

Otterville Fire Protection District named 2008 Fire Department of the Year

Each year the Missouri Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (MAMIC) recognize a Missouri fire department as their association's selection for fire department of the year.

This year's recipient, nominated by Clarks Fork Mutual Insurance Company in Boonville, was the Otterville Fire Protection District under the leadership of Chief Mark Simmons.

Formed in August 2000, the district is comprised of 15 volunteers who serve 56 square miles including the City of Otterville, New Lebanon Township, Southern Cooper County and Northern Morgan County.

Otterville Fire Protection District was chosen due to the high level of commitment and proactive attitude, ensuring their citizens receive fire and emergency services they expect and rely upon. This dedication and commitment has resulted in an expanded apparatus fleet, construction of a six bay station, receipt of federal grants allowing for the purchase of new bunker gear and SCBAs, lowered ISO rating from 10 to 7 and of course their pursuit of training opportunities on a regular basis.

I was honored to be invited to participate in the November 3rd recognition ceremony in Columbia during MAMIC's annual conference.

Congratulations to the Otterville Fire Protection District.....Keep up the good work!!!