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We look forward to your input!
Deadline for submitting items
for the September 28th
newsletter is September 18th.



Holloway's Headlines

I'm sure by now that all of you know that we are very likely to receive the 2008 FEMA SAFER grant for 12 additional firefighters to form an additional ladder company in the southwestern area of the City. We are excited and hope to have more info to share by early September. Also, please remember to make plans for our annual 9/11 remembrance at Fire Station 8 on September 11 at 9:30 a.m. Hope you are enjoying the newsletter and please keep the stories, suggestions, photos, etc. coming for future editions.

Best wishes, Randy

What's Cooking at the Firehouse?

 **Frosty Ice Cream** 

(tastes just like Wendy's Frosty)

4 quart maker:

1 8oz. container of cool whip

2 cans Eagle brand sweeten condensed milk

Half gallon chocolate milk (NOT choc. flavored drink)

pinch of salt

If using 6 quart maker increase to a 12 oz cool whip and you'll need a gallon of choc milk.

You can also use fat free sweeten cond milk, lite cool whip and 1% choc milk to lighten the calories and I think it's just as good!

Chief Allen calls me every summer for the recipe and it's a fav among the guys!

Submitted by Melanie Jordan



Our Honor Guard

The Honor Guard has been organized for 12 years and consisted of 20 members, at this time we have 8 members with two being retired firefighters. The Honor Guard has support many events over the years in our community and across the state. One of our big accomplishment has been the restoration of old Engine one with the help of a local race team. This project took four years to reach the point that the engine is at now; there is still work needed to make the job final.

The Honor guard team has assisted or been in command of several events over the years. These consist of Line of Duty Deaths in Rowan/ Salisbury Departments, Cold Water and in Wilkes County. Our own FF Lee Biggerstaff, retire Mayor Dr. Liles and Mr. Edwards, councilmen Mr. Small, Mr. Brown and Mr. Dorton.

Other events that we are involved with are the 9-11 service at Fire Station 8 and the service at Kingsway Baptist Church. The opening ceremonies for the senior games, and National Conference of Aviators, hosted by our airport director. The Concord and Mt Pleasant parades, Martin Luther Day event and Recruits graduation classes and many other local groups that have asked for Presentation of the Flags.

Two big events that this team looks forward to are being part of the National Honor Guard in Maryland at the National Fire Academy and in Raleigh at the North Carolina Honor Guard service.

We are always looking for new members to help and carrying on this team in the future.

*Submitted by
Battalion Captain Ed Shaver II
Honor Guard Commander*



Fully Involved

FD Animal Rescue

Fire personnel know it all too commonly now a days that an animal rescue can occur while on the job. Typically when you arrive you are greeted with overwhelming gratitude from the citizen that you have arrived to help but on this day, Curtis Collins (FFII) and Robert Watson (CZO) were harassed and verbally abused but didn't lose focus on the importance of this call - Payton!

Let's start from the beginning. Curtis Collins received a call from a citizen on Love St SW stating a dog was trapped underneath his mobile home and he couldn't get him out. The caller stated Animal Control had been out and said they could leave a cage for him to catch it but he refused the offer so they left. The caller was agitated and irate at anyone and everyone. Curtis took his name and number and told him he would get right back to him. Curtis contacted Robert Watson, Code Enforcement, and explained the situation to him (Robert does animal rescues personally) so Robert went to the location. When Robert ar-

rived, the Animal Control Division had returned but offers were still refused by citizen. Animal Control updated Robert while both parties were being verbally abused; so Robert told the individual he was there to help but if the verbal abuse did not stop he was leaving which he did.

Curtis was updated by Robert what had transpired so he called the citizen. Citizen stated he was going to call news media, newspaper, etc. Curtis told him that it was not necessary that Robert was there to help but nobody is going to help when they are being yelled at. Curtis was able to convince the citizen to stay in his house and not say a word if Curtis and Robert showed up to help him. Citizen agreed.

Robert crawled through an opening of a single-wide underpin opening of 1.5" x 2" with the assistance of Curtis Collins where he found the dog, Payton, tangled up by her chain in piping, insulation, etc., which would not allow her to set herself free. She had been stuck approximately 3 days. A



neighbor's ex-girlfriend left Payton with him and she broke loose and went wandering under this neighbor's home and got stuck. When Robert surfaced with Payton, some children recognized her and told him where she came from. The ex-boyfriend said he didn't want the dog so Robert took her home with him as a rescue dog.

Payton was adopted Sunday to a family in Charlotte and will be loved greatly! She is now a healthy 31 lbs and will be spayed next month when she gains a couple more pounds (she is 9 to 15 months old). She will be taking some training from Jenni (Robert's wife). Hurray for Payton!

Oh yeah, the citizen said the Fire Department is at the top of his A-1 list (way to go Curtis!!)

He and Robert have a history but I think Robert made big points that day too (way to go Robert!!)

Just another day at the station...

*Submitted by
Cindy Abernathy*

Bragging Board



*Jason Starr's big catch—
a 22 lb. catfish*

Hot Topics

- *Rescue 7 'A' Shift got the first call for the new unit and also responded to the first pin-in.*
- *Engine 5 / B-shift - Stan Davis reported that he witnessed Engine 5 "responding to a call on Dana, the driver observed NGGS 154-157 by clearing each intersection before proceeding through". Great job guys!*

Meet Retired Division Chief Greg Faggart

I am a life-long resident of the City of Concord. My ancestors arrived from Germany in the 1750s and settled in what is now eastern Cabarrus County. Jacob Fegert (Faggart) and Peter Kauble (Cauble, my mother's family) were early pioneers. The vast majority of both families still reside here. I was born and raised in the Lutheran Church, a Faggart family tradition.

After graduating from Concord Senior High School, I attended CPCC in Charlotte. At the age of 19, I became one of the first civilian Telecommunicators hired by the Concord Police Dept.

Not wanting to sit behind a desk every day, I joined the Concord Fire Dept. Platoon "A" about 10 days before Christmas 1976. In 1978, when the Fire Prevention Bureau added an additional Fire Inspector, I transferred there and spent the remainder of my career there. My favorite aspect of prevention was public education. I especially enjoyed working with senior citizens groups. They were always very attentive and usually had some really good food at their meetings.

The biggest fire I worked was the Kerr Bleachery in 1979. The most tragic was a residential fatality two weeks later on Valentine's Day involving a two year old boy. A late afternoon fire claimed him, and to this day I think about that fire every Valentine's Day. Any injury or fatality was tragic and always made me more determined to promote the use of working smoke detectors, and work harder at educating people about fire safety. During my career, I went to fires involving 11 fatalities. I am thankful though, we never had a line-of-duty death in the CFD.

Everything I accomplished in my career was always the result of team work. Even if it was my idea, it was always a team effort that brought it to fruition.

I have enjoyed a very active retirement, with a variety of activities including some interesting part-time jobs. I enjoy do-it-yourself projects around the house, family history, visiting historic cemeteries, walking, biking, running and fishing. I also edit and publish an e-newsletter for my high school class.

I enjoy maintaining and driving my 1975 Nova SS, the same car I drove to work my first day at CFD, and again on my last day there, 21 years later. I do not miss being on call, or attending meetings.

We went from two stations with 42 personnel to six stations with over 100 personnel in 21 years. We also went from being an unknown department to being a leader in the state.

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My wife and I enjoy a second home in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina between Charleston and the Isle of Palms, where I enjoy being a "Beach Bum" and being where history lives. We attend Circular Congregational Church, the oldest church in downtown Charleston dating back to 1681.

We always look forward to the CFD Christmas party each year to see former co-workers and to meet new personnel.

I am honored to have served in my hometown fire department. I was privileged to be part of a tremendous amount of progress over the years.

Our main home remains the same place we have been for over 30 years. I reside there with my wife, daughter, our dog, rabbit and two cats.

I always wish the best for the CFD and uphold you often in my thoughts and prayers.

Submitted by Greg Faggart



Get to Know Ladder 9 / B-Shift

Darren O'Brien

Nickname: Club
Age: 48
Hometown: Rockwell
Married to Elisabeth
Children: Tyler, age 13
Hobbies: Working at home
What makes your Company special: Multifirmity, Multidisciplinary, Multidirectional

Dylan Daquila

Nickname: DQ
Age: 36
Hometown: Mt. Pleasant
Married to Becky
Children: Chance, age 8 and Abbey, age 6
Hobbies: Shaving Guido's back (more like a job)
What makes your Company special: We are a 5 man company on a 4 seated truck, so many times we have to double-up.

Tim Jones

Nickname: Kitty
Age: 39
Hometown: Cooleemee
Married to Lisa
Children: TJ, age 15 and Ashley, age 5
Hobbies: Hunting, Golf, and Fishing
What makes your Company special: Diversity and a "Team Concept". Everyone cares about each other.

Brian Cranford

Nickname: (still working on it)
Age: 30
Hometown: Concord
Married to Sara-Kathryn
Children: One on the way
Hobbies: Cars and Fishing
What makes your Company special: Great bunch of guys.

Brian Hutchens

Nickname: Guido
Age: 30
Hometown: Charlotte
Married to Rebecca
Hobbies: Long walks with his dogs Chico and Capone
What makes your Company special: It's not Ladder 3

Each month we will be highlighting a different Company based on a random drawing. Your company might be next, so be prepared!



Kitty, Club, Cranford, Guido, DQ