



Firehouse Notes

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St. George Capital Improvements Plan Renewed for Five Years

The voters of the District overwhelmingly renewed a 1.5 mill property tax on the November 7th ballot. The funds are dedicated to capital projects and debt service for the next five years.

The final vote will become official when canvassed by the St. George Board of Commissioners at their December 21st meeting. The vote totals in that election stand at 15,349 voting YES and 3,523 voting NO. The issue passed with 81.33% of the vote.

In an article announcing the election results, The Advocate quotes Fire Chief Tarleton as saying, "I'm thankful people have confidence in what we do. I think the voters have seen the improvements we have made and that we have done what we said we would do."

The assessment is anticipated to raise an estimated \$5.7 million over its five year life. Among the continuing improvements we hope to bring the citizens of the District with those funds are the purchase of six new pumper trucks (The ladder truck purchase in the current budget is part of the current capital improvements plan, not the renewal.), land acquisition for a future fire station, and the construction of a comprehensive training, maintenance and administrative facility.

St. George Demonstrates Extrication Application of New DeWalt Saw

The DeWalt Tool Company and Home Depot on Coursey Blvd requested the Department's assistance in demonstrating the capabilities of a 36 volt cordless reciprocating saw by cutting a minivan in half. The demo took place in the parking lot of the Home Depot on October 17th.

Unit 618 (with a veteran crew of Jack Jones, Wade Hartman, and Daren Hilburn) was assigned the task. They were definitely up to it, and performed safely and efficiently - in the best St. George fashion.

They proceeded to impress onlookers by cutting a Dodge Caravan in half, right behind the front seats. A DeWalt sales rep present said this was the first such demo using a minivan because their frames are so sturdy.

The complete cut was performed in a little over 20 minutes. It would have taken significantly less time had more than three saw blades been available for the task.

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

Happy Thanksgiving



State Firemen's Association Names Life Members

In a recent letter from LSFA Secretary Gerald Dellucky, Chief of Operations Boyd Westbrook and Training Officer Timmy Walters were named LSFA Life Members. This status is bestowed upon LSFA members who have been active members in good standing for twenty-five consecutive years.

Other life members affiliated with the St. George Fire Department are Commissioner Frank Collura, Fire Chief Jerry Tarleton, and Firefighter Mike Lambert.

We offer our congratulations to each of those honored in recognition of, literally, a lifetime of service in the fire community.



From the left: Daren Hilburn, Jack Jones, and Wade Hartman pose beside the Dodge Caravan they sawed in half using only the DeWalt 36 volt reciprocating saw held by Captain Jones.