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- The **Finance Committee** has sent the 2009-2010 budget to **BOMA**. I am proud of the work of all staff who have participated in the budget process. During these difficult economic times our citizens rely even more on our services and our ability to maintain basic services. It was important for me and our leadership team to **avoid layoffs** this year and maintain our insurance and pension benefits to employees and I'm happy to say we have achieved that. For a look at the entire budget go to <http://www.franklntn.gov/pdf/2009-10%20Budget%20Proposed%2005%2018%202009.pdf> If you'd like to look at my power point presentation to the Finance Committee go to our main page under latest news and click on "view the Finance committee presentation."
- The skies parted and the sun came out for approximately 1,000 attendees to enjoy our 2nd annual **Touch-a-Truck** event at **Pinkerton Park**. Thanks to all our Employees who participated and honored our public works employees. **The Franklin Public Works Employees: Everyday Heroes** video is now running on **Cable Channel 10** and is online at http://www.franklntn.gov/administration/cable_channel_10.html
- The **Franklin Police Department** was proud to host the **United States Police Canine Association Competition**. Twenty-nine police officer/canine teams from Tennessee and Indiana competed this past Thursday and Friday at Franklin's Fieldstone Park. **Sgt. Aaron Compton**, who supervises the Department's K9 Unit, along with **Officer Charlie Richards** collectively, won 14 of the 28 possible awards for this year's competition. You can read more about them and see their photo in the upcoming City Insider newsletter coming out next week.
- The **Franklin Fire Department** captured a feature article in this month's On Scene newsletter from the **International Association of Fire Chiefs**. The article spoke about the Franklin Fire Department's program on reaching out to Latinos about smoke detectors. The department worked with local **Latino activist Cecilia Meloromie**, to provide Spanish announcements, bilingual volunteers and written forms

translated to Spanish. **The FFD installed more than 600 smoke detectors during the course of the program.**

- More good news for the **Fire Team**, an audit by the **Tennessee Commission on Firefighting and Personnel Standards** of 2008's in-service records was favorable. The team was highly commended for a job well done.
- Remember **Monday** is **Memorial Day** and a **City holiday**, offices will be closed. Have a safe and enjoyable time with family and friends.

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