



Smoke Rings



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From the Chief's Office

Welcome to the Fall issue of our newsletter. Since the last issue we have completed and executed a new three year collective bargaining agreement. The agreement was approved by the Board at their September meeting. I think that this is the earliest time that negotiations concluded and an agreement being ratified and accepted. I want to thank those parties involved in the negotiations for their time, efforts, and professionalism. The Board adopted a new budget for the fiscal year starting October 1st. There are several capital projects in that budget including the "phase II" building at the Tice Station.

As we approach the end of hurricane season we have been extremely fortunate that the tropics have been so quiet this year. It won't be long before we should expect some cooler temperatures and drier weather which I'm sure will be appreciated training-wise.

I want to wish those taking the upcoming promotional exams for Captain and Engineer the best of luck. Regardless of how the list comes out, everyone is a winner. Our employees are putting a lot of study time into it and that benefits them, their shifts, and the Department. Thank you for your efforts and participation.

Finally just two quick notes, our website is up and running at www.ticefire.com. Our weather sticker may be added to any of your friend's or business websites free of charge. I want to wish Captain Vaughn and his family good luck in his new endeavor. Mika was the first person that I hired when I became chief. It was a pleasure watching him advance through the ranks and seeing his family grow.

Chief Greg Bradley

TRAINING UPDATES

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

FF Pigott, Gnagey, Glover, Dressel, Wooley, Wisdom, and Eng. Hatch completed Fire Service Hydraulics.

FF Gnagey, Glover, and Eng. Hatch completed Pumps & Apparatus.

Eng. Runk completed Fire Administration.

Chief DeArmond completed the Train-the-Trainer class for IS- 300+400.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Matt Williams on passing the state's pump operator exam, Mike Runk on passing the state's Arson Investigator exam, and John Wisdom and Jacob Kingery on passing the EMT exam.

SEPTEMBER 11TH REMEMBRANCE

WELCOME NEW FIREFIGHTER



Our newest firefighter (Adam Dowdy) is shown receiving his first check on Wednesday, April 5, 2006. Adam began his orientation on August 31st and has started his rotation on "B" shift.



Members of the District attended the ceremonies at Centennial Park on September 11th commemorating the fifth year anniversary of the attacks at the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Flight 93. Pictured (l to r) Fire Marshall Ross, Chief DeArmond, Chief Bradley, FF Wisdom, and FF Burik.

JULY-SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jacob Kingery	July 9 th
Mike Runk	July 18 th
Alan Crump	August 2 nd
Chad Gnagey	August 6 th
Rena Smart	September 2 nd
John Finn	September 7 th
Adam Dowdy	September 15 th
Troy Fullon	September 17 th
Toby Brashear	September 17 th

JULY-SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dan Woolley	July 26 th	5 years
Keith Kersey	August 27 th	8 years
Mike Runk	August 29 th	13 years
Tommy Glover	August 30 th	5 years
Joe Dressel	September 27 th	5 years

MIKA'S LAST DAY



On August 9th Captain Vaughn worked his last shift. Mika is shown with his shift members and some other department members who dropped by to wish him well.

