



Friday, November 10, 2017

The **Franklin Fire Department** was honored recently for the **Tactical Emergency**



Casualty Care (TECC) training they implemented in 2016 to prepare responders for civilian tactical emergencies such as active shooter events. The training was conducted in cooperation with Williamson Medical Center EMS and Brentwood Fire & Rescue. The department was presented with the Education Service Award from the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) at the EMS World Expo in Las Vegas last month. **Chief Rocky Garzarek, along with Engineer-Paramedic Brian Brandon, and Firefighter-Paramedics Alan Fulwood, Kevin Hunt and Jason Webb, who were TECC instructors, attended the Expo to accept the award. Congratulations and good work!**

Photo – Left to right: (NAEMT representative), FF-P Jason Webb, E-P Brian Brandon, FF-P Kevin Hunt, FF-P Alan Fulwood, Chief Rocky Garzarek, (NAEMT representative)

Current Planning Supervisor Amy Diaz-Barriga has a fun side business and one that encourages children to be themselves! She has gotten together with her sister Lori Grow, and created a coloring book of hand drawn illustrations that highlight admirable character traits in kids. Amy said, *“We wanted to make a coloring book that personified admirable traits in a way that kids could understand. That confidence means jumping off the high dive without hesitation, and responsible means remembering to take your*



dog for a walk (with treats and a poo bag). And we wanted to make it as inclusive as possible, so the ‘strong’ page isn’t just portrayed as a boy, but it’s also portrayed as a girl in the exact same pose. The goal is for kids to look at these pages and identify with one, and to feel proud that they found themselves in this book of admirable traits. That’s the point behind the title, Be You And Own It!” You can find the book on Instagram @beyouandownit and on Facebook Be You and Own It. You

can also purchase the book on Amazon! https://www.amazon.com/Be-You-Own-coloring-their/dp/0692955259/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1510248508&sr=8-1&keywords=be+you+and+own+it+coloring+book&dpID=51xGappJXOL&preST= SX218 B01,204,203,200 QL40 &dpSrc=srch



We had a wonderful turnout for the **2017 Franklin Veterans Day Parade** and one of the largest participation of vets in the history of the parade!. Soldiers from the **101st Airborne unit, Junior ROTC units,** bands from **our local high schools,** the **MTSU band** and 4th grade school children from the **FSSD.** Hall and Oats drove one of the antique cars with a veteran! You can see the parade on our YouTube channel and Facebook!

The Human Resources Department recently concluded a walking challenge. Five teams participated and walked a total of 7,319,198 steps in 5 weeks! It was a highly competitive challenge, but the Walkabouts won with a total of 2,056,715 steps with a team average of 411,343 steps. Congratulations, **Walkabouts!** (Natalie Keene, Cheryl Church, Ruth Watkins, Jill Canovan, and Allan Fentress)



A very nice thank you note below for **Rick McPeak, Assistant Director of the Water Management Department**. Also, a resident on Lancaster Drive called into complement our **Street Department and the leaf collectors**. You can listen to the compliment attached.

Dir. Hatcher,

*I apologize for taking so long to do so, but I wanted to tell you how much we appreciated **Mr. McPeak** coming out to our meeting last month. The boys and parents really enjoyed his explanations of “bug farming” and how our city’s water supply and wastewater is treated. We really appreciate his time and hope you’ll let him know how much we appreciate and enjoyed his visit. I hope that next year we can schedule an actual visit to the treatment plant facility when the next group of boys come through. We will certainly be in touch.*
Sincerely Jason Coleman



L to R: Capt. Tyler Crews, FF-P Blake Lobel, Lt. Jonathan Gill, FF Dustin Sinclair, BC Joe Polenzani, Capt. Greg Wild

prepared?” and Lt. McGee helped present “Fire Flows and Paths.” **Engineers Jeff Boggs and Richard Hasley** helped teach extrication. Additionally, **Battalion Chief Joe**

We have a correction from last week’s ebrief. Several members of the fire department assisted with the recent Firehouse Expo who weren’t properly recognized. **Deputy Chief Glenn Johnson and Assistant Fire Marshal Geoff Woolard** served on the Incident Management Team for the conference. **Deputy Chief Andy King** hosted a fire protection systems field trip in the 32-story Bridgestone Americas Tower. **Captain Greg Wild and Lt. Kirk McGee** both served as instructors for live fire training that was conducted. Working with teams of instructors from across the country, Capt. Wild helped present “First Due Operations: Are you

Polenzani, Capt. Tyler Crews, Lt. Jonathan Gill, FF-Paramedic Blake Lobel and FF Dustin Sinclair helped conduct 35 live fire evolutions throughout the day at an acquired structure in Murfreesboro. Thanks to all for representing the City of Franklin and the Franklin Fire Department so well!

REMINDER: Mark your calendars! The next **Flu shot clinic is November 13, 4:30-6pm**. This year will be a **four-strain shot**, which is better and more effective than the three-strain. The shots will be available in the City Hall Training room and are free to retirees and their spouses, employees and covered spouses. Below are the specific dates and times. **If you cannot attend on 11/13, you are welcome to go to Costco and get your free shot any time. Please bring your city ID card.**

Thanks for *all* you do, enjoy your weekend!