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## FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

**W**e mailed our first issue of "Fully Involved" in October 2008. There have been so many positive comments and it has been great to hear from so many of our retirees! My hope has always been to use this newsletter as a tool to help us stay connected as an extended AFD family. I have been asked why we mail it to homes, rather than just distribute it at the stations. The simple answer to that question is: Most of the items that are posted at the stations or delivered to the stations never make it to the entire intended audience. We wanted "Fully Involved" to be different. We realize how important your entire family is to the success of our department. Spouses, children and other family members can read this newsletter to see what is going on among our various groups. And besides, it is a lot of fun!

FF Gary Hamner, Mary Ann Ross, & Robin Kervick help with the publication of "Fully Involved" each month. Thank you for all of your hard work! I want to especially recognize our Chaplain, Chris Hale, for his work on the newsletter. Getting everyone to submit their articles (on time) and then working with these in the layout is a lot of work. Thank you, Chris, for all you do for our department! (Note: This newsletter is just one small part of the great job he does for us on a daily basis.)

Spring has arrived and many of you have started making plans for summer vacations. I hope each of you have a great summer and that you get to spend some special time with your family.

Have a great day!  
Ken

**KEN DOZIER**  
FIRE CHIEF

We want AFD families to stay in touch with us and with each other by letting us hear from you. Send your stories, pictures, and questions to us at:  
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## MILESTONES

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### Leaving Abilene/AFD...PFF/Licensed Paramedic Casey Stewart's last day on B-Shift was February 18th and he will be missed. Casey moved his family back home to Edmond, Oklahoma and will rejoin the Edmond Fire Department.

2001 until April 18, 2005. Randy had an informal send-off on his last day at work, May 20th.

Guy and Randy's Official Retirement Reception was held May 24th at the Abilene Civic Center. Look for pictures of these retirement receptions in our next issue.

**Retirements...Assistant Chief Alan L. Plumlee** joined the department September 8, 1981, promoted to Senior Firefighter July 18, 1984, Lieutenant June 28, 1988, and was appointed Assistant Chief March 1, 1996 by Chief Putnam. Alan was appointed Interim Fire Chief twice by the City Manager. He had an informal send-off at Station 1 on May 7th and a official retirement reception was held May 12th.

**Lieutenant Guy F. Turner** joined the department January 1983, promoted to Senior Firefighter July 22, 1986, and Lieutenant July 27, 1993. Guy had an informal send-off at Station 1 on his last shift, May 12th.

**Lieutenant Alton Randy Doan** joined the department March 20, 1984, promoted to Lieutenant January 27, 1989 and was appointed Assistant Fire Marshal January 30,

**Our Family is Growing...Aaron Barr** and family welcomed Adam Lee Barr to the world on Cinco De Mayo, May 5th. He was 8 pounds 2 ounces and 20 inches. Rachael and baby are home and doing well.

**Jonathan and Crystal Johnston** welcomed a new daughter into their family May 11th. Cicily Amelia Johnston weighed 7 lbs 8 oz. Mother and baby are doing well.

**EVT Certification...ARFF II & Management II**  
**EVT David Williams**

**TCFP Certification...Advanced—FF Sanders, J. Williams & LT Sanders and Fire Officer II—CPT Flores**

**25-Year Service Award...FF Larry Jones and LT Ostrander (4/2/1985)**

# AFD AWARDS CEREMONY

In March, our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual AFD Awards Ceremony was held at the Law Enforcement Center. For the first time, several citizens were honored for their acts of bravery or devotion to our department. John and Paula Beall, and their grandson Scott Hearn, were honored for building our new Fire Safety House and eight other civilians received the AFD's Civilian Appreciation Award. Letters of Commendation were given to 16 firefighters and Norma Petrencik for their hard work this past year. Unit Commendations were awarded to the Engine 2, C Shift Crew, Lt. Kevin Johnson, FF Jess Madison, FF Doug Reno, and FF Kelly Davis for their devotion to duty involving a medical emergency. FF Tony Barrera was honored with a Department Commendation for brave and heroic actions performed off duty



*Unit Commendation Award  
FF Doug Reno, FF Kelly Davis, FF Jess Madison, & Lt. Kevin Johnson*

when he pulled a young pregnant woman from a burning car following an auto accident. Certificates of Recognition were given to Cpt. Mike Burden, FF Jimmy Hall, FF Fig Newton, and FF Phillip Crocket for ten years of service with our AFD Honor Guard. Our Firefighter of the Year Award was earned by FF Jess Madison for his years of devotion to our community.

**FF GARY HAMNER  
PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**DEPARTMENT  
COMMENDATION**  
FF Tony Barrera

**UNIT COMMENDATION**  
LT Kevin Johnson  
FF Jess Madison  
FF Doug Reno  
FF Kelly Davis

**CERTIFICATES OF  
RECOGNITION**  
CAPT Mike Burden  
FF Jimmy Hall  
FF Larry Newton  
FF Phillip Crockett  
FF James Henson

**FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR**  
FF Jess Madison



*Deputy Chief Jim Frazier, Firefighter of the Year Jess Madison and Chief Ken Dozier*



*Deputy Chief Jim Frazier & FF James Henson receiving Certificate of Appreciation*



*Deputy Chief Jim Frazier & FF Jimmy Hall receiving Certificate of Appreciation*



*Michael Martinez Civilian Appreciation Award recipient & Chief Ken Dozier*



*Division Chief Joey Kincaid & Civilian Appreciation Award recipients John & Paula Beall*



*George Ozuna Civilian Appreciation Award recipient & Chief Ken Dozier*

**CIVILIAN APPRECIATION AWARDS**

- Bontke Brothers Construction
- Michael Martinez
- Russell Beltz
- George Ozuna
- Mike Breckenridge & Jake Laudermilk
- Tracy Graham, Amy Martin & Richard Rose
- John & Paula Beall

**LETTERS OF COMMENDATION**

***FROM CHIEF OFFICERS:***

- BC Larry Bell
- LT Kevin Johnson
- LT John Smith
- LT Randy Doan
- FF Gary Hamner
- CAPT Rick Wright
- LT Derek Briggs
- FF Brian Stovall

***FROM COMPANY OFFICERS:***

- FF Richard Fuentes
- FF Aaron Maxwell
- FF Patrick Schuessler
- FF Brian Stovall
- FF Brandon Brown

***FROM DIVISION MANAGER:***

- Norma Petrencik
- LT Clifton Morrison
- LT Jeff Renfro
- LT Paul Slabaugh

**CITY RECOGNITION**

***JANUARY***

- FF Larry Newton

***SEPTEMBER***

- FF Rob Fehr
- FF Craig Martin
- FF Ikey Garrett
- FF Scott Riggins
- FF Dave Phillips

***OCTOBER***

- FF Tony Barrera

***DECEMBER***

- FF Jon Michael Brown
- LT Mike Pence
- FF Landon Wolfe
- FF Phil Chapman
- FF Craig Martin
- FF Billy Mac Swanzy
- FF Randahl Lohse

# FIREFIGHTER OLYMPICS

**M**any of you already know about the Firefighter Olympics held in this Great State every year. Some of the new guys may not have had the opportunity to hear us talk about these events. I would like to take the time to invite each and every one of you, old and new, to visit the new web site of the TSFFO (Texas State Firefighter Olympics) <http://www.texasfirefighterolympics.com>. I would also like to urge everyone to participate. This great event is held every year in a different city in Texas. As far as I know, we are the only state which has an organized event as such. The web site lists all the different events and will answer just about any question you may have. Firefighter Olympics is a great way to make new friends. If you are interested, contact someone who has participated and let them explain the kind of fun and "family" type atmosphere the Firefighter Olympics presents. I guarantee you will not find one person on the Abilene Fire Department that would have anything but positive comments about the Olympics. Some of us have been going every year for several years; some have had to pick and choose the years they can go due to family vacations and other obligations. For me personally, when my kids were younger, we made the Olympics one of our vacations every year. It has been a great experience for me and my family. It's something my kids will remember and talk about for the rest of their lives. Please take the time to look at the web site and contact me or any one else that has been and lets get more people involved.

FF DAVID STANDARD  
E3/C SHIFT

## CHARACTER

**G**ood morning! I have been meaning to send you an email for some time now. My family and I have moved and are now getting settled back in Edmond.

Chief, I wanted to let you know what took place as I was trying to leave town back in February. I was headed back to Edmond to start work near the end of February and my wife was going to stay in Abilene with the girls and pack up our stuff. Hannah and I knew that we were going to be apart for at least a month. A couple of days before I was set to leave the auto repair shop found a crack in the radiator of my wife's car. The same car that we had already spent a lot of money to fix the transmission. I was tired of spending money on that car and the auto shop wanted a lot of money to replace the radiator. I had never replaced a radiator that had had oil cooler and transmission cooler lines in it. My thought was to have the shop do it because I only had a few days before leaving and my wife needed a dependable car. Well to make a long story short, in steps **Wes Bryan**. **Wes** had helped me many times before. **Wes** said that we could do it and it would only take 45 minutes (he did not realize my past history and bad luck) and he had the tools to do the job. So I ordered the radiator.

To sum it up - the job did not take anywhere near 45 minutes. It took 7 hours of one day and about one hour of a second day. Due to faulty fitting that was not machined correctly the radiator would not install. We started work around 10 am. **Sammy Hightower** showed up around 11 am and we all pushed and pulled and did everything we could to get that hose to connect but it would not. We made many trips to the radiator shop and other stores around town to find an alternative but in the end we had to order a new fitting. The fitting arrived the second day and **Jared Harding** and I installed the radiator in less than 30 minutes.

Here is the point: **Wes, Sammy, and Jared** helped me when I was in a pinch. They spent an entire day helping me put in that radiator. They could have easily resented me for leaving. They could have left me to figure it out myself; they had nothing to gain. Heck, they may not see me again. They helped me get that car running so I did not have to worry about Hannah and the girls while I was away. Plus it was a whole lot cheaper!

It may not seem like a big deal, but it sure was to me! I wanted you to be aware (I know you already are) of the **character of the men** who work for you. Thanks—Casey

FF CASEY STEWART  
FORMER AFD  
EDMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Fire Report**

Fire at Street No. 629 No. 6th. St.  
Date March 10, 1932 Time 9:35A-9:47A  
Name of Owner Methodist Church (colored)  
Address of Owner Abilene, Texas  
Occupied by Rev. C.H. Hamilton

Cause of Fire? Cigarette  
Place of Origin? Out house  
IF ROOF STATE TYPE  
Confined to Place of Origin? Yes  
Extended to Other floors? No  
Extended to Adjoining Property? No  
Extended Beyond Adjoining Property? No  
How Was Fire Extinguished? Buckets of water  
Did Sprinklers Ext. Fire Held in check Fail

No. of Sprinkler Heads Open  
Were inside Stand-pipes available?  
No. of Hose Leads Used?  
If Cause Suspicious State Why.  
Building Occupied as A "Crapper"

Class of Building Buick-8  
Buick-6  
Type-12  
" 10  
Service Truck  
Interior Finish NO. 4

CONTRIBUTED BY  
FF SCOTT RIGGINS, E5/C SHIFT

# THE NEW LADDER 6



The Abilene Fire Department took delivery of a new Sutphen, 100' aerial platform in March.

The project to obtain the new ladder truck began in late 2009 and is the first piece of fire apparatus to be funded under the City's scheduled replacement program, rather than through bonds or certificates of obligation. The Model SPH 100 boasts a chassis just under forty-nine feet long, seating for six, a remote-controlled master stream nozzle, and an air-ride suspension system.

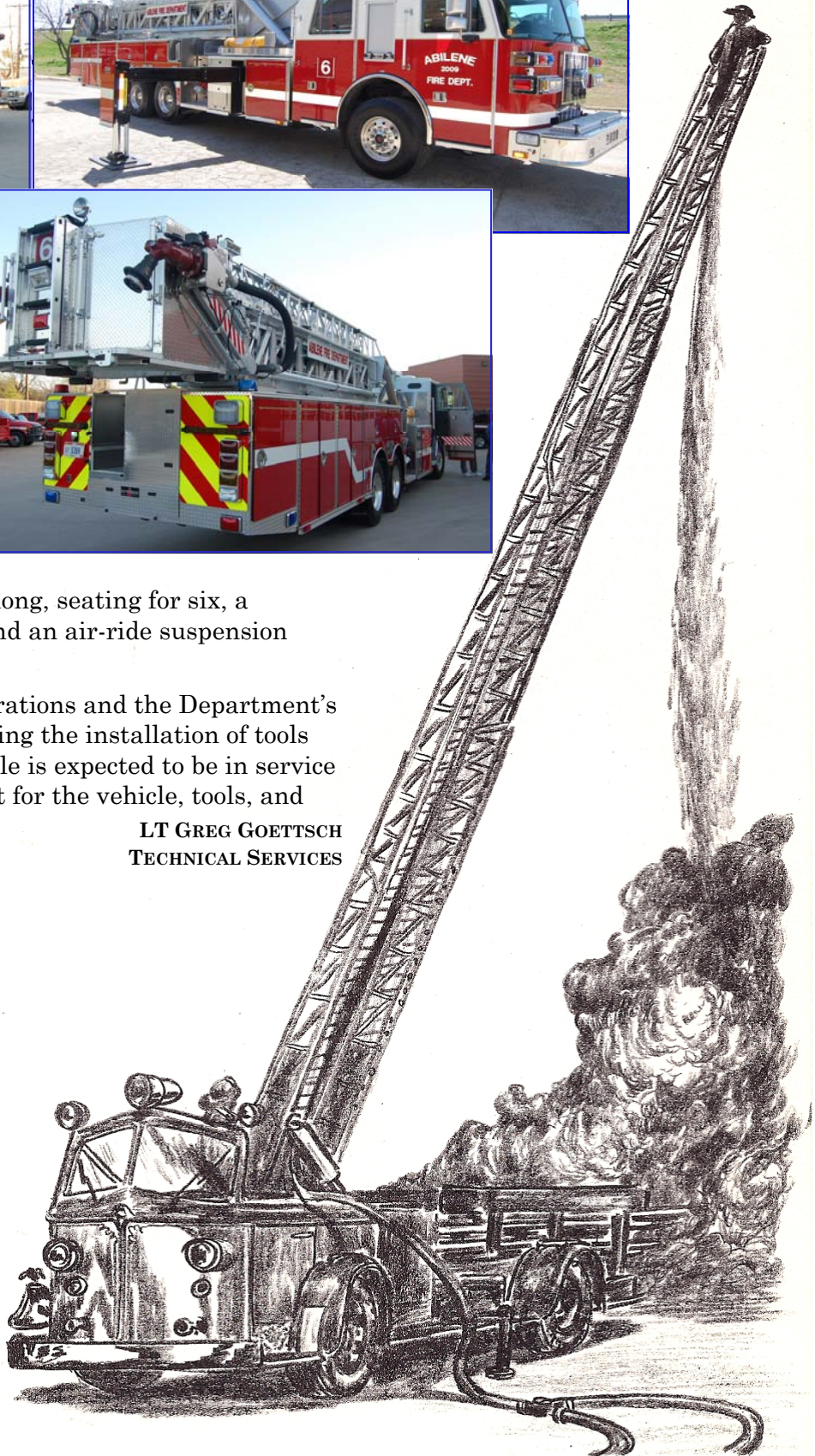
Crews have already trained on vehicle operations and the Department's Emergency Vehicle Technicians are finalizing the installation of tools and communications equipment. The vehicle is expected to be in service near the first of June. The total investment for the vehicle, tools, and equipment is just under \$1 million.

LT GREG GOETTSCHE  
TECHNICAL SERVICES

### A Note of Thanks...

On behalf of the management team and all City employees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the Abilene Fire Department for your individual efforts to assist in solving the budget problems we have experienced this fiscal year. Your support of the Chief and his budget strategies is greatly appreciated. Further, your participation in the furlough days demonstrates responsiveness and team spirit, two of our City values. We are very proud of the leadership demonstrated by the Chief and the e-board of the Association as we have implemented strategies to offset revenue shortfalls this year. Thank you all for adhering to our mission and values during these challenging times as we work together to serve our community.

Larry Gilley  
City Manager



TAKEN FROM 1972 AFD ANNUAL REPORT ILLUSTRATION BY: MIKE WELCH

RET. DISTRICT CHIEF

DECEASED

# ROOKIE PUSHER

**I** started my training on the Abilene Fire Department, January 3, 1972 with John Bogart, Roy Chapman, James Cooley, J. L. Daughtry, Bryan Eubanks, Richard Hernandez and Edward "Doc" Jones.

Cpt. Pogue was our training officer and I think we were his second or third class. We learned everything possible: fighting fire, cleaning bathrooms, how to dress, make our beds, and how to respect our fellow firefighters. The first tool I was told how to use was a mop.

I hit the floor February 28, 1972 at Number 2 station on Seventh Street, with Lt. Goen, Bobby Sartor, LaWayne Long, Spencer Taylor, Dinsel Evans, Earl Abbot, and A.M. Dycus.

My first morning on the floor I made my bed, shaved, put on a clean uniform and polished my shoes. I went to the living room to greet my fellow firefighters. Lt. Goen was slouched in a chair with his shirt unbuttoned and a cup of coffee setting on his stomach. He was watching the Three Stooges on the TV and yelling at Spencer. Spencer was yelling back. The language they were using was not from any fire manual I had studied!

Everyone was my "Rookie Pusher" especially Bobby Sartor. I answered the phone on the first ring, emptied the trash, cleaned the heads, folded the flag, checked salvage covers for holes and I checked my bed for wires every night before I went to bed. I knew these men hated me and I wasn't sure if I liked them.

On a Sunday morning just before the wakeup bell, an alarm came in for Bowie School on 20<sup>th</sup> Street. As I jumped onto the back of the booster I heard someone say, "This may be the Big One." There was just enough light to see dark black smoke. Before we got to 20<sup>th</sup>

Street I could see flames shooting up from inside the smoke. I began to wonder if I had enough training.

As I jumped off the booster, Bobby grabbed me. He said, "Don't do a thing unless you can touch me." We sprayed water from the booster until it ran out of water (about a minute and a half). Then we picked up the engine line. I stood behind Bobby until he got tired and then he stood behind me. As far as I was concerned we were losing the battle but we never backed up. Bobby wouldn't let me. Steel beams were white hot. They twisted and popped when we hit them with the water. Hot water and ashes were in our face and down our collars. Other equipment was there and more was coming, but as far as I knew it was just Bobby and I fighting this fire.

Suddenly, the fire was out and we were sitting on the curb drinking coffee and eating cookies brought to us by the Firefighter's Auxiliary. We were talking & laughing, and I was one of the guys. Maybe they didn't hate me after all. I knew I didn't hate any of them.

Back at the station all the equipment had to be made ready for the next "Big One" but I knew that my bed had not been made. I knew they would try to make me buy ice cream, so I ran through the bathroom into the bedroom and quickly made my bed. Then quick as a wink I was back helping with the equipment.

I heard a horn blowing in front of the station. I looked and there was a bed in the street. It was my bed! As I ran to retrieve it I heard someone say, "It sure is made up nice." I knew these men hated me.

I finally learned that I may not agree with or even like every firefighter, but I love them all just like a brother from those who died at 9-11 to those who never did more than mop the engine room floor. I can hear the fire trucks going down the street from my house. I always pray that God will keep them safe. I hope they let God ride the tailboard and I hope they let Him be their "Rookie Pusher."

DWAINE JOHNSON  
RET. LT

## A GREAT EXAMPLE

**M**y name is Jason McGrath and I'm a firefighter for the Rochester, NY Fire Dept. I wanted to let you know about a great experience with one of your company officers (Lt. Craig Foreman) recently. I was passing through town in February, while heading to Big Bend National Park on a cross country motorcycle trip. I pulled into a gas station near I-10 and saw an Engine Company there. I walked over and introduced myself and the Lieutenant, (Craig...I don't remember his last name, but he also said he has a brother in the Dallas FD if that helps), spent some time talking to me about Big Bend and passed along some recommendations for routes and lodging in the area. He told me that he frequents the area often and wanted to let me know that if I were ever passing through again that I should just stop in at any firehouse to rest, clean up, etc. His hospitality on a cold Feb. morning was an example of not only what I have seen as typical Texan friendliness, but of the true meaning of the "brotherhood" of the fire service.

I wanted to pass along my thanks to him and the department as a whole. He set a great example for his crew and helped me out with some very helpful information that made my all to short visit to Texas more enjoyable. Thank you—Jason

FF Jason McGrath, Quint 7  
Rochester, NY Fire Dept.

# LOCAL 1044 NEWS

The Abilene Professional Fire Fighters Association has been busy as usual since the last publication. The economic downturn and shortfalls in city sales tax receipts have created some very unique and challenging problems. In typical fire fighter spirit, we face these challenges head on and continue to serve the citizens of Abilene to the best of our ability with the optimism that both we and the City will learn from these trying times and be better positioned to overcome these challenges in the future.

Recently the APFFA welcomed to Abilene a brother firefighter from Waterbury, Connecticut, Lt. Todd Colitti. Todd was passing thru Abilene on a 3,200 mile bicycle ride from coast to coast in order to raise awareness for colon cancer and gastrointestinal diseases. Several members met Todd 25 miles west of town and rode in with him to a reception with the media, representatives from the cancer society, along with members of the AFD and MetroCare at central fire station. Thanks to member Aaron Barr and the great guys at Bike Town, we arranged to have Todd's bicycle serviced free of charge in preparation for the second half of his trip. Please check out information about Todd's cause and track his progress at [www.wegotguts.com](http://www.wegotguts.com).

We have many more events planned for this year and hope to see everyone in attendance. The annual APFFA/ Auxiliary Picnic is scheduled for August 7, 2010 at the Festival Gardens across from the Abilene Zoo. So come out any time from 9:30 am to 2:30

pm for some food, fun and fellowship; there will be air castles, water slides and games for kids, grandkids and the young at heart. If you don't have any little ones come out anyway as this year we are planning to have the boys from the Ben Richey Boy's Ranch out and need your help



LT TODD COLITTI  
WATERBURY, CT FIRE DEPARTMENT



FF ERNIE LOCKE, LT TODD COLITTI  
& LT KEVIN JOHNSON



FF DOUG RENO, LT KEVIN JOHNSON, FF KELLY DAVIS,  
FF BOB JOYCE, FF ERNIE LOCKE, DC JIM FRAZIER,  
& CAPT ROBIN TALLEY

serving and getting to know these young men.

APFFA members Jimmy Hall, Will McBride, Tony Hay, Ben Cotton, Craig Martin and local secretary Jess Madison recently attended the Texas State Association of Fire Fighter's Biannual Leadership Conference in Austin, Texas. Of course Local 1044's very own Guy Turner, TSAFF President who led and helped coordinate the event and Chris Hale, TSAFF Chaplain who presented a seminar class. The seminar provided information about many things that effect

our profession from the basic rights we have as civil service fire fighters to line of duty death benefits and everything in between. The attendees also had the opportunity to attend several classes that taught

members about civil service, contract negotiations, disciplinary issues and building a more effective union just to name a few. So, next time you run into one of these members ask them about the seminar and what new information they learned.

Well, like I mentioned earlier, I hope to see you all at the many events we have planned this year. If you would like to become more involved with the local or have some good ideas please contact an e-

board member as we continue in our efforts to make Local 1044 the best organization it can be to serve our members and the community.

LT KEVIN JOHNSON  
E2/C SHIFT  
APFFA LOCAL 1044 PRESIDENT

## COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF SMOKE

I've always had a love for old cars. When I was 25 and a rookie with the department, I was ecstatic when I found a 1949 Chevrolet that was in excellent condition. Most importantly, I could afford it. I was still roving and was assigned to Station #6 that day. As I arrived for work, the guys all came out to give her the "once over" and I was very proud, even though she was kind of a pea-green color! Lt. Billy Mims, Jerry Medley, Ken Nichols, (and others whose names have escaped me as the years have gone by), were gathered around with the doors open and hood up, like we do when someone gets a new car. I will never forget the looks on their faces as they gazed admiringly at the car.

Later that afternoon, as all the rookies do, I made the store list, collected the money and set out to get groceries. I slid into the car, turned the key to the "on" position and pushed the button, remembering how cool I thought it was to have a push-button starter. The old motor began to crank when what sounded like a minor explosion occurred under the hood, followed by a high-pitched squeal and copious amounts of smoke. I think my heart stopped briefly! I loved this car and could not imagine it burning in the parking lot of Station #6... I jumped out and threw up the hood fully expecting to see flames leap out at me. The smoke was still very thick in the engine compartment and I had difficulty seeing where the fire was... and then I saw it!! Attached to one of the spark plugs was a colorful firework, about 6" long. As my mind raced to determine exactly what had just happened, I looked around to see the faces of my brother firefighters pressed against the window from inside the station... and once again, I will never forget the looks on their faces as they gazed out at me, this time with huge smiles covering their faces!

Little did I know at that time what a wonderful experience that would begin. I served a little over twenty years as an Abilene Firefighter and have countless such incidents to look back on now as I sit on my deck... and you know, I can still remember the looks on their faces peering out at me!! Thanks guys... for every single memory!!

DENNIS HAAS  
RET. LT

## FROM THE TAILBOARD

The firehouse kitchen table is a great place. You name the topic it is discussed, opinions expressed, laughs are shared, advice is given and received, and tension is relieved. Sharing a common meal together, hospitality is extended. In many ways the table is the common ground where life in all its victories and all its disappointments is shared together. Our own AFD television production 'Firehouse Chef' features our members cooking a meal and has a subtext that emphasizes the importance of sharing a meal together. A lot goes on around the kitchen table. After my father died one thing I noticed was the food, waves and waves of food. The food was great and an incredible gift - it took time for others to prepare their best as a tangible extension of their love and care for us in a difficult time. At times we shared the meal with loved ones who traveled to be with us - that was some of you. Around the table we told stories: funny stories, hard stories, sad stories, stories filled with love, stories filled with memories. We also shared about the future, the uncertainty of what may lie around the corner and our frustrations. When we gather around a table often a door is opened for participation with

each other in joys and struggles - what takes place is life.

The kitchen table brings together the inexperienced and the experienced, both learning about each other through a shared existence. It reveals places in life we can help each other. I recently read an author who said, *"Food like music, is something anyone can share and enjoy with others, even if they can't speak the same language. Food is tangible and gives you something to do...Food relieves tension. It brings strangers to the same table without any instructions or barriers. Food satisfies our greatest physical need and allows people to show their creativity and thoughtfulness. It invites participation and is welcome in any setting."*

The common meal is a place where humanity is shared and lives intersect. I am reminded of the numerous biblical passages which illustrate the idea of hospitality around a table and sharing a meal. Jesus describes himself as the "Bread of Life" and heaven is portrayed as the ultimate banquet table. Jesus encountered people where they were in life, many times sharing a meal, and through these encounters grace and love were extended. Often during these common meals lives were dramatically changed and challenged. Christian traditions celebrate the Eucharist, Communion, or Lord's Supper as the

focal point of worship - a common meal representative of the sacrifice, the humanity, and the divinity of Christ. John 6:51 *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."*

From the outset many of the stories featured in our Newsletter paint the picture of friendship, brotherhood and hospitality. From the visiting four Danish FFs who stopped by Station #1 to the Rochester, NY, FF Jason McGrath who happened to see an Engine Company (Station #4) and stopped by to get warm and clean up as he journeyed to Big Bend. As people stop by our firehouses they are met with hospitality and often end up around a kitchen table sharing their lives.

I am thankful for the times I have shared a cup of coffee or a firehouse meal around the kitchen table. More importantly, I am thankful for the hospitality and grace that has been extended to me as relationships are shaped and formed sitting around a kitchen table. A kitchen table, a common meal, a cup of coffee, a laugh, a story, advice, and encouragement are what transform the ordinary kitchen table into an extraordinary intersection of life.

Grace & Peace, Chris

CHRIS HALE  
FIRE CHAPLAIN