



SALT LAKE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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**Celebrate the Season
At the Retired Firefighters' Holiday Dinner
Tuesday, December 11, 2007.
Cowboy Grub Restaurant, 2350 ½ South Foothill Drive (Rear)
Social Hour 6:30. Dinner 7:00.**

Good Food. Good Friends. Good Times.

R.S.V.P. by 5:00 PM Sunday, 12/9/07 to Dale Lund (801) 466-1110 or (810) 557-2411 or George Sumner (801) 582-0467 or (801) 831-5010.

For several reasons, it is important to R.S.V.P for this dinner.

- **Choose Your Entrée.** Entrees are Pot Roast, Roasted Chicken (half a chicken), or Chicken Fried Steak. Call ahead and let us know your choice of entrée. Only \$20.00 (Paid to the Association in cash or check.) per person for everything: Entree, salad, homemade rolls, spuds country fried or mashed, veggies, drink, dessert and tip.
- **Get Better Service.** The restaurant brings in enough staff to handle the crowd. If there are more people than expected, everyone gets slower service.
- **Have More Elbow Room.** The room is set up for the expected attendance. If there are more people than expected, extra settings have to be smooshed in.

New Logo for Retired Firefighters Association



Design by Stewart Nichols, son of retired firefighter Nick Nichols. Many of us remember Nick fondly as the artist who provided illustrations for the old “Red Death” training manual, and as the originator of the Condor.

The black-and-white copies here and in the letterhead doesn’t do it justice, but we won’t pay the extra for color printing of over 300 newsletters. Later, if there is enough interest, we may consider lapel pins or coffee cups or other logo items.

Dr. Fujimura Retires

Jody Langford informs us that our physician at the Salt Lake City PEHP clinic, Dr Peggy Fujimura, has retired and moved on to better things. Dr. Peter Hasby has been hired to replace her. Best of luck to Dr. Fujimura, and we look forward to working with Dr. Hasby, even though it means we probably won’t be feeling too good when we see him.

Become a Better Drug Consumer

Health insurance is one of those things that retirees cannot live without. No matter which insurance we choose, health care costs, including the cost of prescription medications, are going through the roof with no end in sight. Many take an array of medications that can cause confusion and unintended problems when they interact. Right now, the best answer in sight is for us to become better, more educated health care consumers.

Educating consumers is what Consumer Reports Magazine is all about. Their free website, www.bestbuydrugs.org, has a wealth of information that includes:

medications for different diseases and health conditions, news and safety alerts, price comparisons, how to save money and Medicare Part D. The mission of this website is, “to provide consumers and their doctors with information to help guide prescription drug choices—based on effectiveness, a drug's track record, safety and price.”

Links to this and other health care resources can be found on the Salt Lake Retired Firefighters Association website at www.slrfra.org/infoandlinks.html under the heading, “Salt Lake City's Health Insurance Plans & Other Resources.”

Occupational Health Study Coming

You will receive a study to identify diseases which are caused by firefighter occupational exposures, so firefighters may be compensated for those diseases as job-related. Ray Schelble already took the survey. He provides helpful suggestions in the following letter.

Information on the occupational health study of firefighters and police officers that was funded by the legislature in 2006 is being mailed to active and retired Salt Lake City firefighters and spouses of deceased firefighters.

This is a groundbreaking study in Utah and will likely have impacts that last well beyond any of us. You will be receiving an envelope from the University of Utah/Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational & Environmental Health. **PLEASE KEEP THIS LETTER** until you have completed the survey as each has ID information that is assigned only to you.

The letter provides a brief description of the study, instructions and information that will allow you to fill out the survey online, and phone numbers to call if you have questions or problems. Briefly, here is some information on how to participate:

The online survey is really easy to do. It works great and the directions are really simple:

- Go to the website - <https://secure.uuhsc.utah.edu/rmcoeh/consent/>
- In the "Username" field, carefully enter the ID Number that appears in your letter. In the "Password" field, carefully enter the password that

appears in your letter. Click "Login."

- Click on the option whether to take a survey either as a firefighter or as a spouse of a deceased firefighter. (They ask that spouses of deceased firefighters please call Toni Chambers at 801-581-4800 for more information.)
- Carefully enter the ID Number from the letter you received. (The field is not wide enough to display the entire number, but the entire number will be entered.)
- It appears that if you start the survey and get interrupted there is no way to pick up later where you left off, so start the study when you will have a free hour or two to finish it. If you do get interrupted, I was able to quit the browser and log in later but I had to start the survey over.

For those of us not able to take the survey online there are other options available. For any questions or problems call:

Matthew Thiese: 801-587-3322

Kurt Hegmann: 801-587-3333

RMCOEH: 801-581-4800

Toll free 800-444-8683 Extension 14800

Some of the questions in the survey will not be easy to answer. Please take the time and make the effort to answer all the questions to the best of your ability.

Transitions

Recruit Graduation

November 9, 2007

Susanna Alley
Jared Buchta
Jonathan Davies
Brian Giannini
John Hicks
Andrew Maxwell
Paul Parks
Richard Platt
Joel Rushton
Jared Schreiner
Brandon Shumway
Nicholas Taylor

September 31, 2007

Brent Darger, Captain, UFA

October 31, 2007

George Peck, Firefighter

Resignations

August 31, 2007

Daniel Mortensen, Inspector
Charles Query, Fire Chief

Appointments and Promotions

July 15, 2007

Tyler Shepherd, Paramedic

Rehire October 8, 2007

Roger Ellison

Retirements

July 31, 2007

Gary Kraus, Fire Captain
Larry Littleford, Deputy Chief

August 31, 2007

Doug Collett, Firefighter
Dennis Stones, Inspector

September 15, 2007

Brian Withers, Captain

August 1, 2007

Dan Andrus, Deputy Chief
Kevin Nalder, Deputy Chief
Tom Roberson, Battalion Chief
Ginger Barraclough, Captain
Channing Jones, Captain
Chris Valdez, Captain
Michael Greene, Engineer
Jayde Davis, Engineer

September 1, 2007

Dennis McKone, Fire Chief

October 8, 2007

Kyle Lavender, Captain
John Recalde, Inspector

In Memorium

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

- Retired SLCFD firefighter Alma Bohn died August 9, 2007. Alma served from 1942 to 1968.
- Christopher Gary Pearson, son of retired SLCFD firefighter David Pearson, died August 13, 2007.
- Fire Prevention Secretary Joyce Tame Prisbrey Stevens died August 16, 2007. Joyce served on SLCFD from 1979 to 1996.
- Former Salt Lake City Firefighter Willie Johnson died August 31, 2007. Willie served in SLCFD in 1977 and 1978.
- Beth Sorensen Cochrane, the widow of retired SLCFD firefighter Art Cochrane. Beth died September 21, 2007.
- John Charles Bogle, the brother of retired UFA firefighter Tom Bogle. John died October 10, 2007.
- Gertrude Cheel, the wife of retired SLCFD firefighter Joe Cheel, and the former wife (divorced) of retired SLCFD firefighter Jerry Philliops. Gertrude died October 20, 2007.

- Kelly C. McGinty Tafoya, the daughter of the late Earl McGinty, retired SLCFD firefighter. Kelly died October 23, 2007.
- Utah State Senator and President of Utah AFL-CIO Ed Mayne died November 25, 2007.

Summer Picnic, August 18, 2007

Forty party-goers enjoyed BBQ chicken, ribs and all the fixin's at the summer picnic. Live music was provided by the *Right Combination* with our own Gene Campbell on drums. President Dale Lund presented Gene Campbell a plaque honoring his decades of service, first as president then as Secretary Treasurer.

