



*Friday, October 11, 2019*



Last weekend, members of the **Franklin Fire Department's Honor Guard** served at the **National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Memorial Weekend** in Emmitsburg, MD. In a candlelight ceremony on Saturday evening, they stood watch over the 2018 ceremonial plaques that were unveiled. The plaques are engraved with the names of the 119 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2018. A special 9/11 plaque bears the names of firefighters who have passed away as a result of responding to the events of 9/11/2001. In

2018 there were 27 names added to the 9/11 plaque. In a ceremony on Sunday morning, FFD's Honor Guard presented flags to the individual families of the fallen, including the families of Fire Chief Richard Chalmers McCormick, of the La Vergne Fire and Rescue Department, and Engineer Jason Wade Dickey, of the Lawrenceburg Fire Department, who both died in the line of duty in 2018. After the presentation, FFD's Honor Guard, including **Assistant Fire Marshal Jonathan Dye, Lieutenant-Paramedic Brian Brandon, Lieutenant Shawn Donovan, and Firefighter-Paramedic Michael Henry**, participated in a procession with other Honor Guards and Pipe and Drum Corps from across the country. The Memorial Weekend is a time of sharing and healing for the families. It is a solemn tribute and commemoration of the ultimate sacrifice made by their loved ones.

At Tuesday night's meeting, the **Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the updated Human Resources Manual**. The manual had not had a full review and update for several years. A copy



of the updated HR Manual is attached for your review. The HR Department will be visiting various departments to review the changes and answer questions. A big thank you to **HR and Law** for their hard work in reviewing and updating the manual.

The **Franklin Fire Department** was recently honored by **Operation Gratitude** and **Tennessee First Lady Maria Lee** with care packages for all of the firefighters. **Chief Garzarek** accepted the packages, which were presented to him by Mrs. Lee and Operation Gratitude representatives in a reception at the Governor's residence. Since 2003, Operation Gratitude has distributed more than 2 million packages to military service men and women and first responders. You can learn more at <https://www.operationgratitude.com/>. To watch a quick video of the reception click here: <http://bit.ly/2mHDH7C>.



**Welcome to the following New City Team Member!**

**Sean Sampson - SES Worker, Sanitation & Environmental Services**

Sean is from Cheatham county and currently lives in Lyles. In his free time, Sean enjoys riding motorcycles, hiking, traveling, hanging with family and friends

and his dog. He is also a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan! Sean previously worked for Coca Cola.



The City is starting something new called **"Innovation Hour,"** it is a time to solve city-wide problems and get feedback on current projects! The meeting dates are below and the meetings will be held in the Development Services Conference room in City Hall. Our Management Fellow, **Holland Shellhase** will be hosting the meetings and is inviting folks to email her with ideas for discussion at the first meeting. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Dates are the following

- October 17, 1pm
- October 31, 11am
- November 14, 1pm
- December 5, 11am
- December 19, 1pm

**FLU SHOT SCHEDULE at City Hall Training Room:**

➤ **Thursday, November 7, 6-9 a.m.**

This weekend is the annual **Celebration of Nations** hosted by Sister Cities of Franklin & Williamson County. This cultural music and arts festival is happening at **Bicentennial Park on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.** Saturday night, popular local band Rubik's Groove will perform your favorite international hits from the 70's, 80's, and 90's. For more information, go to [sistercitiestn.org](http://sistercitiestn.org).

That's all for now. Enjoy your weekend!

Thanks for *all* you do.



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