# Scott Fire Department

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## **Mission Statement**

To progress, learn from the past, respond to the present, and implement with the future in mind as both our community and department continue to grow, through preparedness and incident mitigation.



Chief Chad D. Sonnier



# Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Award

Thermal imaging cameras (TIC) use infrared technology, providing firefighters the ability to quickly enter buildings with low or no visibility and locate victims, which are lost or trapped.

In addition to drastically increasing the odds of rescuing victims who are lost or in danger during a fire, TICs are also used to see through doors or walls to locate trapped heat. This assures firefighters that the fire has completely been extinguished, preventing further property damage.

In an effort to place a TIC on the first arriving engine, thus increasing the rescue success rate, Scott Fire Department recently applied for a TIC, through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation.

I am pleased to inform you that the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation recently awarded Scott Fire Department \$10,852 to obtain a TIC.



#### **Firehouse Subs Grant**

Since Firehouse Subs Public
Safety Foundation was founded
in 2005, it has provided more
than \$24 million worth of
equipment, training, and support
to first responders.

During the March 2 City Council Meeting, Terry Castile (Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation) presented the award to Chief Sonnier.

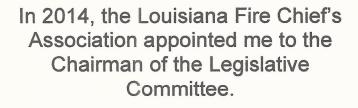
This award will provide a huge impact on both firefighter and civilian safety.





State
Representative
(District 39)
Emerson's
Station Visit

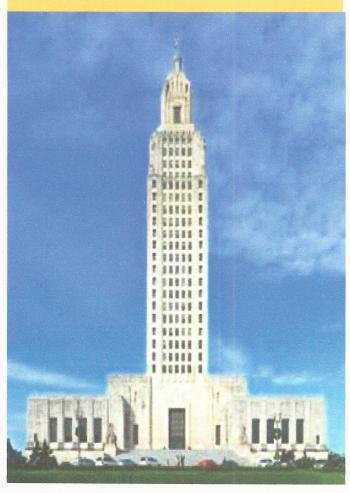
Pictured (L to R): Bryant Meche, Kyle Sonnier, Ken Lown, Representative Emerson, Chris Domingue, Phil Crea



As Legislative Chair, I am responsible for gathering information on issues that directly affect Louisiana Firefighters and present it to lawmakers so that they can make an informed decision on the issues.

On March 10, Chief Sonnier visited with District 39 Representative, Ms. Julie Emerson, to discuss a few issues firefighters and the City of Scott may face in the up coming session.

Representative Emerson has been a true friend to the fire service.





Training with the new
Thermal Imagining Camera
was conducted at the
Lafayette Fire Department
Training Center On March 8

Training develops skills, proficiently and consistently, which allows firefighters to achieve positive results on the fire ground by making the right decisions.

Learning by experience, alone, is a slow process that can never lead to a broad subject of knowledge. One individual experiences may give an individual inadequate ability to perform, it certainly will never give an insight into the wide range of possibilities that are likely to be encountered during an emergency incident.

In order for SFD's training program to be effective, we must instill self-confidence in the individual, whom will perform under stressful and hostile conditions. The training program must be systematic and comprehensive.

# Training for the Month of March Consisted of:

Fire Service Hydraulics
Fire Instructor
SCBA Maze
Forcible Entry
Water Supply
General Fire Ground Training



One of the most essential needs of fire departments, career and volunteer, is funding. As is the case with most departments, additional funding is needed to obtain equipment considered necessary to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and other related hazards.

In addition to having a funfilled day, you will help SFD raise the funds needed to obtain the equipment needed to keep our firefighters safe.

100% of your contributions are tax deductible.

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### 44th Annual Conference



In an effort to better lead our great department, I attended the LFCA's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference March 20-25. This was a great educational event, hosted by the David Crockett Steam Fire Company No. 1, at the Landmark Hotel in Metairie.

#### Tuesday:

PIAL- Learning the new Evaluation Process Louisiana Emergency Response Commission: Knowing Your Resources NFPA Responder Forum

#### Wednesday:

Generational Workforces: Managing Millennials Avoiding High Risk Legal Events

#### Thursday:

Golf Tournament

#### Friday:

Creating a New Generation of Fire Officers Think like an Incident Commander

#### Saturday:

Toothpick Towers: A Chief Officer's Guide to Lightweight Wood-Frame Multiple Dwellings

## Fire Fighter Spotlight



Raised in Scott, by his parents Bonnie & Donald Roger, Casey attended L. Leo Judice, Westside Elem., Scott Middle, and Acadiana High School.

In December of 1992, while he was a junior in high school, Casey became a member of the Scott Volunteer Fire Department. In 2004, he was promoted to Captain, till he resigned to spend more time with his family in 2010. Casey was also active on the Executive Board, where he served as a Board Member from 2004-2005.

In February of 1995, Casey began his career with the Lafayette Fire Department.

As with all volunteer departments across the country, staffing levels during daytime hours are minimal, while volunteer members are working. In August of 1996 Casey was one of the four part-time people hired by the City of Scott to staff the station during the day; Casey still hold the position over 21 years later.

Casey is also very active with MDA. From 2001 – 2010 he served on the MDA Executive board of directors, where he held the position of Vice President from 2005 – 2007 and President from 2003-2005. Casey was also a summer camp Volunteer Staff member for MDA from 1995 – 2010.

Casey also was active with the youths of Scott, where he was an umpire and a coach for several years.

He also teaches several fire safety classes and certified CPR courses.

Casey has been married to his wife Michelle for 13 years and they have two boys that attend school in Scott.

He is currently a soccer coach for his boy's soccer teams.

He enjoys camping with his family, taking his boat out skiing and fishing and going to festivals to listen to Cajun and country music.

Casey's dedication and hard work is one of the reasons SFD is such a huge success.



It is both an honor and privilege to serve as the Chief of Scott Fire Department. I can tell you that every member work hard, day in and day out to provide you the best possible fire protection.

Evaluations conducted by Property Insurance Association of Louisiana have confirmed that Scott has not only the best volunteer department in the Parish, but one of the best in the Country.

Elected officials are faced with the responsibility of providing the best possible public safety to our citizens. As Fire Chief, it is my job to work with these elected officials to deliver an effective and efficient fire department.

SFD would like to congratulate Councilman Boudreaux on his successful election on March 25 to the District 1 Council Seat. We look forward to working with him, and all elected officials, to provide a superior level of service to our customers, in our ever-changing community.



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