

# TRADITIONS



NIXA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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### *Chief Notes*

As you know, we are lost two of our long time employees.

Rance Duffy is left to head up CCE911 and Bryan Newberry is left to head up Battlefield FPD. Congratulations to you both, you will be missed. I appreciate everything you have done and I hope you will not be strangers to the organization you have given so much too over the years.

The organization will conduct a promotional process in the near future. I would like to fill these positions from within as this will open up promotions for the entire organization. I believe we have personnel capable to fulfill the

upward promotions. As with any openings or potential promotions the excitement begins to build. It is important to support each other and assist your subordinates during the processes. I wish everyone the best luck during the promotions and I look forward to the potential changes within the organization.

Congratulations to Whitney Weaver and Lloyd Walles for obtaining the AC positions within the organization.

Remember to operate safely, take care of yourself, your crew, and always wear your seatbelt.



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### *A Farewell from Prevention*

First let me start by saying I will miss everyone. I know I will be just up the road in Battlefield and will see everyone often but it will not be the same.

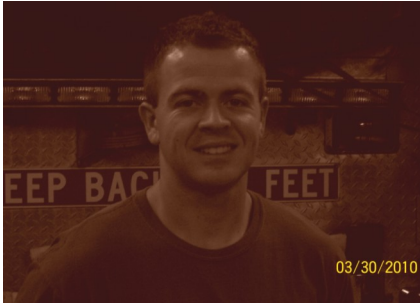
I want to thank everyone for their support and friendship over the years. Nixa is truly a “one of a kind” place. I look forward to working with everyone and building a relationship from Battlefield and truly reaching the

maximum potential with both organizations working together.

I started with Nixa in 1992 and it really feels just like yesterday when I walked in the door.

Throughout the 18 years of serving in Nixa I can truly say I enjoyed every bit of it! From the Newberry family....”thank you.”

## *Behind the Mask*



### Justin Jones Firefighter A-Shift

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

Since I am relatively new to the department, the guys who aren't around me much may not know I have 2 beautiful daughters from a previous marriage. Kylie who is 6 and Kayden who is 3, they are mine and their new "step mom's" world!

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

My grandma is from Naples, Italy. She met my grandpa over 50 years ago when he was in the army, they got married, and she hasn't ever made it back. I have always wanted to take my wife and kids, along with my grandma back to her home town. It is a dream of hers, and I would love to be the one to make it come true.

3. Name one person you would like to meet:

My real dad died when I was 3 months old so I never had the opportunity to know him. Everyone says he was a great guy, and I would love to get a full day to just hangout with him.

4. Where do you see yourself in the next 5 years?

I see my family and I buying a house and calling Nixa our home. I will still be with the NFPD and hopefully by then be an officer. I will be continuing my second career as a CrossFit Trainer and hope to bring CrossFit to Nixa by having my own gym.

5. What was your best fire service experience?

To me, being a firefighter is truly the best job in the world. I wouldn't trade what I do for any amount of money. So my best experience in the fire service would have to be the day it all started for me...my first day as a firefighter.

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

We are in the beginning stages of this currently, but I would love to see our department have a full blown Health and Wellness Program. Fitness is very important to me. Our job consists of a lot of dangerous things, yet the leading cause of firefighter deaths continues to be heart attacks. This is one danger we can at least attempt to prevent.

## *Training*

The economic situation of our State government continues to have a negative impact on fire service training. Recent budget predictions have indicated for FY 2010-2011 there will be a total of \$150,000.00 dollars allocated from the Fire Education Committee as in the past, however we can expect no funding at all from State general revenue. This is a devastating loss of funding. We will be relying heavily on our local and regional training associations to provide opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable for any of us on our own. I would encourage each person to be diligent in attending local training, if you are waiting for other opportunities, they will likely not become a reality. Following is training that has been scheduled in our area in the next few months:

### **Shaping the Future**

Nixa

Re-schedule dates TBA

### **Outdoor Search and Rescue**

Bois D' Arc/Ash Grove

April 16-17, 2010

### **Driver/Operator**

Ozark-TBA

### **Residential LP Class**

Brookline Fire

April 10, 2010

### **Instructor I**

Springfield

July 26 - 28 & August 9 - 10

### **Greene County Regional School**

### **Trench Rescue Awareness and Ops-Ozark**

Oct. 08, 09, 10

### **Commercial Explosives (Inspector/Investigator CEU)**

Western Taney Oct. 9

### **Intro to SCBA-Southern Stone**

Oct. 8, 9

### **Patient Handling (EMT- B CEU)**

Logan Rogersville Oct. 9

### **School Bus Rescue – Nixa**

Oct. 8, 9

### **Preparation For Company Officers (PICO)**

Springfield St. 12- Oct. 8, 9