



HONORING A DFD LEGACY

REMEMBERING **BILL EISNER**



Bill Eisner will always be an integral part of the Detroit firefighting community.

Bill was never compensated. He was always prepared and equipped with a belt-mounted radio, a primary camera around his neck, and a backup camera in his pocket.

Beyond capturing images at fire scenes, he regularly attended firefighters' graduations, weddings, retirement parties, and memorial services. His relationship with the Fire Department gave him a unique status—every firefighter wished they could claim their own “Bill Eisner.”

If “home is where the heart is,” then Bill’s home was forever located at the corner of Moran and East Grand Blvd, at Engine 23. Built in 1899, Engine 23 is one of Detroit’s oldest actively operating fire stations, where Bill often enjoyed his meals. Over 62 years as a fire photographer, he responded to nearly 10,000 fires and attended over 1,000 retirement parties (including his own). Bill had an unwavering devotion to capturing historical moments with every camera click.

Bill passed away at the age of 87 on November 7, 2024.

Rest in Peace, Bill



GET TO KNOW

DFD'S SUPPORT STAFF



THE MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE



Corey McIssac

The Media Relations office may be small, but with the support of the entire DFD team, our impact is significant. In my first two months, I have trained DFD Administration and three

out of four shifts of Battalion Chiefs to handle field interviews, leaving only one more shift and a few divisions of public-facing employees to train.

Thanks to the hard work of many, we have successfully hosted 12 media events, conducted ten live interviews (both in-studio and in-house), performed several taped interviews, and distributed five news releases to our media partners.

I am humbled and honored by the Detroit Fire Department's commitment to serving the citizens of Detroit. I look forward to sharing more of your outstanding accomplishments and hard work with viewers and readers locally and worldwide.

The Detroit Fire Department Corps of Chaplains

comprises nine pastors and lay ministers from various denominations. In addition to their ministry backgrounds, they collectively bring a wide range of disaster response experiences. Two of our chaplains retired after more than 30 years of service in the fire department before answering the call to the ministry. One chaplain is currently serving as the Disaster Response Director for the Salvation Army.



With their combined experience and expertise, the members of the Corps of Chaplains provide religious, spiritual, moral, and ethical support to all heartbreaking losses within the department.

Our chaplains have offered support during significant events, including the Northwest Airlines plane crash in 1987, the World Trade Center terrorist attacks in 2001, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and Hurricane Florence in 2018. In addition to their ministry training, all our chaplains are certified in Critical Incident Stress Management. Two are certified counselors, and one holds a PhD in counseling.

THE DETROIT FIRE DEPARTMENT CORPS OF CHAPLAINS



Photo: Seated: George Aren, Chief Chaplain 1st Row Standing: (left to Right) Daniel Gonos, Sarah Jordan, Chuck McDougall, Damon Pearson. Back row Standing: (Left to Right) Sam Knolton, Cliff Clayton, Carl Seitz, Wes Baldwin

THE DETROIT FIRE DEPARTMENT PGU-PEER SUPPORT TEAM



(Front Row L-R) Lakeshia Dortich, Patrick Schwartz, Dalana Gumina, Jeremy Rodzos, Lenette Wood, Timothy Carter, Amelia McDuffee, David Latchney, Anthoine Wyatt (Back Row L-R) Michael Vick, Shawn Pittman, Glen Goodson



The Detroit Fire Department's Personal Guidance Unit (PGU) and Peer Support Team

consist of 23 members from various divisions within the department. The PGU has been active for many years but has been led by Lenette Wood since 2014. The staff includes licensed clinicians Lenette Wood (MS, LPC, NCC), Amelia McDuffee (LMSW), and LaKeisha Dortch (LMSW).

The Peer Support Team was established in 2018 with members who have been vetted and voluntarily donate their time to assist their colleagues. The PGU-Peer Support Team is available 24 hours a day. Team members can be found at hospitals and firehouses, providing support before, during, and after a concern or crisis. The team is dedicated to maintaining confidentiality and aiding members and their families, whether the issues are work-related or personal.

TAKE PART

You can make the difference and assist us by reporting arson. All of these methods allow you to remain anonymous. Contact us by:

- Call the main office (313) 596-2940
- Call the Direct Tip Line (313) 628-2900
- Email for reports: arson@detroitmi.gov
- Facebook at Detroit-Fire Investigations.



HOW CAN I MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN AN EMERGENCY?

- Learn hands-only CPR
- Call 9-1-1 for life and limb threatening emergencies **only**
- Attend regular check-ups
- Always cooperate with emergency responders

WHAT TO DO WHEN CALLING 9-1-1.


PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT WHILE QUESTIONS ARE BEING ASKED, HELP IS ON THE WAY!


Every second counts in an emergency, so let's work together. As an informed citizen, you are better able to help EMS responders help you by following these steps.

- Provide your location. If we don't know where you are, we can't locate you.
- Provide your phone number in case the call gets disconnected
- Based on the emergency, certain scripted questions may be asked to better assist the responders.
- The fire department may be sent as first responders until EMS arrives.
- Please remain calm! The questions are designed to insure prompt, efficient, and safe assistance.
- Please be assured that while questions are being asked
- Help is on the way!



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1301 3rd Street
Detroit, MI 48226

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Billing/Permits
(313) 596-2963

Complaints
(313) 596-2954,
9-1-1 (After Hours)

Plans And Exams
(313) 596-2788

Knox Box Info
(313) 596-2937

**Freedom Of Information Act
(F.O.I.A.) Requests**
(313) 596-2948

Fire Reports/Inspections
(313) 596-2964

EMS Billing Questions
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EMS Medical Records
(313) 596-5180

Regional Training Center
(313) 237-2775

Community Relations Division
(313) 596-2959

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community groups who want
to meet your district fire
inspectors call**
(313) 596-8892

WINTER



SAFETY TIPS

- **TEST YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS TO ENSURE THEY WORK CORRECTLY.**
- **STAY IN THE KITCHEN WHILE COOKING YOUR MEALS ON THE STOVETOP.**
- **IF THERE ARE SMOKERS IN YOUR HOME, PLEASE ASK THEM TO SMOKE OUTSIDE. ASK THEM TO KEEP THEIR SMOKING MATERIALS WITH THEM TO PREVENT YOUNG CHILDREN FROM ACCESSING THEM.**
- **ENSURE THAT ALL PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS HAVE AN AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF FEATURE, ARE PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO AN OUTLET (NOT AN EXTENSION CORD), AND ARE PLACED AT LEAST THREE FEET AWAY FROM ANYTHING THAT CAN BURN, SUCH AS BEDDING, PAPER, WALLS, AND EVEN PEOPLE.**
- **CONSIDER PLACING NOTES THROUGHOUT YOUR HOME TO REMIND YOU TO TURN OFF PORTABLE HEATERS WHEN YOU LEAVE A ROOM OR GO TO BED.**

