

Sterling Fire District Newsletter



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Members Honored for Years of Service *By Lisa Rupp, Jeff Stump and Josh Bischoff*



40 Years of Service

Dick Glessner— Dick is a life-long resident of Milton Township, joining our department in 1971 as a Volunteer Firefighter and in 1973, became a Basic Emergency Medical Technician. Dick became Assistant Fire Chief in 1980 and is currently Sterling Fire Chief, a position he has proudly held since 1984. Chief Glessner has achieved his Levels I & II Firefighter certifications since joining the department. He also attained his Ohio Firefighter Instructor certification in 1980 and has taught several classes of Firefighters from departments all over the county. Chief Glessner has also achieved certification as a Fire Safety Inspector. Dick has also served on numerous committees within the department and consistently has the highest number of fire and squad runs made

each year. He is very active in all aspects of the Fire Department and spends innumerable hours maintaining his certifications and making sure that the department runs smoothly. Dick is a member and past President of both the Wayne County Fire and Rescue Association and the Wayne County Fire Chief's Association and was Honorary Dean of the annual WCFRA Fire School in 2006. Thank you Chief Glessner, your leadership is very much appreciated.

10 Years of Service

Andrew Rice— Andrew "Joe" Rice joined the department in 2001 as a Emergency Medical Technician (150 hrs.) and became a Volunteer Fire Fighter in 2002 (36 hrs). In 2004, Joe achieved his Intermediate certification, which made him the first Intermediate in Sterling's history. In 2009 Joe completed his Paramedic training which requires a commitment of over 1200 hours consisting of class time, emergency squad activity and emergency room clinical participation. Joe

currently resides in Youngstown, but returns to the area frequently and participates in as many functions as possible throughout the year.

5 Years of Service

Amie Davis— Amie has been a resident of Milton Township since 2004. She joined our department in 2006 and completed her Basic Emergency Medical Technician certification (150 hrs.) in 2007. In August 2008, Amie achieved her Intermediate- EMT certification (130 hrs.) from Buckeye Career Center. As an Intermediate - EMT, Amie is able to provide advanced care to our patients who are in need of IV fluids, pain medication and life-saving diabetic medication to name a few. She is active in the department serving on a number of committees and helps with fundraising functions. Amie is also employed part-time as an EMT-I with Rittman EMS.

Lisa Rupp— Lisa has been a resident of Milton Township since 1982. She joined our

Mark your calendar...

- **March 11 - Daylight Saving Time Begins**
- **SFRA Annual Pancake Day Fundraiser - April 14, 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- **Easter Egg Hunt - April 8 3:00 p.m.**
- **May 19 - Sterling Fire District Community Safety Day**

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Members of the Sterling Fire & Rescue Association are shown with the new truck. On the floor are nozzles, large diameter supply hose, butterfly valves and other equipment that will be placed in service on the new truck.

“We were excited that Monsanto offered this wonderful program to benefit others. We were happy to recommend the Volunteer Sterling Fire Department...”

- Norene Miller



EMT-B Jodi Conrow has proudly served the Sterling Fire District since 2002.

Engine 85 Arrives

In our last newsletter we mentioned we would be taking delivery of our brand new fire truck. In early December it was delivered. The new truck will be replacing a 1980 Ford E-One pumper that cost around \$80,000 when purchased new. The new pumper is built on a Freightliner 4-door cab and chassis which seats five firefighters, carries 1000 gallons of water and is capable of

pumping 1500 gallons per minute.

The cost of the new truck was \$236,849 and we purchased it through the state purchasing program. With careful planning and fiscal responsibility the Sterling Fire District was able to save enough money over the last several years the truck was paid in full at time of delivery.

Members of the Sterling

Submitted by Dale Glessner

Fire & Rescue Association diligently work fundraisers throughout each year for purchasing additional equipment, pay for various training and sponsor community events. With the help of salary money donated by the members, various donations and fundraiser profits, the association was able to donate an additional \$6623.71 in new equipment for the new truck.

Monsanto Fund Benefits District

Recently Michael and Norene Miller were selected as the Wayne County winner for America's Farmers Grow Communities. This results in a \$2500 donation from the Monsanto Fund to an organization that helps to make rural communities a good place to live and work. The Millers selected Sterling Fire District in Milton Township

to receive the donation.

Daughters Jan and Jill at one time were EMTs with our department. Mrs. Miller stated, “We were excited that Monsanto offered this wonderful program to benefit others. We were happy to recommend the Volunteer Sterling Fire Department as a recipient because we appreciate their dedication and ser-

Submitted by Dick Glessner

vice to our community. When we needed the fire department some years ago, they were speedily at our farm, for which we will forever be grateful.” A portable generator and a 2 ½” nozzle will be purchased for the recently delivered fire engine. Sterling Fire District extends a big THANK YOU to the Miller Family!

Member Spotlight: Jodi Conrow

Jodi Conrow has been serving the Sterling Fire District as an EMT since 2002. Jodi's value extends much farther than just being an EMT. Currently, Jodi serves as the Sterling Fire & Rescue Association secretary, handling just about anything that needs mailed, writing thank you cards and the list goes on. If you have received a

thank you card from us recently, it started with Jodi.

While maintaining a busy presence within our organization, Jodi is also actively involved with other organizations as well. She is very active in the Sterling United Methodist Church. Additionally she directs and teaches a latch key program for children after school.

Submitted by Jeff Stump

Even though she is very busy, Jodi also balances a family life. Jodi's family includes husband, John, also a member of our department, and two young daughters we hope follow in mom's footsteps to become EMTs!

Thank you Jodi for all your behind-the-scenes efforts that are a blessing to our department and community!

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department in 2006, and completed her Basic Emergency Medical Technician certification (150 hrs.) in 2007. Lisa attended classes with Amie and 4 other members of the department in 2008 to achieve her EMT-Intermediate certification (130 hrs.) enabling her to also provide advanced care to our patients. Lisa is cur-

rently President of the SFRA and serves on several committees in the department. She actively participates in our department fundraisers and helps with state required reporting of monthly squad run statistics.

Josh Rice— Josh joined our department as an Associate member in 2004. His interest in community service began

by becoming a volunteer for the City of Kettering in 2002 as a volunteer Firefighter-1 (120 hrs.), then became a Basic Emergency Medical Technician (150 hrs.) in 2003. Josh became a full member of our department in 2006 and is active in the department, serving on many committees and helping with fundraisers.

“This community has been and still is truly blessed by the numerous individuals who have given and continue to give of their time and talents for the benefit of all. Andrew, Amie, Lisa and Josh are all excellent examples of the members of Sterling Fire District.”

-Chief Dick Glessner

Input Sought

We are in the planning stages of a brick and stone memorial, that will include the old school bell, for the new township park located at the site where the Sterling School previously stood. We would like your help in naming the park.

Please mail your suggestions to: Milton Township Trustees, Park Name, P.O. Box 205, Sterling, OH 44276.

~Ben Imhoff, Trustee

A Few Changes...

We have received many positive comments regarding our newsletter and I appreciate that very much. As we strive to improve, we recognize the need for change. Our newsletter will now be issued around February, May, August, and November. We changed our distribution date to better coincide with the seasons and also things that are happening within the fire service. We are still building our address database with those wishing to receive the newsletter. If you have already filled out a request form and received this

edition, you are in our database. You will not need to fill out a request each issue. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, I would enjoy hearing from you.

We are in the planning stages of a Community Safety Day, to be held May 19. This is an opportunity for us to show our equipment, demonstrations and other events as well. More information will be posted later!

Thanks for your continued support!

Josh Glessner, Asst. Chief

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Chief's Corner: Dick Glessner, Fire Chief



Sterling Fire District Chief
Dick Glessner.

Once again the holiday season has come and gone. I hope you were able to spend quality time with your loved ones. As we are in the middle of winter, I was reading some interesting facts on "Home Heating Safety Tips" that are posted on the Department of Commerce's Division of State Fire Marshal's web site. I will mention a few examples from each of the four topics discussed in the article:

A) Fireplaces and woods burning stoves: It is important to remember to burn

only dry, seasoned wood. When removing cooled ashes remember to use a closed metal container and keep away from your house.

B) Portable Space Heaters: The space heater should have a control feature that will automatically shut off the power if the heat ever falls over. Do not leave heater unattended!

C) Kerosene Heaters: Use crystal clear K-1 kerosene and refuel a cooled down heater outside and make sure the room with this type of heater has proper ventilation.

D) Smoke Detectors: Remember to have a smoke detector on every floor of your home and inside each sleeping area. Test monthly and replace batteries twice each year. Plan your escape routes and practice routinely so you know what to do if the alarm sounds.

This and additional information can be found at www.com.ohio.gov/fire. Thank you for your time and the continued support we, the Sterling Fire District in Milton Township, receive from all of you.