



Smoke Signals II

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Counting the Cost of 2001

By Woody Will

The figures are in on 2001 and in the cost of firefighters lives to say "it was the most devastating in history" is a gross understatement. Line-of-Duty deaths as reported by the US Fire Administration totaled 441. 343 of those deaths were at the World Trade Center and 98 around the rest of the country. If you remove the WTC event we still killed way too many brave heroes "just guys/girls doing their jobs" in the line of duty. The events of 9-11 still have most responders looking over their shoulders to see what will happen next.

If there is a bright side of 2001 it will be that the US Congress and State Congresses across this Nation are beginning to take a closer look at the needs of emergency responders. Now more than ever in recent history people are beginning to listen when we speak of responder safety, minimum manning, safer vehicles and personal protective equipment. The cost in equipment alone that New York lost at the WTC event was staggering. Their isn't one family devastated by this event that would not give a million times the amount of money lost just to get a loved one back. But that's the thing isn't it. Once you've lost someone they are gone and no matter how much you would like to change what has happened you can't. So what can you do? What can you say? The courage these brave people have displayed speaks volumes. Are we going to let this opportunity for positive change slip by? Are we going to sit idle until the events of 9-11 are out of the minds of those who represent us without making them aware of changes that will make our jobs both easier and safer? If we do has any good come from all this death? It is time to say **HELL NO!! I will not let my brother and sister firefighters die for nothing!! I will stay informed of what is going on both in Frankfort and Washington. I will visit the KFA Web Page and other sources of legislative update information each day and take an active roll in the defense of the fire service. I will get involved and I will make things get better!!! And that is why 2002 will be better than BLACK 2001**

(The picture and some information for this article was gleaned from an article on Firehouse.com where you can get a much more detailed report on the fire service events of 2001.)



AP Photo/Louis Lanzano

Firefighters carry a flag-draped body from the debris field of the World Trade Center disaster site, as recovery efforts continue, Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, in New

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National Fire Academy VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM



The Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) is an intensive 6-day educational opportunity designed specifically for the volunteer fire service officer. With VIP, the Academy has compressed 2 weeks of course work into 6 days and tailored it to the special needs of the volunteer fire officer, while maintaining content, quality, and integrity. Students have the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and information with colleagues from across the country.

VIP Pilot Optional Admissions Opportunity

The U. S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA) is pleased to announce an optional admissions opportunity for the Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP). In response to requests from participants in the VIP to include municipal and/or government partners in NFA training programs, we are initiating an admissions option to give special consideration to volunteer officers who include an application to attend the same course/class session for their elected officials, i.e., city managers, elected board members, town/borough council members, village selectmen, township supervisors, or other allied professionals who are not fire service members. We will implement this procedure with the FY01 delivery cycle.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE CHANGES

Your local fire chief may now approve your participation in a VIP course delivery. It is no longer necessary for you to forward your application to your State Fire Training Agency.

Courses

Challenges for Local Training Officers, Command & Control, Community Education Leadership, Emmer. Response to Terrorism Incident Management, Emmer. Response to Terrorism Advanced Tactical Consequence Management, Fire Cause Determination for CO, Fire Service Planning, Haz. Mat. Incident Management, Leadership & Administration.

For More Information

Contact your area State Fire/Rescue Training Coordinator or you may want to visit the National Fire Academy Web Site at:

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa>

FIRE COMMISSION

Walter J. Lage
Division Director
State Fire Commission

Mark Your Calendar

If you haven't done so already, Mark Your Calendar for the 73rd annual State Fire School, to be held June 3-5, 2002 in Lexington. Nearly 30 classes for fire and rescue personnel are being planned. Classes include hands-on training in firefighting, SCBA, rescue operations, hazardous materials, vehicle extrication, sprinkler systems, pump operations and more. Plan now on joining the nearly 800 emergency service personnel that attended the 2001 Fire School.

General Information:

Sunday, June 2

Registration – 1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Grand Opening of Fire School Exhibits – 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, June 3

Registration – 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Courses meet - 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Exhibits Open – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4

Courses Meet – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exhibits Open – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Barbecue Dinner – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5

Courses Meet – 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Hotels: Make you reservations now! Contact the hotel of your choice and mention the **Kentucky Fire School** in order to receive the special rate.

Holiday Inn North – (859) 233-0512

Four Points Sheraton – (859) 259-1311

Registration information will be mailed to all fire departments in March 2002.

The Fire Commission has negotiated a price contract for the purchase of thermal imaging cameras. The cameras can be purchased for \$8,995.00. Every Fire Chief should have received ordering and purchasing information.

For those that participate in the incentive program,

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please remember that in order to receive your incentive funds in a timely manner, your request should be in the Fire Commission office by the 5th of each month.

If you are applying for a low interest loan from the Fire Commission, the Loan Committee strongly recommends that you do not commit any funds (down payment) towards any purchase prior to your loan being reviewed and approved by the Loan Committee. A decision on your part to commit funds to a project prior to loan approval will not impact the decision of the Loan Committee. All loan application information must be received in the Fire Commission office by the 10th day of the month preceding the month of the Fire Commission meeting. Fire Commission meetings are normally held in even numbered months.

Please remember that training records were due by December 31, 2001. If you have not submitted year 2001 training records it could jeopardize your eligibility for state-aid. The Fire Commission strongly recommends that as a minimum, training records be submitted monthly.

On a personal note: I would like to thank Chief Steve Burton and all of the members of the South Dixie Fire Department for their generosity and hospitality shown to my family and me during their recent awards dinner. Thank-you.

Please remember that the Fire Commission has moved to Lexington. Any correspondence should be sent to the Lexington office and not the Fire Marshall's office in Frankfort.

Our address is:
2750 Research Park Drive- Barn Annex
P.O. Box 14092
Lexington, Kentucky 40512-4092
Our telephone numbers are:
1-800-782-6823
Fax – 859-246-3484

Web page address –
www.kctcs.net/kyfirecommission

To enter training hours via the internet –
<http://kyfiretraining.kctcs.net>

Kentucky Firefighters Association

Mentoring Program

Proposal by Chief J. William Martin
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At the 2000 KFA conference I proposed that a new program be set up within the KFA to encourage active member departments of the KFA to mentor a smaller non-member department within their region for a one-year period of time. As we enter 2002 this is an excellent time for this idea to gain strength and move on. The KFA officers for over twenty years have *worked, discussed, cussed, argued, and rehashed* the fact that out of a total of 850 some fire departments in the Commonwealth of Kentucky only 450 are annual dues paying members to the KFA. For many of us, that have been active in the KFA for many years, this is extremely hard to understand. We, as KFA members, constantly look at the value that we receive from the KFA through things that the KFA has helped the fire service in Kentucky achieve. Examples are;

- ❑ Our Smoke Signals Newsletter,
- ❑ Our increased funding in state aid,
- ❑ Our continued State Funded Workers compensation program,
- ❑ Our grant money for regional training centers,
- ❑ Our low interest loan program for equipment purchases and many other programs.

Many reasons exist for departments not joining the KFA including, lack of funding (even though the dues amount is much less than the KFA got them in return when their state aid increased), or a lack of trust, lack of information, lack of consistent departmental administration and finally in some cases the individual department may have been disappointed or disillusioned by the Kentucky Firefighters Association at some time in the past. The bottom line is that we as members need to show those departments that these things just aren't good reasons for not being a KFA member.

Therefore I propose that you as members provide input into what you feel we can do through the implementation of a departmental mentoring program within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The following are a few things that I believe we can do.

Mentoring Program Goal: To increase membership and involvement in the Kentucky Firefighter's As-

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sociation by 50 departments annually by teaming up active member departments in the KFA with non-member departments within their own region of the state. Assist the departments by supporting them for one year in the following ways:

1. Encourage them to become active in the KFA by paying their dues for them for 1 year.
2. During this same year attend an organizational meeting of the department to provide insight into the benefits of membership in the KFA.
3. Assist the department in developing a funding plan, assisting with their departmental training or inviting members of their department to attend the mentor department's training to give them examples of classes that can be offered.
4. Provide networking information including telephone numbers of persons within the state, region or area that can assist the department when needed.
5. Provide a possible outlet for used equipment from the mentor department or their neighbors to a smaller department that can use good used equipment.
6. Assist the departments in providing a public relations or public education event within the departments area to increase the public's awareness of what resources their department has available.
7. And the list could go on and on.

What do the mentor departments receive in return?

First and foremost the feeling that they are helping someone,

That they are making someone else's community a little safer by helping that department.

Mentor departments would be recognized by the KFA as Mentor Departments at the annual KFA conference and their chief or delegates recognized as someone that is doing their part to support the KFA,

Provide a certificate suitable for framing within both departments that the "Smithville Fire Department is assisting and supporting the Zaneville Fire Department by being a mentor for them"

This is just an idea and as always it would require a very little amount of time by someone on your department. If you look you probably already have a contact on a small department that could use your assistance. Please help support this program by letting any KFA

Vice-President or director know what you think about this program. Also provide information of other things that can be done to get the program off on the right foot. If you would like, please contact me at the information listed on the previous page.

Representative Robert Damron proposes 9-11 as Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel Day

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relating to a day to honor firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

WHEREAS, in the Commonwealth there are over 3,500 professional firefighters and 18,000 volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, every day each firefighter is prepared to face injury and even death to prevent injury to property and persons; and

WHEREAS, in the Commonwealth there are over 10,000 Emergency Medical Technicians, 3,500 first responders, and 2000 paramedics; and

WHEREAS, each of these emergency medical personnel have dedicated many hours in the pursuit of bringing comfort and healing to the sick and injured, often in disregard of their personal safety; and

WHEREAS, the horrible events occurring on September 11, 2001, referred to as 9-11, have acted as a lens bringing into focus on a national level the dedication and desire of service that these individuals provide in the smallest of communities as well as the largest cities; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. This honorable body does hereby proclaim every September 11th as Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and urges the

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Commonwealth's citizens to reflect this day upon the service and sacrifice these individuals provide.

Section 2. The first annual commemoration of Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel Day in the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be September 11, 2002.

Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to transmit one copy each of this Resolution to: David Lee Manley, State Fire Marshal, Division of Fire Prevention, 1047 U.S. 127 South, Suite #1, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; Mark Bailey, Chair, Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services, 275 East Main Street HS1E-F, Frankfort, Kentucky 40621; William S. Carver, President, Kentucky Firefighters Association, 1845 Loop Drive, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101; and Bobby A. Thacker, President, Kentucky Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, 4408 Brownhurst Way, Louisville, Kentucky 40241.

REGIONAL EMBERS

Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Troy Newcomb, President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky" and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. We hope that everyone had a safe, joyous and a wonderful holiday season. The entire membership of the JPFA and SFRT Area 1 would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a happy and prosperous New Year during 2002.

There is a down side to the end of the holiday season. The winter months are upon us and we all must get back to work and get back in the swing of things. And sometimes that is very hard to do. But on the bright side, if you are lucky enough to be involved in emergency services, in the State of Kentucky, then this time of year can be very exciting and eventful. Beginning with the convening of the General Assembly on January 8,

2002 and continuing throughout the new year there are so many events to attend and so many activities to get involved in that we know there will not be a minute to spare. There will be local and regional schools to attend, numerous conventions, the State Fire School in Lexington, the KFA conference in Bowling Green and too many meetings to mention. If you have not gotten back in the swing of things this year then you had better get in gear. You have got a full month of just planning your schedule ahead of you.

As you are reading this edition of the Smoke Signals the General Assembly will have been in session for some time. Gerald Stewart and Sylvan Smith will be leading the charge in Frankfort for the KFA and the Kentucky Firefighters. Numerous other personnel will be attending the session to lend their support but Gerald and Smitty will be there on a daily basis. And they will need all of the help and support that we can provide. The hype has been in the media for months. Everyone from the Governor, down to the most junior legislator has been bemoaning the fact that State money is short; the budget will have to be cut; we are in a recession; doom and gloom. So, what is new? The fact is that there is tax money available in the State of Kentucky. And someone, some organization, some special interest group or some entity is going to receive part of this money. I propose that the KFA and the Kentucky Firefighters be on the short list to receive our share.

Herein lies the problem. No one in State government is going to give anybody, anything unless they get something in return. That is a fact of life and that is politics. What most politicians want more than anything else is **VOTES**, so that they may be reelected. We can provide the votes. There are not enough emergency service personnel in Kentucky to provide the required votes. However, all of these personnel, plus their families, their friends and all of the citizens that we have influence over, across the state, could provide the required votes. There is a big "**IF**" though. First and foremost we in emergency services must get involved and find out what is going on in the State. Secondly, we must put aside our petty differences and present a united front across the entire state. It is so easy to sit back, do nothing and then become incensed when something does not go our way. We must all take responsibility for our actions or a lack there of. Gerald and Smitty will be in Frankfort everyday fighting for us. It would behoove all of us to make ourselves, our departments and our fel-

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low personnel aware of what is going on and support their efforts to the maximum. Stay tuned to the KFA Web site www.kyfa.org for timely updates concerning the session. Ensure that all personnel in your area are made aware of what is happening and enlist their input and support. We need to encourage everyone to get involved and do something to help ourselves. If we can spread unfounded rumors across the State in one or two days then why can't we spread information, concerning the session, the same way? Remember that "the squeaking wheel gets the grease" Lets all talk politics during the 2002 session. You might just be surprised what we could accomplish.

The 2002 dues notices for the JPFA have been sent out and all organizations are reminded that the dues are payable upon receipt of this notice. Missy has advised that no other notice will be sent. Please pay your dues for 2002 promptly. We need your help and your support in this endeavor. Support the JPFA by checking with your Fire Chief to ensure that your department's dues have been paid.

The JPFA quarterly general membership meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, February 5, 2002 at the Viola Fire Department. Chief Mike Powers and the men and women of the department are anxious to show off their new station house. Mark this date on your calendar and make plans now to attend. During the meeting we will be voting on a resolution to increase our general membership meeting from four per year to six per year. We need your input on this resolution.

The **JPFA SPRING SCHOOL** will be conducted on **MARCH 23 & 24, 2002** in Paducah, Kentucky. The school is co-sponsored by the JPFA, SFRT Area 1, and the WKEMT Association. The line up of classes for this school is incredible. Mark your calendars now and plan on being in attendance. You will not want to miss this one!

And last but not least remember to pray for America and wave that American flag!

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Paul S. Billings

Pennyrile Fire and Rescue Association

Red Howton, President

The Pennyrile Fire and Rescue Assoc. met for the first time in 2002 on Jan 2, at Grand Lakes Station #2. I would like to thank them for the great meeting place and the outstanding meal. Thanks for a job well done. We had a great meeting with a good attendance. One thing that you don't see often at an area meeting is the Presidents from three area associations together at the same meeting working together for the betterment of fire training for everyone. Troy Newcomb-Jackson Purchase, Ed Schmidt-Green River and myself were all there working to get better training for everyone.

As far as business went we had a report from our school committee on our school that we will have in October. Everything seems to be progressing well, everyone will be receiving a dues notice along with a list of classes that we are considering for the Oct. School we ask that everyone take time to pay your dues and let us know which classes that you would like to have. We also ask that every department that can purchase an ad in the program for the school.

Chief Francis from Princeton gave us an update on the progress of the new training center. It looks like we won't be able to use it for the school this year but it may be close to completion by then.

I would like to congratulate Carla Hill for being one of the new firefighters for the city of Hopkinsville. Way to go Carla.

Our next meeting will be held in Cerulean on April 3rd at 6:30 p.m.. I urge everyone to come out and support your association. With your support we can only improve. With better training comes safer fire fighting and rescues.

BE SAFE

Red Howton

President

Pennyrile Fire and Rescue Association

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Dixie Firefighters Association

Robbie Blanford, President

As we begin this new year it is my hope and prayer we will not have to experience the tragedy, destruction, and needless death of last year, but hold onto the love of freedom and patriotism that was sparked a new, born out of trial and tribulation. May God bless the emergency workers!

As March draws closer so does the Dixie Fire School. We have an even greater line up of class this year than we did last. Our budget for instructors through KCTCS is about half what it was last year but it is our intent to deliver the same quality school you have come to expect. The brochures were put in the mail January 16, 2002. If you do not have yours by now please call 270-766-5238. We will get one in the mail to you. The line up of classes for this years school include:

1. EMT First Responder Continuing Education 2 day class Sat & Sun
2. Haz. Mat. Awareness & Operations Update 1 day class repeated both days
3. Scene Safety (safety around helicopters LZ) Friday night only 2 hours
4. PEPP (Pre-hospital care for children) 2 day class Sat & Sun
5. EMT – B KY & National Registry 16 of the 24 mandatory hours training 2 day class Sat & Sun.
6. NFPA 1670 Technical Rescue Awareness Level 3 day class Fri from 6 – 10 Sat & Sun 20 hours credit.
7. Vehicle Extrication 2 day class Sat & Sun
8. Rural & Urban Agriculture Response (Farm Rescue) 2 day class Sat & Sun
9. Terrorism 2 day class Sat & Sun
10. Hard to get hours to include ropes knots & hitches, forcible entry, fire alarm communications, sprinkler systems, special response, fire inspections, public fire education. This class is in two-hour blocks. Take whatever part you would like.
11. Firefighter Survival & Rescue 2 day class Sat & Sun
12. Leadership I Strategies for Company Success 2 day class Sat & Sun
13. Fire Control I – This class will fight fire utilizing burn trailers, burn building, flashover Trailer, car fire, and dumpster fire. 2 day class Sat & Sun
14. Ventilation Level I – This class will experience ventilation up close and personal. This is a 8 hour class repeated Sat and Sun.

15. Fire Fighter Testing – This is not a class it is a Fire Commission Certified test. Firefighter I test will be held on Saturday. Firefighter II Test will be held on Sunday. To register contact the Kentucky Fire Commission 800-782-6823.

16. Chaplain Class 2 day class Sat & Sun

17. Special Responses 2 day class Sat & Sun

18. Basic 16 Hour Boot Camp – This 2 day class is for new firefighters to get the basic 16 hour training recommended by the Kentucky Fire Commission new firefighters should get before going to a fire scene.

For more detail or to get a fire school brochure call 270-766-5238.

The new round of Fire Grant Program funds will soon be available. As I understand it you will be allowed to apply on-line. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program; Final Rule, will be published in the Federal Register by the end of January. The Final Rule is the program description that outlines every aspect from categories of awards to who is eligible and what paperwork must be submitted. When published, the program will have its guidelines. The application period will run March 1-31.

The program last year did not include emergency medical services in any of the categories available for grants. But this year, EMS, which operates through a fire department, will be eligible under guidelines established in meetings with the fire services.

Again this year FEMA will be holding a Teleconference Training, Emergency Education Network for a broadcast, with live call-in, on grant writing. If you will remember last year the Dixie hosted the teleconference in Elizabethtown at the Hardin County Extension Office. Woody will be working on that again this year. It is believed the workshop Teleconference will be held in February. Tapes of the show will also be available.

We are also working on hosting one of the live workshops for our region.

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and will have a better 2002. Remember safety is JOB ONE, conservation of life and property is job two.

Robbie Blanford

President Dixie Firefighters Association.

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Jefferson County Fire Service

Jefferson County Fire Service has “tree-mendous” success with two community Christmas projects

Jefferson County Fire Service, in partnership with WAVE TV 3, Lowe’s Home Improvement Stores, and Louisville Fire and Rescue, kicked off the **2nd Annual Tree Safety Campaign** Thanksgiving Weekend. JCFS Fire Inspector’s Association distributed Christmas Tree Safety Tip Cards to county-wide Christmas Tree sales locations. The cards contained 7 key safety tips for caring for a fresh Christmas tree and also offered a coupon for savings on a First Alert Smoke Detector from Lowe’s. The safety tip cards were handed out with trees sold during the holiday season. Louisville Fire & Rescue handed out tags at tree sale lots in the City of Louisville.

Public awareness for the tags and the safety tips was supported by a Live News story on WAVE TV 3 which demonstrated a Live Tree Burn in a home during WAVE’s 5 and 6 PM Newscasts. WAVE also aired promotional announcements throughout the month of December encouraging the public to look for the tags when they purchased a fresh tree or to request a “tree tip” tag directly from WAVE or a local Fire Department.



There were more toys under trees this season thanks to Jefferson County Fire Service’s efforts in the **2001 Toy Team** project. **Toy Team** is a holiday project of Volunteers of America and WLKY News Channel 32. The toy collection campaign, which also kicked-off on Thanksgiving weekend, was supported by 3 weeks of promotional announcements on Channel 32 encouraging the community

to donate new toys. Jefferson County Fire Stations, along with Louisville Fire & Rescue city stations, served as designated collection drop-off locations. The week prior to Christmas, Jefferson County Fire Fighters and City Fire Fighters delivered the collected toys to Volunteers for America for distribution. The toys were then distributed at a “Toy Party” for homeless families. Toys were given to over 400 children.

For additional information on the “**Tree Safety Campaign**” or the “**2001 Toy Team**” contact Lynn Nichols, Jefferson County Fire Service, e mail jcfs_pr@yahoo.com or phone 502/267/9003.

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

Hello from Northern Kentucky. Hope everyone’s New Year has started on a positive note. Northern KY has elected new officers for 2002. Before we list our new officers, we would like to thank Ken Elliott, Newport Fire Dept. for his fine leadership the past two years. New officers are President Bill Birkle - Petersburg & Bellevue McVill Fire Dept., Vice President Joe “Fireman Joe” Stanbush - Edgewood, Point Pleasant, Erlanger Fire Departments, Secretary John Daly - Bellevue Fire Dept. and Treasurer Bud Lederer - Alexandria Fire Dept.

Northern Kentucky will hold the Annual Banquet on January 26, 2002. This banquet recognizes firefighters and EMS personnel for service above and beyond during the year. It is a small thank you for paid and volunteer members.

Eastern Campbell, Silver Grove and Camp Springs merger was approved and will now form the Campbell County Fire District #1. Bellevue and Dayton merger was approved by both cities and will form a new district that we here will be known as FDBD.

New elections and appointments: Carl Biery was appointed Captain on the Wilder Fire Dept. The Ft. Mitchell squad gets a new chief and assistant. The city council appointed Jeffery Jackson to Chief EMS and Aaron Terry as Assistant Chief. Bromley Fire

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re-elects Don Weaver to another 3 year term as Chief. Ludlow fire re-elected Terry Bandy for two more years.

Remember to support our legislative people in Frankfort during the session. If they call on us for letter writing or phone calls or email, we need to support their call.

Reporter,

Terry Keller

Campbell County Firefighters Educational Association

The organization officers for the year 2002 of the Campbell County Firefighters Educational Association were installed on Thursday evening, January 10, 2002. The swearing in ceremony took place at the monthly meeting which was held at the Campbell County Fire District #5 headquarters in Alexandria. The officers are as follows: Chief Ken Schaub, CCFD #5, Alexandria, President; Chief Jim Profitt, Wilder, Vice President; incumbent Captain Steve Oldendick, Southern Campbell, Secretary; incumbent Mark Schroder, Central Campbell Fire District, Treasurer; and Past President Ken Elliott of Newport/Southgate becomes the association's trustee. The officers were sworn in by Campbell County Commissioner Dave Otto, representing Judge Executive Steve Pendry.

Be Safe! Hope you have a great year.

Bluegrass Emergency Services Association

Steve Kennedy, President

The new officers for 2002 of BESA is President Steve Kennedy, 1st Vice-President Bobby Burnett, and 2nd Vice-President Gary Keys. President Kennedy has started a membership drive to increase the membership of the association during the coming year. BESA is putting together a scholarship fund to assist firefighters or family members pursuing a college education.

During the coming year the association is considering going to quarterly meetings. This will be decided at the next meeting. We will continue our mini-regional schools this coming year and a schedule will be in the next Smoke Signal.

Steve Kennedy, President



Hazard ID HID 14

NIOSH has issued a Hazard ID alert entitled "Fire Fighter Deaths from Tanker Truck Rollovers". The publication # 2002-111. The document states "Incidents involving motor vehicles account for approx. 20% of US fire fighter deaths each year; cases involving tankers are the most prevalent of these motor vehicle incidents. During 1977 - 1999, 73 deaths occurred in 63 crashes involving tankers. Of those death, 54 occurred in 49 crashes in which tankers rolled over (no collision), and 8 occurred in 6 crashes in which the tankers left the road (no collision). The other cases involved collision with another vehicle (10 deaths in 7 crashes) and collision with stationary objects (1 death)".

The article goes on to state that part of the problem may be that drivers are not aware of the difference between driving a passenger vehicle with a fraction of the weight and a tanker weighing several tons. It also identified the lack of vehicle inspections and baffling as contributing factors. The document states two case studies and gives these recommendations to all driver:

1. Recognize you are responsible for the safe operation of the vehicle under all conditions.
2. Wear seat belt when operating a vehicle.
3. Take drivers training that meets NFPA requirements.
4. Take refresher driver training at least twice per year.
5. Understand the capabilities- limitation of your vehicle.
6. Be aware of the potential for unpredictable driving by the public.
7. Adjust speed when driving on wet or icy roads, in darkness or fog, or under other conditions that make emergency vehicle operations especially hazardous.

For more information on this or other safety NIOSH related information you can contact them at 1-800-35-NIOSH or look them up on their web site at www.cdc.gov/niosh/firehome.html.

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Southeastern Firefighters Association

To all Brothers & Sisters,

As we have recently begun a new year in our careers, the events of 2001 will never be far removed from our hearts and minds. While we lost many fellow brothers and sisters in New York, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania, we must not forget the rest of the country and the other departments that were rocked by tragedies where they also lost fellow firefighters, police officers, EMS & rescue personnel.

While our thoughts and prayers were many from this area of Kentucky, we knew that our lives and careers must continue on. As we approached the time for our annual firefighters hall of fame parade we wondered what we could do to honor all fellow brothers and sisters. It was not difficult to turn our parade into a memorial tribute. While the title of the parade did not change (Celebration 2001), we decided to dedicate the entire hall of fame weekend in memory of the many that had perished. I would like to thank the many repeat departments that participated again, but would really like to thank the new departments that made the trip this year (Georgetown FD, Scott County FD, Parkers Mills FD & Lancaster FD). For the rest of the state, it is still not too late to be a part of Kentucky history because you have plenty of time to plan for this year's parade which will be on November 2, 2002 beginning at 12:30pm. Several new ideas for the weekend are in the planning stages and more information will come out later about these items. So put this date down on your calendar and plan to attend this year. If you are worried that it is not fun to come, contact these new departments and ask the firefighters what they think of our celebration. As a note, for the next several years, the parade will always be known as "Celebration" because that is what we do every year. We celebrate who we are and why we do our professions. Be safe this year and say hello when you see me at EKU Rescue School in April, or State Fire School in Lex in June.

If any other area would like to start a hall of fame, contact me and I will help you get started.

Steve Myers, ED

Southeastern Kentucky

Firefighters Hall of Fame

For more information early: (606) 364-3382

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Chaplain's Corner

by Stewart Dawson, Chaplain Lexington FD

"Hey, anybody can be a fire fighter. All you have to do is put the wet stuff on the red stuff." If that is true, what in the world is all this training stuff we are constantly exposed to? We have recruit training, red books, fire schools, company training, department training. WE got the Fire Commission, NFPA, IFSTA, National Fire Academy, all the _kfa's..... and on and on we could go.. That's a lot of stuff for something as simple as firefighting, isn't it? Well the truth is we all know that there is just a little more to firefighting than putting the wet stuff on the red stuff. And so we do the training. We constantly studying to better ourselves and to keep up with the many changes that come our way in our service as fire fighters. We love our profession and want to be the very best that we can be. And I will have to say that I believe we are doing a pretty good job. I am proud to call myself a Kentucky Fire Fighter.

Now you that read my articles, know I am going somewhere with this don't you - so here we go. What about personal relationships. There is so much more than just "putting the wet stuff on the red stuff" Whether it is a relationship with a coworker, with a spouse, an infant, or a monster (teenager), or whom-ever - it can get complicated at times can't it. Have you ever made the statement, "Women (Men) you can't live with them and you can't live without them."

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Sometimes we may feel that way about any type of relationship. Well we can't avoid them unless we move to an uninhabited island somewhere. Now let me ask you, what kind of training program do you have for your relationships? None you say! Well no wonder you have such a tough time. I hate to break the bad news but it is probably not a case of "you're alright and the world is all wrong." We need good relationship skills to survive in this world.

Are relationships important to you? Then develop a training program. Of course my main concern for you is your family relationships. I spend so much time trying to help families repair broken relationships. That's hard work. There is so much available to help you. To help you be productive in your relationships. There are radio programs you can listen to as you drive to work. There are limitless number of books available and some even on cassette tape for you non-readers. There are videos and conferences available. Why not start a training



program for your relationships? I can promise you it is worth it. You are just "putting the wet stuff on the red stuff" in your relationships, look out - things may get out of control and then you got your work cut out for you. If you need some help in getting your training program started, give me a call.

May God Bless You,

Chaplain *Stewart Dawson*

Lexington Fire & EMS

859-255-6489

Pub Ed Committee

Joe Stanbush, Chairman

The Holidays are over and I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season and here we are off on another New Year which I trust will bring many good things for all of us. Our Fire and Life Safety Committee of the Kentucky Firefighters Association had a very successful meeting in Lexington hosted by our good

friends from the Lexington Fire Prevention Bureau. A special thanks to Capt Brenda Travis, Capt Steve Bowers and Mark Thompson for being such gracious hosts. My good friend Chief Halloran stopped by to say hello and welcome our members, I am very grateful for Chief Halloran's support but also for the tremendous support we received from all the Fire Chiefs throughout Kentucky.

I was extremely impressed with the delegation of fire service personnel who came to Frankfort to support our concerns on Firework Safety at hearing held there on Thursday Dec 6th. I am convinced we made our presence known and how we feel on this sensitive issue. I have appointed Capt Steve Bowers of the Lexington Fire Dept to represent our concerns on this matter and he represented us well at that hearing.

I was also very impressed with the showing of our brothers and sisters from Jefferson County who made statements and comments at the hearing. I am sure Terry Keller will mention it but I offer my congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Assn for 2002. President Bill Birkle of Petersburg, Belleview-Mcville Fire Depts - Vice President Joe Stambush of Dayton, Edgewood & Point Pleasant Fire Depts - Secretary John Daley of Bellevue Fire Dept and Treasurer Bud Lederer of Alexandria Fire Dept.

We are making plans to attend the Green River Officers School in Owensboro in Feb our Public Education Committee is helping with the Fire Prevention For Small Depts Class which will be held both Sat and Sun. We of course will be helping NFA Instructor Jim Jaracz from Hobart, Indiana with the class and providing our own personnel interest for Fire and Life Safety in Kentucky. I will be available all weekend to anyone who has concerns, questions, suggestions and your needs from the KFA Pub Ed Committee. I of course would be delighted to come to your Assn Meeting and make a presentation on Fire and Life Safety Education.

Remember, winter is here and please help us promote fire and life safety concerns for heating equipment, smoke and carbon monoxide detection equipment, escape plans and other ways to make our communities safe this winter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Owensboro, Stay Safe! God Bless!

Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stanbush

Kentucky Chapter of the IAAI



“The Kentucky Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators needs you as a member! We want to turn around a gradual decline in membership over the last decade. If you don’t like to spend unnecessary extra time on the fire-ground waiting for an investigator to arrive, this may be a chance to help your department by helping us.

The \$10.00 annual dues provide basic funds for Chapter operation. Our intent is to return to at least a quarterly mailing, detailing the “state of the state” of fire investigation in Kentucky. Also, all members want good training to enhance their skills. Chapter members annually instruct or assist with all three sections of the Arson program at the State Fire School; as well as sponsoring or teaching Arson I, and Arson II programs at regional association fire schools. Several recent stand-alone seminars hosted by the Kentucky & Indiana Chapters and by the Louisville Fire Department, were very well received by the attendees.

Good seminars require basic funds to attract the quality of instruction needed to challenge seasoned fire investigators, as well as those new to the discipline.

Your participation in Chapter activities and attendance at the annual meeting in June at the State Fire School would be more important than the dues money. Several past presidents have tried to improve Arson laws in Kentucky and it is time to follow their lead and address changes to improve conviction rates.

2001 – 2002 Chapter President is Captain Glen Phillips, of the Lexington Division of Fire Arson Bureau, and you can call his pager at 1-859-222-3390. I can also be reached at 270-765-2121. We will welcome questions, suggestions, and membership renewals.

Two of our more recent firefighter line-of-duty deaths came as a result of arson, and numerous firefighters risk it all every day at preventable or

intentional fires. A well-trained fire investigator has the power of information to educate the public after an unintentional fire, and the knowledge of cause to assist in a criminal case against an arsonist.

Remember: “Their next fire could be your last!”
Good luck and thanks,
Rusty Todd, Chapter Vice-President 2002

Legislative Update

by Sylvan Smith

Well it’s that time again. The beginning of a new legislative session. Time to once again work on our problem areas and protect what we have. Some sessions we have accomplished great things and some we have barely held on to what we have. You can help! There are two things you can do to help make this a productive legislative session. 1) Make sure your department has paid their dues to KFA. Part of your dues goes to make this legislative session a success. 2) STAY INFORMED!!! We will be posting information on the KFA WebPages as the legislative events take place. You will need to make phone calls to your Representatives/Senators to make sure your interests are represented. You will also need to help me make sure a particular bill will not hurt your department. Contact me I am your voice in Frankfort.

Senate Bill 63 (BR 949) - This bill is sponsored by R. Sanders Jr. it is an act relating to fire protection districts. It seeks to amend KRS 75.040 to provide that a fire protection district may levy either a tax not to exceed \$0.10 per \$100 valuation or a fee not to exceed \$50 per each separate parcel of real estate; provide that contiguous parcels with the same ownership shall be treated as one parcel; amend KRS 75.015 to conform; apply to tax or fees assessed made on or after January 1, 2003. The bill was introduced in the Senate on Jan 8. It was sent to the to Appropriations and Revenue (S) committee on Jan 10. Any fire districts under KRS 75 that this bill will affect please let me know what it will do to your department. The sponsor will not move this bill until he meets with me but we have to show him what this would do to a tax district. I think it would put a lot of the departments out of business. PLEASE MARK THIS ONE AS URGENT. You can E-mail me at ssmith@aol.com. **Please Rush Rush Rush!!!**



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director
Bryant Stiles, Alternate

Congress Approves an Additional \$210 Million in FIRE Grant Funding

Washington, DC - On December 19, House and Senate conferees approved an emergency supplemental spending bill, attached to the FY 2002 Defense Appropriations Bill (H.R. 3338), which includes \$210 million for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This funding is in addition to the \$150 million already approved by Congress and will bring the total amount of funding for next year's program to \$360 million.

Bill Introduced to Assist Volunteer Firefighters with Home Mortgage Rates

WASHINGTON, DC — On November 28, Representatives Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) and Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO) introduced legislation in the House of Representatives to assist volunteer and career firefighters with their home down payments and mortgage rates. H.R. 3358, the Firefighters Affordable Housing Act, would authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may make mortgage assistance payments to volunteer firefighters to lower their federally insured mortgage payments by 2% for their primary residence. In addition, the bill would allow career firefighters to be eligible to make down payments on their homes as low as 1% of the purchase price and not be require them to pay mortgage insurance.

"The recruitment and retention of volunteers remains the number one problem facing America's volunteer fire service," said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. "The NVFC is always looking at ways to address this critical issue, and this legislation would create a strong incentive to encourage the next generation of volunteer firefighters in our country." Volunteers comprise nearly 75% of all firefighters in

the United States. However, the number of Volunteer Firefighters in the United States has declined over 10% since 1983 while the responsibilities of the volunteer fire service and their call volume continue to increase. The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.

ACTION: Contact your Representative Immediately and Ask them to become a cosponsor of H.R. 3358, the Firefighters Affordable Housing Act. If you do not know your Member's telephone number, visit: <http://www.congress.org> or call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Bill Introduced to Authorize Funds for Communities to Buy AEDs

WASHINGTON, DC - On December 12, legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives that will provide resources to communities to ensure that victims of sudden cardiac arrest have the best possible chance of survival. The legislation, the Community Access to Emergency Defibrillation Act of 2001 (H.R. 3462), was introduced by Representatives Lois Capps (D-CA) and John Shimkus (R-IL). The bill authorizes more than \$55 million a year for five years for communities to purchase AEDs and to establish public access to defibrillation programs. These programs will help train and equip first responders; purchase and place AEDs in public places where cardiac arrests are likely to occur; and encourage private companies in the community to also train and equip employers in CPR and emergency defibrillation.

Sudden cardiac arrest kills about 220,000 Americans each year - that's 600 people each day. Cardiac arrest is a condition that occurs when the heart suddenly stops beating normally and can't pump blood through the body. The only treatment for cardiac arrest is to quickly restart the normal pumping of the heart through defibrillation. For every minute that passes without defibrillation, a victims chances of survival decreases 7-10 percent. Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) provide an electric shock that can stop the abnormal heart rhythm, allowing the normal heart rhythm to take over.

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This legislation is identical to legislation (S. 1275) introduced in the Senate by Senators Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Bill Frist (R-TN) in July 2001. The Senate bill was approved by the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee unanimously by voice vote and now awaits consideration by the full Senate.

Key Points in Checking Criminal Histories of EMS Employees and Volunteers

Courtesy of Page, Wolfberg & Wirth, LLC - <http://www.pwwemslaw.com>

1. Get their written authorization. Make sure you get a written authorization from the employee/volunteer outlining their grant of permission to you for conducting the check, the purpose of the check, and a promise not to hold the service liable for use of the information obtained.
2. Check your state laws. Many states have laws regulating the use of such information and how you must go about obtaining it. There may be limitations on the use of the information, and a requirement that the individual be notified if denial of employment is based on any negative information you obtain. Many states also have specific requirements for EMS personnel with criminal records, and an obligation is often on the EMS organization to check the criminal history and not employ persons with certain convictions, or an obligation is placed on the individual EMS provider to report certain convictions to the state or their EMS organization. Also, if you intend to conduct more extensive background investigations of employees, or obtain credit histories (which may be relevant in the case of someone handling company funds) you may be obligated to follow the stricter notice and authorization requirements of the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.
3. Ask for the information directly from the employee/volunteer. You should ask any job applicants or applicants for membership in your service to provide you with information on past convictions. This is best done on the application form, with a verification statement at the end of the form that the responses the person gives are complete and accurate. That way, if they lie about it or give you incomplete information, you are in a better defensive position if you later take an adverse action against the individual because of convictions that show up in a criminal history check that the person did not report on the application. Keep in mind, that in the employment context, you should generally only ask about convictions, and not arrests (remember, one is innocent until proven guilty!) and there may be limitations on how far back you can go in your inquiry, depending on state law. You should always note on the form that any convictions are not necessarily going to preclude the person from membership or employment. In all cases, when you deny employment or membership due to convictions, it should be for things that are relevant to the job, for example, DUI convictions are relevant to operating an emergency vehicle, theft convictions are relevant to the person's honesty and integrity when going into a resident's home and having access to their valuables.
4. Don't have someone start until they are checked out first! It defeats the purpose if you put the person on the truck before you verify that they are a suitable employee. What if they are on the truck for a few weeks, have an accident with the vehicle because the person drove too fast, and the criminal history comes back with a list of moving violations, including reckless driving? Well, if a third party was injured in the vehicle accident, you can bet on a lawsuit for negligent hiring!
5. Keep the information confidential. Make sure you have a designated officer or management person receiving the reports, and that the information is kept secure and accessible only to those with a need to know who will be making the employment/membership decisions. This stuff should also be locked up in secure personnel files. You should also consider having a policy on how you will handle inquiries about such information, particularly reference check requests from other organizations. You want to be honest and up front, but you also don't want to be giving out information about a current or former employee/member unless you have to. There is also a risk of a defamation lawsuit if you give out informa-

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tion or opinions about someone and that information turns out to be false, but truth is a defense in such cases. Your organization should also limit the number of people who are permitted to give out information about current or former members or employees to ensure consistency and minimize legal risk. Now even though you should keep employment information like this confidential, it is best not to give that assurance to the employee or volunteer, as that may raise the expectation of privacy of the information and could subject you to a potential invasion of privacy claim if the information gets out and adversely affects the person. The authorization, disclaimers, and verification statements can often be included at the end of the membership or employment application form to encompass all the areas you need to cover to ensure the maximum legal protection for you and your service.

USFA is Working on Details for FY 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Funding for the FY02 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program has now been increased to a total of \$360 million.

"Given the \$3 billion in requests demonstrated by local fire departments in last year's program, FEMA and the United States Fire Administration are more committed than ever to proceed with this very necessary assistance to local fire departments who as first responders, play such a critical role in America," said R. David Paulison, United States Fire Administrator. "We are diligently planning the approach for the FY 2002 program."

Even though final details are still being determined and will be announced in the next several weeks, it is already known that the application process will primarily be Internet based. While paper applications will continue to be accepted from those

fire departments without Internet access, use of the Internet is highly recommended because of the guidance that is built into that electronic processing system. Also, applicants who utilize the "e-application" process will receive an automatic electronic confirmation that their application has been received once it is submitted.

Eligible activities continued from last year will be Firefighting Equipment, PPE, Training, Fire Prevention, Fitness/Wellness, and Vehicles. In addition, fire-based EMS will be added as an eligible project this year.

Although fire departments will be limited to submitting only one application this year, a new programmatic approach will allow applicants to request funding to address various complimentary and combinations of activities in one of the four distinct functional program areas. Those areas are Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety Programs, Fire Prevention Programs, Emergency Medical Services Programs and a Firefighting Vehicles Program.

Fire service Peer Review Panels will also be a key part of the review process again this year. As such, FEMA will be accepting recommendations from the following organizations for individuals to serve on those Peer Review Panels:

- National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC)
- Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI)
- International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
- International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)
- International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
- International Society of Fire Service Instructors (ISFSI)
- North American Fire Training Directors (NAFTD)
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
- National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM)

"Given the likelihood that the application process will open in early March, fire departments are encouraged to start gathering preliminary information for their application now," said Paulison.

NEW ARRIVALS

Exie Fire Department



This truck was built by Wynn Fire Equipment for Exie Fire Dept. 2001 Frightliner FL70 with 1000 GPM Hale Pump 1200 gal. tank highside compartments.

Ferguson Fire Department



1994 International Tanker built by Wynn Fire Equipment. Sold to Ferguson Fire Department. 1900 gal. tank 400 GPM PTO Pump.

Westknox Fire Department



This is a 2001 F450 4x4 Rescue body with 250 Hale pump, 250 poly tank sold to Westknox Fire Dept. built by the Wynn Fire Equipment.

Sparta Fire Department



1990 International 1900 gal. tank portable pump sold to Sparta Fire Department. Built by Wynn Fire Equipment.

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Barbourville Fire Department



2001 F550 Ford built by Wynn Fire Equipment. The truck went to Barbourville Fire Department.

Buck Head Fire Department



1996 International Tanker built by Wynn Fire Equipment for Buck Head Fire Dept. in NC. 2700 gal. tank 400 gpm PTO pump.

Ft. Thomas Fire Department

Ft. Thomas Fire Department has just taken delivery of a new ladder truck. The truck is a Sutphen 104 foot Quint with a 2000 gpm pump and is powered by a 500 hp Caterpillar engine. The truck replaces a 1974 Howe (Grove) Quint with an 85 ft ladder and a 1000 gpm pump.

Southern Campbell County Fire Department

Chief Jim Bell and the firefighters of the Southern Campbell County Fire Department recently ordered a 2002 American LaFrance Rescue-Pumper. It will be a top mount pump panel style, capable of producing 1500 gallons of water per minute, with a 1000 gallon booster tank. It will be a 6 man raised roof cab. A PTO driven generator will be mounted on the truck to produce 6 Kw of power. There will be an on-board foam system as well. Southern Campbell will be receiving some Halmatro Rescue equipment to go on the rescue-pumper. The truck is scheduled for delivery in November of this year. Info: 2002 American-LaFrance Rescue-Pumper, 1500 gpm top mount pump, 1000gal water, 6 man w/ raised roof cab, PTO driven 6Kw Generator, Halmatro Rescue equipment and On board Foam system.



Union Fire Prot Dist.

Union Fire Prot. Dist. (Boone County) has placed in service two (2) Monroe, Wet-Side, low profile tankers. Units are mounted on Freishtliner FL80 Chassis and have a 2000 gal. tank capacity. These units replace two aging units that were mounted on used chassis with milk tanks. The units were sold by Bob Stark from Fire Apparatus Div. S.D.C. of Louisville.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Emergency Response to Railroad Incidents

Franklin Fire Department is sponsoring an Emergency Response to Railroad Incidents taught by CSX Corporation on Tuesday, February 12, 2002 6-10 pm 401 Macedonia Rd. Franklin, KY in Simpson County and is inviting you to attend.

GREEN RIVER FIREFIGHTERS IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE
2002 OFFICERS SCHOOL
PREPARING TODAY'S LEADERS
FOR TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES
 FEBRUARY 15,16,17, 2002
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IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OFFICERS SCHOOL PLEASE CONTACT:

Registration information and Area 3 / Association office 888-306-8015, Direct Number 270-273-3187, Association Fax Number 270-273-5630, School Chairman Harvey Henderson 270-685-8440, Exhibits Coordinator Rick Cox 270-687-7008, Green River Firefighters Association President Ed Schmidt 270-729-4706, State Fire Rescue Training Area 3 Coordinator Bryant Stiles 270-273-3187

CLASSES

1. GRANT WRITING 101
2. TACTICAL APPROACH TO RESIDENTIAL FIREFIGHTING
3. RECRUITING, TRAINING AND MAINTAINING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS
4. ACCREDITATION SELF ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP
5. ACCREDITATION STANDARDS OF COVER WORKSHOP
6. A CAR CAN KILL YOU AT ZERO MILES PER HOUR AND WHAT'S JUNK IN THE JUNKYARD
7. RESPONSE TO LARGE TRUCK AND BUS INCIDENTS

8. BASIC LIFE SUPPORT AND HAZ-MAT RESPONSE
9. MANAGING IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT
10. FIRE PREVENTION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS IN SMALL DEPARTMENTS
11. FIRE SCENE INVESTIGATIONS, ARE YOU PREPARED?
12. WHERE IS A FIRE CHAPLAIN WHEN YOU NEED ONE?
13. RESPONDING TO AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS IN KENTUCKY
14. INSIGHT INTO THE KY FIRE COMMISSION AND THE KY BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
15. INCIDENT MANAGEMENT, PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS
16. INITIAL OPERATIONS, STRATEGY AND TACTICS FOR COMPANY OFFICERS
17. UNDERSTANDING THE ISO GRADING SYSTEM
18. BUILDING CONSTRUCTION AND ITS EFFECTS ON RESPONSE TO STRUCTURAL FIRES
19. FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER
20. ENHANCING YOUR TRAINING WITH POWERPOINT
21. MANAGING THE FARM RELATED EMERGENCY
22. THE CARGO TANK EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKSHOP

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION is MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH.

PRE-REGISTRATION FEES, BEFORE FEB 11th,
 TWO DAYS \$30.00, ONE DAY \$25.00

REGISTRATION FEES, AFTER FEBRUARY 11th
 TWO DAYS \$35.00 ONE DAY \$30.00

INFORMATION: 270-273-3187

GREEN RIVER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
 P.O. BOX 700, CALHOUN, KENTUCKY 42327

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL REGISTRATIONS, PURCHASE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH PAYMENT TO FOLLOW. FAXES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT 270-273-5630 WITH PAYMENT BEING SENT BY MAIL. NO REFUNDS AFTER FEBRUARY 11TH.

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March 8th, 9th, 10th, 2002

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FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

CLASSES:

- 1 EMT-First Responder Continuing Ed.
- 2 HAZ MAT Awareness & Operations Level Update
- 3 Scene Safety
- 4 PEPP (*Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals*)
- 5 EMT-B KY & National Registry '16 of the 24 Hrs Cont Ed.'
- 6 Technical Rescue Incidents: Awareness Level
- 7 Vehicle Extrication
- 8 Rural & Urban Agriculture Response (*Farm Rescue*)
- 9 Terrorism
- 10 'Hard To Get Hours' (*2 hour blocks*)
- 11 Firefighter Survival / Rescue
- 12 Leadership I: Strategies for Company Success
- 13 Fire Control I
- 14 Ventilation Level I
- 15 Firefighter I and II Testing (This is NOT a class)
- 16 Chaplain Class
- 17 Wildland Fire Suppression
- 18a Special Responses: Met Labs & Carbon Monoxide
- 18b Special Responses: Thermal Imaging for the Fire Service
- 18c Special Responses: Electricity and the Firefighter
- 18d Special Responses: Propane & Natural Gas
- 19 Basic 16 Hour Boot Camp (Jr Firefighters Welcome)
- 20 Putting Your Trng Program Outlines on PowerPoint

Dixie Fire School Pre-registration Fee:
\$25.00 - Dixie Member \$30.00 - Non Member
After Feb. 22, registration is \$30.00 (all persons)

Registration fee includes: class of your choice,
Friday night Symposium, Breakfast & Lunch
Saturday and Sunday, and one Banquet
Ticket for Saturday night.

For more information, please call Woody Will at
270-766-5238.



Firefighter Training ON-THE-WEB

By Woody Will

It has been two years since we put our first classes on-line with the Virtual University (www.kyvu.org). Not everything has gone smoothly. Not everything is perfect. However, we are moving forward. We have had students to sign up for some 200 classes. Some have finished and some are still working on the process. It has been a lot of extra effort to make it work but I have had e-mails from many of the students who have been unable to find training on some of the hard to get hours who have really appreciated the effort.

We are ready now to move to a second stage. By the time this article comes out you will no longer be able to register for a firefighter class via KYVU. We will allow those who have started to finish their work if they do so by May 31, 2002. We will be taking the entire system down then to change platforms. When it comes back up students will need to sign up anew for classes. Our system records will start over and more classes will start to be added. We look forward to serving you in the future to make your job easier. If you have any questions you would like answered about the on-line training program contact woodrow.will@kctcs.net.

Kentucky Firefighters Association Sustaining Members
Please remember these members when you have purchasing needs.

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<p>Bluegrass Fire Equipment John Baker P.O. Box 23174 Lexington, KY 40523 800-526-8393 Fax 859-233-1167</p>	<p>Camp Safety of Louisville David Joels 3707 Bardstown Rd • Suite 7 Louisville, KY 40218 502-479-8005 Fax 502-479-8002</p>	<p>Commonwealth Communication Systems, Inc. Sam Owney 2347 Fortune Court • Suite 101 Lexington, KY 40509 859-293-1675 Fax 859-299-8130</p>
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