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THE FIREFIGHTER'S CREED

In the fire academy during the early stages of training a firefighter is taught loyalty, Honor, integrity, honesty, duty, respect, selfless service and personal courage. One is taught the importance and value of teamwork, and to feel proud of being part of A cohesive team. A firefighter is taught to obey authority, to be strong in mind, body, And soul. At the same time one is taught to serve for the good and welfare of all. A Firefighter wears the uniform with pride, honor, dignity and respect.

"That's why I am proud to be a Firefighter."



Death Joe Candelaria – It is with great sadness that we report the death of fellow retiree Joe Candelaria age 92, who passed away on May 15, 2021. He joined the fire department on May 16, 1953. After spending over 20 years of faithful and dedicated service with the department he retired on August 25, 1975. Joe was the father-in-law of AFD retiree Henry Velasquez. His grandson Joey Velasquez is also a retired Albuquerque firefighter. Joe worked most of his career at the stations on the west side. He loved the job as a firefighter and was well liked by all his fellow firefighters. Because of his length of service he was a good mentor to the new firefighters who joined the department each year. He was always willing to train the new rookies and could be counted on at major fires. He was a long time member of the AFD Retiree's Association, over 20 years. Our sincere condolences are extended to the entire Candelaria family. We have fond memories of Joe and he will be missed by his fellow retirees.



Joe Candelaria

Minutes, June 1, 2021 On June 9, 2021 the 250th monthly meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was held at the firefighter's union hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith NE. President Kerry Horton called the meeting to order @ 7:04 PM. Kerry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Morris Guterrez led the opening prayer. He offered condolences to the family of our recently deceased retiree Joe Candelaria. **Roll Call:** President Kerry Horton, Vice President Mike Murphy, Secretary, Fred Casias, Treasurer, Mike Fox and Historian Herman Bishop. President Emeritus Sam Trujillo was absent . President Kerry Horton conducted the election of officers for two year terms. Results were as follows: Vice President Pablo Garcia Jr, Treasurer, Mike Fox, and Historian Herman Bishop. The Officers will be sworn in at the July 14, 2021 monthly meeting.

President Kerry Horton is working with representatives of AFR staff and staff of AFR firefighter's Union, Local 244 to develop a counselling assistance program for active duty firefighters and retired firefighters who have medical, mental, or chemical dependency difficulties in their lives. More on this in the future as details are completed.

Fred Casias read the minutes from the May, 2021 monthly meeting. A motion to accept was made by Bill Raupfer and was seconded by Robbie Sanchez. The motion passed. Mike Fox gave the Treasurer's report. Currently we are up to date on routine financial obligations. Our big expense coming up is food, drinks, and supplies for the annual retiree's picnic to be held on August 21, 2021. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Eugene Baldonado and was seconded by Joe Martinez. The motion passed.

The Historian' report was given by Herman Bishop. Kerry, Sam, and Herman, recently updated our retiree mailing list (Addresses, Telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses). It is a constant challenge to keep this information updated. People constantly move and do not provide new information. Please help us by remembering to notify us of new addresses, telephone numbers and new e-mails. You will notice new faces on our Honor Guard. Herman thanked the following Honor Guard members who served our association during the past 20 years, Bill Raupfer, John Serino, Noel Baca, and Joe Martinez. Current members of the Honor Guard are: Mike Murphy, Tommy Romero, Donnie Sanchez, Eulogio Lucero, Emiliano Chavez, **Joe Tenorio and Jim Summers**. We still have books for sale, "Legends and Lore of the Fire Service," \$12.00, and "Nick Names, Recipes and Crossword Puzzles," For a copy of the books contact Herman Bishop (505) 294-7165 or Morris Guterrez (505) 881-7833.

Our picnic planning committee is under way to conduct the "Retired Firefighter's," annual picnic. It will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Rotary Park, downtown, Bernalillo New Mexico at 11:00 AM. Morris Guterrez along with Ed Abeita is co-chairing the committee. They will be assisted by Phil Candelaria, Ed Chavez, and Simon Baca. Now that Covid -19 restrictions have been lifted for public gatherings we are expecting good **Attendance this year.** The closing prayer was given by Chris Garcia. The May meeting adjourned @ 8:50 PM.



PHOTO BY: EULOGIO LUCERO

AFD RETIREE HONOR GUARD, MAY 28, 2021

L-R, Emiliano Chavez, Eulogio Lucero, Donnie Sanchez, Jim Summers, Joe Tenorio

HONOR GUARD TORCH HAS BEEN PASSED

The torch has been passed by the AFD Retiree's Association Honor Guard. Shortly after the AFD Retiree's Association was formed in June, 2000 we elected officers, established By-Laws, set meeting dates, prepared call rosters, began publishing a quarterly newsletter established a summer picnic, and started an annual Christmas party. As activities within our association began to unfold we began honoring our deceased retirees by conducting ceremonies at firefighter funerals. Within the first year Bill Raupfer working with Sam Trujillo, Paul Garcia and other retiree officers realized the need for procedures to honor our deceased members. That included a formal ceremony at funerals, reading a firefighter proclamation honoring the firefighter's service, giving a eulogy, forming an honor guard, building a funeral truck, and procuring a fire bell to conduct a bell ringing ceremony (striking the four-five's). After serving on the honor guard for 20 years, some of our original members, Bill Raupfer, John Serino, and Noel Baca, have stepped down, or slowed down. We are honored to welcome the current honor guard members who are currently active. They are: Eulogio Lucero, Joe Martinez, Mike Murphy, Donnie Sanchez, Tommy Romero, Emiliano Chavez, Joe Tenorio and Jim Summers

HISTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE

(December 1, 2007)

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In the early 1960's the Albuquerque Civil Defense Office was headed by Mr. Roth. At that time the office was located at 10th and Park Avenue S.W., adjacent to the Zoo. In the mid- 1960's the Office of Civil Defense moved into the basement of the old Police Building located at 2nd Street and Tijeras N.W. Mr. Roth was succeeded by Colonel McCrakin. Colonel McCrakin retired and George W. Dunham was appointed.

Two Fire Department Officers, Captain Alfonso Lujan and Captain Ernie Gutierrez, were trained as Radiological Training Instructors during the mid-1960's. They were trained and certified by the Civil Defense Office to train all Albuquerque Firefighters in radiological monitoring skills. Radiological monitoring kits were placed in all Fire Apparatus. These two Officers served part-time as trainers and as liaison to the local Civil Defense Office.

In 1969 the Civil Defense office was re-organized and re-named the Office of Emergency Preparedness. Mr George Dunham was given the title, Coordinator, and reported directly to the City Manager, Mr. Dick Wilson. Mr Wilson was officially designated as Director of the City Civil Defense Office.

In 1969 the Federal Government made 50% matching funds available to State and local Governments to operate and manage Civil Defense Organizations. At this time Mr. Dunham with approval of the City Manager and City Council submitted a proposal to the Federal Government for matching funds to staff and operate the local program. The proposal request was as follows:

- Matching funds of 10% for the City Manager's salary (Civil Defense Director)
- Matching funds of 20% for the Fire Chief's Salary
- Matching funds of 20% for the Police Chief's Salary
- Matching funds of 50% for the Coordinator of Office of Emergency Preparedness salary
- Matching funds of 50% for the salaries of three staff members of the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Additional requests for 50% matching funds were also requested for the salaries of a full-time Fire Captain and a full-time Police Lieutenant. Respectively, the persons selected would serve as liaison to the Office of Emergency Preparedness and would be assigned to work out of the local office with Mr. Dunham. The duties of these officers was to plan, recruit, organize and train a local Fire and Police auxiliary force of people to serve in time of local/national disasters; or Nuclear Attack from a foreign power.

Included in the proposal for Federal matching funds was a request for 50% matching funds to build an Emergency Operations Center in the basement of the new Police Building

which was to be built at 2nd Street and Marquette Avenue N.W. The Federal Government approved the entire plan and the City of Albuquerque received the 50% matching funds as requested.

In August 1969 Captain Herman R. Bishop of the Fire Department and Lieutenant L.D. Barnett of the Police Department were assigned as liaison from their Departments and worked out of the Office of Emergency Preparedness located at 2nd Street and Tijeras Avenue N.W. in the basement of the old Police Building.

By this time the new Police Building was under construction and the federally funded Emergency Operations Center was incorporated into the new building plans. In 1970 the new Police Building opened and the Office of Emergency Preparedness staff moved their offices into the Emergency Operations Center. Captain Bishop and Lieutenant Barnett's offices were located there as well.

Captain Bishop and Lieutenant Barnett along with the OEP Staff, and the staffs of the Fire Chief and Police Chief were part of the team to plan, develop and institute the first Emergency Operations Center. Although many simulated drills were conducted in the new EOC at that time, it was first activated and used for an actual situation during the Albuquerque riots in June 1971. (ref. Albuquerque Journal June, 14, 15, page A-1)

Because of the Emergency Operating Plans developed by the OEP Staff, Fire and Police Department's staff and other City Departments as well as other local, State and Federal Agencies, the Emergency Operations Center functioned well for almost thirty years.

The Fire Department was represented by Captain Bishop for three years while he served as the liaison to the Office of Emergency Preparedness. During this assignment he recruited, trained, and organized an Auxiliary Fire Brigade known as the Albuquerque Fire Reserve Association (Nicknamed "Bishop's Raiders") Their numbers reached over thirty people by 1971. These volunteers were given 130 hours of firefighter training at the Albuquerque fire Academy by Captain Bishop and other staff officers. Once certified they were given ride along assignments with the District Chiefs, at each District Headquarters. This gave them actual hands-on experience in fire and rescue operations allowing them to work side by side with the paid fire force on a regular basis.

In order to get the Auxiliary Fire Force trained and functional Captain Bishop developed a training manual titled "FIRE". This manual was used as the primary text for training members of the volunteer firefighting force. This manual was widely distributed to Fire Departments and Civil Defense Organizations throughout the State of New Mexico as well as to the State Fire Marshal's Office.

This manual received recognition at the State of New Mexico Office of Civil Defense,

Department of Military Affairs. John P. Jolly, Major General, Director, NMARNG, (New Mexico Army National Guard) in cooperation of the Albuquerque OEP sent a copy of the Manual "FIRE" to the Civil Defense Director of each of the 50 United States. Copies were also sent to Civil Defense Directors in Guam, American Samoa, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

This publication received considerable attention from Civil Defense Organizations and Fire Departments nationwide. So many requests came in for copies of the training manual that a nominal fee of \$2.50 was charged to recover printing costs. It was used as a training manual for many Civil Defense and Volunteer Fire Organizations throughout the United States.

Members of the Albuquerque Fire Reserve were on call 24 hours a day and were utilized at numerous 2nd alarm and greater alarm fires over the next few years. Some of the most famous fires they attended and served at were fires at the Winrock Apartments on June 4, 1971 (ref. Albuquerque Journal, June 4, 1971, page, A-1, and Albuquerque Tribune June 4, 1971, page, A-1) and at the Montgomery Apartments on August 22, 1971. (ref. Albuquerque Journal August 22, 1971, page, A-2.). They were always present at the major fires on the Rio Grande riverbed which occurred frequently in those years.

For many years the local Civil Defense Organization had an agreement with the New Mexico State Fair to have a fallout shelter display at 3rd Street and Main on the State Fairgrounds (two fallout shelters). In 1972 Mr. Dunham Coordinator of the Albuquerque Office of Emergency Preparedness reached an agreement with the State Fair Administration to build a Fire Department Display hall on that lot.

Coordinating their efforts and resources in 1972, the paid members of the Albuquerque Fire Department and Auxiliary Fire Reserve members along with Mr. Dunham developed a team to build a Fire Exhibit Hall on the Fairgrounds.

Leaders of the project chaired by Captain Herman Bishop were Captain Bill Pedigo and Lieutenant Paul Adent, Fire Prevention Bureau. Four members of the Auxiliary Fire Reserve, Association, Bill Tyson, Rolphe M. Kelly, Russell Heinekin and Larry Blackburn were also key members of the project team.

All building materials from the initial concrete pad to the finished outside stucco was donated by local businessmen and merchants. The labor, both skilled craftsmen and volunteers, was donated as well. There was a strong cooperative effort of both the paid and volunteer members of the Albuquerque Fire Department which made the successful completion of this project possible.



RIO GRANDE
- CREDIT UNION -

The exhibit hall officially opened at the New Mexico State Fair in September 1972, featuring Fire Department and Civil Defense displays. For many years this hall served as a meeting place and training center for the Auxiliary Fire Reserve.

The first year the exhibit was open the Fire Department and Office of Emergency Preparedness was presented the Western State Fairs Association "Blue Ribbon Award". This award was acknowledgment and recognition for the best educational exhibit at the 1972 State Fair. Mr. Karl Butt, Chairman of the New Mexico State Fair that year presented the award to Captain Bishop and Lieutenant Paul Adent who accepted the plaque on behalf of the Fire Department and the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

By late 1972 members of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade were quite experienced and they worked out an agreement to provide fire service for the Speedway Park Raceway (stock car races). The raceway was located on south Eubank Boulevard adjacent to Kirtland Air Force Base. The race track administration provided a small fire truck and firefighting equipment for the Fire Brigade.

In August 1972 Captain Bishop was re-assigned to duty back at Fire Station One, downtown, Engine Company One. Captain Bill Pedigo replaced Bishop as the Liason Officer to the Office of Emergency Preparedness. He served one year in that capacity.

During late 1973 due to a Fire Department re-organization the Liason Officer's position was upgraded to District Chief. Captain Pedigo was re-assigned back to the Fire Department and Ernie Gutierrez, District Chief was assigned to the Office of Emergency Preparedness.

Ernie Gutierrez was succeeded by District Chief Rey Salazar who was succeeded by District Chief Alfonso Lujan. They served approximately one year each as the Liason Officer to the Office of Emergency Preparedness

By the late 1970's the 50% Federal matching funds to support the local Civil Defense Organizations were no longer available. Volunteer interest had waned and the local Auxiliary Fire Reserve Association disbanded.

Article written by: Herman R. Bishop, Fire Chief retired December, 2007



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

The Honorable Edmund L. Engel
Albuquerque City Manager
Albuquerque, New Mexico

1957 Annual Report

Dear Mr. Engel:

The primary purpose of the Fire Department is to save life and property; to prevent fires; and also perform any other duties that will assist the citizens of our city. The effective strength of our personnel, training, and morale is a prime necessity to be considered in order to accomplish the best in fire protection and fire prevention.

The City Manager and the City Commission have given us excellent support and cooperation. We have the best equipment that money can buy and we have stations that any department can be proud of.

In order to keep the morale of the men good, I would like to make the following recommendation:

Sometime ago, I received a letter from the department's organization, the Fraternal Order of Firemen, requesting a shorter work week. It is considered by the City Manager's organization that a fireman does not work but a few hours during his tour of duty, but these hours are spent performing hard and more dangerous tasks than any other organization in the city is asked to perform.

At the present time, our men are working an estimated 72 hours per week which is a long week. They are at the department more than they are at their homes with their families. A fireman is subject to calls 24 hours a day.

I would appreciate your giving a five day work week for the firemen your deepest consideration. It will take at least 40 new firemen with an estimated pay scale of \$170,000.00 per year to put this in effect.

1957 Annual Report	
\$828,185 Budget.	179,000 Pop.
	1083 Fires
	693 Rescues
	293 County Calls
	2072 Total Calls
	11 Stations
	14 Engines
	2 Ladder Co.'s
	1 Rescue Co.
	176 Personnel
	72 Hour Work Week

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. WESTERFELD, CHIEF
ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Honorable City Commission
and City Manager
City Hall
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Gentlemen:

I would like to recommend the following:

FIRE STATIONS:

That the branch fire station on Juan Tabo and Central East be reconsidered to comply with the recent request of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and the location be changed to Lomas and San Jacinto Boulevards.*

That an engine company be established in the vicinity of Indian School Road and Louisiana Boulevard as soon as possible.*

That #4 Fire Station now located at Fifth and Mountain Road be discontinued and that it be relocated in the vicinity of Fourth and Bellamah Avenue. This station should be large enough to accommodate two pumpers and an aerial ladder truck.*

That a ladder company provided with a fully equipped aerial ladder truck be established with Engine Company #5.*

That #5 Fire Station be enlarged to accommodate an aerial ladder truck.

If possible this coming year, that the sleeping quarters in #3 Fire Station be extended back another 12 feet to accommodate more manpower.

FIRE TRUCKS:

That the city purchase two 750-gallon pumping engines; one to be located at Indian School Road and Louisiana Boulevard and the other at Lomas and San Jacinto Boulevards.*

That they also purchase two aerial ladder trucks; one to be located in the new #4 Fire Station and the other in #5 Fire Station.*

RESCUE UNIT:

Due to the fact that our Rescue Unit is answering approximately 1200 to 1500 fire calls a year, I would like to recommend that we purchase a new rescue unit fully equipped with more space for the downtown area and move our present unit to District #2.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters have requested considerable more equipment to be purchased for our present unit this year. The small unit is not large enough to carry additional equipment along with the equipment it now carries.*

AUTOMOBILES:

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That the city purchase a pickup truck for the Fire Department to pick up hose, fire department equipment, and parts for the shop. It has been necessary in the past to pay mileage to the mechanic to use his truck which is costing the city at the present time, an estimated \$40.00 per month. A Fire Department pickup would allow us to use the truck at all hours of the day or night as we had need for it.

FIRE HOSE:

Due to the fact that we have repaired and put in service #11 and #3 Pumpers and that we are going to purchase #14 Pumper in the near future, it will be necessary for us to purchase 7,200 feet of 2½" double jacket fire hose. 1,000 feet of fire hose was lost, burned, or destroyed, fighting fires last year.

We will also need 1,200 feet of 1½" double jacket fire hose.

That the city purchase eleven circular air hose drying units for our outlying stations as required by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.*

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM:

I would like to recommend that Lieutenant Lucio Valdez be promoted to Chief Supervisor in charge of all supervision and maintenance of fire alarm.*

That a competent electrician be hired to make all necessary repairs to equipment and that two operators be stationed on duty at all times in the fire alarm headquarters.

That a clerk-typist be hired to take care of all the records which are now handled by the fire alarm headquarters. This will relieve these men of this responsibility. This clerk-typist will be placed in the Chief's secretarial office.

That more filing cabinets be purchased to provide space for records of the department.

That indicating lights be installed on or near all fire alarm boxes in the high-value districts.*

That additional boxes be installed so one will be visible from and be within 500 feet of every building in high-value districts, and be within 800 feet of important groups of buildings elsewhere.*

As soon as possible I would like to place our fire alarm circuits underground.*

That the fire alarm system be changed to a manual system as covered by the standards of the National Board of Fire Underwriters for Municipal Fire Alarm Systems, including necessary headquarters equipment, and two supervised alarm circuits to and proper instruments in all stations.*

That additional box circuits be installed so none will serve an area greater than that which would be served by 40 properly spaced boxes, where an aerial circuit is used, or 60 boxes where the entire circuit is underground.*

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU:

That another automobile and a four-drawer filing cabinet be purchased for this department.

At the present time we are using a Lieutenant in the Fire Prevention Bureau as a secretary. I believe that it would be much cheaper to hire a stenographer for the Fire Prevention Bureau and this will enable the Lieutenant to make emergency inspections during his tour of duty.

TRAINING CENTER:

If finances permit, we would like to have a classroom built on the east end of the training area. We have an estimate from the Service Department that this building can be built by city crews and completely furnished for approximately \$6,000.00.

That a foot bridge be constructed across the ditch behind the training grounds.

MANPOWER:

Due to the recommendations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, we will need to hire an extra 15 persons to fill up the gaps in our present crews.*

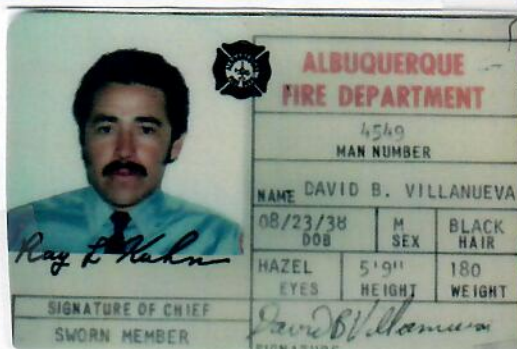
That at least 10 more men be hired to replace the men on vacation, so that we can abide by the National Board of Fire Underwriters' requirements.*

We will need 50 men for the four new trucks at the new stations and 10 men for the floating crew for the days off. Due to the long vacation periods it will be necessary for us to hire an extra 20 men, making a total of 70 men needed.

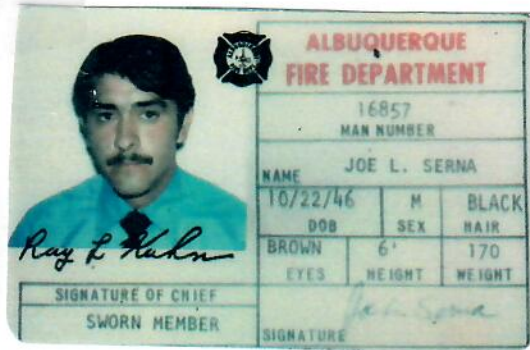
Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Westerfeld
W. A. WESTERFELD, CHIEF
ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dave Villanueva Dies - Sadly we report the death of our fellow retired Firefighter, Captain David Villanueva, age 83, who passed away on Saturday July 17, 2021. He joined AFD on March 19, 1962, and after Spending over 20 years of faithful and dedicated service to the City And to the fire department he retired during March, 1982. When he Joined the department there were 285 firemen and 12 fire stations. Training lasted 8 weeks at the old drill tower at 1510 Kit Carson S. W. The firemen layed miles and miles of fire hose, jumped into the life Net to qualify as a fireman and endure the dreaded smoke room to Build confidence when preparing to face a real fire. There were 17 Trainees in his class and 7 of them made the department their career. He was promoted to driver during 1966. Dave worked at station one for many years as the tillerman on the ladder truck. He was promoted to Lieutenant 1974, and promoted to Captain in 1982. Our most sincere sympathies and condolences are extended to the Villanueva family.



Death Joe L. Serna – We regret to announce the death of our fellow retired firefighter Lieutenant Joe L. Serna, age 74 who passed away on Saturday June 19, 2021. Joe joined the fire department on March 25, 1974 and after spending 20 years of faithful and loyal service to the community and to the department he retired December 24, 1994. He was a member of the 25th fire cadet class. There were 14 cadets in his training class which was held at the old fire academy Located at 1510 Kit Carson SW. Fellow class mates were: David Alarid, Charles Alerete, Gary Corbett, Leroy Archuleta, John Berry, Steve Mock, David Jaramillo, Ronald Maestas, Manuel Morales, Tom Ortega, Jay Staden, Roman Romero, and Harry Seeman. He was promoted to driver on February 11, 1980. On May 3, 1986 he was promoted to Lieutenant. During November 1990 he was transferred to the alarm room where He served several years in the communications division prior to his retirement. Joe was a member of the AFD Retiree’s Association. Our most sincere sympathies and condolences are extended to the Serna family.



Minutes July Monthly Meeting - On July 14, 2021 the 251 st monthly meeting of the AFD Retiree’s Association was held at the firefighters Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith NE. The meeting was called to order by Kerry Horton, President @ 7:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kerry Horton. The opening prayer was led by Morris Guterrez. A moment of silence was held in memory of our deceased retirees. Roll Call: President, Kerry Horton, Vice President, Mike Murphy Secretary, Fred Casias, Treasurer, Mike Fox, Historian, Herman Bishop and President emeritus, Sam Trujillo. Kerry welcomed retiree Ken Lucero who attended his first retiree meeting. Greg Armenta and Clifford Bessom were recognized for attending the meeting as well. President’s Report – Kerry Horton swore the newly elected officers in for two year terms. Vice President, Pablo Garcia Jr. Treasurer, Mike Fox and Historian, Herman Bishop. Kerry asked retirees to assist in cleaning our tables, chairs, and cooking grills on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, @ 8:00 AM at the firefighter’s union hall, local 244, 4100 Edith NE. Please come.

Secretary, Fred Casias read the minutes from the June meeting. A motion to accept was made by Louie Trujillo and was seconded by Mike Murphy The motion carried. The Treasurer’s report was given by Mike Fox. We are reserving funding for our annual picnic on August 21, 2021. Great door prizes are planned as well. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Sam Trujillo and was seconded by Leroy Barboa The motion passed.

Historian’s Report – Herman gave the historian’s report. He recognized members of the AFD Retiree’s Honor Guard and thanked them for their service. He gave a summary of the re-naming ceremonies for fire station seven conducted on July 12th at 57th Street and Central Avenue NW. Station seven was re-named the Ken Sanchez fire station in honor of deceased City Councilor Ken Sanchez who was an avid supporter of the Fire Department and a good friend to the firefighters. See full story page 15 in this newsletter.

Morris Guterrez gave a report about our annual retired firefighter’s picnic which will be held on August 21, 2021, 11:00 AM in downtown Bernalillo, NM at Rotary park. Retired firefighters and their families are invited. As of now all systems are go. Raffle winners: Sam Trujillo, Cindy Raupfer & Ogee Lucero. A delayed memorial service was held on July 15, at Calvary Cemetery for retiree Manuel Aragon who Passed away, February, 2020. Sam Trujillo conducted the services, Kerry Horton read the Firefighter’s proclamation, Herman Bishop gave the eulogy, Jim Summers presented the “Ringing of The Four-Fives, ceremony, and the Retiree’s Honor Guard led by Ogee Lucero paid tribute to our fallen firefighter brother. Ralph Sedillo & Eddie Morales were appointed to the honor guard. Donny Sanchez is named to the AFDRA Audit Committee.

Kerry heads a committee to develop a members mental health assistance program, more on this program later.

The closing prayer was led by Morris Guterrez. The meeting adjourned @ 8:50 PM

By Kerry Horton

Before AFR Fire Chief Paul Dow retired, he kicked off several historical art projects within the fire department, and he recruited the assistance of AFDRA. The projects included portraits of every Fire Chief the department has ever had dating back to the late 1800's; a collage type mural celebrating the AFR Training division; the gathering and printing of historical station photos to be placed in the stations; the refurbishing of the historical photos hanging in the museum; and a timeline of AFR from the beginning as a paid department in 1900 until 2020.

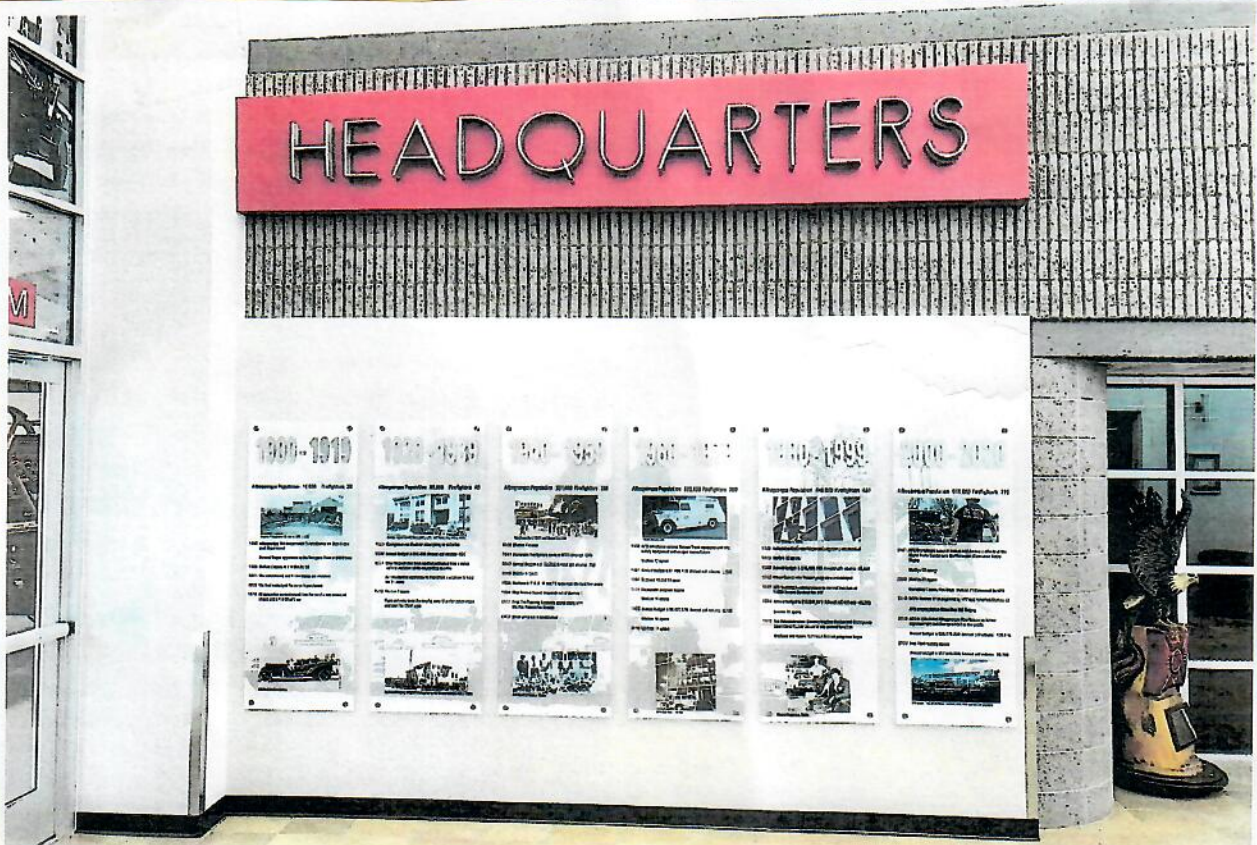
Three of the five projects are completed, with work continuing on the other two. Herman Bishop and I, along with active-duty members Shawn Baxman, David Rettinger, and the AFR Administrative staff met many times - discussing, reviewing, and researching photos and department records to complete the projects. I want to give a big round of applause to our AFDRA Historian Herman Bishop, who without his years of finding and saving Albuquerque Fire Department's history, none of these projects would have come to fruition.

We have covered the Fire Chief portraits and the museum photos in previous articles, but I am still amazed that we were able to find portraits of all the Fire Chiefs dating back to the 1800's, with the exception of three Chiefs. The three missing Chiefs are all prior to 1920, but we are still looking for their photos. If any of you have a lead on photos of Chief Hubbs, Chief Nash, or Chief J.W. Burnette, please reach out to Herman or me. Who knows, maybe one of them is your Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather.

Of the two projects that we are still working on, the training mural is closest to being completed. This will be a collage of acrylic panels depicting historical to modern training photos, bookended by large panels of the 1930's training tower on one side, and the current tower on the other. We can all relate to the significance of those towers in our cadet days. The 1930's tower was originally built behind the original City Hall, and relocated to the old academy property near Kit Carson Park in the 1950's. Today, it is undignifiedly used as a cell phone tower. The historical station photo project is still in progress, with photos of stations 1, 7, and 9 nearing completion. The plan is to find, print, and frame historical photos of all the stations, so that the crews working those houses can take pride in the station's heritage.

The project that took the most work was the timeline project. This mural is now complete and hanging on the wall in the administrative foyer, next to the museum. Many hours of discussion and research went into determining which historical bullet points were relevant and best portrayed the history of our department. There are six acrylic panels, with each panel covering 20 years of department progress starting with AFD's formation as a paid department in 1900. Included in each panel is the city's population, the number of firefighters employed by the city, and the call volumes and department budgets of those eras.

Some of the significant data detailed in the timeline is station openings, the formation of Training, Arson and Fire Marshal divisions, along with the development of the Rescue, Hazmat, Wildland, and Heavy Technical Rescue programs. None of this would have been possible without Herman's documentation of the department's history. While none of us have our names on any of these projects, Herman's fingerprints are on all of them.



AFR Timeline mural at Fire Administration next to the Museum

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KEN SANCHEZ FIRE STATION – On July 12, 2021 Fire Station Seven was re-named after deceased City Councilor Ken Sanchez. Ken was a strong advocate for the City of Albuquerque, and he was especially tuned in to representing the citizens of District One and promoted a better quality of life and worked tirelessly to improve the living conditions for his constituents. Ken grew up in district one and many of his neighbors were Albuquerque firefighters. He said the firefighters were his role models but also they were his personal friends. He served as a Bernalillo County Commissioner from 1996 to 2002. City Councilor Lan Sena was appointed by Mayor Keller to serve out the remaining term as City Councilor After Ken's death. She was the master of ceremonies and was joined by fellow City Councilors, Cynthia Borregio, Klarissa Pena, Don Harris, and Mayor Keller to pay tribute to Councilor Sanchez. Speakers AFR Fire Chief Gallegos, Local IAFF President Justin Cheney, Kerry Horton, President, AFD Retiree's Assoc. AFR Captain Gregg Aragon, Jaclyn Sanchez welcomed everyone. She thanked attendees for the honors and tributes given in memory of her father, Councilor Ken Sanchez.



KEN SANCHEZ

Minutes August 2021- On August 11, 2021 the 252 nd meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was held at the firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, at 4100 Edith NE. At 7:04 PM President Kerry Horton called the meeting to order and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Morris Gutierrez led the opening prayer and a moment of silence was held in honor of our deceased members. **Roll Call** – President Kerry Horton, Vice President Pablo Garcia Jr. Secretary Fred Casias, Treasurer, Mike Fox, Historian, Herman Bishop, and President Emeritus, Sam Trujillo. Kerry recognized retirees we have not seen for a while, Steve Ortiz, Tim Payne, and Ramon Maldonado. Our special guest was Pat McCarthy our brother firefighter retired from Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

As this year is the 20 th anniversary of 911, AFDRA has been asked to ring the Four Fives at two memorial ceremonies. On Saturday September 11, 2021 we will ring the Four Fives at the Rio Rancho Veteran's park and again at Albuquerque Civic Plaza at 1:00 PM for the City of Albuquerque's ceremony. Please join us. AFR has asked us to join them for a promotional ceremony on Friday August 20, 2021 @ 2:00 PM, at the Sid Cutter building at Balloon Fiesta Park. Mike Fox read the minutes from the July meeting for Fred Casias, Secretary, who had lost his glasses. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Bill Raupfer and was seconded by Ogee Lucero. The motion passed. Mike Fox gave the Treasurer's report. July's expenses were reviewed and our assets remain strong, however we are still accepting donations. As always our books are always open to members for review. The annual audit committee report headed by Donnie Sanchez was submitted. All financial transactions were found to be in order and up to date. Donnie commended Mike Fox for the fine job he does as our Treasurer. A motion to accept was made by Louis Trujillo and was seconded by Jimmy Candelaria. The motion passed.

Historian's Report – Herman reviewed some highlights of articles which will appear in our September quarterly newsletter. A copy of the AFD 1957 annual report is included along with a history of AFD Civil Defense program. A brief summary was given of progress made at our fire museum. Kerry Horton has upgraded our photo display and they have been re-formatted with new frames. Kerry also worked with AFR staff to display photos of all AFR fire chiefs from 1882 volunteers to present day. The new project, AFR time line with photos and AFR historical highlights are displayed in 20 year increments from 1900 to 2020. Mike Fox and Joe Martinez plan to have the new display cabinets ready by September/October, 2021.

Morris reported that our annual retiree's picnic is ready to go on August 21, 2021, 11: AM, Rotary Park, Bernalillo, NM. Due to the Covid issue our Memorial Flag Pole Ceremonies has been postponed until further notice. Raffle winners: Morris Guterrez, Louis Trujillo, Cindy Raupfer. Morris Guterrez led the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned 8:45.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
BY KERRY HORTON

Hello everyone, it's already September and our annual picnic was about two weeks ago. I write this in advance, so I hope that we had a great turnout and that everyone had fun. I know that Morris and Geraldine Gutierrez put in a lot of hard work planning and arranging the picnic, and they had some great helpers like Simon and Trish Baca, Ed and Maxine Chavez, and Phil and Diane Candelaria. Thank you, and all the others not mentioned here, for your hard work.

I have been working closely with Local 244 to get a Member Assistance Program started for all our retirees. This program will allow us to have a group of psychologists and psychiatrists available to our members in need of mental health therapy, with AFDRA assisting with the co-pays and your insurance paying the rest, so that cost is never a barrier in seeking help. Members will be able to access the program anonymously and receive the help they need. This program has been available to active-duty personnel for seventeen years, but it is not available to retirees.

The Executive Board wants to change that, so at the picnic, we kicked off our fundraising to build up enough funds to start our RAP initiative, Retiree Assistance Program. We will be working hand-in-hand with Local 244 with yearly fundraisers like golf tournaments, RV and motorcycle raffles, community yard sales and the like. The Retiree Assistance Program is one of the largest endeavors that AFDRA has ever tried to start, but the mental health of our members is important enough for us to accept the challenge. We will have a formal kick-off and announcement as soon as we build up enough capital in our RAP fund, hopefully by early winter or spring.