

**2011 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR**

Engineer John Darling was hired as a fulltime Firefighter/EMT through the Department's Extraboard program on June 11, 2006. In the ensuing half-decade, he has sought and achieved additional responsibilities with the department.

In 2008, with the support of the department, he became a Kansas and Nationally registered Paramedic. Since then, he has developed a reputation for strong EMS skills and thorough documentation. In 2009, after completing his apprenticeship program, John was promoted to the rank of Engineer. In 2010, he was selected as a Coroner's Scene Investigator and in 2011, he was appointed to Acting Officer, which allows him to serve as a company officer in the absence of a Lieutenant or Captain. Also in 2011, John was appointed to the IAFF Local 1596 Executive Board as Secretary.

In the last year, Engineer Darling has displayed a great deal of initiative in taking on additional projects and responsibilities, which range from streamlining the medical supply inventory, serving on department committees, and updating a portion of the Accreditation Manual.

John resides in Lawrence with his wife Melissa and son, Sean.



**ENGINEER JOHN DARLING**



**20-YEAR SERVICE RECOGNITION**

Engineer Leo Leiker  
Lieutenant. Sean Sawyer  
Lieutenant. Greg Murray  
Lieutenant. Ed Noonan  
Captain Nathan Stover  
Captain Jim Saladin  
Division Chief Lyle Schwartz



**FIRE CHIEF'S COMMENDATION MEDAL**

Engineer John Dines



**NEW CAREER FIREFIGHTERS**

Firefighter Mark Campbell  
Firefighter Brian Fitzpatrick  
Firefighter Kirk Landau  
Firefighter Eric Miller

**PROMOTIONS**

Paramedic Dustin Deathe  
Captain Pete Easterwood  
Lieutenant Will Hallagin  
Lieutenant Rob Leach  
Lieutenant Greg Murray  
Engineer Nick Simon  
Engineer. Mike Smasal  
Lieutenant Jason Smith  
Captain Justin Temple

**20<sup>TH</sup> RECRUIT ACADEMY**

Charles Biggerstaff  
Cody Briggs  
Brendon Crain  
Vicent Davis  
Matt Dohn  
Daniel Franke  
Jennifer Persons  
Jacob Ross  
Trey Strohm  
Alex Wolfe



**LIFE SAVING AWARD**

Lieutenant Scott Seratte  
Firefighter Eric Miller  
Firefighter Todd Dwyer



**MAJOR BILL BURBAKER**



**ENGINEER ROBERT SMITH**

**IN MEMORIAM**

Major Bill Brubaker (1951 - 2011) worked for the department for more than 30 years, from 1970 until his retirement in 2001.

Engineer Robert Smith (1960 - 2011) was a Engineer for the department from 1994 until his death in 2011. Robert also served in the United States Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant.



**RETIRED FIREFIGHTER BREAKFAST**



**LIEUTENANT JOE MEHL**



**CAPTAIN STAN RAY**



**LIEUTENANT MARK WILSON**

**RETIREES**

Lieutenant Joe Mehl - 03/11/2011 (22 years of service)  
Captain Stan Ray - 12/17/2011 (35 years of service)  
Lieutenant Mark Wilson - 12/17/2011 (33 years of service)



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**2011 ANNUAL REPORT**

# LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE MEDICAL

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Lawrence Chamber of Commerce recognized department employees at the Valor Public Safety Awards, which recognizes the courage of those who go above and beyond the normal call of duty.

Those recognized were:

- Lt. Scott Seratte – Life Saving Medal of Valor
- FF Eric Miller – Life Saving Medal of Valor
- FF Todd Dwyer – Life Saving Medal of Valor
- Capt. Sandy Herd (ret) – Meritorious Service Medal of Valor
- Eng. Troy Gourley – Silver Medal of Valor
- Eng. Leo Leiker – Bronze Medal of Valor
- Eng. Mark Parker – Bronze Medal of Valor



10/18/2011  
Valor Public Safety Awards

The fire service has entered into a very competitive evolutionary cycle. Public demands continue to increase, while dollars and other resources continue to shrink. These trends place increased pressure on the modern fire service manager, policymakers, and staff to develop ways to be more effective and more efficient. In many cases, the public is demanding the accomplishment of specific goals, objectives, and services with fewer resources. To work more efficiently with available resources, organizations must establish their direction based on constructive efforts while eliminating programs that do not serve the community.

To ensure that community needs were incorporated, the Community-Driven Strategic Planning process was used to develop the department Strategic Plan. Businesses employ this type of process to identify market trends, allowing the service provider to focus resources while reducing risk and wasted effort.

9/27/2011 - 9/29/2011  
Community-Driven Strategic Plan



On November 26, 2011, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical responded to a three alarm structure fire in a laboratory on the 5th floor of Malott Hall on the University of Kansas campus. The fire caused an estimated \$1.1 million in damages to the property and contents.

11/26/2011  
Malott Hall Incident

Fifty-two (52) incidents on this day, which is twice our normal call level.



8/19/2011  
Busiest Day of 2011

5/30/2011 - 8/19/2011  
20th Reruit Academy

5/31/2011 - 9/30/2011  
Energy Smackdown



The department's stations entered into an "Energy Smackdown" against each other to help the City of Lawrence battle against the City of Manhattan in the "Take Charge Challenge", a competition to help spark energy-conservation efforts. Manhattan ultimately won that contest, but the department trimmed more than \$1,500 from its electric bill during the four-month period. Station 2, 2128 Harper St. ended up winning the "Energy Smackdown" with an overall savings of 20 percent.



A 1987 Pierce Lance Fire Engine was donated to the Wichita Chapter of the Guardians of the Ribbon by the Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department and the citizens of Lawrence in January 2011 and was dedicated by the citizens of Lawrence June 7, 2011.

6/7/2011  
Guardians of the Ribbon Dedication



4/16/2011  
2011 Pierce Truck 5 – placed in service



4/16/2011  
Wheat State FOOLS

On April 16, 2011, we assisted with the delivery of a class coordinated by the Wheat State FOOLS. The Wheat State FOOLS, founded in 2003, is the first Kansas chapter of FOOLS (Fraternal Order of Leatherheads Society) International that continues to provide training in the area. The class covered targeted searches for trapped occupants in residential building fires and was presented by Daniel McMaster (Captain, Truck 8, Alexandria, VA) who has 23 years in the fire service. This class was made possible due to the Fredericks Family Fund.

Andy Fredericks was killed while operating as a member of the Fire Department of New York, in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Shortly after his death, The Fredericks Family Fund was established to support the secondary education of his children. A donation to this fund was presented to McMaster after the presentation.

The department along with the many community sponsors hosted another successful event before the 2011 Spring Football game played by the Kansas University Jayhawks. This years annual event provided 559 helmets to children under the age of 14.

4/30/2011  
Wheeled Sports Helmet Fair



In March 2011 the department conducted the updated Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) course for all the paramedics on the department. This consisted of new standards from the American Heart Association which covered Basic Life Support, recognition and treatment of cardiac abnormalities, cardiac arrest along with recognition and treatment of Strokes. A total of 48 paramedics were certified in the department.

3/1/2011 - 3/31/2011  
ACLS Training

1/1/2011 - 1/31/2011  
Ice Rescue Training

2/1/2011

3/1/2011

4/1/2011

5/1/2011

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9/1/2011

10/1/2011

11/1/2011

12/1/2011

12/31/2011

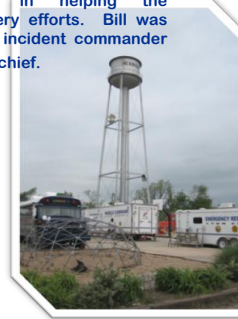
2/16/2011  
Hazmat Exercise with 73rd Civil Support Team



In February, Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical conducted three days of hazardous materials training with the Kansas National Guards 73rd Civil Support Team (CST) at the vacated Farmland site. The series of drills and full scale exercise were conducted to increase the interpretability of the CST and Fire Medical. Department members received training over Potassium Cyanide, KCN lab, exploding Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD), ecstasy lab, Hydrogen Sulfide suicide and a Ricin lab.

5/21/2011 - 5/27/2011  
Reading, KS Tornado Relief Efforts

Division Chiefs Bill Stark and Shaun Coffey were sent to Reading, Kansas as part of the Northeast Kansas incident management team to assist Lyon County's emergency management director in helping the community in its recovery efforts. Bill was assigned as the team's incident commander and Shaun was planning chief.



7/16/2011  
2011 American Emergency Vehicle Medic 2 – placed in service



7/27/2011  
ISO Rating

The City of Lawrence participated in a Public Protection Classification survey conducted by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) from December 14 through December 16, 2010.

ISO collects and evaluates information from communities in the United States on their structure fire suppression capabilities. The data is analyzed using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) and then a Public Protection Classification (PPC) number is assigned to the community. The surveys are conducted whenever it appears that there is a possibility of classification change. As such, the PPC program provides important, up to date information about fire protection service throughout the country.

The City was notified that it had maintained its PPC of 2 on July 27, 2011. It should be noted that there are only 592 Class 2 departments in the United States and 7 within Kansas.

10/3/2011  
Incident Safety Officer Training

On 10/3 & 10/4/2011 Lawrence-Douglas County Fire Medical Department hosted the National Fire Academy Direct Delivery Program "Incident Safety Officer". The Department Management team attended the course to provide the members with the knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties of the Incident Safety Officer during emergency incident operations and training evolutions. During an incident or in training, any Manager can be assigned this important position. Employee safety is priority one; this program helped provide safety considerations through interactive scenarios and group discussions. All managers are better prepared to help remove or reduce injuries on the emergency scene and in training.

The department participated in a drive-through flu shot clinic with the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, which provided free immunizations for city employees, their family and retirees. The flu shot clinic was designed as a way to test community public health emergency response plans.

