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ENGINE # 17, 1977

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AFD, 81 ST CADET CLASS, GRADUATION JUNE 29, 2012

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81 st FIRE CADET CLASS

On June 29, 2012 Graduation Ceremonies were held at the Kimo Theater for the 81 st Cadet Class. Master of ceremonies was Conducted by Kerry Horton. The Graduates were welcomed and Congratulated by Mayor Richard Berry and Fire Chief Jim Breen. The keynote speaker was former Lobo Women's Basketball coach Don Flanagan. Coach Flanagan Was introduced by his son AFD Firefighter Brent Flanagan. The Top cadet was Jeremy Griego. Judge Monica Zamora administered The Oath of Office to the Cadets.

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Sam Trujillo

President's Message
(By: Sam Trujillo)

By this time, all AFD Retirees should have received their PERA ballot for the Retiree Position election. Hopefully everyone has voted and returned their ballot by now. The deadline for returning your vote is around September 20 th. If you have not voted then I ask you to please vote for Gerald Grimm and do not delay in mailing your ballot. THE AFD RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION sent out a special edition newsletter last month strongly endorsing Gerald Grimm for this very important PERA position. We asked everyone to please encourage any known PERA retiree (City, County, State) to support us in our endeavor to get Gerald Grimm elected. Contact your friends, family members, neighbors and have them vote as well.

The retirement system that we currently enjoy was the result of many of our brother Fire Fighters that sacrificed in both time and money to improve the benefit of PERA as we know it today. Many of us still remember when you could only retire at age 55 if you had at least 30 years of service. We earned our pensions and we have an obligation to protect our PERA COLA benefit. Please do not take your PERA benefit for granted. Stay involved and please continue in supporting both, the AFD Retiree's Association and the IAFF, Local 244, executive board. The AFD Retiree's Association will continue to attend upcoming N.M. Legislative sessions and also to support the IAFF Local 244 agenda/endeavors.

A reminder to please provide us with updates on address and phone number changes. If you have and e-mail address and want to stay informed, please e-mail me at samtrui@aol.com My Phone number is: 899-1500.

Zeke Hernandez Passes Away

It is difficult to realize that our dear brother, friend, and fellow firefighter, Zeke Hernandez passed away on Monday, June 11, 2012 after fighting a bold and courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family and Fellow Firefighters, both active duty and a large number of retirees during his last days. He was friends with everyone and was well liked by his fellows. This was evidenced the last few months when fellow firefighters rallied around Him to give him encouragement, support and to renovate his house, driveway and landscaping his yard. Also the recent fund raiser held at the Firefighter's Union Hall was one of the most successful and well attended that we remember for a fellow firefighter.

Zeke was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico and joined the Albuquerque Fire Department during Sepetmber, 1985. After spending over 20 years as a career Firefighter he retired in January, 2006. His service to the community and to The department is much appreciated. Our sincere condolences go out to the Entire Hernandez family.



ZEKE HERNANDEZ

June Monthly Meeting- The June monthly meeting was held on June 13, 2012 at the Firefighter's Union Hall, 4100 Edith N.E. @ 7:00 P. M. President Sam Trujillo called the meeting to order at 7:08 P. M. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer led by Morris Gutierrez we observed a moment of silence for our deceased members. President Sam Trujillo conducted roll call and determined a quorum was present and the meeting continued.

There were no guests and no guest speakers. Sam Trujillo welcomed retiree's, Jeff Butler, Mike Fox, Pat Mulligan, Dennis Lauder, Wayne Lucero and John Barnum who was visiting from Florida. Due to time constraints Sam suspended the reading of the May, 2012 Secretary's report. John Serino gave the Treasurer's report and said that we have received enough donations to pay for the Honor Guard's uniforms. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Leroy Barboa and was seconded by Ralph Sedillo. The motion carried. Historian Herman Bishop read a letter from Honorary member Frank Maestas a former AFD firefighter/paramedic who now lives in Buena Vista, Colorado.

Bill Raupfer and his crew will prepare the funeral truck for Zeke Hernandez' Funeral to be held June 9, 2012. Eddie Torres and Ray Flores are heading up the picnic committee . The picnic is scheduled for August 18, 2012 at Rotary Park, Downtown Bernalillo from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

On the sick roster is Jerry Barboa, Orlando Duran, Tommy Tucker, and Bill Pedigo. Our best wishes go out to those people and we wish them a speedy recovery. Condolences go out to the Melvin Vigil Family on the loss of Melvin's wife Margaret. Also condolences go out to the Morris Huling family on the loss of Morris' brother Douglas.

The closing prayer was led by Chaplain Mark Chavez and the meeting adjourned at 8:44 P. M.



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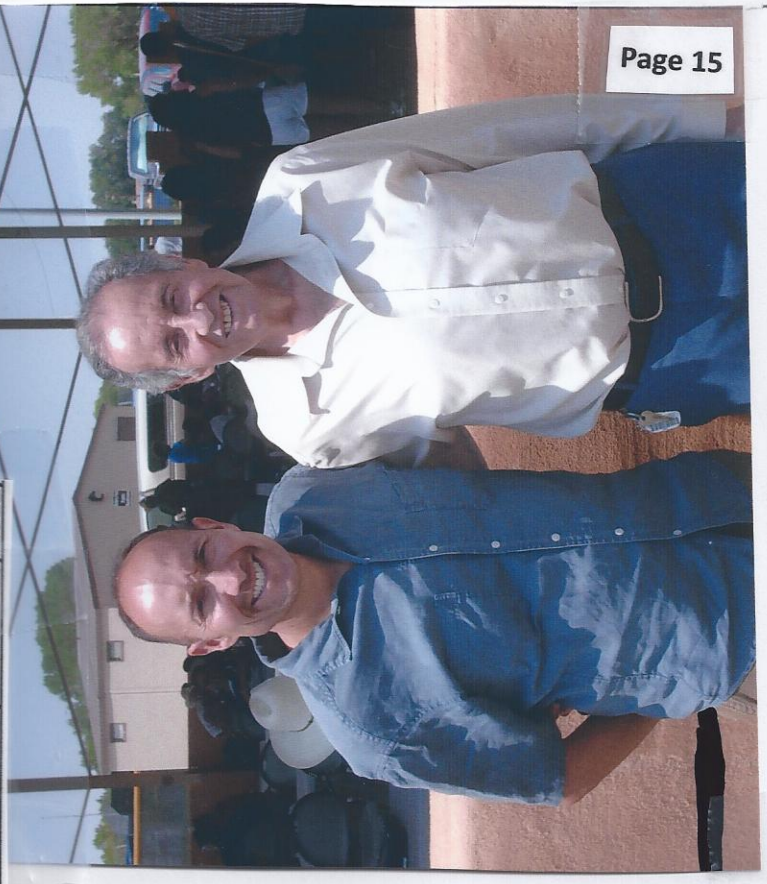
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AFD RETIREE'S ANNUAL PICNIC/REUNION (AUGUST 18, 2012)



EULOGY, EZEQUIEL "ZEKE" R. HERNANDEZ
(BY MORRIS GUTIERREZ)

June 19, 2012

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, and members of the "Zeke" Hernandez family. My name is Morris Gutierrez retired firefighter . "Zeke" Hernandez was my dear brother, friend, and fellow firefighter. We offer our most sincere condolences to the entire Hernandez family on the loss of your beloved "Zeke." Thank you Lord for this day. May we glorify you and give all praise to you and your son Jesus Christ.

To all who are here today- Thank You for coming to "Zeke's" services. Our opening prayer is from Psalm 66, verses 1-4.

"Zeke" was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He was born on March 10, 1957. At age 9 his family moved to Albuquerque. He went to Hayes Middle School, then to Highland High School. He graduated from Albuquerque High School in 1975.

He joined the Albuquerque Fire Department on September 30, 1985 and retired from the department on December 31, 2005 with over 20 years service. He married Mary on July 15, 1989 and was married for 23 years. From that marriage there are two daughters, Samantha Hernandez, and Sarah Reynolds. "Zeke's" granddaughters are Alyssa, Kiersten and Hailey.

"Oh, how "Zeke" loved his family." They would visit him at the firehouse and he always had that infectious love for his family. It's obvious and evident from how many of you showed up today to wish his family comfort. "I quote from the Bible, book of second Corinthians, Chapter, 1, verses, 3-5."

Our fellow firefighters remember what an avid Dallas Cowboy's fan "Zeke" was. He loved his Cowboy's. His friends would raze him when his team lost and the firefighter's loved to play pranks on their fellows. Sometimes they would disconnect the television when an important Cowboy game was on. However, "Zeke" loved the fire house pranks and would always manage to play a few tricks on his buddies as well. "Zeke" was always positive.

He always enjoyed life and was always there for his brother firefighters in what ever circumstances arose. He was an exemplary pipe man- "Top Dude," and always on his game. If you were at a fire with "Zeke" , well, you had better keep up. "ZEKE, YOUR'E THE MAN !"

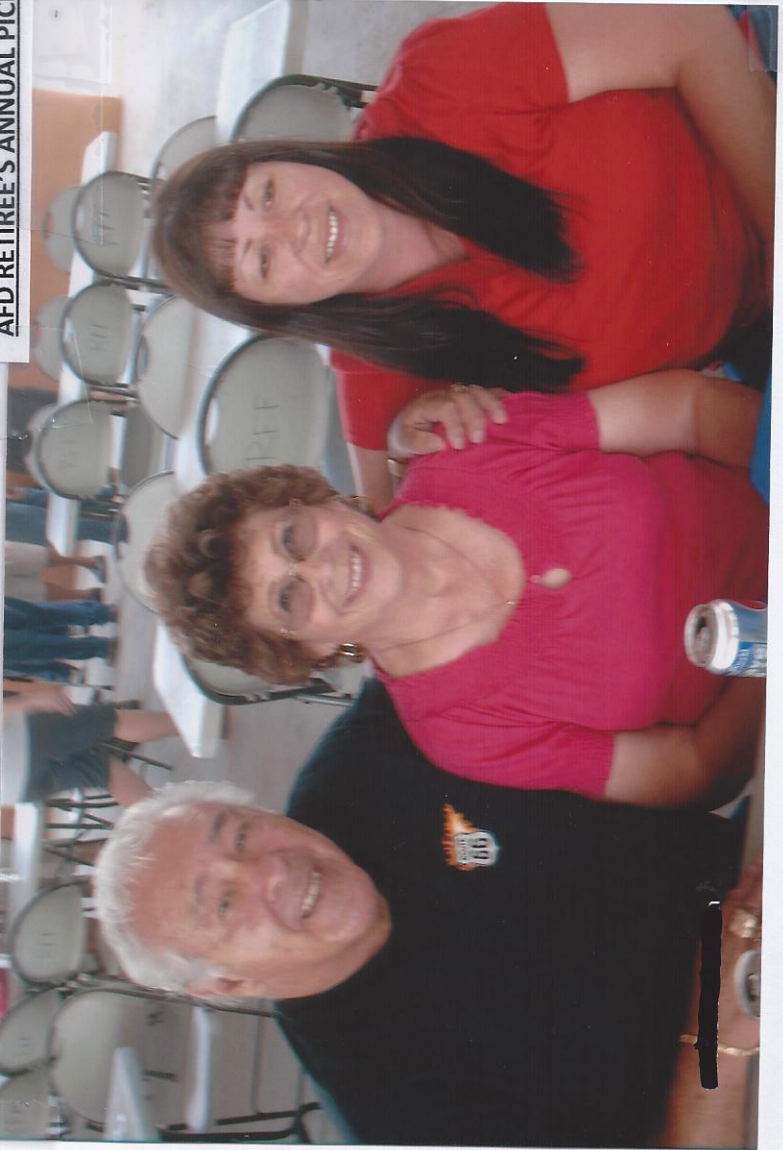
With "Zeke" his home was and still is everyone's home. Mi Casa Es Su Casa. He always had a warm welcome to all who visited him. When "Zeke" arrived home with our Lord there was a Jesus shout ! For another Angel has come home. I quote from the bible, book of John, Chapter 14, verses 1-4. In my father's house is there are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you for all of us - active firefighters as well as retired firefighters. Finally, I would like to say, "Thank You !" and may God bless you and your families.

Special Note: Our sincere gratitude goes to Morris Gutierrez, retired firefighter who was honored to deliver the Eulogy for his fellow firefighter, friend and brother. We appreciate Morris' sincere and heartfelt thoughts about "Zeke." The bond and closeness that develop between members of the brotherhood of firefighters is special, into the retirement years and when one of our fellows pass on. Also we commend Morris and fellow retired firefighter Euligio, Ogee, Lucero for their efforts in organizing the home renovation and landscaping project with fellow firefighters at "Zeke's house. We recognize their efforts in the great fund raiser, cook-out at the Union hall during May to assist the Hernandez' family. "A big thanks to all the firefighters, active duty and retired who assisted !"

Herman R. Bishop



AFD RETIREE'S ANNUAL PICNIC/REUNION(AUGUST 18, 2012)



**GARY M. JONES RETIRED BATTALLION CHIEF
HONORED AT AFD CEREMONIES**

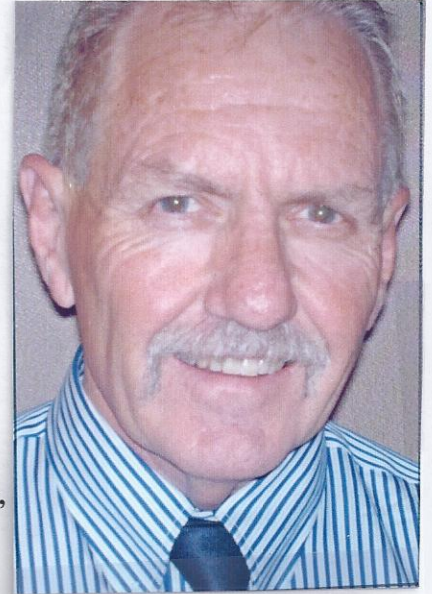
On June 29, 2012 AFD retired Battallion Commander Gary Jones was Awarded the prestigious "Fire Service Recognition Award," by Deputy Fire Chief David Downy. At each Fire Cadet Graduation a retired Firefighter is selected to receive this award for special acts and activities connected with the fire service. Gary was nominated by Sam Trujillo, President of the Retired Firefighter's Association.

On October 4, 1976 Gary joined AFD after serving two years with the Bernalillo County Fire Department as an EMT-Paramedic. He made a lateral transfer to the Department and was in the 29 th cadet class. Gary served 24 years with Albuquerque and was promoted to Firefighter, Driver, Lieutenant, Captain, District Chief, Assistant Chief, and Battallion Commander his career. He retired from AFD in December, 2000.

Gary is currently the Emergency Planning Officer with the City of Albuquerque. His experience includes: New Mexico Homeland Security Programs Manager, FEMA, USAR- Professional Firefighter, EMT-Paramedic, HAZ-MAT, and emergency Planning. He has been deployed to 14 major disasters as part of his membership in the National Disaster/Emergency Response Team.

Some major National emergencies Gary has responded to are: 9-11 response to the Pentagon site (New Mexico Task Force One). National Hurricane Responses- Includes Hurricanes Andrew and Katrina. He also responded to the Northridge earthquake in California and the Oklahoma City Terroist attack (Murray Building).

Gary said, " Indeed I am honored to receive this special award. I have enjoyed my Fire service career and the opportunity to serve my community and Nation as and Emergency planner and to be part of the National Emergency Response Team. Hopefully I have made a difference and was able to help people along the way."



GARY M. JONES



AFD RESCUE # 1, JUNE, 2012 Photo By: Steven Lindquist



AFD RETIREE'S ANNUAL PICNIC/REUNION(AUGUST 18, 2012)



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“MAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS”
(Two Awards Given for the Year 2012)

Fred Casias

“The “Man of The Year Award” was given to Fred Casias on August 18, 2012 at the AFD Retiree’s annual picnic by President Sam Trujillo. In 2007 Fred retired as a Captain With AFD after serving honorably for 31 years with the Department. Shortly thereafter he became an active Member of the AFD Retiree’s Association. In 2008 he was Elected to Secretary of our association. During the past Four years Fred has done an outstanding job in this position.

Fred has been a valuable member of our association and Willingly serves on numerous special projects as he is needed Which makes the retiree’s association successful. Additionally, He has lent his computer expertise to our members which is Most helpful and appreciated. For the above reasons Fred is Deserving of this special recognition award.

Herman R. Bishop, Historian
AFD Retiree’s Association



Fred Teupell

On August 18, 2012 President Sam Trujillo presented “The Man of The Year Award” to Fred Teupell at the Retiree’s Annual picnic. Sam nominated Fred for this award because he has been a loyal member of the Albuquerque Fire Department Retiree’s Association since 2000 when the association was established. Fred is on the advisory board of the AFD Retiree’s Association and is faithful to the monthly meetings.

Fred Teupell is very involved in both daily activities as well as Special events including the annual Christmas party and the Annual picnic. He is always ready to assist in making these Events a success. For those reasons and for Fred’s hard work, I strongly believe that Fred Teupell is deserving of this award.

Sam Trujillo, President
AFD Retiree’s Association



ANNUAL PICNIC/REUNION (August 18, 2012)

Our annual retired firefighter’s picnic/reunion was a great success and was well attended. About 150 retirees and their families attended. It was great to visit with so many of our friends and to meet the new retirees as well. President Sam Trujillo welcomed everyone and Diego Arencon, President, IAFF, Local 244, presented 27 firefighter axes to the new retirees. He extended his sincere congratulations to them. We have included photos of the attendees in this issue (Pages, 13, 14, 15). Bill Raupfer took a great group photo of the gang. Glossy photos (8 X 10) are available for \$10.00 each.

July Monthly Meeting – The July monthly meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. on Wednesday July 11, 2012 at the Firefighter’s Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith N.E. by President Sam Trujillo. After the Pledge of Allegiance Santos Abeyta led the closing prayer and a moment of silence was held for our deceased members.

Roll Call: President, Sam Trujillo, Vice President, Bill Raupfer, Secretary Fred Casias, Treasurer, John Serino, Historian, Herman R. Bishop. **Advisory Board:** Eugene Baldonado, Fred Teupell, J. Herrera, Ralph Sedillo, Eddie Torres, Noel Baca, Tom Romero, Santos Abeyta, Juan Sandoval, L.C. Trujillo, Pablo Garcia Jr.

Sam Trujillo gave the President’s report and noted that the retiree’s gave a talk and welcome to the Fire Cadets in June and the Cadets graduated June 29, 2012. Sam met with the Union Executive Board, Local 244 and got their support for retiree Gerald Grimm who is running for the PERA Board in September. Sam welcomed recent retirees Rito Rincon and Mark Obey who attended their first retiree meeting.

The election was held for the position of President and Secretary of the Retiree’s Association. As there was no opposition for these positions Santos Abeyta made a motion that Sam Trujillo be appointed President and that Fred Casias be appointed Secretary by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Greg Armenta. The motion carried. Vice President Bill Raupfer swore in both Sam and Fred as President and Secretary respectively.

Fred Casias gave the Secretary’s report for June. A motion to accept the Secretary’s report was made by Eddie Torres and was seconded by Ralph Sedillo. The motion passed.

John Serino gave the Treasurer’s report. People are still donating to our uniform fund for the honor guard. Joe Martinez who recently joined the Honor Guard was fitted for his uniform. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Eugene Baldonado and second to the motion was made by Michael Murphy.

Herman Bishop gave the Historian’s report. We received word from Frank Maestas that retiree Tommy Lopez has cancer and is not doing well. Thanks to T.V. Jaramillo for donating photos of his Engine #9 crew from the 1960’s. Steve Lindquest a fire buff/photographer donated photos of all AFD apparatus and current fire stations to the retiree’s association which he recently completed. We will be running Steve’s photos in our future newsletters.

Bill Raupfer reported that the funeral detail and the funeral truck is ready and functioning well. Eddie Torres reported that we are ready for the annual picnic on August 18, 2012. We now have adequate tables and chairs. The committee will meet in early August to finalize picnic plans. Fred Casias is researching the possibility of purchasing a machine so we can make our own photo I.D. cards. More on this later when Fred completes his report.

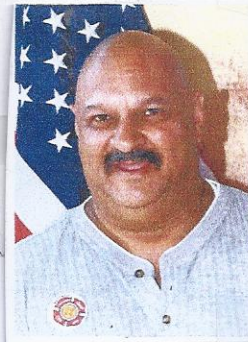
The closing prayer was led by Juan Sandoval and the July meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.



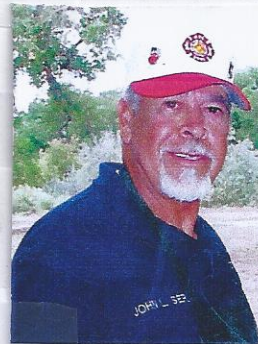
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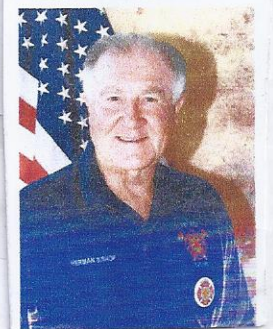
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Historian

August Minutes

President Sam Trujillo called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. on August 8, 2012 at the Firefighter's Union Hall, Local 244, 4100 Edith N.E. and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was our 144 th meeting since June, 2000. Chaplain Mark Chavez led the opening prayer and a moment of silence was observed for our deceased members. After roll call Sam Trujillo recognized fellow retirees Willie Telles, David Herrera, and Gary Jones who had not attended Our meetings for a while. Welcome Guys !

Sam reminded everyone that the special newsletter For August should arrive by the 10 th of the month. This letter addresses our annual fund raiser, annual Picnic and the PERA Board election. Your ballots Will arrive in the mail shortly. Please vote for Gerald Grimm who is running for the board. We need a Retired firefighter to represent us on that board Mainly To protect our annual 3 % COLA which Currently is being threatened.

Fred Casias read the Secretary's report for the month Of July. A motion to accept was made by Jose Salas And the motion was seconded by Eddie Abieta. The Motion carried. President Sam Trujillo suspended the Treasurer's report due to the absence of John Serino.

Herman Bishop showed photos that he and T.V. Jaramillo restored, taken in 1972 when T.V. worked with Engine # 9 crew, Lt. Ernest Archuleta, Tony Armijo, and Joe Suarez. The pumper shown in the Photos was the first 1000 GPM diesel driven Mack purchased by AFD. Herman sold several C.D.'s From our newsletter collection from the years 2000 – 2010 (472 pages). They are still available for \$10.00.

Fred Casias made a presentation on several machines we can purchase to produce our own photo I.D. cards of our retirees. Prices range from \$995 to \$2,500. Soon as his research is complete he will make a recommendation for the purchase of a machine. In order to pay for an I.D. machine we will charge \$5.00 each for a photo I.D.

Eddie Torres and Ray Flores noted that a meeting of the picnic committee will be held on Sunday , 8-12-12, at 2:00 P.M. at Dion's Pizza, 6308 4th street N.W. to finalize plans for the picnic.

Sincere condolences to the Jose Salas family on the loss of his wife recently. Best wishes to those on the sick roster, Juan Sandoval , Jerry Barboa and Eddie Brito. Morris Gutierrez led the closing prayer For the August meeting, Adjournment @ 8:30 P.M.

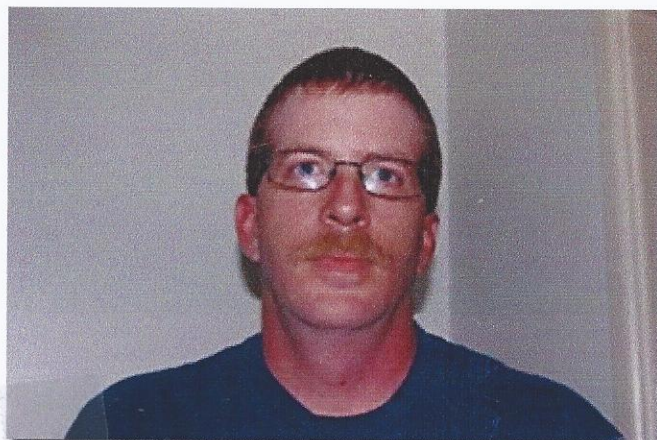
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Steve Lindquist, Fire Apparatus Photographer

In this issue we introduce Fire Apparatus Photographer Steve Lindquist. Steve recently contacted us and explained that he is an amateur photographer and had just completed the task of photographing all of Albuquerque's current fire stations and fire apparatus. He has made his photos available to us. As a result of his photography he has gotten to know many of Albuquerque's active duty firefighters. We have a good collection of AFD fire apparatus from the turn of the Century (1900) through the 1980's and 1990's. The work Steve has done brings us up to date with photos of our current apparatus and is most helpful and sincerely appreciated. In our future newsletters we will be featuring photographs by Steve from time to time. This month we feature photos of Rescue # 1 and Engine # 11.



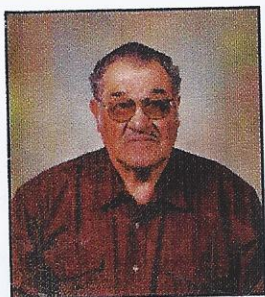
STEVE LINDQUIST

In Mid 2002 I was contemplating a career in the fire service. However I was involved in an accident with a farm tractor cracking my sternum. Due to the severity of the accident my Physician advised against a career in the fire service. This is where my passion for fire apparatus photography began to grow. Me and my 2 daughters (Madison and Makenzey) set out with a basic digital camera to photograph the apparatus of the Albuquerque Fire Department.

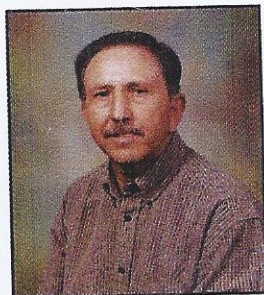
Since that time I have upgraded my camera equipment and added a son to the family. Since this started we have now visited with a total of 93 different departments and photographed over 1200 pieces of apparatus. We have photographed apparatus in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. There have been a lot of great memories and experiences in our journeys. My oldest daughter had the opportunity to ride in a Tiller cab out in Flagstaff while they drove her around the block. The truck was identical to the 1987 Pierce TDA that was in service in Albuquerque at one point. My daughters once got to ride up and down a out of service runway in a P-19. They have had the opportunity to be in the cab while a demonstration was made on how a snozzle is used to pierce the skin of a aircraft. They have been given the opportunity to dress in several different sets of turnout gear. We even came across a department once that had child sized turnout gear in Colorado. My son was absolutely thrilled at being to dress like a "real" firefighter.

Along the way we have had the opportunity to meet some incredibly nice firefighters and hear some absolutely fascinating stories. It has been great to travel and learn the history of so many departments and to see how the fire service and apparatus has changed over the years.

Steve Lindquist



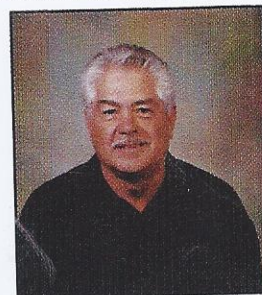
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(Photo by Steve Lindquist)



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