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Jacksonville Association of Retired Fire Fighters

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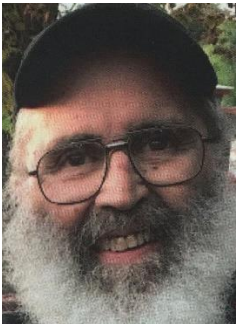
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Quote for the Day: *Firefighters save hearts and homes. ~Author Unknown*

Last Alarm:

Engineer Thomas Tillis passed away December 6, 2018. Services are pending for a later date. One of Tommy's most important task during his career within the fire service, was being a driver for the Honorable Mayor Hayden Burns.

Engineer Louis Vogel passed away December 8, 2018. JFRD Honor Guard attended his funeral service. Louis was assigned to Fire Station 17 for the majority of his career.



Engineer Thomas Read III also passed away December 8, 2018. Funeral Services were conducted by Retired Jacksonville Fire Rescue Chaplain Wayne Young. Thomas retired from Ladder 44 and he was successful at running a motorcycle repair shop only specializing in Harley Davidson Motorcycles.

Member Report:

At the printing of this newsletter, we are happy to inform everyone that all members are in fairly good health, to our knowledge no one is confined to a medical facility or rehab unit at this time. Thanks be to God.

Attention all Death Benefit Fund Members, there will be a breakfast on January 22, 2019 at the Fire Fighter's Union Hall at 0800 hours. Immediately following the breakfast at 0900 hours, the meeting will commence. This annual meeting is held each year in January. This is the perfect opportunity for all Fund members to attend and get your questions addressed and answered. We hope to see you all there!

In case many of you are not aware, Retired Captain Claude Howle relocated up north in Culpepper, VA. If anyone would like to drop him a note or a card, according to his wife, Carol, he would love to hear from you. His address is as follows: 10137 Lake Crest Place, Culpepper, Virginia 22701.

Upcoming 37th Annual Fishing Tournament in Deland, Florida February 18 – 21, 2019.



Picture to the left: Chef Charlie Geiger is cooking Chili at our annual Fishing tournament meeting held January 3, 2019 in Green Cove Springs. Tournament Manager John Wood is supervising the Chef at work cooking the Chili.



Picture to the Left:

The Red Knights Motorcycle Club (Chapter 7) Annual Christmas Party was held this past December at the upstairs in the Old # 8 Fire Station. Shown is Retired Captain Evans Howard who is also the President for the Club shaking hands with Retired Captain Nick Tison who is the newly elected Treasurer.

One of 2018's final prints of the Florida Times Union Newspaper had an article paying tribute to prominent individuals from the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department who have passed away.



Picture to Left: Retired Battalion Chief Miles Bowers spent the last 13 years of his career at Fire Station # 10 on McDuff Avenue. The Street and Concrete intersection marker adjacent to the station was named after him as seen in the photo. Chief Bowers served as the Director/ Fire Chief twice during his tenure with the Department and was a fire fighter with the JFRD longer than any other member. He was 91 years old at his death and had served on the Department for 57 years.

No Picture: Retired Captain Ted Copeland (Fire Prevention Bureau) was all-state football and basketball at Andrew Jackson High School in 1952. He also captained the basketball team his senior year at University of Florida. Ted is the only local Fire Fighter who is also listed in the Florida Sports Hall of Fame.



Pictures to left:

Retired Engineer Jimmy “JAMMER” Morgan served 29 years and 2 months with the JFRD. He retired on 9/28/2012 with a host of years assigned to the Mobile Command Van known as “Command Van”. Early in 2018, he was contacted and asked to serve on a 5 person committee to help design a new Mobile Command Center. The Apparatus was being built at Frontline Industries in Sarasota. After several trips to Frontline, a multitude of meetings at Tactical Support, the Command Center Vehicle was complete in December 2018. At completion of the final inspection and training on December 17 and 18, it was delivered to Tactical Support on January 9, 2019.

The Command Center is built on a Freightliner Chassis and has 4 slide outs, 9 work stations, 2 conference tables and all the best telecommunications equipment available.

Pictured below: This plaque paying tribute to Jammer is mounted inside the vehicle. As Jimmy stated, he had always loved working for the JFRD and highly respects all past and current members of the department. He thanks Fire Chief Kurt Wilson and all his administration for allowing him to be a part of this experience and most appreciates the addition of the plaque symbolizing the dedication of the newly acquired vehicle to his service. To summed it up in his words: “I will always be honored and proud to say I worked with the Jacksonville Fire Rescue Department.”

