

HFD HOTLIST

Introducing the “HFD Hotlist” newsletter. We plan to issue the newsletter approximately every 3 months. We hope you enjoy it and find it informative.

VARIOUS EVENTS

February 2016:

Hemet Fire Department trained on RIC Drills as part of their annual refresher. RIC is short for Rapid Intervention Crew, this would be the crew that is sent in to a structure to find and rescue an injured Fire Fighter.



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March 2016:

HFFA President Dave Prietto presented a check to Community Pantry Director Jim Lineberger. The money will be used to place a banner across Florida Ave supporting their Annual Food Drive



April 2016:

Members of the Hemet Fire Department attended Auto Extrication Training hosted by the Corona Fire Department. This was the 38th year the Corona Fire Fighters have put on this class and it is attended by Fire Fighters across the nation. Our HFD Fire Fighters learned new extrication techniques, new vehicle safety features, and patient care that they can bring back to the HFD. Thank you to our brothers at Corona Fire, Local 3757 for hosting a great class.



April 2016:

Hemet Fire Department will soon take delivery of two E-One Type 1 Engines, pictured here is one of our new engines



HFD ATTEND RAMONA BBQ



COMMENTS BY DAVID PRIETTO:

April 2016:

I just wanted to express my sincerest thanks to all of you who came out on Saturday night to support and help out with the Ramona BBQ at the stock farm. Several members from HFFA, HPOA, Fire Chief Brown, Fire/ Police Mechanics, HFD Retirees, and the Hemet Fire & Police Explorers showed up totaling approximately 50 volunteers from our respective groups. This incredible show of support by each and every one of you is what made this event so successful. I received many praises and thanks from the Ramona Bowl organizers, our city council members, and countless members of our community. We cooked for and served over 600 guests last night which says a lot about how much we can accomplish when we work together. I'd also like to acknowledge the A shift station 3 crew (Scott Bailey, Mike Spitsnaugle, & Scott Durbin) for breaking down and thoroughly cleaning the HFFA BBQ trailer today, it was a BIG job and their hard work has not gone unappreciated. Thanks again to everybody, it couldn't have been done without each and every one of you.



“A WORD FROM OUR CHIEF ”

One of my biggest honors is to serve our community and lead the men and women of the HFD. Pride, Professionalism and Commitment to Service embody our Department. As we move forward in our efforts to rebuild our Department, I stand committed to the following three principles; Firefighter Safety, Operational Readiness and ensuring we are prepared to meet our Mission mandate, now and well into the future.

Equally important is our efforts to share our story, this is the first edition of our Department newsletter and will serve to capture the stories of our HFD, the people, the events and positive impacts that our Department makes towards making our Community safer from the ravages of fires, medical emergencies and other services that the dedicated men and women of the HFD provide, 24/7 - we are here for you!

Scott Brown
Fire Chief
City of Hemet Fire Department

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fire Captain Promotions:

The following Fire Engineers have been promoted to the rank of Fire Captain:

Congratulations go out to **Daniel Lamy**, **Scott Gibson** and **Sean Murphy**, who have recently been promoted to Fire Captain. They have completed a comprehensive promotional process that included a written exercise, operational and administrative assessment center and oral appraisal by a panel of outside Fire Service professionals.

Hemet Fire probationary firefighters:

The following firefighters recently joined the Hemet Fire/EMS Department:

Firefighter/ Paramedics Jordan Kiesz, Joshua Klimek , Robert Asay and Donald Sand are the newest members to join HFD. On March 14th they started their rigorous field training under the guidance of FF/PM Chris Baker who is serving as their designated Training Officer.



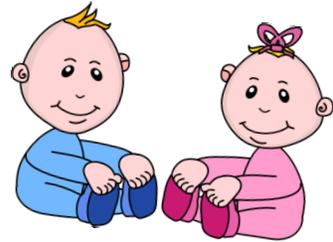
FUTURE FIREFIGHTERS

The Billington twins were born on 3/31/16.

Addison Kaye Billington weighed in at 5 lbs. 12oz

Conor Hayden Billington weighed in at 4 lbs. 8oz

Congratulations to Dan & Beth Billington



Paige McIntyre was born on 4/20/16 . She weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 oz.

Congratulations to Daniel & Christina McIntyre



OUR CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness, we announce the passing of, Captain Dan Lamy's mother Shirley. Dan and his family are grieving at this time but will always welcome kind words of support from all of us.

Even before Dan was hired by Hemet Fire, Shirley was a longtime supporter of ours and has always been proud of what we do and what we stand for. Shirley spent her career as a nurse at Hemet Valley Hospital and worked for the Ramona VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) and Hospice in Hemet.

Dan has expressed how much he cares about each and every one of us and truly appreciates our heartfelt support for him and his family.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Pam Hoenig

Hemet Fire Department Administrative Assistant

I am a native Californian, having been born in the City of Orange and remained here my entire life. I grew up in Lakewood and relocated as an adult to Orange County in the 1980's. My first job, at 15 was working in a toy department at Christmas time, which was proof to me that I needed to continue my administrative education! I started my Administrative career at 19 years old, working for North Indiana Brass Co. (NIBCO) in Orange County, serving as Executive Assistant to the President and two Vice Presidents. I then ventured to Kawasaki Motor Corp., U.S.A. in Irvine, working with the Director of Imports where I was liaison between KMC, and the many brokers and transportation specialists which often took me to the Ports of Los Angeles and San Francisco.

I was fortunate to be able to become a "domestic engineer" while my daughter and son were young and was involved with the usual soccer, tennis, martial arts and other youth activities that come with motherhood, with "Chauffeur" on call probably being of the most value to them.

I reentered the work force with a part time position with the Temecula Police Department as an Administrative Assistant and then gained full time employment with Pechanga Resort & Casino as Administrative/Executive Assistant to the Director and Vice President, respectively, within the Department of Public Safety. The experience that I gained during my 7 years there varied with daily interaction with Security, Surveillance, Internal Investigations, Pechanga Fire Department and Occupational health, all which fell under the D.P.S. umbrella. I very much enjoyed my interaction with the 4000+ team members at P.R & C. and also the customer service associated with the department.

For the year 2014, I held the position of Secretary to the City Manager with the City of Murrieta until the position could be permanently filled. Which then brought me to Hemet Fire filling the temporary position of Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief on several occasions over the past 8 months.

I have many memories of Hemet back in the 80's and 90's as my grandparents were residents here and I visited very often since I resided close by in Temecula. I am looking forward to the bright future here and the positive change that the City has to offer.

At this point in my life I am enjoying photography, gardening, travel, time spent with good friends, good wine and my menagerie of animals.

Captain Scott Gibson



Could you tell us a little about yourself?

I grew up in Hemet and attended West Valley High School. I enjoyed it there and played many sports including wrestling, track, and powerlifting. I graduated and continued on to MSJC College and Southern Columbia University. I graduated with an AS degree in Fire Science Technologies.

I worked my way through school by working at numerous jobs. They ranged from auto detailing, a tire shop, carpet cleaning, and home medical supplies delivery. I originally had not intended on becoming a firefighter. Until one day a close friend at the local Racquetball club and gym suggested I look into becoming a firefighter. I enjoyed working out and staying physically fit. I thought it would be a challenging and rewarding profession. I talked with some of the local firefighters in Hemet and was hooked.

I decided to put myself through the full time fire academy at Rio Hondo College in Whittier. While at my 16 week academy I met many lifelong friends who went on to get jobs all over California. As many know it is not easy to get a job in the fire service even after graduating at the top of my class in the academy. It took me three long years to secure a full-time position. I applied for jobs from San Diego, CA to Las Vegas, NV. In the end, I ended up where I was supposed to be, in my home town. The truth is my heart had always been here in Hemet. My real goal was to work in the community I grew up in and serve my hometown. I felt such joy to finally secure a job here in Hemet.

I now have a wonderful wife and two young daughters.

What made you become a Firefighter with Hemet Fire?

Growing up in Hemet I have always had a great sense of community and enjoyed living in our beautiful valley. I made the decision to become a firefighter but, had always hoped to one day work in the community I grew up in. In early 2000 that dream came true when I got the call from then Fire Chief Stacey that he would give me a shot to make that dream come true. It has been a rewarding place to work and I enjoy serving those who live here. I have worked for the City of Hemet Fire/EMS Department for 16 years.

What are your responsibilities as a Fire Captain with Hemet?

I am responsible for managing a station and engine company. I also am involved with the training and mentoring of many of our new firefighters we hire. Recently I joined our Hazardous Materials team and am a Haz Mat Specialist. This team serves our city but, could also be called to help anywhere in California if needed. I am also a member of CA-TF6 an Urban Search and Rescue team ran by the Riverside City Fire Department. This team has responded to many large events locally and across the US. Some of the events include the Landers earthquake, 9/11 in NY, and Hurricane Katrina.

In closing thank you for letting me tell you a bit about myself and why I enjoy serving our great community and beautiful valley. I look forward to many more rewarding years of service in our community.

Karen Stewart

Administrative Duties for the Fire Chief

I have been working in the Fire administration building for the past three years on behalf of a four year grant work program through the County of Riverside.

The majority of this time was spent working for Edna LeBron in the housing division and sometimes assisting Laurie Knotek with the various event planning activities. Eventually Laurie transferred to the fire department, where I occasionally assisted her with various computer and clerical duties. Laurie has been one of my biggest supporters, she made me feel like I could do anything.

Deciding to change my assignment and moving over to the fire department just a few months ago, I am now working on social media, creating spreadsheets, forms, reports and recently started working on this newsletter.

I was born in Fargo, North Dakota, but actually grew up across the Red River in Moorhead, Minnesota. Our family moved to the San Fernando Valley when I was a young teen. Audie Murphy, a World War II hero and who had gone on to become a movie star was my big crush. I had a large picture of him on my school notebook. So when my parents informed us that we were moving to California, visions of living down the road from him in the Valley raced through my mind. Sadly that dream never materialized.

I moved to Orange County in 1968. Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach the City of Orange would be the cities where I would live for many years. Hemet became my home in 2009.

I have an extensive accounting background, working in property management and forensic accounting. Art Linkletter Enterprises was my place of employment for six years. After semi-retiring, I took a part-time position at Disneyland as a vacation planner. According to my dog, Cali, I started uttering "Welcome to Disneyland" in my sleep.

I am happy to be working here in the City of Hemet and so fortunate to have been given this opportunity.

I am a big fan of our Fire Chief. He may not be Audie Murphy, but he certainly ranks high on my list.

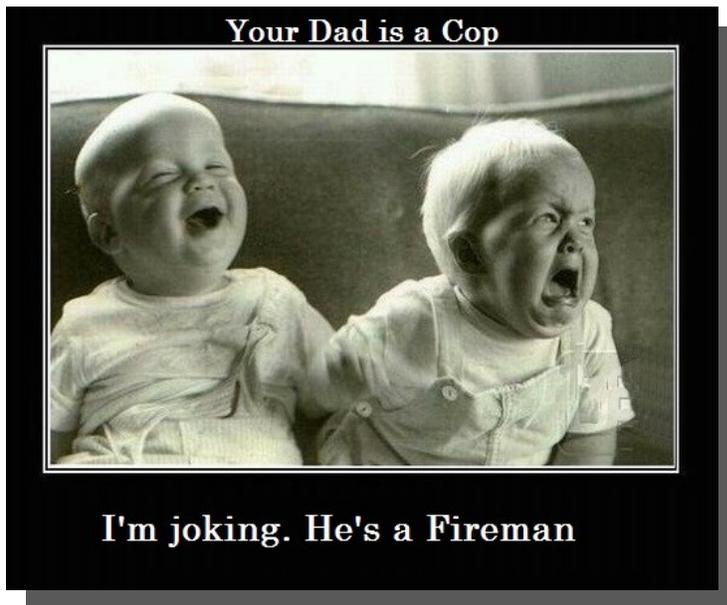
Feedback regarding the newsletter will be appreciated in order to make this something you will enjoy reading. I look forward to your comments and suggestions. My apologies in advance for any events, articles and photos that are not included. With your input, hopefully the next addition will not omit what is important to you.

I want to thank John Strangis from the HPD Volunteer program for his help answering my questions in setting up this newsletter.

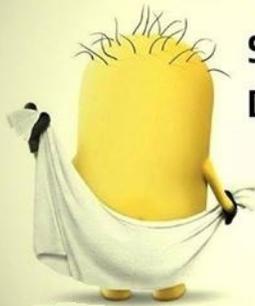
Also, my thanks to the Hemet Fire Fighters Association Local 2342. Much of the information and photos in this newsletter was acquired from their Facebook page.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back", said one child. "No", said another. "He's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "You're both wrong. . . They use the dogs", "to find the fire hydrants."



Never Sing In The Shower



Singing leads to dancing,
Dancing leads to slippin
and slipping leads to
paramedics seeing
YOU NAKED,

So REMEMBER Don't SING



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