

# E-Brief 2023

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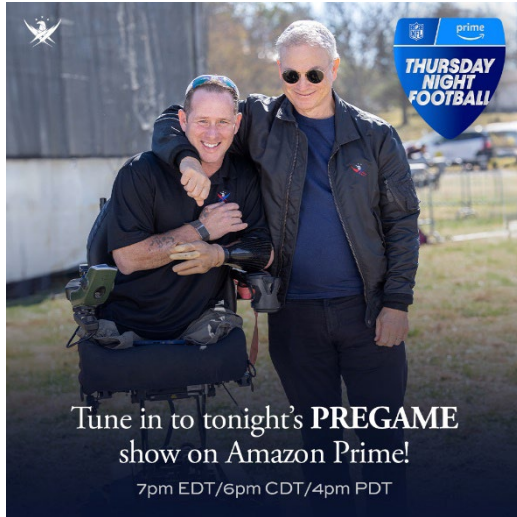
Teamwork .....

Integrity .....

.....Action-Oriented



**Friday, November 10, 2023**



The Parks Department Family Day was a big success with an estimated 8,000 people attending. **Amazon Prime** featured Oscar nominated actor, humanitarian and new Franklin resident **Gary Sinise** and a local veteran, **Wounded Hero U.S. Army SGT (Ret.) Bryan Anderson**, about the work the **Gary Sinise Foundation** does in support of our nation's heroes. You can see the video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KchTc72hNMY>. **Joey Echeverria** in **Communications** taped a great video of the whole day that you can see here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2iG4Bzxl8I>. **Thank you to Lisa Clayton and the entire Parks team for putting on such a great day for our community.**

The **Battle of Franklin Trust** welcomed dozens to Carter Hill Park on Tuesday for a special dedication – a caisson's new home. But what's a caisson, you may ask? It's a two-wheeled cart with a rich history, used to carry artillery ammunition and bear the casket of the deceased in certain state and military funerals. You can see the entire video presentation full of history lessons about the Battle of Franklin on Facebook and on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rgdmeo4S8PU>.



**Nicki Johnson** wrote a nice commentary in the **Williamson Herald** this week complementing our **Franklin Citizens Police Academy**. See the entire article from the Williamson Herald below and thank you to all the officers who help to put on this amazing service for our citizens!

*Behind the badges at **Franklin Police Department**, you will find some of the finest women and men I have had the privilege of meeting and learning from.*

*They go well beyond the call of duty to serve and protect the citizens of Franklin. My hope is to give a little insight by sharing my experience from **The Citizen's Police Academy**, an eight-week class that gives you a glimpse behind the scenes of the operations of FPD. It increased my level of understanding and deepened my gratitude by showing me how truly remarkable they are. May it do the same for you when you understand that every second makes a difference.*

*After serving 12 years in the field of education, I always encourage others to walk a mile in someone else's shoes. If you teach one day, you'll never take another educator for granted. Likewise, learning and experiencing with the FPD is truly the only way to comprehend and understand the sacrifice and dedication to each of you from any public servant.*

*My fellow students in this class are some of the most kind and humble people I have ever met; the experience was overwhelmingly amazing for all of us. I had the best experience riding with **officer Michael Oliver** for a whole shift. Although it was an uneventful day, he did assist with a help call from Dick's Sporting Goods and an order of protection call. The sheer amount of calls they receive would leave you speechless.*

*We discussed the in's and out's of how calls come in, how they are classified, and which take priority. He answered so many questions for me while simultaneously sharing an abundance of his own experiences with the FPD. His passion also extends to helping the community understand the devastation that can come with driving under the influence.*

*When Brentwood Police officer Destin Legieza lost his life to a drunk driver, Oliver felt led to focus on developing a way to improve the statistics making leaps and bounds in this area. He exudes many qualities of a leader and was just promoted to team leader for Negotiations. On a lighter note, I learned he loves his children, chocolate, peanut butter and trying new flavors of coffee, so maybe y'all can send him some.*

*Our class also had the privilege of having **Ryan Schuman and Ryan Howell** as academy advisers. You may have seen them around town on public safety videos, on patrol, or waving from a motorcycle. If you have interacted with them in any way, we can all agree their kindness is contagious and their loyalty and commitment are unmatched, each having served 20-plus years in Franklin.*

*Our first night began with a welcome from **Chief Deborah Faulkner, Deputy Chief J.P. Taylor** and the team concluding with a tour of the FPD headquarters. The next week, we explored what an actual traffic stop would be like, drove with impairment goggles on, and practiced with different types of radar equipment.*

*This is the first time you actually experience the fearful part of walking up to cars not knowing what is waiting for you. It will show you that every second and every decision does make a difference. After that, we were blessed with hearing from **Zannie Martin in Juvenile Services**; her heart extends well beyond her job with assisting juveniles to get back on their feet. You would be very proud of the work going on behind the scenes to help the youth of Williamson County. We also toured the jail the remainder of the evening. On **SWAT night, the officers instructed on weaponry and discussed community safety**. This night, I was able to discharge a taser and shoot a rifle. Not to mention, experiencing what a police pursuit would be like.*

*On another evening, I was faced with a screen and a real-life scenario on "what would you do?" This night, your heart will drop and your mind will race with split second decisions having to be made. Lastly, we learned from the ladies with SVU, a part of our system with sexual and domestic violence, that we wish didn't exist. However, it is real and the work they do is crucial to protecting our youth and anyone in dangerous situations.*

*We concluded with real crime scene scenarios and fingerprinting. Every night was a new experience, and every night provided so much clarity for every specialty. I feel blessed to have graduated from **The Citizen's Police Academy's 42nd class**. May we all continue to show each of these men and women the utmost respect and kindness but also continue to show all citizens of Franklin the same to keep it one of the best places to live.*

The mission of FPD is to keep Franklin safe by providing professional police services with integrity, honor, and courage. They are currently hiring. There is also a nonprofit called LEAP, Law Enforcement Assistance Partnership, that supports officers and their families in time of need. [www.LEAPfranklin.org](http://www.LEAPfranklin.org).



We held our **Employee of the Quarter Program** celebration for the 3rd quarter of 2023. Please see the attached PowerPoint that shows why the two winners were chosen this quarter!

**Congratulations once again to our 2023 Second Quarter winners:**

**LINDA BROWN**, Administrative Assistant, BNS  
**SARAH SCHILLING**, Assistant Deputy City Recorder, Administration

We will continue accepting nominations for the **4th and final Quarter** of the **2023 year**. You can submit paper nominations by coming into the Human Resource Department within City Hall or via email by filling out the attached nomination form. As a reminder, the guidelines are as follows:

- **Any employee** can be nominated
- HR will accept unlimited nominations during the nomination window for each quarter
- **Nomination forms** are attached and will also be available on *Inside the City*
- **Two employees will be selected per quarter** by a committee made up of your peers!
- Completed nomination forms (attached) can be emailed to [nomination@franklintn.gov](mailto:nomination@franklintn.gov) or by dropping off the form in the HR Office.

**The deadline for submitting nominations for the 4th Quarter is Dec 31, 2023.**

Thank you for all that you do! Let's acknowledge and recognize those who are doing a great job at the City of Franklin! Questions? Please contact Cara Rives!



The Franklin Firefighters have kicked off their **Annual Toy and Clothing Drive**. **Captain Clay Mackey**, who has helped coordinate the initiative since it started 16 years ago, said the firefighters expect to provide gifts to more than 300 Williamson County children this year. "The holidays can be difficult for many families," said Mackey. "With the community's continued generosity, we want to make sure that every child in Williamson County has a Christmas gift to open and the coat, clothes, and shoes they need this winter." Beginning on Saturday, November 4, the gift requests of children will be on cards hanging on the holiday fire hydrant displays outside all Franklin fire stations, in Franklin Fire Headquarters at

Franklin City Hall, and in Macy's at the CoolSprings Galleria. Stop by to select a gift request card from one

of the displays. Purchase the single item requested on the card. Return new, unwrapped gifts with the card attached to a fire station, City Hall, or Macy's by December 5th. The Franklin Firefighters' Annual Toy & Clothing Drive has provided needed items and toys to hundreds of children annually since 2008. The beneficiaries are identified by representatives of the Boys and Girls Club of Williamson County, who work with other charities to prevent duplication of efforts. Monetary donations are also being accepted via PayPal <https://bit.ly/3FhDmLI>, and at all Franklin fire stations. Checks should be made payable to Franklin Firefighters Charities. All contributions are tax-deductible. For more information, please contact the Franklin Fire Department at (615) 791-3270 or visit [www.FranklinFirefightersCharities.org](http://www.FranklinFirefightersCharities.org)

**The Franklin Police Department is accepting donations for the 2023 Kristi Clark, Carter Oakley Franklin Police Department Toy Drive.** On February 16, 2015, Kristi Clark and her 10-year-old son, Carter Oakley, were hit by a semi and killed after the two got out of their car to help five people in an overturned SUV on an ice-covered I-65, in Franklin. Kristi's dad, Brad Lewis, stays very much in touch with members of the Franklin Police Department. A bond brought about by tragedy has blessed needy families every Christmas since, and all in memory of two good Samaritans who died helping others in need. Brad Lewis, a skilled craftsman, has built 15-wooden toy boxes in his daughter & grandson's honor. Now, Franklin Police Officers want to fill them with gifts for needy Franklin families. **You can leave unwrapped toys for children, ages 1-17, in the Franklin Police Headquarters lobby, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, between now and December 15.**



**Welcome to our new City Team members this week!**



**John Holland, Police Officer, Franklin Police Department**

John is originally from Cleveland, Ohio. He is married and has two daughters. John enjoys camping, fishing and being with family. John previously worked for Border Patrol and ICE in Arizona.



**Brion DeLap, Police Officer, Franklin Police Department**

Brion is from Nashville. He is married and has a son. Brion enjoys anything outdoors, especially fishing and most sports. He is very excited that his favorite sports team the Texas Rangers won the World Series.

Welcome to the City!!

That's it for this week, **thank you to all who helped with this morning's Veterans' Day Parade** (an event that is a personal favorite of mine!) **and this afternoon's dedication of the new Civil War U.S. Army Line Markers!** As we prepare to celebrate **Veterans' Day** on Saturday, we want to say a very special thank you to all of our City of Franklin **Veterans**. We are forever grateful for your service in the military and for your continuing service to the City of Franklin!

It's been a busy Fall so far. Great work, team! Thanks for *all* you do! Enjoy your weekend.

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