

NOVMEBER

Calendar

Events:

November

- 1st No Shave November
- 5th American Football Day
- 12th Nurse Practitioner Day
- 17th National Hiking Day
- 18th Nat'l Entrepreneurs' Day
- 27th Thanksgiving Day
- 29st Small Business Saturday

Board Meetings:

- November 10th
- November 24th

Pay Dates:

- November 14th
- November 28th



Newsletter

November 2025

Mark the Dates:

- Nov 18th – Santas Sleigh Meeting ST1 – 6 pm
- Nov 19th – Strike Team Training ST5 – 9 am
- Nov 22nd – Friday Night Football – 7 pm
- Nov 24th – District Board Meeting ST1 – 5:30 pm
- Nov 25th – Officer Meeting ST1 – 9 am
- Nov 25th – Business Meeting ST1 – 6 pm
- Nov 27th – Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- Nov 28th – Station 1 Volunteer Overnight Stay



Training Division

- November 4th ST5 – 6 pm – CPR Training
- November 11th ST5 – 6 pm – CPR Training



Birthdays in November

Eric Korte – 3rd
Jordon Shortt – 19th

Business Meeting & Officers Meeting:

Meetings held at ST1

Officers Meeting
November 25th
9:00 a.m.

Business Meeting
November 25th
6:00 p.m.

If you would like to submit information to be published in this monthly newsletter, the deadline is the 25th of the month prior. This allows time to format and send by the first of the next month. Please email information to Rachel Tyree at officeadmin@sullivanfpd.com

Fire Extinguisher Training

Terror on Route 66

Special shout out to [Sullivan Fire Protection District](#) for coming out to [Terror on Route 66](#) to train our monsters on fire safety and how to properly use a fire extinguisher!

Thank you for helping us keep our attraction and customers safe! 🍷



Fire Extinguisher Use: The Pass Method



STEP 1

Pull

Pull the safety pin to ready the extinguisher for use.



STEP 2

Aim

Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire, rather than the actual flames.



STEP 3

Squeeze

Squeeze the handle and hold to release the extinguishing agent.



STEP 4

Sweep

Sweep the nozzle from side to side until the fire is fully extinguished.



Sullivan Fire Protection District

September 30 at 5:49 AM · 🌐

Busy Month for Sullivan Firefighters!

Our team has been hard at work this month completing training and earning certifications — a big step forward in keeping our community safe and prepared.

Congratulations to the following members on achieving Missouri State Certifications:

- * Captain David Konys – First Responder Inspector
- * Firefighter Drew Richards – First Responder Inspector
- * Firefighter Jordan Rice – Haz-Mat Awareness & Operations, Firefighter I & II
- * Firefighter Bennett Sherrell – Haz-Mat Awareness & Operations, Firefighter I & II

Thank you all for your dedication, hard work, and commitment to the betterment of our department. We're proud of your accomplishments and your drive to continually improve.



Sullivan Fire Protection District

October 6 at 6:33 AM · 🌐

Sullivan Firefighters Conduct Intense Rescue Training

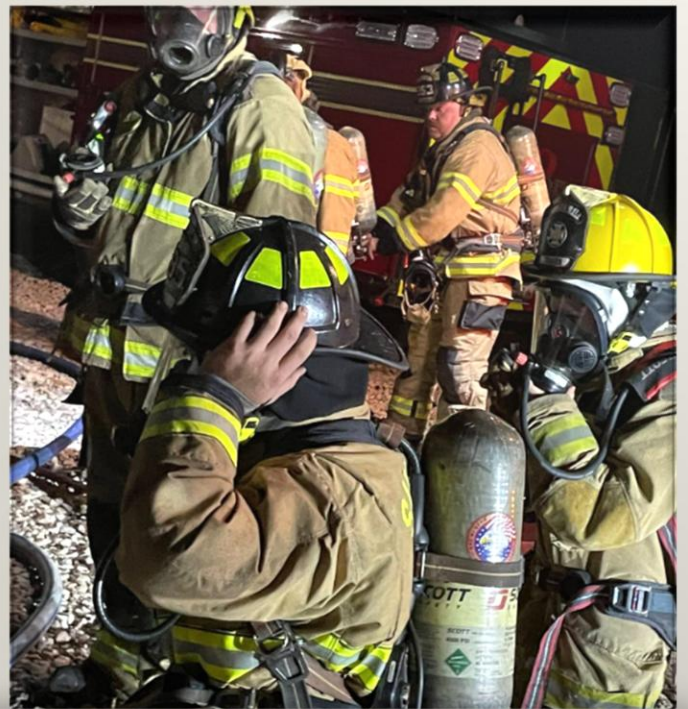
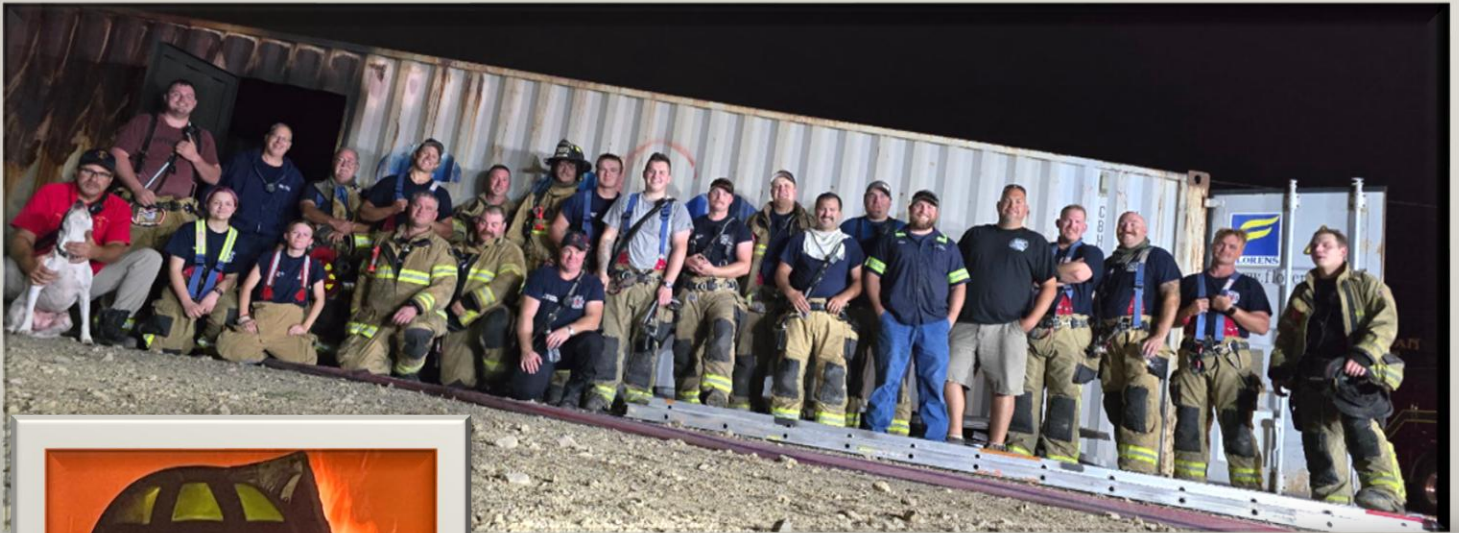
This past Saturday, the Sullivan Fire District held an intensive hands-on training focused on one of the most critical scenarios we may face — rescuing one of our own.

The class centered around RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) operations, teaching our firefighters vital techniques to search for, locate, and remove a downed firefighter. Whether due to disorientation, injury, a medical emergency, or structural collapse (a growing concern with modern truss construction), our teams must be ready to act swiftly and effectively.

Training like this is essential — because when seconds count, we must be prepared to protect not only our community but also each other.

A huge thank you to Eagle Lanes and Jim for graciously allowing us to train inside your facility. Real-world environments make all the difference in preparing for real-life emergencies.

SFPD Training Night



Progress on the Training Grounds

Starting at 5 a.m. firefighters showed up to help pour the slab for the new training containers.

After a full night of live burn training, these dedicated men and women still showed up to lend a hand and help save on labor costs.

Ture Commitment!



A huge shout-out to

H&H Bros. Concrete

for donating your time, expertise, and hard work to make this project Possible!

Another big, Thank You! to

Green Line Equip. Rentals

for donating the skid steer. Your support means the world to us!



And Thank You!

To **K&K Supply** in Fenton.

They also donated equipment to make this project possible!

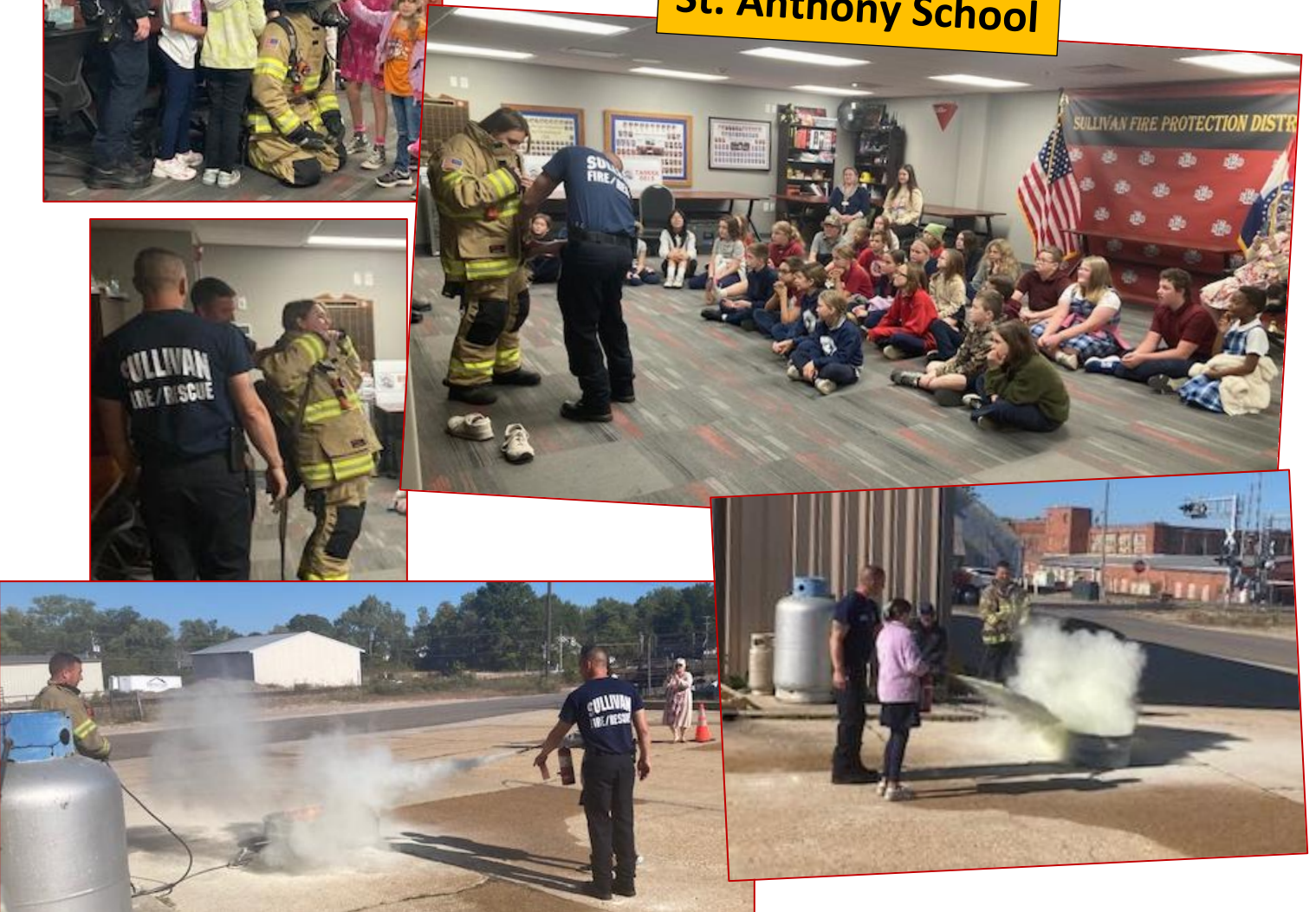
Please support these amazing local businesses that give back to our Community!

Fire Safety Month

Strain Japan School



St. Anthony School



Thank You! Cards from the kids



Bennett Sherrell Presented New Helmet and Shield

The Sullivan Fire District is proud to recognize Firefighter Bennett Sherrell for his dedication and service to our community.

Firefighter Sherrell has successfully completed Missouri State Firefighter I & II certification. During Tuesday night's business meeting, he was presented with his new helmet and custom shield, marking this important milestone in his firefighting career.

Bennett began his journey as a junior firefighter and has served with our district for over six years. His commitment, professionalism, and passion for the fire service continue to make a positive impact on our department and the citizens we serve.

The helmet presentation was made by Deputy Chief Rice, with Bennett's family in attendance to share in the celebration.

Congratulations, Firefighter Sherrell!

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and continued service to our district and community.



An Awesome Young Firefighter

Bailey Chepely



A Letter from a Local Citizen

I am damn proud of this ragged old flag

Here's a story from the fire I recently had an update on

Well, as many of you know I went through a devastating fire here. With multiple communities of firefighters present, a few of them stood out, and this young apprentice teenage firefighter was one of them.

She actually helped me and my son rescue all of the chicks from the Brooders in the garage before the ceiling collapsed on them.

After the firefighters left, I was walking around in a daze trying to wrap my head around exactly what I just went through.

With half of the overhang collapsed in my front yard and burned-out holes in my house wall I was left dealing with this mess

Days later one thing had caught my eye

I had found a rolled-up flag that once was mounted on my house under the overhang. This flag was now on my truck ??

I didn't remember leaving it there and when I unrolled it, I saw the damage that was done to it and was clearly the result of fire and water.

In all that they had to do, not only fighting my fire but dealing with their own personal health issues (it was a very hot day and they were in a very hot upstairs fire with multiple paramedic teams treating them) in having to work in rotating teams, I knew instantly that one of the firefighters took the time to save this flag before tearing down the overhang to prevent the fire from spreading. In all of what they had to do and everything that was on their mind, they took a few seconds to save a flag from being crushed under a demolition of burning wood and asphalt shingles

It literally brought tears to my eyes.

Being a very patriotic household, we usually inter damaged flags in a solemn funeral on the farm, fitting of a veteran's burial.

But I was inspired long ago by Johnny Cash spoken word song called "ragged old flag ", so I decided to keep it during the rebuilding and reconstruction, much like the firefighters kept the ragged old flag during 911 as an inspiration.

And many months passed by.

I recently took it to our festival this weekend past to show everybody this survivor of the fire was much like me. When my market manager saw he lightly chastised me for not properly taken care of it, i.e. proper disposal.

I reminded him of the Johnny Cash song and why I decided to keep it around.

Well, the festival ended, and I had to head back home with my ragged old flag. As a surprise to Farmer Brown, I decided to pick up some food along the way and stopped in at my local pizzeria, Vias in Bourbon, Missouri.

One of the pizza chefs there happen to be one of the volunteer firefighters that helped to fight my house fire.

When I told him, Rudy, the story about the fire, he gave me some information that I wasn't privy to.

Apparently, before tearing down the overhead, they had this young firefighter rescue this flag....

She was the one who rolled it up and put it on my truck.

That was two awesome things she accomplished that day.

I haven't decided on whether I'm gonna keep it and frame it in the house or bury it in our flag cemetery. I have some time to decide because it's still gonna take me many months to finish this house and I don't expect the fire damage to be fully dealt with until sometime in the Spring.

Most of the interior work won't be finished until early spring just like it was when I remodeled this house two years ago. I have a good idea that this decision I'll have to make will be in the springtime of 2026.

Till then, this will sit in its mount, no longer under an overhang but under a new deck as a testament to our resolve to not go gentle into that good night.

So, if you are privileged to visit us in the next few months please keep this in mind as you look upon her damaged glory.

She is not flying through ignorance or complacency but PERSEVERANCE !!!

Because I'm mighty proud of this ragged old flag.

Thank you for reading my brain dribbles.

Mark Brown, 10/14/25

✓ Mark the Date

Saturday, Dec. 6th – SFPD Christmas Party at ST5
Please RSVP if you haven't yet.

