



Firehouse Notes

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First We Celebrated; then We Mourned

On Monday, July 2nd Chief of Operations Boyd Westbrook was married; and we welcomed his wife, Carolyn, to the St. George family. We offer them our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Unfortunately, tragedy struck on July 24th with the death of Chief Westbrook's son, Justin. He was twenty-two years old.

Chief Westbrook has asked me to thank, on his behalf, all the St. George members and their families who reached out to his family in their time of grief. The thoughts and prayers of so many friends and colleagues really helped him and Justin's mother get back on their feet and back into day to day life.

Former St. George Firefighter in Iraq

Chief Armanini and has been emailing back and forth with Hank Wallis, who is currently serving in Iraq. Hank is a former St. George Captain and the brother of Zachary Fire Chief Dan Wallis. Others of you may have been in touch with him as well, because I know Scotty Dupre has been taking photos of some of the "old timers" who Hank had worked with to send him.

In the conversations, it came up that Hank and a lot of his fellow soldiers are in need of "care packages" from home. Among the items requested by the soldiers are:

- Baby Powder
- Baby Wipes
- Bandanas
- Books / Reading Material
- Chap Sticks / Lip Balm
- Cigars / Tobacco Products
- DVD's
- Flavor Packs to mix into water bottles
- Moisturizing Lotion
- Sunscreen

Email or call Chief Mike Armanini if you are interested in contributing items or making a cash donation. He will be shipping the items soon.

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

Captain Guy Denicola and Firefighter Brady Piper Honored by PFIA



Captain Guy Denicola and Firefighter Brady Piper are shown with Paul Owens of the Police and Firemen's Insurance Association. They were each presented plaques in recognition of their induction to the PFIA Heroes Hall of Fame for their rescue of a critically burned victim, who later died from his injuries, in a residential fire on February 28, 2007.

St. George PFA Members Conduct Recruiting Effort

On Saturday, August 4, members of the St. George Professional Firefighters Association gave of their off-duty time to assist in the Department's recruiting efforts. They organized and conducted a public contact event at The Mall of Louisiana.

They handed out fliers promoting employment opportunities as well as materials promoting general fire safety. They also created and displayed an informative video presentation. Most importantly, though, they were available to talk with the public and answer questions about the fire service first-hand. Their efforts are appreciated.