



# SALT LAKE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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## Retired Firefighter Association Spring Picnic at Ivins Saturday, April 25, 2009 Social at 3:00 PM, Dinner at 5:00 PM



**Harold and Judy Turner's House**  
375 North 200 West  
Ivins, Utah

Exit I-15 on Bluff Street.  
Continue North on Bluff Street straight through the  
intersection at Sunset.  
Take the road to Ivins on the left hand side of Bluff  
Street.

**R.S.V.P. is helpful. George Sumner 801-582-0467.**

**ONLY \$10.00 per person.**

As I cleaned carpets in final preparation to host the annual Sumner-Hose extended family Easter party, it occurred to me how much the Retired Firefighter Association is like an extended family.

Every family has its customary small local get-togethers, but there are one or two distinct times each year, perhaps Easter or Memorial Day or Independence Day or Pioneer Day or Thanksgiving or Christmas, when all the far-flung extended family members come together. These traditional family gatherings provide everyone the chance to renew friendships, catch up on family gossip, relive past adventures and strengthen relationships.

The Ivins Picnic is just such a gathering for our family of retired

firefighters. For we are indeed family, united by bonds formed in shared work, forged by shared adventure and tempered by shared danger. Throughout the year, small groups of us who are drawn together by common interests, proximity, personal loyalty or other influences keep in touch and meet regularly. The Ivins Picnic, however, brings all the far-flung extended family members together.

This year, as in the past, the Ivins Picnic is scheduled on the same weekend as the firefighter motorcycle road trip, which improves participation in both events.

Plan to be there. It is always one of the best events of the year.

## 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.
- **Professional Firefighters of Utah (PFFU) Convention.** April 23-25, 2009 at Wendover.
- **SL Retired Firefighter Association Meeting.** June 9, 2009. Social 6:30. Dinner 7:00.
- **Utah Firemen’s Relief Association Convention,** June 11-13, 2009 @ Richfield.
- **SLCFD Relief Association Lagoon Day.** July, 15 and 16, 2009.
- **SLCFD Relief Association Steak Fry.** August, 12 and 13, 2009. Washington Park by Mountain Dell Golf Course.
- **SL Retired Firefighter Association Summer Picnic.** August 29, 2009. At the park near 2600 South 2000 East. Park opens at 4:00. Dinner at 5:00
- **SLCFD Relief Association Fall Golf Tournament.** September 1 and 2, 2009. Wasatch State Park. 9:30 AM shotgun start.

## Another successful Year for the Joint Council And Fire Caucus

The Fifth Annual Utah Fire Caucus Luncheon, February 23, 2009 in the State Office Building Auditorium was the best attended caucus meeting of this year’s legislative session. Seventy-two legislators registered at the luncheon, more than 80 attended.

*Co-chairs of this year’s Fire Caucus are (below, left to right) Rep. Larry B. Wiley, Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Sen. Patricia W. Jones and Rep. Todd E. Kiser.*



Legislators passed out awards, enjoyed a nice lunch and talked about legislative issues affecting fire safety in Utah. Firefighters came to the State Capitol from all over Utah for the opportunity to visit with their legislators.



Layton City Firefighter John Pettijohn was presented the 2009 Distinguished Service Award for his role in rescuing and treating four surviving firefighters from a helicopter crash in a wildfire in Northern California last August. Pettijohn, who has been with the Layton City Fire Department for 11 years, was assigned as a medic crewmember in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. When a Sikorski S-61 chopper carrying 11 firefighters crashed, Pettijohn was one of the first on the scene and led the efforts to rescue and treat the four survivors.



The Utah Fire Caucus is a non-partisan organization that is modeled after the Congressional Fire Services Caucus (CFSC). It receives support from Utah's Joint Council and, like the CFSC, Utah Fire Caucus members are not asked to take specific positions on legislation. Rather, they are asked to pledge support in a way that best benefits fire departments within their respective legislative districts.

Thanks to all who participated.

More information is available at [www.utahfirecaucus.org](http://www.utahfirecaucus.org) and [www.firecouncil.com](http://www.firecouncil.com).

## Email Addresses Wanted

If we have a good working email address for you, you are receiving your newsletter and other correspondence such as funeral notices and invitations to promotional ceremonies and retirement parties by email.

If we do not have an email address, your newsletter is mailed to you by US Postal Service, but other correspondence is not sent.

Our association owes a debt of gratitude to the SLCFD Relief Association for paying the postage for mailing the newsletter. You may know already,

however, that the Relief Association's portfolio has lost value just like everyone else's.

Our Retired Association is trying to minimize costs by limiting our use of US Postal Service. If you are not yet on our email list, please send an email to [gasmunner@q.com](mailto:gasmunner@q.com), [tkhose@msn.com](mailto:tkhose@msn.com) or [rschelble@qwest.net](mailto:rschelble@qwest.net) and we will put you on the list.

You will get your newsletter faster and in color. Also, you will get timely notices of funerals, promotions, retirements and other events of interest.

## In Memorium

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

- **Donald Charles Cockayne** served with Salt Lake City Fire Department 1952 through 1955. January 30.
- **Paul Frankie Prokopis**, grandson of retired Salt Lake County Firefighter Bill Prokopis. February 8.
- **John Oreno** served with South Salt Lake City Fire Department. February 19.
- **Robert Wells "Bert" Clayton** served with Salt Lake City Fire Department 1946 through 1971. February 20.
- **Jaret and Diane Gustafson**, parents of retired Salt Lake County/Unified firefighter Eric Gustavson. February 26.
- **LuAnne Gustafson**, wife of retired Salt Lake County/Unified firefighter Eric Gustavson. February 26.

- **Elma Christensen Sylvester Walker**, wife of retired Salt Lake City firefighter, the late Grant Walker. March 6.
- **Heidi Chamberlain**, wife of Ogden Fire Department Deputy Chief Greg Chamberlain. March 20.
- **Mary Arvilla Scherzinger Jaeger**, sister of retired Salt Lake City Fire Department firefighter Mike Scherzinger. March 21.

## **UFA Firefighters Honored at American Red Cross Award Luncheon**

On Wednesday March 18, 2009 the American Red Cross held their 2009 Heroes Award Luncheon at the Salt Palace Convention Center. The Crews from ME106, ME112, and HR Co.110 “B” platoon were honored for their heroic actions taken to rescue a man in November 2008. The driver became trapped and was semi-conscious after his truck carrying 9000 gallons of propane overturned and was punctured causing a large leak. The crews worked as a team to quickly extricate the man from the truck and remove him from the hazardous atmosphere. Congratulations to all those honored at the Award Luncheon.

*Pictured from left to right: Jubal Perez, Travis Hobbs, Keith Plagemann, Matt Hambleton, Brian Withers, Chuck Higgins, John Stewart, Scott Anderson, Lynn Egbert, Erik Van Duren, Jason Coble, and Scott Hancock. Also honored, but not pictured: Mitch King.*



### **On the Lighter Side**

The town marshal of a small Southern Utah town pulled up next to a retired firefighter who was unloading garbage out of his pickup truck into a roadside ditch. “Why are you dumping garbage?” asked the marshal, “Didn’t you see that sign?”

“Sure,” the retired firefighter replied, puzzled at the marshal’s reaction. “That’s why I picked this spot. It says ‘Fine for dumping garbage.’”