



# SALT LAKE RETIRED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION



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## *Celebrate the Season*

**At the Retired Firefighters' Holiday Dinner  
Tuesday, December 9, 2008.  
Cowboy Grub Restaurant  
2350 1/2 S. Foothill Drive (Rear)  
Social Hour 6:30. Dinner 7:00.**



**R.S.V.P. by 5:00 PM Sunday, 12/7/08  
to George Sumner 801-582-0467  
or Rick Soltis 801-560-1805**

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 expected 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 at the last minute.

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## *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 Dinner Meeting.** Tuesday, February 10, 2009. Cowboy Grub Restaurant, 2350 1/2 South Foothill Drive (rear), SLC. Social Hour 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm.
- **Salt Lake Retired Firefighter Association Ivins Party.** Harold and Judy Turner have agreed to host the Spring Party in Ivins again in 2009. We want it on the same weekend as the spring motorcycle migration, but we have not yet been able to pin down that date. You will be kept informed.
- **Professional Firefighters of Utah (PFFU) Convention.** April 23-25, 2009 at Wendover.
- **Utah Firemen's Relief Association Convention,** June 11-13, 2009 @ Richfield.

## ***Changes in Retiree Dues to IAFF Local 1645***

Any former member of 1645 is eligible to join as a retired/active member and support the local, state and national organizations in looking out for our retiree interests in areas such as health insurance, pension and social security benefits.

Retiree members of IAFF Local 1645 may have already noticed some changes in the dues. Ray Schelble talked to Shane Moser of 1645 and here's what he learned:

All retiree dues go to the regional and national IAFF. 1645 does not receive any retiree dues. Active members of 1645 subsidized retiree dues for several years. Effective 2008, retirees are being asked to

pay the full amount. This increase is the right thing to do and is more than fair to retirees, since 1645 represents us on benefits issues even though it does not receive any of our dues.

Unfortunately, retirees were not billed for 2008 until late in the year, and will be billed for 2009 early in the year.

Although there is no provision for paying retiree union dues by payroll deduction, members of the Firefighters Credit Union can set up a monthly transfer (\$9.40/month)

Contact Shane (801-699-0225) with any questions.

## ***Firefighter Presumptive Disease Study Report Submitted***

University of Utah/Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational & Environmental Health (RMC) has submitted their report of the firefighter presumptive disease study to the Utah Legislature.

The study's results were inconclusive, mostly because the small number of responses did not provide a big enough data base to draw "statistically

significant" conclusions. Because the results are inconclusive, this study may not be helpful in advancing legislation to designate certain diseases as job related for firefighters and covering them under Workers' Compensation Insurance.

We will keep you informed about this and other legislative issues. For more information visit [www.firecouncil.com](http://www.firecouncil.com).

## ***In Memorium***

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

- Former Salt Lake City Firefighter Patrick David Joy died October 22, 2008. Pat served on SLCFD from 1986 to 1995.
- Delbert C. Fagg, father of retired Salt Lake City Firefighter Kirk Fagg, died October 25, 2008.
- William E. "Bill" Clough died November 9, 2008. Bill served as Sandy City Fire Chief from 1956 to 1988.
- Retired Salt Lake City Firefighter Mike Salazar died November 10, 2008. Mike Served on SLCFD from 1972 to 2004.
- Salt Lake City Firefighter Dylan Hopkins died November 21, 2008. Dylan started with SLCFD in 2004.

## ***A Note of Thanks to Firefighters Who Ran for Public Office***

- Unified Fire Authority (UFA) firefighter Chris Cage ran for nomination to Utah House of Representatives, lost in convention.
- UFA Deputy Chief Mike Jensen was re-elected to SL County Council.
- SL City Firefighter Ryan Mellor ran for Utah House of Representatives, lost in general election.

## *A Firefighter's Christmas*

Twas the night before Christmas and all through  
the town,  
The fire siren echoed blaring its sound.  
The firefighters came running from far and from  
near,  
And raced to the trucks quickly donning their  
gear.

And I in my bunkers, my boots and my hat,  
Jumped on the engine to see where the fire's at.  
Down at the corner of Fourteenth and Oak,  
The dispatcher told of a house filled with smoke.

The damper was open but smoke came straight  
down,  
What's plugging the chimney had to be found.  
So up to the rooftop we hoisted a ladder,  
And climbed up to see what was the matter.

I came to the chimney and what did I see,  
But a fellow in red stuck up to his knees.  
Well we tugged and we pulled until he came out,  
then he winked with his eye and said with a  
shout,

"These newfangled chimneys, they make them  
too small,  
for a fellow as I, not skinny at all."



With a twitch of his nose he dashed to his sleigh,  
And called to his reindeer, "AWAY now  
AWAY!"

As we rolled up our hoses he flew out of sight,  
Saying "God bless our firefighters, and to all a  
good night."

## *Transitions*

### **Retirements**

November 14, 2008

Dennis McCone, Fire Chief, SL City FD

### **Appointments and Promotions**

August 4, 2008

Mike Harp, Captain, SL City FD

Steven Hoffman, Captain, SL City FD

August 22, 2008

Richard Soltis, Comm. Ed. Coord., SL City FD

September 15, 2008

Chad Doyle, Engineer, SL City FD

Gary Menlove, Engineer, SL City FD

A. J. Quirantes, Engineer, SL City FD

Matt Ballard, Engineer, SL City FD

Paul Koetitz, Engineer, SL City FD

Scott Peterson, Engineer, SL City FD

Patrick Merschorf, Engineer, SL City FD

Adam Archuleta, Engineer, SL City FD

Trisha Thomas, Fire Dispatcher, SL City FD

October 31, 2008

Eric Meyers, Captain, SL City FD

Robert Silverthorne, Captain, SL City FD

November 17, 2008

Tom Shannon, Fire Chief, SL City FD

## *One Last Chance for Yearbook Portraits*

We are running out of time to get retiree portraits and "human interest" pictures for the new yearbook. Until mid-December, you can email portraits to Ray Schelble ([rschelble@qwest.net](mailto:rschelble@qwest.net)) or you can call Barry Bonham (801-706-2904) concerning human interest photos.