



Enterprise Fire Department

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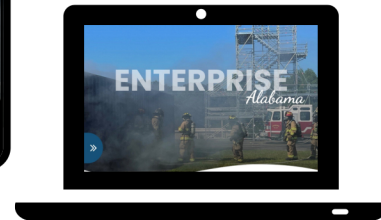
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www.enterprisefd.com



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EFD by the numbers: July 1 – September 30



1148

Total Number of Calls



22

Total Number of
Fire-Related Calls



2711

Total Number of
Training Hours



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From the Chief

Our mission is life safety and property conservation, and that extends beyond putting out fires. In fact, approximately 80% of our calls are medical and assistance calls, many of which are elderly falls. The consequences of a fall can be severe, often leading to serious injuries, hospitalizations, and a diminished quality of life, especially for those aged 65 and older. Some



studies show a direct correlation between mortality rates in individuals over 65; who suffered hip or long-bone fractures, for up to 25 years post-fall. While falls are not inevitable, there are best practices that can help:

1. Conduct an evaluation of your home to identify potential hazards. This includes ensuring good lighting, securing rugs, removing clutter, and installing grab bars in bathrooms and stairways.
2. Exercise and regular physical activity improve strength, balance, and flexibility. Exercise programs like tai chi and yoga have been shown to be particularly beneficial for seniors.
3. Review your medications with your healthcare provider to understand potential side effects and interactions that may affect balance or coordination.
4. Get regular eye and ear check-ups to maintain good vision and hearing, these are crucial for detecting obstacles and maintaining balance.
5. Properly fitting footwear is essential. Make sure your shoes are secure, have non-slip soles and provide adequate support.
6. Proper nutrition and hydration are essential for maintaining muscle and bone health.
7. Consider making modifications to your home, such as installing handrails, adding non-slip surfaces in the bathroom and on steps/stairs, and reducing tripping hazards.
8. Have a plan in place in case of a fall or emergency. Make sure someone knows about your situation and can assist you if needed. By the way, having working, properly placed smoke detectors give you an early warning in case of a fire, reducing your risk of dying in a fire. Early warning means more time to get out safely.

If you are not old enough for your AARP card, use this information to help your loved ones and neighbors. If you are old enough to have your AARP card, consider making some changes. In the long run, it may be the reason you get to maintain the independence and life you have fought so hard to build. Let's work together to make our homes and our community a safer place for everyone.

Remember, safety is not just our duty; it's our privilege.

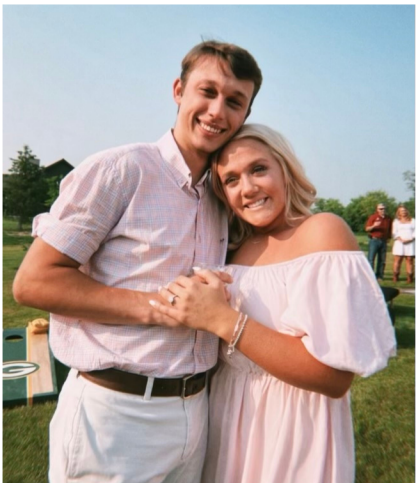
City of Enterprise Events:

- 10/7: Johns Chapel AME Health Fair
- 10/8-10/14: Fire Prevention Week
- 10/21: Boll Weevil Fall Festival
- 10/27: Spooky in the Park
- 10/28: Smoke Detector Blitz
- 10/31: Chick-fil-A Enterprise Trunk-or-Treat
- 11/9: Veterans Day Tribute Luncheon
- 11/28: Enterprise Christmas Parade
- 11/30: Christmas Tree Lighting at City Hall/ Photos with Santa
- 12/2: Whoville Celebration
- 12/6: Annual Fire Department Meeting
- 12/9: Christmas at the Farmers Market
- 12/16: Whoville 5K/Fun Run

Congrats!



Congratulations to Bruce Hardy on his engagement to Lauren Johnson



Congratulations to Addison Hudson on his engagement to Eden Frost

Public Fire & Life Safety Educator certification:
Battalion Chief Brian Beasley
Battalion Chief Bryan Turner



Congratulations to Captain Bill Carmichael on being awarded his Associate Degree in Fire Science

Plans Examiner certification:
Battalion Chief Brian Beasley

Instructor II certification:
Captain Kenneth Boone
Captain Brian Bowman
Captain Raymond Sessions
Firefighter Skylar Brown
Firefighter Tyler Williams

Welcome!



Michael Smith
A-Shift



Judd Willis
B-Shift

Golf Tournament, July 1

We were able to raise more than \$5k for our Community Risk Reduction Program. Thank you again to all who donated and volunteered their time to make this annual event such a success!



Community Safety and Preparedness Fair, July 8



Thank you CC-CERT volunteers for your help coordinating this community event!



Hello Chonky Fundraiser, July 11



Recovery Organization of Coffee County Meeting, July 20



Congratulations to Chief Davis for being appointed to the ROCC Board of Directors!

ROCC was formed following the March 2007 tornado and represents the statewide Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster. ROCC is sanctioned by and works with the Governor's Office of Volunteer Services.



Fire Engine Donation, August 1

City Council approved the donation of the 1989 E-One Cyclone Fire Truck to the Coffee County Volunteer Firefighters Association. The original plaque that was affixed to the truck will remain at Central with other departmental memorabilia.



Engine 8 Wet down/Push-in Ceremony, August 25



The 2023 E-One Typhoon fire engine was first sprayed by a 1997 E-One Cyclone II in a proverbial passing of the torch. The wet-down ritual dates back to the 1800s, when horse-drawn equipment was used. The horses were washed alongside the pumpers before being pushed back into the fire house bay by firefighters. Mayor Cooper, Council, and other city leaders joined with firefighters to then push the apparatus into the bay.





ARFF Training, August 28

Aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) is a type of firefighting used in airport ground emergencies.



The Enterprise Fire Department routinely partners with the Fort Novosel Fire Department to conduct ARFF training.

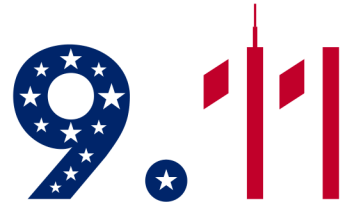


Main Street Hero Award Presentation, September 5



Main Street Enterprise presented the award to members of EFD during the City Council meeting for the department's response to the October 16 fire that impacted five businesses and one residential structure. The award was previously announced at the 2023 Main Street Alabama LAB Conference in South Huntsville, Alabama last month.

Patriot Day, September 11



First Responder Luncheon, September 11

Thank you, Sam Boswell Honda,
for providing lunch for first responders
on Patriot Day.

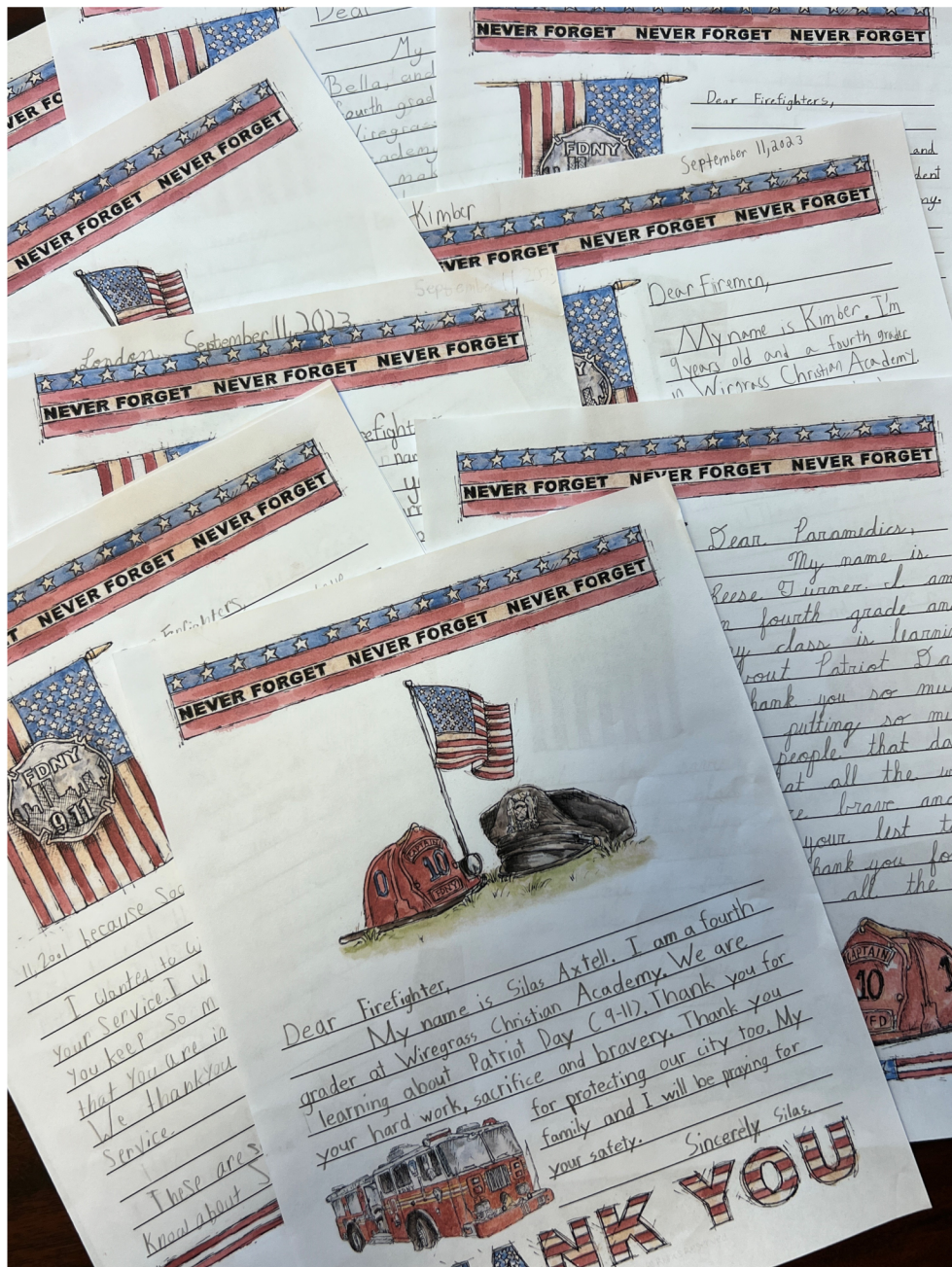
Thank You letters from 4th graders at
Wiregrass Christian Academy,
September 11



“ I pray for your safety. ”

Thank you for your
hard work, sacrifice
and bravery. Thank
you for protecting
our city.

We know you
have what it
takes to keep
us safe. We
appreciate you!





**Brookwood Visit
September 13**



**Kiddie Care
Learning Center
Visit
September 14**



Years of Service Award Presentation September 28

Captain Kenneth Boone,
15 years of service

Firefighter Chris Gillis,
10 years of service



Little Blessings Preschool Community Helpers Day September 28



BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- »» **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- »» **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- »» **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »» **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- »» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in roughly **800** reported home fires each year. More than one-third of these fires were started by a candle.




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Sparky's Pumpkin Template

Visit

Sparky.org

For more spooky fun! 





Directions

- 1 Transfer your design onto the pumpkin by copying it freehand onto your pumpkin with a water-based marker (so you can erase mistakes), or simply tape your template to the pumpkin, and score the design into the skin by poking holes through the paper with a nail or poking tool that comes in pumpkin-carving kits.
- 2 Use a carving saw and start with the inside shapes first, beginning with the smallest details. Gently push cut shapes out of the pumpkin with a finger or a dull pencil point.
- 3 Your Sparky-o-lantern is ready to go. Put a battery-operated candle inside your pumpkin and put it somewhere where everyone can see!

Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?
Cooking safety starts with YOU.

Pay attention to fire prevention.™



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WEEK™**

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