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**Police & Fire Commission  
Fire Department Monthly Report  
September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**In the News:**

**9/6/18** Members of the La Crosse Fire Department collected money on the streets of La Crosse or the annual Fill the Boot fundraiser on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

**9/10/18** Congressman Ron Kind honored a La Crosse firefighter for her work in creating an assistance program, part of the Congressman's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Old-Fashioned Corn Roast in West Salem Monday night. Renee Christensen created an aid program for firefighters injured on the job or receiving medical attention. Renee coordinates goods, materials and services to be given to those families.

**9/12/18** The tires of a semi-truck caught fire at about 4 a.m. Wednesday between Exit 3 and Exit 4 on Interstate 90. The fire caused a brief closure of the interstate. The truck, owned by MBM Logistics/TLM Express in Wilton, was carrying flour and sustained minor damage to the rear of the trailer and tires, according to the La Crosse Fire Department. The cause of the fire was likely mechanical failure of the tire or braking components, according to the fire investigators.

**9/18/18** Wisconsin Urban Search and Rescue team tests skills in live training scenarios. Wisconsin Task Force-1 has a total of 74 members, including 15 La Crosse firefighters, who worked together to improve their knowledge. Urban Search and Rescue is a combination of specialty services that are trained for confined space, technical rescue, rope rescue, boat operations, swift water operations, and structural collapse.

**9/22/18** People in La Crosse could meet the firefighters who keep them safe during the La Crosse Fire Department Open House on Saturday at Station 3, across from Central High School. Visitors could get a closer look at the station and its equipment during the event and also get more fire safety tips from experts.

**Personnel:**

Captain Jim Hillcoat, Firefighters Cody Allen, Tyler Petit and Brandon Scharmer have all been assigned to the Firefighter Paramedic Program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fire Chief Ken Gilliam



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### Activity/Performance Summary

#### September 2018

Performance Measures	Aug-18	Aug-17	Difference
September Incidents	604	607	-1%
September Fire Prevention Activities	453	378	20%
September Call Processing Time	1:31	1:32	-1%
September Turnout Time	1:48	1:50	-2%
September Travel Time	4:28	4:17	4%
September 90th Percentile Total Response Time <sup>1</sup>	6:52	6:22	8%
September Percent Achievement of Response Goal <sup>2</sup>	85%	90%	-6%
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Difference</b>
YTD Incidents	5,040	4,832	4%
YTD Fire Prevention Activities	3,978	3,543	12%
YTD Call Processing Time	1:21	1:21	0%
YTD Turnout Time	2:00	1:54	5%
YTD Travel Time	4:34	4:29	2%
YTD 90th Percentile Total Response Time <sup>1</sup>	7:01	6:41	5%
YTD Percent Achievement of Response Goal <sup>2</sup>	85%	88%	-4%

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> 90th percentile response is a measure of quality and reliability; only 10% of the responses will exceed this time. Priority responses are included when calculating response times.

<sup>2</sup> The total response time goal is to respond to 90% of all calls for service within 6:20 or less. This number reflects the percentage of time we achieve this total response time goal.



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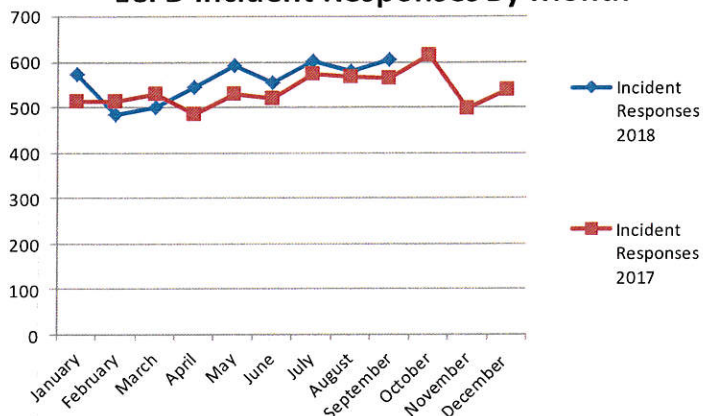


## LCFD Statistical Analysis

September 2018

LCFD Incident Responses	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Total	5040	4801
Percent Change	1.05%	

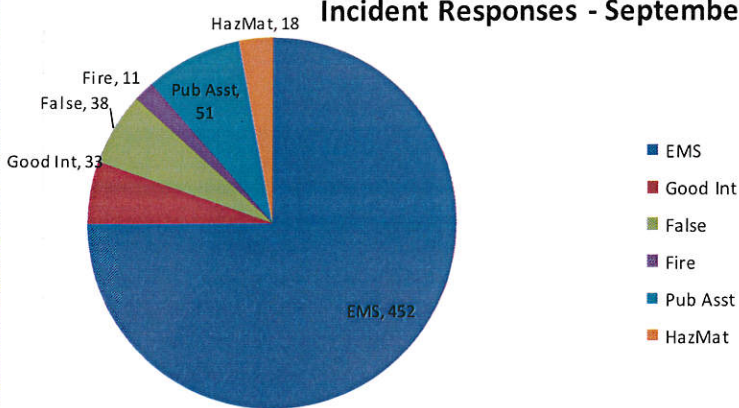
### LCFD Incident Responses By Month



### 2018 September Response By Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	452
Good Int	33
False	38
Fire	11
Pub Asst	51
HazMat	18
Other	1
September Total	604

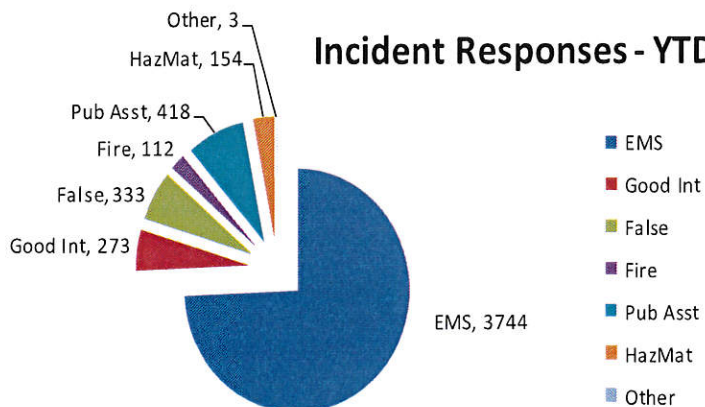
### Incident Responses - September



### 2018 YTD Response By Incident Type

Incident Type	Incident Responses
EMS	3744
Good Int	273
False	333
Fire	112
Pub Asst	418
HazMat	154
Other	3
Rupt/Exp	3
YTD Total	5040

### Incident Responses - YTD





Division of Fire Prevention & Building Safety

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**Police & Fire Commission  
Fire Prevention & Building Safety  
September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Monthly Stats:**

Inspections.....448  
Violations.....165  
Corrections.....55  
Referrals.....0

Complaints.....1  
Citations.....0  
Permit Fee Totals.....\$74,175.19  
Building OTCs.....265

**Fires Investigated:** None.

**Monthly Activities:**

Fire Prevention in Schools:  
September 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

Festival and Tent Inspections:

9/07 Gundersen Health System Parking Lot, 9/07 Myrick Park, 9/13 Oktoberfest Grounds  
9/24 Kane Street Community Garden

Sprinkler System Installation:

9/4 Menards Corporation 223 Lang Dr, passed

The IAAI-CFI (Certified Fire Investigator) is a certification granted through the IAAI (International Association of Arson Investigators). This Pro-Board certification takes approximately five or more years to obtain and requires extensive training and classroom activities showing extensive proficiency in the job of fire investigations. A candidate must complete 150 certified points as designated by the IAAI, including at least five courtroom testimonies, or the completion of a grueling weeklong courtroom testimony course. An extensive proctored examination of 150 questions covering six professional publications is taken by the candidate after their application is submitted and accepted by the IAAI-Board. Assistant Chief Snyder passed the Pro-Board exam on September 25<sup>th</sup>, and is the second IAAI-CFI in the history of the La Crosse Fire Department (first being Captain Kyle Soden). Assistant Chief Snyder and Captain Soden are two of 44 IAAI-CFI's in the State of Wisconsin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Snyder  
Assistant Chief of Fire  
Prevention & Building Safety

Kyle Soden  
Captain of  
Inspection

Steve Cash  
Lieutenant of  
Inspection



Office of the Division Chief Frank G. Devine

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### Police & Fire Commission Training Report September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Training Events

Fire Ground Operations  
EMS  
Extrication  
Technical Rescue  
Water Rescue  
Haz Mat  
Apparatus Operations  
Recruit Academy  
Tactical EMS  
Management / Officers  
Fire Prevention / Public Education

Total Training Hours for August	2,869.5
Number of LCFD Staff Attending	93
Average Training Hours per Staff	31

Respectfully Submitted,

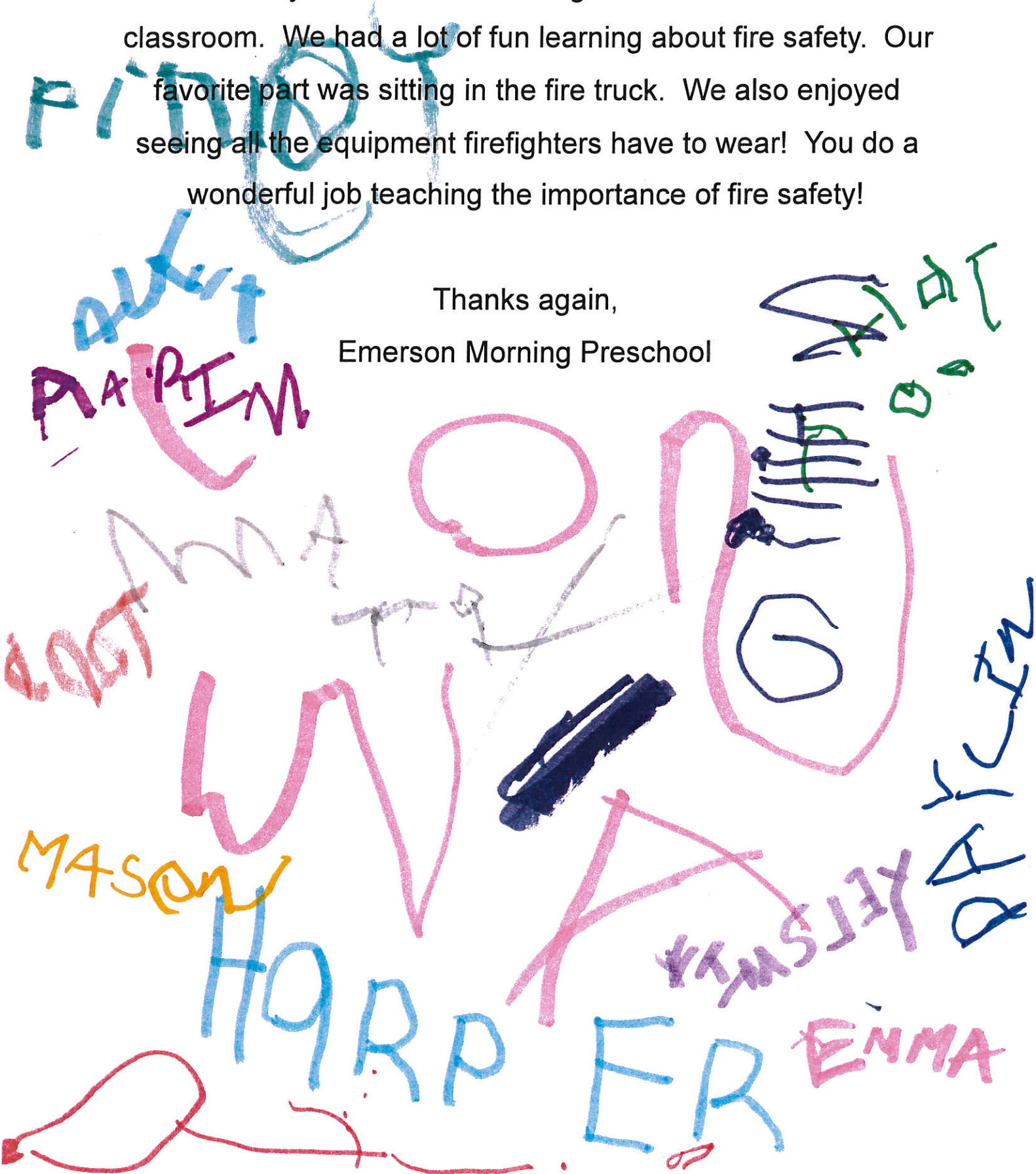
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frank G. Devine".

Frank Devine  
Division Chief of Training  
La Crosse Fire Department

Dear La Crosse Fire Department,

Thank you so much for taking the time to come visit our classroom. We had a lot of fun learning about fire safety. Our favorite part was sitting in the fire truck. We also enjoyed seeing all the equipment firefighters have to wear! You do a wonderful job teaching the importance of fire safety!

Thanks again,  
Emerson Morning Preschool



9/14/2018

Town of Medary Family Fun Day Committee  
N3393 Smith Valley Rd.  
La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear Medary Family Fun Day Sponsor,

Thank you so much for your support of the Town of Medary Family Fun Day. Thanks to local sponsors like you, we were able to exceed our goal for this year's event, serving over 185 meals and fundraising over \$5,400.00. The funds raised will go right back into serving the needs of the township.

Our local families were able to enjoy free children's games, music, pony rides, see tow trucks in action, a visit by the City of La Crosse Fire Department, and more. The memories made among our community members helps to build and strengthen our relationships.

The Medary Family Fun Day Committee would not be able host such an exciting event without the generous support of our caring community. We appreciate your generous donation and look forward to your ongoing support in the future.

Thank you kindly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve Elsen".

**Steve Elsen**  
Special Event Chairperson  
The Medary Family Fun Day Committee

**From:** Schuh, Rich E  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 2, 2018 11:09 AM  
**To:** Stein, Kent A <[KAStein@gundersenhealth.org](mailto:KAStein@gundersenhealth.org)>  
**Subject:** Saturday Oktoberfest

Kent,

During the Oktoberfest parade this past Saturday we (unit 301) were parked outside La Crosse Fire Station #2.

My partner and I were approached by La Crosse Fire Department staff and invited into their home. We accepted and can not express enough how well we were treated. They allowed my partner and I to sit down with them and have a traditional Oktoberfest meal. I appreciated their hospitality and professionalism towards fellow public servants.

This is what it is all about, working together and respecting one another. It was truly an enjoyable few hours and I thank each and every Firefighter that day who treated us so kindly.

If possible, could you pass this along to their leadership? I would like them to be aware of how appreciative I was that day.

Thanks,

Rich Schuh TSA Paramedic



# Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association

POWER AND PASSION... SAVING LIVES

CHERI L. OLSON, MD  
Chapter Leader, Seven Rivers SCAA

Dear Hero,

I know you hate being called a Hero...but to many in our community whose lives you touch every day, that is just what you are! To the families and victims and survivors of cardiac arrest the work you do is so valued; and we want to support and honor this sentiment! I am writing to invite you, someone identified as participating in a successful resuscitation, to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Heroes and Survivors put on by the 7 Rivers Chapter of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association. This one-of-a-kind activity is planned for **Friday, October 12, from 6 pm to 9 pm at All Star Lanes Banquet Hall in La Crosse, WI.**

The Annual Celebration has become an anticipated event in the tristate area and is the only activity that connects and supports emergency response personnel with the people whose lives they have saved. The Seven Rivers SCAA is the only area organization to regularly track and support emergency response by lay people, first responders, family, friends, and emergency personnel. At the event, we also share a brief update on our mission and our activities, present awards to area businesses and other organizations which are excelling in emergency preparedness, and enjoy excellent food and companionship. We'd love to have you come and share our special evening, greet the other area honorees, and meet any survivors who can attend.

This year we have exciting information about new initiatives in our community and state that will continue to support and encourage active preparedness in cardiac and other emergencies.

We would love to support your attendance at our event by providing you with two admissions to our event. If you have questions AND/OR are able to attend, please contact Tom Carpenter at [TACarpenPgundersenhealth.org](mailto:TACarpenPgundersenhealth.org).

Thank you for helping save lives in the Coulee Region!

Cheri L. Olson, MD, Survivor cardiac arrest  
President, 7 Rivers Chapter, SCAA

**From:** Carpenter, Tom A [<mailto:TACarpen@gundersenhealth.org>]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 11:52 AM

**To:** Ghinazzi, Jon; Gilliam, Ken

**Subject:** Invites for this year's SCAA hero's and survivor banquet, Please pass on to your crew members

Name	Organization	Save #
Polhamus, Sam	LaX FD	3
Knudson, Tim	LaX FD	3
Deflorian, Josh	LaX FD	3
Scheel, Ryan	LaX FD	3
Rushton, Ryan	LaX FD	4
Nickelatti, Anthony	LaX FD	4
Beyer, Todd	LaX FD	4
Petit, Tyler	LaX FD	4
Duchrow, Dave	LaX FD	9
Flisram, Wade	LaX FD	9
Placek, Richard	LaX FD	9
Brunoni, Richard	LaX FD	9
Formonek, Andrew	LaX FD	9
Schott, Jeff	LaX FD	10
Zurawski, Isaac	LaX FD	10
Statz, Erin	LaX FD	10
Hundt, Blake	LaX FD	10
Hillcoat, Jimmy	LaX FD	13
Deflorian, Josh	LaX FD	13
Petit, Tyler	LaX FD	13
Anderson, Clayton	LaX FD	13
Placek, Richard	LaX FD	13
Dumez, Kyle	LaX FD	13
Foley, Adam	LaX FD	16
Gritt, Brandon	LaX FD	16
Hanson, Mark	LaX FD	16
Mahner, Chase	LaX FD	16
Zurawski, Isaac	LaX FD	16
Allen, Cory	LaX FD	17
Herbold, Jason	LaX FD	17
Hutson, Adam	LaX FD	17
Hillcoat, Jimmy	LaX FD	17
Foley, Adam	LaX FD	18
Hanson, Mark	LaX FD	18
Griffith, Thomas	LaX FD	18

Dickow, Steve	LaX FD	18
Lincoln, Jacob	LaX FD	18
Elsen, Brian	LaX FD	20
Miller, Matt	LaX FD	20
Stange, Thomas	LaX FD	20
Xiong, Bee	LaX FD	20
Hoerres, Tyler	LaX FD	20
Hanson, Mark	LaX FD	21
Formonek, Andrew	LaX FD	21
Kochie, Jon	LaX FD	21
Christensen, Renee	LaX FD	21
George, Travis	LaX FD	21

Listed above are the Firefighters that were involved with Code saves from August first 2017 to August 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. They may all attend the banquet free of charge ( for two people, themselves and a significant other) Everyone is invited of course even if not on the list.

Hope to see you all there.

Thanks,  
Carp