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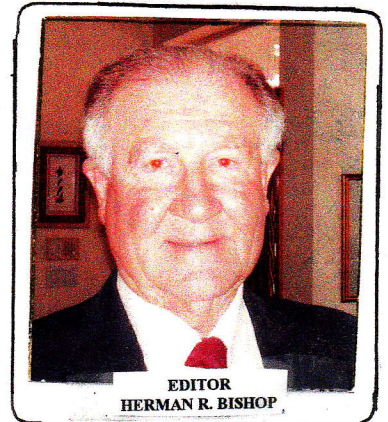
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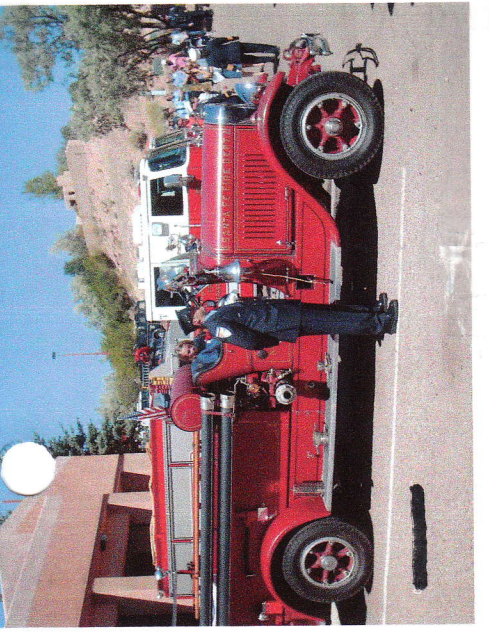
FIREFIGHTERS COMMEMORATE 9/11 ON SEPTEMBER 10 TH AND 11 TH

On September 10 th and 11 th, all over the nation as well as in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, Firefighters held numerous events and ceremonies honoring those Firefighters, Police Officers, and civilians who lost their lives in the terrorist Attacks which occurred on September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center in N.Y.NY., The Pentagon, and at Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Firefighters both Active duty and retired firefighters along with Fire Chief Jim Breen attended Ceremonies in Santa Fe, N.M. on Saturday September 11 th , 2010.

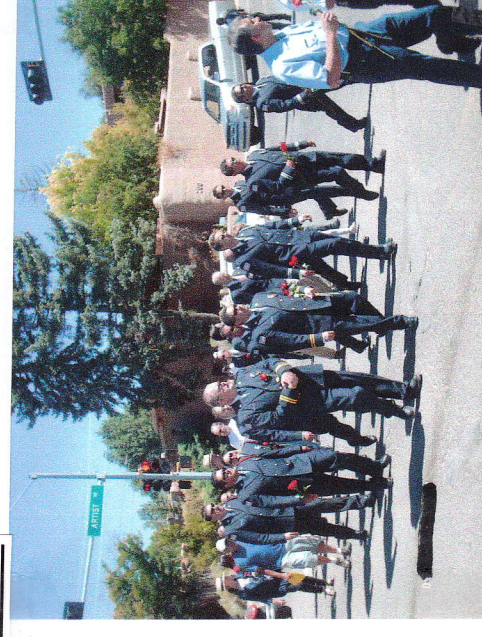
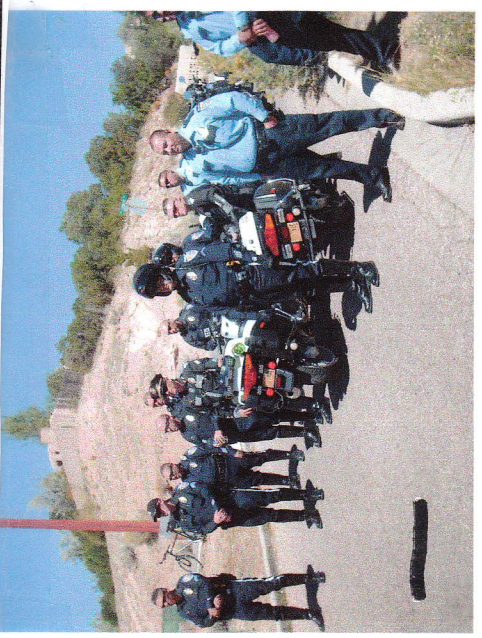
Ceremonies were held at Santa Fe's # 1 Fire Station at 12:00 P.M. on Saturday. Following, a Parade of firefighters and Fire Apparatus from all over the State Of New Mexico numbering over 100 marched from Station #1 to the Santa Fe Town plaza. There ceremonies led by the Mayor of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Fire Chief, and Lieutenant Governor Dianne Dennish honored and paid tribute to those Firefighters, Police Officers, Public Safety Officers, and civilians who lost their lives on that tragic day.



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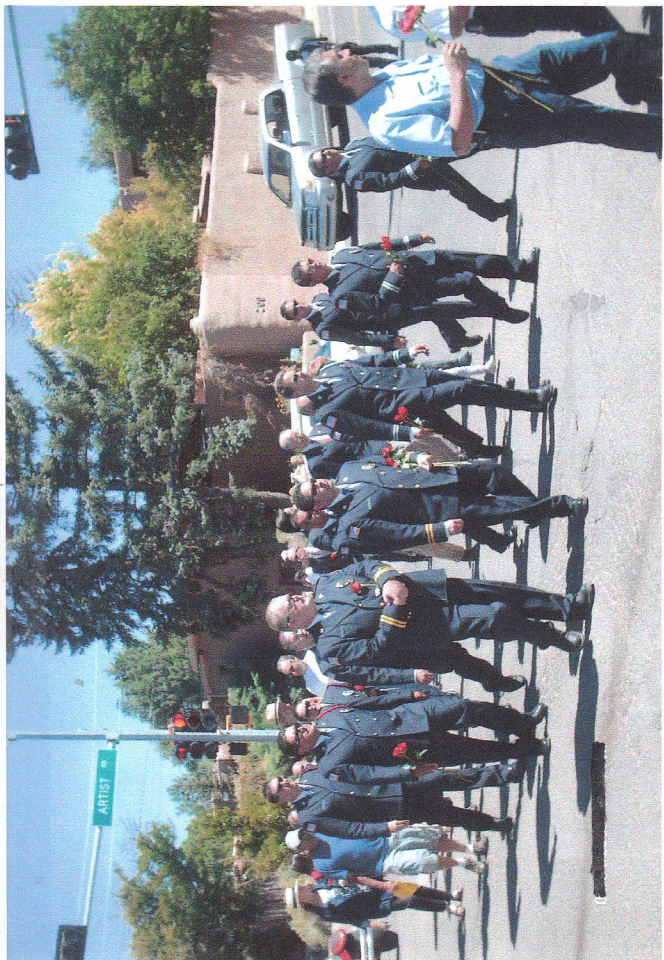


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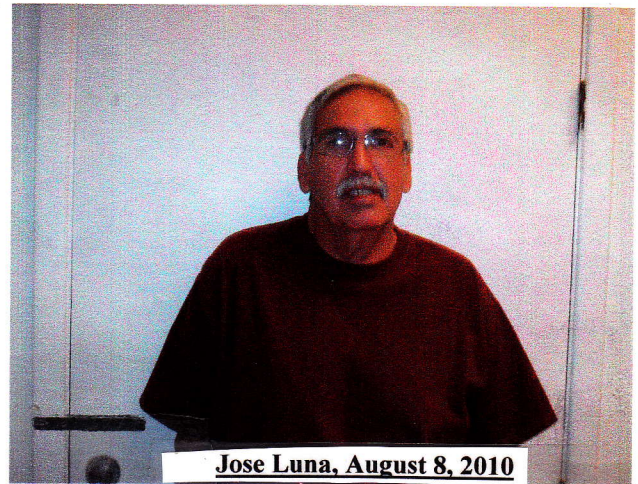
SANTA FE, N.M. COMMEMORATION 9/11, SEPTEMBER 11, 2010



September Monthly Meeting- The meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M by President Sam Trujillo at the Firefighter's Union Hall, 4100 Edith N.E. After the Pledge of Allegiance the opening prayer was led by Joe Maldonado and a moment of silence was held for Our deceased members. There were no guests and no Guest speakers.

After opening remarks Sam Trujillo welcomed retiree Jose Luna, "High Pockets," who attended his first Meeting. Jose joined AFD in 1967 and retired as a Captain in 1987. His brother M.R. Luna also an AFD Firefighter passed away a few years ago. Welcome Jose !

The Secretary's report was given by Fred Casias. A Motion to accept was made by Marx Deer and was Seconded by LeRoy Barboa. The motion carried.



John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. After all expenses for the Memorial Plaque, Annual Picnic, August donations, and the raffle at the picnic, we are In the black. Gilbert Roybal won the chain saw carved Bear donated by Mark Chavez. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ray Flores and was seconded by Eugene Baldonado. The motion was approved.

Herman Bishop gave the Historian's report. Representatives of the Santa Fe F.D. extended an invitation to AFD retirees to participate in ceremonies commemorating 9/11, 2001 at the Santa Fe Fire Department on Saturday September 11, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. The group picnic photos are now available for \$10.00 each. The retirees have been invited to speak to the new cadets on December 14, 2010, at 3:00 P.M. Please contact Sam Trujillo if you would like to join us that day.

Ray Flores and Eddie Torres reported that our annual picnic/reunion in August was a great success. They extended many thanks to all who assisted in food donations, preparation, setting up tables and chairs and especially to those who assisted in the general clean-up after the picnic. Some discussions Are being held regarding the best time of the year to hold the picnic due to heat and pollens. Some have suggested mid- September when it is cooler. Please let Ray and Eddie know your feelings and thoughts about this.

A big thanks to Sam Trujillo who got an excellent price for our new tables and chairs which will be used for future retiree celebrations and functions. A special thanks to Joe Marquez who is donating his storage sheds to store them. Eddie Torres and Sam Trujillo are in the process of purchasing a four wheel trailer which will be modified and built to haul our barbeque grill and special storage racks for our tables and chairs. It will be completely mobile to accommodate future functions.

Best wishes to our members on the sick roster, Noel Baca, Marx Deer, and Sam Trujillo, (knee operation September 29 th). Mel Archuletta sent a nice letter of thanks for the honors the retiree's paid to his brother Toby Archuletta who passed away recently. Toby was an AFD member for over seventeen years. A nice letter of thanks was sent to the retirees by the Pablo Garcia Jr. family for the honors and ceremonies paid to Paul Garcia Sr. a retired AFD retiree who recently passed away.

The closing prayer was led by Mark Chavez.

The September meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

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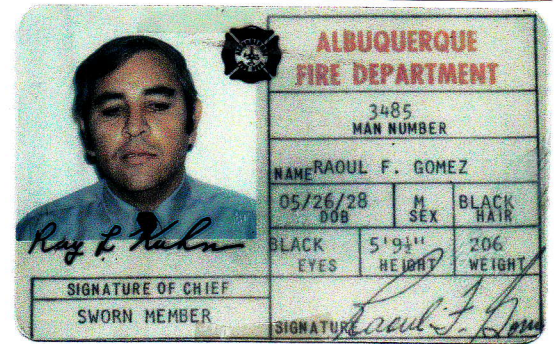
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Raoul Gomez Passes Away

On September 13, 2010 Retired Lieutenant Raoul Gomez age 82 passed away. He was born in Gallup, N. M. His friends called him Raleigh. He joined the AFD in January, 1960 when the department was expanding due to a shorter work week and opening of new fire stations. That year rookie pay was only about \$300.00 per month. He was hired by Fire Chief Art Westerfeld and the eight weeks cadet class was conducted by then Assistant Chief Ray Kuhn. As a rookie Firefighter he spent his first year or two on the job at Station #1 and was rotated to most of the stations around Albuquerque.



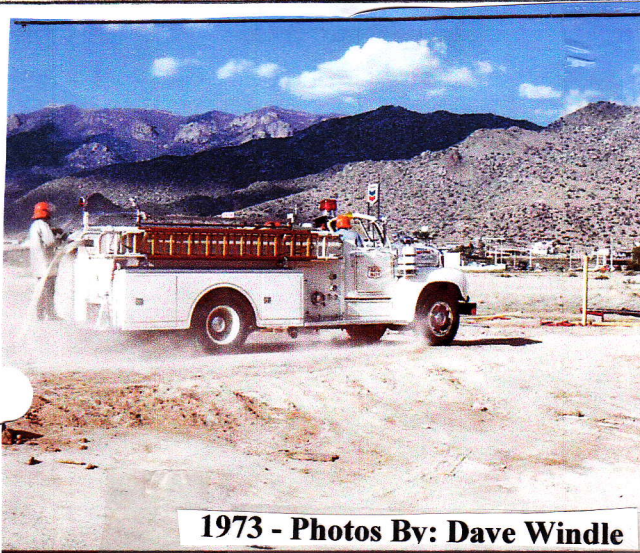
After promotion to driver he spent several years at Station # 12 which had recently opened. He was active in organizing the firefighter's Union, Local 1455 in the early sixties. Raleigh spent the last years of his career as a Lieutenant at the old Station # 13 (Indian School Rd. and Louisiana N.E.) and worked mostly at the east side fire stations. When the 20 year retirement came into effect he retired in September, 1983 after serving 23 years with the department.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The Presidential Award was presented to Sam Trujillo on September 22, 2010. This special award recognizes ten years service Sam has given as President of the AFD Retiree's Association and honors his dedicated, loyal, and faithful leadership. Sam was the key organizer of the retirees and is the first and only President. Our sincere congratulations to Sam and the honor this award represents.



Herman Bishop & Sam Trujillo (9-22-2010)



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Donation Of Fire Bell

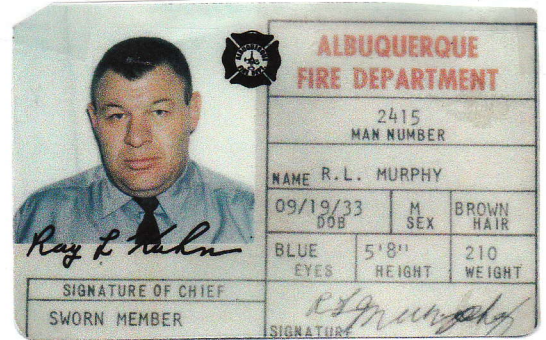
Recently President Sam Trujillo sent Out a request for an authentic fire bell. We were contacted by fellow retiree Firefighter Michael Murphy who said his family had a fire bell they would donate to our association. His brother Fire Lieutenant Kerry Murphy and Michael along with the Murphy family donated the bell in memory of their father retired fire Lieutenant Robert L. "Bob" Murphy. "Bob" Murphy joined AFD in 1958. He retired in 1985 after serving the Department for 27 years.


Many years ago the fire bell was Salvaged off old Engine # 1 after it was Wrecked. As many parts were salvaged Off the old engine, "Bob" kept the bell And the Murphy family has had it all These years.

"Bob" Murphy made his contribution To the Albuquerque Fire Department. He was instrumental in organizing the First firefighters Union, Local 1455 (now Local 244). He was the Union's parliamentarian for most of his career and was considered an expert on Roberts Rules of Order. He served most of his career As an engine officer at Station one and then the last few years of his Career he was Engine # 7 officer. He was an outstanding officer who Knew his job and made sure his crew knew their job as well. He was Known for his exceptionally large hands and acquired the nickname "Hands." He helped organize the AFD Retiree's Association in June, 2000 and served as the first Secretary until his sudden death in December, 2000. "Bob" was an excellent role model for his children And served as Boy Scout Master for many years with troop 18 and Pack 18. A big thanks to the Murphy family for their donation of the fire bell.



L-R, Fred Casias, Eddie Torres, Herman Bishop, Michael Murphy, John Serino, (10-13-2010) Photo By: Joe Stone



			
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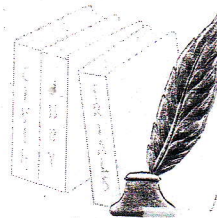
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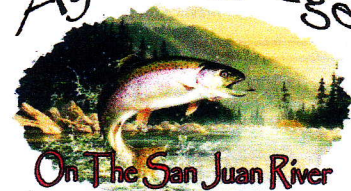


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October Meeting- Vice President Eddie Torres called the 122 nd meeting to order on October 13, 2010 at 7:10 P.M. President Sam Trujillo was absent due to recent knee surgery. The meeting was held at the Firefighter's Union Hall , 4100 Edith N. E. Bob Martinez led the opening prayer and a moment of silence was held for the last alarm of our deceased members. Retiree Raoul Raleigh Gomez who passed away on September 13, 2010 was remembered.

A nice letter from Raleigh's family, sent by his sons Raoul Gomez Jr. and brother Fernando, was read thanking the Retiree's Association for the proclamation , memories and respects paid to their father. As Raleigh was a private person a traditional funeral service was not held. President Sam Trujillo and Herman Bishop met privately with the family offered condolences, and paid respects to Raleigh on behalf of the Retiree's Association.

President's Report - Eddie Torres reported that due to a bed bug infestation at Fire Station # 5 an anonymous donor (a local mattress manufacturing company) donated 120 mattresses to AFD for all fire stations. As the company could not donate to a government agency for tax purposes, an arrangement was made for the mattresses to be donated to the Retiree's Association, a tax exempt organization. We in turn donated the mattresses to AFD.

Eddie gave an update on the new tandem-wheel trailer we are purchasing for our association. It is designed to haul our Barbe-Q-Grill, 30 folding tables and 150 folding chairs. It will be used for our picnics, celebrations and many social functions for the retirees. The old two-wheel trailer will be sold. A big thank you goes to Eddie for arranging this purchase.

Eddie and Ray Flores advised that the Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 11, 2010, at 6:00 P. M. It will be in Downtown Bernalillo, N. M. Rotary Park at the Community Center. All retirees and their families are invited. It will be pot luck, so bring your favorite dish. Please bring canned food and non -perishables which will be donated to the food bank. Call Eddie or Ray if you need directions to the Community Center.

Secretary's Report- Fred Casias read the minutes of the September meeting. A motion to approve was made by Noel Baca and was seconded by Marx Deer. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. He thanked all members for their donations during the past few months which has funded our recent projects, such as the picnic, office supplies, caps, decals and the newsletters. A motion to accept was made by Eppie Ortega and a second was made by Joe Salas. The motion passed.

Historian Herman Bishop brought group photos of the annual picnic/ reunion and advised they are for sale, \$10.00 each. He also reported that our friend Dave Windle is doing fine after a recent heart procedure. He also displayed photos taken of the 9/11 commemoration and parade taken in Santa Fe in September.

The closing prayer was led by Bob Martinez and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P. M.

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BY: ETUMIO 'TIM' GONZALES
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During the early 1980's Mayor David Rusk Studied the possibility of consolidating the Fire and Police Departments. Also he made About one million dollars in cuts to the Fire Department budget.

Tim Gonzales drew this satirical cartoon About Mayor Rusk and the state of Affairs in the Fire Department. The Cartoon was placed on the bulletin Board at Station # 1 where it was left For several months.

Herman Bishop, AFD Retired

November Monthly Meeting - At 7:05 P.M. November 10, 2011 the 123 rd monthly meeting was called to order by President Sam Trujillo. The meeting was held at the Firefighter's Union Hall, 4100 Edith NE. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer led by Chaplin Mark Chavez we observed a moment of silence in honor of our deceased members. After roll call the meeting continued.

President Sam Trujillo reported that we are invited to speak to the current cadet class on December 14, 2010 and that there are 23 Cadets left after several were cut from the class. Sam reported that we now have a 4-wheel, tandem trailer, and Eddie Torres will give his report about it. Sam welcomed recent retiree Steven Ortiz who retired in July. Also Sam welcomed our other guest Joanna Castillo.

The Secretary's report was read by Fred Casias summarizing the October meeting. Bill Raupfer made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Ralph Sedillo. The motion carried.

John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. He reminded everyone that donations made before December 31, 2010 will be tax deductible this tax year. John will be happy to give you a receipt for all donations. He thanked all who donated during September and October. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Eugene Baldonado and was seconded by Juan Sandoval. The motion carried.

Historian's Report - Herman brought some old personnel rosters , (A, B & C Platoons) dated 1980. His target date for the next news letter is the first week in December.

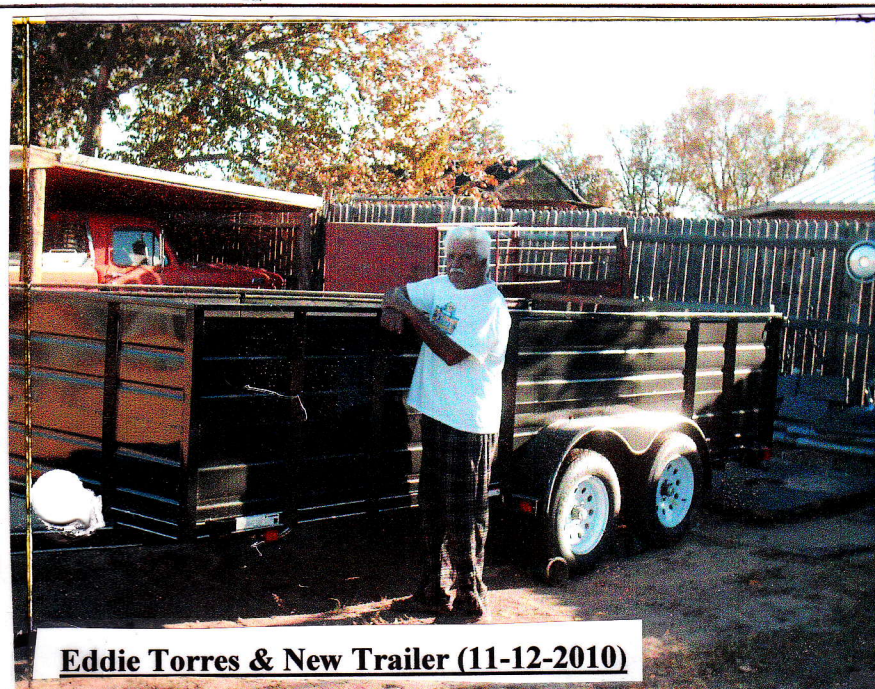
Fire Bell -Bill Raupfer reported that he, Pablo Garcia, and John Serino, are working on final plans for mounting the fire bell donated by the Bob Murphy Family which will be used for ceremonial purposes by members of the Retiree's Association.

Christmas Party- Ray Flores and Eddie Torres invited everyone to attend our annual Christmas Party in downtown Bernalillo, New Mexico, Rotary Park Community Center on December 11, @ 6:00 P.M.

Tandem Trailer - Eddie Torres reported that we are now owners of a new tandem-wheel trailer. It is large enough to haul our Bar- B-Que grill, tables and chairs to any of our functions as needed. He has agreed to store it at his place. He also thanked Joe Marquez for allowing us to store tables and chairs at his storage facility until the trailer is finished.

Sick Roster- Sam Trujillo, Marx Deer, Victor Sanchez, Dave Windle, T. V. Jaramillo, and Juan Sandoval. Currently everyone seems on their way to recovery. However it is a nice gesture to call our brothers offer them our support and words of encouragement.

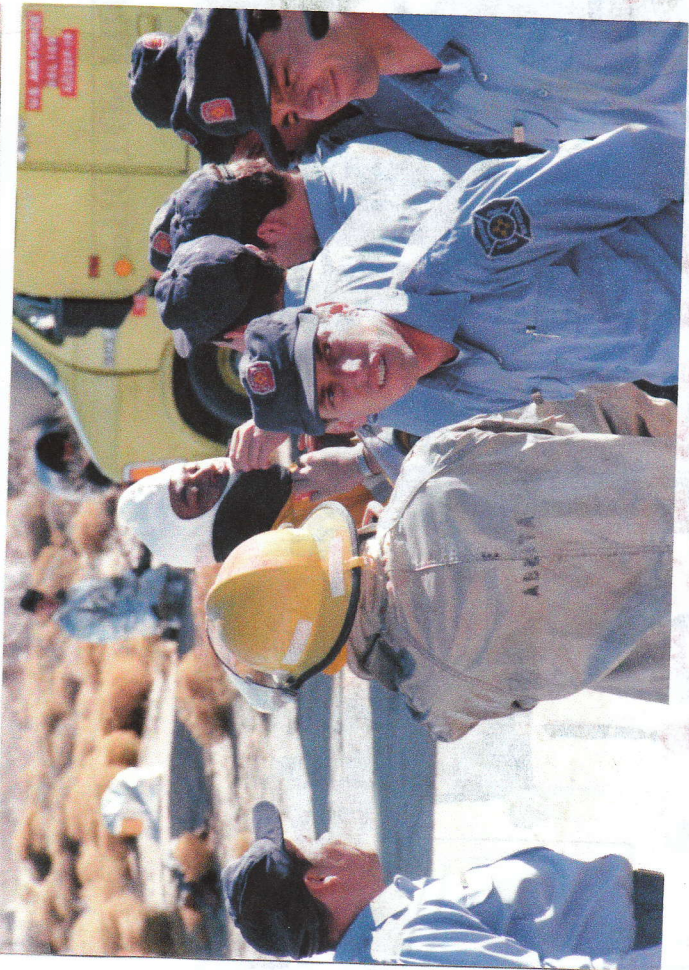
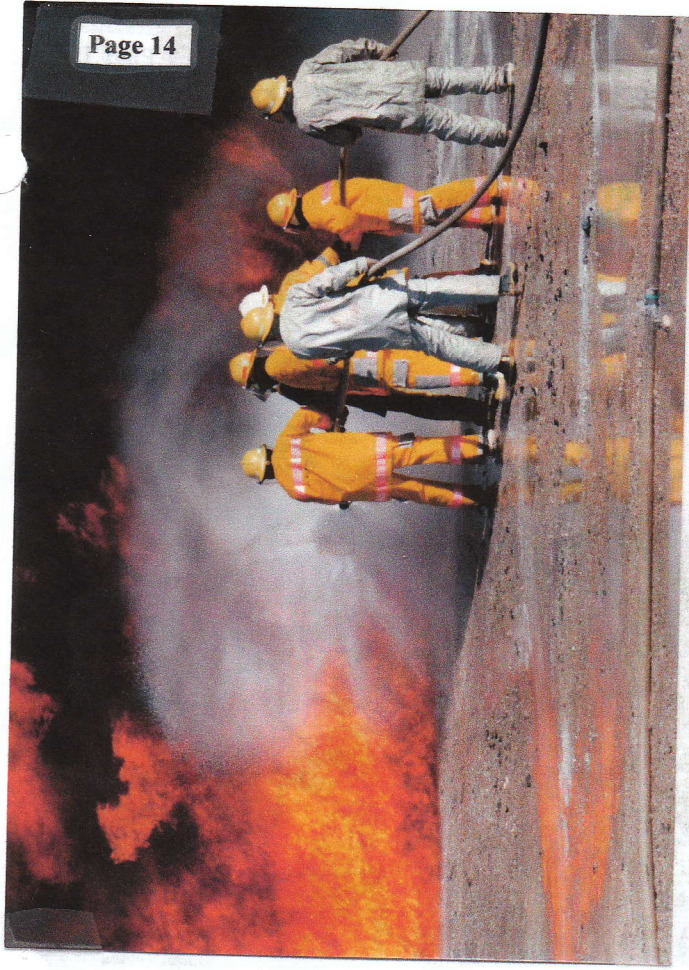
The closing prayer was led by Juan Sandoval and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 P. M.



Eddie Torres & New Trailer (11-12-2010)



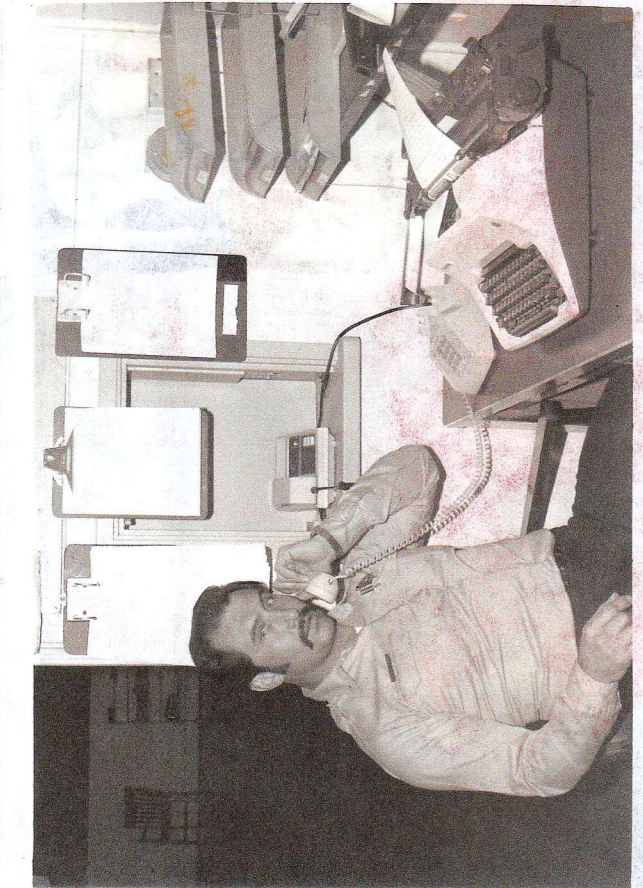
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

By : Sam Trujillo

I recently had major surgery and was under the weather for several weeks. I want to thank our association for the support that I received during my down time. It made me realize the importance of having family and spiritual support during any crisis that comes our way. I want all of you to know that regardless of what crisis you may be enduring, that we as an association of retired fire fighters will continue to be there in your time of need. It is important for each of us to communicate within our circle. In the past 10 years we have given support to the families of many of our fallen brothers and we will continue to be there in time of need. As I look at our membership and realize that some of our members are in their 90's, 80's, 70's and 60's that we can expect to see health issues arise and that it is very important to assure our members that they are not alone and that they have family that is there in time of need. I want to remind our members that our brotherhood is for life and that our bond only strengthens with time. We are family! Again, THANK YOU for your support.

I want to encourage all Retired Fire Fighters to participate in **our** association and it's functions. We are brothers united for life. Please try and attend our monthly meetings which are held each second Wednesday of the month. If you are unable to drive and would like to attend, please call me at 899-1500 and I will make arrangements to have one of our members give you a ride.

A brief reminder that our Christmas party has been set for December 11, 2010 @ 1800. Please try to attend.

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Rotary Park, Community Center