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Eggen Recognized by Missouri State Fair

SEDALIA, MO – Johnson County Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Larry Eggen was recognized Saturday with the “Friend of the Fair” award during the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia. The award honors individuals who have gone above and beyond in service to the Fair, demonstrating exceptional dedication, volunteerism, and support to its programs and operations.

Battalion Chief Eggen serves the Missouri State Fair Fire Department as its Public Information Officer and has been a fixture of the department for decades. His role includes coordinating public messaging and supporting the overall safety mission of the fairgrounds each year.

Eggen's fire service career with Johnson County Fire Protection District began in 1993. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1998, captain in 2002, and battalion chief in 2007. Over the course of his career, Eggen has been widely respected for his commitment to public service.

“Larry's work at the Missouri State Fair embodies the idea of service above self,” said Johnson County Fire Protection District Fire Chief Larry Jennings. “His decades of dedication, both to the Fair and to the communities we serve year-round, reflect the heart of the fire service. We are proud of his accomplishments and congratulate him on this well-deserved honor.”

The “Friend of the Fair” award is presented to individuals who have made a lasting impact on the Missouri State Fair through extraordinary contributions, often through volunteerism and service in specialized roles.

For more information about the Missouri State Fair, visit www.mostatefair.com.

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