

AFD RETIREE NEWS

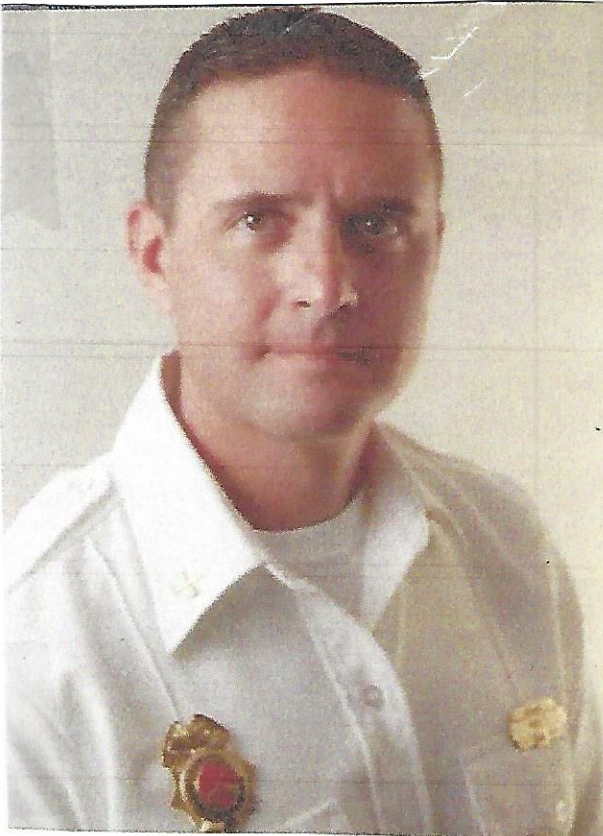
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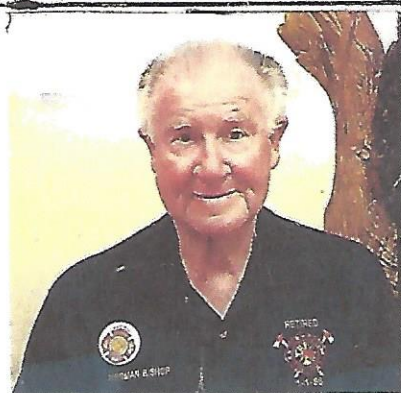
Paul Dow was named Fire Chief By Mayor Tim Keller on Monday January 22, 2018. Chief Dow joined the department 18 years ago. He recently served as a Battalion Commander in the firefighting division. He replaced former Fire Chief David Downey who retired on August 23, 2017 after serving four years as Chief. Chief Downey took the Fire Chief's job in Hillsboro, Oregon. We wish Chief Dow every Success as he begins his new job. (See story on P-4).

******* SPECIAL NOTICE *******

Retired Firefighter Morris Guterrez announced that on Sunday June 3, 2018 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. a dedication ceremony will be held to honor all deceased members of AFD. He has erected a special flag pole in front of his business, Cosmos Hair & Nail Concepts, 2721 San Mateo N.E. with name tags of our deceased members. All retired and active duty firefighters and their families are cordially invited to attend. The Mayor, City Councilors, Fire Chief, and other dignitaries have been invited to attend this dedication ceremony as well. Refreshments will be served. " Please plan to attend !"



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ANNUAL RETIREE PICNIC

THE ANNUAL RETIREE'S PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH @ 11:00 A.M. AT ROTARY PARK, DOWNTOWN BERNALILLO, N.M. GO TO CALLE DON FRANCISCO, TURN WEST, GO 1/2 MILE. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR RETIREEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. HOWEVER, DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

March Monthly Meeting - On March 14, 2018 the 211 th monthly meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was held at the Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith NE. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mike Murphy @ 7:06 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Trujillo and the opening prayer was conducted by Jose Salas. After a moment of silence in memory of our deceased members, roll call was held. Present: Vice President, Mike Murphy, Secretary, Fred Casias, Treasurer, Sam Trujillo and Historian, Herman R. Bishop. President Kerry Horton was absent. Retired firefighters attending that we have not seen for awhile were: Ahren Griego, Tom Krupiac, Brian Jackson, Jesse Gonzales and James Baca. Welcome guys ! Come back soon.

Fred Casias gave the Secretary's report and a motion to accept was made by Ed Abeita. A second to the motion was made by Ray Flores. The motion was approved. Sam Trujillo gave the Treasurer's report He reminded members to send their donations to AFD Retiree's association C/O Sam Trujillo, 5318 La Colonia NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. A motion to accept was made by John Serino. Toby Pino seconded the motion. Motion approved. Herman Bishop gave the Historian's report. He thanked all who donated to our annual fund drive during March. We still get positive feedback on our quarterly newsletters. The initial draft is underway for the June newsletter and President Kerry Horton is writing a story about Fire Chief Paul Dow and his staff who took office in January, 2018

Annual Retiree's Picnic- The retiree's annual picnic will be held on Saturday August 18, 2018 in Downtown Bernalillo, N.M. Rotary Park, @ 11:00 A.M. Go to Calle Don Francisco, turn West, go 1/2 mile to Rotary Park. Families are invited. There is no charge, however, we will gladly accept donations. Make checks to AFD Retiree's Association C/O Sam Trujillo. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** -Volunteers are needed to assist with the picnic, cooks, servers, people to help set up chairs and tables, also clean up personnel to mop, sweep, and put away tables and chairs at picnic's end. Husbands and wife teams are needed and are most welcome. Call Eddie to assist 869-3082.

Juan Sandoval is in a nursing home due to poor health. Orlando Robles is very ill and in poor health. Our most sincere condolences are extended to retiree Jimmy Baca who recently lost his son. Sam Trujillo said he and several retirees are looking into purchasing an electronic trumpet to play at funerals of our retirees. (Cost: \$500 to \$600) He will give a report at a future meeting.

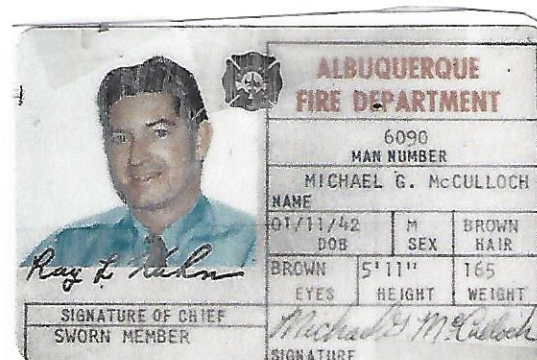
Wednesday's raffle was won by Jeff Elks, Steve Marquez, and Ahren Greigo. Eddie and Ralph are asking our members to donate gifts for the raffle. So far gifts from members has been most helpful to make our monthly raffles successful. The closing prayer was led by Chaplain Pat McKinney. The meeting adjourned @ 8:33 P.M.

Orlando Robles Dies - We are saddened to report that fellow firefighter Orlando Robles passed away on March 24, 2018 after a long term illness. He was 91 years old and joined AFD on September 24, 1957. After serving 21 years with the department he retired on November 28, 1978. Orlando was a U.S. Army Veteran. In late 1957 when Orlando was hired by Chief Art Westerfeld the department was transitioning from closing the old fire station #1 @ 2nd Street and Tijeras NW. The new fire station # 1 was opened at 8th Street and Silver SW. New men were needed to staff the new station. He worked at all stations throughout the City. In 1964 when the new fire station # 13 was opened near Winrock Center he helped open that station. Orlando loved his job as a firefighter and was well liked by his fellow firefighters. Our sincere condolences are extended to the Robles family.



Orlando Robles

Michael McCulloch Dies - Our friend and fellow firefighter Lieutenant Mike McCulloch, age 76, passed away unexpectedly on April 7, 2018. He was an Air Force Veteran. After his military service he joined AFD and served 20 years with the department. He joined AFD on March 13, 1972 and retired on December 19, 1991. He was a member of the 21st fire cadet class when the training academy was at 1510 Kit Carson S.W. adjacent to the Zoo. He was promoted to driver in May, 1985 and on February 18, 1987 he was assigned as a fire inspector in the Fire Marshal's office. During January, 1988 he was promoted to Lieutenant. He spent the last few years of his career at AFD Station # 15. Our sincere condolences are extended to the McCulloch family. The family will conduct a private memorial service to celebrate his life.



April Monthly Meeting - On April 11, 2018 @ 7:05 PM the 212 th monthly meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was held at the firefighter's union hall, local 244, 4100 Edith NE. The meeting was called to order by President Kerry Horton. After the Pledge of Allegiance the opening prayer was led by Chaplain Mark Chavez. A moment of silence was held in memory of our deceased members. **Roll Call** - President Kerry Horton, Vice President Mike Murphy, Secretary Fred Casias, and Treasurer, Sam Trujillo. Historian Herman Bishop was absent due to an out of town trip. Fred Casias gave the Secretary's report. A motion to accept was made by Ed Abeita and was seconded by Toby Pino. The motion passed. Sam Trujillo gave the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept was made by Joe Martinez and was seconded by Bill Raupfer. The motion passed. There was no historian's report due to the absence of Herman Bishop. Retiree James McLaughlin was welcomed to his first retiree's meeting.

Guest Speakers: Retiree Danny Gallegos Sr. introduced his son Danny Gallegos Jr. who is running for Judge in the New Mexico Court of appeals. Mr. Gallegos asked for support and votes from the AFD retirees. He is also endorsed by the firefighter's union, Local 244. Mr. David Sanchez with Anthem Financial Services made a presentation on the services his company provides.

President Kerry Horton appointed Jose Salas to serve on our advisory board and appointed Eulogio Lucero to serve on the Honor Guard. Kerry said Chief Paul Dow wrote a letter stating his intention on keeping transparency in his administration. He appointed Sean Elks Deputy Chief of operations, Sean Frazier Deputy Chief of Human Resources, Emily Jaramillo Deputy Chief of Emergency services Gil Santistevan Deputy Chief of Planning and Logistics, David Mowery Deputy Chief of Communications Training and Communications, and Gene Gallegos Deputy Chief of the Fire Marshal's Office.

Kerry gave an update on the City's back pay settlement with the firefighters union. It affects firefighter's who were on the job from June 2010 through July 2011. Local 244 is planning to publish a year book which will include cadet information, photos, and a story about AFD's Fire Museum. Kerry reported that the taxes for our association was prepared by a professional tax consultant for 2017. Louie Trujillo was appointed to chair this year's election committee for President and Treasurer. Sam said he received a nice note of thanks from Adolph Lucero's daughter Cecilia for assistance rendered during her father's funeral. Juan Sandoval is in a nursing home and continues doing well.

Eddie Abeita invited all retiree's and their families to the AFD Retiree's annual picnic which will be held on August 18, 2018 in downtown Bernalillo NM at Rotary Park. **Directions:** Go to Calle Don Francisco, turn west and go about on half mile to Rotary Park. There is no charge for the picnic this year, however, we **do accept donations.** Closing prayer: Chaplain Mark Chavez. **Adjournment @ 8:40 PM.**



Albuquerque Fire Department

Paul W. Dow, Fire Chief

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Fire Chief

Paul W. Dow



On January 22, 2018 Paul W. Dow started as the 23rd Fire Chief for the Albuquerque Fire Department. He was born and raised in the Albuquerque metro area and started volunteering in the fire service shortly after graduating from Cibola High School. Paul was hired as a full-time firefighter with the Rio Rancho Department of Public Safety (RRDPS) when he was 19 years old and attended the Albuquerque Fire Departments 58th Cadet Class as a representative of RRDPS. Several years later, he returned to AFD and joined the 61st Cadet Class as a member of the Albuquerque Fire Department. Within the first few years at AFD, he and several of his classmates, formed a Firefighter Combat Challenge Team. Together they won several

competitions and competed in the world championships. Over the years, Paul has written several articles published in Fire Engineering magazine and was the editor for the textbook “Fire Service Pump Operator Principles and Practices”, Jones and Bartlett Publishers. Since 2007 he has instructed for the Central New Mexico Community College Fire Science program and designed the state’s first online IFSAC certification course curriculum. In 2010, he started the department’s professional development program, which provides formal education for new company officers. Three times during his career he has been recognized as firefighter of the year by two different fire departments and IAFF Local 244. He has a bachelor’s degree in Fire Administration and is currently enrolled in the Organization Leadership/Fire Rescue Executive Leadership graduate program at Waldorf University. During his career Paul was assigned to Engine 5, Engine 3, Squad 2 and the Fire Academy. While he has spent the majority of his career in the southeast heights, his last assignment in the field was as Battalion 1.

Paul has been married to his wife Stephanie for 19-years. They live on the west side of Albuquerque where they are raising their two teenage boys and little girl.

Deputy Chief of Human Resources

Sean Frazier



Deputy Chief of Human Resources Sean Frazier has been a resident of Albuquerque since 1981. DC Frazier attended Manzano High School, and then went on to attend the University of New Mexico, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in both Criminology and Political Science in 1993. DC Frazier joined the Albuquerque Fire Department in 1997, and was part of the 58th Cadet Class. Until his recent appointment to Deputy Chief, DC Frazier has served over 20 years in the field, where he was assigned at various times to Stations 1, 4, 5, 9, 12, and 15. DC Frazier was appointed by Fire Chief Paul Dow to the Deputy Chief of Human Resources on

January 22nd, 2018. He has had an interesting first three months, to say the least.....

DC Frazier has been married to his wife, Beverlie, for 18 and a half years. Together, they have twin daughters, Katelyn and Kendra, who became official teenagers earlier this year. DC Frazier enjoys the outdoors, travel, and working on his yard and home in the North Valley. He is a recovering mountain climber and triathlete.

Deputy Chief of the Fire Marshal's Office

Gene Gallegos



Deputy Chief Gene L. Gallegos has been with the Albuquerque Fire Department since August of 2000. He has spent the majority of his career with the department responding to emergency calls along the Central corridor. For the last five years he has been assigned to the Training Division as both a Captain and Commander. During this time, he has trained over 80 recruit firefighters from four different Cadet Classes. Deputy Chief Gallegos was recently responsible for overseeing the cadet program, paramedic program, professional development program, EMS continuing education program, department promotional process, and hiring process. Throughout his career he has received training as a dispatcher, paramedic, cadet instructor and a professional development instructor. He has also continued his education

by earning an Associate's Degree in Emergency Management from Eastern New Mexico University and is currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Administration with Columbia Southern University.

Deputy Chief of Training & Communications

David Mowery



Deputy Chief David Mowery graduated from Valley High and completed his Associate's Degree in Fire Science from CNM. He has been with the Albuquerque Fire Department since 1999 and now supervises Communications and Training. He is currently working on his Bachelor's Degree in Fire Administration from Columbia Southern University. While assigned to the Heavy Technical Rescue Squad, he assisted in instructing several Rope and Confined Space Rescue courses. His greatest achievements for the department have been in the technical services and communications divisions. During the last five years, he has worked with DTI, city Finance, Bernalillo County, APD dispatch to maintain and increase the capabilities of our communications. Deputy Chief Mowery is also responsible for CAD data, creating and updating the mapping programs for the department and supervising the over thirty members of the dispatch center. As a member of Technical Review Committee for the City, he helped implement PulsePoint, ImageTrend, managed servers and programs for AFD. Recently he has helped manage the Dispatch Center Upgrade in 2017 and worked with Bernalillo County Fire Department to update the Automatic Aid Agreement between both agencies. In 2016 he was the recipient of the IAFF 244 Outstanding Leadership Award.

Deputy Chief of Emergency Services

Emily Jaramillo

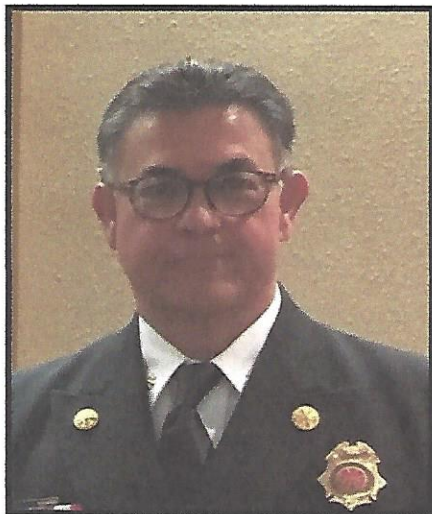


Deputy Chief Emily Jaramillo grew up in rural New Mexico. She achieved a BA in English and Secondary Education at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1999. After returning home to New Mexico, Emily taught and coached for four years at Albuquerque Public Schools before joining the Albuquerque Fire Department in 2005. During her time at AFD, Emily has served as an officer in both the Paramedic and Fire Suppression Divisions, represented the department at regional and local STEMI meetings, served on the AFD Safety Committee, taught in the EMS Training Division, and coordinated both the Professional Development and Firefighter Health and Wellness programs. For the last six years, DC Jaramillo has managed the departments Peer Fitness Training Program. She also teaches fire officer development classes as an adjunct instructor for the New Mexico Firefighter Training Academy and taught Paramedicine in the USAF Pararescue training program for the University of New Mexico. In 2015 she was the recipient of the IAFF 244 Outstanding Leadership Award.

Emily's husband Robert is a Paramedic Firefighter with Bernalillo County Fire Department and they have two young children, Avielle and Isaiah.

Deputy Chief of Planning & Logistics

Gilbert Santistevan



Deputy Chief Gil Santistevan is a thirty-year veteran of the Albuquerque Fire Department who joined the AFD in September 1987 as a member of the 44th Fire Cadet class. He has held every rank in the Department and has served in a number of roles. Throughout his career, he has served as a field firefighter (and “third man” on the Rescue); managed the Breathing Air (SCBA) program; worked as the Department Public Information and Public Affairs Officer; and – at different times – has managed the Alarm Room; Technical Services, Fiscal Management, Fleet, Logistics, and Capital programs. He has also been responsible for Strategic Planning, and grants management. As a grant writer, he was successful in obtaining several million dollars in grant and in-kind funding for the AFD.

Santistevan was also a founding member of FEMA’s New Mexico Task Force I Urban Search and Rescue group, with deployments to Oklahoma City – after the 1995 bombing of the Murrah Federal Building; and to the Pentagon after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He was also involved in some of AFD’s largest local and regional deployments: The May 2000 Cerro Grande Fire in Los Alamos, and the fires which burned through the Albuquerque Bosque in June 2003.

Santistevan was the project manager for the 65,000 square foot expansion of the Training Academy, and the construction of new Fire Stations 2 and 7. He was also the project manager for the 2013 ISO project which saw AFD improve to a coveted Class I Public Protection Classification rating. According to ISO Mitigation, of 46,042 fire departments evaluated nationwide, AFD is one of only 241 fire departments recognized by a Class 1 rating - putting AFD squarely in the top 0.5 percent of fire departments nationwide. He believes that the Class 1 rating is a direct reflection and result of the hard work and dedication shown by AFD’s personnel. In September 2017, he was appointed to serve as Interim Fire Chief, and he served in that role until the appointment of Fire Chief Paul Dow in January 2018.

Santistevan comes from a firefighter family. Two of his brothers retired from AFD: Lt. Ernest Santistevan and FF Don Santistevan. Another brother, Michael, was a Deputy Chief with Bernalillo County VFD. Nephews Gabriel Healy and David Zamora currently serve with the Department.

Deputy Chief of Operations
Sean Elks



Sean Elks was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps serving four years. Sean joined Albuquerque Fire Rescue in 2000 and has been a member coming up on 18 years. Sean spent all 18 years in the Operations Division while also serving as an instructor for AFR's Professional Development Program that provides training for all Officer Ranks from Lieutenant to Battalion Chief. In May of this year Sean will receive his Bachelor's degree in Fire and Emergency Services Administration from Eastern New Mexico University. Sean was appointed as the Deputy Chief of Operations in February of this year.

Special Notice

Retired Firefighter Morris Gutierrez is dedicating a Memorial Flag Pole.

Sunday June 3rd, 2018, meet and greet 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Dedication will be from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Dedication Ceremony will be held to honor all deceased members of

Albuquerque Fire Department

Located at Cosmos' Hair Concepts

2721 San Mateo Blvd. NE.

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

All Retired and Active Duty Firefighters and their Families are cordially invited to attend.

Albuquerque Mayor, City Councilors, County Commissioners,
AFD Fire Chief, and other Dignitaries have been invited to attend.

Come early and enjoy food from

Rev's BBQ

Ready To Roll

Taqueria El Pasia

Tony's Tacos # 2

Please Plan To Attend !!

May Monthly Meeting - The monthly meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was held on May 9, 2018 at the Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, at 4100 Edith NE. The meeting was called to order @ 7:07 PM by President Kerry Horton. Kerry led the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer was led by Marvin Gouch. A moment of silence was observed for our deceased members. Roll Call - President Kerry Horton, Vice President Mike Murphy, Secretary, Fred Casias, Treasurer S. Trujillo and Historian, H. Bishop.

Retiree Marc Boisvert addressed members and advised about an upcoming fund raiser for active duty firefighter David Rettinger who has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. David has been an AFD firefighter and paramedic for the past 12 years. The fund raiser will be conducted on Friday May 18, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Jewish Center, 5520 Wyoming NE. If you would like to participate in this worthy cause to assist a fellow firefighter in need please contact: Kerry Horton @ 934-2969.

President Kerry Horton reports that recently appointed Fire Chief Paul Dow and his staff have extended a hand of friendship to members of the AFD Retiree's Association and have shown a spirit of cooperation. Kerry is optimistic that Chief Dow will work with us in the future. Kerry also reported that staff of The firefighter's union, Local 244 will meet active duty members and retirees on May 20, 2018 at the union hall to disperse checks to those who are owed back pay after a financial settlement with the City of Albuquerque.

Fred Casias gave the Secretary's report. A motion to accept was made by Bill Raupfer, and was seconded by Tobias Pino. The motion carried. Sam Trujillo gave the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept was made by John Serino and was seconded by Larry Trujillo. The motion passed.

Historian Herman Bishop thanked Kerry Horton for providing the stories of Chief Dow and his staff for the June 1, 2018 newsletter. Herman recently was contacted by retired Deputy Chief Ron Beckman, who now lives in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Ron has submitted his fire department story which will appear in the September 1, 2018 newsletter. Ron sends warm regards to all his friends. Recently President Kerry Horton was contacted by the AFD staff and was given about 300 old AFD photo ID's. Kerry gave the collection to Herman Bishop and he has put them into an alphabetically organized three-ring binder and has installed them on a flash drive. Fred Casias has put the collection on DVD's and they are available for \$10.00 each. Contact Fred or Herman if you would like a copy. We now have two books of photo ID cards on DVD's. Book One contains about 300 cards and Book Two contains about 300 cards.

President Kerry Horton auctioned off our old P.A. (Microphone System). After a hot bidding process by several members Sam Trujillo was the successful bidder at \$60.00. Now Sam can spend many happy hours practicing his Karaoke skills.

Wednesday night's raffle was won by: Jesse Gonzales, Jose Salaz, and E.V. Marquez.
Morris Gutierrez led the closing prayer and the May meeting was adjourned @ 8:20 PM

COLORADO BLUE MASS

Former AFD Paramedic Lt. Frank Maestas

May 8, 2018

On may 8th of this year, A Blue Mass was held in Colorado Springs at St Mary's Cathderal. Dorothy and I attended. The church was packed with Firefighters and Police. Both active and retired. Bishop Michael Sheridan celebrated the mass along with Father Brad Noonan. The Bishop gave the homily and thanked all first re sponders who put themselves in harms way every day. Sometimes giving their own lives in the line of duty. He in turned Thank everyone for doing a profession that very few want to do.

Father Brad Noonan was in charge of the coins that were to be given out to Firefighters and Police after Mass. Bishop Sheridan Blessed the coins during Mass.

The coin, itself, was special ordered by Father Brad and consisted of one side Depicting St Florian imprinted with the words "Servant of God Julia Greeley Pray For Us."

On the other side is "In Loving Memory Of around the edge and four names of Fallen Firefighters in the middle. Father Brad stated that "Julia Greeley was a remarkable woman of faith who loved Firefighter in Denver and had a phenomenal care for the poor

Julia Greeley, African American woman, was born into Slavery in Hannibal Missouri between 1833 and 1848. While still a young child, a cruel slave master, while beating her mother, caught Julia's right eye with the whip that resulted in her loosing the eye.

Freed in 1865, she earned her keep by serving white families in Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming as a nanny. What little she earned was to sustain her and assist poor families in her neighborhood. She did this mostly under the cover of darkness and in dark alleys, so as to not embarrass the poor.

In1880 she entered the Catholic Church at Sacred Heart Parrish in Denver. The Jesuits , who ran the church, considered her the most devout person they had ever seen. Every month she visited, on foot, every Fire Station in Denver and gave out literature of the Sared Heart League to the firefighters both Catholic and non Catholics alike. She had joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1901 and was an active member until her death in 1918.


As she lived in a boarding house, Julia's body was layed out in the church and Hundreds of people filed past her casket to pay their last respects. People began to ask for her to be considered for canonization, which was finally granted in 2016. Her remains were then moved to Denver's Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception on June 7th of 2017.

She worked as a nanny in many households and was the first nanny to Colorado's first territorial Governor.

When her body was exhumed in 2017, for her being moved to the Cathedral, Her remains were examined and were found to have arthritis in her hands. Feet, and back. Almost every joint in her body probably hurt. This did not stop her from doing God's work by practicing , doing and showing love.

When I met and told Father Brad about our AFD Retiree's Association, I asked him if it was possible to get some extra coins for our leadership officers. He gladly said " it would be his honor to donate some"!

Research Sources
Father Brad Noonan
Julia Greeley Guild
Personal research

	ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	7038 MAN NUMBER		
	NAME FRANK T. MAESTAS		
	05/26/36 DOB	M SEX	BLACK HAIR
BROWN EYES	5'10" HEIGHT	200 WEIGHT	
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF <i>Roy P. Hahn</i>		SIGNATURE <i>Frank T. Maestas</i>	
SWORN MEMBER		SIGNATURE	

**Horacio Quintana
(March 14, 2001)**

In a time not too long ago it seems, in 1957, I joined the Albuquerque Fire Department . It is hard to believe that 44 years have passed since that time. There was only eleven fire stations then and a little over 200 people in the department. I do not remember the exact number of firemen. Our training was mostly on the job training at that time. The training lasted only a few weeks. One of the main things was learning how to catch fire hydrants and to lay 2 1/2" fire hose from the tailboard of the pumper. In those days we rode on the back tailboard and hung on with all our might to the chrome bar mounted on the back of the fire truck. There was no such thing as safety belts or an enclosure to keep a fireman from falling off the back of the truck while responding to an alarm or at training sessions. Although safety on the job was stressed during training you pretty much had to look out for yourself regarding personal safety. You had to be alert, have a good grip and pay attention to what you were doing otherwise you could get hurt going to a fire call or catching a fire hydrant. We were called firemen in those days. It wasn't until the early to mid-sixties that the term "Firefighter " was popularized.

Captain Ray Kuhn was the training officer when I came in during 1957. We had a training grounds by the Zoo with a drill tower, but we didn't have a building with class rooms. We didn't have a cadet class as such back then, mostly they referred to us as the new firemen. Only a few people were hired when I joined the department. There were about 8 people hired when I was but I do not remember all their names A few didn't make it through the initial training. Mostly I remember Joe C. Marquez, Chris Rios, and Ernest Gutierrez. Only Joe Marquez and myself made it to retirement. Chris Rios quit early on and Ernie Gitierrez went on to become a District Chief but died of a heart attack at an early age while still in the department.

Art Westerfeld was the Fire Chief when I joined, then he died about 1962. The other Fire Chiefs I served under were Simon Seligman, Ray Kuhn, Arthur Martinez, and Leonard Ortega.

After a few weeks our initial fireman training was completed and we were assigned to Station # 1. I worked on Ladder # 1, Engine 1-A, Engine 1-B, and the Rescue Squad # 1. Then I was transferred to Station #8 and worked out of that station for a while. Mostly I worked around Station # 1 and was finally was assigned to work on the Rescue Squad. I worked with Lt. Myrick and Lt. Cooper. Joe Dauber was the driver on Rescue # 1 on my crew. I liked rescue work and I learned a lot from those guys on my crew.

Our work schedule was 60 hours a week. We worked two weeks day shift (8:00 A.M. to 6:00 PM) and after a 24 hour shift on Sunday we would go to night shift and report in at 6:00 P.M. on Monday. The night shift was also two weeks (6:00 P.M. to 8:00 A.M.) We had two days off per week. Every third month we would get a Kelly day and have three days off in a row.

While working at Station # 1 we used to take food to the guys working next door in the alarm room. I made friends with Nick Saavedra who was a fire alarm operator and he showed me a lot about how things worked in the dispatch center. Many times during his lunch break he would let me answer the phones. After a while I started learning to operate the system and made dispatches for routine calls. I liked working in the alarm room, it was interesting and I thought maybe I would like to work in there. In those days they didn't give promotional exams for that position. When an opening came up they would recommend a person and the Fire Chief would appoint them to alarm operator. It was in the early 1960's that I was appointed to the position of fire alarm operator by Simon Seligman who was the Fire Chief. After my assignment there I liked it and served in that position for over twenty years until my retirement in 1984.

My first supervisor in the Alarm room was Lt. Lucio "Lucky" Valdez. At that time the fire alarm operators served as administrative assistants to the Fire Chief and his Secretary. We maintained the payroll, took care of all sick leave and vacation records and maintained overtime rosters as well as all daily personnel rosters. Also we maintained comprehensive maps for the entire city. My favorite fire department job was serving as fire alarm operator. My main job was maintaining the entire map system for the city and I liked keeping the maps and streets up to date.

My supervisors in the Alarm room over twenty years were: Lt. "Lucky" Valdez, Captain Raymond "Cookie" Chavez, Captain Al Villescas, Captain Robert Cisneros. Also I remember most of the Fire dispatchers I worked with. Some of them had nick names. They were as follows:

Nick Saavedra (Hands)
Joe Dauber (Preacher)
Virgil T. Harcrow (Scarecrow)
Earl Ainsworth
A.M. Padilla (Gomer)
Herman Jaramillo (Golden Tears)
Dale Noblitt (Pinky)

Ray Swearington (Tubbs)
J.B. Sierra (Jose-Bueno)
August Martin
Sebastian Mirabal (Sammy Davis Jr.)
Chris Rios (Rivers)
Greg Chavez
Jay Stadden

In the 1970's the Fire Department hired civilian dispatchers to staff the alarm room who worked side by side by the firefighter dispatchers (Alarm Operators) The ones I worked with for a few years were: John Brown, Rogers, C. Cogburn(Rooster), E. Dennis (Big "D") Rose Fair, Crolett, Richard Wise.

There were many interesting events which occurred over the years as a fire dispatcher, too numerous to mention here. There are a couple of calls that are outstanding in my mind.

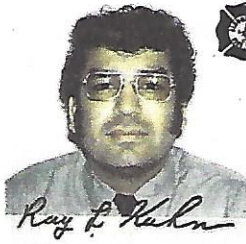
Sometime during the 1970's I do not recall the exact date I was working in the alarm room and we started getting calls that the volcanoes on the west mesa were erupting. To me it seemed bizarre and highly unlikely that the volcanoes were erupting. Usually an event of this magnitude would have received some warning from the news media or other official warnings. We had not received any such notice or warnings of an impending volcanic eruption. Engine # 14 was dispatched to investigate the situation. Upon investigation the crew reported large columns of black smoke coming from the volcanoes. All the people calling in were indeed seeing black smoke. Finally the firemen of Engine # 14 crew made it to the site and discovered that old car tires and huge piles of trash had been set on fire and was causing huge types of bonfires and emitting large columns of black smoke from the extinct volcanoes. After the fires were extinguished and upon further investigation it was that discovered that students from West Mesa High School were celebrating the end of the school year and decided to have some fun. They had set the trash fires in the extinct volcanoes to have some fun and to have everyone believe that there was a volcanic eruption. Needless to say there was lots of excitement and concern on the part of citizens calling in. Some people let their imaginations run wild and even reported that the ground was shaking and other strange things as a result of the eruptions. The calls were so numerous during that shift that we were all exhausted and ready to go home when our shift ended. It wasn't too much fun for us in the alarm room but some high school boys had lots of fun with their end of school fling that year.

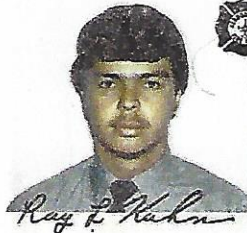
Another time when I was on duty I received an unusual call which at first sounded like a prank call. There was a strange voice on the line reporting an electrical transformer fire in the Northeast Heights and to send a fire truck right away. Although the call seemed legitimate and the caller was sincere there was something about the voice that I could not comprehend. The voice sounded somewhat electronic and muffled, yet understandable, something like the people you hear in space movies. Somewhat perplexed and unsure about the caller I did take the call seriously as we were trained to do during unusual situations. I dispatched an engine company to investigate. The call was indeed legitimate. I then learned that the caller had lost his voice box due to cancer and was using an electronic voice device to communicate.

People using these devices were not common at that time and I had never heard of those devices previously. Later we received information and training about victims of this type medical condition. Although not too sure about the legitimacy of the call I'm just glad I did take the caller seriously and sent help. I suppose all the training that we had received about handling emergency calls paid off.


Now it has been over 17 years since I retired having served 27 years in the fire service. Although I do not miss going to work everyday there are times I think about the good times and interesting situations I dealt with on an every day basis as a fire dispatcher. Often I think of the interesting people I met along the way and the many emergency calls I handled. I am glad I was able to help many, many people during their times of need and stressful situations. I am proud to have served as a firefighter and fire alarm dispatcher.


Currently I am enjoying retirement and have had good health. I do a considerable amount of walking and am enjoying my family, especially my grandchildren. For me the Fire Department was a good career. Sometimes I do miss the Fire Department but now I am content with my retirement.


	ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	5835 MAN NUMBER		
	NAME VINCENT J. MORA		
	09/22/42 DOB	M SEX	BROWN HAIR
	BROWN EYES	5'11" HEIGHT	190 WEIGHT
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF SWORN MEMBER			<i>Vincent J. Mora</i> SIGNATURE

	ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	16634 MAN NUMBER		
	NAME GABRIEL M. LUCERO		
	04/20/51 DOB	M SEX	BROWN HAIR
	BROWN EYES	5'8" HEIGHT	140 WEIGHT
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF SWORN MEMBER			<i>Gabriel M. Lucero</i> SIGNATURE

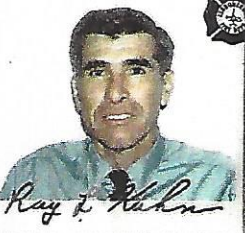
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	NAME MAX MAESTAS		
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SIGNATURE OF CHIEF SWORN MEMBER			<i>Max Maestas</i> SIGNATURE


	ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	5603 MAN NUMBER		
	NAME MANUEL A. LUNA		
	09/22/40 DOB	M SEX	BLACK HAIR
	BROWN EYES	5'9" HEIGHT	155 WEIGHT
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF SWORN MEMBER			<i>Manuel A. Luna</i> SIGNATURE


	ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	12286 MAN NUMBER		
	NAME RONALD B. MAESTAS		
	05/17/49 DOB	M SEX	BROWN HAIR
	BROWN EYES	5'9" HEIGHT	159 WEIGHT
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF SWORN MEMBER			<i>Ronald B. Maestas</i> SIGNATURE

	ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	4539 MAN NUMBER		
	NAME MARIANO R. LUNA JR.		
	02/16/31 DOB	M SEX	BLACK HAIR
	BROWN EYES	5'11" HEIGHT	210 WEIGHT
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF SWORN MEMBER			<i>Mariano R. Luna Jr.</i> SIGNATURE

	ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	328 MAN NUMBER		
	NAME FRED MARCELLI		
	08/8/23 DOB	M SEX	BROWN HAIR
	BROWN EYES	5'8" HEIGHT	165 WEIGHT
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF SWORN MEMBER			<i>Fred Marcelli</i> SIGNATURE

	ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	3345 MAN NUMBER		
	NAME E. H. MAES		
	10/26/27 DOB	M SEX	BROWN HAIR
	BROWN EYES	5'10 1/2" HEIGHT	140 WEIGHT
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF SWORN MEMBER			<i>E. H. Maes</i> SIGNATURE

	ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	5264 MAN NUMBER		
	NAME LOYD S. MARES		
	10/31/32 DOB	M SEX	BLACK HAIR
	BROWN EYES	5'10" HEIGHT	150 WEIGHT
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF SWORN MEMBER			<i>Loyd S. Mares</i> SIGNATURE

	ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT		
	1589 MAN NUMBER		
	NAME CELESTINO A. MAESTAS		
	09/15/31 DOB	M SEX	BROWN HAIR
	BROWN EYES	5'6" HEIGHT	155 WEIGHT
SIGNATURE OF CHIEF SWORN MEMBER			<i>Celestino A. Maestas</i> SIGNATURE

FACES FROM THE PAST

SPECIAL NOTE: IN OUR PHOTO ARCHIVES WE HAVE TWO BOOKS OF PHOTO ID'S GIVEN TO THE RETIRES FROM AFD STAFF. BOOK ONE, AND BOOK TWO. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COPY OF EACH BOOK THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON DVD'S FOR \$10.00 EACH. PLEASE CONTACT HERMAN BISHOP IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF EACH BOOK.

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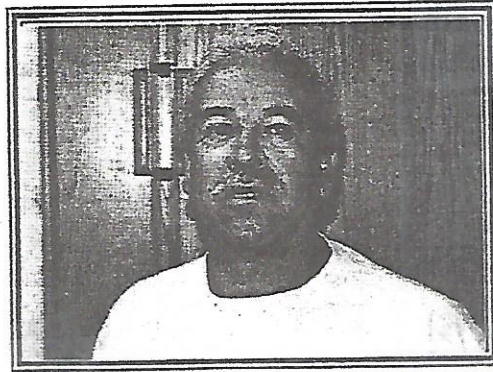
Sam Trujillo

"As far as safety was concerned, it was bad, but I'm glad that I was able to ride on the tailboard of pumpers," said retired Assistant Chief Sam Trujillo, reflecting on his career with the Albuquerque Fire Department. He remembers the days when in-station class time was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. each day. But for himself, he says, "It was always study time." Trujillo says that he took six promotion exams and ranked number one on all six lists. "Hitting the books," he says, "does a world of good."

Retiring from AFD at the age of thirty-eight, Trujillo may have been the youngest to do so. He has spent his retirement working for various insurance companies with other retired firefighters, and has been involved with "La Compania Teatro de Albuquerque", a local repertory theater. "The fire service," he says, "gives you a lot of background."

"It's great to run into and talk with firefighters. I hope to visit some of the stations in the near future." Trujillo retired in 1985 after twenty-two years of service. (Article Submitted by Captain Edward Abeita)

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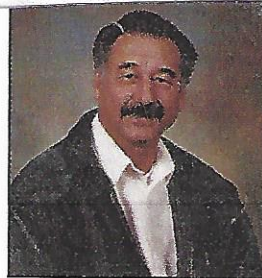
John Serino

"I remember, my first night on duty and just before bunk time, the seasoned firefighters were telling ghost stories and talking about weird happenings around the station. Later, around three in the morning, I woke up to see my blanket being pulled slowly off of my body, but no one was around. I eventually found out that the prankster used fishing line tied to the blanket to pull it off without being seen. He was a master at it."

John Serino joined AFD in June of 1974 and retired after seventeen years of service. He says that he is truly enjoying his retirement; he is playing in the City's senior division softball league, along with other AFD retirees. He continues to work on his leather craft and, in fact, has become an Arts and Crafts instructor in the Albuquerque Public Schools system. Teaching young people, he says, has been "real rewarding" for him.

When asked what he would like to pass on to younger firefighters, Serino says, "Never forget your roots. If you want to remain Firefighter First Class, give it 110%. If you want to become a chief officer, then do the same. Remember that people are counting on you; most importantly, remember that your fellow firefighters are counting on you, too."

Serino fondly remembers making visits to fire stations after his retirement, and being warmly welcomed by new firefighters. Of that camaraderie, he says, "You just can't beat that." Serino retired in 1991.



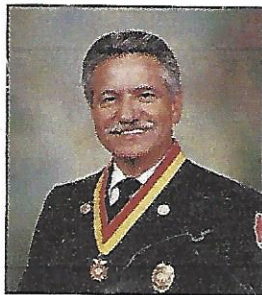
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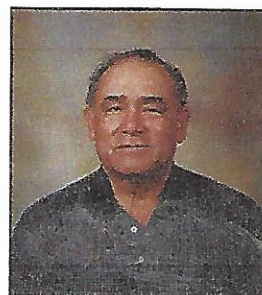
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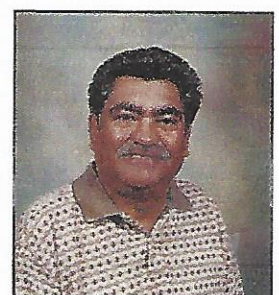
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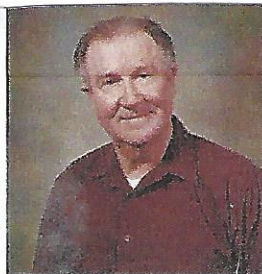
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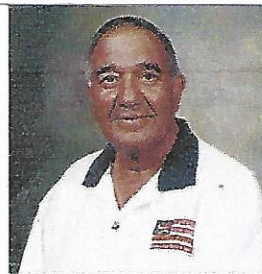
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FACES FROM THE PAST
(By Captain Eddie Abieta)

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KERRY HORTON

President's Message

By Kerry Horton

Well, Summer is here, and there are a few really cool things going on. First of all, there is the official dedication of the AFDRA Memorial Flagpole. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of fellow retirees Morris Gutierrez, and Michael Fox, a flagpole that once stood before an AFD station has been erected at 2721 San Mateo, NE. Attached to the flagpole are tags with the names of every retiree that has passed. It is a fantastic memorial, and the official dedication is Sunday, June 3rd. We hope you will come out and enjoy all the festivities that Morris has planned. For further details, see the article in this newsletter.

We also have the AFDRA picnic, August 18th, at the Rotary Park in Bernalillo. We've had great turn-outs the last few years, and we expect the same this year. We will be sending out all the details as we get closer to August.

I have noticed some new faces at the meetings lately, and this is great. I hope this trend keeps up for the rest of the year. The more of us that get involved, the more we can accomplish for the betterment of all our members. We also picked up two new members to our Honor Guard, thank you Donny Sanchez, and Eulogio Lucero. The E-Board and membership thanks you for your time, and dedication.

Lastly, I want to give a shout-out to retiree, and AFDRA Chaplain, Mark Chavez. The next time you are at the Bio-park exploring the new otter exhibit, you can rest your weary bones on comfortable chainsaw carved benches that he is creating from fallen old-growth cottonwood trees. Mark's artistic talents are showing up all over the city for many to enjoy. Until next time, stay healthy, and be safe.