



**NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

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**SHELBY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
*Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris will recognize past and present fire department employees and their families for their service to the residents of Shelby County.*

**WHO:** Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris and Shelby County Fire Chief Alvin Benson  
**WHAT:** Shelby County Fire Department 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
**WHEN:** 1:30 p.m., Sunday, June 5, 2022  
**WHERE:** Shelby County Fire Department Headquarters, 1075 Mullins Station Road, Memphis, TN, 38134

**Shelby County, TN** – On Sunday, June 5, the Shelby County Fire Department will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to Shelby County with an outdoor celebration for retirees, current employees, family, and friends. The Shelby County Fire Department was established in the summer of 1972 with 23 men. Today, the agency has a staff of over 250 men and women. The department operates firefighting equipment and ambulances from 13 fire stations and covers more than 400 square miles of the county. The Shelby County Fire Department answers more than 19,000 calls each year to more than 50,000 homes and over 130,000 residents.

**Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris:** “Over the last 50 years, the Shelby County Fire Department has evolved with the times to serve our residents’ needs. My administration has invested over \$30 million in critical resources, new fire trucks, planned station construction, and more fire and medical personnel. This investment in public safety allows our fire department to reduce emergency response times for residents in need. We appreciate the time, commitment, and bravery of everyone within our fire department and look forward to celebrating their decades of service.”