

Special Points of

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- Battalion Chief Promotion
- RFPD Director 10 Years of Service

Santa Is Coming To Town

Mark your calendars now! Santa Claus is coming to the Robertson Fire Protection District in December. He has sent a letter to the firefighters of the Robertson Fire Protection District telling them when he will be coming to all the neighborhoods. As Santa and the Robertson Fire Protection District firefighters do every year, they will be out four weekend days in December with all the firefighters and fire trucks driving through the neighborhoods. Santa Claus will be on the trailer and will meet with all the boys and girls to find out what they want for Christmas. In his letter to the firefighters, Santa made special mention that all the boys and girls in the Robertson Fire Protection District have been especially good this year and he is excited to see them again.

The first Santa visit in the Robertson Fire Protection District will be on December 5th on the west side of the Ville Maria neighborhood. On December 6th Santa will visit the boys and girls on the east side of the Ville Maria neighborhood. This is a large neighborhood, so we split it up into two days. On December 12th Santa and the firefighters will visit the residents in the Cedarbrook neighborhood. On December 19th Santa will visit the residents of Dunn Road, Santa Maria Apartments, Dunnridge, Laurel Bluffs, Woodcrest, Heritage Heights and Hurstborough Manor. All Santa visits will begin at noon on their scheduled days. The RFPD firefighters will take instant pictures for the residents. If you have any questions about the Santa visits, email the public relations committee at prcommittee@rfpd.org or call RFPD House One at (314)291-6180. Have a fun and safe holiday season.



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Movie Night at the Fire House

The firefighters of the Robertson Fire Protection District are hosting another movie night on October 10th, 2009 at Engine House #1 located at 12641 Missouri Bottom Road. The first movie night in June was such a huge success that we have decided to do it again. This event will end Fire Prevention Week, which is October 4th. through the 10th. The featured film will be a double-feature, "Goosebumps". These movies are approximately forty-five minutes in length and are family orientated. The event will begin at 7p.m., "Sparky" the Fire Dog will be in attendance for this event and he will have plenty of popcorn and refreshments for all the families to enjoy during these scary movies. Please bring your own lawn chairs to the movie night. Also, if you drive to the movie night, please park in the administration parking lot. If that lot gets full the firefighters will assist you in finding a place to park. This will be a great time and the firefighters look forward to seeing you at the next movie night.



New Ladder Truck Arrives

The Robertson Fire Protection District is proud to announce the arrival of our new 100 foot heavy duty platform ladder truck (5025). The new 5025 is expected to arrive on September 17, 2009 and is being built by Pierce Manufacturing Inc. The platform truck has more stability than a standard aerial ladder truck, which will assist in firefighting and rescue operations. Firefighters will be able to operate within the platform or "bucket" at the top of the ladder, controlling water flow as well as have breathing air available to use in a toxic atmosphere. The new truck will have a 300 gallon water tank as well as being equipped with a CAFS (compressed air foam system) holding 30 gallons of foam. CAFS has been proven to reduce water and smoke damage to a home affected by fire therefore reducing costs of repair. CAFS has also been proven to put fire out more efficiently than water alone. The new platform is projected to be in service sometime in the fall 2009. RFPD firefighters will be undergoing extensive training on the new ladder truck as well as tactical firefighting with a platform ladder truck. Training will consist of driving, flowing water, flowing foam with CAFS, general operations and daily maintenance of the new 5025. The new ladder truck will be stationed at house #2 located on Taussig Road.



What does 5025 stand for? The 50 represents RFPD, the 2 means it's stationed at house #2 and 5 signifies a ladder truck.



"You should have your chimney cleaned each year before using the fireplace."



"Change your clocks... Change your batteries."

Residents Present Plaque to RFPD

The Robertson Fire Protection District firefighters take great pride in providing the best service possible to our residents. We take even greater pride in the great relationship that we share with the residents of the Robertson Fire Protection District. In addition to running fire and Emergency Medical Service 911 calls, a major part of our job is educating the public on safety issues and being positive figures in the community. We try to host or participate in as many community events as we can every year because we enjoy mingling with the residents that we protect and serve daily.

Last Spring the Robertson Fire Protection District firefighters organized a community event in the Terrisan subdivision where we went door-to-door checking smoke detectors, checking blood pressures, and filling out emergency *File of Life* cards. We had a great time meeting all the residents and it could save a life. On July 25th, 2009 at a RFPD board meeting, Dan Monical and Barbara Simon of the Terrisan subdivision presented the firefighters with a beautiful plaque to show their appreciation for our community safety event. It was truly the pleasure of the Robertson Fire Protection District firefighters to do. We thank the residents for the plaque and look forward to future safety events.

Safety Tips For Fall

Winterizing a home is an important step in the fall. Getting your furnace fixed or serviced, repairing damaged windows are some of the items that may be on your checklist to keep your home running through the winter months. But many people don't realize that homes are at a greater risk for fires in the winter months. Here are some safety tips for the upcoming fall season.

The first tip is to change the batteries in all your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when you change the clocks for daylight savings. Changing the batteries prevents detectors from going dead. Another tip is to clean your chimney. Creosote is a deposit which builds up from prior fires, and if it builds up too much it can start a fire in your house. You should have your chimney cleaned each year before using the fireplace. Finally, space heaters should have a safe area around the heater and at least





New Battalion Chief



Robertson Fire Protection District would like to congratulate Dan Hoguet on his promotion to the rank of Battalion Chief (BC). BC Hoguet was hired by Robertson Fire Protection District on December 10, 1997 in which time he worked as a Paramedic Firefighter. He was promoted to Captain in September 2006 and within one year was named Acting Battalion Chief in May of 2007. He was officially promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief on Tuesday July 25, 2009.

In the picture to the left you can see Fire Chief Dave Tilley presenting Battalion Chief Dan Hoguet his new white helmet at a Board of Director's meeting in July. BC Hoguet is a certified EMT-Paramedic, Fire officer 1, Fire officer 2 and holds a certification for Fire instructor 1. He really enjoys teaching his fellow firefighters vehicle rescue techniques in the classroom and the hands-on approach during practical evolutions. He is married to his wife Lisa and they have two children. Prior to joining the Robertson Fire Protection District he worked for Eureka Fire District and then Ladue Fire Department. He is currently the Battalion Chief on C-shift. Congratulations Dan on your new promotion!

RFPD Board of Director Celebrates Service Milestone

The Robertson Fire Protection District Administrative Staff and firefighters would like to congratulate Board of Director Secretary Steve Neuner for ten years of service with the Robertson Fire Protection District (RFPD). Mr. Neuner began his service as a board of director with the RFPD in the Fall of 1999. He has been an outstanding public servant for the residents of the RFPD and has been a very professional and fair a person to work for.

RFPD Board of Director Steve Neuner has been a major part of many exciting projects at the fire district over the last ten years. Under his leadership, the RFPD has built a new Fire Station on Taussig Road, purchased new fire trucks and ambulances to replace the aging trucks, purchased the finest emergency medical equipment as well as the finest rescue equipment for the firefighters to work with and supervised many more accomplishments.

The RFPD employees presented Mr. Neuner with a plaque of appreciation at the August 25th Board Meeting. Thank you for many years of outstanding public service to the RFPD.



Director Steve Neuner Celebrates 10 years

Upcoming Fire Prevention Week Events

Fire Prevention Week for this year is scheduled for October 4th. through October 10th. This is always a busy week for the Robertson Fire Protection District Firefighters. All week long the firefighters are at the elementary schools in the fire district giving safety talks to the kids and teaching them the "Do's and Don'ts" of home fire safety. We will take our Robertson Fire Protection District Mobile Fire Prevention Safety Trailer to both Garrett Elementary School and Armstrong Elementary School to give safety talks, show safety videos and walk each class through the three rooms or our safety trailer to spread the message of home fire safety. We will also perform timed fire drills at both elementary schools to ensure that all school personnel and students know what to do in case of a fire at school. The Robertson Fire Protection District is also hosting a coloring contest at both elementary schools, as in years past the winner from each school getting a ride to school in the fire truck with the firefighters. We have done this for many years and the kids as well as the parents absolutely love it. In addition to these events, the firefighters will be at businesses giving fire extinguisher classes and safety inspections of commercial buildings in the Robertson Fire Protection District. The firefighters are hosting a movie night at Engine House #1 on Missouri Bottom Road on October 10th at 7p.m. to end Fire Prevention Week. Come up and enjoy a movie with your firefighters. See page #1 for details.



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*"To Protect and Serve is Our Business,
and Being the Best is our Passion."*

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.

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Many Services Provided by RFPD

In addition to responding to emergency 911 fire and emergency medical calls, the Robertson Fire Protection District offers a wide variety of other services to our residents. We have certified car seat technicians working everyday that can assist you in properly installing a child safety seat. We will check resident smoke detectors and install our new detectors free of charge if needed. We offer CPR certification classes to our residents several times per year free of charge. We attend all block parties, school functions, or fund raisers in the Robertson Fire Protection District that we are invited to, barring any prior training commitments or 911 calls. We will schedule a fire house tour anytime a group calls and requests a visit. We do need a reasonable amount of notice for this due to our training schedule and prior community event commitments. If you have any safety concerns regarding your home that is of the non-emergency nature, call our Engine House One at (314)291-6180 and ask the officer in charge.

In addition to these services for your homes, the Robertson Fire Protection District is heavily involved in safety and literacy programs at the elementary schools in the RFPD. We also provide extinguisher training to businesses upon request. Contact Engine House One for more details.

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