

2018 INDY FIREFIGHTER CALENDAR

12 Shades of Fire - Volume 1





Why purchase the 2018 Indy Firefighter Calendar?



With this purchase, you will help us to have a direct positive impact on the youth in the community and be proactive in saving lives.

The Saint Florian Center (SFC) was formed in 1992 by Indianapolis Fire fighters (named after the patron saint of firefighters) and we truly thank everyone involved in making the 2018 Indy Firefighters Calendar a huge success which will benefit youth ages 6 – 17. Imagine for a moment that as a child everyone in your life tells you that you are a failure, never wanted you in the first place & a mistake and will never be anything. Imagine being homeless and living out of a car never knowing what the next hour, day, or week holds for you. Imagine being in school labeled a discipline problem but the truth is you cause distractions because you cannot read or comprehend the lessons in front of you. Imagine being that 12-year-old little girl ironing clothes and making dinner for your four younger siblings because her parents are on drugs and cannot take care of the family. Imagine having a brilliant mind but because of the zip code you live in you spend your day surviving instead of developing the educational tools that lead to success because the opportunities are not available to you. Finally, imagine spending the summer sitting on your porch steps, being bored, and experiencing a crippling brain drain. The items listed above and more are why firefighters created SFC to be a proactive force in the community.

Our Mission:

to provide at-risk Indianapolis youth an opportunity to foster leadership skills, develop problem solving methods, and survival tactics through a variety of programming and opportunities in the community in order to create leaders of tomorrow.

Our Vision:

is to empower youth to become leaders through didactic and experiential activities.

Our Philosophy:

is to help create a new mindset where young people learn that despite their challenges and disappointments they should "Do Something Positive - Be Someone Positive - Have Something Positive".

Our Clients:

most of our youth (ages 6- 17 from all races) are from a single female (or grandparent) head of household (living below the poverty line).

The Saint Florian Center is celebrating the 25th year of operation and has influenced over 25,000 youth leaders from around Indy. SFC Firefighters instill hope and confidence for today and tomorrow. We develop core values like honesty, good character, respect, responsibility, and time management. We improve communication, teambuilding, and analytical thinking skills. We prevent summer brain drain with hands on experiences (in leadership, science, business, philanthropy, etc.). We provide After-school homework assistance, tutoring, and drug/violence prevention training. We challenge youth through our "Readers Are Leaders" program to read and comprehend the information for pleasure. The Firefighters collaborate with organizations to host a Rites of Passage program in area schools, community centers, and churches. All of our programs work tirelessly to provide new opportunities to expand the cadet's personal growth through the year. One of our signature programs is to provide youth employment opportunities & college access training for High School students. **The SFC Leadership Program was featured in TIME Magazine.**

You are critical to our continued success. When you purchase a calendar, you will help us to have a direct positive impact on the youth in the community and be proactive in saving lives. If you would like to put a smile on a young person's face, reduce violence in the community, motivate failing students to become honor roll students, inspire someone to continue their education beyond High School, or help to make dreams come true...**then please purchase a calendar.** Thank you in advance for your support and for more information, visit www.saintfloriancenter.com.

Battalion Chief Anthony P. Williamson Co-Founder & SFC Executive Director

Indianapolis Black Firefighters Association "Christmas at the Firehouse"

The Indianapolis Black Firefighters Association (IBFA), is a non-profit organization that created and host the Annual "**Christmas at the Firehouse**" on the **Friday before Christmas**. This project reaches families that are not served by other agencies in the community. The focus is to ensure that each family member, particularly the children, experience a joyous holiday season. The families are referred by firefighters that encounter families in crisis due to fires, and catastrophic conditions. Other families are referred by community development centers, churches, and multiple community agencies. The recipients are representative of all races, colors, creeds, and nationalities. The program has been in existence for over twenty (20) years and has historically been funded by individual firefighters, private, and corporate donations. The Indianapolis Black Firefighters Association provides toys, bikes, gifts, clothing, and food items to families that otherwise would not have a Christmas for their children without our assistance. Firefighter Corey Arnold & Trasey Graham are the event chairpersons. A portion of the calendar proceeds will support "Christmas at the Firehouse".

Firefighters Local 416 "Clothe A Child"

Local 416 Firefighters select special needs families to meet at the Union Hall on a Saturday morning, eat breakfast with the firefighters, and board two buses with an escort to a local shopping mall. Firefighters and volunteers adopt a family for the day and help them purchase shoes, socks, underwear, pants, shirts, coats, and other clothing items which would be impossible without firefighter assistance. Upon our return to the Union hall Santa Claus is waiting to hear what the kids want for Christmas. He concludes the incredible day with a candy cane and toy for every child. A portion of the calendar proceeds will support "Clothe A Child".

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