

TRADITIONS



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“SERVICE THROUGH COMMITMENT”

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Chief Notes... What to expect in 2010

Welcome to the first addition of “Traditions”. Firefighter Steve Collins, thank you for developing this newsletter to support the District. I appreciate the addition of a different form of communication.

What to expect for 2010? One could say, “More of the same”. But as we know the fire service is a never ending cycle of change and adaption. Even as the economy struggles, the District continues to grow and increase calls for service. Because we are challenged to meet the need of our constituents, I contend that our role increases. The importance of fire prevention, education, and community interaction must increase to offset the struggling community. This requires us to be sharp, hone our skills, and increase our

mental awareness to stay ahead of the possibilities.

As an organization we will update our Strategic Plan and Capital List. In addition I hope to complete the District Branding. Last year we updated the vision, mission, values and beliefs. We can now “Brand” the organization for the future.

Thank you for choosing Nixa Fire and I appreciate your efforts. I am proud to be a small portion of this outstanding organization. Best wishes and stay safe.



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Something new?

The Branding Committee met for the first time on January 19th to discuss the possible direction of the Nixa Fire Protection District’s branding concept. Several topics were discussed and a date of May 10th (or sooner) has been set to present the ideas to all personnel. If you are interested in what is going on, please feel free to ask a committee member or better yet, join the committee yourself! Our next meeting will be on February 2nd at 7 pm. at Station 2. The current committee consists of: Steve Collins, Scott Moore, Steven Sharp, Adam Neff, Daryl Semans, Garrick Zoeller, Jeremy Tate, Ken Nall, Cory Bass, & Brian Fick. Jimmy Sebree is sitting in as well.

Behind the Mask



Lee Morris
Captain
B - shift

What is the one thing most people don't know about you?

- I was in JROTC in high school. I was promoted to Company Commander of the school by the beginning of my Senior year.

What is the one thing you have always wanted to do?

- Go on a cruise to either Alaska or a tropical location.

Name one person you would like to meet:

- My Grandfather on my Mother's side of the family. He was a WW II fighter pilot and was in several movies with John Wayne.

Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?

- Still with the Nixa Fire District; maybe at a state or higher level position with the IAFF.

What was your best fire service experience?

- This is a tough one, because there are several great experiences. It would have to be a toss up of pulling someone from a flooded car in swift water, or late night tailboard story sharing.

What would you like to see at NFPD in next few years?

- Merged with the other districts in Christian County. I would also like to see NFPD have its own ALS transport service.

Training

What a ride 2010 will be. Here are some highlights of what's going on.

- Winter Fire School will be February 5th, 6th, and 7th. Jimmy Sebree, Stacy Winters, Garrick Zoeller, Chris Zoeller, Justin Jones, & Jared Smith will be attending this year.
- Two webcast classes will be offered during WFS for those not going. Overtime is available.
 - ◆ "The Art of Reading Smoke" will be on February 6th from 8am to Noon.
 - ◆ "Operations and Placement of Aerial Apparatus" will be on February 7th from 8am to Noon. (Attendance required)
- Adam Neff is enrolled in Fire Officer II class.
- Stacy Winters and Aaron Stephens are enrolled in FSLEP this year.
- Everyone should be completing the 1st module of the Firefighter Competencies and looking forward to the 2nd module coming soon.
- Apparatus qualifications are going to be in early March. Be sure to log all of your driving miles and pumping hours.

Be sure to place any in house shift training presentations on the server. There is a folder for these type of items. This will allow all of us to share in your wisdom and training expertise.

Happy New Year from Prevention

Happy New Year!

This year Prevention will be full of exciting news. The Bureau will be performing safety surveys in apartment complexes. This will aid not only reducing the potential for fire in those occupancies but to help management and renters understand the vast amount of hazards they must combat. There will be another big push this year for preparing for severe weather season. Look for the public relations information to come out in February for the community and media.

The Bureau will continue to support the efforts of pre-planning, information technology, public relations, public education, fire investigation, inspections, information requests and any other

challenge. Our mission is to help wherever is needed. We hope to streamline the Quick Access Pre-Fire Plans (QAP's) to reduce duplication and confusion by publishing an annual list and adding any new occupancy when needed. Additionally, we hope to automate the system incorporating electronic forms in the field to reduce the amount paperwork out there. Communication and coordination will be a priority throughout the implementation of the system to minimize confusion.

As the saying goes..... "Knowledge is Power." Stay tuned for more exciting news.....