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- Recently a “tired” American flag flying at the northwest corner of the square needed to be replaced. **Streets Director Joe York** got on the job and contacted **U.S. Representative Marsha Blackburn’s office** who kindly provided a replacement. This replacement was not any ordinary flag. The new **flag of the United States of America** flying over the square in Franklin **also flew over the United States Capitol on June 11, 2009**. Great job Joe and the Congressman’s office in meeting this need with a very special flag. Now you can amaze your friends and neighbors with this bit of patriotic trivia at your Fourth of July cook-out!
- In more Streets Department news, **an OSHA Confined Space** training course was held at the Eastern Flank battlefield in Franklin June 9<sup>th</sup> thru June 11<sup>th</sup>. The following Street Department employees completed this course: **James Crafton, Jeremy Poteete, Scott Bryant, David Maxwell, Doug Pratt, Billy Joe Morton, George Chadwell, Joey McCandless, Don Terry, Ralph Jacklin, and Michael Alderson**. Great job learning more about how to do the job safely and effectively.
- And our third and final Street update for the week . . . Senior Traffic Signal Technician **William Fox** and Traffic Signal Technician **Michael Hamm of our Streets Department** traveled to Oak Ridge TN on June 10<sup>th</sup> for **International Municipal Signal Association (IMSA) certification**. William completed course requirements for **IMSA Traffic Signal Level III**, and **Michael** completed course requirements for **IMSA Traffic Signal Level II** certification. Congratulations on the attainment of these new certifications!
- **Three new Franklin Police Officers** were sworn in last week, following 16-weeks of instruction at our Police and Fire Training Center. **Officers Adam Cohen, Tami Stephenson, and Abdullah Willis** all came to Franklin with prior police experience; Cohen from Indiana University Police, Stephenson from Nashville Police, and Willis from Jackson Police. ([Click here to see the release](#))
- As part of a new pilot training program, Franklin’s three newest **Emergency Telecommunicators, Michael Fay, Erin McEvers, and Jeanne Shadaram**, are in the midst of a 5-week classroom training session, all before answering a single phone or radio call. The training covers a broad range of topics, including the **State’s mandated 40-hour basic telecommunicator curriculum**. Instructors teaching our newest 911 professionals include seasoned dispatch professionals as well as police officers, firefighters, and outside guests. I will get to visit the group later this morning.
- You may have seen it on the news or in the paper, but our new **electric car** received **statewide news coverage** from Memphis to Knoxville and everywhere in between. Our traffic officer

Russell Morriss says he's really been causing a lot of head turns and hand waves as he drives by. The purchase of the electric car is part of the City's efforts to "go green" under the City's Alternative Fuel and Energy Plan and the Community's Sustainable Task force Action Plan. **We hope this shows citizens the city can lead the way in going green!** For more go to this link <http://www.franklintn.gov/pdf/Electric%20Car.pdf>.

- This Sunday at **Jim Warren Park** the 3rd annual **Alex LeVasseur Memorial Festival** will take place from 2:00pm to 9:00pm. Miley Cyrus was a surprise guest last year and we experienced several comments from neighbors about the noise. We are working with the organizers this year to contain the noise, but are expecting big crowds and possibly more "surprise" artists. We estimate about 2,800 people may attend.

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