

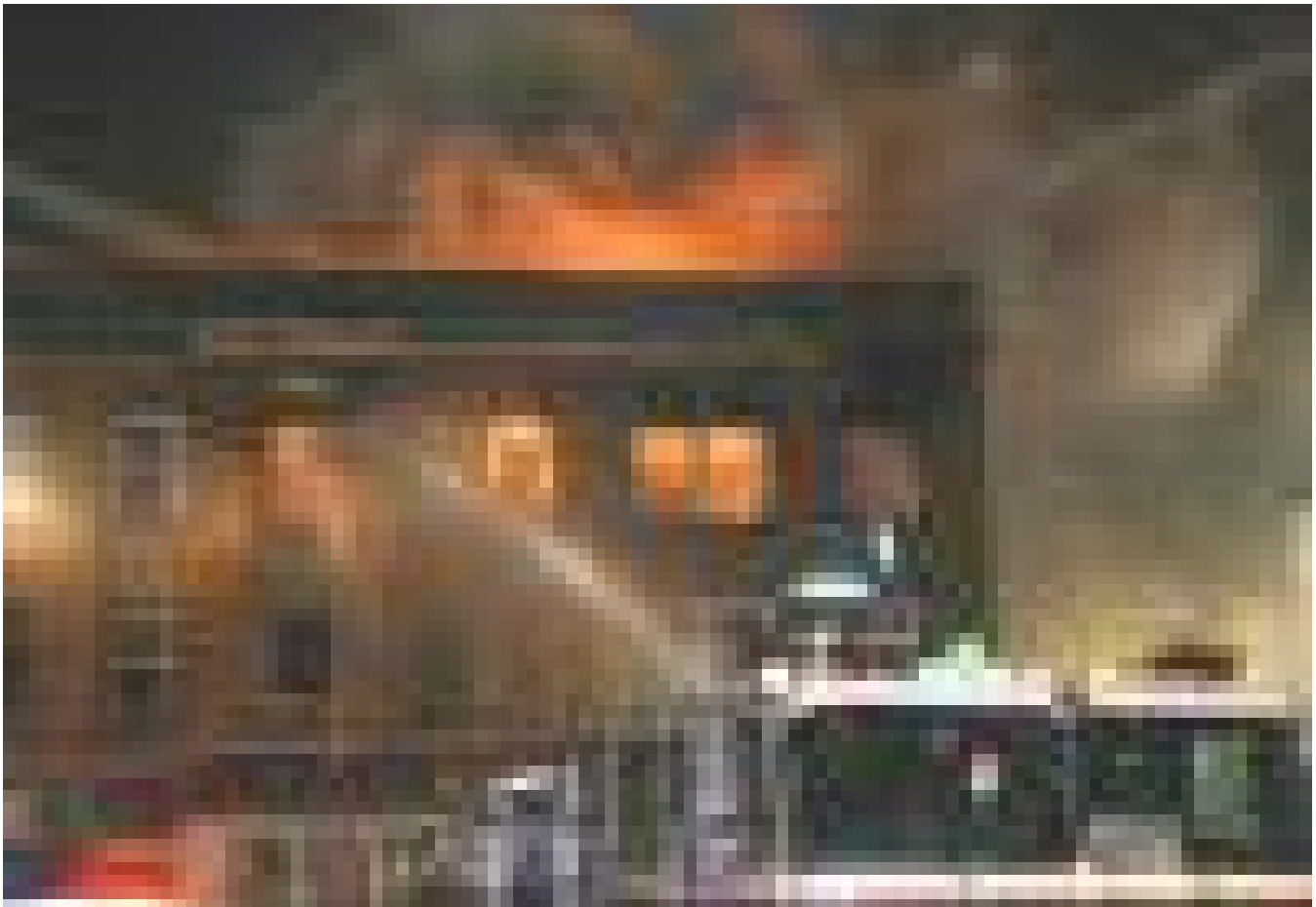
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Radio Tavern Fire in 2005.

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Contact Bill Smith To Contribute to Our Local's PAC Fund

President Bill Smith

The MPFFU 47th biennial convention held here in Grand Rapids was a huge success. President Hufnagel and Secretary / Treasurer Chesney along with the MPFFU Vice Presidents are pleased with the event and were delighted to see so many of you as well. During and after the convention we were praised by many brother and sister firefighters for our hospitality. IAFF President Shaitberger was also very impressed. He absolutely enjoyed the trip from the airport to the AmWay. The Honor Guard's attention to detail and The Axemen's motorcycle escort to the Hotel was a sight to behold. It was first class all the way. Chief Szotko even arranged for Harold to receive a personalized job shirt, which was a nice gesture.

Chief VanSolkema welcomed everyone to Grand Rapids at the opening ceremonies and spoke briefly to the important matter of Revenue Sharing. You should know that Chief Vansolkema assisted in many behind the scene details necessary for the success of this event. Be sure to thank him for his support, as well as the Battalion Chiefs who allowed on duty personnel to help out with set up. Secretary/Treasurer Chesney stated that we had set a record for the off loading of his truck. At the Convention, President Hufnagel informed me that former City Commissioner, a friend of L366 and POLC, Scott Bowen has been endorsed by the MPFFU for his bid in the upcoming Michigan Attorney General race. This now clears the way for us to support Scott in the election process.

Special Thanks to Travis Gurd for his outstanding effort in making us look good, and to those who headed up the sub-committees, much appreciation is owed to you.

We are thankful that Brother Barnes, escaped with minor injuries, while engaged in firefighting activities at the Indiana Fire. Many have contacted me with concerns about this event. I hope to learn more when I meet with the Chiefs this week. Bronson did an awesome job describing what happened and in the interview with Channel 8 he gave praise to Rich Moore for "kinda saving his life". He also added a subtle plea to the viewers not cut our staffing further. Unfortunately, the current Fire Department budget does remove 3 firefighter positions from our ranks on paper. It has been stated by the City Manager that if the Revenue Sharing is increased by 2% we will be able to restore those positions. So far, the measure passed the State House, and we wait for the Senate to move on it.

On May 9th, the Fire Chief unveiled what the department will look like if the proposed budget passes. It provides that we will be losing Rescue 1, as it will be replaced by a North and South Rescue Pumper (Eng's 5 and 12 staffed at 4 with extrication equipment) All Trucks will be staffed at 3 with 3 Medical Squads staffed with 2 assigned to them. A fourth Medical Squad will be in service, as staffing permits. We will have remaining Engine Companies staffed at 3. Battalion Chiefs will remain as is. Doing the math it

appears that we will have 55 on duty per day. However, according to the Chief, that number falls on us, as there will not be callbacks. During this meeting the Chief also made mention that we can no longer afford to have machines without pumps. And there will be a Fire Prevention Inspector added.

Grand Rapids Fire Fighters Union Local 366 shall establish a Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Committee. This committee will serve until the completion of a Memorial commemorating Grand Rapids Firefighters and Michigan MPFFU/IAFF members who have paid the ultimate price in the line of duty. The aforementioned motion was passed at this month's meeting. You should know that this was born from a discussion at Retired Brother Pruszinski's house that included Brothers Chicklon, Clark and me. This idea was floated to Presidents Hufnagel and Schaitberger during dinner on May 3rd, and there were very supportive of the endeavor. The intended location of the memorial will be remain reserved from print until we secure a green light from the establishment. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

I would also like to briefly touch upon the recommendation of the CBAC to the City Commission regarding our Health Care and Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Despite our sharing of the facts with this group, they went a different way. I will refrain from sharing my thoughts on this here; however, if you see me around just ask.

I want to share that recently my family traveled down to Florida where we had an opportunity to visit my old department. I was very glad to see so many of my old friends are well, and have advanced in rank. Quite a few though had left as they sought career opportunities elsewhere soon after my own departure. Coming home has reminded me of reasons why I left my home state. Wages stripped away, rising and ultimately unattainable healthcare, low morale, doing more with less, frivolous expenses from the City Budget, departmental infighting, and good ol' boy politics. I have heard that there are those amongst us who are now looking for new opportunities. Whereas I am not trying to persuade you either way, please consider your options carefully, as I can speak from experience. Don't get me wrong, I am thankful for my job here in Grand Rapids, just look before you leap.

Most importantly, I want to thank President Paul Hufnagel and Secretary/Treasurer Terry Chesney for doing as much as they do everyday for all of us. I encourage all of you to visit www.mpffu.org to see what they have done in Lansing and elsewhere to further our Profession.

Fraternally,

William E. Smith
President, Local 366

Secretary**John Zinn**

Brothers and Sisters;

It has been a hectic time as I figure out my duties and get my feet under me in this new position. IAFF President Schaitberger spoke on Thursday at the convention and outlined many of the challenges that we as a union have ahead of us. He is a dynamic, energetic and well prepared speaker. If you ever get the chance to hear him speak, I urge you to take the opportunity. He also let us know what services the IAFF provides us and his vision of how the larger organizations should serve us.

It was very interesting to attend the MPFFU convention the past week and interact with our brothers and sisters from across the state. None of us in the GRFD are especially happy with the direction that our department is headed, but in talking with other locals from across the state, we do need to be thankful for what we still have. We will not stop working to keep what we have and maintain staffing levels, but many other locals in the state have been hit harder than we have. It was also informative to talk with other local members to see how they are dealing with their challenges and what strategies they are using to combat shrinking budgets and cuts in staffing. I applaud all the members who took part in the convention and assisted in the preparation for it. Many people worked hard and all of the feedback that I heard about our hosting of the convention was positive.

One of the projects that I want to work on is updating your addresses; if you are not getting the MPFFU or IAFF magazines or mail, then you probably need to get us your address. Once I have a list of those that need to be updated, I will forward them to the appropriate people. I appreciate the support that all of you have already given and look forward to the next few months as I get settled in this job.

Fraternally,
John Zinn
Secretary

Don't Forget to check out our website for photos, news, and many other items. You may also register on the site to access the members only page. Here, you can view the newsletter. If you do not wish to receive it by mail, please let your newsletter staff know, and you will be removed from the mailing list.

Outside Activities**Travis Gurd**

Brothers and Sisters;

By now, the year long planning of the convention is now over. I am sure that everyone who had put forth their time and energy into the convention would have nothing but positive things to say. Everyone from the on duty crews who assisted with loading and unloading, to the honor guard, to everyone who took time to sell T-shirts or participate in the convention, should be very proud of the accomplishments Local 366, Grand Rapids Fire Dept, and the City of Grand Rapids have done. I would also like to say thank you to the on duty Battalion Chiefs and to Chief VanSolkema for their assistance as well.

Every local that visited Grand Rapids for the convention, all had exceptional things to say. Comments from how friendly our members are, to this being the best convention they have seen in years. All in all, I would say I have to agree.

There are far too many to thank for their assistance and the success, and without them this would not have been possible.

Not to beat a dead horse, here are the upcoming events. At the end of June, we will again do the "Fill the Boot" for MDA. Last year, as you may remember, we raised over \$15,000. The Brothers who attended the MDA Boot Camp this year, have raised the bar for Grand Rapids. If I remember correctly, they have set our goal above \$30,000, so we have our work cut out for us. This again will be on a voluntary basis. However, if everyone gets out there, our goal may be possible. Remember, we are not "begging for money", we are just helping people to help others in need.

August 10 will be the MDA Golf Outing. This year we will again be at Scott Lake Country Club. Further information will be out shortly.

I hope everyone enjoys their summer. Take time to enjoy it with family and friends. Time is short. Say hi to a stranger, and remember those who are close to you.

Any new ideas that you may have, please feel free to send them my way.

In Brotherhood,
Travis Gurd
Outside Activities



Axemen from all over the state plus a few from Ohio and Washington at the meeting before the convention. Many of the axemen met IAFF President Schaitberger at Gerald R. Ford International Airport for an escort to the Amway Grand. He stated in all of the conventions he does, he has never been greeted like this in any of them. Thank you to Greg Miller for driving our IAFF President, and to the crew of Engine 1 for participating in the "motorcade".



Horse Stories #18 . . and more Grand Rapids Fire Department History

February 1911

The City of Grand Rapids is proud of Engine House #12

A handsome English bulldog named "**Buster**" is its mascot and the two horses that pull new Hose Wagon #12 are "**Doc**" and "**Seal**". Engine House No. 12 has settled down after a three month trial and the routine is now as steady as any engine house in the city.

Engine House #12 is situated at the corner of Grandville Avenue and Hall Street and is the latest acquisition of the Grand Rapids Fire Department. It was built in the fall of 1910 and January 22nd seven men were drawn from different engine houses and assigned to it.

The new engine house fills a long felt want in that section of the city since residence construction has progressed at a good rate over the past five years. There are also fifteen large manufacturing plants within No. 12's responding limits, which add materially to the necessity for its existence. The building is modern in every sense of the word. It is built with light paving brick, is of neat design and presents a handsome appearance. A tall elm tree on the east side affords ample shade in the morning and on the west side an apple tree is growing close to the inside of the sidewalk. When the building was erected there was talk of cutting down the apple tree, but a strenuous objection was entered by W.B. Weston of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

First Captain of Engine House #12 is Peter Nagelkerke

At present the engine house is equipped with one hose wagon. Within the next few weeks a steamer will be installed, dependent upon the arrival of several auto trucks and hose wagons that have been ordered. When the first one arrives, the steamer from Engine House #3 will be sent to No. 12, together with its horses. The steamer will complete the compliment of equipment at 12's. Seven men comprise the force at the station now and when the steamer arrives, three more men will be added.

The members of Hose Company #12 and years of service are as follows:

Captain Peter Nagelkerke, 17 years, transferred from Engine House #6
Lieutenant Wesley L. White, 17 years, transferred from Engine House #5
Driver Fred Patterson, 6 years, transferred from Engine House #1
Pipeman Thomas McDonald, 24 years, transferred from Engine House #1
Pipeman John F. Haggerty, 12 years, transferred from Engine House #1
Pipeman Benjamin Emaus, 12 years, transferred from Engine House #3
Pipeman John E. Cole, 13 years, transferred from Engine House #1

"**Buster**", who is considered by the men of Station #12 as the prize mascot of the department, is on the job at every fire. The first clang of the bell finds him pawing at the door, anxious to be the first on the scene.

"**Doc**", probably the dean of all the fire horses, has a good start on the road to the thirtieth milestone in his life. Yet, for all that, he is as frisky, as good looking and as ready to respond when the alarm sounds as any horse in the department. For 19 years he has headed Chemical Engine No. 1 and in that time, besides exercising, has responded to **4,106** alarms and has only been sick one day. As the old hose wagon is being supplanted by new and modern auto apparatus, soon "**Doc**" will be relegated to the ranks of a has-been. This probably means that he will be in service on a milk wagon, statistics showing that the majority of antiquated fire horses are "canned" to the milk routes. Whether "**Doc**" will be able to steady down to a slow going delivery horse at once or deliver up a few impromptu "milk shakes", remains to be seen.

Engine House No. 12 serves a big territory

The territory covered by Station #12 comprises everything between 5th Street (Franklin) and the city limits to the south and west and everything east to South Division. Among the large factories in its limits are the Grand Rapids Refrigerator Company, Stickley Brothers; Michigan Chair Company, Excelsior Wrapper Company, Grand Rapids Piano Company, Nichols & Cox Lumber Company, Acme Lumber Company, C.W. Luce & Sons, Lindner Manufacturing Company, Keeler Brass Works, Retting Furniture Company, Fancy Furniture Company, Terrel Equipment Company, Grand Rapids & Indiana car shops and freight house. The Coit addition, familiarly known as the "black hills", did not contain a house 10 years ago; while today there are over 200 homes.

Layout of the new station

The engine house measures 82 x 48 feet. It has a roomy basement, in which is located the heating plant. The furnace connects directly with the hose tower in such a manner that when frozen hose is hung in it heat from the furnace and auxiliary pipes will quickly thaw it out. The captain's room is situated in a front corner of the second floor. In its rear is a large bath room and toilet. A shower bath is one of its features. The dormitory contains 11 beds and is 34 x 28 feet.

At the back end are 11 large lockers. A foot wall separates the dormitory from the hay loft and back of this is the granary.

An office and lounging room, 15 x 15 feet in size, is in one corner of the first floor. The apparatus room has a cement floor, with drain pipes in the center, and is 30 x 24 feet. In back of the apparatus room are six horse stalls and the barn adjoins the stalls. A large shed in the rear of the station house is used for storing coal, shavings and the exercise ring.



Engine House #12 about 1920

This old station still exists and is owned by the Hispanic Center. I recently provided some of the data you have just read to a local company that plan to use it to renovate this building to near original condition.

Old Steam Fire Engine – Whistle Signals

December 1, 1868

Meeting of the Louis Campau Steamer Company (Old Alert Fire Company #1)

Resolved that any member being absent from washing hose after a fire shall be fined 50 cents unless excused by the company.

Engineer George R. Price then made some remarks in regard to conveying orders from one officer to another at a fire.

Resolved that the following signals be adopted by the company:

Three sounds of the whistle shall call the foreman to the steamer.

Four or more sounds of the whistle shall give the engineer two or more men to procure coal for the steamer.

One prolonged sound of the whistle shall call the entire company to the steamer.

By request of the engineer the foreman appointed **Cornelius Sonke** as assistant fireman to Steamer Louis Campau.

The foreman then appointed as pipemen: **Martin Howe, Nicholas Howe, James Uppeneer and Dennis Schram**

Signed, **Secretary Kryn Dykema**

New Steamer Whistle Signals:

In May of 1923, **Fire Department Clerk John Craig** found an old fire brigade instruction sheet.

It revealed that in 1884 while **Fire Marshal Henry Lemoin** was chief of the department there were 59 alarm boxes and 14 pieces of fire apparatus (In 1923 there were 340 alarm boxes and 34 pieces of fire apparatus). In 1884 there were 7 hose wagons, 3 steamers, 2 chemicals and 2 hook and ladder vehicles. Appearing on the list of fire alarm locations were the Stave Factory, the Chair Factory, Chubb's Foundry, Harrison Wagon Works, Starr Mills and the Hotel Clarendon. By 1923 most of those businesses had been destroyed by fire.

The most interesting part of the old instruction sheet is the old **Steam Fire Engine Whistle Signals:**

- 1. To call the assistant foreman (lieutenant)**
One long whistle and short blasts as needed to indicate the number of the steamer.
- 2. To call for the supply wagon**
Two long whistles and the number of the steamer.
- 3. For bursted hose**
Three short whistles and the number of the steamer.
- 4. To rally the company to the steamer**
Five short whistles repeated once and the number of the steamer.
- 5. Dismissal from duty was indicated by one stroke of the bell.**

The only cases now (1923) where steamer whistles are used is when a coal supply is needed at a fire. (The few steam fire engines left in the department are all reserve apparatus and are only used at extra alarm fires)

More horse stories and history next issue.

Robert Imhoff –Retired Captain, Apparatus Division



*Our proud few that
against all odds, still
managed to compete
in the ever famous,
tedious, endurance
testing Irish Jig.
Kudos to those of you
that participated. I am
sure it was well worth
the grueling training
you all have endured
over the years. This is to
you.*

IN MY OPINION

The subject of poor morale has been brought up repeatedly. “Why do we have poor morale, and what can we do to fix it?” Well, to fix it, we need to know what the problem is. Let’s discuss what may or may not be some of the causes:

1. Unknown futures of machines and manpower in general
 - Engine 7 to Squad 7
 - Rescue One being eliminated
 - The Training Division-gone
 - Fire Marshall-gone
 - Fire Education-gone
 - Car 21a-gone
 - Dispatch-gone (almost)
 - Trucks to 3 personnel
 - Taking machines out of service for low manpower
 - Basically nothing is safe, and anybody can be replaced at any time, by anyone, or not at all.

2. Lack of future promotions
 - Not many people retiring in the near future
 - Not filling vacancies quickly when people do retire
 - Excess promoted personnel
 - a. X-EO’s
 - b. Filling openings with Rescue One personnel when it gets disbanded, (1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 3 EO’s).
 - c. Filling openings with Squad 7 personnel, and make Squad 7 like Squad 1,3, and 4: man it daily with travelers
 - Any openings that may occur can be filled without promoting due to personnel from Squad 7 and Rescue One

3. New Fire Helmets
 - Why? Why change helmet styles?
 - a. less expensive
 - b. lighter
 - not very many people like them
 - not less expensive when you’re buying helmets for people who already have a helmet
 - Are new helmets cheaper than helmet parts? Do I buy a new car because my current one needs new shocks, or do I replace the worn shocks?
 - the new helmets are being seen as “punishment” being handed out from administration
 - When asked, “Why are we changing?”, we were told, “Too bad, get used to them.” We weren’t really given a definitive explanation for the change
 - they make us look like volunteers
 - other “major” departments use traditional helmets (Chicago, Detroit, New York, Boston, Philadelphia)
 - If our current helmets are too heavy, why not just go with a lighter traditional style?
 - If our current helmets are too heavy, why not get tougher firefighters?
 - If there is a real, tangible problem with the weight of our current helmets, why are they still being made, and why hasn’t there been a world-wide recall of these helmets?
 - Price comparison online @ thefirestore.com shows no difference in price.
 - Impromptu and unofficial survey taken by myself:
 - 52 personnel were asked if they wanted one of the “new” helmets:
 - a. 49 said “no”
 - b. 0 said “yes”
 - c. 3 said “I’ll wear whatever they issue”

4. Inconsistencies
 - “Wear your uniform. Wear *only* your uniform.”
 - a. This is difficult to enforce when you have members of command staff wearing: 1) another department’s t-shirts on duty, 2) another department’s turn-out gear on duty

- b. Why are some officers overlooking some things while other officers are not? Are some things acceptable for some people, but not others?
 Example: Last year, I had an officer tell me I couldn't wear my "job shirt" on duty. He was correct, and I took it off. Later that same day, that same officer was wearing a Boston FD t-shirt during a work detail.
 - All transgressions and violations will be looked at individually
 - a. FF "A" backs a machine into another machine and gets a 2 day suspension, a loss of 48 hours of pay
 - b. FF "B" crashes through an overhead door, then, a few days later, rips a compartment door off the same machine while driving out an overhead door and receives a "verbal warning"
 - Radio Traffic
 - a. inconsistent language and terminology being used
 - b. no penalties for improper etiquette
 - "Follow the chain of command"
 - a. It works both ways. If I have a problem, I should bring it to my officer first. Any problems coming from "above" should also be directed through my officer. When someone "jumps" the chain of command, they should be directed back to their officer, not sparred with over email.
5. Information Hoarding and Finger Pointing
- the FYI's are nice, but basically they are the same from week to week
 - Why aren't we receiving FYI's or something similar from the Union? Anything we get from the newsletter is usually out of date.
 - Why do a lot of the new policies end with the statement "up to and including discharge"?
 - Why aren't department memos going out to everyone?
 - a. How can an acting officer be responsible if they aren't getting the same information as their officer? Sure, theoretically it should get passed on from officer to crew, but it doesn't always happen. Now the acting officer is responsible for enforcing a new policy that they don't know exists.
 - b. Now it's back to the old way, print off the email, make sure your crew reads it, and then signs a roster.
- c. How hard is it to hit the "fire staff" button instead of the "fire officers" button on an email?
- d. Get an email that doesn't really apply to you? That's what the "delete" button is for.
 - On the other hand, sometimes too much information is being handed out. For example: Job Shirts
 - a. Union says, "Admin said _____, but did _____."
 - b. Admin says, "Union said _____, but did _____."
 All we should have heard from both sides was, "We couldn't come to an agreement."
6. Grants
- If money is so tight, why aren't we applying for more grants?
 - We used to spend months preparing grants, now sometimes less than a week
 - Why aren't these being done more in advance?
 - What happened to the grant committee, and why aren't they being used anymore?
 - Why are we asking for "the wrong stuff"?
 - a. We needed workout equipment, asked for it nicely and got it.
 - b. We didn't have Thermal Imaging Cameras, asked for them nicely and got them.
 - c. We didn't have current and compliant SCBA's, asked for them nicely and got them.
 - d. We already had boots and helmets, asked for them anyway, and got denied.
7. Training (or lack there of)
- No EMS training
 - a. haven't had any hands on training until recently when we received an Acting EMS Coordinator
 - b. People being recertified with no continuing ed credits (pencil whipping) Isn't there laws against this?
 - c. Online EMS really doesn't count. Nobody is getting anything out of this other than "free" continuing ed credits. One of the classes you can get credit for is "Avalanches". That should come in real handy
 - No practical fire training unless done on a company level

- When/If there is training, it gets jammed down our throat for a month or 2 then disappears
 - a. Spanish training, no follow up
 - b. Save your own training, never finished
 - c. FF survival training, never finished
 - d. High rise training, inconsistent, never finished.
 - Why is it such a big deal to get someone certified to be an Acting Officer, or an Acting EO?
 - a. Why is this process so long?
 - b. Why can't the officer's do it? Put the responsibility on the officer and make them say whether or not the person is ready, then have a BC or a third party test them.
 - c. Would this be easier if we had a Training Division?
 - d. What happened to certifying restricted drivers for the Medical Squads?
 - e. In fact, what happened to restricted drivers in general?
 - Favoritism
 - a. Why are some people being favored over others as trainers? Why are some people "in the loop", while others are ignored or overlooked?
 - b. Why are we bringing in trainers on their day off to train, instead of using the "on-duty" pool of people?
 - No training for newly promoted officers or those aspiring to become officers.
 - a. Badges are being handed out and it's just expected that there will be some sort of transference of knowledge by osmosis from the badge to the new officer. How can you hold someone accountable when there is no consistent level of training or ability? I "mentored" with 4 different officers, and learned 4 different ways to do the same things.
 - b. Some officers don't realize they have to be a "leader" after they get promoted. They can't just be the 'buddy' anymore. Sometimes they will have to be the "bad guy" and enforce policies the way they are written, not just the way they want to interpret it on that particular day.
 - Would any or all of these problems be solved if we still had a training division? Well, if we had a training division that actually trained people and didn't have to keep bringing in other "trainers" to teach.
8. Legacies
- It really seems that some things are being done only so someone can say, "Look what I did."
 - a. Grants
 - b. Department Accreditation
 - c. New Helmets
 - Do people really want their names to be immortalized with the following items which include, but are not limited to:
 - a. The Nina Wrench
 - b. The Hickey Rule
 - c. I can "Earl" that story
 - I guess if you can't be remembered for being a good firefighter, at least you are going to be remembered for something.
 - You could walk up to an 8 year old kid sitting on a park bench and smash an ice cream cone in his face. Fifty years from now, he'll still be telling the story of how someone walked up and smashed ice cream in his face for no reason, but did you really accomplish anything?
9. Department Committees
- What do they really do for the department?
 - What do they really do for me?
 - a. Recruitment task force
 - i. Did this really do anything?
 - ii. Just another line to put on a resume so you look better for promotions?
 - iii. What happened to them? Why aren't we using them anymore?
 - b. Grant Committee
 - i. What did they do for us?
 - ii. Why aren't they being used anymore?
 - iii. Just another line a resume?
 - c. Department Accreditation
 - i. What is this, really?

From the Building Corp.

Well, another meeting has come and gone. The 2006 annual building corporation meeting/party held April 26th, (Always the 4th Wednesday of April) had a great turn out and was a great time. If you have never been to one, all that I can say is, GO!! I say this every year, but honestly believe that Gordy Faber has out done himself this time. The food and selection was truly awesome! Thanks to Gordy, and to all those that helped.

We have been, and are continually faced with some very difficult decisions this year, primarily financial. To recap, this time last year we made a payment of approximately \$50,000 to repair/replace the south portion of our buildings roof. Current estimates to complete the remaining area which is in dire straits, is approximately \$60,000. We hope to get this underway later this spring. All of this coupled up with potential tennant issues drew a "Board's conclusion" (after numerous hand wringing meetings) that we need to temporarily suspend the Retirees supplement check usually out later this year. This is quite possibly one of the most difficult decisions that I have had to take part in. But by doing this, our ability to assist financially should multiply in the future. Again, I am sorry.

There is a new key policy in place for hall rentals. Keys are no longer kept at 14's. Directors now have the keys. We strongly recommend that you contact a director several days in advance of your rental date to make the necessary arrangements. Here is this years board of directors and facility manager (who handles the rental procedure and any questions regarding rentals).

John Frederick Franklin St. C-shift 245-8186 or 485-1172

Dave Noorman -	Monroe St. A-shift	456-3906	520-1521
Larry Hayden -	Monroe St. B-shift	456-3906	636-5334
Dave Olivier -	LaGrave St B-shift	456-3907	
Tony Rohloff -	Covell St. C-shift	453-9603	
Jim Gonzales -	Franklin St C-shift	245-8186	
Todd VanderWall	Franklin St A-shift	245-8186	293-0474
Jeff Smith -	Bridge St. B-shift	459-5992	560-7999

We are excited to announce that our information is now available on the internet. We have a tab off from the Local's website which is www.iaff366.com Take a look. It will include many features and will assist with rentals. Thanks to Joel Boyer, who without his help, this would not be possible. As always, if I can be of assistance or field any questions, pelase give me a call, 616-560-7999. or email to jsmith@ci.grand-rapids.mi.us

Thanks, and have a great summer.
Jeff Smith



Above and Below are a few photos of current and retired Local 366 members at the annual Building Corp. Meeting-Party, which is held every year on the fourth Wednesday of April. All who attended seemed to have a pretty good time. Everyone said that Gordy Potter who cooks for the party every year, really outdone himself this year.



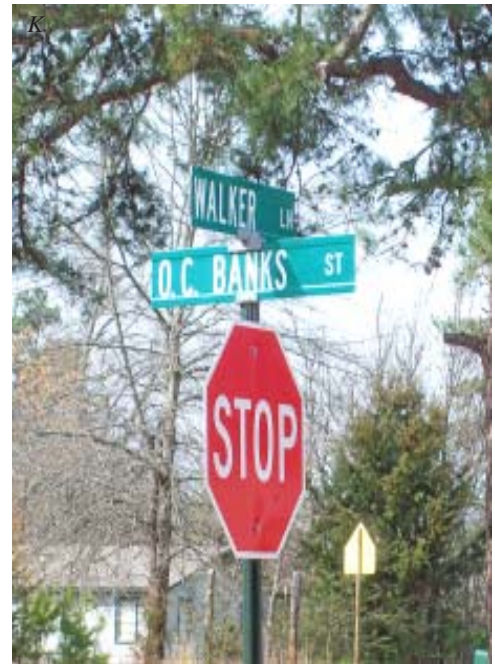
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Kissing cousins??? For those of you that didn't know, yes, it is true. Jeremy Sheperd and Andy Nowack are indeed cousins. Pretty close ones too, it appears.



Brother Tim Szotko and his wife took a trip down to Queen City, TX this spring and visited with Brother O.C. Banks' parents. It seems that our O.C. is named after his father. Does anyone know what the O.C. stands for?? That may remain a mystery for years to come.



It seems there is a street in Queen City named for the father of O.C. Banks JR. Or is it named for our O.C.?? Only the Banks' know for sure.

Reminder
Retirees Breakfast
1st Tuesday of every month
Russ' Restaurant 28th & Byron Center
Call Don Poll
878-1829

CLASSIFIEDS:

House For Sale:

For Sale by Owner- 1666 Oswego St. NW Grand Rapids.
Great house, all brick. Check it out at 1666Oswego.blogspot.com
Must sell.

Fire Memorabilia For Sale: I have been collecting fire memorabilia for years and because of health problems, I have decided to sell part, or all of my collection. If you are interested, you can contact me at (616)949-5283. If I am not at home, please leave me a message and I will contact you. Thank you- Don Devlaeminck

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