



Firehouse Notes

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On the Personal Side

Two of our families recently suffered the loss of loved ones. I am sure we are all aware, and have offered our personal thoughts of condolence, but we could not overlook making mention of them.

On March 22, Firefighter/Operator Kim Hartman and her husband Firefighter/Operator Wade Hartman suffered the loss of Kim's mother, Laverne, following a very long illness.

One month later, on April 22, John Politz, Executive Administrative Assistant Shellene Blount's step-father passed away after a protracted illness at the age of 77. Shellene's loss was shared by Assistant Chief Keith Blount, Communications Officer Chelsea Blount, and Firefighter Clay Blount.

On a happier note, the news from Captain Lee West continues to be good as Lee recuperates from his illness.

Two other members of the Department have undergone major surgeries recently.

Senior Executive Administrative Assistant Evelyn Boe underwent multiple surgeries and is recovering nicely. Evelyn paid a "surprise (chauffeured) visit" to the office recently and is looking and sounding very much like her old self. She is expected to be out for at least another four weeks.

District Chief Frank Sanford underwent surgery to correct a cervical problem. He is home and improving as well. We hope to have Chief Sanford back with us within four to six weeks.

Fire Academy is Underway

The St. George Fire Academy got underway mid-April at our new Training Center located in the Barringer Foreman Technology Park near the Sheriff's Kleinpeter Substation on Airline Hwy.

Nineteen St. George cadets are joined by members of several area fire departments to make up the class. We will have more as these recruits approach graduation

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

The Shaw Group Makes Donation

The Shaw Group recently make a donation to the Department. The one thousand dollar award was presented at the Shaw Group's Family Day Picnic held at the State Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

This contribution will be used to supplement the budget of St. George's Fire Prevention Bureau programs including the operation of the Fire Safety Trailer as well as school visits, fire station tours, and the distribution of age appropriate fire safety materials at numerous public events.



Daryl Guercio (*right*), Environmental Health & Safety Manager for Shaw, presented the contribution to St. George Fire Dept. Public Information Officer Eldon Ledoux.

One Last Shake of the Boot

The final scheduled Shake the Boot for MDA will be Saturday morning, May 10th at Siegen and North Mall. Efforts so far have collected over \$15,600 for MDA.

One of the area poster children for MDA paid a thank you visit to Station 61 on April 4 as part of the MDA tour of our stations. George Woods and his mom and sister, along with his service dog, visited Station 61 where they enjoyed visiting with the firefighters. Fire Chief Jerry Tarleton is shown presenting him with a St. George fire helmet.

