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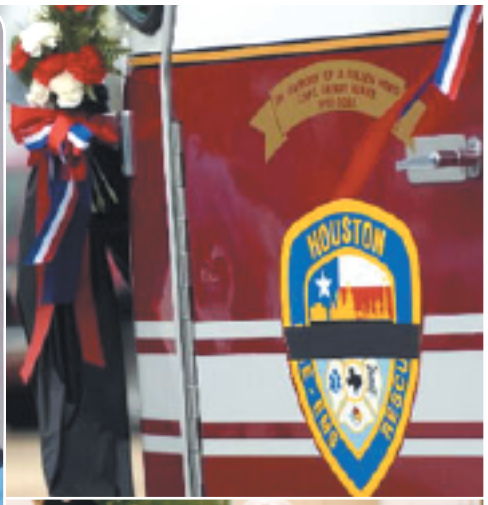

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by ROLAND M. CHAVEZ, 28/B

A TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN GRADY BURKE

February 14, 2000, October 13, 2001, April 4, 2004, dates that will be forever etched in many of our every day lives. And now, Saturday, February 19, 2005, Captain Grady Burke, from District 46, Station 46/B, Engine 46, made the ultimate sacrifice. An experienced, dedicated Fire Fighter respected by everyone who knew him. Grady leaves behind a wonderful wife, 3 children, family and many Fraternal Brothers and Sisters. His character and personality can be judged by those that knew him. Did I know him personally? No, but as I and many others at the Memorial saw the collage of photos with family and friends, and the many Fire Fighters' get-togethers, and heard stories from his Pastor, it made me sad that I never had that chance. His adoring wife, Cindy, said to me, "you missed out." Grady seemed to have touched and impacted many people in his short career as a Houston Fire Fighter. The Memorial of Grady's life has already impacted me.

Beginning that morning that seemed to be a bad dream, Fire Fighters began arriving at both the scene and at Fire Station 46, consoling and comforting each other. This was all too familiar. The outpouring from the community demonstrated their support and respect for our Fallen Brother. Elected officials also arrived at the location to pay their respects. Many agencies began the tasks from investigating to Crises Management. Local 341 and the Administration worked jointly to immediately care for the needs of the family as well as the members of Station 46/B. As the week sadly ended, the work to carry out a Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial began. Volunteers began arriving at the Union Hall immediately to lend support. The Line-of-Duty Death Committee began assigning duties to prepare for the thousands of Fire Fighters and guests arriving for the service. Approximately 300 Brothers and Sisters from 28 Fire Departments arrived to relieve members who hoped to attend the Memorial. Fire Fighters from New York, Oklahoma, and all across Texas attended the services. Veterans, Retirees, and Cadets worked closely together to provide our Fallen Brother and his Family a beautiful service. Many businesses graciously donated food and services throughout the week. Everyone commented on how beautiful and smoothly the entire service was conducted. I believe most would agree we would have preferred not to have another LODD Memorial Ceremony.

This issue is dedicated to the Life of Captain Grady Burke.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland M. Chavez

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EDITOR'S NOTES

by JEFF CAYNON, 6/A

It is after midnight on Saturday (February 19, 2005). I have been awake for the better part of forty eight hours. That is a small feat for a veteran medic, but I am exhausted. I talked to my wife the entire drive home from the union hall to help me stay awake.

On arrival at home and even in the face of utter exhaustion, I find it difficult to relax and go to sleep. Writing has always been cathartic for me. And so now at 1:26 am I began writing this to capture the raw emotions we all experienced with the loss of Captain Grady Burke.

I left work this morning knowing someone was at the very least injured and at the worst dead. I remember thinking, "hopefully someone was just burned" and immediately feeling guilty for it.

I had just arrived home and climbed into bed. Sleepy. I had stayed awake after an early morning Plan A (cardiac arrest call) and I was now running on fumes. The phone rang and my wife said, "Get some sleep and call whoever it is later." I explained that I was concerned by some cross talk on the scanner at the station that, "one of our guys may have been hurt."

The caller was Alvin White and he relayed the news about Grady. I had met Captain Burke last year, but I didn't know him well.

It always surprises me how hard Line of Duty Deaths hit me personally. With the exception of Kim Smith, who I counted as a friend, I have only had passing relationships with our recent fallen brothers. Somehow that did not diminish the weight of the losses for me personally. Each one has left a deep emotional scar. It hurts and I don't want it to stop.

I was back downtown in an instant. It was not long before the union hall had become a beehive of activity. People poured in to offer all manner of assistance in planning, preparing and orchestrating Grady's Funeral. Little operational nodes sprang up through out the hall to handle various aspects of coordinating a memorial service. I am a people watcher by nature, on this occasion I had to take a step back and bear witness to the spectacle. There was true direction, order in the chaos. Everyone was on board with unity of purpose.

I spent the evening, until midnight, listening as various fire fighters were de-briefed by arson investigators. Some truly heroic acts took place that day. With complete disregard for their own personal safety and exhibiting the characteristics of valor we hold highest every effort was made to save one of our brothers. The folks involved should be proud. I was.

There are any number of recurring problems that we as members of HFD and Local 341 face almost daily. It does not require extensive research to create a laundry list: morale issues, pay shortcomings, staffing and equipment issues… It is easy to get caught up in the daily grind and forget what is truly important to us all. The loss of Captain Burke slaps us with a dose of well needed clarity. Commitment, fraternity, solidarity these are all fancy words for the same thing…family. We exist as one of the last bastions of a true workplace family.

Grady had an extravagance we all share… two families. I know one and I learned about the other. I met Cindy, the kids, and his Mom and Dad. Talk about strength. Cindy is living proof of my personal belief that the selection of the right partner is critical beyond description in our profession. The woman is a foot shorter and a hundred pounds lighter than me and I felt weak in her presence.

I learned a great deal about Grady over the last few days. One of my biggest regrets is that I didn't know him as well as others. We had a lot in common. I missed an opportunity to know a great guy, a great husband and a great father. We should have been friends.

Mayor White said in his eulogy, "a life is not judged by its longevity, but the deeds done throughout that life." He said Captain Burke's family has much to be proud of. I agree. I think both of his families should be proud together and sad for our loss.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS INVITES PARTICIPATION

An invitation to our active and retired members to participate in our monthly publication of ***The Houston Fire Fighter***

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We want to make *The Houston Fire Fighter* important to all members – present and past – and would like your help. Please take the time to let us know what information or news (please specify), etc. that you would like to read. Suggestions and stories can be phoned or mailed to the Union Hall. Forms are available by request. If you have a story or an idea, give us the details and we'll help write the copy.

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Next Monthly Meeting
Thursday, April 7th, 7:00 p.m.
SPJST HALL, 14th and Beall

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THE BRAVE FIREFIGHTER

By: Jayme Bisbano, 10 Years old
February 19, 2005

Hello to all at Local 341. My daughter, Jayme Bisbano, wrote a story about Grady Burke the day that he was killed. We are good friends of the family and my three daughters loved Mr. Grady very much. I read her story at the memorial service. Many Fire Fighters were touched by her words and have asked me to share the story with them. Is there anyway you can put the story in the Union paper?
Thank you and please call if you should have any questions or comments. Thank you!

Debbie Bisbano
Wife of Chief Bisbano - Station 46
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Once there was a brave fire fighter who had tons of courage and no fear what-so-ever! He never gave up and never whined or complained about anything. Well one day he had just arrived at work when they got a call, or in other words, they had to go to a fire. Once they arrived, they went right to work. First they hooked up a fire hose to a nearby fire hydrant, and then they started spraying the fire. Flames started going out, but some wouldn't even shrink the slightest bit. The fire fighter didn't give up and neither did the other members of his "team". Finally they started to go in the house because they thought it was safe, but then the flames came back, but the brave fire fighter didn't hesitate, he headed in! The house was very big and it was filled with smoke, but that didn't stop him either, he kept on going. He finally found the people all bunched up and they all had very frightened looks on their faces. "It's going to be alright," said the fire fighter to the scared people. "Come on," he said while reaching toward the people. They followed him out and once they were out the paramedics checked out the people. They said that if they were in there any longer they could've died, but thanks to him they were going to be okay! Who, may you ask, is this brave fire fighter? It's the wonderful, loving, caring, and especially brave Grady Burke!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

February 28, 2005
IAFF Local 341, 1907 Freeman Street
Houston, TX 77009

It is with our most heartfelt thoughts, the Executive Board and Members of the Greater Kansas City Fire Fighters, Local 42 wish to convey our deepest sympathy to the family of Captain Grady Burke. Please express as well, our deepest sympathy to your membership on the loss of their brother and colleague.

The realization of the terrible price our members pay for their devotion to duty becomes more apparent when we learn of yet another line-of-duty death. What is also a source of pride to us all is the fact that when the alarm bell sounds, your members put aside their grieving and continue to answer the call to duty exemplifying their true professionalism.

Fraternally,

Louie A. Wright, President Local 42
Jeff Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer

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March 1, 2005
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It is with the deepest sympathy that I convey the condolences of the Executive Board and Members of the Professional Fire Fighters/ Paramedics of Palm Beach County, Local 2928, to you, your members and the family of Captain Grady D. Burke.

It is always distressing to lose a member of our Fire Fighter family and even more so when it is in the line of duty. Fire fighting is a proud profession with a sense of duty and a dedication to striving to be the best and "giving it our all." It is Fire Fighters such as Brother Burke who ultimately gave the very best they had to give, in service and dedication to a profession dedicated to selflessly serving others. I am sure that Grady will be sorely missed and at the same time, is a source of pride to you, your members and most of all, his family.

Fraternally,

Michael J. Mayo, President
Professional Fire Fighters/Paramedics
of Palm Beach County, Inc., Local 2928

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March 15, 2005
Mr. Johnny Villarreal, Legislative Director
Houston Professional Fire Fighters Assoc., Local 341
1907 Freeman Street, Houston, TX 77009

It was good to visit with you after the Committee meeting in Austin. Again, on behalf of our staff and families served by MDA, I want to express our sincere sympathy on the most recent loss that your department has experienced. Norma and I were really moved by the ceremony in the Legislature and seeing the families reminded everyone to never forget that Fire Fighters put their lives on the line every time they enter their station house.

I have passed on your kind words to our Houston Staff about how much you and the Houston Fire Fighters appreciated everything they did to help with the reception following the services. They were honored to do so and were glad that they could be of service.

I also wanted to thank you and the Houston Local 341 for all of your support over the years. Consistently they have led the state and country in the fight against muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases. This has become even more important while the Dallas Fire Fighters struggle to get back on the streets.

Best of luck with the rest of the session and with your upcoming "Fill the Boot." Again, thanks for all you and the Houston Fire Fighters are doing to help MDA. Families from Houston and throughout Texas have more hope than ever before because of your efforts.

Sincerely,

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GRIEVANCE REPORT

by ALVIN WHITE, 49/B

I personally would like to thank all of the members who helped plan and participated in the Memorial Service for Captain Grady Burke.

At such a trying time, it was wonderful to see so many members at the Hall early Saturday morning as well as the days preceding the Memorial Service. This is what true brotherhood and sisterhood is all about, members coming together for one common cause.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ed Baker, MDA Divisional Field Representative
March 18, 2005

Houston Professional Fire Fighters, Local 341
1907 Freeman Street
Houston, TX 77009
Attn: President Roland Chavez

President Chavez,

Over the past several years, the Houston Fire Department had the unbearable task of dealing with a "Line-of-Duty Death." The LODD is a part of our job that we always keep in the back of our minds, but never want to become reality. We as professional Fire Fighters of the Houston Fire Department faced that reality on five different occasions, taking from us six members of our family.

As a member of the HFD Honor Guard and acting as the Fire Department Funeral Coordinator, my responsibility is to care for, to the best of my ability, the families of those brother and sister Fire Fighters that we lost. This role is aimed at not only the member's immediate family, but also takes into account the member's station family, all wanting to prepare for a service that pays tribute to a hero.

No matter how many times you prepare for a LODD service, it always seems to get harder than easier to complete. From my first LODD, that of brother Fire Fighter Steven Mayfield, to our most recent loss of Captain Grady Burke, the preparation of service and care for the family never is easy. This is the reason why I write this letter today.

I would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to the past and present Members of the Executive Board and all of the Members of Local 341 for your dedication and hard work during very difficult times. My job is made easier knowing that I can fall back on the help of my brother and sister Fire Fighters.

The moment I receive word of the loss of one of our own, I know that the hall is opened and the work has begun. There is so much involved that it cannot be done by just a few. Caring for the families is the hardest, and at times can be quite emotional. But as I walk into the hall, see all that is being done, I feel so much better and thank you all for that! I find myself going in several different directions trying to complete a task, hoping not to forget something or someone. If I have, let me apologize! I always try to keep up with everything, because it needs to be done just right. I'm proud to be a Houston Fire Fighter and take on this role for just that reason.

Please extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the commitment and hard work by every member of Houston Fire Fighter's Local 341. I could not continue to do my job if it were not for your assistance.

Thank you,

Captain Kenneth T. Rammrath,
Funeral Coordinator, Houston Fire Department

Dear Local 341;

Memorial Picture

I thought you all might like to see that everyone is supporting you in your loss. I was driving on Hwy. 1488 today and saw this sign at the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department. A great salute to Capt. Burke. If you would like to use these pictures for any reason, please do so.

Thank you,

Julie Karen Jackson

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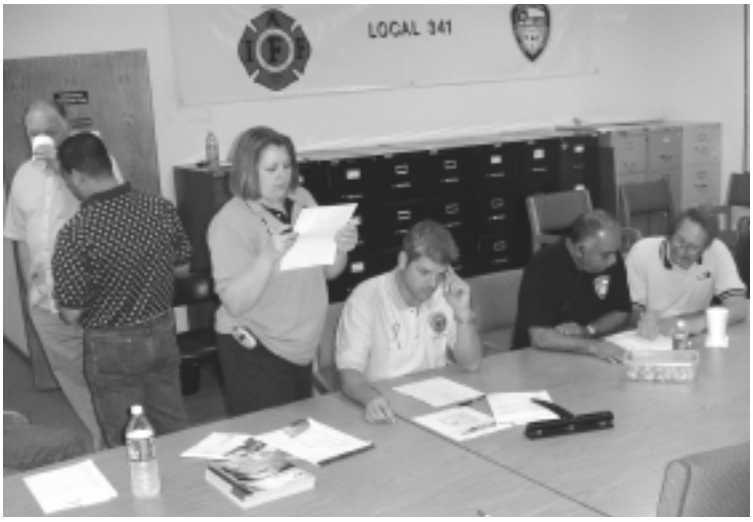

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February 22, 2005

Mr. William B. McLeroy
9527 Barretts Glen Court, Houston, TX 77065

Dear Brian;

Once again, I want to thank you and the numerous Fire Fighters for your generous donation of $2000 to the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund. As always, I am very honored to receive this very special gift on behalf of the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund. This is very close to my heart because this came from fellow Fire Fighters who have relentlessly raised funds to support very worthy causes such as the scholarship fund and the "Last Alarm Club." The Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund is very privileged to once again be one of the recipients. There is no doubt that the beneficiaries of the "Last Alarm Club" are just as proud and appreciative as we are for all your accomplishments.

Special thanks go to you, Bob and Cheryl Royall, Greg Collins, Angel Collins, Larkin and Mona Williamson, Carlos Rodriguez, Roger and Sharon Campbell, Jimmy Campbell, Eric Abbt, Ron Wischnewsky, John Burton, Lisa Simmons, Buddy Russell, Roy Gonzales, Jason Gober, Joe Leonard, Fire Stations 6 and 103 and the many Fire Fighters who have unselfishly given their time to help make your annual event a huge success.

Your contribution will go a long way toward our effort to provide scholarships for children and grandchildren, either biological or adopted, of the City of Houston Fire Fighters to attend an accredited college, university or technical training school. We are again awarding scholarships to eligible recipients in the fall semester this year.

On behalf of the board of directors of the Dennis W. Holder Scholarship Fund and our scholarship recipients, thank you again for your very thoughtful contribution.

Sincerely,

Donny R. Myers, Chair
Dennis Holder Scholarship Fund

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March 15, 2005

Houston Fire Fighters PAC
1907 Freeman Street, Houston, Texas 77009

Thank you for your generous support in 2004. Together, we will continue working hard to plant the seeds for policies that will grow our Texas economy and improve the quality of life for every man, woman, and child in the State of Texas.

These policies include improving our schools for the children of Texas and reforming the way we pay for them by dramatically lowering your property taxes; balancing our budget without raising taxes on hardworking families and business while protecting essential services for the most vulnerable in our society; and reforming Child Protective Services to help further protect innocent life against abuse or neglect. We are also fighting to lower worker's compensation costs to create more jobs but more importantly to help our injured workers return to good health and return to work.

Again, I want to thank yo for your support. I thank you for electing me to serve as your Lieutenant Governor. I look forward to continue working for you and with you as we strive to make Texas an even better place to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,

David Dewhurst,
Lieutenant Governor of Texas

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MDA & HPFFA

The International Association of Fire Fighters and The Muscular Dystrophy Association's partnership goes back more than 50 years. Local #341 plays a key role in this important relationship. Each year, thousands of Houston Fire Fighters stand on the street corners for four hours to raise money for the local chapter of MDA through the annual Fill-the-Boot Program. Since 1998, Local #341 has raised $2.4 million to help Houston Gulf Coast families with neuromuscular diseases. You might wonder if your efforts are making a difference in finding a cure.

Houston Doctor Stanley Appel, one of the country's leading neurologists, says that more progress has been made in the past five years than in any other time period. Right here in the Texas Medical Center, MDA is funding more than 20 researchers totaling more than $1.8 million dollars a year. The money fire fighters raise is critical to continue research to find cures and treatments for 43 different neuromuscular diseases.

With each project, researchers are one step closer to finding a cure. Here are some latest findings from around the world:

- Boys with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy who took the drug albuterol experienced improved muscle strength, particularly in the thigh muscles. More studies are continuing.
- Researchers found that a protein called mitochondrial ferritin can substitute for another protein that is deficient in Friedreich's Axtaxia. Investigators found that the mitochondrial ferritin protected against damage associated with the deficient protein in FA. This could lead to new treatments for people with FA.
- Researchers have discovered a way to identify stem cells circulating in human blood that have the capacity to become muscle cells. This could lead to new treatments for Duchenne M.D. or other muscular dystrophies.
- When the protein, IGF1, was delivered by pump to mice with Duchenne M.D., the leg muscles resisted fatigue after repeated contractions. A trial of a drug combining this protein and another protein will soon be under way. The same protein is also being tested in patients with ALS.

It's important to remember that MDA shares it research with agencies throughout the world. In fact, research conducted by MDA grantees has lead to treatments for other diseases.

MDA spends 76% of every dollar on program services including: research, clinics, support groups, assistance with the purchase of medical equipment, summer camp and education. MDA is recognized as one of the nation's leading charities by the Council of Better Business Bureau, National Charities Information Bureau and the American Institute of Philanthropy. In fact, The American Institute of Philanthropy gives the Muscular Dystrophy Association a grade of A-.

Your four hours on the streets collecting money for MDA is vital for local families served by MDA. Without your support, we would be taking a step backward in finding cures and treatments.

On behalf of MDA and the families we serve, thank you for your dedication to the organization and your community.

Heather Sasser, Regional Coordinator MDA

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A Special Thank You . . .

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor;

I took some pictures at a house fire on Valley Haven Street in Kingwood and thought that you may be able to use some of them in the Houston Firefighter.

On Saturday, March 5th, the Stations in Kingwood responded to a house fire. The garage was heavily involved and beginning to spread to the house. The fire fighters from the Kingwood stations did a great job putting the fire out and preventing the fire from spreading to the house.

This fire is one that was definitely saved by the quick actions of the fire fighters at Sta.103, Sta.101, Sta.104 and Sta.102. If you can use the pictures, please do.

Thanks.

Phillip Christopher

President Chavez and the Board of Directors of Local 341 are making a special effort to recognize recent retirees and new members in each monthly publication.

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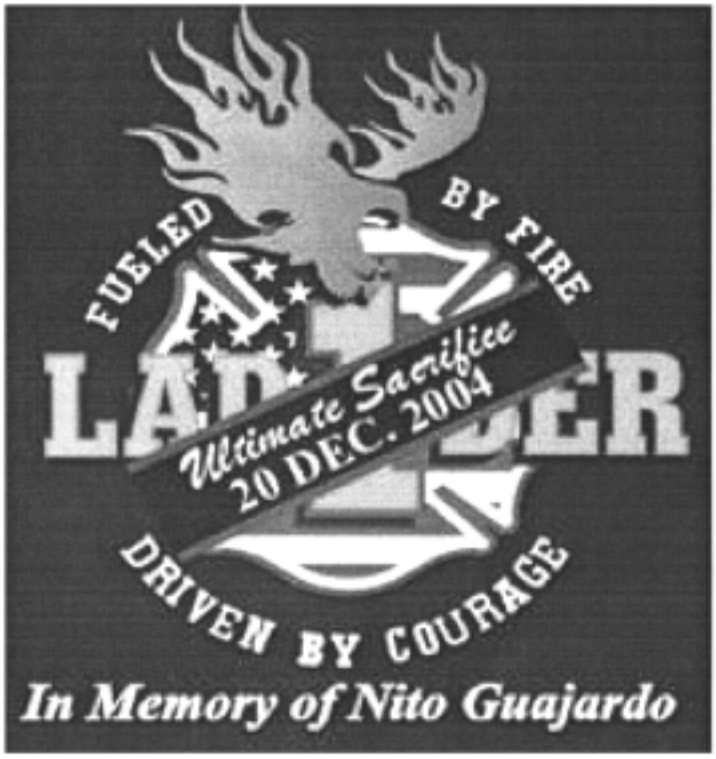

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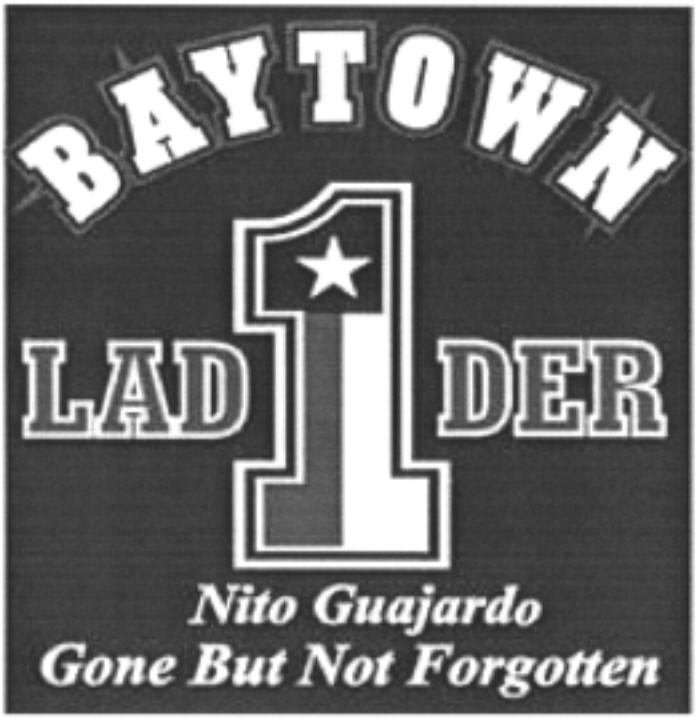

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Teams and Individuals are now registering for the 12th Annual Guns & Hoses competition. Please consider participating in this worthy fundraiser. The 2005 Guns & Hoses is benefitting the Honor Guard, Pipes & Drums, and Assist The Officer. Please see the following for sporting event schedules and registration information, or view on-line at

www.gunsnhoses.net

ARCHERY
Date: April 14 Time: 09:30 Cost: $20.00 per person
Location: Buffalo Field Archery Range, 12,000 Clay Road
Event Coordinator: John Smith 713-272-3673 or 832-444-3444

BASKETBALL
Date: April 7th & 8th Time: 09:00 Cost: $150.00/Team
Location: Fonde Recreation Center
Event Coordinator: Jafett Suarez: 281-799-3886

BILLIARDS
Date: April 18th Time: 16:00 Cost: $10 in advance,
Location: Slick Willies (downtown) $15 tournament day.
Event Coordinator: Rich Ross 713-899-4318 Double elimination.

BOWLING
Date: April 11th and 12th Time: 09:00 Cost: $15 entry.
Location: Dynamic Lanes Plus applicable alley fees,
Format: Singles, Doubles & paid at bowling alley.
Team events (4 man team)
Event Coordinator: Randy Cockrell 713-204-8257

DARTS
Date: April 27th Time: 18:00 Cost: $10
Location: Fire House Saloon, Fountainview at 59
Event Coordinator: Jeff Cook 281-315-9184

GOLF
Date: May 23rd Time: 7:30 Cost: $75.00
Location: Willofork Country Clulb, lunch served. 36 hole tournament
Event Coordinator: Jim Nestor 713-557-7934

PAINTBALL
Date: To be determined Time: 8:00 Cost: Cost to be determined
Location: Circle A Paintball (979-421-9922) 808 North Horton, Brenham, TX 77833
Event Coordinator: Greg Armstrong 979-277-8420

PISTOLS
Date: May 21st Time: 9:00 Cost: $20 for first event,
Event Coordinators: Russ McAfee 832-731-6676; $10 for each additional event
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RUN
Date: April 7th Time: 08:00 Cost: $20.00
Location: Memorial Park
Event Coordinator: Jason Danvir-HFD 713-817-9679 Tony Guzman-HPD 832-722-6130

SOCCER TOURNAMENT
Date: April 14th and 15th Time: 09:00 Cost: $75.00/Team
Location: Bear Creek Park - Format: 6 vs 6, reduced field size.
Maximum 9 members on team.
Event Coordinator: Jesus Villanueva 713-582-5277

SOFTBALL
Date: April 2nd and 3rd Time: 8:00 Cost: $250/team
Location: Houston Sportsplex, 12631 South Main St., Houston, TX 77035
Event Coordinator: Merg Maeaia 832-347-6351
(Awards and trophies to be determined)

TABLE TENNIS
Date: April 19th Time: 09:00 Cost: $15.00/person
Location: Val Jahnke Training Facility Entry fee includes singles
Event Coordinator: Casey Ward 281-682-8003; & doubles
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VOLLEYBALL
Date: April 13th
(Alternative-April 21st) Time: 8:00 Cost: $50 per team of 5
Location: Memorial Park (4 in play)
Event Coordinator: Kristine Yruegas 281-799-4601

2005 Guns & Hoses Games Registration Information (One entry form per event, per person)

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Missing Station Dedication Plaques

by Scott Mellott, 15/A

Scott Mellott

Some of the Houston fire station dedication plaques that are still missing:

Station 2-Bagby Street and Capitol-opened 1926, closed 1965
Station 15-Houston Ave. and N. Main-opened 1923, closed 1947
Station 22-Harrisburg and 78th-opened 1926, closed 1969
Station 23- San Antonio & Manchester-opened 1927, closed 1976
Station 26-Broadway and Park Place-opened 1927, closed 1953
Old Station 27-Lyons and Kress-opened 1940, closed 2004
Station 35-Holmes Rd. and South Park-opened 1953, closed 1965
Station 45-opened 1956, closed 1985

If you know where any of these plaques are, or know of someone who might know where they are, please contact me at scottmel@juno.com, Station 15/A shift, (713) 861-0222, or home (713) 729-6536.

Any station plaque that is recovered will be refinished and placed in the proper station.

The station plaques that have been placed into their new homes are:

Station 2
Station 4
Station 6
Station 11
Station 15
Station 16
Station 25
Station 28
Station 34
Station 10-installed February 2004
Station 5-installed July 2004
Station 44-installed July 2004
Station 3-installed August 2004
Station 20-installed August 2004
Station 33-installed August 2004
Station 1 - in storage-waiting for a new Station 8 or Station 1
Station 8 (1958) - in storage, waiting for a new Station 8 or 1
Station 8 (1970) - in storage at the Houston Fire Museum
- waiting for a new Station 8 or 1
Station 18 - being cleaned
Station 19 - being cleaned and prepared for installation
Station 24 - in storage-waiting for a new Station 24
Station 42 - in storage,
next in line after 19's

Station 42-Water District -
in storage, next in line after Station 42

Fire Alarm Building (1974) -
in storage at the Houston Fire Museum

<u>Special Note</u>: *The dedication plaque for old Station 27 is still MIA. This is the 16th article that I have listed this plaque as missing! It has come to my attention that the plaque was removed from the station while the fire house was still in service. This plaque needs to be returned to the Houston Fire Department.* ***IT DOES NOT BELONG TO THE PERSON WHO TOOK IT.*** *This important relic belongs to HFD, the people of Denver Harbor, and to the memory of all of those fire fighters who have worked at Station 27. Personally, I do not care to know the identity of the person who has the missing marker. However, I do respectfully request that you contact me. I will make arrangements to meet with you or to accept the plaque anonymously if you so desire.*

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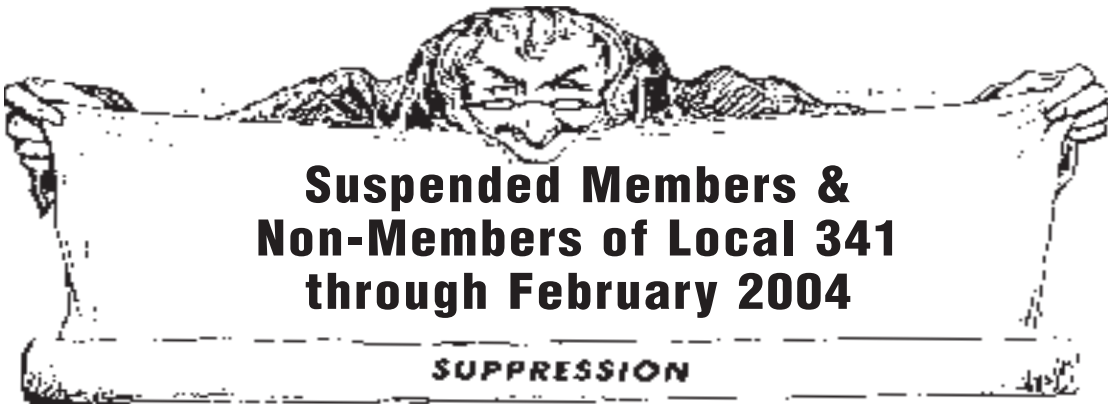

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The Houston Fire Department Calendar - April 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 **C/A8** P 7 1 2 Payday	2 **D/B8** P 7 1 2
3 **C/A9** P 1 2 3	4 **D/B9** P 2 3 4 End 24 Day Work Period - A Shift End 72 Day Duty Cycle - A Shift	5 **A/C8** P 3 4 5 Begin 24 Day Work Period - A Shift Begin 72 Day Duty Cycle - A Shift End 72 Day Duty Cycle - B Shift End 24 Day Work Period - B Shift	6 **B/D8** P 4 5 6 Begin 24 Day Work Period - B Shift Begin 72 Day Duty Cycle - B Shift	7 **A/C9** P 5 6 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 10 AM GENERAL UNION MEETING 7 PM	8 **B/D9** P 6 7 1 End 24 Day Work Period - C Shift End 72 Day Duty Cycle - C Shift	9 **C/A1** P 6 7 1 Begin 24 Day Work Period - C Shift Begin 72 Day Duty Cycle - C Shift End 24 Day Work Period - D Shift End 72 Day Duty Cycle - D Shift
10 **D/B1** P 7 1 2 Begin 24 Day Work Period - D Shift Begin 72 Day Duty Cycle - D Shift	11 **C/A2** P 1 2 3	12 **D/B2** P 2 3 4	13 **A/C1** P 3 4 5	14 **B/D1** P 4 5 6 HISPANIC FIRE FIGHTERS CAUCUS MEETING 7 PM	15 **A/C2** P 5 6 7 Payday	16 **B/D2** P 5 6 7
17 **C/A3** P 6 7 1	18 **D/B3** P 7 1 2	19 **C/A4** P 1 2 3	20 **D/B4** P 2 3 4	21 **A/C3** P 3 4 5	22 **B/D3** P 4 5 6	23 **A/C4** P 4 5 6
24 **B/D4** P 5 6 7	25 **C/A5** P 6 7 1	26 **D/B5** P 7 1 2	27 **C/A6** P 1 2 3	28 **D/B6** P 2 3 4 End 24 Day Work Period - A Shift	29 **A/C5** P 3 4 5 Begin 24 Day Work Period - A Shift Payday	30 **B/D5** P 3 4 5 Begin 24 Day Work Period - B Shift

LINE 1 - SUPPRESSION SEPTEMBER DAY P-DAY - DISPATCH ONLY

The Houston Fire Department Calendar - May 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **A/C6** P 4 5 6	2 **B/D6** P 5 6 7 End 24 Day Work Period - C Shift	3 **C/A7** P 6 7 1 Begin 24 Day Work Period - C Shift End 24 Day Work Period - D Shift	4 **D/B7** P 7 1 2 Begin 24 Day Work Period - D Shift	5 **C/A8** P 1 2 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 10 AM GENERAL UNION MEETING 7 PM	6 **D/B8** P 2 3 4	7 **A/C7** P 2 3 4
8 **B/D7** P 3 4 5	9 **A/C8** P 4 5 6	10 **B/D8** P 5 6 7	11 **C/A9** P 6 7 1	12 **D/B9** P 7 1 2 HISPANIC FIRE FIGHTERS CAUCUS MEETING 7 PM	13 **C/A1** P 1 2 3 Payday	14 **D/B1** P 1 2 3
15 **A/C9** P 2 3 4	16 **B/D9** P 3 4 5	17 **A/C1** P 4 5 6	18 **B/D1** P 5 6 7	19 **C/A2** P 6 7 1	20 **D/B2** P 7 1 2	21 **C/A3** P 7 1 2
22 **D/B3** P 1 2 3 End 24 Day Work Period - A Shift	23 **A/C2** P 2 3 4 Begin 24 Day Work Period - A Shift End 24 Day Work Period - B Shift	24 **B/D2** P 3 4 5 Begin 24 Day Work Period - B Shift	25 **A/C3** P 4 5 6	26 **B/D3** P 5 6 7 End 24 Day Work Period - C Shift	27 **C/A4** P 6 7 1 Begin 24 Day Work Period - C Shift End 24 Day Work Period - D Shift Payday	28 **D/B4** P 6 7 1 Begin 24 Day Work Period - D Shift
29 **C/A5** P 7 1 2	30 **D/B5** P 1 2 3 MEMORIAL DAY UNION HALL CLOSED	31 **A/C4** P 2 3 4				

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