



Johnson County Fire Protection District

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Years of Service Recognized

WARRENSBURG, MO – Following Tuesday night's Board of Directors meeting, District firefighters were recognized for completing the District's Recruit Firefighter Training Program, a 14-week introductory course for new employees with no prior firefighting experience.

Additionally, several District personnel were honored for reaching significant milestones in their years of service, including:

BC James Fitterling - 30 years
Retired BC Jeremy VanWey - 27 years
Retired FF Jack Hart - 25 years
Captain Joe Jennings - 20 years
FF Jimmy Tawzer - 20 years
Captain Nick McDaniels - 15 years
Lt James Wilson - 15 years
Lt HR Zellner - 15 years
FF Antonio Evans - 15 years
Lt Ben Burd - 10 years
FF Chris Gibson - 10 years
Lt Tom Anderson - 5 years
FF Christopher Arwood - 5 years
FF Will Crowden - 5 years
FF Orry Harbit - 5 years
FF Lambert Short - 5 years
FF Caleb Thompson - 5 years

After the presentations, Fire Chief Larry Jennings shared, "Volunteering with the District, alongside their regular jobs and personal lives, takes a special person—one with strong self-discipline, passion, and dedication. Seeing new firefighters, fresh from their basic training, alongside those being recognized for decades of service, truly highlights the strength of our team."

Established in 1979, the Johnson County Fire Protection District serves approximately 520 square miles in the eastern two-thirds of Johnson County, Missouri excluding the cities of Knob Noster and Warrensburg. The District is a 24-hour per day service with a full-time Chief and Assistant Chief, three full-time Firefighters, and more than 130 volunteer members from diverse backgrounds.

The District is always hiring and needs new volunteers to serve out of one of the District's twelve stations located in or near Burtville, Centerview, Chilhowee, Columbus, Cornelia, Fayetteville, Knob Noster, Leeton, Valley City and Warrensburg.

More information about the Johnson County Fire Protection District can be found online at www.jcfpd.net.

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Front Row L to R: BC James Fitterling - 30 years, Lt James Wilson - 15 years, Retired BC Jeremy VanWey - 27 years, FF Caleb Thompson 5 years, Captain Joe Jennings - 20 years, FF Jerald Finley - Recruit Graduate, FF Elane Runyon - Recruit Graduate, Asst Chief Dee Bennett

Back Row L to R: Chief Larry Jennings, Lt Ben Burd - 10 years, Captain Nick McDaniels - 15 years, Lt HR Zellner - 15 years, FF Lambert Short - 5 years, Retired FF Jack Hart - 25 years, FF Austin Atchley - Recruit Graduate

Not Pictured: Lt Tom Anderson - 5 years, FF Will Crowden - 5 years, FF Christopher Arwood - 5 years, FF Orry Harbit - 5 years, FF Chris Gibson - 10 years, FF Antonio Evans - 15 years, FF Jimmy Tawzer - 20 years