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## Last Alarm: Engineer James Phillips passed away March 15, 2019.

## Fire Fighter O.S. (Ollie) Smith passed away March 23, 2019



Funeral Services were held on April 6, 2019 at Wesconnett Assembly of God. With JFRD Honor Guard in attendance.

#### Engineer Michael A Mooney passed away April 5, 2019.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Michael Andrew Mooney April 2, 1947 - April 5, 2019



A Celebration of Life was conducted at Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home of Mandarin on Saturday, April 13, 2019. JFRD Honor Guard and the Pipes and Drums were also in attendance.

District Chief Richard (Dickie) Hunt passed away April 13, 2019. At the Family's request – there were no Services conducted.

### Battalion Chief Richard W. Johnson passed away April 15, 2019.



Retired JFRD Chaplain Wayne Young officiated a Celebration of Life Service at Beaches Memorial Park in the Chapel on April 22, 2019. Also in attendance were the JFRD Full Honor Guard and Bags and Pipes and was carried to his final resting place on Local 122's Engine. Two of his Pallbearers were his closest friends who are retired from JFRD. Edmond Brown and Brett Pickett.

Member Report:

## Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial – Tallahasee, Florida





Upper Left: JRFA President John Wood pointing to our Retired Association Poster which displays all the names of contributors. ( Our Association alone donated over \$ 2000.00)

Upper Right: Retired Fire Chief/Director Ran Napoli standing in front of the actual Florida Fire Fighter's Fallen Memorial in Tallahassee, He played a very big role in the planning and spear heading of getting this Memorial completed.

Lower Left: Actual Bronzed Statue atop the Memorial depicting three Fire Service Members.



Pictured Left: On April 4, 2019 at Fire Station 23 (Ortega Fire Station) Captain Maddox celebrated his retirement with a large gathering. Standing with Captain Maddox, to the left, Ex -President JRFA Wayne Doolittle, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ronnie Learn and Retired Capt Evan Howard is Capt Maddox with the JRFA Commemorative Coin.



Picture Left: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ronnie Learn congratulating Retired Inspector Owen Richardson on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The reception was on April 6, 2019 at the Garden City Baptist Church.

Two years ago, Owen fell during the remodel construction of a bathroom. Along with another medical issue it took him those two years to gain back his mobility.



Picture Left: On March 26, 2019 the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Fighter's Widows Luncheon was held at the IAFF Union Hall. Between the Widows and Widower (Warren Treadwell), Guests, JFRD Staff, and Cooks and Volunteers there were a host of attendees. Great food, Good fellowship, and even better prizes.



Pictured Left: JRFA President John Wood is with Lt. Joe White's Widow, Diana White. She served at a Clay County School Crossing Guard for over 26 Years. The Widow's Association awarded her substantial monetary reward for her outstanding service to the Community.

# Fire Station Luncheon – "Men of 10". March 28, 2019.



Picture top left: JRFA Chaplain Richard Brand officiating the luncheon at the "Men of 10" with the opening prayer and blessing. Picture top right: IAFF Local 122 President Randy Wyse shaking hands with Jacksonville's Oldest Living Retired Fire Chief Cullen Chalker. There were over 100 JFRD members in attendance.



Left: 1909 Photo of Fire Station # 2. Right: 110 years, Fire Station # 2 in 2019.





Picture Left: Retired Capt Bill Langley from Station 2 standing next to Deceased Captain Bill Ray Sands Widow Annette, and behind her is their son (Green Shirt) Matthew. In 1989, Station 2 was renovated and upper front windows were replaced. The far left upper window was rededicated back to the station during this celebration by Annette. Picture Right: The Cake displayed to the right, is adorned with Fire Station # 2's logo "Springfield Deuce".