



IN THE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

John Swan, President of the Illinois Firefighters Association. IAFPD attended a recognition event held in his honor and appreciation for 35 years of service to the Association, 25 years as an Executive Officer, a strong advocate for the Illinois Fire Service and the IAFPD.

Pictured with IAFPD Director, Ken Yeakley



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Chief Don Shoevlin on his recent retirement from the Harlem-Roscoe Fire Protection District, made official in December 2022. Shoevlin served twenty years with the District 14 as Chief.



Retired Kell Fire Chief Lonnie McDanel was honored on his 45 years in the fire service and 35 years as fire chief during a weekend open house at the fire station. McDanel received plaques of participation from the Illinois State Fire Marshal's office, the South Central Illinois Fire District Association of which he was a charter member, the Illinois Fire Chief's Association, the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts and the MABAS Box Alarm System.

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IN MEMORY



Antioch. **Dean Allan Pedersen, Sr.** (75) passed away on December 12, 2022. Dean was a lifelong resident of Antioch, grew up on the family farm and worked for the family business. He studied Agriculture Business at Joliet Junior College and was a veteran of the United States Army Reserve. Dean was co-owner of Pedersen GMC, a business founded by his father in 1949.

Dean also served as a trustee for the Antioch Fire District for 24 years (the last several years serving as their President). Dean was an avid family man. He was close with his parents and brothers, married his high school sweetheart and surviving spouse for 52 years, Linda.



Riverton. **Richard "Rich" Louis Pottier Sr.** (63), of Riverton, died on Nov. 5, 2022. Rich earned his Eagle Scout in 1975. He worked at Cargill Flour Milling for 22 years before he and his wife, Cindy, purchased KnR Tomahawk Awards in Springfield in 2001. Rich was member and past president of the Riverton Area Fire Protection District's board, and as a trustee on Riverton's village board. He was a member of St. James Catholic Church's Finance Committee, Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3914 in Riverton, where he was a past Grand Knight, and he was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Bishop Griffin Assembly 0201. Rich also served on the Boy Scouts of America's Abraham Lincoln Council's Eagle Board of Review.



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North Park Fire Protection District mourns the loss of firefighter **Brian Rehnberg** (50) who died on December 25, 2022 after responding to an incident.

Rehnberg served as a firefighter and engineer with North Park since 2008. He started in the fire service as an explorer with Rockford and began his career with Cherry Valley in 1999 and Lifeline Ambulance before that.



Larry Peasley (76) of Maroa passed January 4, 2023 after succumbing from damages from a heart attack at the firehouse on December 7th. Peasley served 43 years with Maroa Fire Department beginning in 1979. He was known for his dedication and commitment to the Maroa community and love for watching Maroa-Forsyth sports. He is survived by his wife, Janet Peasley, two sons and three grandchildren.



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