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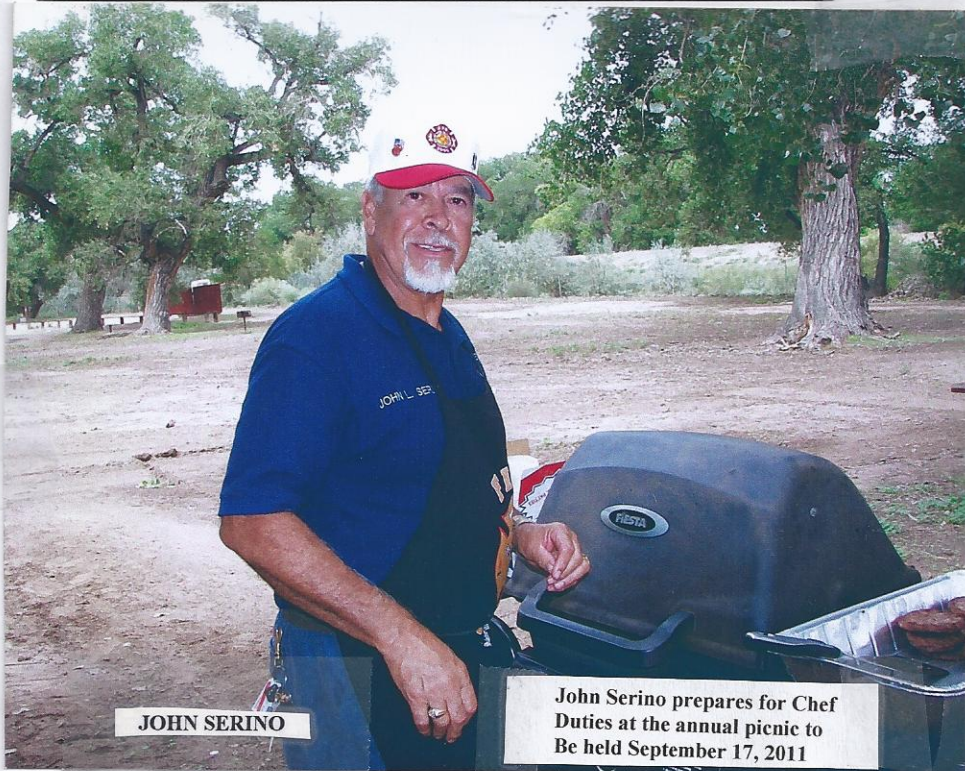
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John Serino prepares for Chef Duties at the annual picnic to Be held September 17, 2011



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Ray Flores and Eddie Torres announced that the retiree's annual picnic/reunion will be held Saturday September 17, 2011 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Admission for adults is \$5.00 and children under 14 will be free. Retirees and their families are cordially invited to attend. Both Ray and Eddie said, "this a fun time of the year for us to socialize, see old friends, and to tell great war stories." Ray and Eddie put a lot of time and effort to plan the picnic along with their wives Merry Lee and Viola Respectively. Since we purchased our own picnic tables and chairs we can handle everyone with Ease.

The picnic will be held in downtown Bernalillo, N.M. at Rotary Park. Directions: Go to downtown Bernalillo and turn west on Calle Don Francisco. The park will be about 1/2 mile straight ahead. Eddie Reminded everyone if they need more information or get lost call him at 867-2631 or 321-6091

**"MANY THANKS !"**  
**WE SEND OUR SINCERE AND HEART FELT THANKS  
 TO ALL OUR RETIREES AND FRIENDS OF THE RETIREES  
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**June Meeting-** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. on June 8, 2011 at the Firefighter's Union hall, 4100 Edith N.E. President Sam Trujillo led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and John Nash led the opening prayer. A moment of silence was observed for our deceased members.

President Sam Trujillo welcomed retiree John Nash who attended his first meeting. We had lost touch with John for several years. He now pastors the Stanley, N. M. Union Church. See John's Story, (Page 3)

After roll call Sam introduced our guest Lt. Greg Aragon (Engine # 14). He made a presentation about the antique car show to be held on July 9, 2011 at Haynes Park, Rio Rancho, N.M. (across from Intel). The show is sponsored by the Firefighter's Union, Local 244, and will be from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Big "O" Tires is another sponsor. Retiree's and their families were invited to attend and to enter a car if they would like. Also attendees are asked to bring a toy for "Toys for Tots," at Christmas.

President Sam Trujillo reported that the retirees will make a presentation to the Fire Cadets on June 14 th. Also retirees were invited to attend the Fire Cadet graduation on June 17, 2011 at the Kimo Theater, downtown, 2:00 P.M.

Secretary Fred Casias read the minutes of the May, 2011 meeting. A motion to accept was made by Marx Deer and the motion was seconded by Victor Sanchez. The motion carried.

John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. He reported that we received donations as the result of our April fund drive. However, results fell short of our expectations. He asked retirees who have not sent donations to please do so in support of the retiree's association. Remember your donations are "Tax Deductible." Any amount will help, (\$25 to \$200). A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Eugene Baldonado and seconded by Juan Sandoval, the motion carried.

The Historian's report was given by Herman Bishop. He thanked Fred Casias for his assistance in preparing the March newsletters. Fred's knowledge of the computer was really helpful. We are working on putting all our news letter on CD ROM,S. They will be made available to all who wish to have a copy for \$10. 00 each. The first ten years of news letters will be available on CD. S. Contact Herman or Fred to obtain a copy.

Herman reported that the Sante Fe F. D. retirees has invited our retirees to attend their Community Day celebration in Sante Fe on July 16, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. It will be held at the new Fire Station Three located on Cerillos Rd. the main street going into Santa Fe. We plan to get a group together to attend that event.

Vice President Torres and Ray Flores announced that our annual Picnic/Reunion will be held in downtown Bernalillo, N.M. at Rotary Park, 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday September 17, 2011. Retirees and their families are invited. Admission is \$5. 00 adults, Children under 14 are free. Directions: Go to downtown Bernalillo, turn west on Calle Don Francisco, go ½ mile west to Rotary Park. Call Eddie for directions if you get lost. (H) 867-2631 or (Cell) 269-7210.

Elections were held for the positions of Vice President, Bill Raupfer, Treasurer, John Serino, and Historian, Herman Bishop. As all positions were un-contested Louis Trujillo moved that these positions be filled by acclamation. Ray Flores seconded the motion, motion carried. These positions are for two year terms and the officers will be sworn in at the July, 2011 meeting.

The closing prayer was led by Juan Sandoval. The June meeting adjourned at 9:00 P. M.

### JOHN NASH RECEIVES RECOGNITION AWARD

On June 8, 2011 John Nash was presented a Recognition Award by Ahren Griego, Vice President, Firefighter's Union, local 244. John was recognized for the work he did in 1962 by serving as a key member and forming the Firefighter's Local Union 1455, (Now local 244). He was An original charter member.

John joined AFD on March 28, 1960. After serving 20 years with the department he retired on September 30, 1980. John was known as an easy going and personable firefighter by his co-Workers. He was well respected by His officers. He spent most if his career as a driver both on the east side and west side of town. After leaving AFD John spent 12 years training race horses. He also worked Security at a local bank. In 1987 he felt a calling into the Ministry and he and his wife, Virginia, moved to the State of Sonora, Mexico where he pastored a church for 12 years. After a devastating hurricane that destroyed his home he moved back to the United States.



L-R, John Nash receives "Recognition Award," from Ahren Griego, Vice President, Firefighter's Union, Local 244

After returning to New Mexico John and his wife Virginia were asked to take the job as Pastor of the Stanley, New Mexico Union Church. He has served as minister of that Church for the past few years and plans to perform God's work long as his health and stamina will permit.

After John's retirement members of the retiree's association lost track of him. Recently through mutual acquaintances we found where John was through his daughter Beverly Sandoval, a retired Police Captain with the Albuquerque Police Department. John also has a son who is a Fire Commander with the Bernalillo County Fire Department.

It was great to visit with John after all these years and we congratulate him on his, "Service Recognition Award." We welcome him to our retiree group and wish him the best as he continues his work in the ministry.



**HONORS GIVEN TO TOM ROMERO**

On June 17, 2011, During ceremonies at the 79 th Fire Cadet Graduation held at the Kimo Theater downtown, AFD Retiree Tommy Romero was presented the "Fire Service Recognition Award," by Deputy Chief David Downey.

This award was given to Tommy for his accomplishments during his Fire service career which he continues today as a member of the retiree Association and is still serving with New Mexico Task Force One.

He joined AFD on June 19, 1978 and retired from the department after A 23 year career as a firefighter/ District Chief. His AFD career includes EMT-Paramedic, National Registry, 1980. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1983, Firefighter of the Year, 1983, and was promoted to Captain in 1987. His career continued as District Chief in 1988 and to Battalion Chief in 1988.

In 1992 Tom assisted AFD in establishment of present day NM Task Force One, he was involved in establishing the N.M. Urban Search and Rescue following the Oklahoma City bombing tragedy.

In 2000 prior to retiring, Tom led a large firefighting contingent of AFD fire firefighters to the City of Los Alamos during the "Cerro Grande" fire. This would be his last emergency while employed as one of Albuquerque's bravest.

When the September 11 th tragedy occurred, Tom Romero was deployed along with AFD firefighters as part of the NM Task Force One to the Pentagon. They spent 11 days and nights assisting in this National tragedy.

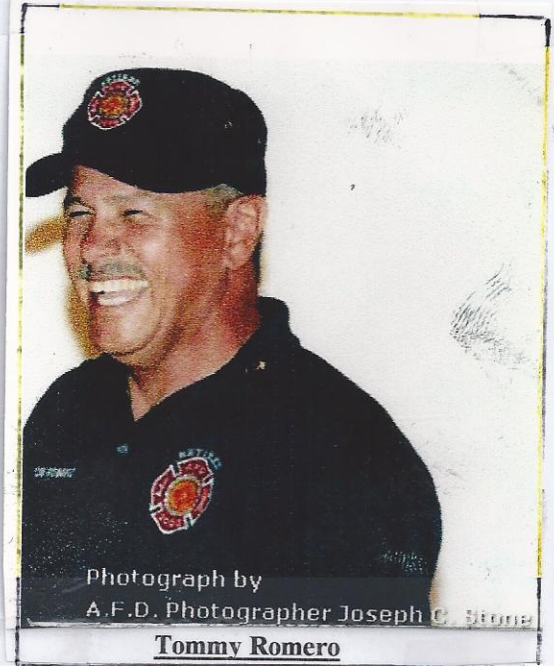
In 2003 Tom was selected as program manager in charge of N.M. Task Force One. During 2005, Under his leadership N.M. Task Force One responded to both hurricane Katrina and hurricane Rita. Returning to New Orleans as a volunteer he was involved in rebuilding fire stations that were destroyed by hurricane Katrina. He returned again as a volunteer with his church and assisted in construction of homes that were destroyed by hurricane Katrina

Currently Tom is still involved with N.M. Task Force One utilizing his expertise in Urban Search and Rescue (structure collapse), Weapons of mass destruction, Chemical Plant/Petro Refinery Disaster Safety, and high angle rope rescue.

Tom also has two sons, Chris Romero and Carlos Romero who are active duty firefighters with the Albuquerque Fire Department. Tom resides in Albuquerque with his wife Monica.

Today, Tom is actively involved with the Albuquerque Fire Department Retiree's Association and serves as both a member of the Advisory Board and is a funeral detail honor guard member. He is a valued member of our retiree's association and we are proud to nominate him for this prestigious honor, "Fire Service Recognition Award."

Submitted By:  
Sam Trujillo, President  
AFD Retiree's Association



## AFD MEMBERS AND YEARS SERVICE PRIOR TO 1975

* Joe Bowdich	Born 1911 (AFD 1933-1962)	29 yrs. Ser.	Asst. Ch. Age 51
Maurice Cordova	Born 1907 (AFD 1937-1969)	32 yrs. Ser.	Lt. Age 62
J.C. "Slim" Davidson	Born 1915 (AFD 1939-1975)	36 yrs. Ser.	Asst. Ch. Age 60
Milton Grande	Born 1896 (AFD 1919-1966)	47 yrs. ser.	Asst. Ch. Age 70
Louie Jurado	Born 1907 (AFD 1935-1968)	35 yrs. Ser	Asst. Ch. Age 61
Ed Lucero	Born 1892 (AFD 1926-1969)	43 yrs. Ser	Lt. Age 77
Trinidad Lopez	Born 1914 (AFD 1947-1974)	27 yrs. Ser.	Driver age 60
Carl Macaluso	Born 1906 (AFD 1936-1970)	34 yrs ser.	Asst. Ch. Age 64
Matt Ortiz	Born 1907 (AFD 1939-1966)	27 yrs. Ser.	Asst Ch. Age 59
Ramon Olguin	Born 1906 (AFD 1941-1963)	21 yrs. Ser.	Lt. Age 57
Leo Renaud	Born 1901 (AFD 1941-1966)	25 yrs. Ser.	Asst. Ch. Age 65
Lucias Springer	Born 1903 (AFD 1940-1965)	25 yrs. Ser.	Driver age 62
Reno Stableton	Born 1903 (AFD 1930-1966)	36 yrs. Ser.	Lt. Age 63
George Tafoya	Born 1905 (AFD 1933-1966)	33 yrs. Ser.	Asst. Ch. Age 61
Lou Valdez	Born 1905 (AFD 1942-1968)	26 yrs. Ser.	Lt. Age 63
S. B. Skidmore	Born 1915 (AFD 1938-1973)	35 yrs. Ser.	Asst. Ch. Age 58
* W.A. "Art Westerfeld	Born 1896 (AFD 1919-1962)	43 yrs. Ser.	Fire Chief age 66

### **\*DIED WHILE EMPLOYED**

#### Interesting Facts About Firefighters of Long Ago

Firefighters who were hired during the 1920's 1930's and 1940's. did not have a very good retirement plan. The retirement system for firefighters was rather poor in that era. Usually they worked into their 60's and 70's. The above people worked many years and most were mandatory retired and two died while employed with the Fire Department.

Lieutenant Ed Lucero worked until age 77 as a line officer at Station # 10

#### Line Officers in their 60's

- Lt. Reno Stableton age 63, Eng. # 5,
- Lt. Maurice Cordova Eng # 14, age 62

#### Drivers in their 60's

- Lucias Springer Driver Eng. # 9 age 62
- Trinidad Lopez Driver Eng # 2 age 60

Assistant Chief Milton Grande worked until age 70. He was the Fire Marshall  
 Assistant Chiefs - Leo Renaud age 65, Carl Macaluso age 64, George Tafoya age 61,  
 Louie Jurado age 61, "Slim Davidson, age 60  
 Fire Chief "Art Westerfeld was still the Fire Chief When he died at age 66

Simon Seligman was the first Albuquerque Fire Chief to retiree .  
 (Earlier Chiefs did not have a retirement plan , years service, or died prior to eligibility)

Prepared By: Herman R. Bishop, Historian  
 December 12, 2008

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ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## PERSONNEL RANK AND PAY SCALE

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NUMBER EMPLOYED</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>SALARY RANGE</u> <u>YEARLY</u>
CHIEF	1	\$675-875	\$8100-10,500
ASSISTANT CHIEF	6	\$525-680	\$6300-8200
ASSISTANT CHIEF (Training)	1	\$525-680	\$6300-8200
ASSISTANT CHIEF (Fire Prevention)	1	\$525-680	\$6300-8200
SECRETARY	1	\$289-346	\$3474-4160
CLERK TYPIST	1	\$227-279	\$2725-3349
CAPTAIN	4	\$517-559	\$6209-6708
LIEUTENANT	42	\$468-504	\$5616-6053
LIEUTENANT (FPB)	1	\$466-504	\$5595-6053
LIEUTENANT (ALARM)	1	\$466-504	\$5595-6053
LIEUTENANT (RESCUE)	4	\$468-504	\$5616-6053
DRIVER	53	\$413-447	\$4961-5366
FIRE ALARM OPERATOR	5	\$412-445	\$4950-5346
FPB INSPECTOR	2	\$339-407	\$4077-4888
FIREMAN 1st CLASS	49	\$338-405	\$4056-4867
FIREMAN 2nd CLASS	105	\$322	\$3869
MECHANIC	1	\$478	\$5736
ELECTRICIAN	<u>1</u>	\$405	\$4860
TOTAL	279		

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE \$20.00 PER MONTH  
 FOOD ALLOWANCE 7.00 PER MONTH

**FORMER FIRE MARSHAL DIES**

Don Graham AFD retiree and Former Fire Marshal died on June 6, 2011. He Passed away at Holland's Rose Medical Hospitality House here in Albuquerque after a struggle with throat cancer. Don joined The Albuquerque Fire Dept. on August 24, 1986 and retired on November 11, 2007 after serving 21 years with the department. He served in all ranks from Firefighter through Fire Marshal. The retirees remember Don for His work with them by coordinating The river Bosque Patrol during the Summer of 2004 when the fire season Was so dry. After the fire season was Over Don along with Chief Robert Ortega presented a certificate of Appreciation to the retirees for their Assistance in keeping the Bosque safe.



**(9-8-2004) L-R,,FIRE CHIEF ROBERT ORTEGA, SAM TRUJILLO FIRE MARSHAL DON GRAHAM, AWARD PRESENTATION TO RETIREES FOR PATROLLING BOSQUE, 4TH OF JULY**

**RETIREE NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE ON C D ROM'S**

THE RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED IN JUNE, 2000.WE PUBLISHED OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER AUGUST 1, 2000. OUR NEWSLETTERS ARE PUBLISHED QUARTERLY AND WE HAVE COPIES AVAILABLE OF ALL OF THEM FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 2010.

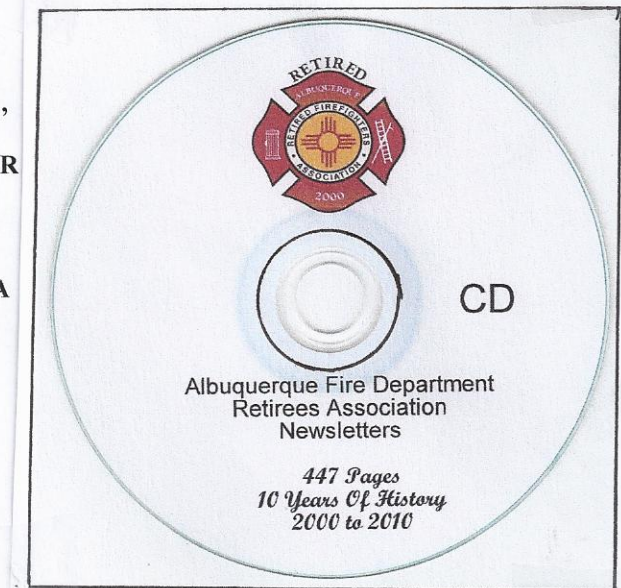
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Happy Birthday, Sparky The Fire Dog Turns Age 60  
Fire Prevention Week, October 9, 2011 - October 25, 2011

When the retired firefighters were on active duty we were well Aware of Fire Prevention Week and always observed this important Date each year during the week from Sunday to Saturday in which October 9 th falls. This year Fire Prevention week is from Sunday October 9, 2011 to Saturday October 15, 2011.

Sparky the fire dog is celebrating his 60 th birthday this year. He Has been the official spokesdog for the National Fire Protection Association since 1951. Sparky is loved by children, adults, and Firefighters. Each year he spreads the fire safety message through Pictures, coloring books, videos, posters, and other educational Materials.



The intention of National Fire Prevention Week for the past 80 years is to raise awareness about the dangers of fires and how to prevent them. "NFPA.s" theme this year is "Team Up For Fire Safety." This year's campaign includes: A.-Installing and testing fire alarms. B.- Practicing home escape plans. C. Hunting for home fire hazards.

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire conflagration that began on Sunday, October 8, 1871 and lasted to early Tuesday October 10, 1871. Over 300 people died and the fire burned four square miles. A prolonged drought prior to the fire, high winds, and the City's over use of wood in building construction were the main factors contributing to the rapid spread of the fire.

The firefighters were soon overwhelmed by the fast moving fire and lack of water supply. In addition to high winds the fire created it's own winds which blew embers to buildings ahead of the fire. Unfortunately the fire destroyed the City's water works early on.

Finally the fire burned itself out aided by diminishing winds, and a light drizzle that began falling by late Monday night.

During 1925 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed October 4, 1925 to October 10, 1925 the first "National Fire Prevention Week."

For years Catherine O'Leary was blamed for the fire when her cow supposedly kicked over a lantern while she was milking in the barn. Michael Ahern a reporter for the "Chicago Tribune," came up with the story because the fire started near Mrs. O'Leary's barn. In 1893 Ahern retracted the "Cow and Lantern" story admitting it was fabricated.

Some other stories have surfaced as to the fire cause. Amateur historian Richard Bales believes the fire was started when Richard "Pegleg" Sullivan who first reported the fire, had ignited the hay while stealing milk. Dennis Regan a resident of Chicago and a neighbor of the O'leary's is believed to be an accomplice of Sullivan.

Recent evidence reported by Anthony DeBartolos suggest Louis M. Cohn may have started the fire during a crap game. He is thought to have admitted to starting the fire in a last will.

To this very day the experts say the cause of the "Great Chicago Fire" is not absolutely certain.

Information courtesy of National Fire Protection Association



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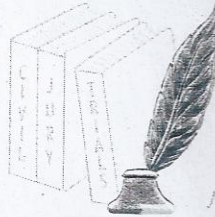
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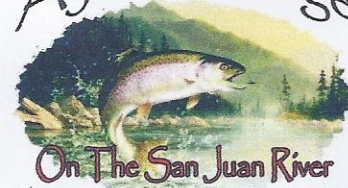


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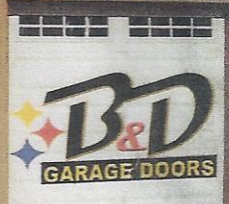


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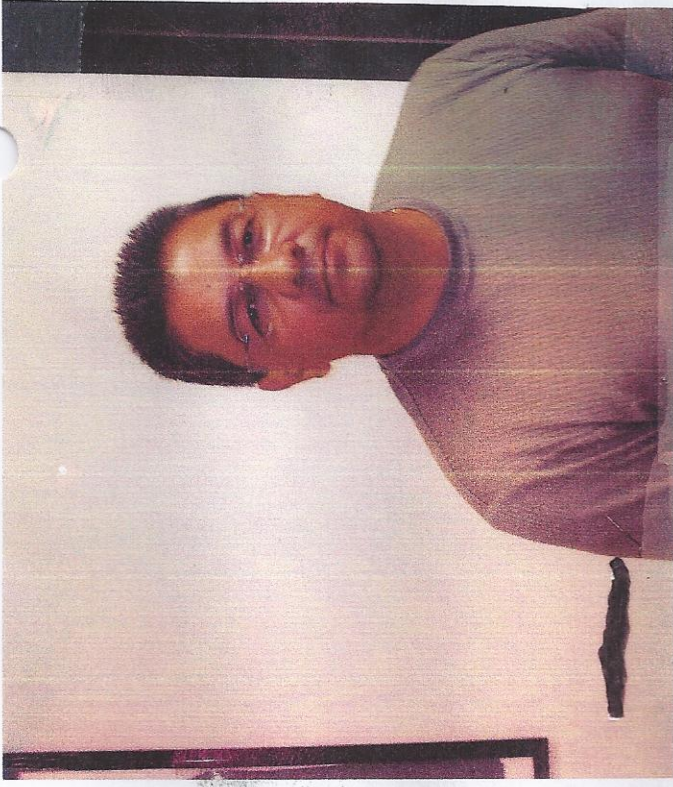
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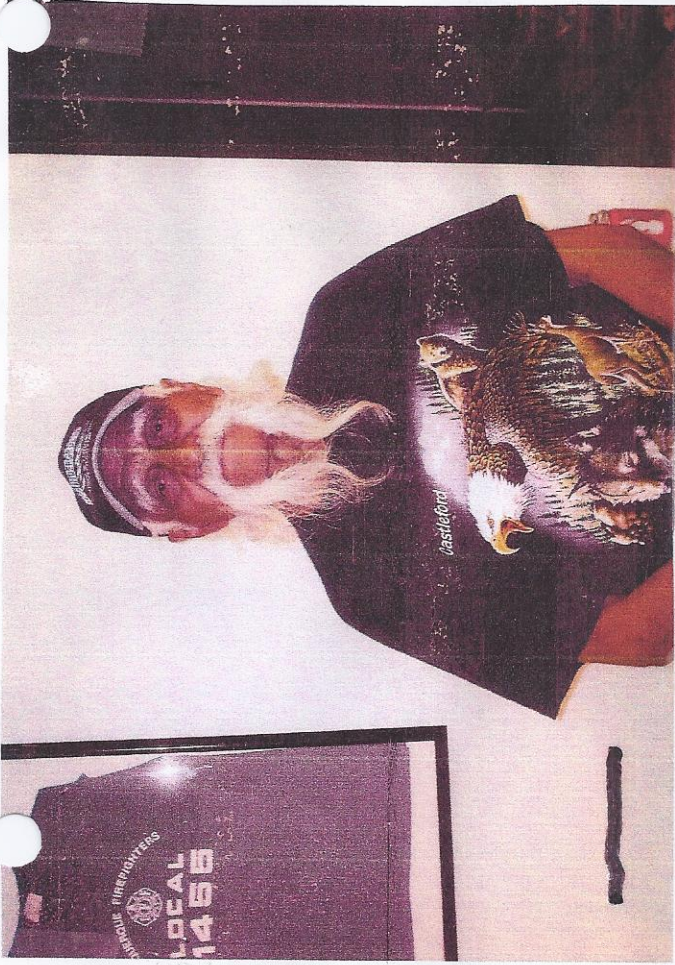
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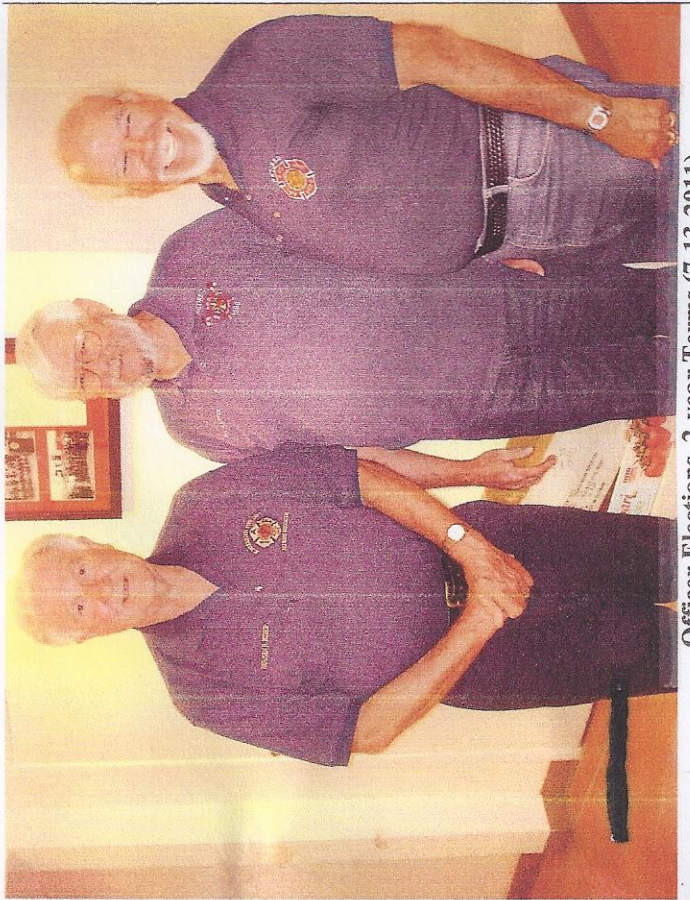
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Sebastian Mirabal (7-13-2011)



Officer Elections, 2-year Terms (7-13-2011)  
**L-R, Herman Bishop, Historian, Bill Raupfer, Vice President**  
**John Serino, Treasurer**



**L-R, Herman Bishop Presents Eddie Torres**  
**The Service Recognition Award, for 10 years**  
**As Vice President of AFD Retiree's Association**

**July Meeting** - The 131 st meeting of the AFD Retiree's Association was called to order on July 13, 2011, 7:10 P. M. at the firefighter's Union Hall at 4100 Edith N. E. by President Sam Trujillo. The opening prayer was led By Santos Abeyta and Sam Trujillo led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in memory Our deceased members including Don Graham who Passed away during June, 2011. President Sam Trujillo Welcomed first time attendees, Sebastian Mirabal, Rudy Herman and Eulugio Lucero. Welcome aboard guys. Sam recognized our guest, Eppie Ortega's wife.

President Sam Trujillo swore in three officers for two Year terms, Bill Raupfer Vice President, John Serino, Treasurer, and Herman Bishop, Historian. Sam reported That three retirees filed an appeal for full Social Security Benefits which has been previously denied and won their Case with back pay, Ron Milligan, Eugene Baldonado, and Sam Trujillo. Sam recently met with 16 other retirees who Have been denied full Social Security benefits. They have Filed an appeal and are awaiting and answer.

**Roll Call**- Sam Trujillo, President, Bill Raupfer, Vice President, Fred Casias, Secretary, John Serino, Treasurer, Herman Bishop, Historian. **Advisory Board**- Santos Abeyta, Noel Baca, Juan Sandoval, L.C. Trujillo, Eugene Baldonado, Joe Martinez, Vince Holcomb, Fred Teupell, John Herrera, Ralph Sedillo, Ray Flores, Eddie Torres.

Fred Casias gave the **Secretary's report** for June. A motion, to accept was made by Marx Deer and was seconded by Jose Martinez. John Serino gave the **Treasurer's report**. He gave a sincere thanks to those who responded to our recent fund drive. A motion to accept was made by Eppie Ortega and was seconded by Eugene Baldonado.

**Historian's Report**- Herman said the annual picnic/reunion has been set for September 17, 2011. Contact Ray Flores or Eddie Torres for details. He is working with Fred Casias to put all newsletters from 2000 to 2010 on a CD Rom. Cost is \$ 10.00 each. Contact Fred to get your copy. The Santa Fe retirees has invited us to their annual picnic on July 16, 2011.

Members on the sick roster: Ernie Armijo, "Slim Davidson," Louie Padilla, Florenio Sanchez, Henry Delgado, Noel Baca.

**Rudy Sanchez Family**- Our sincere condolences to the Rudy Sanchez family who lost their dear son Rudy Sanchez Jr. during July, 2011.

Mark Chavez invited the retirees to attend the "Sportsman's Music Show" on July 16 th, 2011 at the State Fair Grounds, Manuel Lujan Building.

The closing prayer was led by Juan Sandoval.

The July meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P. M.



**ANNUAL PICNIC, SANTA FE FIRE DEPT. RETIREE'S (7-16-2011)**  
L-R, Ernest Holms, Bill Raupfer, Herman Bishop,  
Vincente Vigil, Richard Tafoya



L-R, J. Martinez, G. Torres, M. Herrera,  
R. Hansen, L. Vivian (12-10-2005)  
Santa Fe, N. Mex.



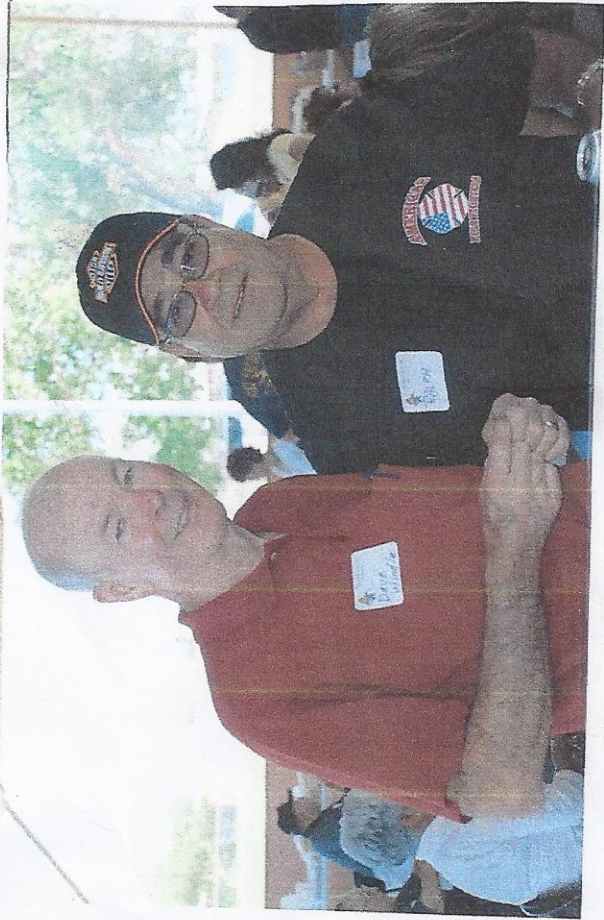
L-R, J. Martinez, G. Torres, M. Herrera,  
R. Hansen, L. Vivian (12-10-2005)



L-R- Bill Raupfer, Marx Deer, John Serino (12-10-2004)



Eddie Torres Presents Sam Trujillo Plaque with  
NM Prestige License, N.M. Retired Firefighters (12-8-2004)



**DAVE WINDLE & RALPH SEDILLO**  
"WE CAN SING GOOD AS EARL"



**BART VALLEJOS, JOSEPH JONES, JOE SERNA**  
"WE LIKED THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

**AFD RETIREE'S ANNUAL PICNIC/REUNION**  
**AUGUST 23, 2008**

**PHOTOS BY ERIC JONES**



**NOEL BACA, MRS BART VALLEJOS, TETER BACA**  
"GLAD WE DIDN'T HAVE TO COOK"



**EPPIE ORTEGA & EUGENE BALDONADO**  
"WE USED TO COOK AT THE FIREHOUSE"

**August Monthly Meeting- President Sam Trujillo**  
Called the 132<sup>nd</sup> meeting to order at 7:15 P. M. He Led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Santos Abeyta led the opening prayer. A moment of silence Was held in observance of the last alarm for all our Deceased retirees. After roll call Sam introduced a Guest, Cynthia Borrego who is running for the PERA Board. She has served 8 years previously and is asking for our vote during August/September. Look for your ballots in the mail.

The Secretary's report was given by Vice President Bill Raupfer due to the absence of Fred Casias. A Motion to accept was made by Marx Deer and was Seconded by Ramon Maldonado. The Motion Carried. John Serino gave the Treasurer's report. Due to the recent fund drive we are running in the black. We have adequate funding for the upcoming picnic on September 17 th. John also thanked everyone for their donations during the recent fund drive. A motion to accept was made by Jeff Elks and was seconded by Victor Sanchez. The motion passed.

The Historian's Report was given by Herman Bishop. He discussed the September newsletter which will have details about the picnic on September 17 th. He reminded everyone that Fire Prevention week is October 9<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. Also Sparky the fire dog is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Fred Casias is offering CD ROM's of our newsletters for the past 10 years @ \$10.00 each. (456 Pages). The cost will be \$15.00 each if he mails you a copy. Please call Fred if you would like a copy at 269-0370.

**Funeral Detail - Marx Deer** invited all to attend the 9-11 Memorial to be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 4<sup>th</sup> Street & Stover S.W. @ 3:00 P.M.

**Annual Picnic- Ray Flores** invited us to attend the annual picnic to be held in Bernalillo, N.M. Rotary Park, on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M./4:00 P.M. Go to downtown Bernalillo, turn West on Don Francisco St. go ½ mile to the park. Adults, \$5.00, children under 14 free.

Bill Raupfer reported that a memorial service for former Fire Marshal Don Graham will be held at the Firefighter's Union Hall, 4100 Edith N.E. August 31<sup>st</sup>, @ 5:00 P.M. Don passed away June 6<sup>th</sup> of throat cancer. Bill also invited us to attend the monthly meeting of the retired Santa Fe firefighters on Thursday, August 18, 2011. We will meet at the Firefighter's Union Hall, 5:00 P.M. 4100 Edith N.E. The meeting starts at 6:00 P.M. at Fire Station # 3, 1800 Cerillos Rd. Santa Fe.

The closing prayer was led by Juan Sandoval.

The August monthly meeting adjourned at 8: 45 P. M.

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CYNTHIA D. BORREGO  
NM PERA BOARD RETIREE MEMBER

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**Sam Trujillo**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By Sam Trujillo**

I want to thank our members that responded to our annual donation drive. We had a great response and received donations that will allow our association to continue printing the quarterly newsletter. Our biggest expense continues to be the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Our Association has operated for the past 11 years without charging dues. We operate strictly on donations from our members. Again, Thank you for your support.

This September 11<sup>th</sup> is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9-11 attack on our country. We as Firefighters lost 343 brave brothers/sisters on that day. Our Association will participate in honoring the memory of that tragedy that occurred 10 years ago. Our Honor Guard will assist Albuquerque Area Firefighters in ceremonies that are planned for that day. We will utilize our "Last Alarm" bell in the 9-11 ceremonies.

This year we will hold our summer picnic on September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M./4:00 P.M. at Rotary Park in downtown Bernalillo, New Mexico. (Turn West on Don Francisco St. go ½ mile to Rotary Park). This year's picnic will also honor the 2010 AFD Retiree's with special recognition from IAFF Local 244 Firefighters Union. Plan on attending as we welcome these recent retirees into our Association. The cost is \$5.00 per adult donation and children under 14 are free. The cost covers food and beverages expenses. Our Association operates on donations.

Our monthly meetings are held each month on the second Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. We continue meeting at the IAFF Local 244 Union Hall which is located at 4200 Edith N.E. Please call me at 899-1500 or 400-3644 if you have any questions.