



Save the date! Family Film Night at the Middletown Firehouse!

Friday, November 23rd, 7 – 9:30 PM • Station One—Urton Lane

It's an annual event! Let's watch a movie and get safe together. Before the holiday movie (shown on the gym wall 'big screen'), firefighters will conduct a brief safety demonstration. Popcorn and drinks will be provided (it wouldn't be a movie night without them!) Bring your own chairs, sleeping bags, or blankets for comfortable seating.

Please visit www.middletownfire.org after November 1st to get additional information or contact ntaylor@mfpd.org.



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Annual Open House!

Can it be that time already? School is well underway, leaves are changing colors, ducks are heading south, and you're beginning to wonder just how much firewood you'll need. All that means it is also the season for the MFPD Open House.

- The first 200 families through the door will each receive a Home Fire Escape Planning Kit!
- Fire Trucks—Kids and kids at heart will enjoy getting behind the wheel and sitting where fire fighters sit. See up close the sophisticated machinery serving our community.
- Fire Fighting Gear—Try on a helmet, coat, and boots. Learn the science that goes into the equipment that protects fire fighters.
- The Jaws of Life—Fire fighters will slice through an automobile as they demonstrate one of the most important tools needed for rescues.

Play in the Firehouse Funhouse!

- Hose Work—It's harder than it looks. Can you hit a target with a stream of water charged to 150 pounds of pressure?
- Thermal Imaging Camera—Take a look through a special state-of-the-art camera that allows fire fighters to literally see through smoke.
- Fire Safety Tattoos will be available for everyone.
- Kids, test the fire fighter in you by participating in the Junior Fire Fighter Challenge! Run through a 6-event obstacle course that includes "The Tunnel," "The Rescue Carry," and putting out a "House Fire!"



Free Food!
Hot Dogs
Soft Drinks
Chips
Free Fun at the
Firehouse
Saturday, October
13th, 12 - 4PM
Station One at
108 Urton Lane



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Fire Prevention Week

October 7 - 13, 2007

Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Here are some safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association (www.nfpa.org).

- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes.
 - Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
 - Choose an outside meeting place (e.g., neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped.
 - Make sure that someone is assigned to assist children, older adults, and others with special needs.
- Putting your plan to the test**
- Practice your home fire escape plan twice a year, making the drill as realistic as possible.
 - Allow children to master escape planning before holding a fire drill at night when they are sleeping. The objective is to practice, not to frighten, so telling children there will be a drill before they go to bed can be as effective as a surprise drill.
 - It's important to determine during the drill whether children and others can readily waken to the sound of the smoke alarm. If they fail to awaken, make sure that

someone is assigned to wake them up.

- If your home has two floors, every family member (including children) must be able to escape from the second floor rooms. Practice setting up the ladder from a first floor window to make sure you can do it correctly and quickly.
- Closing doors on your way out slows the spread of fire, giving you more time to safely escape.
- In some cases, smoke or fire may prevent you from exiting your home. To prepare for an emergency like this, practice "sealing yourself in." Close all doors between you and the fire. Use duct tape or towels to seal the door cracks and cover air vents to keep smoke from coming in. If possible, open your windows at the top and bottom so fresh air can get in. Call the fire department to report your exact location. Wave a flashlight or light-colored cloth at the window to let the fire department know where you are located.

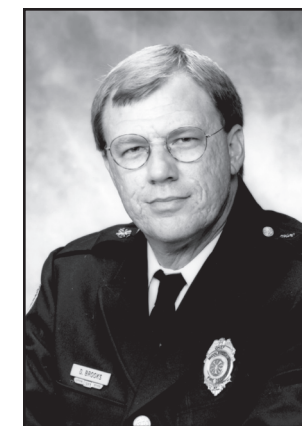
It's Time to Join: Serve Your Community as a Volunteer Fire Fighter

The fire service is for men and women committed to community service, personal development, and meaningful relationships with fire fighter colleagues. If you believe these qualities describe you and you want to know more, contact Sergeant Ron Maddux at 245-7555 for information about the next volunteer class.

At the completion of basic training you will have obtained competency in the following areas:

- Safety & the Fire Fighter's Gear
- Fire Behavior & Portable Extinguishers
- Use of Air Packs
- Types & Use of Hoses
- Ladders
- How to Vent a Building
- Rescue Tools & Techniques
- Extrication
- Forcible Entry
- Alarms & Communication
- Ropes & Knots
- Fire Control
- Sprinklers
- CPR
- Salvage & Overhaul
- Fire Cause Determination
- Fire Prevention & Public Education
- And a lot more!

In about eight short months you'll be ready and qualified to spend the night (or day) at the fire station and roll on a call as a volunteer fire fighter.



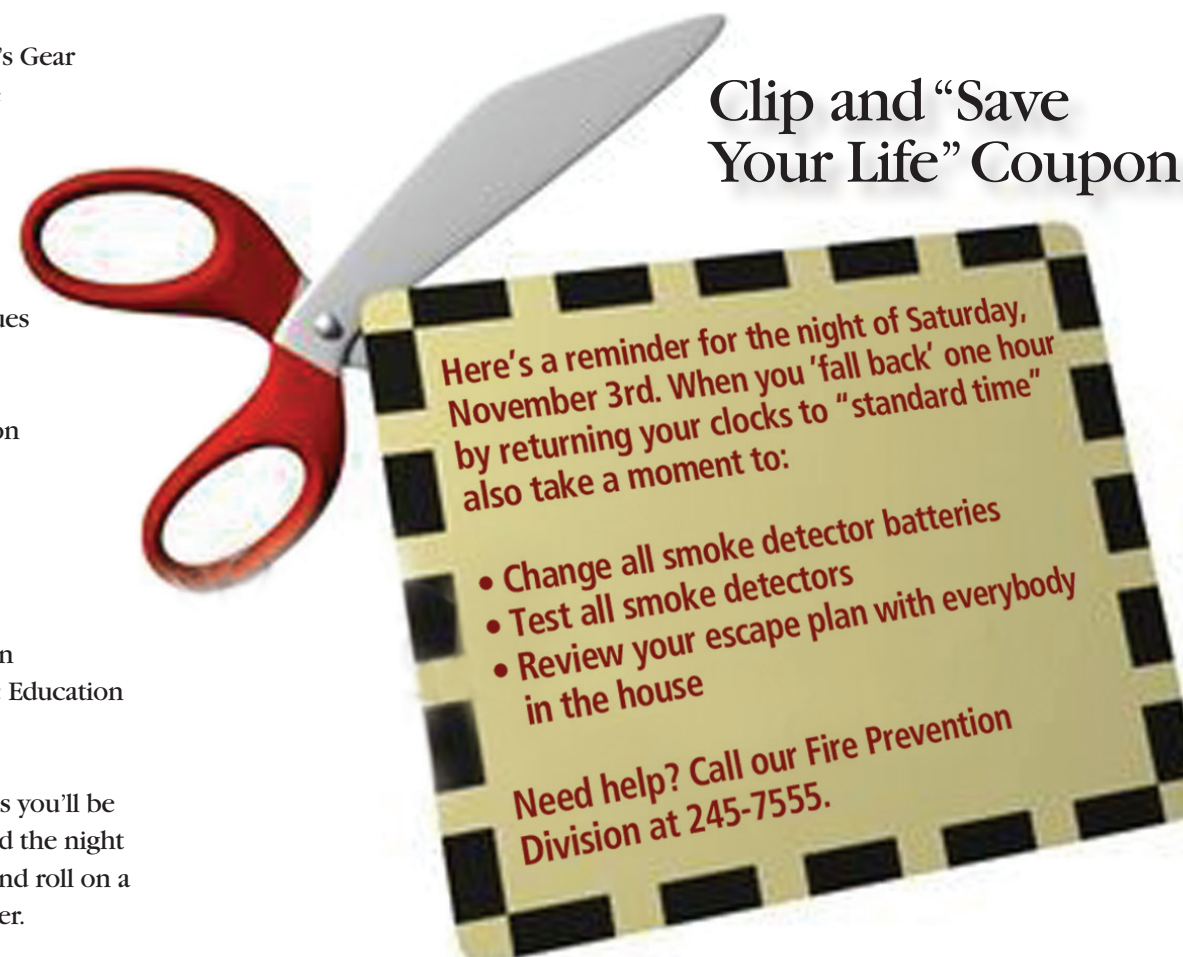
Loyal to the Cause...

by Chief Donald Brooks

Let me take this opportunity to share some important news with you. Recently I announced to the Board of Trustees my intention to retire from the MFPD effective October 31, 2008. It has been my great joy and honor to serve you and serve with the very best volunteers and professional fire fighters since 1973. I am particularly grateful to have served this community as Chief since 1997.

The Board has already begun the process of initiating a national search for the next Chief. Louisville is a great place to live and this fire department is a great place to serve. We are well positioned for the future and will have no difficulty attracting capable, qualified, experienced, and enthusiastic applicants. If you have questions or suggestions, I invite you to email the Board Chair. Just visit our website at www.middletonfire.org and click on the link labeled "Board of Trustees Email".

One other important note: Congratulations! This year you donated a little over \$102,000.00 for the WHAS Crusade for Children. This was another great act of giving by the Middletown Community. All together area residents contributed \$5,169,387 for the needy children of the Kentuckiana. Well done, folks!



Clip and "Save Your Life" Coupon

Here's a reminder for the night of Saturday, November 3rd. When you 'fall back' one hour by returning your clocks to "standard time" also take a moment to:

- Change all smoke detector batteries
- Test all smoke detectors
- Review your escape plan with everybody in the house

Need help? Call our Fire Prevention Division at 245-7555.