



Johnson County Fire Protection District

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NEWS RELEASE

Volunteer Fire Fighters Appointed and Officers Promoted

The Johnson County Fire Protection District announces the appointment of nineteen new volunteer members and two junior members since January. Holly Shores, Tim Burke, Patrick Stephenson, Chris Myers and Sean Claire were appointed to fill vacancies at the Warrensburg Station and Nathan Langewicsh was appointed to the Valley City Station all in January. Doug Hill was appointed in February to the Centerview Station. The remainder of the new members were appointed in April. Brett Bonner, Chad Ruggles, Randy Hebensperger, Mike Penrod and Thomas McClure were appointed to the Warrensburg Station, Matt Crouse to the Chilhowee Station, James Curtis and Jeffrey Jones to the Knob Noster Station, Brandon Johnson and Brian Matthews to the Centerview Station and John Newman to the Valley City Station.

Tiffany Racy from the Columbus Station was promoted from Junior Firefighter to Recruit Firefighter and Garth Bennett and Austin Bush were appointed as Junior Firefighters at the Centerview Station. All new adult members of the District receive a minimum of thirty six hours of focused training on basic fire fighting skills conducted by the District's Training Division staff. Members also receive State and Federal level training in addition to ongoing training conducted at their respective stations. Those appointed as Junior Firefighters receive specific training designed to provide them with basic fire scene knowledge and begin their individual development for adult membership in the fire service.

The District is pleased to announce the promotion of Tony Frazier and Scott Ammon to the positions of Lieutenant – Training Division. Lieutenant Frazier has served as a Firefighter with the District since September, 1998 and Lieutenant Ammon has served as a Firefighter with the District since January, 2004.

Lieutenants of the Training Division prepare and present fire service related training courses to the members of the District. They also prepare and assist in securing and maintaining a training material resource collection for use throughout the District, prepare and maintain District wide and individual training records and act as the Incident Safety Officer at fire scenes as well as various other duties.

The District is also pleased to announce the promotion of Larry Eggen, DJ Short and Jeremy VanWey to the positions of Battalion Chief. Chief Eggen has served as Captain of the Warrensburg Station and has been a member of the District since January, 1994. Chief Short has served as Captain of the Cornelia Station and has been a member since February, 1995. Chief VanWey has served as Lieutenant of the Columbus Station and has been a member since April, 1995.

Battalion Chiefs perform a variety of administrative and managerial duties assisting in the planning, direction, review and implementation of emergency and non-emergency services provided by the Fire District and supervise as a chief field officer in directing the response, readiness and activities of multiple fire station personnel and fire stations.

The District provides fire protection and extrication service to approximately the eastern two thirds of the county outside the Cities of Knob Noster and Warrensburg. The District strives to maintain a staff of approximately 150 volunteer fire personnel who serve from one of the District's nine stations which are located in or near Warrensburg, Leeton, Chilhowee, Knob Noster, Centerview, Valley City, Columbus, Fayetteville and Cornelia. The District accepts applications for membership, from individuals 18 or over, continuously to fill vacancies in the various stations as they occur. Applications may be secured at the District's Headquarters located at 410 N. Holden in Warrensburg or by visiting their website at www.jcfpd.net.