



# Newsletter Title

June 22, 2009

## With Heavy Hearts

It was with heavy hearts that we all said goodbye to our brother, Retired Senior Firefighter Carse Lee Biggerstaff on June 2, 2009.

The Funeral was held on June 6 and, there is no doubt, Lee would have been proud. Battalion Captain Allen Smith gave the eulogy, making people laugh and cry. Allen stood strong for Lee as he memorialized him.

The Honor Guard commanded by Battalion Captain Ed Shaver, humbled us.

Members of other agencies also honored Lee in various ways from traffic control to ladder trucks set up with the United

States flag stretched between them over the cemetery entrance. The agencies were:

- Monroe Fire Department
- Mint Hill Fire Department
- Hemby Bridge Fire Department
- Idlewild Fire Department
- Mint Hill Police
- Unionville Fire Department
- Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office
- Mecklenburg County Fire Marshal's Office
- Patriot Guard Riders



Retired Senior Firefighter  
Carse Lee Biggerstaff  
"Harley"

2/27/1955 - 6/2/2009

## Concord Boy Battling Cancer

We recently met a 7 year old Concord boy who is fighting cancer. His Mother tells us that since he was 18 months old he has wanted to become a firefighter.

A-shift has visited Ronnie Familette and his family several times now;

he is shy and doesn't feel well, but that does not hide the sparkle in his eyes when he sees a fire truck. Through donations, we were able to purchase turn-out gear for Ronnie, after a little personalization, Ronnie is now our honorary member.



## Bragging Board

- ♦ *Caleb Miller is going to be a Daddy!*
- ♦ *Josh Hughes is the proud Daddy of a baby girl, Olivia..*
- ♦ *Chance Branson is going to be a Daddy!*
- ♦ *Jody Hall's baby boy is due September 21*
- ♦ *Michael Nichols got married*
- ♦ *Nick Brazee got married*
- ♦ *Engagements:*  
*Jeff Luck*  
*Steven McLendon*  
*Josh H. Simpson*  
*Mike Carter*

## Special points of interest:

- ♦ *Recruit Graduation is June 27 @ 3 p.m..*
- ♦ *Benefit Softball tournament is June 27*

## Recruit Class 15/5—2009

Recruit Class 15—2009 will graduate on June 27, 2009. They are:

- Chance Branson
- Brian Cranford
- Neil Hart
- Chad Parker
- Hunter Meadows
- Derek Porter
- James Wilson

Please attend the graduation ceremony and welcome our new firefighters.



Shift Assignments are as follows:

### A-Shift

Neil Hart, Hunter Meadows, James Wilson

### B-Shift

Chad Parker, Brian Cranford

### C-Shift

Derek Porter, Chance Branson

Harrisburg members attending:

Tim Lankford, Dakota Raborn, & Dustin Sneed

## In Search of a Newsletter Title

With the 1st Edition of our newsletter, we have yet to decide on a name.

### **We need your ideas!**

This is *our* newsletter and we want the title to be a reflection of our department.

So get a little creative and let us know what you think!

**Name the  
Newsletter  
Contest**

Please submit your ideas, via e-mail to Deana by July 13.

We will then assemble a panel of judges who will choose the winning entry.

Prize to be announced.

## 1st Edition of the Fire Department Newsletter

We are excited to introduce our Fire Department Newsletter. We hope this newsletter will be a way of sharing information within the department.

We will be listing new additions to our family via births or marriages. We would also like to highlight one member of the department per issue.

We are also looking for ideas; if you would like to submit an article, idea, or just share a thought, please do so.

We plan to include a recipe each month and can include a picture (the dish or the cook)!

Email your announcements, ideas, articles, recipes, etc. to Deana at: [martind@ci.concord.nc.us](mailto:martind@ci.concord.nc.us)

We look forward to your input!



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Fishing with Firefighters*