

Division Chief Retires

Division Chief Jerald "Jerry" Karr retired from the department, September 20, 2006 after 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Lawrence and Douglas County. Chief Karr served as Firefighter, Captain, Training Officer and most recently as Shift Commander.

Chief Karr served with leadership and devotion throughout his career and we extend congratulations to Chief Karr on his retirement.



2006 Employee Highlights

Promotions:

Division Chief Doug Green
Captain James Saladin
Lt. Chris King
Lt. Brandon Holloman
Lt. John Mathis

Lt. Scott Seratte
Eng. Chuck Lukinac
Eng. Jim Thornton
Eng. Aaron Flory
Eng. Chris Morrow

Fulltime:

John Darling
Troy Gourley
Brian Patterson

Retirements:

Div Chief Jerald Karr

Completed Paramedic Training:

Frank Angelone
Nathan Vail

Kenneth Parker
Ron Rushing



Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter Nate Jamison – 2006 Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter Nate Jamison first became interested in the fire service while attending Baldwin High School. He joined the Willow Springs Township Fire Department on February 9, 2000, where he later became the Training Officer. He also joined the Wakarusa Township Fire Department where he became the Training Coordinator and the first "resident" firefighter.

In November 2001, the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Explorer Post was established. FF Jamison joined and became the first Explorer Fire Chief for Lawrence. FF Jamison remained an Explorer until joining the department as a recruit in 2002. He became a fulltime firefighter with the department in December of 2003. FF Jamison is still very active in the Explorer Post program and is now Lead Advisor for the post.

FF Jamison is very active in the fire service. He teaches Disaster Medical Operations for the Community Emergency Response Team. He also is an Associated Field Instructor for the Kansas Fire & Rescue Training Institute where he has coordinated several Firefighter I and II courses.

When FF Jamison is not teaching a class, he works on extra projects on and off duty and was recently certified as an Acting Officer for the department.

FF Jamison's involvement and dedication to the fire service is what led his peers to nominate him as the 2006 Firefighter of the Year.



Our Values:

Compassion and Respect

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Leadership

Leadership



Professionalism and Integrity

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Teamwork

Teamwork

Proactive

Proactive



Pride

Pride



Excellence

Excellence



Station No. 5 and Administration Offices at 1911 Stewart Ave. was designed by Sabatini Architects, Inc. and built by First Management, Inc. both of Lawrence. The facility was constructed on land donated by KU Endowment and paid for through a City and County partnership.

4/15/2006
Station No. 5/Administration Opened

The department hosted the 81st Annual Kansas State Firefighters Association conference April 27th thru 29th. Over 250 firefighters attended the conference which included several educational workshops. Members worked for several months to ensure the conference was a success.

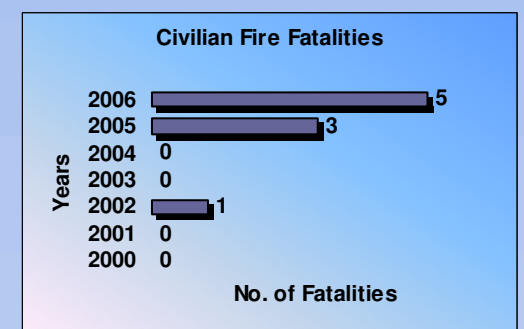
4/27/2006 - 4/29/2006
81st KSFFA Conference

In April 2006, the department responded to a house fire at 838 Louisiana Street and during the investigation, a gasoline leak was discovered. The department worked daily through May 2006 with assistance from the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE), the City's Utilities and Public Works Departments and Douglas County Emergency Management to locate the source of the leak and to monitor the area.

4/30/2006 - 5/10/2006
Gasoline Leak Discovered

In June 2006, the department met with 41 members of the community to focus on customer-driven strategic planning. Valuable commentary and useful discussions regarding concerns, expectations and comments about the department were collected and reviewed with the LDCFM Strategic Planning Team.

6/1/2006 - 6/30/2006
Strategic Planning



Station No. 4 at 2121 Wakarusa Dr. was designed by Sabatini Architects, Inc. of Lawrence and built by Champion Builders, Inc. of Topeka, Kansas.



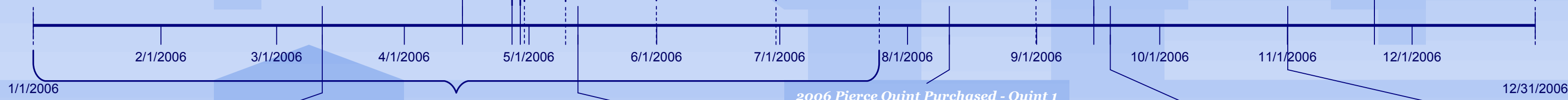
11/22/2006
Station No. 4 Opened

The department and the Lawrence community suffered its largest fire fatality in recent memory. Five members of the Glover Family perished in the New Jersey Street house fire, resulting in a joint investigation with members from the State Fire Marshal's Office, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Lawrence Police Department and the Douglas County Coroners Office. The impact is still felt today by department members, the community and the Glover Family.

9/15/2006
Largest Fire Fatality in Recent Memory

In the fall of 2006, the department purchased and configured Firehouse Software for tracking department activities. This software replaced Sunguard HTE Fires 2000 software and will permit reports and queries to be generated by all department personnel to better manage department activities and increase department efficiency.

9/1/2006 - 12/31/2006
Firehouse Software Transition



"Microburst" hits Lawrence
3/12/2006

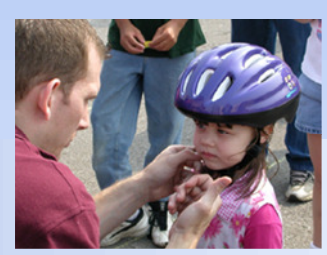
In March 2006, the city was hit with a "microburst" storm that caused millions of dollars of damage. The department called in all available off-duty firefighters and Chief Officers and divided the city into quadrants to help meet the demands of the community. The department responded to 155 calls from downed trees and power lines to emergency medical traumas and collapsed buildings within a 24-hour period.

Polyheme Blood Substitute Study
1/1/2006 - 7/25/2006

Beginning January 1, 2006 and concluding July 31, 2006 the department was one of three Kansas departments that participated in a nationwide study sponsored by Kansas University Medical Center-Training Services on polyheme synthetic blood substitute. The study was to determine the safety and efficiency of the blood substitute on blunt and penetrating trauma patients in pre-hospital settings.

2006 Wheeled Sports Program
5/13/2006

What began in 1996, only giving away 90 helmets, has turned into "an annual tribute to safety" where more than 450 helmets were given away to children at this year's event, which was held at Haskell University.



2006 Pierce Quint Purchased - Quint 1
8/11/2006



The purchase of this 2006 75-foot Pierce Quint, provides the greatest efficiency of staff in meeting the department's diverse missions. After training and equipping the unit the Quint was placed in service at Station No. 1., 746 Kentucky Street.

River City Recognition Award
9/19/2006

The Lawrence Board of Realtors presented the department with the River City Recognition Award for Architectural Enhancement of the Community for the design and build of Station No. 5 and the Administration Office.

"Employees Taking Heart"
11/1/2006

In November of 2006, the department implemented a city-wide "Employees Taking Heart" program. The American Heart Association program was delivered as a "train the trainer" class for selected individuals within each city department. City department trainers now will be able to deliver CPR, AED, and First Aid training to other city employees.

