



SALT LAKE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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Retired Firefighters' Dinner Meeting Tuesday, February 10, 2009



Cowboy Grub Restaurant, 2350 1/2 South Foothill Drive (Rear)

Social Hour 6:30 Dinner 7:00

Dinner will be from the restaurant menu which has a nice selection of options.

R.S.V.P. by 5:00 PM Sunday, 2/8/09
to George Sumner (801) 582-0467 or (801) 831-5010.

- Our meetings are fun, friendly and informative. We especially want to encourage our new members to come out and share friendship, conversation and common interests with us.
- Marty Peterson will be there to bring us up to date on the retirement system.
- Mark Luthi or another representative of Salt Lake Firefighters Relief Association (SLFRA) will be available to fill us in on SLRFA's planned summer activities for 2009 (Golf, Lagoon, picnics...).
- The Utah Legislature just started their 2009 session. George Sumner will tell us about Joint Council and Fire Caucus activities.

Mark Your Calendar

- **Informal "meeting" of retired firefighters, Golden Corral, 3399 W 3500 South.** 11:30AM, the second Tuesday of every month. All retired firefighters are welcome.
- **Salt Lake Retired Firefighter Association Ivins Party, Saturday, April 25, 2009.** Harold and Judy Turner have agreed to host the Spring Party in Ivins again in 2009.
- **Professional Firefighters of Utah (PFFU) Convention.** April 23-25, 2009 at Wendover.
- **Utah Firemen's Relief Association Convention,** June 11-13, 2009 @ Richfield.

On the Lighter Side

Three retired firefighters were discussing what they would like their grandchildren to say about them fifty years from now.

The first declared, "I would like them to say, 'He was successful in his career.'"

The second said, "I want them to say, 'He was a loyal and loving family man.'"

The third gestured expansively and said, "I want them to say, 'He is sure in good shape for a man his age.'"

Smiles, Greetings and Gifts at the Christmas Party

There was a good turn-out at Cowboy Grub for the December 9, 2008 Christmas Party. Plenty of people provided a constant hum of conversation while still leaving enough elbow room to eat or to circulate around and visit.



Salt Lake Firefighter's Relief Association provided the poinsettia centerpieces again this year. Our members kept the poinsettias to brighten our homes over the holidays.

Entertainment was informal, with Christmas Carols playing softly in the background and photos from our 2008 Association events shown in random order on a screen.



As always, the real good times came not from the program but from the holiday spirit and friendships forged in firefighting and tempered by the years.

In Memorium

Our condolences are extended to the survivors of our departed friends.

- December 3, 2008. **Gale Kresser**, retired Salt Lake City firefighter, served from June, 1959 to July, 1983.
- December 6, 2008. **Lois Shaffer Geddes**, the mother of retired Salt Lake City firefighter, the late Lowell Geddes.
- December 9, 2008. **Darnell Andrus**, retired Salt Lake County Fire Department firefighter.
- December 22, 2008. **Scott "Zeke" Dahn**, the son of retired Salt Lake City firefighter, the late Frank Dahn.
- December 28, 2008. **Adrian Adair Stock Brooks**, the wife of retired Salt Lake City firefighter, the late Lloyd Brooks.
- January 21, 2009. **Kim Michael Hagen**, retired Salt Lake County Fire Department firefighter.

SLCFD Yearbook Photos

All the portraits, candid photos and historical photos our Association collected for the new SLCFD Yearbook have been forwarded to the firefighters in charge of the yearbook. Thanks to everyone who posed for portraits and/or shared your human interest and historical photos.

All the pictures we sent in will not end up in the yearbook, but seventy-one SLCFD retirees' portraits will be published. Those who have photos, with their names as they will go in the yearbook, are listed below:



Norman Anderson; Walter Badura; Marion Bearson; James Berry; John Birkes; James Bolton; Harlan Bonham; James Brinkerhoff; Gary Bruce; John Buckley; Laury Bullock; Raleigh Bunch; Corbett Burnette; Danny Buyers; Eugene Campbell; Blaine Collins; Gerald Dailey; Brigham Darger; John Davis; Larry Derrick; Lane Draper; Jeen Edwards; Rennald Egbert; Richard Eldredge; Jerry Erickson; Curtis Evans; Gordon Evans; Jeffery

Forrey; Ruben Gallegos; Andrew Gomez; Jerry Greer; Monte Kim Hales; Roger Halterman; Norman Hansen; Roy Hardy; Wayne Hardy; Dorrel Henderson; Warren Hoskins; Monroe Iversen; Dale Jones; Dick Joy; Betty Kenworthy; Marvin Kimball; David Lambert; Lynn Livingston; Jeffery Long; Dale Lund; Eldon Marshall; Margie Martin; Gary Maxfield; Martin P. McKone; Gordon Nichol; Ronald Nielsen; Michael O'Connor; Gary Orton; Varnel Parkinson; Ralph Piercey; Douglas Prael; Charles Querry; Ray Robbs; Robert Roberts; Raymond Schelble; Richard Soltis; Jack Sommer; George Sumner; John Swindle; Carl Thompson; Rodger Thorstrom; John Turcsanski; Harold Turner; Michael Van Duren.

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Firefighter License Plate Usage

By Jay Westergard

Editor's note: A retired firefighter recently had to overcome some bureaucratic interference and misunderstanding in order to transfer his firefighter plates to his new car. Jay Westergard helped run interference to get the plates transferred. Jay sent us an article summarizing and clarifying the rules for firefighter license plate usage.



Since the enactment and issuance of Firefighter License Plates, the question has arisen as to what to do with those individuals who have firefighter license plates on their private vehicles, and are no longer firefighters. This does not apply to firefighters who have retired or who have reached senior status in the fire department. This applies to former firefighters who have moved out of the community, resigned, or

have been terminated from a fire department or fire district.

If a former firefighter continues to use the firefighter license plates on his/her private vehicle and is no longer a firefighter in the community which entitled the firefighter to have firefighter license plates, it is the responsibility of the fire chief to notify the Motor Vehicle Division.

Upon receipt, the DMV will review this information and decide whether the former firefighter should be asked to voluntarily surrender the plates.

If you have any questions or problems, please call Jay Westergard at Garland (435) 458-3343 or Brent Halliday at Utah State Fire Marshal's Office (801) 284-6350.

Transitions: Retirement

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