



John lives in Wentzville with his wife Mary and their four children.

MEET THE FIREFIGHTER

Captain John LeDoux

After being involved in a motor vehicle accident, **John LeDoux** wanted to be a firefighter. He began his career as a volunteer with Wentzville Fire Protection District in 1995, and completed his EMT license the following year. After volunteering for 5 years, and due to the large population growth, he was hired as one of the new full time 24-hour staff firefighters. He spent 12 years protecting the coverage area, when 7 years ago, the District promoted LeDoux to the rank of Captain. John dislikes that at times his job revolves around the suffering of others, however, gains great comfort when he's able to truly help those in his community. After nearly 19 years with the District, John says he still sees something new almost every day on a run. John adds, "So much has changed with our community, and I am looking forward to all the new challenges of the future."



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The **Wentzville Firefighters Community Outreach** program established in 2008 with the support from the Wentzville Fire Protection District by Wentzville Firefighters who wanted to do more for our community. Since the inception of the Program, tens of thousands of dollars have been raised to help our community members. If you know someone in need, please feel free to contact us at 636.332.9869 and we'll see how we can help!

Upcoming Events

Beach Bash '14

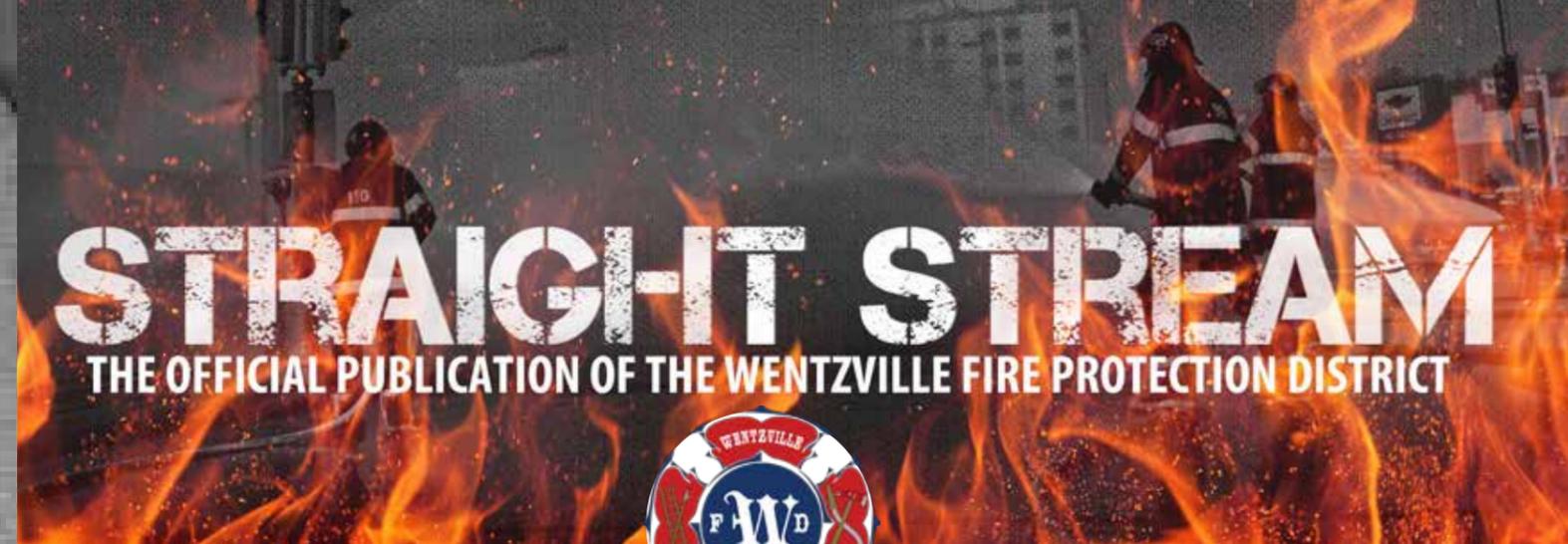
June 28, 2014 | 8 a.m. Registration | 9 a.m. Play
\$250/team of 6 players (\$300 after June 21)
Firefighters Sports Complex in St. Peters, Mo

Are you ready for some beach volleyball at Beach Bash '14? Gather your team and then contact Mike Szarwinski at 314.486.2188 to register. Registration fee includes cost of 6 player team and drinks for the day.

Teams must consist of recreational league players only, and include six players (\$30 each additional player.) Spectator cover charge of \$20 includes drinks. In case of inclement weather, tournament will be rescheduled. No refunds for early registration.



On May 19, one of our crews (consisting of **Captain Preis**, **Firefighter Marquart**, and **Firefighter Broeder**) responded to a child with a leg entrapment in a bicycle. The only way they could free the young boy was to cut the bike's frame. The boy was pretty upset about his bike. So these guys went to a nearby store, purchased a bike and delivered it a few hours later. They helped create one happy young man (and mom) that evening!



STRAIGHT STREAM

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STRAIGHT FROM THE CHIEF

Chief Mike Marlo

Protecting neighborhoods as large as the Wentzville Fire District is no small task. Our firefighters staff **three stations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week** to help protect your family -- and every year we do just that, by responding to **over 4,000 emergencies!**

The 88-square miles of the Wentzville Fire Protection District consists of the communities of Wentzville, Dardenne Prairie, Lake St. Louis, O'Fallon, WingHaven, Flint Hill, Josephville, Foristell and unincorporated St. Charles County. That's a lot of coverage area for three stations, so as you can imagine, we keep our firefighters busy!

In addition to putting out fires, there are several services provided by our District. We provide Fire Suppression, Fire Investigations, Rescue Services, Hazardous Materials Response, Emergency Medical Services, Building Inspections and Community Services. We're also out in your community providing **Fire Prevention Awareness and Fire Education**. Our firefighters are extremely active in our community service programs, and so you've probably seen us out promoting fire prevention to your child's school, your business, or out talking to your neighbors or other community groups who request educational information on fire prevention.

Our mission at the Wentzville Fire District is to be dedicated to the community by providing the best possible Fire Prevention, Suppression and Emergency Services in a fiscally responsible manner ... to help keep you, your businesses, and most importantly, your family safe. To learn more, you can visit our website at wentzvillefire.org.





FINANCES BY ASSISTANT CHIEF

Assistant Chief John Schneider

Managing the financial side of the Wentzville Fire District is, most certainly, not a simple task. The over 6.5 million dollar budget must be continually monitored and tracked. To do so, the District assembled a Planning/ Budget Committee that meets regularly and represents every level of the department. The committee, along with myself as the chair, reviews where past revenue and expenses occurred. We also identify how the organization can run more efficiently and get more out of our revenue in the future. This includes frequently bidding out regular expenses to various vendors, and working with neighboring Districts to complete joint purchases and share resources.

On the revenue side of the budget, the district is primarily funded through property taxes (over 95 percent.) Additionally, permit fees, banking interest, and miscellaneous income contribute lesser amounts of revenue. Personnel costs, fire trucks, and equipment are the primary expenses of the district, but cost of fuel, insurance, and utilities must also be accounted for. As this District grows in population, the demands for service increases. **Since 1999, there has been a 268 percent increase in calls for service.**

The District's finances are audited annually and a full audit report is approved by the Fire District Board of Directors. The Fire District prides itself on being a good steward of its residents' tax dollars, so that we can better serve our community.



MEET THE BOARD

In addition to the Fire District Battalion Command staff and career firefighters, a three person Board of Directors governs the District with the Fire Chief in charge of the overall management. Each Director is a great asset to our board, helping us service our ever-growing community.



Robert (Bob) Mainieri has served on the Board of Directors of the Wentzville Fire District since April 2013. Director Mainieri, his wife Angela and daughter Kama have lived in the fire district for over 10 years. He has watched the substantial growth of the area and is proud to serve the residents of the District. Director Mainieri has worked for Southwest Airlines for 25 years, and is a member of O'Fallon Elks Club. Director Mainieri enjoys meeting new people and participating in community events.



Jennifer Houston has served on the Board of the Wentzville Fire District since April of 2012. Chairwoman Houston has lived in the district for over 10 years in various areas of the vast 88-square miles covered by the fire district. She is a Business Development Manager for MedAssure Services. Chairwoman Houston has a strong work ethic, and her management qualities have proven to provide leadership and fiscal responsibility to the residents of the District.



Robert (Bob) Hawkins has served on the Board since 2013, and has been a resident of the Wentzville Fire Protection District for over 25 years. Director Hawkins has lived in Flint Hill area for nearly 17 years with his wife of 30 years and their two children. Director Hawkins and his family are members of the St. Patrick's Parish, and he belongs to the Flint Hill Knights of Columbus. He is currently Vice President of Concrete Strategies, and he enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.



FIRE MARSHAL SAFETY CORNER

Fire Marshal Christopher Cuddihee

Did you know that lightning strikes and lightning fires occur most often in the summer? Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when it does strike!

- **If you can hear thunder**, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building, or a hard-topped vehicle right away. Do not go under tall trees for shelter. Wait at least 30-minutes after the last thunder before leaving your shelter.
- **Stay away from** windows and doors.
- **If you are in or on open water**, go to land and seek shelter immediately.
- **If you feel your hair stand on end**, that means lightning is about to strike, squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet. Place your hands over your ears and your head between your knees. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize your contact with the ground. Do not lie flat. This is last resort when building or hard-topped vehicle is not available.
- **If a person is struck by lightning**, call 9-1-1 and get medical care immediately. Lightning strike victims carry no electrical charge; attend to them immediately. Check their breathing and pulse. CPR may be needed.



CALL DATA

Calls for Service: January - April

The following graph compares "calls for service" from January through April, since 2010 through 2014.

Since 1999, our calls for service have increased by 268 percent. In 1999, the District responded to 1,034 calls, and in 2013, the call volume was 3,993.

The District expects to respond to over 4,500 calls in 2014.

