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THE RETIREE'S ANNUAL PICNIC WILL
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Lt. SOLOMON JOJOLA, F.F. TOMMY LOPEZ
PONDEROSA PINE FIRE, 1975, (Photo By: Dave Windle)



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Minutes March , 2021 – On March 8, 2021 the 247 th monthly meeting was called to order by President Kerry Horton. We are still under State restrictions for public meetings so only the executive board members attended. Attending were: President Kerry Horton, Treasurer, Mike Fox, Historian Herman Bishop, and Sam Trujillo, President Emeritus. A moment of silence was held in honor of our deceased members. Fred Casias, e-mailed the Secretary's report for February, and Mike Fox presented the Treasurer's report for February.

Mike thanked everyone for their donations. During February we spent \$375 on printer and honor guard supplies. The Rio Grande Credit Union gave a generous donation for honor guard uniforms. Local Mortuaries made generous donations for honor guard uniforms as well. A big thanks to Morris Guterrez who donated \$866 from the sale of his books, " F.F. Nicknames, Puzzles & Recipes." Please support this book project by contacting Morris for your copy. The Secretary's report and Treasurer's reports were approved by the board.

President's Report – The months are rolling by. We hope you are staying safe. Last month I talked about the County/State coding system and hoped we could gather in person if we hit yellow. Well we hit yellow and are hopeful we can meet in person by April or May. Legislative Report - HB 65 proposed to return to 2% COLA Is Likely to die. HB 162 changes rules on how the PERA Board is chosen, It was tabled. SB 90 corrects PERA language from F.F. of our era from getting full salary and does not help us. However if passed it will help future F.F. The historical photo projects continue with assistance of AFR Administration and currently the Chief's portrait project, the museum historical photo reframing project and the bunkers on the F.F. pole are all completed.

Last month I asked members if they are interested in conducting Zoom Meetings. Out of 415 members on our E-mail list only two responded. We will not do it, the numbers just are not there.

Historian's Report – Our retiree association is still active and conducting routine business. We are starting our annual fund drive during March and April. The members of the executive board has each donated \$20.00 to the fund drive. They have issued a challenge for members to match our donations. Send donations to AFD Retiree's Association C/O Mike Fox 3508 32 nd Circle S.E. Rio Rancho N.M 87124. We are continuing working with Chief Dow and his staff to upgrade the museum exhibits.

Meeting Summary - The monthly meeting for March was productive. We stand adjourned.

Death Tobias Pino Jr. It is with great sadness that we report the death of fellow retired firefighter Lieutenant Tobias Pino Jr. age 56 who passed away on Tuesday March 23, 2021. He was the son of AFD retired firefighter Paramedic Lieutenant Toby Pino Sr. Tobias followed his father's footsteps as a firefighter by joining AFD on May 22, 1989. He was a member of the 47 th fire cadet class. He grew up in the Clemente Place S.W. neighborhood in Westgate Heights. He was assigned to the EMS program during June 1990 and then promoted to rescue driver on March 6, 1993. He loved his assignment serving on the rescue and was a good firefighter. He was successful in his fire department career and was promoted to Lieutenant on the rescue on January 4, 1997. He was an accomplished artist and one of his art works "Firefighter Rescues Child," is displayed at the Albuquerque Fire Museum. For the past few years he was an active member of the AFD Retiree's Association. He loved attending the monthly retiree meetings and especially looked forward to the annual retired firefighter's annual picnic held each summer. On behalf of the members of the AFD Retired Firefighter's Association we extend our most sincere sympathies and condolences. We offer our most reverent prayers to the entire Toby Pino family.



Tobias Pino Jr.

Red Books are a User-Friendly Catalogue of Information

Herman Bishop's Red Books Project **by Eddie Abeita**

In the early days the Albuquerque Fire Department had a study growth in developing into a functional fire department. Prior to computers and wireless networks all information and legal documents city wide were generated by hard copy, it was up to each city entity to maintain their own documents and correspondence.

The term "red books" referred to Albuquerque Fire Department's 10 Volumes of Standard Operating Procedures. These volumes contained organizational material that governed AFD in accordance with Federal, state, county and city laws. In the early 1950's AFD used and referenced training manuals developed by International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA), Stillwater OK. Because the manual covers were red in color the fire department at that time also referred to them as "red books".

On or about August 1983 Fire Academy Assistant Chief Ted Allred brought to the attention of Fire Chief Leonard Ortega; "the need to renovate and reorganize all AFD written material". The fire academy library had most of but not all AFD documented information. Over the years AFD documents and excerpts from other sources were xeroxed time and time again and placed into binders. Early copy machines sometimes did not have quality print so the pages were not always readable and sometimes had a deteriorating look. The fire department did not have *definitive* written procedures for updating or changes made to printed AFD material.

Chief Ortega knew this would be an enormous chore so the selection of an individual to spearhead this endeavor was paramount. District Chief Herman Bishop was asked by Chief Ortega to take the lead of this assignment, in which Chief Bishop accepted, under certain conditions. These conditions were, unconditional support from the fire chief, provide clerical support, budget and that Chief Bishop could establish a committee that would be functional. Chief Ortega had identified this as the "Policy Task Force Project".

Chief Bishop compiled a committee with representation from each rank. Captain Bernie Rutan, Lieutenant J.P. Romero, Driver Eddie Abeita. Paramedic Lieutenant Clifford Bessom and Paramedic Driver Virgil Olives. Meetings were scheduled to coincide with the committee members work schedule.

At the first committee meeting Herman set the tone and provided directions for the committee to follow. Herman said the goal will be; "gather all documents that pertains to AFD and prepare for reprint to be placed in a user-friendly catalogue". Herman said, needs identified to meet our goal will be considered as an objective(s). The committee discussed how some of these objectives may be used as maintenance guidelines. Other objectives created were; To review all documents compiled to ensure completeness of each. Herman said this will also include interaction with divisions, offices both internal and external. The personnel in these divisions and offices have the expertise to confirm accuracy and validate documents. [a]

Red Books are a User-Friendly Catalogue of Information Herman Bishop's Red Books Project (cont.) by Eddie Abeita

Herman said we will create one master file to avoid duplication of documents that have been verified as complete. Also agreed upon as a committee function was; each member will be given documents to review prior to the next meeting.

The committee's interaction with other offices and divisions found that over the years some documents had pages added, updated or deleted from original documents without formal *declaration*. This had to do with changes in directives, laws, codes or standards, that govern the fire service. Also found were written changes to documents in longhand (via ink pen).

A list of AFD material documents and periodicals that had changes or revisions made in a non-uniformed manner were presented to the fire chief. By administrative approval he allowed for corrections to be made to the committee's master file as needed. As agreed, the fire chief's secretary coordinated clerical help in retyping documents. There were a few exceptions made not to retype all documents such as; Union Contracts and City of Albuquerque Personnel Rules and Regulations.

To ensure continuity in pages being retyped the committee constructed a format that would be used in all documents. Each page had a; title, date, identification numbering and number of pages in a document. A question that was brought up more than a few times was; to save money and space why not print on both sides of the paper? Herman said yes, a lot of pages to be printed however, my vision is to insure a clean looking document and to avoid mistakes on updates, so we print on one side [end of discussion].

The master file was getting close to being finished, next step was the need to discuss how the finished documents would be displayed. The documents could be put in a book or binder, the initial thought was, just go and buy a big box of blue or red binders. However, the discussion was; a lot of time and hard work was put into this project so the outcome was to give the binders a professional look. Also discussed was, with the number of pages devoted to an office or division they should be compiled as one separate unit and will be called a "**VOLUME**".

The committee agreed; To ensure all information is contained in a suitable catalog format, from the Fire Chiefs Office, city administrative office and each fire division; Each shall be assigned their own volume. This led to creation of 10 separate volumes.

Volume 1- CITY ADMINISTRATION- City Charter, Merit Ordinance, Personnel Regulations, City Union Contracts, City Emergency Powers, Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Volume 2- FIRE ADMINISTRATION- AFD Rules and Regulations, Contract AFD Union, Fire Chief's Directives, Communication and Dispatch Division, AFD Fiscal Division Policies.

Volume 3- Albuquerque Fire Department Memorandum, Information of Current Year.

Volume 4- Fire Code/City of Albuquerque-Fire Marshal/Fire Inspection Guidelines, Company Inspections. [b]

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Herman Bishop's Red Books Project (cont.) **by Eddie Abeita**

Volume 5- Training Division/Safety Guidelines-Fire Training Practices. Rescue Training, Drivers Manual

Volume 6- Emergency Medical Services Policies-NM Emergency Service Act, Emergency Medical Service Authority, Certification and License Regulation, Regulation for EMS, EMS Systems Protocols and Guidelines, EMS Training, Community Resources.

Volume 7- Fire/Arson Investigation- Duties Arson Personnel, Dispatch Procedures, Equipment, Evidence, fire Scene Investigation, Firearms, Office Procedures, Booking Procedures, Courtroom Procedures.

Volume 8- Incident Operations-Incident Command, Command Leadership, Structure Firefighting, Field Guide, High Rise Firefighting Guide Policy, Hazardous Materials, Medical Triage, Aircraft, Riot Guidelines.

Volume 9- Property Management-Supplies Management, EMS Supply Management, Building Management, Cash Management Control, NM, OSHA Regulations, Risk Management, Personnel Alert Safety.

Volume 10- Planning, Incident Reporting System- Planning Research, Capital Improvement Program, National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), Processing Reports, AFD Master Plan, Rescue Incidents Casualties.

Next task was to get some help on binders from office supply stores. Clerks at the stores asked what the binders would be used for? After a brief overall explanation about the project, our bottom line was; they have to be fireman proof.

One clerk right off the bat said, to ensure *longevity* of the binders I suggest a heavier grade of binder with a certain type of locking ring or post. Also, clerks said for a few penny's more a heavier weight of paper for printing is also recommended. They also emphasize to print only on one side of the paper because if you print on both sides of the paper, the user will be flipping pages back and forth which will cause the paper holes to tear away from the binder ring. Herman said that was one of the problems the committee identified, missing pages from documents.

Additional objectives were tied into the red book volume assignment; Each office or division assigned a volume shall be responsible to provide maintenance to their volume.

An objective created by committee discussion that was considered paramount and suggested that it be part of the maintenance guideline(s); "Regardless of any editing/change made to any document regardless if it's a letter, word, sentence or date the process shall be *initiated by memorandum*". Herman followed up with, this will ensure control and accountability of any changes made to documents. Other non-fire city departments shall forward any changes to the Fire Chief's office for distribution by memorandum. All AFD memorandum(s) requires the approval of the fire chief or his designee [c]

Red Books are a User-Friendly Catalogue of Information Herman Bishop's Red Books Project (cont.) by Eddie Abeita

The design for the volume cover(s) was left up to the committee which the paramedic crew took the lead and came up with the great design. Each fire station, support divisions, fire administrative offices and city offices having working ties with AFD were assigned a set of red books. The fire academy had eight sets of red books assigned to their library which were available for check out by fire personnel. The fire supply office retained the residual volumes.

[Epilog] Herman said, we met our goal and objectives, in the beginning I was not sure of what the final product would look like. I think all who helped did a great job for our fire department. The one objective that was not spelled out but came out in the wash; ***"red books (volumes) are in a user-friendly catalogue of information - available to all fire personnel"***.

Back in the old days information in AFD was disseminated by hard copy and followed up by word of mouth now it's all computer driven. However, hardcopy still has its place like with Albuquerque Fire Department Retirees Association, for example; the Retirees Newsletter is still printed and mailed out. Internal discussions on hardcopy vs placing the newsletter on the internet comes up periodically, out of respect to us old guys who have bought new eye glasses, we still mail the hard copy out.

In today's fire service world, the *term red books* are almost a thing of the past however subject matter is static. All material is continually updated or revised and most is available on AFD's wireless network. Back in our day the Wang computers was the rave and primely used as word processing some were upscale and featured spell check(?). The internet was not even thought of or anything imagined. Young firefighters may wonder how we functioned or operated in the old days. It was; need, want, desire and our camaraderie. [d]

AFD Standard Operating Procedures



Red Books Volume 1 thru 10

Minutes, April 2021- On April 14, 2021 the 248 th monthly meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was held at 4100 Edith NE, 6:10 PM at the firefighters union hall, local 244. After the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer, we observed a moment of silence for the following brothers who have passed since 2020. Robert Sanchez, Manuel Aragon, Fred Trujillo, Ross Escarcida, Cristobal Sanchez, Ronald Milligan, Frank S. Gonzales, Paul Graves, Johnny Gonzales, Gregory Casaus, Jeffrey Elks, Joe H. Hernandez, Clark Gray, Jerry Valencia, Ronald Nix, Gabriel Sanchez, Ruben Collado, and Tobias Pino Jr. Irene Serna wife of retiree Joe Serna was our guest and also the sister of Gabe Sanchez. She is an employee of the Rio Grande Credit Union. Along with Lucy Sedillo, they acquired donations for our Honor Guard and annual picnic. Irene thanked members for helping the Sanchez family deal with the funeral of Gabe Sanchez.

Our brother Paul J. Gonzales and his wife Sophie stopped by with assistance of Simon Baca and thanked members for assisting in getting him to doctor's visits. It was great to see Paul. A home improvement project is planned at Paul's house, 2000 Turrietta Lane SW on April, 24 th @8:00 AM. Please volunteer your services. We just learned that Fire Chief Paul Dow is retiring on April 23, 2021. We thank him for his service and wish him well in his retirement. During the 2021 NM Legislative session two HB's involving PERA failed. SB 90 was signed by the Governor. It corrects full retirement credit for F.F. pay. Mike Montoya's wife has a clinic in Los Lunas for covid vaccines. She will help FF get the vaccine. If you have registered with the DOH, Call Kerry @ 934-2969, with your name, DOB, and confirmation number, they will set a date and time for you. The Secretary's report was suspended as it was in the March minutes. Mike Fox gave the Treasurer's report. The largest expenses were for the museum display cabinets. Our Treasury is solid due to donations received from the recent fund drive.

The historian's report was given by Herman. Our June newsletter is underway and there will be two great articles. Eddie Abeita describes development of "The Red Books," and Bill Raupfer writes about organizing the Retiree's "Honor Guard." Sam Trujillo welcomed a new member to the Honor Guard, Jim Summers. Louis Trujillo is Chairing the Election committee assisted by Ed Abeita and Morris Guterrez. Up for re-elections are the Vice President, Treasurer and Historian. Contact Louie @ 604-7732 to make a nomination. The April monthly meeting was adjourned @ 7:15 PM

OFFICIAL RULES TWO By: Paul Dickson

IF THERE IS NOT A LAW THERE WILL BE

IF ANYTHING WILL GO WRONG IT WILL

ALMOST ANYTHING IS EASIER TO GET INTO THAN OUT OF

IF YOU USE IT LONG ENOUGH IT WILL BREAK

NEVER EAT AT A PLACE CALLED MOMS'

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS READ THE INSTRUCTIONS

THE LION AND THE CALF WILL LIE DOWN TOGETHER BUT THE CALF WILL NOT GET MUCH SLEEP

EVERYTHING NEEDS A LITTLE OIL NOW AND THEN

TROUBLE STRIKES IN THREES

IGNORANCE IS NO EXCUSE

IF YOU THINK EDUCATION IS EXPENSIVE TRY IGNORANCE

AN OLD CAR WILL SERVE YOU WELL UNTIL YOU PUT NEW TIRES ON IT

AN UGLY CARPET WILL LAST FOR EVER

WHEN IN DOUBT, MUMBLE

RUNNING A PROJECT IS LIKE MATING ELEPHANTS, LOTS OF NOISE, LOUD TRUMPETING, AND 2 YEARS TO END

A SMITH AND WESSON BEATS FOUR ACES

WHEN I FINALLY FIGURE OUT WHERE IT IS SOMEBODY MOVES IT

THERE IS NO FREE LUNCH

TO ERR IS HUMAN, TO REALLY FOUL THINGS UP YOU NEED A COMPUTER

MIS-QUOTE- THE LOCAL PAPER REPORTED THAT A WOMAN WAS "SEX" WEEKS PREGNANT

SPEAK SOFTLY AND OWN A BIG, MEAN, DOBERMAN

THE CIGERATTE SMOKE ALWAYS DRIFTS IN THE DIRECTION OF THE NON-SMOKER

NOTHING IS EVER SO GOOD AS IT SEEMS BEFORE HAND

WHEN YOU GET TO THE LINE SOME ONE ELSE ALWAYS ARRIVES 2 SECONDS AHEAD OF YOU

DO NOT ASK A BARBER IF YOU NEED A HAIRCUT

IF IN THE COURSE OF THREE MONTHS, THREE IMPORTANT EVENTS WILL OCCUR ON THE SAME DAY

YOU CANNOT HIT THE JACKPOT IF YOU DO NOT PUT A FEW COINS INTO THE SLOT MACHINE

YOU WILL GET THE MOST OF WHAT YOU NEED THE LEAST

GO TO THE GARAGE WITH A RATTLE IN YOUR CAR, IT DISAPPEARS UPON INSPECTION

IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO STAY IN WITH THE OUTS

EVERY ONE LIKES TO BE INDEPENDENT, BUT YOU ARE SMART TO PLEASE THE BOSS

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR, YOU MIGHT GET IT

THE PHONE WILL NOT RING UNTIL YOU LEAVE

IT IS A BAD SIGN WHEN THE DOCTOR IN THE OPERATING ROOM SAYS, "OOPS"

Celebrating the AFDRA Community By Kerry Horton

Very few occupations have the camaraderie like the Fire Service, and to my knowledge, very few departments have it as well as the Albuquerque Fire Department Retirees' Association. I am no longer surprised by the turnout that we get when the call goes out to help one of our own. When I received the call that Paul J. Gonzales and his family needed help getting Paul to his cancer treatments during the month of March, it took only three days to fill the calendar.

As soon as the word got out that one of our own needed help, all of you stepped up. Since many active duty members worked with Paul prior to his retirement, I reached out to Local 244 President Justin Cheney to get the word out to the active duty members. I soon had more volunteers to help drive Paul to his appointments than we needed, so we were able to make a stand-by list. We even got volunteers that had never met Paul before, and several BCFD members contacted me when they heard about Paul's needs. Paul's wife Sophie gave a lot of praise for helping out the family when they really needed it, but I'm here to give praise to those that really deserve it, and that is all of you that took time out of your schedules to help a Brother in need.

When Morris Gutierrez heard about Paul's situation, he drove down to Paul's house for a visit. While he was there, Morris realized that due to Paul's health condition, their house had gotten to a point that it needed some attention. Morris contacted me about the Gonzales family's needs, and he started to get things organized. You may not know this, but this is something that Morris has done numerous times over the last seventeen years. Between Morris' big heart, and the many projects that our AFDRA members have done with Random Acts, I'm pretty sure that we have assisted dozens of members at a critical stage in their lives.

Morris became aware that the Gonzales family needed a ramp leading from the front porch out to the driveway, gravel to improve the driveway, and to make a round-about to assist Paul in reaching the car, and the property just needed some TLC by way of painting and cleaning. As you may or may not know, Morris knows everybody in the City of Albuquerque, and beyond. With his many friends and contacts, he soon lined up **Roadrunner Cement** to donate the cement, and **Geomy Pohl Concrete Services** to donate labor for the ramp. **Vulcan Materials** donated the gravel, and **Wayne Lucero**, no, not our Wayne Lucero, the one from **Professional Painting**, donated the paint and labor for the house trim and fence line. David Roybal from **Roybal Tractor** donated 10 yards of fill dirt, and many individuals donated cash. We greatly appreciate these companies helping out the Gonzales family, so if you need any of these services, please consider patronizing their business.

We put the word out that we needed help with these projects, and on Saturday, April 24th, the troops showed up. Mike Ortega and Jerry Lujan drove their tractors to Paul's house to help spread and level the gravel, and dozens and dozens of retirees and active duty members, and L-13, showed up and got to work. We had people painting, landscaping, shoveling and raking, hoeing and loading trash in trailers, and more tasks than I can remember. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Sophie and Trish, (Simon Baca's wife), and the others that put on a delicious lunch for everybody.

It was a wonderful day, and though there was some hard work done, the camaraderie made the day go by too fast. We all wish Paul a speedy recovery, and some of the recent check-ups have been encouraging.

On behalf of the Gonzales family, thank you to everyone that lent a hand to make Paul and Sophie's life a little more pleasant.



Some of the hard workers at Paul Gonzales' house. All of our thoughts and prayers are with you Paul and Sophie.

Long nights, longer days and the need to always be ready at a moment's notice.



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FIRE CHIEF PAUL DOW RETIRES

On April 14, 2021 AFR Fire Chief Paul Dow announced His retirement after serving 21 years with AFR. He is 44, And joined the Albuquerque Fire Department on August 7, 2000 and was a member of the 61 st fire cadet class. He had served three years with the Rio Rancho, New Mexico Fire Department prior to joining AFD. All Total he served 24 years with the fire service. He is An Albuquerque native and a graduate of Cibola High School. During his career he has written several articles published in Fire Engineering magazine and was the editor for the textbook, "Fire Service Pump Operator Principles and Practices" For several years he has been An instructor the Central New Mexico Community College Fire Science program. He was appointed to Fire Chief on January, 2018 by Mayor Tim Keller. Mayor Keller had lots Of praise for Chief Dow who has led AFR for the past 3 years.



Chief Paul Dow

Interim Chief Gene Gallegos

Three times during his career he has been recognized as Firefighter of the year by two different fire departments, Rio Rancho fire department and Albuquerque Fire Rescue. He has a bachelor's degree in Fire Administration and is a Graduate of the Fire/Rescue Executive Leadership program

At Waldorf University. His retirement date is effective April 23, 2021. The department has a budget of \$100 million, 729 firefighters, and 22 fire stations through out the city.

Paul has is married to his wife Stephanie and has two sons and a daughter. He has served the Albuquerque community honorably and is well respected by the City firefighters as well as fire service members throughout the State of New Mexico. Kerry Horton, President of the AFD Retiree's Association had lots of positive comments for Chief Dow. Kerry said, "Chief Dow was a model Fire Chief, and he has been a true friend to members of the AFD retiree's association. Most of all he has taken a great interest in assisting us in updating the fire museum which is one of our key projects." Chief Dow will be moving with his family to the Dallas, Texas area.

Gene Gallegos Appointed Interim Fire Chief – Due to the retirement of Fire Chief Paul Dow Mayor Tim Keller has appointed Deputy Chief Gene Gallegos to serve as interim Fire Chief. Mayor Keller said, "we are grateful that Gene Gallegos has stepped up time and time again during the pandemic, and he will provide a smooth transition by taking on the role of Interim Fire Chief." Chief Gallegos has served with the department for 21 years. Gene was hired on August 7, 2000 and was a member of the 61st fire cadet class. He has served as Fire Marshal for the past three years. During his career he has served as a paramedic, dispatcher, and cadet instructor. For five years he was assigned to the fire academy as an Instructor, Captain, and Commander as well.

"I am humbled and honored for the opportunity to serve as "Acting Fire Chief, for Albuquerque Fire Rescue," Said Deputy Chief Gallegos. He earned an Associate's Degree in Emergency Management from Eastern New Mexico University and Holds a Bachelor's Degree in Fire Administration with Columbia Southern University. Gene Gallegos comes highly recommended by Chief Dow .

FROM AFD ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED DECEMBER 1, 1982

Fire Chief Leonard C. Ortega

THE ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department operates out of the Fire Administration Building, the Fire Academy, the Arson Building and 17 Fire Stations located throughout the city.

The department operates with a Fire Administration. This includes a Fire Prevention Bureau, Fire Marshal's Office, a Communication Division, an Arson Division, a Training Division, a Paramedic Division, a Vehicle Maintenance Division and a Supply Logistics Division in addition to the Fire Suppression Division.

The Fire Administration located at 131 Adams N.E. consists of the Fire Chief, two Deputy Fire Chiefs, one Administrative Secretary, a Management Analyst, an Accountant, an Accountant Aide (Payroll) and a Clerk Typist.

The Fire Marshal's Office is staffed by a Fire Marshal, a Deputy Fire Marshal, an Assistant Fire Marshal, eleven Fire Inspectors and one Secretary. This division includes a Plans Checking Section headed by a Lieutenant with three Fire Inspectors. The Fire Marshal's Office administers and enforces City Ordinance 50-1975 (City Fire Code); also part of the Fire Marshal's Office is the Planning and Research Division which is staffed by a Planner and a Data Entry Operator. This Division does all research and planning for the Fire Department.

The Communications Division is staffed by a Superintendent of Alarms, nine Uniform Fire Alarm Operators and three Civilian Alarm Operators. All alarms are received in the Fire Alarm Office located at 724 Silver Ave. S.W. and transmitted to the responding units.

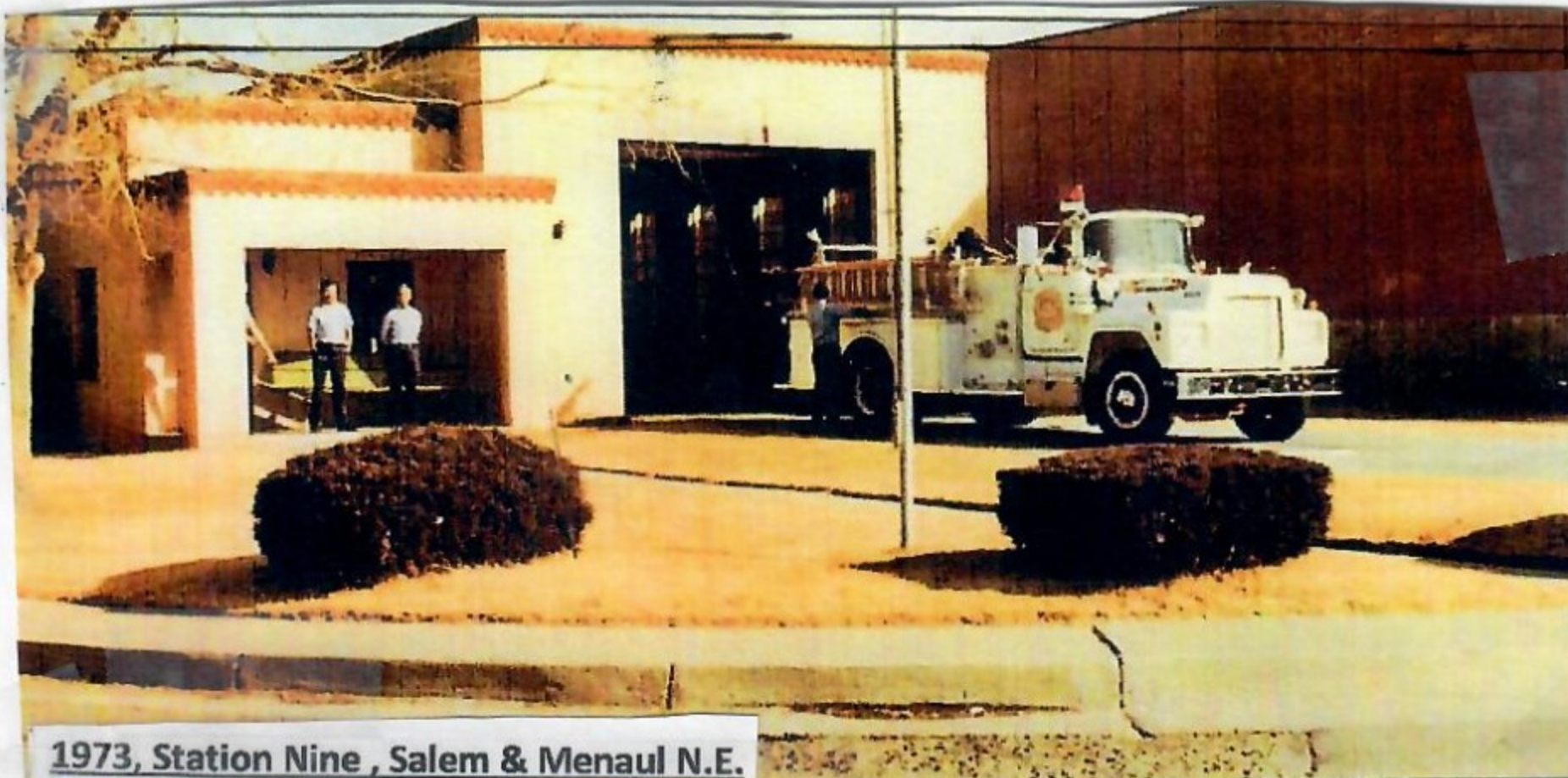
The Arson Division is staffed by one Captain/Director, one Lieutenant/Assistant Director, three Fire Investigators, two Police Investigators, one Lab Chemist and one Secretary. The office is located at 900 Alcalde Pl. S.W. The Investigators work a three platoon system (three 10 hour days, 14 hour nights and three day's off). They respond to all suspicious fires, fatalities, injuries and major fires.

The Training Division operates the Fire Academy located at the west end of the Rio Grande Park (1510 Kit Carson S.W.). Facilities include a seven story drill tower, classrooms, pumper test pit and operation for pit fires. This Division conducts in-service training, compiles study programs for use by the company officers for daily training in the stations and conducts recruit training for new personnel. All recruits are required to complete 18 weeks of recruit schooling before being assigned to active duty with the Department. This Division is staffed by a Chief Officer, a Lieutenant, a Driver and one Secretary.

The Fire Suppression Division operates with seventeen engine companies, five ladder companies, eight rescue squads and three H.E.A.T. teams. Companies are manned 24 hours per day. The City is divided into three Fire Suppression Districts and each is supervised by a Chief Officer on each of the three shifts. The firefighters work 56 hours per week on a three platoon system (three 10 hour days, three 14 hour nights and three days off). The Fire Suppression Division answers an average of 14 fire alarms and 41 rescue calls each 24 hours.

The Paramedic Division is staffed by a Paramedic Director/Assistant Chief, one Paramedic Instructor/Lieutenant, 24 Lieutenants and 24 firefighters. All Paramedics are required to complete 480 hours of classroom instruction and 240 hours of internship to become certified E.M.T. Paramedics. This training is in addition to the 81 hours of advanced First-Aid required of all Firefighters. The eight rescue squads are located throughout the city.

The Vehicle Maintenance Division is staffed by a Captain and four civilian Mechanic helpers. This Division performs all the maintenance for all vehicles in the Fire Department. Their shop is located at 1801 4th Street N.W. The Supply Logistics Division is operated by a Lieutenant. This division handles all supplies for the Fire Department.



UPDATE, ALBERT LAVIGNE, AFD RETIRED FIREFIGHTER

Recently we were contacted by fellow AFD retired firefighter Albert Lavigne Age 82, who now lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After the death of his Wife he moved to Philadelphia to be near his daughter. He enjoys receiving The newsletters. He always looked forward to the annual picnics and misses the old gang. He said to tell all his fire department friends hello. Al served twenty four years with the department and retired during August, 1992.



Albert Lavigne

The Making of the Honor Guard

By Bill Raupfer (El Roofer)

One of the first things we worked on for the association formed in the year 2000, was to set into place the by-laws, the officers and their duties, and to establish a protocol for contacting the members for meetings and most important, to notify them of a firefighter death. Many times the members would hear of someone passing away weeks after the funeral. This was sometimes very sad to hear because they might have worked, or were good friends with that person and had lost contact with them. As the association became more established, this became a top priority to put something in place. A phone tree was formed to notify the members of a retired Firefighters death. Most of the members were happy to get this service along with the chance to talk to other retirees. Over the next few months we had our phone tree in place and the funerals were attended by more and more retired firefighters. At one of the funerals, after the service was over a few of the retirees gathered around and started talking, it was brought up that it was a shame that we as a association couldn't do more at the funerals. This thought kept nagging at me for a long time. We already had the Phone Tree set up, it was a good tool for our Association, Sam Trujillo was meeting with the families and helping with the arrangements, and even taking the familys to get all the paperwork completed, no easy job. The association even sent flowers to the families, but with 5 funerals in one month, that had to be changed. The association operated on donations, We elected to send condolence cards instead. Upon notification that a AFD Retiree had passed away, one of the officers of the Retirees association will make contact with the family of the deceased retiree and offer condolence as well as providing support to the family. The retirees association will offer to attend the funeral homes meeting with the family as needed. The family will be asked as to their wishes regarding a Firefighters funeral. They will be offered the use of the Last Alarm Funeral Truck, and AFD Retirees Honor Guard For services in Albuquerque. (formed in 2005) A Funeral truck that was donated from the Fire Department to the association that Ralph Sedillo and Pablo Garcia refurbished for our needs, and a Bell off an old wrecked pumper that was donated by the Murphy family. So what else could we the association do? In 2005 I was talking with Sam Trujillo about helping out more at the funerals, Sam said, try to get some guys that might be interested in helping and put something together, we'll go from there. I started talking to the members and got a great response to the idea, but only a few people could participate, most had jobs or were retired Grandparents Babysitting. Four people volunteered to help out. Marx Deer, John Serino, Tom Romero, and myself. Later on Michael Murphy joined our group. At first our uniform was just a polo shirt with the retired logo emblem on it and a black armband with the emblem. More and more members started to wear the shirt and armband to the funeral, our group had to make a few changes to our uniform. We changed to Black Dress Pants, the Polo Shirt with Arm

Band and a Garrison Style Baseball Cap, and black shoes. We started Ringing the Bell at grave site in 2007, and were asked to participate in the Blue Mass for fallen Police and Firefighters. The Fire Department asked us to Participate in their 9/11 ceremonies also.

While attending these ceremonies I noticed one thing that we as an Honor Guard needed to change, our uniforms. I went down to TLC Uniforms and started looking at uniforms. Each time I went, I found different ideas of what we could use. I wanted us to look like we belonged in the Fire Department but Let people know that we were retired. I wanted to look like the AFD Color Guard, but stand out from them. As I was learning, not an easy job. By the time I was through the cost of one Full Dress Uniform was over \$1200 dollars This was out of our pocket. I took all this information back to the Honor Guard to talk over, all of us agreed that this is what we needed to do. To make a commitment and get the uniform. On January 13, 2012 I went to TLC Uniforms and placed my order for a Full Dress Fire Department Uniform, The changes were no rank with silver buttons and pipeman hat badge, silver name tags, silver Honor Guard wreath, and silver Flag pin, the dress Coat with a Silver Arm Braid, and Silver Fire Department Badge. This made us look like we belonged to the Fire department but with the Retirees Patch on the right shoulder and Honor Guard Patch on the left , and with Silver badges and pins we stood out as being Retired Firefighters, we had no rank badges either. The AFD Color Guard uses Red Striping down their legs and Gold And Silver Badges to mark rank. With red Arm Braid. I took all the information to the association and they came up with going to the funeral homes and asking for a donation from each, they were happy to give to our cause Enough donation for all of our uniforms at the time. We have added a protocol for what the Honor Guard does. Initiated formal procedures for standing vigil at funeral viewings, folding the Flag and presenting the Flag at grave site when no military detail is present. Standing in for Pallbearers, and Helping out when needed with the AFD Color Guard, The loading and unloading of the Casket or urn into the Last Alarm Truck, and Standing Guard over the Body of Active Duty Firefighter. These are a few of our duties we as a Honor Guard perform. Today I am no longer in charge of the Honor Guard due to age, but I still am proud that I was given the chance to make the Honor Guard what it stands for today. Each time I struck the Four Fives and brought a tear to a family members eye, I knew I did my Job, that is what the Honor Guard is about, Respect and Honor to the Family and Deceased Firefighter. What More can one do?



AFD Retiree's Honor Guard, "Ringing The Four-Fives." (7-9-2013)

Death Pete R. Tartaglia – We regret to announce the death of our friend and fellow retired Firefighter Lieutenant Peter R. Tartaglia, age 85 who passed away on April 23, 2021. He was A United States Army veteran and joined the Albuquerque Fire Department on February 21, 1957. After serving 27 years of faithful and dedicated service to his community and to the fire Service he retired on October 1, 1985. He was promoted to driver in April 1960, and a few Years later he was promoted to Lieutenant on April 1984. During his early years he worked at The old station three at Bryn Mawr and Central NE as the ladder truck driver. Later in the spring Of 1964 he helped to open the new station thirteen adjacent to Winrock Center. He drove the Ladder trucks, pumpers, and rescue trucks, mostly on the east side during his first few years Service. Later he was assigned as a fire alarm operator for five years. The last few years of his Career he was assigned as a Lieutenant on the west side of town until his retirement in 1985. On behalf of the members of the AFD Retiree's Association we offer our most sincere condolence: To the Tartaglia family.



Pete R. Tartaglia

Minutes May 1 st Monthly Meeting – On May 12, 2021, the 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 at 7:05 PM by President Kerry Horton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Horton. After the opening prayer by Tom Romero a moment of silence was observed in memory of our deceased members. Kerry Horton extended condolences to the Peter Tartaglia family. Executive Board members attending were: President Kerry Horton, Vice President Mike Murphy, Secretary Fred Casias, Treasurer, Mike Fox, Historian Herman Bishop and President Emeritus, Sam Trujillo.

Fred Casias, Secretary, read the minutes from the April monthly meeting. A motion to accept was made by Ed Abeita, and was seconded by Eulogio Lucero. The motion passed. Mike Fox, gave the Treasurer's report and currently we are financially in the black. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bill Raupfer and was seconded by John Barnum. The motion passed. Money is set aside for the purchase of Honor Guard Uniforms and the retiree picnic on August 21 st.

Our guests were Miguel Titman and Miah Theodora of AFR Behavioral Health Division. They are available to assist retired firefighters with life's personal needs. Ahren Griego introduced City Council President Cynthia Borrego who is running for City Council, District # 5. She fully supports firefighters and would appreciate your vote. Hena Torres with the Rio Grande Credit Union addressed members and reviewed their services. They are financially assisting retirees in purchasing honor guard uniforms and are supporting our retiree's annual picnic in August this year

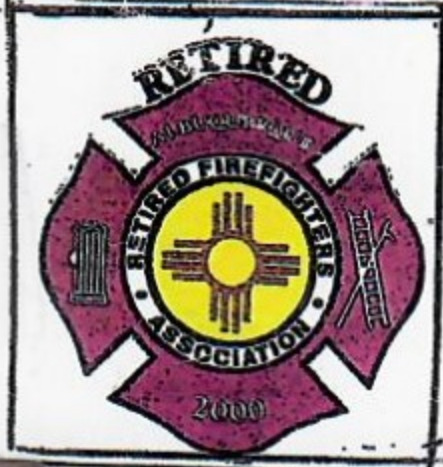
President's Report by Kerry Horton – Kerry congratulated Chief Dow and Deputy Chief Adam Eakes on their recent retirement. Deputy Chief Mowery will be assisting us in printing the quarterly newsletter. Kerry thanked Chief Dow and his staff for their assistance in upgrading the fire museum exhibits. Kerry reported that Louis Trujillo Chairman of the election committee has selected candidates for the following positions. Vice President, Mike Murphy and Pablo Garcia Jr., Secretary, Mike Fox and Historian, Herman Bishop. The election will be held at the June monthly meeting. The retiree annual picnic will be held on Saturday August 21 st 11:00 AM, Rotary Park, Bernalillo, NM. A motion was made by Louis Trujillo to give Sam Trujillo a debit card to purchase necessary items for the association. A second was made by Fred Casias. Motion passed.

Historian's Report by Herman Bishop – We continue achieving good things within our retiree's association. We are happy that the ban on large crowds has been lifted and we can once more continue our monthly meetings. It was encouraging that we had good attendance at our brother firefighter's funeral, Lieutenant Pete Tartaglia. Our quarterly newsletters continue to be successful. Just when we think we have run out of stories, more good ones show up. June's newsletter has three great articles submitted by our members. "The Red Books, by Ed Abeita, "Helping a Brother Firefighter In Need, Paul Gonzales," by Kerry Horton, and "History of The Honor Guard," by Bill Raupfer. During June, 2020 we celebrated our 20th anniversary and 20 years of publishing the newsletter, The fire museum has been developed during this era and is growing. The latest photo display put together by Kerry Horton and Herman Bishop is "Albuquerque's Fire Chiefs from 1882 to 2021." Members are invited to go visit the museum during the next few weeks.

The May raffle conducted by Ralph Sedillo and Eddie Abeita was won by Tom Romero, Eulogio Lucero, Fred Teupell, Noel Baca, and Mike Murphy.

Tom Romero led the closing prayer. The May Monthly meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
BY KERRY HORTON**

Hello everyone, I sincerely hope that you are all doing well and staying healthy. Since our last newsletter, there has been some positive changes that I want to talk about. The best change is that we are back to in-person meetings. Our April meeting was held outdoors, on the east side of the Union Hall. The wind got a little crazy at times, but a small price to pay to see everyone again. The best part of the meeting was when Paul J Gonzales showed up to thank everyone that had lent a hand in helping his family during their hard times lately. With the new CDC, DOH, and NM Governor Covid-19 recommendations, mask-free outdoor gatherings are safe, within reason of course, and masked indoor meetings are permissible. This is encouraging, as we have a lot of AFDRA business to get to in the next few months.

Our 2021 elections are in June, with the Vice President, Treasurer, and Historian positions up for election this year. We are also hopeful that a 2021 summer picnic will happen in August, and if so, we need to get the picnic committee busy planning it.

We have also entered into partnership with the Rio Grande Credit Union to provide a yearly donation to AFDRA for the purpose of supporting our Honor Guard. These funds are very much appreciated, as the Honor Guard is our most important and visible part of the AFDRA, and consequently, our biggest yearly expense. On our end, you will notice advertising for Rio Grande Credit Union appearing in our newsletter. The Executive Board has agreed that since we have had a positive relationship with RGCU since the inception of the AFDRA, this is a beneficial next step in that relationship.



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