournament on April 9th. The team was able to finish second in spite of being put in the wrong bracket. The “walking wounded” included Chris and Jodie Rennie, Todd Burik, Tommy Glover, John Wisdom, Matt Williams, Keith Kersey, Joe Dressell, Rena Smart, John Finn, and Rob Morgan.

NEW ARRIVALS

John Kreitzer's wife delivered their daughter on May 15, 2006.

Here's the new Pierce engine that was delivered on May 17th by 10-8 Fire Equipment.

