



THE HEAT



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From the Chief



I would like to again congratulate all the members who were the recently promoted. With the newly promoted members comes new opportunities and new ideas and these are the things that will allow us to continue to move forward and grow as a department.

In the coming months great things will be happening for the department and I am excited about the outlook for 2016. We will soon be completing the remodeling of The Joe Thomas Public Safety Building and returning back to Fire Station #1. It has been a long time coming but the wait is almost over and we are looking forward to getting back to station one.

Later this month we will be giving our Entrance Exam for Entry Level Firefighters which is another great opportunity to welcome new members into our fire service family.

Important Dates

Feb 14—Valentine's Day

Feb 15—President's Day

Pine Bluff Fire & Emergency Services
Entry Level Firefighter Exam

When: **February 23, 2016**
Time: **6:00 p.m.**
Where: **Pine Bluff Convention Center**
One Convention Center Drive
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 870.730.2048
OR GO TO
WWW.PINEBLUFFFIRE.COM

** Must be 21 years of age and have not turned 35 years of age
** Applications can be picked up at 601 W. 32nd Avenue between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. All applications must be turned in by February 19th, 2016

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Citizens of Pine Bluff for their continued support and the members of Pine Bluff Fire and Emergency Services for their dedication and hard work each and every day.

Shawn Howell
Fire Chief





2016 Promotions



Edward Pinkins
Promoted to
Battalion Fire Chief



Bruce Bailey
Promoted to
Captain



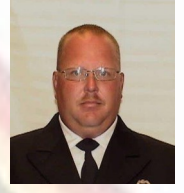
Michael Burnett
Promoted to
Lieutenant



James Logan
Promoted to
Lieutenant



Justin Taylor
Promoted to
Engineer



Chris Mackey
Promoted to
Engineer



Alexander Bryant
Promoted to
Engineer



February Anniversaries

Ernest Stacy—February 7th—29 years
Villa Eans—February 8th—18 years
Bruce Bailey—February 16th—17 years
Shawn Howell—February 16th—17 years
Kahdijah Miller—February 16th—17 years
Ernest Wooten—February 16th—17 years

February Birthdays

Herbert Goins—February 3rd
Carl Donaldson—February 6th
Joshua Reed—February 6th
Villa Eans—February 8th
Russell Carothers—February 9th
Fred Tisdale—February 10th
Joey Tomboli—February 14th
John Reed Jr—February 23rd
Randy Compton—February 26th
Gerald White—February 26th
Derrick Johnson—February 26th



2016 Retirements



**Battalion Chief
Tellis Rushing
Retired on
January 1, 2016
After 40+ Years of Service**



2015-2016 New Hires

March 2015

Anthony Delgado
Charles Ross
Nate Thompson

July 2015

Chad Nealy
Christian Owens
Jerome Willis
Joel Porchia
Tyler Harrison

August 2015

Quentin Williams

September 2015

Hayley Moorehead

January 2016

Marquise McCraney
Johnathon Whitfield

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PINE BLUFF FIRE &
EMERGENCY SERVICES**





HOME HEATING SAFETY



No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM SAFETY TIPS

- Get your central heating system cleaned, inspected and serviced by a certified HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) contractor every year before using it.

If you have a gas heater, make sure that you have a sufficient quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

SPACE HEATER SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet (3 ft) of empty space.
- Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry.
- Do not place space heaters near furniture or drapery.
- Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed.

Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.

FIREPLACE SAFETY TIPS

- Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure that it is safe.
- Hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall.
- Repair any cracks in fireplaces.
- Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace.
- Do not ever use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Make sure that combustible materials are not stored within three feet of your fireplace.
- For natural gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected before use each season.

