

MEET YOUR FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighter Mark Dwyer

Mark Dwyer lived in the Wentzville area most of his life -- with some time spent in California, New Mexico and Colorado before moving back to the area to finish high school. He began his firefighter days as a volunteer with Station #3 in 1988. Dwyer recalls how big a deal it was the first time his station hit 10 calls for a month! Eighteen years later in 2006, Dwyer was hired on as a career firefighter.

"My wife Celeste and four children (Andy, Tommy, David and Katie) all participated in the Fire Department functions back in the volunteer days when it took all of us to keep it going," stated Dwyer. "Now, I enjoy bringing my grand kids up to the fire house. It's nice to be a part of this District that's doing so much for our community."



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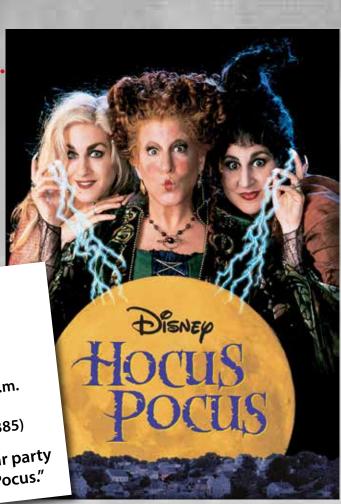
Put on your costumes and head over to Fireman's Park for the all new **Family Ghoulish Party and Movie Spooktacular!** This event is jointly sponsored by the Wentzville Firefighters Community Outreach and Wentzville Parks and Recreation.

Every pre-registered child (14 and under) will receive their own pumpkin! Families will be able to enjoy games, activities, a costume contest, hay-maze and giveaways. Then at 7 p.m., grab your blankets

and lawn chairs, and enjoy "Hocus Pocus" on the big screen!
*Pre-register by calling 636.332.9236 to receive a hot dog, bag of chips and drink.

Friday, October 28
Family Ghoulish Party
& Movie Spooktacular
DATE: Friday, Oct. 28, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Fireman's Park
(203 W. Pearce, Wentzville, Mo 63385)

Bring your family to a spooktacular party followed by showing of "Hocus Pocus."



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The Wentzville Fire District has been very busy delivering on the promises made to the residents and business owners of our district. In January 2016, the district hired ten new Firefighter/Paramedics and purchased necessary Advanced Life Support equipment. These additions now allow the District to **respond to all EMS calls as an Advanced Life Support truck**. Response times were a huge concern for the safety of our residents and businesses, and so I'm pleased to announce by the time you receive this "Straight Stream", we will have opened our new Station #2 located on Peine Road - a half mile from Highway 61. We have already broke ground on our new Station #1 at its new location on Luetkenhaus Blvd., and in January 2017, we will hire an additional nine Firefighter/Paramedics to staff our new Station #5 at Whisper Creek and Highway Z.

Our fire rescue trucks and equipment also required necessary improvements. The District added three new fire rescue trucks, with two more on order, for our community. In addition, all of the capital improvements are being delivered ahead of schedule and under budget.

I would like to close with a special **THANK YOU**. Thank you to the residents of the Wentzville Fire Protection District for your continued support and care for the safety of our community.

- Fire Chief Michael Marlo



MEDICAL OFFICER REPORT

Firefighter Chris Boggs

Since launching our **Advanced Life Support (ALS)** service in early 2016, our District responded to 38 emergency calls that involved some type of advanced medical care provided by our Fire District Firefighter/Paramedics prior to the arrival of an ALS Ambulance crew from the St. Charles County Ambulance District.

The concept of ALS fire trucks accomplishes just that. In the event that an ambulance is delayed due to high emergency call volume or heavy traffic, our trucks are supplied with Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipment and crossed trained Firefighter/Paramedics to begin immediate advanced patient care.



Some of the advanced care that our Firefighter/Paramedics provide include the use of our new Zoll X-series Cardiac Monitors. We are now able to view, recognize, and treat life threatening cardiac arrhythmias on the emergency scene. By initiating early advanced cardiac life support using anti-arrhythmic medications or electrical therapy, we're saving precious time by getting these critical treatments started as soon as possible. In conclusion, this service enhancement also better equips us to treat diabetic emergencies, opioid overdoses, respiratory distress, and allergic reactions with our ability to start IV's, or give injections of life saving medications.

We look forward to providing this advance level of service as our population continues to grow.



AFG GRANTS THREE FIRE WISHES

Battalion Chief Michael Scott

The Wentzville Fire Protection District is continually looking for alternative funding resources (grants, donations, etc.) to supplement the District's budget. We seek out various grant and donation programs that many of our vendors and/ or community partners offer to their customers.

One of the programs the Fire District annually applies for is the **Assistance** to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. Administered through the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), the AFG program is charged

with helping Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) organizations in meeting the firefighting and emergency response needs of their communities.

In 2015, the Fire District applied for funding to support its firefighter health and wellness program. The AFG awarded amount from FEMA to the District totaled \$181,410. The funds will be used for three projects including our firefighters' annual physicals and immunizations, purchasing new workout equipment to equip two of our new fire stations, and replacing aging equipment. The award will also enable the District to train six members of our staff to be Certified Fire Peer Fitness Trainers. Funding these various projects will help keep our firefighters healthy and properly prepared to respond to emergencies in our community.

The District is very appreciative of this award and would like to thank **Battalion Chief Michael Scott** for his efforts and diligence in seeing the grant through its lengthy process. (Editor's Notes)





NEW CAPTAINS PROMOTED

Assistant Chief John Schneider

The Fire District is pleased to announce the promotion of nine new Fire Captains. These positions were created to supervise and lead the additional fire/ paramedic crews that are a result of the additional two fire stations opening.

Station #2 on Peine Rd. opened on Oct. 11, and Station #5 on Whisper Creek will open on Jan. 11. During the last several weeks all of these newly appointed Captains have been going through various strategic and tactical fire command training as well as leadership and team building workshops.

Congratulations to all of you!



Our Nine New Fire Captains:















Ken Marquart





The District would like to thank the residents, business owners, and civic leaders who joined us as we celebrated the *ground-breaking of our new* Headquarters/Station 1. We hope to occupy our new building in roughly 300 days.

Our new Headquarters Station #1 will be located at 502 Luetkenhaus Blvd., Wentzville, MO 63385.