

# Mid-County Fire Protection District

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## When The Smoke Clears....

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### Awards Banquet results announced

The Firefighters Association held the 2009 Awards Banquet on Dec. 5, 2009. Several firefighters were honored with the following awards being handed out:

- Firefighter of the Year – Jeramiah Johnson
- Shift of the Year – Irv Klimkewicz and Brad Hull
- Officer of the Year – Curtis Bowen

Other awards that were given were service awards for members with 5, 10, 15 and 20+ years of service with the department. Winter Storm Watch: Issued for the possibility of severe life-threatening winter

### Difference Makers Save Lives

It's a call no first responder likes to answer, but thanks to the quick-thinking of a few, a baby lives today.

The call came in early Saturday morning on Oct. 3 at a residence off south Route 5. A 1-week-old infant was not breathing and quickly turning blue.

Within minutes, firefighters arrived at the house and immediately began emergency medical care. The baby responded and began breathing on her own again. Her color returned.

She was transported to Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach where she continued to improve. She was later moved to Columbia as a precaution.

She has since made a full recovery.

In a letter to the Mid-County Fire Protection District's board, Chief Scott Frandsen said the event "exemplifies the level of preparation and training that our personnel have.

"This event also exemplifies the quality of the personnel we have within our organization," he added.

Frandsen recommended first responders John Frost, Bill Mullins and Eddie Emery, for Meritorious Service

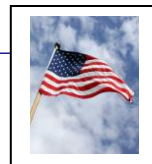
awards for their quick actions saving the life of the infant.

"Had our crews not responded in such a quick manner, the outcome would have been tragically different," Frandsen said. "I commend all of the personnel that worked this call and congratulate them on a job well done."

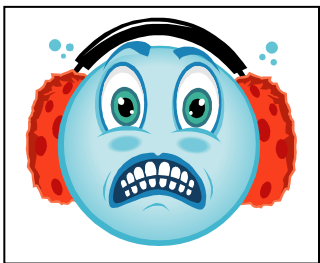
Others assisting at the scene were Jim Wilson, Cody Stoner and Jeramiah Johnson.



Pictured, from left, are Mid-County Fire Protection District Chief Scott Frandsen, firefighter Eddie Emery, director Charles McElyea, director David Edward (in back row), firefighter Bill Mullins, director John Baremore (back row), firefighter John Frost, director Dennis Hurbis.



## Winter Weather Terms explained



**Brrrrrr! It's cold  
outside!**

Before winter storms and extreme cold hit, prepare for the weather.

Prepare your home and family for possible isolation in your home by having sufficient heating fuel.

Winterize your home to extend the life of your fuel supply by insulating walls and attics, caulking and weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.

Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.

Keep fire extinguishers on hand and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them.

Learn how to shut off water valves in case a pipe bursts.

Prepare your car by checking the following:

- Antifreeze levels
- Battery and ignition system
- Brakes
- Exhaust system
- Fuel and air filters
- Heater and defroster
- Lights and flashing hazard lights
- Oil
- Thermostat
- Windshield wipers and fluid
- Tires
- Gas levels

**Winter Storm Watch:** Issued for the possibility of severe life-threatening winter weather conditions including: heavy snow, heavy ice and/or near blizzard conditions. Forecasters are typically 50 percent confident that severe winter weather will materialize when a watch is issued.

**Blizzard Watch:** Issued for the possibility of blizzard conditions. Forecasters are typically 50 percent confident that blizzard conditions will materialize when a blizzard watch is issued.

**Wind Chill Watch:** Issued for the potential of wind chills of -25°F or less, which can cause rapid frostbite and increase the risk of hypothermia.

**Winter Storm Warning:** Issued for a combination of heavy snow and/or ice, of which, at least one exceeds or meets warning criteria. Winter weather is expected to cause life-threatening public impact for a combination of winter hazards including heavy snow, ice, near blizzard conditions, blowing and drifting snow and/or dangerous wind chills.

**Heavy Snow Warning:** Issued when 7 inches or more of snow is expected in 12 hours or less, or 9 inches or more is expected in 24 hours or less. Heavy snow warnings are issued when there is a high degree of confidence that the entire event will be snow.

**Ice Storm Warning:** Issued for a ½ inch or more of ice accumulation that causes damage to power lines and trees. Ice storm warnings are issued when there is a high degree of confidence that the entire event is expected to be ice.

**Blizzard Warning:** Issued when blizzard conditions are imminent or expected in the next 12 to 24 hours. Blizzard conditions include sustained or frequent gusts of or above 35 mph AND considerable falling, blowing and drifting of snow reducing visibilities frequently ¼ mile.

**Wind Chill Warning:** Issued when the wind chill is expected to be -25°F or less. Frostbite can occur in less than 10 minutes.

**Winter Weather Advisory:** Issued for a hazardous combination of snow, and ice of which neither meets or exceeds warning criteria. Issued for winter weather that will cause significant inconveniences or could be life-threatening if the proper precautions are not taken.

**Freezing Rain Advisory:** Any accumulation of freezing rain that can make roads slippery.

**Wind Chill Advisory:** Issued for wind chills of -15 to -24°F. Frostbite can occur in less than 30 minutes.

## Mark your calendars! 2010 events planned

Join us on Sunday, Aug 1, 2010 at 1 p.m. for the Mid-County Firefighters Association golf tournament. Watch upcoming newsletters for more information or contact the department at (573)346-2049.



## Support your Firefighters!!

**How?** Join the Mid-County Firefighters Auxiliary

**Where?** Mid-County Station 1

**What?** If running into a burning building or using the jaws-of-life on a car accident doesn't give you an adrenaline rush, but you still enjoy helping people, the Firefighters Auxiliary may be for you. The auxiliary provides support and assistance to our firefighters and the fire department.

*Join us and help make a difference.*

Contact Kara Johnson at  
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