



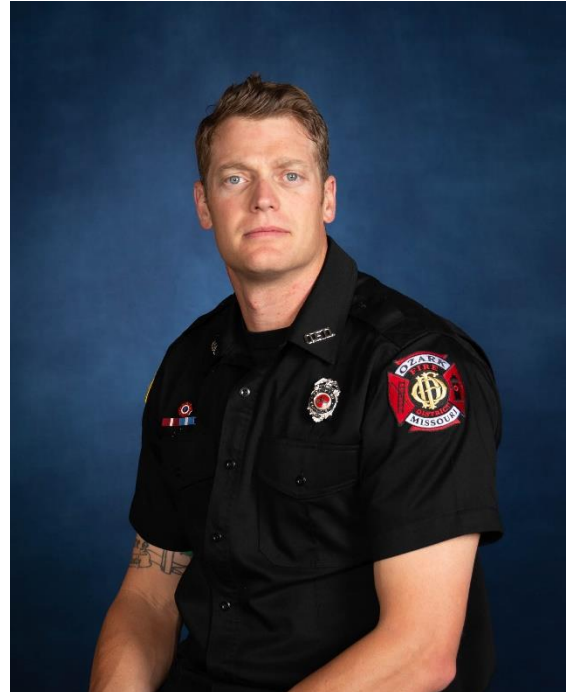
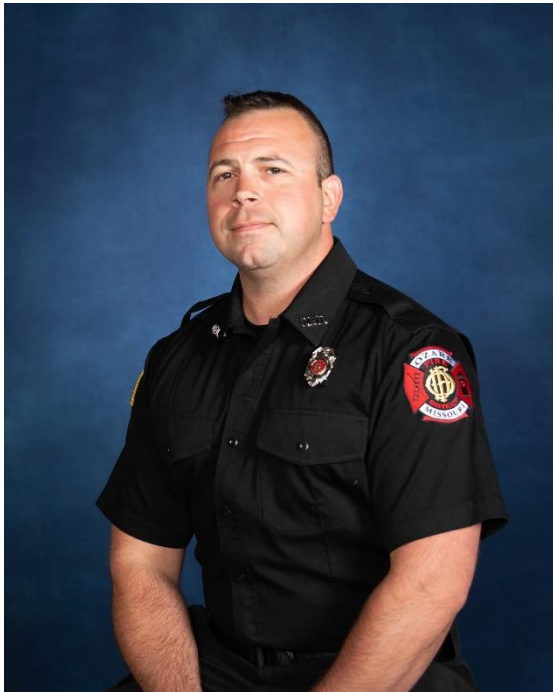
Ozark Fire Protection District

Press Release



The Ozark Fire Protection District has had an amazing month of training and progress as we approach fire prevention month. We are excited for the month to come as it is quickly followed by No Shave November where Firefighters across the nation compete to show off the best Mustache.

We are proud to announce the promotion of Captain Justin Cagney and Engineer Jake Stokes. Each of these members successfully completed rigorous promotional processes and demonstrated their skills and abilities. Engineer Jake Stokes was recently moved to C-Shift where he will be assigned to Station #1 in his new engineer capacity. Captain Justin Cagney reported to B-Shift Station #2 where he will command, train, and prepare his crew for success. We are extremely proud of each of these members and their accomplishments!



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Members of Oklahoma State University – Fire Service Training (OSU-FST) traveled to Ozark to conduct boat operations training. The district purchased and received an INMAR water rescue boat earlier this year.

This training was needed to increase the capabilities and safety of the water rescue team members. As we work hard to expand our special operations division to better serve our community, the water rescue team members will be key to successful rescues in the future.



The district held its annual BBQ event at the Finley River Park. We are thankful for all the donated items and amazing catering that made our day a success. When we talk about the fire service being a family, this is what we mean. Each year members get together for an annual awards ceremony held in February where we get to recognize the amazing accomplishments of our membership. However, in the summer we have the opportunity to bring our extended families together with children and fun to show our members just how much we appreciate the hard work and dedication to the organization’s mission statement!

“We are a strong team with the **DUTY** to aggressively serve our community with **INTEGRITY** and **EXCELLENCE**”



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As always, we encourage everyone to be fire-safe. This month it is “Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention” according to the National Fire Protection Association. Each year homes are destroyed or completely lost due to cooking fires. In fact, more than 50% of all fires are cooking or cooking appliance-related. Always check and double-check that your cooking appliance is turned off when not in use, teach younger children the dangers involved with cooking, and attend to a cooking appliance in use.

Check out this article and other related fire prevention material provided by the National Fire Protection Association.

<https://www.nfpa.org/News-and-Research/Publications-and-media/Press-Room/News-releases/2023/NFPA-announces-Cooking-safety-starts-with-YOU-Pay-attention-to-fire-prevention-as-official-theme>

For further information or to have your smoke detectors checked, please contact us at the district HQ (417) 581-4436 M-F 7 am-4 pm, or visit our website for more information.

Respectfully;

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