

KFA Scholarship Prints



As you may or may not be aware your KFA has a scholarship program for firefighters who choose to further their education. This program is funded solely through the sales of the KFA prints pictured above. The KFA commissioned renowned fire service artist Chas Fagan to produce a series of four prints depicting four different eras in Kentucky's Fire Service history. There were 3,500 signed and numbered prints made of each of the 4 eras. That is a total of 14,000 prints. They sell for a total of \$110.80 (with tax) per set of four. The intent was to sell all the prints and put all the money into a CD type investment that would allow us to use the interest off the print sales to fund our scholarship program. If we would have sold all 3,500 sets we would be looking at almost 400,000 in the escrow account which would have allowed us to fund several full scholarships for a long time in the future.

Several unfortunate things has happened:

1. We have only sold about 1/3 of the print sets.
2. Interest rates went from around 6% when we began the project to about 2% now.
3. The cost of tuition has tripled from the time we began the project back in the early nineteen nineties.

Where do we go from here? The KFA Executive board met at State Fire School and had to make some tough decisions. The scholarship committee had some very worthwhile scholarship candidates to approve scholarships for but the board was in a quandary. At the present rate the funds are being depleted by current scholarship recipients the fund will be depleted in just a few years. What do we do? What can you do?

The Executive Board is looking into other funding sources to help provide scholarship funding. In the mean time if you or your department has not purchased a set of KFA prints to display beautifully in your fire house or county court house why haven't you? If your regional association has not purchased a set as a raffle item or a door prize at your regional fire school why not? This is OUR SCHOLARSHIP for OUR CHILDREN why haven't we supported it. Do we want this project to end so soon? If we try we can finish this great work. By your set of prints TODAY. They are on the KFA website at www.kyfa.org. Go online and buy your set today!!!