



THE HEAT



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Happy New Year!

I would like to say thank you to all the men and women of Pine Bluff Fire and Emergency Services for your committed and unwavering service that you provide to the citizens of Pine Bluff on a daily basis.

During 2015 we responded to over 4,500 emergency calls for service with approximately 55% of those call being an emergency medical related call. Emergency medical calls continue to be our leading category for calls for service and our members continue to seek training and education in this area to better serve the citizens of Pine Bluff. To date we have approximately 80% of fire department members serving as Certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). Through various fire prevention initiatives members have reached over 40,000 through Fire & Life Safety Programs, approximately 175 free smoke alarms have been installed and have provided over 800 fire safety inspections for local businesses. It is my belief that through these measures of public education, community outreach programs and having a very proactive approach have prevented us from having any fire related deaths in 2015. It is my hope that we continue this trend for many years to come.

Continued professional development is very important to all the members of Pine Bluff Fire and Emergency services and our members have completed over 32,000 hours of training in 2015. This training ensures that we have highly trained and educated members providing excellent service by one of the top departments in the state. With an ISO Class 2 rating we ensure that our property owners have lower homeowners insurance rates which itself speaks highly of our department and its committed members.

As members of Pine Bluff Fire and Emergency Services we are proud to provide a tradition of excellent public safety service to the residents of Pine Bluff. Thank you for your continued support and please know that your service is valued and much appreciated. As we look forward to another great year, we will continue to remain focused on the mission and core values of our department.

To all past, present and future Pine Bluff Fire and Emergency Services members I say
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.

Respectfully,

Shawn Howell
Fire Chief

Important Dates

Jan 1—New Year's Day

Jan 18— MLK Jr Day



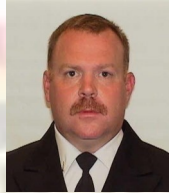
2015 Promotions



Harold Clark Jr.
Promoted to
Battalion Fire Chief



James M. Hipp
Promoted to
Captain



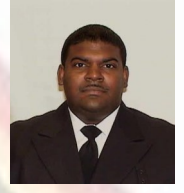
Russell Carothers
Promoted to
Captain



James Logan
Promoted to
Lieutenant



Bryan Moore
Promoted to
Lieutenant



Rance Dukes
Promoted to
Lieutenant



Quinton Wade
Promoted to
Lieutenant



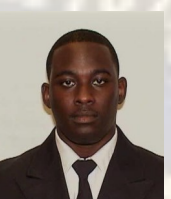
Lee Bateman
Promoted to
Engineer



Fredrick Bateman
Promoted to
Engineer



Joshua Suitt
Promoted to
Engineer



Harold Miller
Promoted to
Engineer



Antonio Scott
Promoted to
Engineer



Joseph Kisel
Promoted to
Engineer



Aechia Armstrong
Promoted to
Engineer



Eldon Still
Promoted to
Engineer

January Anniversaries

Johnnie Brown—January 1st—29 yrs
 Steven Adams—January 1st—20 yrs
 Michael Hipp—January 1st—20 yrs
 Clinton Works—January 1st—20 yrs
 Cedric Adams—January 2nd—7 yrs
 Eric Watts—January 6th—11 yrs
 Antonio Scott—January 7th—11 yrs
 Michael Burleson—January 12th—7 yrs
 Jeffery Miles—January 13th—2 yrs
 Joseph Moring—January 13th—2 yrs
 Justen Traxler—January 13th—2 yrs
 Mark Fallis—January 16th—30 yrs
 Larry Murray—January 18th—6 yrs
 Matthew Inman—January 22nd—9 yrs
 Alexander Bryant—January 23rd—4 yrs
 Carree Coleman—January 23rd—4 yrs
 Kyra Arnold—January 27th—2 yrs

January Birthdays

Eric Watts—January 4th
 Kevin Chapmon—January 7th
 Jerome Willis—January 7th
 Joseph Kisel—January 11th
 Jeffery Miles—January 18th
 Harold Miller—January 18th
 Rance Dukes—January 22nd
 Larry Murray—January 22nd
 Anthony Graham—January 25th
 Mark Fallis—January 26th
 Tony Gibson—January 26th
 Charles Ross—January 27th



2015 Retirements



Engineer
Tracy Taylor
Retired on
March 1, 2015
After 25 Years of Service



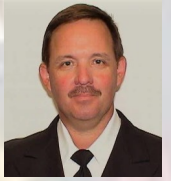
Firefighter
Ernest Demmings
Retired on
May 1, 2015
After 25 Years of Service



Captain
Steve Robinson
Retired on
May 14, 2015
After 36 Years of Service



Lieutenant
Ricky Beatty
Retired on
May 29, 2015
After 30 Years of Service



Battalion Chief
Scott Moore
Retired on
June 26, 2015
After 31 Years of Service



Engineer
Roosevelt Monk
Retired on
July 17, 2015
After 29 Years of Service



Engineer
Tracy Smith
Retired on
12/21/2015
After 14 Years of Service



Lieutenant
Robert Norman
Retired on
December 25, 2015
After 17 Years of Service



Fire Services

FREE SERVICES

- FREE SMOKE ALARMS
- FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
- FREE HOME SURVEYS TO INSPECT FOR FIRE HAZARDS
- FREE ADDRESS NUMBER PROGRAM

Burn Permits is a paid service offered by the Pine Bluff Fire & Emergency Services. There are two (2) kinds of burn permits: Controlled Burn Permit costs \$25.00 and expires in 60 days. Approved Container Permit costs \$5.00 and expires in 1 year. Burning Permits shall not be transferable either from one location to another or from one person to another.

Controlled Burning is burning on the ground. Approved Container Burning is burning yard waste in a closed metal, brick, concrete or rock container. Before any such containers shall be utilized by any person the container must be approved by the Fire Chief or his representative.

RULES TO BURN IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Do not leave fire unattended or burn when wind is high.
- 2) Put fire out before sunset/burning must occur at exact location.
- 3) Only yard waste shall be permitted to burn: grass, clippings, leaves, shrubbery/tree trimmings collected from that site. No garbage, rubber, plastics, metals, petroleum products, tires, shingles, treated or processed lumber, or hazardous materials.
- 4) Have connected water hose or other means to control fire.
- 5) Open burning shall have a minimum 50 feet clearance from any structure, property lines, public ways, and utilities.



FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

*When I am called to duty, God whenever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life, whatever be its age
Help me to embrace a little child before it's too late,
Or some older person from the horror of that fate,
Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.
I want to full my calling and to give the best in me.
To guard my every neighbor and protect his property.
And if, according to my fate, I am to lose my life;
Please bless with your protecting hand my children and my mate.*

