

# JANUARY

## Calendar

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### Events:

- January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day
- January 4<sup>th</sup> National Trivia Day
- January 9<sup>th</sup> Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- January 16<sup>th</sup> Staffing ST1 7am-7pm
- January 17<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Jr Day
- January 21<sup>st</sup> Staffing ST1 7pm-7am
- January 27<sup>th</sup> National Chocolate Cake Day
- January 28<sup>th</sup> National Fun at Work Day
- January 29<sup>th</sup> National Puzzle Day



## Newsletter

### January 2022

#### From the Office of the Chief

Welcome to 2022! (Though you may see this on the last day of 2021) For the first newsletter of the year, I want to say “Thank You” to the men and women of our organization. Thank you for your commitment and dedication, and for making 2021 a fantastic year. Looking back, we’ve had many blessings to be thankful for, and I’m sure many blessings still to come in the new year ahead! As we transition into 2022, I’m excited to see what this year holds for us. I’m extremely grateful and thankful to have every one of you on this team of ours and serve alongside you. I hope everyone has a safe, happy, and healthy New Year’s. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2022! Thank you for everything you do. I truly appreciate this organization and what we have here.

– Chief Lewis

**Board Meetings:**January 10<sup>th</sup>January 24<sup>th</sup>**Pay Dates:**January 14<sup>th</sup>January 28<sup>th</sup>**Training Tuesdays:**January 4<sup>th</sup>January 18<sup>th</sup>**Birthdays:**

January

John Strothkamp 1<sup>st</sup> (40)Chief Eric Lewis 8<sup>th</sup>David Konys 12<sup>th</sup>Stephanie McCulloch 12<sup>th</sup>Gary Midyett 15<sup>th</sup>**Business Meeting &****Officers Meeting:**

Meetings held at STI

January 20<sup>th</sup> Officers  
Meeting 5pmJanuary 25<sup>th</sup> Business  
Meeting 6pm**Training Division**

Mark your calendars for the following training opportunities:

**January 4<sup>th</sup>** SCBA FIT Testing – **this is mandatory**/6pm start  
**January 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** SCBA function testing at House 5 and some  
 FIT testing, if necessary, if you cannot make the 4<sup>th</sup>, please

utilize one of these alternative dates. If you cannot make one of the listed dates you will have to drive to their office and get it done there.

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** We will be doing a walkthrough of Hope Ranch in Stanton. This is a brand-new facility that we need to familiarize ourselves with. They are giving us the opportunity to do so on this training date. Please plan to attend if you can make it.

**IMPORTANT INFO:** Any time training is given, a training roster needs to be filled out in Aladtec. An example is monthly truck checks which should be recorded on the training form to be entered in for credit. Also, if you receive a certification, a copy of it needs to be placed in Captain Konys' mailbox at Station 1 or given to him in person.

**ATTENTION:**

- Please check your settings in Aladtec to make sure your email and phone number are correct and that you have selected the correct settings to receive alert texts and emails for training and department information.

**ALSO:** Anyone wanting to go to winter fire school must fill out the form from the winter school web site and turn it into chief Robertson by 12 Noon on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Training is on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.**

*(see page 5 for some December 2021 training pics)*



## STI Staffing:

**We will be staffing ST1 Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 am- 7 pm and Friday January 21<sup>st</sup>, from 7 pm-7 am. Text 805 if you're available. (314-650-9645) We have lowered the staffing minimum to 2 persons, one must have driver certification. A Sunday meal will be provided.**

**If you would like to submit information to be published in this monthly newsletter, the deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 [officeadmin@sullivanfpd.com](mailto:officeadmin@sullivanfpd.com)**

## New Quartermaster

Chief Lewis announced that there is a new Quartermaster in town. Lt. Stetson Zelch has volunteered to be added to the SFPD Quartermaster ranks, joining Captain David Konys and Deputy Chief Kyle Robertson. If you have any individual PPE or uniform needs, please find, and notify a Quartermaster who will be glad to assist you in your quest for help. It is advisable to go through your chain of command, of course. Thank you for stepping up, Stetson! We appreciate it.



## And Now the Sequel...

Stetson Steps Up Again. The enthusiasm is almost tangible It just keeps getting better...

**Stay tuned for more information on the Annual Awards Banquet.** The banquet will encompass both 2020 and 2021 awards.

Lt. Zelch has agreed to spearhead this event and is already busy researching venues for this. It will tentatively take place in March. The current plan also includes a plan to combine our awards banquet alongside that of Sullivan Police Department and MO Bap EMS. Amplifying information will be provided as it becomes available through the diligent efforts of Stetson who stepped up.

## 17 Years of Service...Happy Anniversary

David Sumpter just celebrated his 17<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with Sullivan Fire Protection District. When asked to comment on his firefighting career at SFPD, David is certain he made the right career choice. It is something of a family affair in that he has several relatives, primarily cousins of one degree or another who are also firefighters. Two cousins are also full time with SFPD. Perhaps it's a calling. Sumpter began his firefighting vocation when he was 13 years old as a junior firefighter and was hooked. The other two firefighters who work alongside Davie, as he is known in the district, commented without hesitation that it is Davie's work ethic and his calm collected manner that are his most endearing qualities. Not surprisingly, Davie's favorite aspect of the job when asked, is that he gets to help people in the community, and he also truly enjoys the brotherhood he shares with Konys, Kincaid, and the other firefighters. Though Davie's Rain Man like attachment (or is it obsession) over just the right socks and his feet seems odd to some, even that appears not to disturb the calm (unless he doesn't have the right socks). Anyhoo...Thank you for your service, David Sumpter, we all appreciate you!

## Messages from Deputy Chief Kyle Robertson

Applications for Winter Fire School 2022 are being accepted now through 12 Noon on Monday, January 10, 2022. Please turn in your application at Station 1 or email it to Kyle Robertson at [krobertson@sullivanfpd.com](mailto:krobertson@sullivanfpd.com)

### Also...

A reminder to everyone about the first phase of truck number changes happening on Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, at 07:00. Phase one will essentially eliminate all three-digit numbers with a "zero" in the middle. Chief officers, the duty officer, and the flatbed Ford are affected. The transition will happen as follows:

**Chief** moves from 800 to 8800

**Deputy Chief** moves from 801 to 8801

**Deputy Chief/fire marshal** moves from 805 to 8805

**Flatbed Ford** moves from 808 to 8802 or 819 depending on use. If this truck is being used for utility it is 819, if it's being used for duty officer, then 8802.

The remainder of the fleet will change later in 2022.

## A Grim Reminder

*From an email sent out by Chief Lewis and Fire Marshal Corey Rice*

On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Boone County Fire Protection District saw the horrific results of what most in Emergency Services know sadly to be a sobering reality. They suffered a Line of Duty Death involving one of their firefighters and an incident on the highway. This serves to remind us to always be vigilant. Be aware of your surroundings at all times. We want to limit our exposure time on the highway as much as possible. More is not always better, so we need to use discretion about how many trucks we put out there. We should only send what's absolutely needed and minimize our risk. After EMS clears the scene, we should return and leave traffic control to law enforcement as we cause more of a traffic problem the more trucks we have on the highway. We have already had two trucks hit on the highway. Please take time to review proper lane blockage for vehicle accidents.



## December 2021 Training

Here are some pictures of the Firefighter down CPR instruction.

