

Ozark Fire District Media Release



Crews of the Ozark Fire District were able to participate in many community outreach events over the past month. Along with members of the Ozark Police Department and Christian County Sheriff's Office meals were served at the Ozark Senior Center. Crews attended meal services for Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The crews are extremely humbled to give back to our citizens during the holiday season.



The district was also able to participate in the 2022 annual Christmas Parade as we have the pleasure of transporting Santa at the end of every parade. The district partnered with the Historic River District to bring Santa to Ozark square for Friday Night Lights which is held the first 3 Fridays in December.

Yet another bittersweet moment for the district as Battalion Chief Paul Tyler has announced his retirement, which will be effective January 6, 2023. Chief Tyler has been with the district since 2016 when he was hired as Captain. Since his employment with the district Chief Tyler has excelled in the rank of Battalion Chief commanding C-Shift. In addition to his Battalion Chief Duties, Paul has helped the district grow tremendously as he handled apparatus and small engine maintenance as well as provided oversight for the district breathing apparatus. Paul previously served with the Springfield Fire Department for 24 years and 3 months before retiring as a Captain. We are blessed to have had Chief Tyler with the Ozark Fire District and wish him all the success in his future endeavors. He will be missed as an active member of the district.

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Lastly, we would like to congratulate Captain Walter Roberts on a job well done. Cpt. Roberts traveled to the state of Georgia to participate in the coveted Georgia Smoke Divers course. Contrary to the name, this is a course designed to develop elite firefighting professionals who are not only competent with their chosen skills but rather produce members who are excellent in all they do. Walter spent 6 days and more than 60 hours conducting grueling training evolutions to hone skills required of high-performing professionals in the fire service. We are pleased to have Captain Roberts as part of the district team and encourage his passion to serve.



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As always, we want to encourage citizens to be fire-safe in all they do. Christmas brings many hazards to the fire service. The temperatures are getting colder, and fireplaces will be lit. We encourage all citizens to have their flu cleaned and inspected annually by a licensed cleaner. This is the season to put up the Christmas tree and begin to have family gatherings. If you have a live tree, please ensure to constantly water your tree. Be mindful of overloaded plugs as you light your trees and homes with beautiful decorations. We hope everyone has an amazing holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all Ozark Fire District Citizens.

Respectfully;

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