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# Jacksonville Association of Retired Fire Fighters

## NEWSLETTER

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Due to circumstances beyond our control, we regret that we were unable to provide Newsletters for August or September 2016. In light of that fact, this newsletter will provide current news and information from those two Months.

**Quote for Month:** I can think of no more stirring symbol of man's humanity to man than a fire engine. -Kurt Vonnegut

### **LAST ALARM:**

Captain Ed Bracket Sr. passed away on August 6, 2016  
Lt. Johnny Rowe passed away on August 6, 2016 also.  
Lt. Dennis Wilson passed away on August 13, 2016  
Lt. O. B. Walton passed away on August 23, 2016  
Lt. George R. Blackwell, Jr. passed away on September 25 2016

### **Members Report:**

Currently, Jerry Burns remains at home but his condition has not improved. He would appreciate calls and/or visits to perk up his spirits. He can be reached at (904) 612-3415.

Retired Captain Bill Palmer is currently under chemotherapy treatment and is at home.

Retired Captain T. C. Banks is completing his cancer treatments and we ask for Prayers for a swift recovery.

Retired FPB Owen Richardson recently took a couples of falls which has resulted in a several surgeries, and is currently in the critical care unit at UF Health. (Shands)

Retired Captain John Bailey is presently in Memorial Hospital for a pacemaker.

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## **Members Report** continued...

President of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club Retired Captain Hugh Chancy was involved in a motorcycle accident just outside of Bryson City, North Carolina on September 9, 2016.

On this trip, eight members of the Red Knights tended to Hugh after he crashed and went into a 10 foot creek. Prior to the arrival of local EMS, Retired Rescue (Paramedic) Captain David Ash, Retired Engineer (EMT) Charlie Geiger, and Hugh's best friend, Terry Love administered treatment and care of Hugh until EMS arrival. He was then transported to Bryson City Hospital and then their aeromedical unit flew him to the Trauma Center in Ashville, North Carolina. We are happy to report that he has fully recovered after several surgeries and three weeks of rehabilitative therapy.

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August 2016 – IAFF Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Retired Captain James P Croft, Jr was proudly presented the 2016 IAFF Local Leadership Award at the Convention by IAFF President Harold A. Schaitberger.



Congratulations to our newest JRFA member Retired FRCC Susan Hanner. She completed her 30<sup>th</sup> year September 23, 2016.

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### Pictured:

Front Row: L to R: **Oldest Living Firefighter Walter Hurlbert (Age 93)**, **Oldest Living Retired Fire Chief Cullen Chalker**, and **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ronnie Learn**.

Back Row Center – **President Wayne Doolittle** and **Lowes Assistant Manager Mr. Shane Ford**.

October 1, 2016 kicked off National Fire Safety Month. Lowes at Regency Square sponsored a Fire Safety display and several Retired Members participated. Retired Captain Evans Howard (not pictured) attended with his 1945 Seagraves Fire Engine.



### According to Mr. Johnson

He's assessed the fund, and concluded that in working with cooperation with all members – a plan which includes 5 long term goals & strategies is necessary for the funds sustainability. Those goals are

1. Solvency
2. Governance
3. Transparency
4. Education
5. Outreach

At last week's Retired FF breakfast, it was nice to meet and greet Mr. Timothy Johnson, Executive Director and Plan Administrator for the Jacksonville Police and Fire Pension Plan.



Florida Fire Fighters killed in the line of Duty, Ocala, Florida – October 2016. Jacksonville Well represented!!

