



Firehouse Notes

September
2006

2006 Fire Academy Class Graduated

The St. George 2006 Fire Academy graduated a class of 28 firefighters on Monday June 26, 2006. Twenty-one of those graduates joined the ranks of the St. George Fire Department. Four members of the Zachary Fire Department, two members of the Central Fire Department and one member of St. Tammany District #2 were also graduated.

The ceremony was held at Healing Place Church. It consisted of the traditional pinning of the badges by a family member followed by the presentation of certificates of graduation by Mayor President Kip Holden.

The principal speakers of the evening were Fire Chief Jerry Tarleton and Mayor President Holden. A reception followed the commencement ceremonies.

The probationary firefighters assumed their station and shift assignments on July 11th.

St. George is happy to welcome Clayton Blount, Rhett Buras, Jason Cetrone, Kyle Douglas, George Dousay, Joshua Dunham, Jonathan Ginn, John Hamner, Jarrett Huff, Nichole Jacks, Thomas McMurray, Travis Moore, Michael Morgan, James Neyland, Kyle Peel, Todd Perez, Brady Piper, Luke Simon, Charles Smith, Ragan Underwood, and Dustin Yates to our ranks.

St. George Fire Fighters Association is Formed

This summer the employees of the Department formed the St. George Fire Fighters Association. The organization was recognized as Local Number 4524 of the International Association of Fire Fighters / AFL-CIO.

The Association's elected officers are:

President - Jason Turner

Vice President - Jack Jones

Secretary/Treasurer - Kim Hartman

A Shift Representative - Donald Fleury

B Shift Representative - Brian Scivique

Do You Have Anything You'd Like to Share? ... Graduation, Wedding, or New Addition to the Family? ... Please Share It with Us.

St. George Citizens "Filled the Boot"

Members of the St. George Fire Fighters Association held a "Fill the Boot" campaign for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) on August 19th and 20th for four hours each day. The off-duty firefighters braved the 98 degree heat on Siegen Lane to raise about \$7,000.00 dollars for this year's campaign.

On September 4, 2006 a delegation did a live presentation for the MDA Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. The local telethon was televised by WFLA Channel 33 from the Hilton Capitol Center.

Supporting the Muscular Dystrophy Association is the IAFF's primary philanthropy. Fire fighters from across the nation held "Fill the Boot" events and raised over \$23.6 million for this year's MDA telethon.

Station 64 is Operational

On the morning of July 11, 2006, St. George Station 64 at 17575 Hoo Shoo Too Road became operational. St. George's eighth fully manned and staffed station is home to Engine 643 and Tanker 646 as well as District Chief 605.

District Chief Chad Roberson Elected to National Office

Chief Chad Roberson has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the State Urban Search and Rescue Alliance at the organization's national conference held in Charlotte, NC. The Alliance (known in the rescue community as "SUSAR") is a national organization made up of state and regional rescue team leaders. SUSAR promotes education and the adoption of standards for USAR workers. It seeks to fill the gap between local and federal responders, providing its members a voice in the development of emergency plans.