

APRIL

Calendar

Events:

- April 1st April Fool's Day
- April 2nd Good Friday
- April 2nd Good Friday Fish Fry (ST1)
- April 4th Easter Sunday
- April 6th General Municipal Election Day
- April 15th Tax Day
- April 28th Special Olympics at Sullivan High School

Board Meetings:

April 12th

April 26th

Pay Dates:

April 9th

April 23rd



Newsletter

April 2021

Solving the Puzzle

A Note from the Fire Marshal's Wife by Judy Bean

Excerpts taken from the Jan-Feb edition of FFAM magazine

We puzzled over 2020. We are still puzzling over the presidential race and COVID-19. We will puzzle over 2021. That is what we do, human beings puzzle.

I used to get secretly mad as a kid when a well-meaning adult would give me a puzzle, of 1000 pieces or more, for my birthday or Christmas. It immediately screamed, "work!" My maternal grandmother always had a huge amount of puzzle pieces laid out on a card table in her front room. It was a form of entertainment for her that I could not wrap my head around. She spent hours puzzling over the puzzle, picking up different pieces, carefully, methodically looking at its shape and colorful design, and hovering it over the unfinished beginnings of what would eventually evolve into a perfectly completed picture of another magical landscape. I do not remember when exactly I got the spell cast upon me. But I began to be pulled to sit at the card table with my grandmother and watch her gift of puzzling at work. Pretty soon I found myself picking up a piece here and there, imitating my grandmother's moves, and then it happened. I found the perfect space that fit my piece and formed a completed corner. What a rush!! I was hooked. The first time we completed a full puzzle was magnificent. Grandmother handed me the last piece with a sly grin. At the time, I was clueless about what her grin was full of at that exact moment, but it made me grin, too. Later, as an adult, when enticing my children to appreciate the art of puzzling, I finally realized Grandmother had victory in that grin. Victory for herself, for me,

Training Tuesdays:

**April 6th School Bus
Extrication at Chuck's
Towing**

**April 20th School Bus
Extrication at Chuck's
Towing**

Training Opportunities

Who: Marthasville Fire Dist.

What: Two Night Event-
Firefighter Down

When: Apr 6 & 7 (6pm-10pm)

POC: Sean Johnson-Asst. Chief
636-667-8920
asstchief@marthasvillefire.org

Who: Cuba Fire Dep.

What: Two Day Event

Basic Pump Operations

When: Apr 23 & 24

(6pm-10pm) & (8am-5pm)

POC: Mike Plank

314-259-8380
mplank3800@gmail.com

Who: Union FPD

What: Ignitable Liquids &
Class B Foam

When: April 23 & 24 (6pm-
10pm) & (8am-12pm)

POC: Matt Tobben

636-583-2515
tobben@unionfd.org

Who: Marthasville Fire Dist.

What: Firefighter Friendly
Thermal Imaging

When: May 12 (6pm-10pm)

POC: Sean Johnson-Asst. Chief
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and the communion we had shared for days, in a seemingly silly success of completing a magical landscape together.

In daily life, we may not always have the perfect pieces we need to complete the complicated puzzles we find ourselves in, but we fill gaps with the pieces we can find until it becomes a better picture than what we started with. ***Firefighters are masters at puzzling the scrambled scenes they are challenged with.*** They show up with a few pieces that will leave it better, but the picture may shift, start to transform into a puzzle that will need many talented skills to complete the job.

Firefighters are the adapters, the overcomers, the teamers that shape the puzzle pieces needed to leave the scene better than they found it. The puzzle may look like a Picasso when it is finished, but it is a communion, on so many levels, and art that is appreciated and admired by most, especially the ones that are directly affected by the placement of the last puzzle piece.

Going into 2021, I will hope that all of us can say, at some point, we held a puzzle piece that mattered to the whole picture of our lives or someone else's. The scene may not look like a magical landscape or exude perfection when completed, but I will take a Picasso puzzle of color, wonder, and a grin full of victory any day!

Blessings,
Judy Bean

Training Division:



Captain Konys would like to thank all personnel who attended the Officer Development Day with Chief Reilly. It was a great class with some great information. SFPD Training Division is working with MU extension division to host more classes in 2021. They will keep us updated.

April Awareness issues: Please check Aladtec and make sure all of your information and certifications are correct and entered. In addition, use the forms in Aladtec for logging training, physical fitness, and call rosters. Aladtec is the only program that will be used to send out information. Thank you for your compliance with this matter.

Burn Trailer Status: We have enlisted the help of the Sullivan High School Ag class. They are building metal walls, doors, and windows for us.

Captain Konys would like everyone to know that in May, Water Rescue Training and Boat Operations will commence. So mark your calendars. District Training is on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Online training is sent once a month. ←To the left you will see listed (and/or check your email, or see postings at ST1) some exciting training opportunities, and...they are all free!

Fundraiser:

Lake of the Ozarks is holding a fundraiser for FF Medic Cody Martin's daughter, Malia.

Malia was born on 12/5/2020 and she continues to fight in the NICU.

100% of the proceeds will go to the Martin family to cover travel expenses and medical expenses.

The cost is \$20 per ticket or \$100 for 6 tickets. They are raffling off three guns for the prizes.

If interested, contact Billy Harris at 573-205-4646 for tickets.

Raffle ends on 4/12/2021 at 7pm.

Birthdays

April

Kyle Robertson 13th

Devan Baker 22nd

Jim Grimm 26th

Drew Richards 30th

Fire Marshal Update:

Corey Rice SFPD

Ongoing projects:

364 N Clark	Eatons Funeral Home Addition
679 Fisher	Drinking Horn Bar Nearing Completion
900 Elmont	First State Community Bank Remodel
11891 Mine Rd.	Lil Something 4 Everyone
975 N. Service Rd.	Enjet Aero Office Remodel Nearing Completion
Hwy JJ (Stanton)	Hope Ranch
2115 E Springfield	7 Cedars Supply (Stanton)

New Projects:

Occupancy Permits

651 Dunsford Dr. Sullivan Storage 2 additional storage sheds Knox box is on right side of gate. Gate can be activated with yelp, code, or keys.

Building Permits

450 F Cumberland Dr Smoker Friendly

Pre-Plans Completed

450 Cumberland	675 Dunsford
47 Springfield	227 Springfield Rd.
157 Springfield	797 Eagles Ct
1500 Independence	1555 Independence
1000 Independence	875 Dunsford
First Community Plaza	840 Elmont
878 Dunsford	974 Elmont
216 E. Vine	1250 E Springfield
229 Bud St	235 N Clark

Area of Achievement:

Fire 1 & 2 Skills Day – AUTO EXTRICATION at Chuck's Towing 3/27

It was a perfect day and the turnout was impressive! We had 100% participation from the SFPD Fire 1 & 2 class. In addition, we had several instructors, our full time on duty crew, plus the state evaluators.

Fire I & 2: Skills Training ST5

7th TBD

8th TBD

14th TBD

15th TBD

17th Live Fire Skills-Boles
(7am-2pm)

21st TBD

22nd TBD

28th HAZMAT

29th HAZMAT

May 1st Random Skills ?

May 8th Random Skills ?

Uniforms Plus

will be printing department t shirts, if you need one, they will have a quick turn around time.

Give them a call

573-468-4972

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 the SFPD Office Administrator, Monica Boyer at secsfpd@fidmail.com



