



# IN THE NEWS

# LINE OF DUTY

## Congratulations!!

**Chief Kevin Flaughter** retired from the Maryville Fire Protection District after 26 years of service. Flaughter started as a probationary firefighter in 1984 and advanced his education to later become an EMT, promoted to Assistant in 1988 and then to Fire Chief in 1995.



He was an active member in the Madison County Fire Chiefs Association, a member of MABAS Division 35, Madison Co. All Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and a member of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.

Under his administration, Kevin oversaw the development of the fire department, going from an all-volunteer department to today's combination Fire Department which includes paid-on-call firefighters, part-time EMS staff, and full-time firefighter/paramedics. Chief Flaughter was instrumental in the expansion of the Maryville Fire station, which has led to 24-hour staffing of the Advanced Life Support ambulance service.

## Congratulations!!

**Vito "Andy" Bonomo** retired after 49 years of service to Center Fire Protection District on August 30, 2021. Throughout the years, Chief Bonomo has worked tirelessly to ensure the residents of the district received the absolute best in fire protection and emergency medical services.



**MATTOON - Mehdi Mourad** (21), firefighter died from injuries he sustained in a crash while en route to a call in his personal vehicle on June, 28, 2021. Mourad had officially joined the Wabash Fire Protection District as a volunteer five days earlier, and was responding to only his second call for service at the time of the crash.

## IAFPD 2021 Don L. Moffitt Legislator of the Year Award



*From left: State Representative Dan Swanson and former State Representative Don Moffitt at the Oxford Fire Station in Alpha on October 10, 2021, where Rep. Swanson was presented the IAFPD 2021 Don L. Moffitt Legislator of the Year Award.*

State Representative Dan Swanson (R-Alpha) was honored by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts (IAFPD) in presenting Swanson their *IAFPD 2021 Don L. Moffitt Legislator of the Year Award*, named after and presented by Rep. Swanson's predecessor in the 74<sup>th</sup> House District which Swanson now serves.

"Representative Swanson has been a strong advocate for the fire service while serving in the Illinois House," said Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts (IAFPD) President Mike Dillon. "We are honored to present him this award named in honor of the work of his predecessor. Rep. Swanson had big shoes to fill and he has shown a strong dedication to continuing the great work of his predecessor and our member, former Representative Don Moffitt."

Swanson was awarded the recognition for his accessibility and cooperation with IAFPD legislative staff, his leadership within the Fire Caucus, and serving as lead sponsor on legislation important to IAFPD.

"I am humbled to be honored by these hard-working fire protection professionals. I share in this award with all of our outstanding firefighters who are focused on saving lives and property as well as improving training, programming, and collaboration for firefighters in Illinois," said Swanson. ■



## John Perry Elected to Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund Board of Trustees

On September 30, 2021, the Election Panel of the Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund certified the results of the special election to fill the unexpired terms of two executive (municipal) trustee representatives to the FPIF Board. **John Perry**, Treasurer for the Lisle-Woodridge Fire Protection District, defeated Christopher Minick, Chief Financial Officer-Treasurer for the City of Aurora, for the unexpired term ending January 3, 2023. **Tom Dailly**, Village President for the Village of Schaumburg, ran unopposed for the unexpired term ending January 2, 2025. ■

# IN MEMORY



DALTON CITY - **Clarence E. "Bud" Wilson**, 85 passed away July 16, 2021. Bud worked as the Dora Township Road Commissioner for 30 years. He was a member of the Dalton City Christian Church, George A. Sentel Lodge #764 in Sullivan, and the Springfield Consistory. Bud served as Secretary and Treasurer for the Dora Township Fire Protection Board of Trustees.



PINCKNEYVILLE - **John W. Nehr Korn** (61), passed away August 16, 2021. He married Donita Giacomo in October 1981 and to this union three sons were born. John was a devoted employee of B & D Machine Works. John served the city of Pinckneyville as a volunteer fireman for 13 years and President of the Pinckneyville Rural Fire Protection District Board and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pinckneyville Ambulance Service for many years.



BEASON - **Lynn Haseley** (72) passed away on August 14, 2021. Lynn was married to Judith Logan for 51 years, she survives. Lynn loved his family, farming, and Case IH tractors. He was a member of the Farm Bureau Board, Young Farmers, East Lincoln Board, Ag-Land President for 35 years, he was a Lincoln Rural Fire Department Trustee for 25 years and current President.



COAL CITY - **Robert D. Sisteck** (87) passed away peacefully on August 21, 2021. Bob was born September 2, 1933 in Morris and married Mariella Vigliocco days before entering into active service with the United States Army on August 27, 1956. He worked for Caterpillar Tractor Co. for 36 years, and also worked part time as a bus driver for the Coal City School District. He was an EMT for the Coal City Emergency Squad, taught CPR classes, and was on the Board of Trustees for the Coal City Fire Protection District. Bob belonged to the A.F. & A.M. Braidwood Lodge; was involved with the Boy Scouts of America, serving as a Scout Master, and was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).



CRESCENT CITY - **Timothy R. Wessels** (51), of Crescent City, passed away August 3, 2021. He was born March 27, 1970 and married Nancy Sparenberg on Sept. 26, 1992. Tim was a loving husband and father who enjoyed working on project cars and trucks with his family and was dedicated to his community. He worked at BASF in Kankakee for 23 years. At age 16, he volunteered with Concord Fire Department and joined Crescent City Fire Department in 1992, where he served as assistant fire chief for the past two years.

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