



# Huffy and Friends

## Tulsa Firefighter's Educational Clowns

# NEWSLETTER

## Fall - 2008



### *A word from our President:*

Woo-hoooooo! What a great year 2008 has been for the Tulsa Firefighter's Educational Clowns!

Our organization is doing some fantastic things this year such as....

Reaching thousands of children with safety education programs at schools and special events. We also are participating in all the biggest parades around town like: The BooHaHa Parade, The Veterans Day Parade, Martin Luther King Day Parade, and the P.S.O. Christmas Parade of lights.

My position in the Tulsa Fire Department, Assistant Fire Marshal in the Community Relations & Public Education Department is a great networking opportunity for our organization. We are helping sponsor some great things with children's preventable injuries & deaths safety education through this partnership. We purchased a set of 12 grid racks and the plastic brochure holders to go with them, and are printing thousands of safety handout materials that are given away at special events. We are also making hundreds of copies of Stop Drop & Roll with Huffy & Jo Jo safety videos that are given away at elem. schools, child day care and head-start centers. All the props used for the Huffy & Firefighter Tom's Magic Safety Shows were provided by Huffy and Friends like Magic Tricks, Visual Aids, Balloons, Banners, Signs, Trunks, and more. The Big Scotty brand Safety Trailer that we purchased and donated to the T.F.D. is doing safety presentations for every second grade class in the City of Tulsa each year. We are rocking with our new 2008 Huffy & Firefighter Tom's Magic Safety Shows Stage Presentations. Thanks to our 23 years of Huffy and Friends Schools contacts we have been scheduling safety shows like mad! Over the next few months we will help reach over 20,000 children with our safety messages! Not to mention how many children will be watch our new TV shows on Channel 20!

2008 made the tenth year anniversary for our Oklahoma Firefighter's Burn Camp. Our camp is one of the top camps of its kind in the nation. Our Apartment for Burn Victims has been going since 1984.

We are doing some successful fund raising for Huffy and Friends the Tulsa Firefighting Educational Clowns and for Burn Camp to keep our great organization going! Such as the Art of BBQ, 2009 Tulsa Metro Hottest Firefighter Calendar. Not to mention all the support from our awesome sponsors like the Firefighter Credit Union, Many Wal-Mart Stores, The Women of Local 789, St. Mary Exploration Corporation Foundation, The Tulsa Bike Club, The Harmon Foundation as well as two Zarrow Foundation's, the Gelvin Foundation, and many other corporate & private sponsors. We have several new sponsors working with us for 2009 and some new fundraising projects in the works.

Of course none of these things would be possible without our world's greatest volunteers and sponsors! My hat goes off to all of you who have had any part in helping us with any of these projects, events, and or fundraisers! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**Thank you everyone!**

Tom Hufford, AKA Huffy the Clown, President



## ***A word from our Vice President:***

First and foremost I want to thank everyone who helped at Burn Camp, what a great week! We had a phenomenal amount of support this year. I am blessed to be part of an organization that is so passionate about everything we do. It takes a large amount of support both physically and financially to keep our organization rocking so keep up the good work. We still need volunteers for BooHaHa Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, it is only 1 week away.

Kristi Collins, Vice President

***Thank you to Mike Aziere*** For your many years of hard work and dedication to this organization. Huffy

## ***Our Founding Member B.C. Dow***

(B.C.) Blake Corwin Dow was one of the original Tulsa Firefighters that helped start this Tulsa Firefighter Clown organization in 1984. At that time it was called the Firefighter's Clown Society. He was the president of the organization when he turned it over to me in 1988. B.C. has put many years of hard work, blood sweat and tears into the goals of our organization. His clown name was Boo Boo! I had the pleasure to work with him in the beginning and saw how the children loved him. At one point during the show he would crawl out into the audience full of children and they would pile on him. It was a sight to see. He has been our treasurer ever since 1988. Many hours a week are put in to keeping our finances going. He is now turning over the treasurer position. I am sorry to say that B.C. has been battling cancer for the past few months. He tried not to let anyone worry about him by keeping it a secret, but it is really getting bad now. He has been in and out of hospitals the last few months. Please keep B.C. in your prayers and help him fight off this terrible monster called cancer that attacks so many of our fellow firefighters.

**We love you B.C.!**

Huffy

## ***2009 Tulsa Metro Hottest Firefighter Calendar Up-Date***

- \* Date for the calendars to hit the retail stores: November, 2008
- \* Locations that they can be purchased: Steve Sundries, Hardesty Mail Boxes Firefighters Credit Union, and more to come.
- \* Signing Parties: Tulsa Promenade, Tulsa Oilers Game, Tulsa Women's Show, Bass Pro Shop, Cherokee Casino, and more to come.
- \* Check out our web site [www.tfdclowns.com](http://www.tfdclowns.com) for up-coming calendar details.
- \* Highlights about this years calendars: There will be hot firefighters from Tulsa and from many other towns in the Tulsa metro area.
- \* Funds will be for the T. F. E. C. Goals & Projects.



## ***Thank you Bryan Henderson***

For your helping me, and our organization for all these years, and for performing as Sparks the Dog. Huffy

## ***Burn Camp Scholarship Funds***

We need to start pumping up this program so we can start giving away some scholarships. If you are interested in working on some new fund raisers for this project please contact:  
Scotty Stokes at (918) 857-6351

Huffy

## ***Thank You T.J. Manchester***

For including us in your Kid/Teen TV Shows!

## ***Shrine Circus is coming up soon!***

**We will have a huge safety booth!**

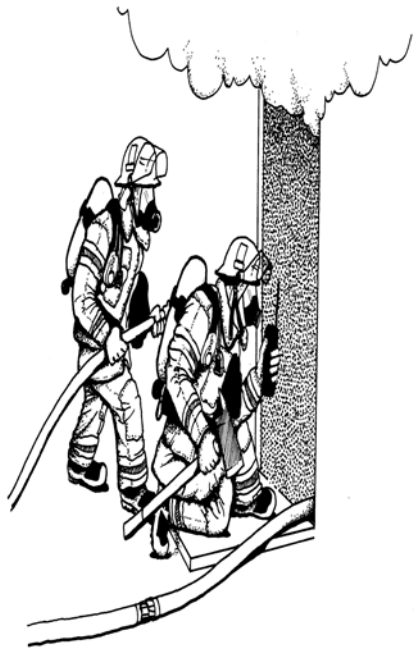
**We will need lots of help for this one!**

Date: February 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Location: The Tulsa Fairgrounds Pavilion.

There will be nine performances.

We will see around 40,000 people in 4 days!



## ***BooHaHa Parade is coming up Fast!***

### **We need help building the BooHaHa parade floats.**

The 2008 BooHaHa theme: **“FUN YOU CAN SINK YOUR TEETH INTO”**

BooHaHa Parade Date: October 25th, 2008

Huffy and Friends Float Location: Fire Station 18, 4802 South Peoria.

Parade Float Building starts at: 8:00am

We will be gathering supplies before that day.

Parade Rolls at: 3:00pm

This is the second largest parade in Tulsa, second only to the Christmas Parade. We will see over 30,000 people at Oklahoma's Largest Halloween Celebration!

Huffy and Friends will be doing the same as we have the past 20 years. We will meet at Fire Station 18 at 8:00am, start building the Huffy and Friends float, and it will roll right out of Fire Station 18 with the fire truck when the parade rolls at 3:00pm.

If you are interested contact - Tom: (918) 693-3376, or Kristi: (918) 830-4631

## ***Come and Join our 2008 Huffy and Friends Tulsa Christmas Parade Float!***

### **We need help gathering parade supplies & donations of decorations.**

If you help us build and decorate the floats, you are invited to ride with us on them.

We will be building the Huffy and Friends Float the week before – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Parade Date: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The Parade Rolls at 6:00pm to 9:00pm \* **Call Huffy if you want to help! (918) 693-3376**

### ***Have you checked out our web site [www.tfdclowns.com](http://www.tfdclowns.com) lately?***

Thanks to our great web master Debbie Daniels, we have been adding many new things including this newsletter.

- \* Downloadable Safety Materials.
- \* New Clown Members Pictures.
- \* Up-Coming Safety Conferences.
- \* Burn Camp short video.
- \* Burn Camp Applications & pictures.
- \* Links to many of our clown partners.
- \* How to help us - donation information.
- \* Soon we will be adding new safety videos and much more!

Huffy

### ***We have a new Safety Video Production Project in the works.***

We have a new HD video camera with all the latest bells and whistles. Very soon we will have a new MAC computer with the hardware to start producing many different safety topic videos. The goal is to provide free quality safety DVD videos for all the schools, day care centers and headstart facilities in the Tulsa area, and put them on our web site too!

This will give us an on-going never ending way to get our safety messages out there in the community.

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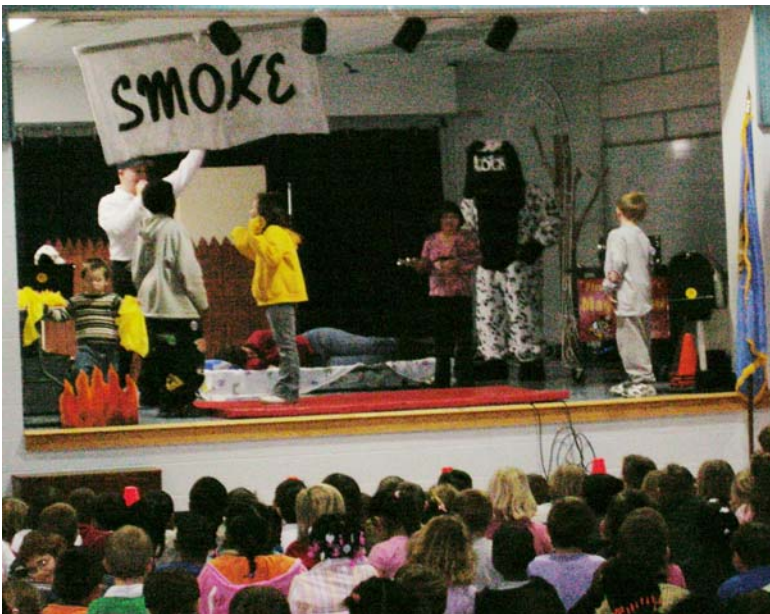
## ***Firefighter Tom's Magic Safety Stage Show Presentations***

Do you know of a school, day care center or headstart center or other child teaching facility that might like to have a Firefighter Tom's Safety Show?

The bigger the audience the better! I try to teach safety to as many children as I can with the hours I have to use for these presentations. If the school is in the City of Tulsa, I can do it on duty. If it is out of the City of Tulsa I will do one event a month on my off duty time or day off work.

Please call me if you have a contact for me...

Huffy



## ***We need Donations & Sponsors***

Do you know someone, a company, or a foundation that might like to donate or sponsor our organization?

Our organization started in 1984.  
We are a 501-c3 non-profit organization.  
100% volunteer organization.  
100% of our funding comes from donations.

We would love to talk to anyone who might be interested in helping us. Our information is also on a donation letter, color brochures, DVD slide shows, and PowerPoint Presentations that we can mail to hopeful sponsors.

Contact Huffy if you know of someone we should contact or meet with. (918) 693-3376



## ***Firefighter Tom is looking for Firefighters to be a Bunkerman.***

Would you like to bunker up at my school safety shows? I have over 50 dates and school shows that you can pick from. You can do one, or as many as you can fit in your schedule. The shows are fun!

Call or e-mail me to sign up.  
Tom Hufford: 918-693-3376, 918-669-6191  
E-mail: [thufford@ci.tulsa.ok.us](mailto:thufford@ci.tulsa.ok.us)



## *A word from Scotty Stokes, Director of our Oklahoma Firefighter's Burn Camp:*

WOW!.....TEN YEARS..... Thank You, to our wonderful sponsors, counselors, and other volunteers we pulled off our tenth annual Oklahoma Firefighter's Burn Camp for Oklahoma area child burn survivors. We made a few changes this year. We extended camp to 5 days and started camp at Dry Gulch USA. In years past we held the first day at an outside facility such as Bells. We had lots of positive feedback from everyone regarding this and the extra day. The executive board works hard year round to make each year a little more special and so far it just keeps getting better and better! I cannot tell you how happy I am with all our volunteers and sponsors. At the top of the list is Dry Gulch USA, The Firefighter's Credit Union, The Gelvin Foundation, both Ann and Jack Zarrow, and Maxine and Henry Zarrow Foundations, Wal-Mart, the Salina Fire Department, Premier Steel, Joseph DeMuyneck, Zebco, Bass Pro Shops, The Harmon Foundation, and many others! I am sorry if someone did not get mentioned here but there are so many different groups involved now that it is hard to mention all of you. To all the Firefighters that help out each year, whether as a volunteer, counselor, boater, fisherman, or working for another firefighter so they can attend **THANK YOU!** Without you (firefighters) this camp would not be the success it is. The Kids love you and the parents trust you will take care of their children while they are away from home. If this were, let's say the John Smith Camp, we would not have near the support we have. Because it is the Oklahoma Firefighters Burn Camp we have a large following and extremely large support group. It is because of you that we can still raise money in these hard times. What can I say, People love firefighters.

Thank You: Scotty Stokes, Camp Director

### *Huffy's new Safety TV Show!*

October 13<sup>th</sup> was my birthday (53) and I got a really cool present!!! - I had a meeting with the Tulsa Public Schools video department, and Tulsa Cable Channel 20. They are going to work with me to do a 30 minute TV show to focus on child safety (sometimes as Huffy and sometimes as Firefighter Tom) that we will film and release once a month (every month) and play all month long each month at different times on Tulsa Cable Channel 20. I will be calling on all our safety partners, clown pals, and mascots to help us for different safety segments. **WAY COOL!**

### *Our Apartment for Burn Victim's Families.*

Our fully furnished apartment for burn victim's families has been going for over 24 years now. It is a place where the families of burn victims can stay close to the Hillcrest Alexander Burn Unit. We offer this apartment at no charge.

It is a heaven sent place to stay when it is needed. It is always needed. It always has a family in it. We partner with the Hillcrest Burn Techs & Nurses, and the Tulsa Area Burn Survivors to help let the families that need it the most.

Huffy

**Thank you Lupe Latimer** For being there for us heart & sole over the last 10 years.

Huffy

***Come and join us on our  
Veteran's Day Parade Float!***

**We need help building the parade float.**

Parade Date: Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Parade Rolls at Noon.

Location: We stage at 411 South Frankfort at the old Fire Department Headquarters and will roll from there.

Float: We will have our 20 foot by 8 foot Huffy and Friends T. F. E. C. Stage Trailer to ride on.

***Come and join us our  
Martin Luther Kind Day  
Parade Float!***

**We need help building the float.**

Date: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Parade Rolls at 10:00am

Staging at: North Point Shopping Center,

Location: North Pine and Cincinnati.

If you help us build it you can ride on it.

Our MLK Parade Contact: Waleen 596-7829

***UPCOMING DATES - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

- **OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>** - BOOHAHA PARADE, 3:00PM - *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.*
- **NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>** - VETERANS DAY PARADE, 12:00 NOON - *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.*
- **DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>** - DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE, 6:00PM - *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.*
- **JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup> 2009** - MARTIN LUTHER KIND DAY PARADE, 10:00PM - *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*
- **FEBRUARY 26, 27, 28, 29, 2009** - SHRINE CIRCUS HUFFY AND FRIENDS SAFETY BOOTH - *VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.*  
We will be there long hours each day for all nine circus performances.



***We have a new Water Safety  
and Burn Camp Boat!***

Our new Pontoon boat was donated by Retired Tulsa Firefighter, Tom Ramsey. It is a 24 foot Misty Harbor boat with a 115 Suzuki outboard motor. We have already used it for our Oklahoma Firefighter's Burn Camp #10 with pirate outfits on ta-boot. We will be planning some Water Safety Events with it next spring. It is very open and when it is on the trailer it is very high off the ground, and can also be used as a portable outside stage if needed, or could be used for emphasizing Water Safety in parades. We have a Water Safety Committee and will be announcing our plans to use the boat in the future.

**Thank you Tom Ramsey!**

Huffy

***Some of our safety education  
networking partnerships:***

Tulsa Public Schools  
The American Red Cross  
Tulsa Safe Kids Coalition  
The Tulsa Fire Department  
The Tulsa Police Department  
The Army Corp of Engineers  
The Tulsa Akdar Shrine Temple  
The Grand River Dam Authority  
The Child Care Resource Center  
The Highway Patrol, Lake Patrol  
The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary  
The National Fire Protections Agency  
Fire Marshal's Association of Oklahoma

***Special thank you to Connie Foster***

For writing, producing, and delivering the thank you letters for our many sponsors and donations. Huffy



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## Our Organization "In a nut shell"

We are a 24 year old 501-c3 Non-profit organization formed by off duty Tulsa Firefighters in 1984. We need your help to keep going because we operate 100% by donations and sponsorship private and corporate.

We are a 100% volunteer organization made up of firefighters from all over Oklahoma along with friends and family members of firefighters.

We have four main goals:

#1. To relay Preventable Injury and Death Safety Education to as many people we can with the volunteers and sponsorship resources that we can generate, and through partnerships with safety organizations like Tulsa Safe Kids, the Tulsa Fire Department, American Red Cross, the Tulsa Police Department, and many others.

#2. We put on Oklahoma's only camp for burn victims called "Oklahoma Firefighter's Burn Camp." 2008 is our 10<sup>th</sup> year for this camp.

#3. We provide an apartment (at no cost) for burn victim's families to stay in while the family member is recovering in the Hillcrest Alexander Burn Center.

#4. We help Fire Departments and other safety agencies locally, and all over the nation, through networking with information about relaying safety education and providing Burn Camps for their communities.



## Organization Flow Chart



### "Huffy and Friends" The Tulsa Firefighter's Educational Clowns

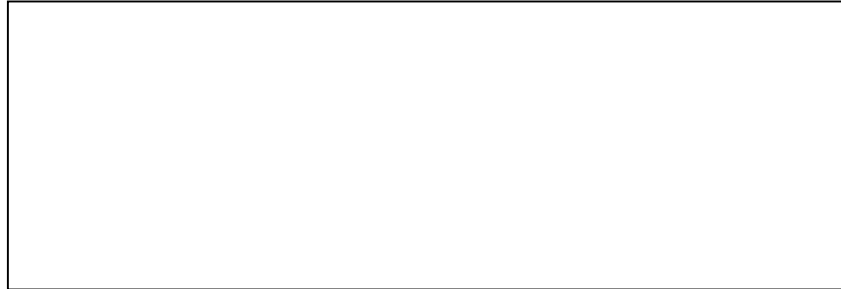
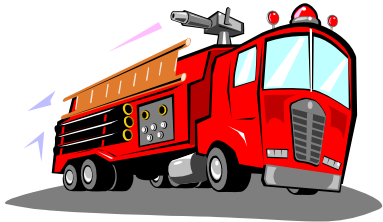
Community Safety Education Media, Safety Booths and Special Events	Oklahoma Firefighter's Burn Camp And Camper Scholarships	Family Assistance for Burn Victim's families, Burn Apartment, network - Tulsa Area Burn Survivors	Networking Partnerships with Safety Groups and Fire Departments
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