

## AFD RETIREE NEWS

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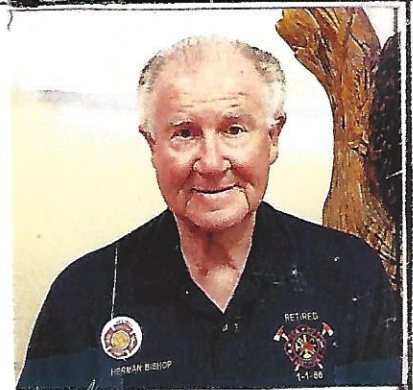
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**William Henry Cobb**- Mr. Cobb was a prominent Albuquerque photographer at the turn of the century (1900). Also he was an active member of the Albuquerque Volunteer Fire Department. He came through Albuquerque as a surveyor in the early 1880's. Finally in 1889, as he suffered from tuberculosis, he decided to settle here because of the climate. He was born in New York and was educated at Harvard. He bought a photography studio from Mr. W. Cal Brown located at 300 Gold Avenue S.W. He married a local girl, Eddie Ross, daughter of a New Mexico Territorial Governor Edmond Ross (1885 - 1889). Together as they were both professional photographers they photographed people, buildings, landmarks, and scenes throughout the Albuquerque area. Many of his photos were of firemen, fire equipment, and fire stations. After Mr. Cobb's death in 1909 his wife and her daughter Daphne Cobb ran the photography studio until 1942. Mrs Cobb died in 1945.



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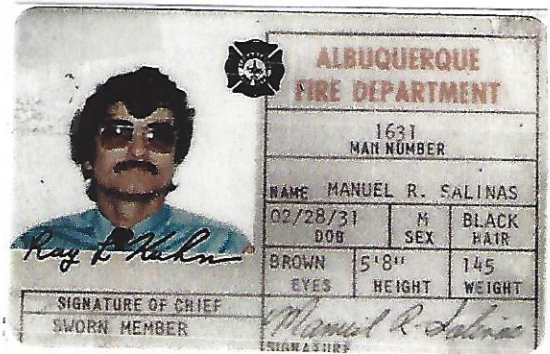
### ANNUAL FUND RAISER

**THIS MONTH WE KICK OFF OUR ANNUAL FUND RAISER. THE SUCCESS OF OUR ASSOCIATION IS DEPENDANT ON YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS TO: "AFD RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION", C/O SAM TRUJILLO 5318 LA COLONIA N.W. ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. 87120**





**Death Manuel Salinas** - We regret to announce the death of retired fire Lieutenant Manuel Salinas, age 85, who passed away on November 25, 2016. He joined the department on February 22, 1957, and after spending 25 years of faithful and dedicated service with the department he retired on September 1, 1983. He was hired by the late Fire Chief Art Westerfeld due to the grand opening of the new fire station # 1 located at 8<sup>th</sup> and Silver Avenue S.W. New firefighters were needed to staff the new fire station. When Manuel joined the department there was no fire academy as we know it today. Most of the classes were held at station # 1 and the training drills were conducted on the grounds at 1510 Kit Carson S.W. There was no classroom at that time, however, there was a seven story drill tower and training grounds. Ray Kuhn had just developed the first formal fire training program and established the fire training center. There were 25 new firemen hired along with Manuel in February, 1957. Seven people left the department for other careers and 18 of the men made the fire department their career. Manuel was promoted to driver on January, 1960, and later on January 13, 1982 he was promoted to paramedic Lieutenant where he served the rest of his career on the rescue squads.



**Funeral services are as follows:** Rosary 8:00 AM on December 9, 2016, Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Church, 2621 Vermont N.E. Funeral Mass will follow @ 8:30 A.M. Private burial services will take place on a later date.

**December Meeting** - On December 14, 2016 President Kerry Horton called the 196<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association to order @ 7:10 PM, firefighters union hall, local 244, 4100 Edith NE. Kerry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Pat McKinney led the opening prayer. A moment of silence was observed for our deceased members. We paid tribute to our recent deceased member, Manuel Salinas, who passed away during December, 2016.

After roll call President Horton stated that we are invited to the Fire Cadet graduation on Friday December 23, 2016, @ 2:00 PM, at the convention center, downtown. At the ceremonies retiree Gilbert Roybal will be presented the "Fire Service Recognition Award." He was nominated by Kerry Horton for his work as a volunteer at the Veterans Hospital during the past few years. Gilbert has also been an active member of the AFD Retiree's Association during the past few years as well.

The Secretary's report was given for the November meeting by Fred Casias. A motion to accept was made by Ed Abeita and was seconded by Toby Pino. The motion Carried. The Treasurer's report was given by Sam Trujillo. He said our ticket sales for the annual Christmas dinner were successful and that the dinner will be @ 6:00 PM on December 15, 2016. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Mike Murphy and was seconded by Fred Teupell.

The Historian's report was given by Herman Bishop. He said he is planning the March 1, 2017 newsletter and that he recently found three platoon rosters, A,B,C shifts, from March, 1980, and those rosters will be published in the March newsletters. Herman along with Kerry Horton, and Sam Trujillo made a special presentation at Wednesday's meeting to Chaplain Pat McKinney, recognizing his service as the Fire Department Chaplain for active duty firefighters and retired firefighters and their families during the past few years. He was presented a beautiful firefighter's bible embossed with his name in gold letters. Pat said, "I am truly humbled by this recognition by my fellows and I feel honored to have served as your Chaplain."

On the sick roster Ray Flores is recovering from a hip injury, Gilbert Roybal is home after a recent stay at the Veteran's Hospital, and Ross Escarcida is home and is recovering from a stroke. Juan Sandoval is home after a recent hospital stay. We wish all of our members on the sick roster a successful and speed recovery.

Eddie Abeita and Vince Holcomb gave a report on planning the Christmas dinner. As of the December meeting 114 tickets have been sold. We need volunteers to decorate the hall at the Moose Lodge on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> a 1:00 PM. Eddie thanked Sam Trujillo, Kerry Horton and all the committee members who assisted in arranging this year's dinner. The raffle was won by Bill Raupfer, Noel Baca, and Ralph Padilla. The closing prayer was led by Chaplain Pat McKinney. The meeting adjourned @ 8:15 PM.



Chief 1	D. U. TORRES	#3668	PLATOON	Ass't Chief	E. PADILLA	#836
Driver	F. SIERRA	#8780	"A"	Date	MARCH 1980	

E 1 A		E 4		E 7		E 17	
CAPT. J. HINTON	2168	CAPT. H. RUISTANANTE	7770	LT. E. BALDONADO	5214	CAPT. J. TERRELL	1588
A. CHAVEZ	4286	J. BACA	2124	J. CASILLLO	5878	W. ORTEGA	16630
A. McAFEE	18265	C. PADILLA	2124	D. MEDINA	15438	V. NORA	5835
E. CHAVEZ	15738	E. TORRES	16534	L. ARCHULETA	16872	H. MORGAN	19885
M. HULING	22534	D. JARAMILLO	7026				

E B		L 4		E 10		R 1	
LT. D. VILLANUEVA	4549	LT. M. MAESTAS	432	LT. J. ELWELL	1147	LT. T. PLACENCIA	6725
M. PADILLA	1185	T. BACA	1611	R. PONCE	11376	A. SURODIANN	15535
L. ORTEGA	8435	E. F. CHAVEZ	1435	A. PADILLA	1607		
J. BENAVIDEZ	19514	F. TEIPELL	13892	D. ALARID	16863		
T. CANDELARIA	621	K. SEWELL	16268	F. PACHECO	15798		

L 1		E 6		E 14		R 4	
LT. S. TORRES	1586	LT. I. GARCIA	430	LT. N. BACA	2411	LT. R. SANCHEZ	5708
E. CARRIAGA	1061	J. T. PADILLA	1048	G. ARMENTA	1628	R. JARAMILLO	8791
R. TAYLOR	5605	J. VICIL	1616	G. JARAMILLO	910	M. MIYAKI	23128
E. C. CHAVEZ	17355	F. MORA	8434	E. BRITO	16618		
P. ARAGON	17374	F. CASIAS	18736				
Relief Capt. R. PEREA	7369						
Relief Lt. C. NORINE	13905						
Relief Dr. V. VALLEJOS	12305						

NOTE: D. HARRIS 12987 EMS ACADEMY

Chief 2	R. R. MARTINEZ	#4822
Driver	L. NARES	#5264

E 2		E 11		E 3		E 15	
LT. R. SANCHEZ	1590	LT. J. PARKER	5682	CAPT. C. PADILLA	5434	CAPT. W. SANCHEZ	1606
G. FLENCNS	5416	D. SIEBEN	10217	L. BARBOA	6848	D. ROMELO	13893
F. V. SANCHEZ	835	D. PADILLA	6148	M. ARAGON	1622	W. CASTILLO	16272
H. VELASQUEZ	16637	N. GARNAND	14621	R. HERRERA	16627	D. JUNICK	22712
D. GARCIA	17123	J. ARMIJO	16645	J. D. CHAVEZ	13134	D. FLENCNS	23133

E 8		R 3		L 3		L 15	
LT. D. FUQUA	4545	LT. J. FRIAS	4547	LT. E. GONZALES	6086	LT. S. JOJOLA	1485
L. BOND	3354	B. NORA	4042	J. VALENCIA	850	C. BENAVIDEZ	13902
J. GALLEGOS	7434	R. CORDOVA	22769	K. ALVIS	3979	D. DeHOOC	16649
A. PITSFORD	7664			J. SIEBEN	23135	H. NIETO	18744
H. EDMOND	18037			V. HARCROW	1041	L. LOUREIRO	22530

Chief 3	F. MARCELLI	#328
Driver	M. P. BYRNE	#3986

E 5		E 12		E 13		E 10	
LT. A. CORDOVA	728	LT. E. PINO	4283	CAPT. S. ABEYTA	3661	CAPT. H. GEOFFRION	5081
J. T. MARTINEZ	11392	D. GATELY	17116	J. HERNANDEZ	2294	E. MARQUEZ	1608
M. CHAVEZ	17107	A. LAVIGNE	5233	M. McCULLOCH	6090	J. SWANN	13891
C. GONZALES	19512	W. SANCHEZ	18288	J. MARTINEZ	14833	D. SANTISTEVAN	16626
		G. ESPINOSA	6098	J. ROMERO	18752		

E 9		R 13		L 13		R 10	
LT. F. TORRES	1044	LT. J. LUNA	8424	LT. R. GOMEZ	399	LT. M. LUNA	5603
P. NARES	1160	H. WHITSON	16263	A. ROJAS	8457	H. SALINAS	1631
J. GREGG	8441	H. SEEMAN	16847	S. SANCHEZ	591	A. COWEN	8074
R. PADILLA	10937			J. ESCOBEDO	17604		
P. VIGIL	11378			A. PARGAS	1619		
				Relief Lt. R. HILLICAN	6081	A. SHIVERS	22529
				Relief Dr.		EMS Academy	
						Relief J. Waddles	14829

**Platoon Rosters, March, 1980**

**Note:** These platoon rosters include names of shift personnel Only. Platoons: A,B,C, The list does not include personnel Of Fire Administration, Training, Fire Prevention, Arson, Fire Alarm, Maintenance Personnel or other AFD Personnel



Chief 1		M. ROMERO #371		PLATOON "B"		Ass'l Chief T. ALLRED #3482	
Driver		G. IPIOTIS #13670		Date		MARCH 1980	

I A		E 4		E 7		E 17	
CAPT. R. SANCHEZ 7690 G. TORRES 10504 B. BACA 12050 T. LOPEZ 7039 K. KELLY 5429		CAPT. R. PATZ 4818 J. SUAREZ 5438 M. BIERI 21462 J. PADILLA 14035 P. GARCIA JR. 16327		LT. R. MURPHY 2415 P. LOVATO 13895 R. SEDILLO 6075 M. PADILLA 8047 R. PADILLA 17108		CAPT. C. MARTINEZ 751 M. DOMINGUEZ 5179 A. CURULE 4811 D. SAAVEDRA 19519 J. SERINO 5472	

E B		L 4		E 10		R 1	
LT. J. HOLCOMB 6103 E. GARCIA 7030 A. MARTIN 15485 M. RICHARDS 17109 L. CHAVEZ 19522		LT. F. CORDOVA 5227 J. GARCIA 1598 B. VALLEJOS 3444 D. ROMERO 17120 R. BECKMAN 23130 N. GONZALES 8426 Relief Lt. L. B. OTERO 4201		LT. P. GARCIA 428 E. GUTIERREZ 4821 R. CHAVEZ 1592 J. TRUJILLO 7113 P. CHAVEZ 16633		LT. R. L. SANCHEZ 4294 R. WINTERS 10229 R. MOYA 17124	

L 1		E 6		E 14		R 4	
LT. H. VIGIL 1625 E. ABEITA 15484 J. SCORSONE 5418 G. ESCARCIDA 22521 J. OLLINGER 23134 D. FRIEND 23132 Relief Lt. T. SKIDMORE 7385		LT. I. MORALES 2574 R. LOVATO 4219 V. PADILLA 6077 D. ROMERO 13899 Vacancy		LT. P. SMITH 755 H. CHAVEZ 3783 F. ZAMORA 3346 F. SANCHEZ 13233 M. DEER 4541		LT. G. NICHOLS 5841 N. MARTINEZ 7375 J. BROWN 18247	

Relief Capt. D. GARCIA 3099		R 17	
		LT. T. PINO 5420 H. CHAVEZ 5988 O. DININGRAT 15477	

Chief 2		F. CISNEROS #1047	
Driver		E. ORTEGA #7032	

E 2		E 11		E 3		E 15	
LT. M. MARTINEZ 2767 R. G. BACA 4538 J. ARCHULETA 16622 A. LUCERO 16980 Vacancy		LT. <del>E. BERRIO 4544</del> A. SANCHEZ 8436 F. ROMERO 1432 J. G. BACA 3994 R. ROGERS 18252		CAPT. A. LUCERO 2100 J. SALAZ 8043 J. SANCHEZ 5268 F. FUNEZ 8814 R. DURAN 22537		CAPT. J. ROMERO 2568 O. G. DURAN J. MARTINEZ 18716 W. PADILLA 16647 Vacancy	

E 8		R 3		L 3		L 15	
LT. E. MASCARENAS 1037 L. MONTOYA 1440 R. GONZALES 18101 S. MOCK 16844 S. SADDORIS 22541		LT. M. WAFER 5599 L. ABUKUSUMO 15476 J. LOPEZ 17471		LT. R. CHAVEZ 1246 J. BLAKE 7380 F. ARAGON 396 L. SANCHEZ 18841 R. PENNINGTON 22547		LT. J. P. ROMERO 1150 L. BENAVIDEZ 7371 H. MARTINEZ 14118 F. GONZALES 17323 Vacancy	

Chief 3		R. SALAZAR #1039	
Driver		G. O. GARCIA #3278	

E 5		E 12		E 13		E 16	
LT. S. CHAVEZ 3331 D. LAWHORN 7370 P. MASCARENAS 5241 P. GUTIERREZ 17370 E. B. CHAVEZ 18739		LT. R. LOPEZ 4824 H. DELGADO 6078 R. HEINEKEN 18041 C. W. LOYD 18735		CAPT. P. B. GARCIA 3389 G. M. LUCERO 16634 R. B. SANCHEZ 5570 G. L. SANCHEZ 6727 E. J. GARCIA 8428		CAPT. F. CHAVEZ 8450 D. THOMAS 3369 MGARCIA 19511 L. DOUGHTY 8078 T. DELEO 19513	

E 9		R 13		L 13		R 16	
LT. A. CORONADO 5413 J. ARAGON 3507 T. ARMIJO 5911 J. GONZALES 13896 B. GONZALES 16305		LT. J. HERRERA 8794 C. ROYBAL 8788 J. BERRY 16862		LT. H. SANCHEZ 8043 T. V. JARAMILLO 722 L. VIVIAN 8049 W. RAUPFER 10522 J. MEMMER 18026 H. ROBERTSON 23127 Relief Lt. P. MTRABAL 6076		LT. S. STANLEY 6737 J. ELKS 18738 G. JONES 19518 Relief D. Torrez 16635	



Chief 1	J. MALDONADO #739	PLATOON	Ass't Chief	D. DeBLASSIE #1594	
Driver	B. GRIEGO #555	"C"	Date	MARCH 1980	
I A		E 4		E 7	
CAPT.		CAPT.		LT.	
4550		F. PASTIJA 761		-----	
R. TURRIETTA	1045	A. VEGIL	7025	A. ROMERO	
P. GONZALES	15638	M. PADILLA	15907	R. HANSON	
T. ROMERO	22449	V. SANCHEZ	21397	D. JARAMILLO	
R. SOLIS	18741	L. ESPALIN	12438	O. MARQUEZ	
E B		L 4		E 10	
LT.		LT.		LT.	
S. TRUJILLO 10215		R. CISNEROS 5415		C. OLIVER 5088	
F. PEREZ 8081		J. BARNUM 8425		B. MARTINEZ 8777	
J. MONTOYA 16643		A. VILLES CAS 7677		M. ARCHULETA 6079	
L. CHAVEZ 18747		D. SISNEROS 18025		F. TRUJILLO 2347	
M. MYERS 17027		A. EVERS GERD 13403		J. PAVLOKOVICH 18745	
L 1		Relief Lt.		R 1	
LT.		J. TAPIA 10519		LT.	
J. CHAVEZ 419				R. PADILLA 4935	
E. ARMIJO 606				R. ESCARCIDA 5847	
T. ARMIJO 13898				I. MONTOYA 8261	
V. ESCARCIDA 5419				R 4	
C. VALDEZ 18629				LT.	
Relief Driver				E. SANTISTEVAN 6093	
J. L. SERNA 16857				C. BESSON 16629	
Relief Capt.				R 17	
S. ROMERO 8060				LT.	
				R. CARRILLO 3788	
				J. CANDELARIA 7665	
				S. GARCIA 16641	

Chief 2	E. GUTIERREZ #2151				
Driver	J. NASH #3671				
E 2		E 11		E 3	
LT.		LT.		CAPT.	
J. SANCHEZ 372		R. CHAVEZ 1576		R. ARANDA 4285	
L. PACHECO 13648		E. CASTILLO 5176		J. HERNANDEZ 7033	
B. DAUBER 1152		R. DAVIDSON 10204		M. OTERO 10075	
R. GARNAND 11377		R. HULTS 16640		M. F. SOLIS 18428	
D. DURAN 23131				R. D. WEIS 18248	
E B		R 3		L 3	
LT.		LT.		LT.	
R. KETTLES 5592		B. BUSICK 4828		G. MAESTAS 1589	
G. CASAS 8781		J. F. TAPIA 16542		R. ROMERO 16846	
J. STEVENS 16779		R. CANDELARIA 19517		J. BARBOA 5073	
M. MORALES 16858				L. SAIZ 16579	
A. FERNANDEZ 18737				F. GONZALES 17126	
				L 15	
				LT.	
				J. JONES 6706	
				E. ROMERO 3141	
				D. PEREA 10523	
				A. FERNANDEZ 5235	
				T. ARCHULETA 11391	

Chief 3	E. MAES #3345				
Driver	A. CORDOVA #10209				
E 5		E 12		E 13	
LT.		LT.		CAPT.	
F. E. ULLBARRI 3780		R. GOMEZ 3485		J. PARRA 3502	
J. JOHNSTON 13907		J. PADILLA 7390		P. MIRABAL 6681	
A. LOVATO 18746		R. PALMER 23129		A. MANCHA 17216	
R. KNEVITT 15489		E. MONTOYA 18756		J. COSTALES 16628	
C. ALDERETE 16896		P. GRAVES 7681		D. SANDOVAL 2410	
E 9		R 13		E 16	
LT.		LT.		CAPT.	
C. LOVATO 7028		D. NOBLITT 2276		E. SANCHEZ 4754	
E. TURRIETTA 5604		F. GARCIA 8418		R. OTERO 13904	
G. CORBETT 16845		G. SANDOVAL 17067		M. SANCHEZ 16392	
R. MORENO 12333				F. TORRES 2763	
				R. FLORES 4553	
				R 16	
				LT.	
				G. KOMATZ 5246	
				J. PEREA 8447	
				E. VARELA 18040	
				L 13	
				LT.	
				B. RUTAN 6722	
				E. RAEL 825	
				P. LESPERANCE 10220	
				J. GALLEGOS 16648	
				R. WINCHESTER 13915	
				Relief Lt.	
				P. CANO 13903	
				Relief J. Marquez 16544	



January Meeting - On January 11, 2017 the AFD Retiree's monthly Meeting was held at the firefighter union hall, local 244, 4100 Edith N.E. President Kerry Horton called the meeting to order @ 7:08 PM and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The opening prayer was led by Tommy Romero. A moment of silence was held in memory of our deceased members. After roll call President Kerry Horton reported that AFD Administration donated a 24 foot wooden ladder to the Museum. Herman Bishop read the minutes from the December meeting due to the absence of Secretary Fred Casias. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Eddie Abeita and was seconded by Joe Martinez. The motion Carried. Sam Trujillo gave the Treasurer's report. He and Eddie Abeita reported that the Christmas dinner was a success and all expenses have been met. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Tom Romero and was seconded by John Serino. The motion carried.

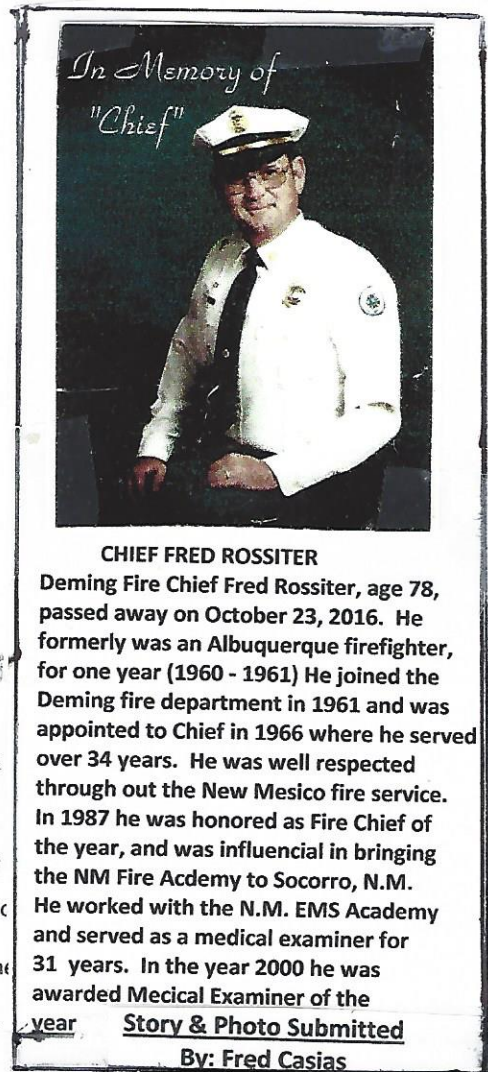
The Historian's report was given by Herman Bishop. He just updated the AFD Retiree's Association brochures and printed 200 copies. Also he reminded members that March kicks off our annual fund drive. Please send your donations to "AFD Retiree's Association," C/O Sam Trujillo, 5318 La Colonia NW Albuquerque, NM 87120.

Condolences are offered by our members to Juan Sandoval who lost his dear wife Isabel in a tragic auto accident, Juan is recovering from his injuries at the Laderia rehab center. Best wishes go to our members on the sick roster, Ross Escarcida and Ray Flores. Wednesday's raffle was won by Joe Martinez and Ralph Padilla. The closing prayer was led by Sam Trujillo and the meeting was adjourned @ 8:35 PM.

February Meeting - The monthly meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was held on February 8, 2017 at the firefighter's Union Hall, local 244. President Kerry Horton called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chaplain Mark Chavez led the opening prayer. In memory of our deceased members a moment of silence was held for them. Roll Call: President Kerry Horton, Vice President, Bill Raupfer, Secretary, Fred Casias, Treasurer, Sam Trujillo, Historian, Herman Bishop. President Kerry Horton recognized retiree's John Nash and Jesse Lopez. Kerry Horton introduced guests, Lucy Sedillo and Cynthia Borrego who are running for two Board of Directors positions at the Rio Grande Credit Union to be held the 1st week of March, 2017. Both are requesting your support. Ballots will be in the mail shortly. Kerry is working with fire administration to develop a TV slide presentation show for the fire museum. (AFD Historical Archives) He will assist Deputy Chief Santistevan to interview some of our older retirees for the historical project.

Fred Casias read the January minutes. A motion to accept was made by Eddie Abeita and was seconded by Toby Pino. The Motion carried. Sam Trujillo gave the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept was made by Eugene Baldonado and was seconded by Jeff Elks. The motion Carried. Historian Herman Bishop passed out our new, updated AFD Retiree' Brochures." which were printed last month. He thanked Eddie Abeita, James Rebarchik, Kerry Horton, and Michael Bricault for the stories they submitted for the March 1st newsletter. "Great Job Guys."

Best wishes & prayers go to our brothers on the sick roster, Juan Sandoval, Ray Flores, and Ross Escarcida. Sam Trujillo will be going to Phoenix February 13 th for back surgery. Louis Trujillo was appointed to chair the election committee for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, & Historian. To be held in June. Officers will be sworn in at the July meeting. The raffle was won by: Jeff Elks, Fred Teupell, and Eugene Baldonado. The auction was won by Mark Chavez, (Leather Motorcycle Jacket) and Jeff Elks won (Motorcycle leather Jacket and leather pants.) Chaplain Mark Chavez led the closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned @ 8:42 PM.







# ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREES' ASSOCIATION

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November 9, 2016

Chaplain Patrick McKinney  
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Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

Dear Pat,

On behalf of the members of the AFD Retiree's Association we would like to present this personal firefighter's bible embossed with your name in recognition of your service as Chaplain of the Albuquerque Fire Department, as you have served both active duty firefighters and retired firefighters alike during the past few years.

We have observed your sincere and heartfelt prayers, your outreach and comfort to those members and their families who have suffered personal loss and who have lost loved ones and who need spiritual guidance and support in their time of distress and need.

We want you to know that the work you are performing as our Chaplain is recognized and appreciated by our members. Your work has touched all of us personally. We recognize the power of your prayers and personal guidance. Therefore, we feel this small gift is well deserved for your dedication, sincere devotion, and service to our entire families of firefighters.

Sincerely,

Kerry Horton, President  
AFD Retiree's Association.

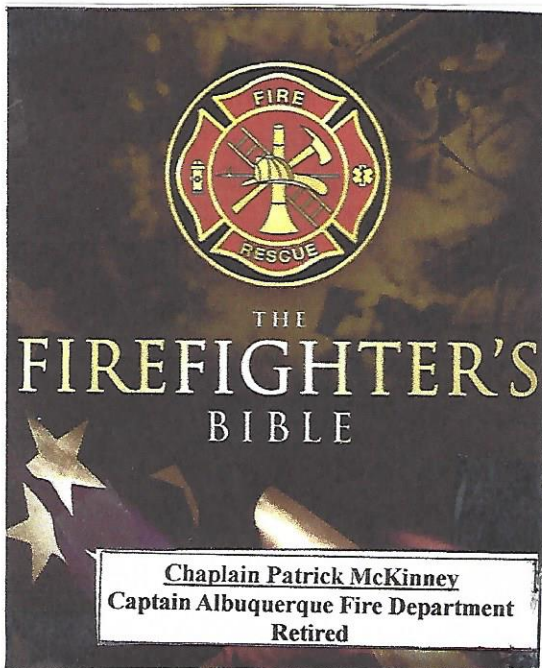


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**AWARD. CHAPLAIN PAT MCKINNEY**

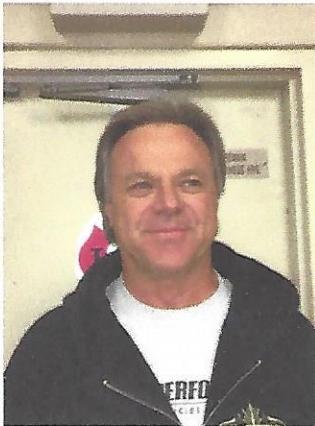
Chaplain Patrick McKinney is presented a firefighter's bible honoring his service as the Fire Department Chaplain for both active duty and retired firefighters. (12-14-2016)  
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***“Stairs Had to be Replaced Because We Wore Them Out....Our Mark in AFD Cadet History”!***

**The James Rebarchik Story  
Abeita**

**By Eddie**



Prior to becoming an Albuquerque Firefighter, James also had an option of a career in law enforcement with the City of Albuquerque. The option of law enforcement was a natural given, it was a family tradition. James grandfather Paul Shaver served as APD Police Chief for 23 of his 38 years of service (1948-1971) also his uncle Bill Shaver retired from APD.

James choice of firefighting came about during his employment as a welder, the company James worked for built mobile drilling rigs (trucks). The hydraulic systems and pumps had similarities to aerial ladder trucks which created an interest. Although his career choice was decisive James decision came about when his supervisor guided James toward becoming a volunteer member of a fire crew where James worked. The career decision was solidified; a career in firefighting was going to happen.

***James Rebarchik***

James was accepted to Albuquerque Fire Department and began his career May 01, 1987. The training staff consisted of Assistant Chief Robert Otero, Captain George Nichols, Lieutenant Richard Gonzales, Lieutenant Jessie Waddles and Eddie Abeita. The first part of cadet training was the three week Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course (EMT-B). The instructors were Lieutenant Michael Fox and Andy Hatch. The EMT course was a big learning experience there was a lot of lab work where skills were developed and evaluated daily and of course written examinations followed. During EMT training one cadet would ask are we testing today, if so I will be sick. During cadet training 3 cadets that did things together on weekends were given the nickname, *The Three Amigos* it may have other significance. Our class ran up and down the drill



tower so much the stairs had to be replaced because we wore them out.....our mark in AFD Cadet History!

James said his first assignment after graduation was Engine Eight on Menaul Blvd. N.E. the officer was Marty Richards driver Ray Sanchez, firefighters Tom Velasquez and Dan Armijo. We had calls but nothing major. With a smile James said one thing Marty Richards did was taught me was how to make tortillas, which was; mix the dough, roll them out and cook them.

At Engine 8 on our battalion it had been a quite station, quite was short lived when I floated to Engine Nine. The officer was Lieutenant Johnny Marquez, Driver Mercy Garcia, firefighter Joe Costales. We were dispatched to an EMS call, a bagel shop where 3 people were shot. I remember a lot of blood I rode in one of the three ambulances assisting in patient care transporting the wounded to the hospital, all expired. In the midst of the emergency scene, I thought that one Firefighter EMT looked so familiar then I recognized him, it was my old elementary and high school buddy for many years....it was Ernest Scott. His distinct voice verified who he was, I had no idea he was with AFD, I lost track of him after all them years.

### **James Rebarchik Story, continued Abeita**

**By Eddie**

James was promoted to driver his first assignment was Rescue 6, James said I remember the crew Stan Saaverda, Chuck Cogburn and Woody Drum. I later transferred to Engine three; the station crew consisted of Captain Carlos Dominguez, Lieutenant Dave Friend, Drivers, Donald Duran, Robert Montoya and Chris Garcia, firefighters Jay Gordon, Adrian Glass and Dan David. Clifford Bessom was the Battalion Chief. James floated to other stations and worked with so many other firefighters.

My Sights were set on moving to Engine 8 which had been relocated to Indian School Road NE James said; this would be the closest to home. It happened and I was assigned there for 2 years. As the cycle goes in a district, I later was transferred to Engine 16 and then Engine 12 James said where I drove for Captain George Rincon and Pat McKinney for 2 years.

James said; I took the promotional Lieutenants Examination test in which I made the list for promotion. During that time period my family and I were involved in a motor vehicle accident around Deming NM. I received an injury that became a slow recovery. I was placed on light duty, while on light duty I was promoted to Lieutenant. The lieutenant's position was at the Fire Academy James said, back to where I started, you could say full circle returning back to where my career started.

While assigned to the fire academy James provided in service training courses, he taught drivers school which was referred to as CEVO (Certified Emergency Vehicle Operation) course and RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) program. The RIT was to provide firefighters a means of operating in a confined space during emergency operations. James also built training aids such as roof ventilation props.

Comparing fire training at the old fire academy on Kit Carson SW and the one located at Sunset Gardens SW James said was; a much larger staff, more equipment and multiple classrooms. However, functions by staff have not changed that much. Staff will always evaluate cadets

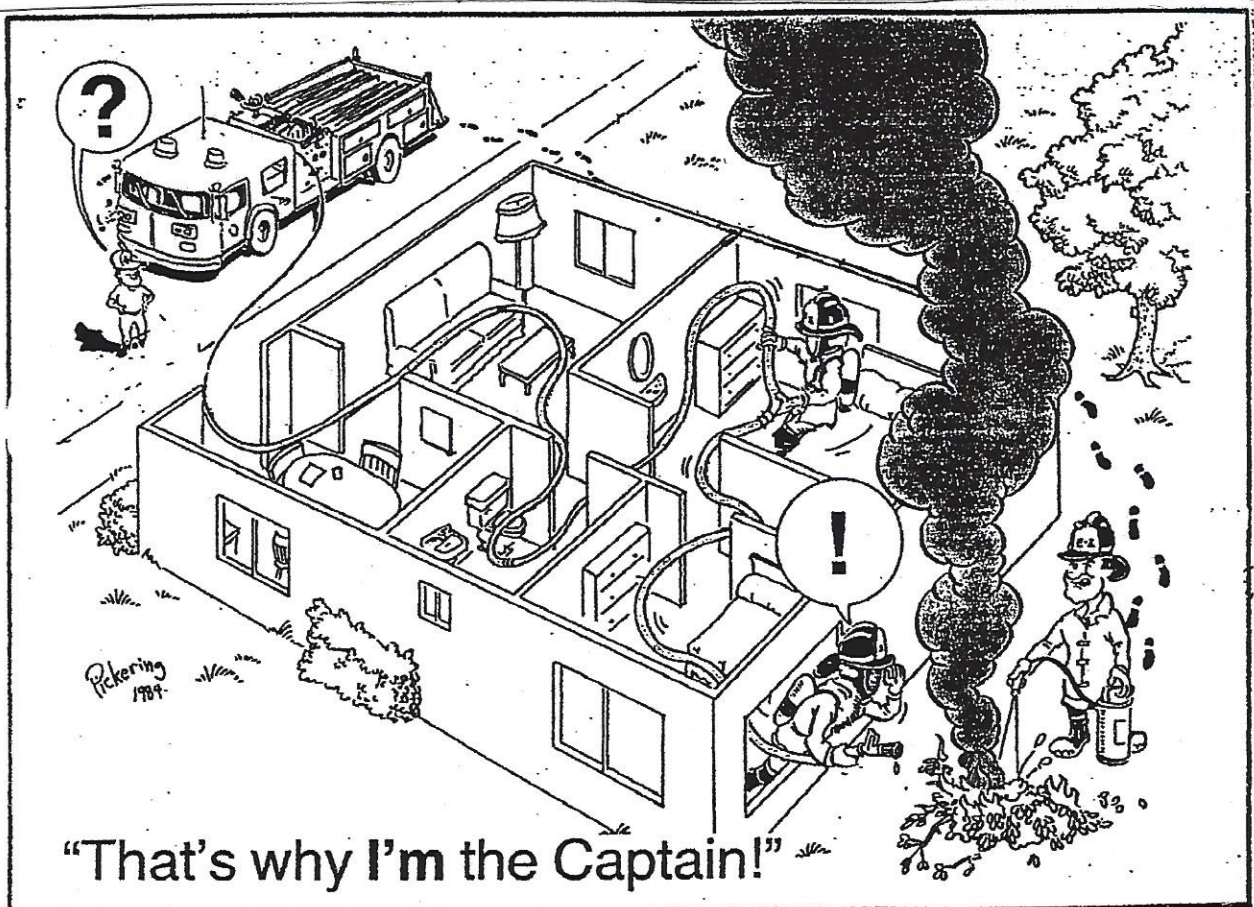


learning, development of psychomotor skills and insuring they are team players. Emphasis on cadet's attitudes will always be paramount, which is an important factor for a good firefighter.

While assigned to the fire academy James said, there was continuous use and heavy demand of SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) during training. There were also needs for continued repair and maintenance of equipment so James became maintenance and repair technician of SCBA at the fire academy. His talents with SCBA poured into helping Fire Equipment Coordinator James Chavez with the SCBA do to a large backlog of needed repairs from field units.

James retired July 2007 and later discovered that an employment opportunity was available for SCBA technician within the AFD. James applied for the position as a re-hire and was accepted and currently employed with AFD.

James likes to spend time with his family, his wife Laurie is an Escrow Officer at Fidelity National Title and is a wellness advocate for doTERRA Essentials Oils. Their daughter Cori attends Midwest University in Arizona and their son Jeffery is a graduate of Texas Tech University and currently resides in San Francisco CA. One thing we enjoy is traveling around to car shows James said, this is when I enter my 1938 Chevrolet I've had this car since the age of 15. At car shows I sometimes run into retired firefighter Mark Boisvert my old cadet friend he also competes at these shows, Mark had various cars entered into car shows the past years and it's just nice to visit with him and other retirees. This is why I drop by a retirees meeting now and then, my wife and I have attended the retiree's picnic and Christmas Dinner which were great.







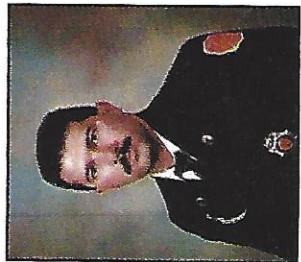
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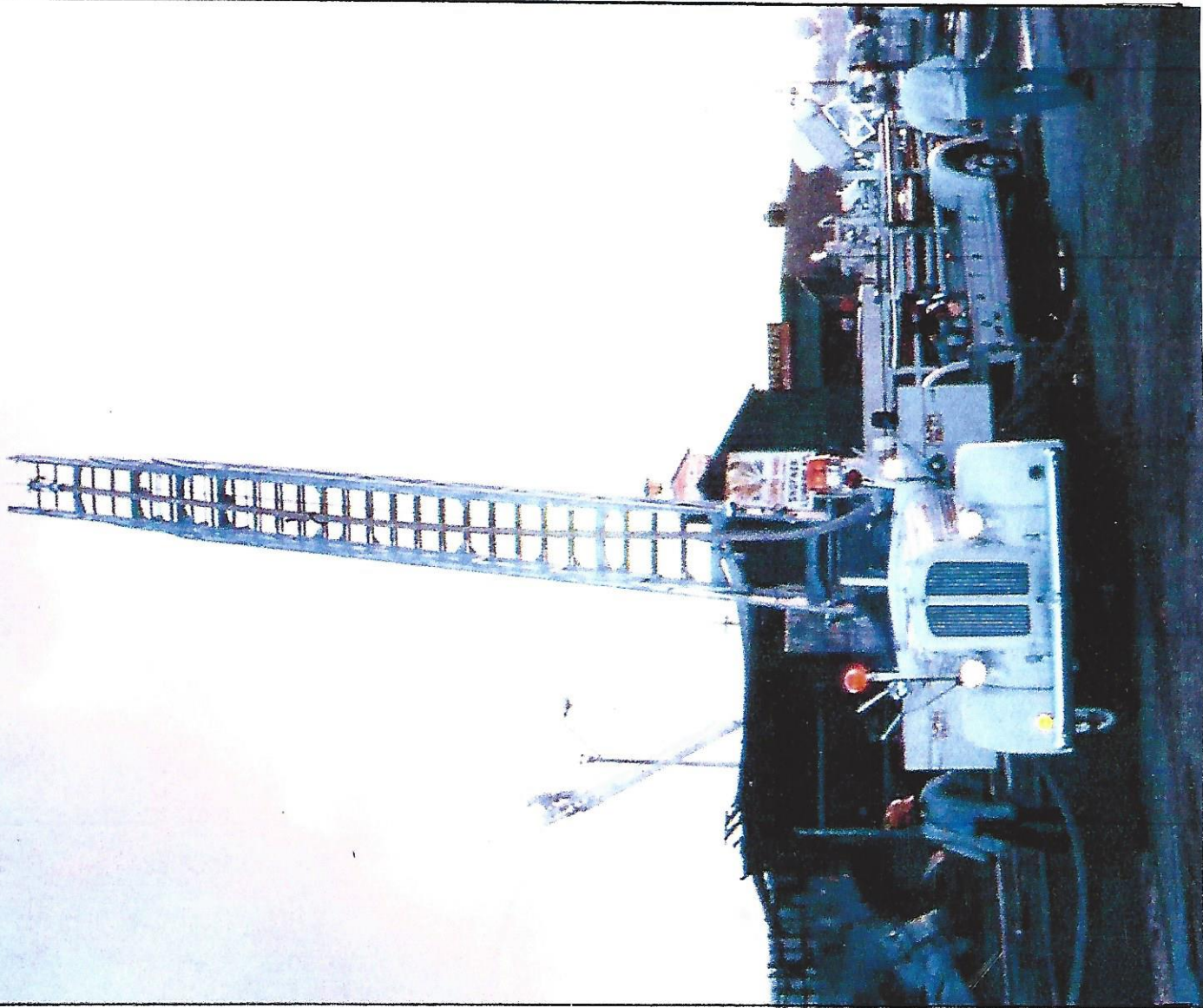


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Faces From The Past (September, 2003)



AFD-1948 Seagrave, 75 foot Aerial Ladder@ Schoffner Lumber Co. Fire Central and Louisiana SE. (Circa, 1974) From Station # 3.





**MY ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAREER**  
**BY: KERRY HORTON (February 1, 2017)**

Kerry Horton has served as President of the AFD Retiree's Association since July, 2016. He joined AFD during November, 1991 after serving as a Firefighter on the Big Springs, Texas fire dept. For 8 years. He served 21 years in Albuquerque As a firefighter and retired in December, 2012 at the rank of Fire Commander.

My Albuquerque Fire Department career started in November of 1991, when I was chosen to be part of the 51<sup>st</sup> Cadet Class. Fire Chief Montoya was leading the department back then, and as I later learned, he was hired to make a lot of unpopular budget-driven changes to the fire department. The 51<sup>st</sup> Cadet Class had two distinctions. One, we were the first class in the new Fire Academy way out on the west side of town, and two, over half of us were non-Albuquerque residents.

I was an "out-of-towner", working for a small fire department in west Texas since 1983, when I decided I wanted to work for a larger department. I had recently been reacquainted with Sandi, my previous girlfriend who had moved to Albuquerque a few years prior. We both were raised in Southern California and had dated for a while there until I moved to Big Spring, Texas in 1981. By 1991, my life in Texas had stalled, and I was looking to improve my lot in life, Sandi's life had led her to Albuquerque. We started communicating again, and yes, she had forgiven me for leaving her in California.

By the fall of 1991, I decided to apply for the Albuquerque Fire Department. I was still living in Big Spring when Captain Eddie Abieta called me on a Thursday morning and said that if I wanted the job, I had to be at the Academy by 2pm on Friday, and the Academy began on Monday. That was a very busy four days. I quit my job, loaded my few possessions in the back of my old Chevy truck, showed up at Sandi's doorstep, went to the Academy to sign all the paperwork to be hired by AFD, got fitted for uniforms at Gizmo's, went to the UNM book store to buy my EMT Handbook, and started my AFD career on Monday morning.

My first day in the Academy was a real eye-opener, especially when I found myself standing at attention in Lt. Brian LeVie's office getting reprimanded for not completing my homework assignment. I had inadvertently left a question unanswered in the assignment we were to do prior to the start of the academy, and was told that I was one more reprimand away from being fired. That night I went home wondering if I had made the right decision. Well, after a pep talk by Sandi, and a resolve to stick it out, made the move to Albuquerque the second best decision in my life. The best decision was getting back together with Sandi, as we have now been married for 24 years, and have raised two great kids. Richard Marquez, who has been with AFD for over six years, and is a Driver assigned to the alarm room, and Darrell Horton, who just interviewed for UNM Med School, and will hopefully begin med school this July.

My time in the Academy was typical of most people's time, we ran, trained, and studied until we were ready to drop. Nineteen of us started, and fortunately all nineteen of us graduated. I was 31 years old, in the best shape of my life, and very nervous to start my first day in the field of a real urban fire department. My 8 year career with the Big Spring Fire department was a lot more laid back than AFD was. When I joined BSFD in September of 83, it was all "on the job" training until I had a three week training academy in the summer of 84. BSFD was primarily a fire response department, no EMS services at all, other than responding to accidents with a set of extrication tools. BSFD had five stations, with 45 firefighters, 12 to 15 on duty per shift, and responded on less than 500 calls per year. In 1991, AFD had 19 stations, over 500 firefighters, and ran 70,000 calls a year. It was a big adjustment for me.

Of the nineteen members of the 51<sup>st</sup> Cadet Class, eleven made it to retirement, and one is still on duty (Jerrod). When I talked to Jerrod a few weeks ago, he jokingly referred to the rest of us as quitters.

My first assignment was at station four, and I ended up spending 15 years there in the HazMat program. It was not lost on me that station four had five apparatus, and at the time, 15 personnel when fully staffed. This single station was almost as big as all of BSFD on any given day. The crew at station four back then was District Chief Landjur Abukusumo, Captain Steve Sadoris and Driver Mike Romero on the



Squad, Lt Larry Chavez, Driver Pat Chavez, and FF Paul Garcia on the Ladder, Lt Jeff Butler and Driver Richard Ortiz on the Rescue, and Lt. Charlie Alderete, Driver James Stevens, and FF's Steve Lopez, Joe Luna, and Fred Garcia on the Pumper. That was a lot of pipemen at one station, but we all took turns on the trucks, and floating out to other stations.

My classmate Adrian Moya and I joined this crew out of the academy in April of 1992, and I still remember our first call on the Pumper. Adrian and I were piping, Charlie was the officer, and James was driving. The call was for a "down and out" on 4<sup>th</sup> St., north of the freeway. We arrived and found the guy passed out on the sidewalk. Charlie told Adrian and I to get vitals and start the patient assessment, and suddenly, I could not remember how to get a blood pressure. I had to whisper to Adrian, and he saved my ass that day. I did not want Charlie's first impression of me to be as the idiot that couldn't do his job, right out of the academy. When the guy finally woke up, he informed us that he was pregnant, and I quickly realized that I was putting too much pressure on myself, so I took a breath, and learned to just rely on the quality training that I received in the academy.

That was a great group of guys to be stationed with and we had some great times. Back in those days many of us smoked, and a popular prank was to put an explosive load in the tip of someone's cigarette. When they lit up, BANG!, funny to all except the one holding an exploded cigarette in their mouth. One afternoon, I was out in the apparatus bay smoking, and Charlie walked by and bummed a smoke from me. As he walked away lighting the cigarette, the tip exploded. I started laughing out loud because I realized that that exploding cigarette was intended for me, had Charlie not bummed it. Charlie was not as amused as I was, and to this day, he still does not believe that I was the intended victim. Believe me, as a rookie firefighter, I would never have the guts to pull a trick like that on my Lieutenant.

As my career went on, and I moved up through the ranks, promotions would take me away from station four, but as soon as an opening became available, I was right back there. I spent some time at station five, thirteen, and three's, but spent most of my time from 1992 to 2007 at Station four, and was very involved in the HazMat program. I always enjoyed the technical aspect of a Hazardous Materials response, and all the training involved to keep up the Level III certifications, and to keep abreast of all the equipment we had was very important. We never took ourselves too seriously though. I remember one summer afternoon we were training with the level A fully encapsulating suits. Joe Luna and myself were walking around the park behind station four getting some suit time in, when we saw a guy sleeping off a little inebriation under a tree. Joe and I, looking like green spacemen, went over to him and woke him up. He came to with quite a startle, and we got a good laugh out of it. That is, until we saw now-Chief Sadoris drive up to the station. Steve appreciated our efforts in training, but he was not as amused by our pranks, and he let us know that this was not to happen again.

In 2007, I was promoted to Battalion Commander, and was assigned to district 2, which included stations 3, 5, 8, 11, and 12. These are all central corridor stations, and you know how busy these guys are. I had a great group of firefighters on my battalion, and they all worked very hard. Being a Battalion Commander was one of my favorite positions in my career. It was a true joy working and orchestrating complicated fires, knowing I had very competent and knowledgeable Officers leading the best trained firefighters in a very dangerous and exciting firefight. I do not mean to seem overly dramatic, but there is no better sense of accomplishment as there is bringing a safe end to a hard fought fire.

In 2010, I transferred up to the Academy to take the position of Training Division Commander. I took this position in the middle of the 78<sup>th</sup> Cadet Class, and what makes that significant, is that was is my oldest son's class. This put both of us in a very awkward position, as it was always very important to both of us that he forge his own career, outside of my influence. Children following a parent into the fire service has been a long tradition--one that makes a parent very proud, and both Sandi and I are very proud of Richards path into the fire service.

I ended up seeing five cadet classes through the Academy and again, had a very competent training staff that made me look good with all their hard work. But by 2012, I was starting to think of life outside of the fire service. This had been my life since 1983, and I found myself not giving 100% of my attention to the job, so I retired in December of 2012. My sendoff was wonderful, and I will always remember all the great people that helped shape and influence my career, as I hope I have positively influenced a few careers over the years.

I now keep busy with the Retiree's Association, traveling, and dabbling in my photography hobby. Sandi still works full time, and she is gracious enough to allow me to do a lot of solo camping and traveling, and she'll retire in a few years and then we can travel together.



## ADVICE TO A ROOKIE FIREFIGHTER

By: Michael Bricault (February 3, 2017)

We as retirees can sometimes think about our career with AFD as an adventure that is over; something in the past. I know I sometimes do. And, in doing so, we can forget that we still have an obligation to the job and those still serving; our younger brothers. Of course we should never preach to them but rather, we are still and will always be fireman and should therefor stand ever ready to offer guidance to our young brothers and sisters when it is sought after.

Here are some thoughts we should carry as our responsibility.

I guess now is as good a time as any to tell you one of the truths about "the job". Please understand that these ramblings are my opinion and that of firemen I respect. It is not intended to imply condescension rather; it is intended to pass along some truths I have learned along the way.

With the endless hours of training a question that many new firefighters ask is, "So when does it get to be fun?" The short answer is... never. The demand of your courage and you honor is constant, even when off duty. If this is more than you are willing to bear than now is the time to seek another line of work. Remember, you knocked on our door and this is the price of admission.

The inescapable reality of the matter is that you have chosen a profession that is centered on the mitigation of chaos. Firemen wade through the muck and the mire of human suffering. Our constituents are driven by fear and consequently, no one calls us when they are having a good day.

Does that mean we should not enjoy our work? Of course not. Large companies and captains of industry spend millions of dollars in an effort to make their employees happy because they know that a happy employee is a productive employee. Enjoy your vocation but never loose sight of the reality.

In your career you will experience incredible high moments of achievement and wallow through valleys of utter despair. You will share great laughter as well as indefinable fear with your teammates. And though I have learned that the laughter is very prevalent throughout the day, it is those heart stopping moments of fear that truly bind a team into a company and forge friendships into family.

An old fireman once said that laughter is ok as long as you don't make having fun the goal of your day. Never forget why the people in your city are paying you to be there... to rescue those souls in peril.

Another old mentor explained that you are called a firefighter when they pin the badge on you after graduating the academy but you become a fireman once you have had your heart broken. His advice to rookies was always, "I'll call you a fireman when you can tell me what *they* taste like". This always left the new firefighter wondering what in the hell the crusty old veteran was talking about. The answer became clear after that first true low water mark of a heartbreaking call and the rookie realized the taste the old veteran was referring to is that of your own tears. With a supportive hand on the shoulder the rookie invariably was indoctrinated with the words, "You may not be the hero you once thought you were but now you are truly a fireman".

Ours is a business of easing suffering, wiping away tears and reassuring hugs given freely to strangers. It is a lifetime of courage. It is risking everything you have or ever will be for someone you will never know. It is the last place in our world where your word must be your bond; otherwise how else can you place your life into the hands of the men you work with and then ask them to do the same with you.

Trust is a public matter with firefighters that is on display for the whole city to see. Loyalty must be unquestioned.

Nowhere else is there the trust that is given to firemen. And yet we encounter it everywhere. We walk in to the home of a stranger and they thrust their most precious possession, their children, into our arms without question, in the desperate hope that we will make things better. They depend on us to rescue them from the worst, scariest and most dangerous moment of their life.

Another old-timer once told me that being a fireman is not a job or a career; it is a calling. The job of a firefighter is special and the trust that goes along with the badge, the uniform, the helmet, the persona, is spectacular in its preciousness, its uniqueness and it is irreplaceable. Never embarrass the job or let down your teammates. A memorable piece of advice I have taken to heart is, don't ever be the first guy to say, "It's too hot". Stick with your teammates; never leave your company.



My personal advice is, always remember that this is a service-oriented job; never forget that. We serve the needs of others. You may feel like you did a great job but always be mindful that we have arrived *after* someone has been victimized. This is the very reason it is more appropriate to call our constituents victims and not customers. A customer has not been victimized. A customer is restricted to what they have paid for; a victim is entitled to your best efforts coupled with your compassion and sympathy

Save the jokes, hand slapping and smiles for the station. Out on the street the victim and everyone else is watching you. They have just been raped by fire, victimized by violence or ravaged by an accident or medical situation. No matter how good a service we have provided the victim may not see things the same way, viewing our service as arriving after they have been battered and not in time to prevent the life-changing event. Always be a professional. That is what people expect and it is what other professionals demand.

You must also understand that being called a professional fireman does not denote that you receive wages for your time but rather it implies a level and standard of service delivery. Professional service is always a stipulation you must meet.

Chief Crocker was a fireman in 1900 and his proudest achievement was not being named chief of the F.D.N.Y. but rather in wearing the badge of a simple fireman. He wrote these words that have become the hallmark of real, professional, dedicated and courageous firefighters everywhere.

"I have no ambition in this world but one and that is to be a fireman. The position may, in the eyes of some, appear to be a lowly one but we who know the work which a fireman has to do believe that it is a noble calling.

There is an adage that says that nothing can be destroyed except by fire. We strive to preserve from destruction the wealth of the world, which is the product of the industry of men, necessary for the comfort of both the rich and the poor. We are defenders from fire of the art which has beautified the world; the product of the genius of men and the means of refinement of mankind.

But above all our proudest endeavor is to save lives... the lives of men, the work of God Himself.

Under the impulse of such thoughts, the nobility of the occupation thrills us and stimulates us to deeds of daring, even at the supreme sacrifice.

Such considerations may not strike the average mind, but they are sufficient to fill to the limit our ambition in life and to make us serve the general purpose of human society.

Firemen are going to be killed right along. They know it, every man of them... firefighting is a hazardous occupation; it is dangerous on the face of it, tackling a burning building. The risks are plain...

Consequently, when a man becomes a fireman, his act of bravery has already been accomplished."

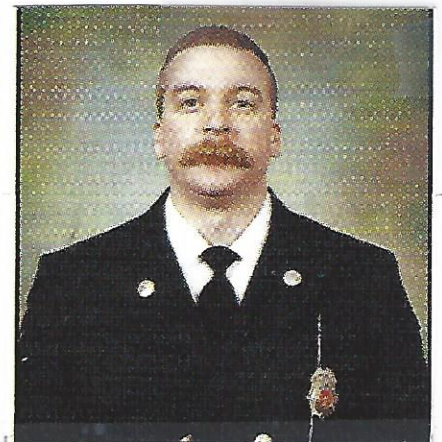
Lastly I leave you with some words I received in my rookie year; words that still ring in my ears. The day you stop caring, the day you think you know it all, the day your compassion has reached and end; that day should be your last day as a fireman. Love the job. If you love it you will protect it and nurture it, always striving to be the very best.

Have Courage while always focusing on the truth found in the words, "I am my brother's keeper".



MICHAEL BRICAULT  
AFD BAGPIPER

MICHAEL BRICAULT JOINED THE ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1993 AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE 54 TH CADET CLASS. HE SERVED SEVERAL YEARS AS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BAG PIPER. HE RETIRED ON JUNE 1, 2014 AFTER SERVING 21 YEARS WITH THE DEPARTMENT. NOW HE IS ENJOYING RETIREMENT IN SCOCIA, NEW YORK.



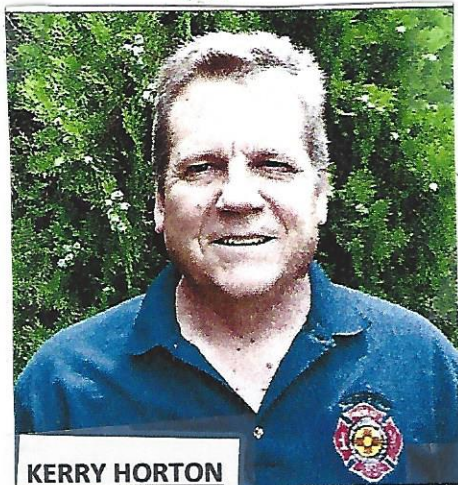
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Presidents Message  
By Kerry Horton

Last month, I assisted Deputy Chief Santistevan on a project for the AFD Archive Room (remember that AFD does not call it a museum for bureaucratic reasons). AFD is installing a large flat-screen TV in the archive room that will display a slide show of historical AFD pictures, and so, Chief Santistevan reached out for help in collecting photographs. With your help, I collected over one hundred photographs that will now be shared with everyone visiting the Academy

I spent an afternoon with our Historian, Herman Bishop, and we had a great conversation about the history of AFD, and related subjects. Herman also shared many of his historical photographs, and I cannot think of a better person to be our Historian. His passion for our history is truly heartfelt, and sincere. But this got me thinking, we are all guardians of AFD's history. Our experiences we hold in our memories, the photos we have taken during our career, and all the souvenirs that have found their way into our "Fire Room," attic, or garage, are all part of AFD's history.

As we continue to develop the exhibits in the Archive Room, I will be reaching out to all of you to share your history, so that others may enjoy it as well. Photos will be digitally scanned and returned to you immediately, and I have arranged with Administration to issue receipts for your "souvenirs." This way, if you have a piece of fire equipment that we need for an exhibit, you can be assured that at any time you want, that piece of property will be returned to you, or your survivors. So, the next time you are in your garage, or dusty attic, and you see that piece of AFD history that you stashed 20 or 30 years ago, blow the dust off of it, and think about sharing it with others.

The Archive Room is always changing, and improving. So, stop by the Academy from time to time, and relive your part of AFD's history.