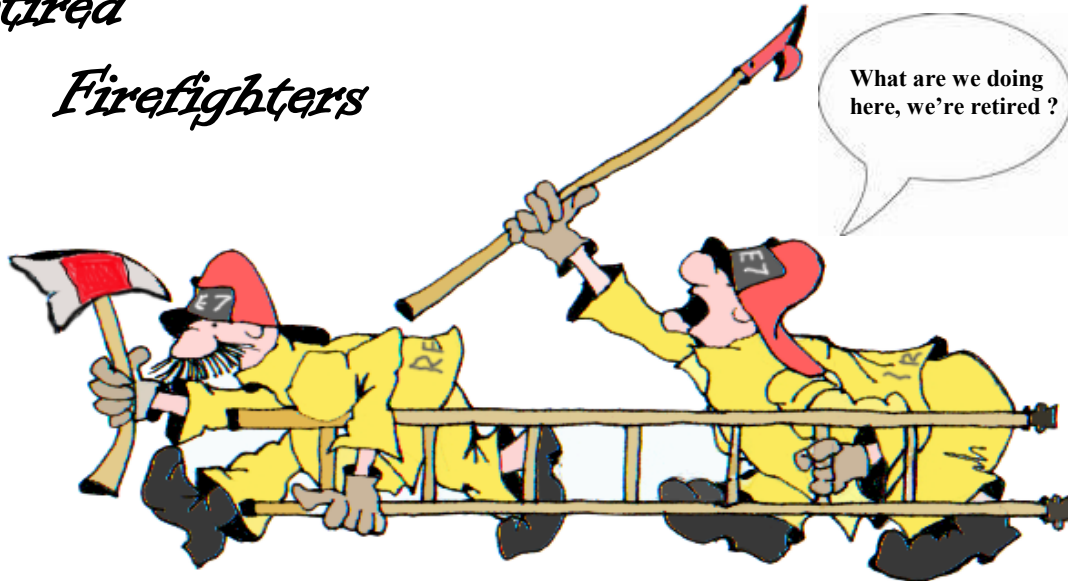


*Retired*

*Firefighters*



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Next Lunch  
March 16th, 2020  
Restaurant 205 Nugget Ave.  
11:am

**Meet Your Fire Chief:**

**David Cochran**

**1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT?**

21+ Years

**2. WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR CAREER?**

With my current position, I would have to say the ability to hire people. I love when they hear they have a job offer, it's the best day for them. I also love it when a Department member comes to me with a proposal to advance or improve the Department and I get to tell them, "Yes, make it so"

**3. WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY?**

We are literally the Biggest Little City. We have big city amenities with little city connections.

**4. DO YOU HELP ORGANIZE ANY SPECIAL EVENTS?**

I don't want to take credit for organizing any of them, but I love being able to support all of the awesome events and organizations we get to work with or host.

**5. WHEN I'M NOT AT WORK, I LIKE TO...**

Go hunting, hiking, fishing.... Basically anything outdoors.

**6. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY?**

Halloween..... Because it's all about the candy.

**7. WHAT IS THE BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE EVER RECEIVED?**

-If you get knocked down, get back up.



[cappyjoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cappyjoe@sbcglobal.net)**PROCRASTINATION, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ? NEVERMIND, I'LL LOOK IT UP TOMORROW**

## February Lunch

Got caught with my pants down ! I forgot to count how many people were at lunch today, but am guessing between 27 and 29. Don't know why, but today, people were lined up outside waiting for a table to open up at Denny's. Looked like Cinco de mayo, 95 percent were Hispanic. I had a hell of a time finding a parking place.

As I walked to the door separating the backroom, I noticed that the door was closed and only the retirees were in there. They knew that it was going to be a big day, because they brought one of the waitresses back, that doesn't usually work Mondays. There were six California guys there today. And some that I haven't seen in a while ! Marilee Quanbeck was there for her second time in many years. She came with Pat Kleams ?

There were two lunches picked up by two of the retirees. Today was my 83rd birthday and Jim Puryear picked up mine, so thank you Jim! Somebody picked up Marilyn Newtons lunch, but she doesn't know who it was, so she wants to thank them via this newsletter!

As you can figure, with so many people in both rooms, the service was a little bit slow, but the girl did a good job. I hope you remembered to tip her well !



Pat Kleames RFD



Maralee Quanbeck RFD



Chuck Goucher -  
Petaluma FD



Ray Winkler  
T.M.





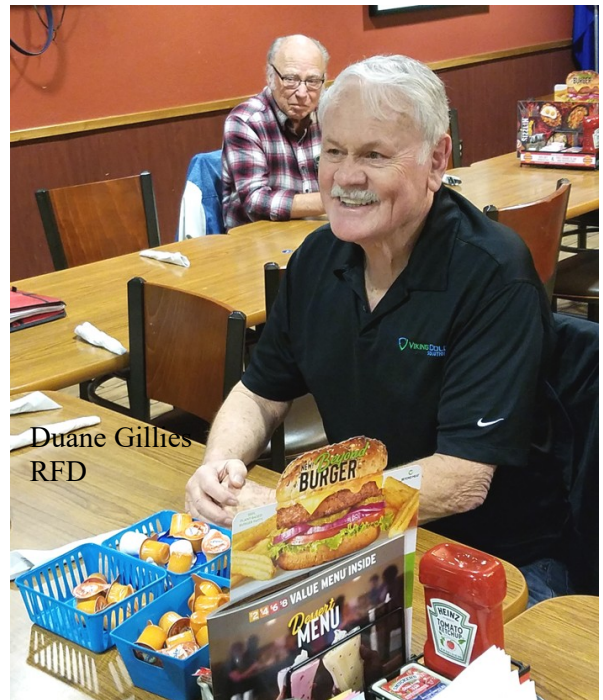
Van Guilder & Machen RFD



Rick DeCosta - Clark Co FD



Dennis Goodsell RFD



Duane Gillies  
RFD



Jim Puryear RFD



Reed Dopf RFD





## Thank God for the new kids !



I was sitting in my den playing with the computer when the phone rang and I saw on the Caller I.D, that it was Mike Wanco.

I picked it up and Mike started the conversation

with, "I was in the hospital!" I asked him what happened and he told me that he had a breathing problem Sunday February 9th while at his girl friends house. It

got so bad that he had her call 911. The fire department, Engine 4, was the first on the scene, then Remsa came shortly after and he was transported to St. Marys. Mike was in the hospital for two days.

Having said that, Mike then went into seriously praising the new kids, and also Remsa, Mike said that they both were so professional, that it made him proud to say that he was a retired firefighter. Mike was so impressed that the crew made it a point to come back to his room and check on him. He said, " They even knew who I was, even though I didn't know any of them !" Mike said, " I thought, that we were good! **They are really good!**" Mike said that the whole experience was A-1, except, the lousy hospital food. He said that he talked to a nurse and she asked him if he knew Duane Gilies. He said that he did, and she told him that Duane was going with her mother. Mike told her that the food was lousy and she said that they didn't eat the hospital food, they just brown bagged it !

Mike also asked me if I received a dues request from 731. I did, and Mike said that he didn't, so I told him to call the union office. He tried, but could not get hold of anybody, so I sent an email to one of the 731 contacts and Mike was sent a new dues form immediately! He said that when he went to the union office to pay, the E Board was having a meeting and he thanked them for saving his life, and how professional he felt that they were.

Too bad Mike isn't still running the club house at Wild Creek golf course, That Engine 4 crew would get free T off times for life !

## RFD 2020 Graduating Class

Congratulations, you have just started an amazing career !





In the early morning hours of December 15, 2019 Firefighter Paramedic Jeff Cates responded on Engine 3 to an incident at a Hotel – Casino located in south Reno. Engine 3 was dispatched to a report of a distraught and possibly suicidal person who had climbed up some interior scaffolding and was not able or willing to come down. When Engine 3 arrived on scene, the crew entered the Hotel - Casino and observed a person who had reached a height of nearly ten stories above the ground. Witnesses stated that this person was in grave and immediate danger of falling, slipping or jumping from his position. Any fall from this height would result in death upon contacting the ground below. The on- scene crews recognized the severity and complexity of this volatile situation and immediately requested the Reno Fire Department Urban Search & Rescue Team be dispatched to this incident for further help. Time was of the essence and the crews on scene had to act quickly and decisively. Firefighter Paramedic Jeff Cates, at great risk to himself, volunteered to free climb the scaffolding and make verbal contact with the individual in distress in hope of diffusing the situation.

Firefighter Paramedic Cates began free climbing the scaffolding, working his way to the person in distress, ten stories above the ground. Cates made verbal and visual contact with the person on the scaffolding and was able to establish a rapport, which was imperative throughout the entire duration of the incident. The individual's actions were described as "erratic with a very real possibility of him falling from a fatal height." Captain Michael Hill who was on scene at the incident stated "E3 had an individual that was climbing the interior structure of the atrium inside the Hotel- Casino. This was a free climb, of a structure that went from the ground floor, all the way to the 18th floor, unobstructed. The individual was in grave danger from slipping, loss of balance, or just plain fatigue." FF/Medic Cates continued to engage with the individual while the RPD Crisis Intervention and Negotiating Team members arrived on scene. RPD transitioned with Cates and took over the communications with the individual who was still several stories in the air. Cates transitioned into Urban Search & Rescue mode, preparing for a rescue involving RFD USAR members on scene.

Communications between RPD and the individual quickly broke down. Again, FF/Medic Cates volunteered to climb back up and reestablish contact with the individual in distress. With the help, guidance and reassurance of the RPD Crisis Intervention Team, FF/Medic Cates was able to calm the individual down and reestablish a rapport with him. Per Capt. Glenn McKinnon, "FF Cates's contact was professional, calming and always with the purpose of getting the subject to climb down"

At 0910 hours, nearly four hours after the incident began, the individual in distress climbed down on their own and into the arms of first responders.

Firefighter Paramedic Jeff Cates went above and beyond the call of duty that morning. He volunteered to free climb to a height of ten stories to engage a person who was clearly in distress and acting erratically. There was a high probability that this person's actions could have endangered FF/Medic Cates's life as well as their own. Cates did this not once, but twice during the incident when it became apparent that negotiations were not going well between RPD and the individual in distress. After nearly four hours, the person on the scaffolding trusted Cates enough to climb down and let first responders render aid.

There is no doubt in my mind that without Cates's fast actions, disregard for his own personal safety and his ability to make and keep a connection with this person, things very well could have ended tragically.



# RFD 1938 Squad

I saw this posted on Facebook this morning and assuming that Jon Wagner posted it! There was a little story added to the pictures, and I added a little myself.

## **Reno Fire Antique and Classic Apparatus, Inc.**

I saw a print of an ALF factory photo of this rig for sale on ebay and I thought I would share the message that went along with the post.

*“It was a fully enclosed cab in 1938 - way ahead of its time! There is a funny story associated with this rig. It was sold as surplus I believe in the 1960s. The city had some other rigs of this vintage still in service after it was sold. One of those got in a wreck and needed a new door. The City wound up paying the owner more for the door than the guy paid for the rig! The story is it got scrapped in Mountain View, CA shortly after the guy sold the City back their door. This four door sedan cab pumper ran out of old Central and was called the Squad. It was reputed to seat seven comfortably. It was another 45 years before Reno FD had another fully enclosed cab on a pumper.”*

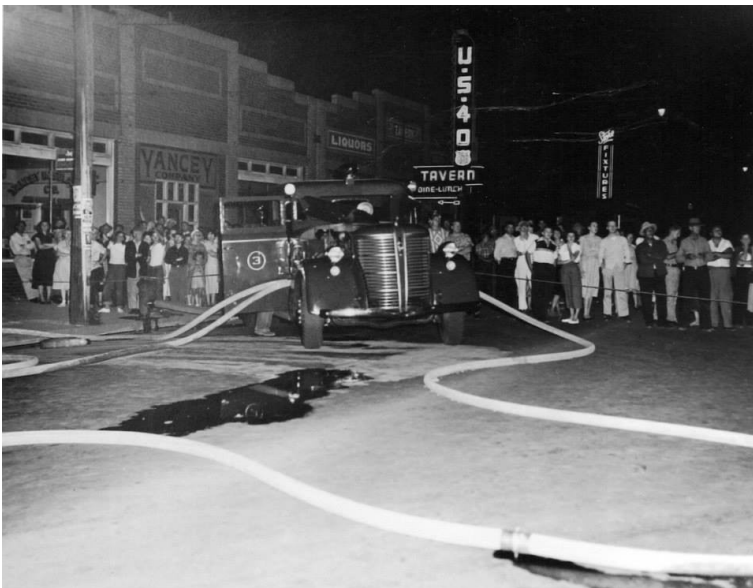
The RFD had another 1938 that was called the City Pump and it was also an enclosed rig. The city pumps crew that responded initially, was, a driver and a hoseman that rode to the fire on the pump, helped him hook up at the fire, then, would go to the scene and help fight the fire. The hoseman was gifted with the name, : **Pimp on the Pump!** His job was inserting the male end of the hydrant into the female end of the suction. I guess you can figure that out ?



Corner of First St. and Virginia St.  
Masonic Temple and Woolworths in the  
background Pre 1947



According to the 1946 Reno City Directory, The Yancy Company was located at 642 East Fourth Street 3 doors east of the U.S. 40 Tavern. The U.S. 40 tavern was a rough and tumble western bar where I have actually tipped a few beers in my younger days !



642 East Fourth St. today !  
Just west of the Wells Avenue overpass.





**Peer Support** - Lisa Mays asked me to put this in the newsletter for March. PTSD is getting a lot of attention, not only for war veterans, but for fire and police lately. If you have ever had any mental issues, or thought of suicide, Think seriously of talking to somebody that can help ! Don't be too macho to ask for help !



**Northern Nevada  
Peer Support  
Network**

Within Unity We Find Strength

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#### Join NNPSN

When your agency joins the Northern Nevada Peer Support Network, you will become part of a growing first responder community that strives to improve the psychological, physical, relational, and spiritual wellness of those that serve.



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Email [nnpsn775@gmail.com](mailto:nnpsn775@gmail.com) for more information

#### Donations and Sponsorship

Donating to the Northern Nevada Peer Support Network allows those in public service to obtain tools and training to ensure a healthy, productive career so they may better protect our communities.

Annual Donation	Appreciation Rewards
\$250	Logo and link on website
\$500	\$250 level rewards + Logo on workshop presentations and handouts
\$1,000	\$500 level rewards + Social media acknowledgment, verbal mention at workshops
\$2,500	\$1,000 level rewards + Logo on outreach and marketing materials
\$5,000+	\$2,500 level rewards + Company profile on website, logo on event t-shirts, verbal acknowledgement at events

Contact us at [nnpsn775@gmail.com](mailto:nnpsn775@gmail.com) to find out how you can donate and become a sponsor

*Northern Nevada Peer Support Network is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) organization*

#### Our Mission

Our mission is to provide quality mental health resources and support to our first-responders and hospital health care professionals so they may **live the very best lives** possible on and off duty. We accomplish this with collaborative efforts to improve resilience by means of breaking down barriers surrounding mental health and align those that serve with optimum mental readiness.

#### Our Vision

Our Vision is to help build a stronger, more united public safety and health care community. We strive to be an effective joint collaborative effort to serve those in need regarding the improvement of mental readiness and resiliency. We envision **normalizing the subject of mental health** by placing importance on the care and maintenance of our minds and emotional health just as we do our physical ailments.

#### Peer Support

Peer Support volunteers are fellow first responders and other public service professionals who are trained in basic mental health first aid, crisis intervention, and other emotional health needs. We are not counselors, but rather peers who have **first-hand experience** with the traumas that exist in our lines of work. We offer our time and compassion to help find the right resources for our brothers and sisters in need.

#### What NNPSN Offers

The Northern Nevada Peer Support Network is a central hub for first responders, hospital staff, military, and other public services in the Northern Nevada. We offer training, outreach, and a variety of resources. By collaborating together, we ensure each person who chooses a career in service is fit for life as well as fit for duty. We truly believe that **together we are stronger.**

#### Resources

**NATIONAL  
SUICIDE PREVENTION  
LIFELINE**  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)



**Fire/EMS Helpline**  
**1-888-731-FIRE**







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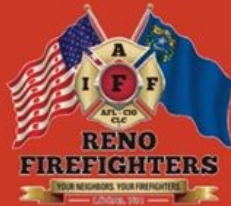
## 731 FAMILY BBQ

BRING THE FAMILY AND COME ENJOY SOME BBQ AND GOOD COMPANY!

Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks and sides will be provided. Bring your favorite camping games to share (cornhole, ladder ball, horse shoes, etc...)

There will also be a donation bucket for charity so bring some cash!

WHEN:  
SATURDAY, MAY  
16<sup>TH</sup> (11 - 4ish)



WHERE:  
MIRA LOMA PARK  
3000 S McCarran Blvd  
Reno NV, 89502

The park is located across the street from Raley's on McCarran in District 6. The entrance is on Mira Loma.

Please RSVP via email to  
[Lawrence.Smith@iaff731.org](mailto:Lawrence.Smith@iaff731.org)

Questions please call/text Lawrence Smith @  
(775) 722-9820



## Just wanted to share this with you !

About eight months ago, my little table top saw took a dump. It was time to go buy a new one. I had the old saw for many years and it was really a pain. It was a small 7 1/2 inch saw, and when I wanted to use it in the back yard or somewhere else, I had to first grab a home made table with wheels, and roll it out to where ever I was going to use it. Then, I had to pick up the saw, carry it outside and put it on the table, then reverse that procedure when I was done !

My son told me about the “10 inch COBALT” sold by Lowes. I decided to go look at one, so I went to Lowes , and they had one on display. I immediately liked what I saw. I went ahead and bought the KOBALT, and have been tickled to death ever since. The saw has it's own table built in. It also works like a hand truck to take it wherever you are going to use it. It has a slide out extension built in if you need one, and the guide is sturdy.

After you wheel the saw to the area, you step on a pedal which releases the table legs on wheels, then, you push down on the handles and the saw rotates into it's own table. When you are done, you do just the opposite and wheel it back to it's storage space, which is very small.

In case you are interested, this is a great buy at \$200 and it comes with three blades. You just have to assemble it.

Just wheeled it out of the garage.



Stepping on the pedal to lower the saw



This is the saw when it's set up!



Now comes the hard part, cleaning the saw! Well, not really, Last year I bought a Greenworks Pro weed blower at Lowes. It's so powerful that it throws 1/2 inch rocks 30 feet. I just take the blower out, aim it at the table saw, pull the trigger and let it do its job. I don't sweep the garage anymore, I just use the Greenworks, which also blows everything out under the counters.



Nothing but the best for old guys !



# Nevada State Journal

## August 31, 1930

### Max Baer in Reno, Tells of Tragedy

Frankie Campbell was unconscious after the left hook that put him on the ropes in the fifth round of his fight in San Francisco last Monday. That was the opinion expressed in Reno last night by his opponent Max Baer. Baer who drove to Reno from San Francisco yesterday, said that he wanted to get away from it all for awhile !

Recounting the fight last night, he said that in the second round he hit Campbell with a right behind the ear as Campbell turned away and had the Italian fighter on the ropes as the round ended. In the third and fourth rounds, Campbell came out strong and Baer said he himself was knocked half groggy. In the fatal fifth round, Campbell again rushed out from his corner, when Baer explained, he drove out with a left hook that sent Campbell into the ropes.

Baer believed at the time, he said, that Campbell was holding himself up and he continued to smash rights and lefts to his head until he slumped to the canvass. Baer believed at the time, that he struck about six blows before Campbell fell off the ropes.

He carried Campbell to his corner and subsequent examination, convinced that Campbell had been knocked out with the first blow and that it was the middle rope that held him up.

Asked if he thought the charge of manslaughter against him would be pressed, he said that inasmuch as both Campbells mother and wife had refused to sign the charges, it would be dropped. Baer also said the he didn't think that his regrettable fight would effect prize fighting in California. Unless the unforeseen occurs, he expects to fight Otto Porat at Recreation Park in six weeks.

Nevada State Journal  
June 17 1951

If anyone is nostalgic about the Bar of Music, or Buddy Baer's, both of which have flowered and faded on Reno's Center Street, all he has to do is go to Sacramento. Buddy Baer's Bar of Music is there and all under one roof!

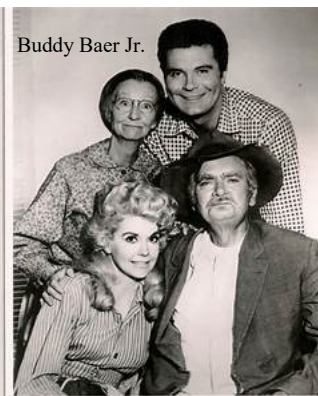
All three, Max Baer, Buddy Baer (*aka Jacob Henry "Buddy" Baer*), and Jack Dempsey had something to do with Reno!

Max was Buddy Baers big brother. I'm not sure how big he was, but Buddy was 6'6" tall and weighed 250 lbs. They both fought Joe Lewis at one time.

Buddy Baer bought the "Bar of Music" from Cliff Judd in Reno, on December 31st 1950. It was located at 136 North Center Street. From what the Nevada State Journal has to say, it seems that Buddy's bar didn't last too long, and he moved back to Sacramento.

Buddy Baer Junior, Max Baers son began his life career with acting and became a star in the Beverly Hillbillies.

Buddy Baer Junior is a wealthy businessman who owns "Jethro's Beverly Hills Casinos." including one here in Nevada.



### Jack Dempsey

One of the best heavy weight Champions to have fought in the ring.

They say Jack had a punch like a mule. Jack fought all over the world and also all over the state of Nevada. At one time, Jack lived in Reno for awhile and either rented a house or owned that house on California Avenue. That house is still there, the one in the middle!



Nevada State Journal July 14, 1937

Max Baer



### Baer Promised exhibition fight with Jack Dempsey Here on Labor Day !

Jack Dempsey will fight Max Baer here in Reno on Labor Day! Sounds strange, but it is true according to Baer who refereed his first fight in Reno last night and made the announcement from the ring in Chestnut arena in one of his few speeches of his career.



Jack Dempsey