



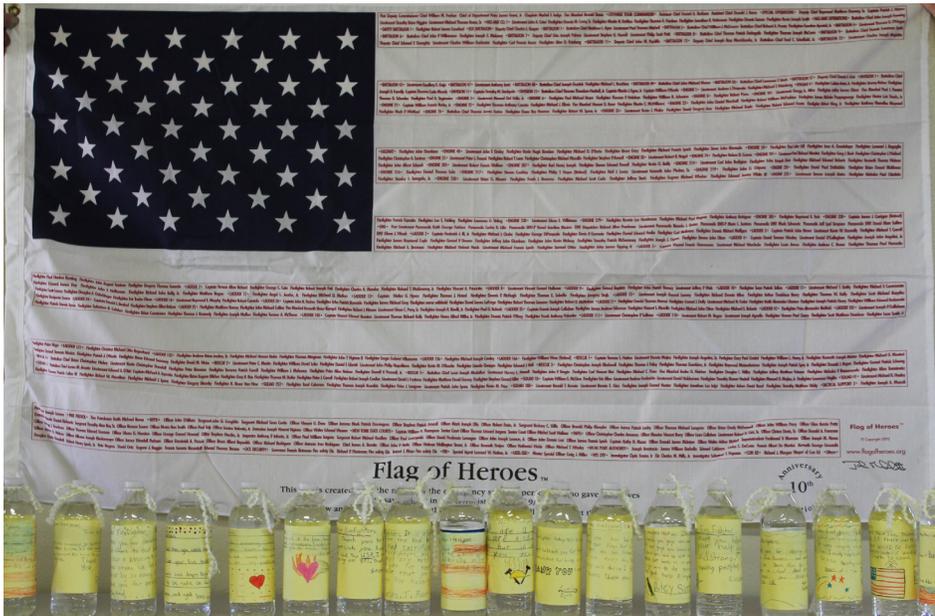
# Hot Spots

Newsletter of the Creston Fire Fighter Associate Membership

Learn more about your fire department and the efforts of its dedicated, hardworking volunteers.

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## Creston Kids Thank CFD



Tami Ward's class of 5th/6th graders at Creston School presented water bottles, each with a special note of appreciation attached, to fire fighters as they stood at attention in commemoration of 9/11. A flag displaying names of all emergency responders killed that day hangs in the background.

The enjoyment should be looked at more as satisfaction—satisfaction that the hours of training and years of experience position a fire fighter to be there in someone's time of need, there to make things better, there to make a difference. Maybe it is the things we do, like suppressing a fire in a home, saving a combine from a burning field, or rescuing someone from a perilous situation, that keep us coming back for more. I guess enjoyment can come in a lot of forms.

I know that being a fire fighter is not for everyone, but I also know many of you are looking for a challenge—for a way to be a part of your community and serve others. Sometimes you just need to be asked. I am asking for your help. I am asking you to be part of Creston Fire, if not as an active responder then as a supporter of your volunteer fire department.

People have told me you just need to call 9-1-1 when you need help and someone comes. The truth is that without volunteer fire departments, a 9-1-1 call could go unanswered in a vast part of this country. The help comes from people like you and me.

If you think you are ready to take the challenge, call 212-1342 or e-mail [info@crestonfire.org](mailto:info@crestonfire.org). I can't say it better than "If not you, then who?"

## The Chief's Corner: Take the CFD Challenge

by Gary Mahugh

At many times in our lives we are asked to "take the challenge." This might come in sports endeavors, job situations or other events we have tried or watched from afar. In the Creston Fire Department, when we talk about taking the challenge, it is far more than words. It is about who the fire fighters are, what they stand for and what they do for their community. It is a big deal.

I often find myself thinking about what makes a Creston fire fighter, or any volunteer fire fighter, tick. When volunteer fire fighters are asked why they do what they do, the answers vary. Some say it is their way to give back to their community, some say somebody has to do it and some say it makes them feel good about themselves.

All of these things are no doubt true, but the answer I hear from almost every fire fighter is that they like doing what many people never attempt; the other answers just happen. It took a young fire fighter at Creston many years ago to confirm my belief that people do things best when they enjoy what they are doing. This young man was a great example of this adage and we were sorry to lose him to the beckoning of Alaska.

You might ask, "What can be enjoyed about going into a burning building?" "How can you enjoy cutting a crash victim from a vehicle?" "Who would find enjoyment in doing CPR on a child?" All of these questions are valid, and I wish I could write the whys that come with the answers. It is not fun to do CPR or see people lose belongings in a fire.

## Soup For Supper

CFFAM'S 6th annual fall fundraiser will be on Tuesday, October 15, from 3:30-7 PM at the main fire hall on Highway 35. There will be 12 different soups to choose from along with salad, roll and dessert. Dine in or take out—we will provide the containers. There will be whole pies for sale and raffle tickets for a queen-sized multi-colored scrappy quilt, handcrafted by Gertie Weaver, valued at \$300. AND you'll get to see the hall after it's had a fresh coat of paint and new carpet installed. It's just a nice opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors and also show your support for Creston Fire! Come join us...Soup's on!

**Fire Prevention Week October 6-12, 2013**  
**PREVENT KITCHEN FIRES**  
**Go to [fpw.org](http://fpw.org) and get cookin' with fire safety**  
**2013 Fire Prevention Week Quiz**

1. **The leading cause of home fires and injuries is:**
  - A. Cooking
  - B. Electrical
  - C. Heating
  - D. Smoking
  
2. **A home with what type of range has a higher risk of fire?**
  - A. Gas
  - B. Electric
  
3. **The leading cause of cooking equipment fires is:**
  - A. Abandoned or discarded material
  - B. Heat source too close to things that can burn
  - C. Unintentionally turned on or turned off
  - D. Unattended equipment
  
4. **Which type of cooking equipment causes most fires?**
  - A. Grill, hibachi or barbecue
  - B. Microwave oven
  - C. Oven or rotisserie
  - D. Range or cook top
  
5. **To prevent a stove top fire, it is best to:**
  - A. Have a lid nearby to extinguish a fire
  - B. Stay in the kitchen when frying
  - C. Use a large, deep pan
  - D. All of the above
  
6. **If you have a pan fire:**
  - A. Move the pan from the burner
  - B. Move the pan from the burner and turn off the burner
  - C. Slide a lid over the pan and turn off the burner
  - D. Turn off the burner
  
7. **Most cooking burns seen at emergency rooms are caused by:**
  - A. Contact with a hot grill
  - B. Contact with a hot range or oven
  - C. Contact with hot cookware
  - D. Microwave oven scald
  
8. **To prevent burn injuries, grown-ups should:**
  - A. Have a 3 foot kid-free zone around the range and where hot food is prepared or served
  - B. Never carry a child while carrying hot food or liquid
  - C. Place hot foods and liquids well away from the edge of the table or counter
  
9. **For early warnings of a kitchen fire, install smoke alarms:**
  - A. In each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home
  - B. In the kitchen, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home
  - C. In the kitchen and on every level of the home
  - D. On each level of the home
  
10. **In 1920, which US president issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation?**
  - A. Woodrow Wilson
  - B. Bill Clinton
  - C. John F. Kennedy
  - D. Theodore Roosevelt

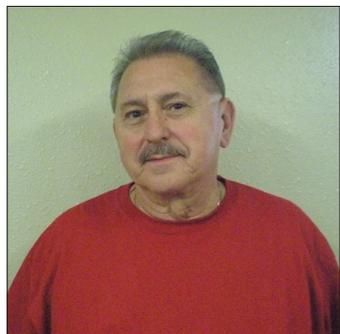
# Tribute to Capt. Briney



Tom Briney joined the Creston Fire Department in 1990. Tom is now self-employed after many years in education. He is a "community kind of guy" who knew when he moved to this area that he wanted to be involved in something. Creston Fire was the avenue he selected, or maybe it selected him. Now after 23 years of service, Tom has made the decision to step down. After serving for several years in the department, Tom's leadership ability became apparent and he was promoted to captain. As a captain, he served an

important role. Captains are the first line of leadership in the department. In Creston Fire, when people are promoted, it is with great deliberation and assessment. There was never a doubt that Tom would be a great leader, one who never steps up for recognition but rather one that steps up to take care of the people he works with. Tom was always a guy you could count on as a fire fighter and is a reliable friend. He has strong family values, and his children and grandchildren are the pride of his life. When someone said you could count on

*by Chief Mahugh*  
Tom, it was said without hesitation—if it was three in the afternoon or three in the morning, he responded to calls for assistance. Tom is dependable and is a man everyone looks up to. He is a team player, and he recognizes the importance of setting the example. Knowing that Tom would be there when the chips were down was a big deal. Good luck, Tom, in your retirement, and thank you!  
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*CFD is exploring ways to establish on-going financial support. Any ideas for this venture? Please call 250-4655 with any information.*



**Bob Kun**

**Name:** Bob Kun

**CFD Role:** Assistant Chief

**Years with CFD:** 21

**Day Job:** Janitorial Svc

**Personal Support:** My wife, Marilyn

**Prior Experience:** 25 yrs. law enforcement, Kansas City, MO

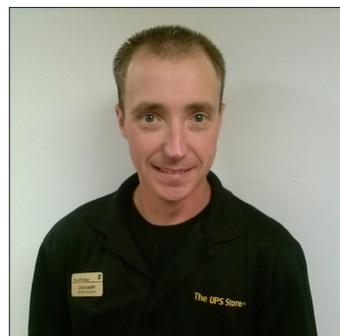
**Highlight since joining CFD:** Being named Assistant Chief in 1995. Attending National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD

**Key Lessons:** Always be prepared. Train hard. Don't expect someone else to do your job.

**Goal with CFD:** To make sure that every firefighter and EMT goes back to their family after a call.

**What was your reason for joining?** To help the community.

**What would you tell others in the community to get them interested in joining?** Do your part. Every community needs its citizens to be involved. Don't complain if you are not involved.



**Zach Sabby**

**Name:** Zach Sabby

**CFD Role:** Fire Fighter

**Years with CFD:** 7 years

**Day Job:** UPS Store in Bigfork; yardwork/maintenance

**Personal Support:** Ashleigh Fulton; my 2 boys Payton and Connor; my mom

**Prior Experience:** None in fire or EMT service, but I have a lot of interaction with the public at my job.

**Highlight since joining CFD:** Getting the experience and learning from it; People are always willing to help.

**Key Lessons:** Protect yourself! And remember that we did not cause the fire or the accident.

**Goal with CFD:** To fight more fires and possibly become a captain.

**What was your reason for joining?** For the experience; Helping the community when in trouble.

**What would you tell others in the community to get them interested in joining?** It is a great experience and very fulfilling to be able to help someone when they are having a bad day.

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**FYI--** CFD has responded to 195 calls so far this year; at this time in 2012, they had answered 165 calls.

## I Remember When...

The Creston Fire Fighter's Associate Membership (CFFAM) is putting together CFD history. We are asking community/past fire department members for any newspaper articles, pictures, stories and all CFD trivia/memorabilia that you would like to donate or loan to us for this endeavor. Please call Gloria at 250-4655 about any information you'd like to share.

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### Community CPR Class

Creston Fire is sponsoring a community CPR/obstructed airway class for adult, infant and child on Tuesday, November 12, from 6-10 PM at the main fire hall. Instructors Bill and Louise Tidwell will also discuss bloodborne pathogens and the automatic external defibrillator {aed}. You will receive a CPR card but this class will NOT certify a healthcare provider or day-care center operator. A \$25 minimum registration fee must be received before November 1st so call 250-4655 early to reserve your space!

### Creston Auction

The fire department raised \$27,473.54 from the 47th annual Creston Auction this spring. The figure is down some from last year-the weather was partly cloudy on Consignment Day with intermittent rain on both Saturday and Sunday. Monies will be used for fire fighter training and safety equipment and to finish the Lake Blaine Training Center. Creston Fire thanks area businesses, the community, and the volunteers who donated hours of time in order to make this year's auction yet another success. We tip our helmets to you!

### Yes! I Support the Creston Fire Department

Your support is important to the Creston Fire Department and its dedicated volunteers. Please help us in our efforts to be the first on scene to help you! All donations are tax deductible, and your canceled check can serve as your receipt. If you would like a written tax receipt, please indicate this on the back of this coupon. For our records, please provide the following information:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

(if the donation is on behalf of an organization)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me about CFFAM and becoming an associate member.

Please contact me about becoming a volunteer fire fighter or medical responder.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to the Creston Fire Fighter's Association and mail it with this coupon to:

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**Thank you for your support!**

Answers to Quiz 1) A 2) B 3) D 4) D 5) B 6) C 7) B 8) D 9) A  
10) A