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Craig's Message

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Quick Remember

Dedication of the new Fire Hall at North Portal will be this Saturday at 11:00 am.

Come and join us

The Missouri Valley Battalion 4 has been in existence for 50 years. They will be celebrating that occasion on Sunday July 13th. Come and join us from 1:00 to 4:00 for hamburgers, hot dogs, cake and ice cream!

And don't forget to join us next Saturday July 13th at the dedication of the new Midvale Fire Hall. This will also be at 11:00

See you there!

Greetings All

Hope you all had a great 4th of July. I know some of you spent it running from one fire to the next, some spent it doing firework displays, while others spent it over a grill cooking for their community. We all continue to serve the communities that we live in with pride and dedication.

After being part of this organization for over 30 years I am still impressed by all of you that continue to provide more than just fire prevention and protection for your communities. There are many out there who do not understand all that you do. The number of hours it takes to train and meet the requirements and demands of the fire service. There are those who believe that you should be doing more, but where are they when you get called out at 3:00 in the morning to fight fire or cut someone out of a car?? It is easy for them to say that you don't have that many calls, you can do more. They don't quite understand that you do this as a volunteer, you don't receive anything for the time and effort that you put into it. They don't understand the amount of time and energy that you invest in doing what you do and the time and effort that you put into providing a lot of the community events that take place in rural Fremont County. I see the amount of time and effort that goes into providing the services that you do and understand the demands of a full time job, your families, and other obligations. And we all need a little time to ourselves. All I can say is "Thank You" for your service and all that you do.



Notes from District Trainer Dan Oakley

Hey folks,

Is it summer yet?

With all of the strange weather and moisture that we have been experiencing lately it is hard to tell. But fear not, fire season is just around the corner and Mother Nature is insuring that we have an adequate supply of light flashy fuels to ignite and carry the fire.

A couple of months ago I did an Emergency Vehicle Operations refresher for few of the battalions. I gave them printed handouts from the Firefighter Close Calls website that referenced all of the accidents that had been reported to that site for the month of March. In all I believe there were about 20 reported accidents just for that month alone and those were just the ones that had significant outcomes. In the months since then there have been 18 incidents in April, 19 in May, 17 in June and as of July 2nd there is already 1 reported for this month. Now

many of the incidents are taking place in the Urban/City setting and happening in intersections. However, a number of them are rollovers and regardless of where they are taking place the cause is the same. Driving too fast and not being in control of the vehicle. Over confidence and inexperience are also play a role in these crashes. Many of us have been driving large vehicles for most of our lives, doesn't matter if it is an emergency vehicle, a commercial vehicle or an agricultural vehicle. We have driven them forever and we are very good at it. The problem for us is overconfidence in our ability and complacency in our attitude. As for those members who do not have as much experience with large commercial sized vehicles, inexperience is their greatest obstacle and believe it or not, **RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY IS NOT THE TIME TO PRACTICE!**

Trainings

Contact Dan if there are trainings you would like to have scheduled.

We lose to many Emergency Responders every year, most are due to medical issues, some to random acts of violence and very few to true heroic actions. Motor vehicle accidents are usually caused by someone's stupidity, **DON'T LET IT BE YOURS.**

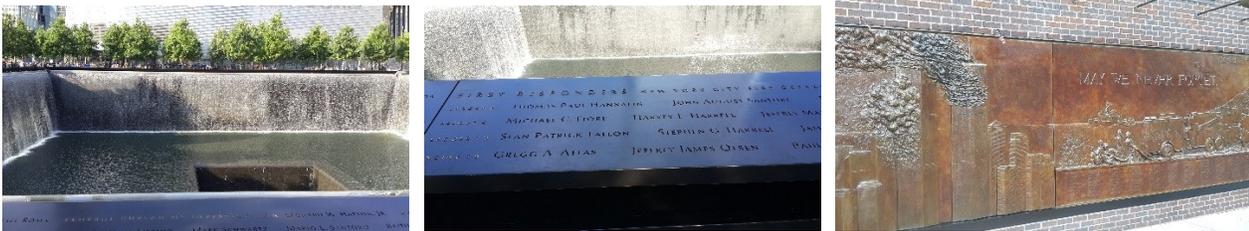
Thanks for your time and dedication

Dan



Craig's message continued

Recently I was able to take some time while in New Jersey and go to New York to visit Ground Zero. The Memorial had recently been completed and it was probably the one thing that I wanted to do while back east. There are no words that can describe how I felt while there, only to say that it was a very humbling experience. There are people who visit that do not understand and some who never will. I cannot even fathom all that took place that day or the profound effect and impact that it had on all involved. I am truly humbled by the service and sacrifice of our brothers and sisters that perished that day and those who were effected and yet continued to serve their fellow man even when they were impacted by the events that took place. There is no tribute that can truly pay homage to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice that day and the days and years to follow, but it is a very beautiful and sincere memorial to the events that took place that day.



So Remember who we are and what we do in all of the aspects of our lives. Remember that Pride, Honor, and Integrity are part of who we are as Firefighters. We have chosen to serve our fellow man as firefighters, others have chosen different paths and that is their choice, but we will do the job that we have chosen to do and give it our best.

Thanks again for all that you do, I for one appreciate all the effort that you put forth.

Craig



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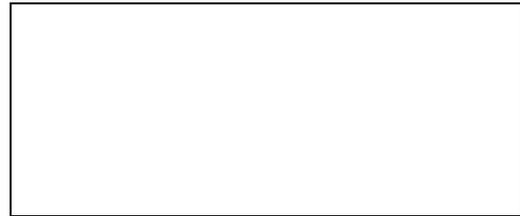
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Mission Statement

The Fremont County Fire District is dedicated to providing the highest quality of fire, emergency and other community related services to the residents and visitors of the district.



We're on the Web at

FremontCountyFireDistrict.com

2014 FCFPD Drill Team

The 2014 Drill Team consisted of Team 1 members Bub Parker, Brady Hamilton, Lance Hamilton, Jared Hamilton, and Zeke Bonella.

Team 2 members were Dalton Sanders, Rob Heatley, Joei Sanders, Matt Ogden, and Dan Oakley.

Team 1 finished 2nd Overall, they took 1st place on the Horn and 1st place on the Replacement.

Team 2 finished the tournament in 6th place.

Three members of Team 1 earned ALL TOURNAMENT AWARDS as follows:

Lance Hamilton — Nozzleman

Brady Hamilton — Plugman

Zeke Bonella — Clampman

