

# Robertson Fire Protection District

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# Robertson Report

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## Teamwork By Many Saves A Man's Life

On November 8th, 2010, the Robertson Fire Protection District responded to a call at The Sanctuary Church in Hazelwood for a man down. The RFPD crews arrived on the scene to find a 19 year old male (pictured below in blue jeans) in cardiac arrest, lying on the floor of the gymnasium. Bystanders were administering CPR to the patient when the RFPD arrived. RFPD Firefighter/Paramedics took over patient care and performed numerous Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) procedures on scene and were able to regain the patient's pulse. CPR by the bystanders prior to the RFPD arrival proved critical because it maintained oxygenated blood flow throughout the body and saved brain tissue from deteriorating. It was an outstanding collective effort by the citizens on the scene, the highly skilled RFPD personnel and the staff at DePaul Medical Center that contributed to this great outcome for this potentially tragic situation. First responders and medical professionals continually train for moments like this, hoping for a positive outcome. A few days went by and the status of the young man was unknown. Later, the crew learned that the patient was recovering in the Intensive Care Unit. Two weeks passed and the patient's mother contacted a RFPD Battalion Chief to tell him that her son was to be released later on that evening. The crew who had responded to the call wished to see his recovery. "To see this happen is a rarity," stated one of the RFPD Paramedics, "and it's something I will remember for the rest of my life." To see this young man walk out of DePaul Health Center was very special.



## 2011 Movie Night Dates.

The Robertson Fire Protection District Firefighters began a great tradition a few years ago by hosting "Family Movie Nights" in the engine bay of their station one located at 12641 Missouri Bottom Road. These movie nights are a lot of fun for the firefighters to mingle with the residents in a "non-emergency" setting. **The 2011 RFPD Movie Night dates are April 29th, September 30th, and October 28th. Mark these dates on your calendar!** Movie times will begin at 7:30pm and will be shown on a ten foot movie screen in the engine bay. Sound will not be a problem either, because a public address system is used to broadcast the sound across the engine bay. The firefighters will provide popcorn, soda, and water before and during the movie. **The movie to be shown on April 29th will be "Despicable Me."** This is a hilarious family movie that the entire family can enjoy. The St. Louis Rams have verbally agreed to send two of their cheerleaders to this movie night to sign autographs and take pictures with residents. The St. Louis Rams Cheerleaders are scheduled to be at the movie night from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Bring your families and your cameras to the RFPD Movie Night for a great time. You just come and enjoy yourself. The firefighters will do all the work! We hope to see you there. If you have any questions regarding this event, please call (314)291-6180.





*“All of the RFPD equipment will be on display for photographs.”*

Check out our new website at [www.rfpd.org](http://www.rfpd.org)

**“Alcohol related auto deaths are the most common cause of unexpected tragedies.”**

## Terrisan Neighborhood Safety Fair

The firefighters of the Robertson Fire Protection District will be visiting the Terrisan Neighborhood in Bridgeton on May 14th, 2011 from 11:00am until 1:00pm for the 2011 Terrisan Safety and Wellness Fair. During this fair the firefighters will be checking smoke detectors as well as blood pressures, of the fine residents of the Terrisan Neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for the RFPD Firefighters to mingle with the residents in which they serve. It is also a great time for the RFPD Firefighters to promote home fire safety. The RFPD Firefighters will gladly check, replace (if faulty), or simply supply a new battery to an existing smoke detector. The RFPD wants the residents of the Robertson Fire Protection District to live in safe homes and will do whatever it takes to help make that happen. In addition to these services that the RFPD Firefighters will be providing, all of the RFPD fire trucks will be on display at the Terrisan Management Office for the residents to see and take pictures. The firefighters will be grilling bratwursts and hot dogs on the parking lot of the management office. Beverages and sides will be provided as well. Please come by on May 14th, 2011 to mingle with the firefighters as well as your neighbors. Please ask one of your firefighters to fill out a “File For Life” card for you if you have not already done so. This is a great tool for the firefighters and could save your life in an emergen-

## 2011 RFPD Firefighter Picture Day

On May 21th, 2011, the Robertson Fire Protection District will be hosting our second annual RFPD Firefighter Picture Day at Robertson Fire Protection District, Station One located at 12641 Missouri Bottom Road. The event will be from noon-2:00pm. The RFPD Firefighter/Paramedics invite all of our residents and their families to come up and take pictures on our fire trucks with your little firefighters. All of the in-service RFPD equipment will be on display for photographs. The RFPD Firefighters will provide barbeque, beverages, music and giveaways to the residents as well. The RFPD Firefighters also invite your families to join us in welcoming our two new ambulances to our fleet of equipment. It is a tradition in the fire service to have a “truck washing ceremony” for new fire apparatus. The theory behind this fire service tradition is that hopefully this new apparatus will have a long life in the fire service and keep the firefighters safe. Kids have a great time splashing soap and water around the fire trucks and ambulances with the firefighters. Sparky The Fire Dog as well as Patches The Fire Dog will be there to entertain the kids as well. Please make time to come up and hang out with your firefighters on this Saturday afternoon in April. It will be a lot of fun and the RFPD Firefighters are looking forward to seeing you.



## Spring Health & Safety Tips



Spring is finally here! It was a long Winter and now everyone is itching to get out and get active. Robertson Fire Protection District Firefighter Stephanie Buck would like to extend you the following health and safety tips:

1. Prevent germs by washing hands with soap for 15 seconds.
2. When traveling, wear seatbelts and buckle children in cars seats, booster seats and seatbelts.
3. Watch children while playing outside.
4. When spring cleaning, change batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
5. Have at least one working fire extinguisher in your home and know how to use it.
6. Get out in the fresh air. Walk, work out and exercise. Don't forget to stretch and warm up. Include the elderly in your springtime fun.
7. Eat moderately. Watch overeating and high salt intake as it may aggravate some medical conditions (like Hypertension) and lead to new ones (increased cholesterol).
8. Wear sunscreen.
9. Know where to go for emergencies and emergency contact numbers, i.e; 911, Poison Control, veterinarian.
10. Avoid to much alcohol. It may put you on the express track to the Emergency Department. Alcohol related auto deaths are the most common cause of unexpected tragedies.
11. Don't forget about your pets. Check fenced yards for gaps and escape routes. Make sure they have a collar with their name and your contact information in case they happen to get loose.
12. It is also time to prevent fleas from our family pets. A single flea can lay up to 300 eggs in one day.
13. Give your pets plenty of fresh water daily and shade if they are outside.

Hopefully these tips will help you have a safe and healthy Spring. If you have any other health or safety questions that the RFPD firefighters might be able to answer, please call us at (314)291-6180. You can also email us at [prcommittee@rfpd.org](mailto:prcommittee@rfpd.org).



## From The Fire Chief's Desk



The Paramedics and Fire Fighters of the Robertson Fire Protection District are ready to respond to your needs at any time of the day or night. The number of emergency calls for the year 2010 was as follows: 1,229 Emergency Medical responses and 637 Fire/Rescue responses for a total of 1,866 alarms.

During the year of 2010, the Robertson Fire Protection District was able to achieve a long term goal of obtaining a Class 3 fire rating in the Hazelwood portion of the Robertson Fire Protection District. We will continue to work at having the entire Robertson Fire Protection District achieve the Class 3 insurance rating as soon as possible. You may want to check with your insurance carrier to see if you qualify for lower home owner's insurance premiums.

In an effort to be fiscally responsible and as diligent as possible, the Robertson Fire Protection District created a significant savings in the General Obligation Bond Fund at the close of 2010. Due to interest rates being at an all time low near the end of last year, the Robertson Fire Protection District's Board of Directors voted to re-issue the \$1,275,000.00 balance of outstanding General Obligation Bonds that were approved by the voters and sold in the year 2000. The District was able to close out the old bonds with higher interest rate payments due and re-issue those same bonds with lower interest rates that resulted in a savings of approximately \$20,000.00 of additional interest payments for each of the next five years.

The District is planning on building a new training/multi-purpose room and storage facility located at Fire Station 2 on Taussig Road with construction to begin during 2011.



### Car Seat Checks by Certified Technicians at RFPD

Make an appointment to have your car seat or booster seat checked by a certified car seat technician at the RFPD. We offer this service free of charge to our residents. Many of our firefighters have recently been certified as car seat technicians with the goal in mind to help keep our residents be as safe as possible. Proper car seat installation is imperative when transporting children in vehicles. Please call RFPD Station One and make an appointment to have your child's safety seat inspected or properly installed. We look forward to seeing you soon.

### New Ambulances Arrive to Robertson Fire District!

The Robertson Fire Protection District is proud to announce that we have received our two newest additions to our emergency vehicle fleet. In late December RFPD accepted delivery of two new, 2010 Freightliner Ambulances that were manufactured by the Osage Corporation, which is located in Missouri. Both ambulances are equipped with the newest safety features required by the National Fire Protection Agency, such as the Chevron stripping on the rear of the ambulances,



which provides for better visual sight distance of vehicles passing by on the road way. The ambulances are equipped with the latest Emergency Medical equipment as well.

One ambulance will be stationed at House 1, located at 12641 Missouri Bottom Road. This ambulance will be designated as RFPD 5017. The second ambulance will be stationed at our House 2, located at 3820 Taussig Road. This ambulance will be designated as RFPD 5027.

Please feel free to stop by either of our RFPD Fire Stations to look at all of the equipment. The Robertson Fire Protection District works very hard to provide the best possible service to our residents.



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#### Robertson Fire Protection District Mission Statement

The primary Mission of the Robertson Fire Protection District is to protect the lives and property of our citizens from the effects of fire, emergency medical incidents, hazardous situations, and other disasters.

Through immediate response to emergency needs, rapid suppression of fire, competent application of life saving techniques, and public education, we dedicate ourselves so the quality of community life is increased by the security and peace of mind we promote by our actions.

We are committed to serving our community with professionalism, excellence, and devotion to duty by maintaining and improving the skills of our personnel. The Robertson Fire Protection District recognizes our personnel as our greatest resource and the key to our success.

*"Proud to Serve.  
Always Ready."*



## RFPD's 2011 "Fill the Boot" Drive is Here.



The Robertson Fire Protection District Firefighters would like to thank the residents of the RFPD for their tremendous support in the 2010 Muscular Dystrophy Association Fill The Boot Campaign and ask for your continued support in 2011. Once again the RFPD Firefighters will be out in force this Summer collecting for this outstanding charity. The money raised by the firefighters goes directly to trying to find a cure for this debilitating disease. MDA research is getting closer every year to finding a cure. They need your help in raising money to pay for research. The RFPD firefighter's came in first place among St. Louis area fire departments in 2010 with a collection of \$10,024.00. We greatly appreciate your support and ask for your continued support in the 2011 Fill The Boot Campaign. Our collection site will be McDonnell Boulevard at Highway 270.

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