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## Fire Prevention Week, 2004



During Fire Prevention Month I had the wonderful opportunity to spend a lot of time with the children of my Fire Department Communities at Bellevue-Dayton, Edgewood and Point Pleasant. The photo I am enclosing is a group of young students from Lincoln Elementary School in Dayton, Kentucky. The children love to come to the Firehouse, they enjoy climbing onto the fire trucks, seeing where the fireman live, hearing our fire safety messages but they enjoy and dearly love the firefighters. Whether you feel comfortable with it or not, the children worship the firefighters, you are truly their hero and from their little mouths come statements like, "When I grow up I am going to be a fireman". I encourage all fire service personnel to be cautious with that image, it is well deserved, but we must make a positive impression on the children and those we come in contact with. Always be good will ambassador for the fire service, after all we do have the greatest job in the world. Take advantage of your image and promote fire and life safety everywhere you go and in whatever you do. Promote the installation and maintenance of Smoke Detectors, home escape planning and help your neighbor by assisting them with a home inspection checklist. Invite the community into the firehouse, let them see first hand the equipment we use and tell them why we need it. After you get them in the firehouse, educate them as to what they can do to promote fire and life safety in their lives. It is very easy to gather support for our needs when the community is aware of why and how this equipment is needed. It doesn't matter how large or small your department is, career or volunteer, central stations to the one engine houses and rescue companies make your facilities available and open to the community. I do hope everyone had a blessed holiday season and wish everyone a peace filled and fruitful 2005 for us all. God Bless! And be Safe!

FIREMAN JOE



### **FEATURED PIC**



A picture of an MVA last October in Christian County Kentucky. The West Side VFD provided medical aid and fire protection for the County Rescue Team, Air Evac, and Christian County EMS, as an entrapped victim was removed from his vehicle.

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This is the Richardsville Vol. Fire Dept district with help from Alvaton and Barren River VFD on Friday Nov. 12. House caught fire by a candle lit in a Styrofoam cup. Occupant received small burn to foot while trying to put fire out. House was overfilled with car parts, miscellaneous things, and gasoline jugs. Entry could not be made ... Several small explosions occurred. Firefighters were on the scene for five hours and it rekindled twice the following two days. This picture was in the Park-City Daily News on Sat. Nov 13.

## VP President's Letter

Greetings, I hope this holiday season finds you all safe and joyous.

It was my distinct privilege to assume office as your third vicepresident this past year. As your VP,

I will work for each and every firefighter of the commonwealth, regardless of status, rank, or location. Please contact me if you have concerns or idea's to enhance the Kentucky fire and emergency service in the future.

The KFA face many great challenges in the future. Enhanced legislative efforts to aid and protect our members and departments are always a priority. Unfortunately, today's climate necessitates a greater effort on our part to just maintain the benefits and resources gained throughout the years. There must be an individual and collective effort on all our parts, to notify not only our legislators, but also our citizens, to the importance of local, state, and national funding and support.

The KFA seems to be nearing a crossroads of our existence. With a history dating back to 1919, the association has weathered every storm that has come our way. Great benefits have been realized by fire departments throughout the Commonwealth, through the efforts of many dedicated and strongwilled individuals. The KFA needs dedicated, ambitious individuals to lead us in the future. Today's firefighters are tomorrow's leaders. Become active in the KFA now! Find out what we are all about. Pass the word.

Not only find out what we the KFA can do for you and your department, but what you can do for the KFA.

#### In closing, I wish to congratulate a couple close friends who recently accepted fire chief positions. Mark Bailey, a statewide advocate and leader in the fire and EMS service assumed command of the Ft. Thomas Fire Department on November 1. Marc Muench, a life-long friend who comes from a distinguished fire department family and son of KFA Hall of Famer Ray A. Muench took control of the Florence Fire Department on December 6. Good luck to you both.

Again, Happy Holidays, and wishing you a safe and prosperous 2005.

Sin cerely,

John Daley, KFA

3rd Vice-President

## Treasurer's Notes

Hope everyone is having a good holiday season. By the time of this printing, we should be well into the Christmas season. Merry Christmas.

Your Executive Board met on October 30, 2004 in Ft. Mitchell. This was a very productive meeting. The contract for the Smoke Signals II and the Web Page were renewed with Melanie Hilliard. You need to email Melanie articles of important events going on in your department. This is one way to let everyone in the state know what is taking place in your area. The contract for a replacement Legislative representative was discussed. On recommendation of Smitty and Gerald, contracts are to be offered to two candidates. The contract for Civic Development was discussed. The E-Board has asked

an attorney to review the proposed contract. Civic Development is requesting to allow another company represent them and continue to pay us. The E-Board is asking for our percentage to be increased.

Department dues are coming in slow. There are about 260 departments that have paid their dues. The budget was based on 400 departments paying dues. Remember to ask at your association meeting if all departments have paid their state dues. Regional directors were mailed a list of departments in their area who have and have not paid. The Executive Board hopes this will help increase membership. 400 departments is only half of the departments in the state. We need to talk to these departments and let them know what the KFA does for

them in Frankfort. How we send Legislative delegates to Frankfort to protect their benefits and try to pass new legislations to make the fire service a better job, and a better place to volunteer.

The next Executive Board meeting will be in February at the Green River Officer School in Owensboro. Stop by and say hi. Let the Board know what is going on in your area. We need your input. Keep your Vice President informed. Until our next meeting, I hope everyone has a happy new year, and it starts the way you plan.

Your Treasurer Terry Keller

# Central KY Firefighters Association & Central KY Firefighters Competition

Spring 2005 will bring new and great things to the Bluegrass Region. The Central KY Firefighters Association and the Central KY Firefighters Competition will team together to provide you with the most intense, hands-on fire school yet by hosting the firefighter competitions, apparatus show, vendor booths and food booths. Instructors from all over Kentucky will bring you top of the line fire & EMS education this weekend.

The Firefighter competition will kick the weekend off starting at 5PM with a BBQ and the competition starting at 6PM. Team and individual competition will take

place with trophies being presented for 1 st – 3rd place.

Don't forget to bring your apparatus. Trophies will be awarded for the following categories: Most Miles Traveled, Most Original Apparatus and Best of Show.

The C.K.F.A. fire school committee has been working hard on the preparations for the 2005 school. If you are looking for a "hands-on" class to "git R done" then join us the last weekend in April 2005. Make plans on getting down & dirty, hot & sweaty, and smoked. You asked for it! We have it!

For questions regarding the fire school call C.K.F.A. President, Chuck Helms @ 502-863-7835. Questions regarding the competition or apparatus show can be answered by calling Vicki Fryman @ 800-444-3473.

"I am always amazed at how these men walk into fires, when the rest of us run from them" -Rudolph Giuliani



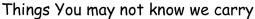




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# Application Procedures Announced for the 2005 Harvard Fire Executive Fellowship Program



"Police, Firefighters and EMS are the most collectively dysfunctional group of people in existence and only we understand each other!" Emmitsburg, MD-Application procedures have been announced for the 2005 Harvard Fire Executive Fellowship Program. The program is once again sponsored through a partnership between the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Department of Homeland Security -Federal Emergency Management Agency -United States Fire Administration (USFA). Each organization will fund the tuition costs of two individuals for a total of eight fellowships.

USFA Administrator R. David Paulison in announcing the 2005 Program said "the need for cooperation between senior executives in fire and emergency services organizations and their state and local level counterparts has never been greater if we are to successfully respond to the many challenges we face. As a former graduate and recipient of the Harvard Fellowship Program in 1995, 1 know this experience provides the opportunity for senior fire executives to participate in a superior quality professional development program." Paulison further stated, "those individuals selected have an opportunity to inform and educate other state and local government participants of the many contemporary emergency services issues and challenges confronting society, including fire service roles in preparing for, responding to, and mitigating terrorism situations."

Eight senior fire executives will be awarded fellowships to attend Harvard's annual "Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government." The 3-week program is conducted on the Harvard campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Selected Fellows will be assigned to attend one of the two session dates: June 12 - July I, 2005, July 10-29, 2005. Applicants must be available to attend either session. Applicants are responsible for travel costs to the final interview process, and if selected also to Cambridge. Housing will be provided at the National Emergency Training Center for the interview process. Fellows are expected to continue their professional contributions to fire and emergency services in light of their State & Local Program experience.

The following criteria and guidelines have been established for the 2005 program:

- Application is open to senior fire executives who have demonstrated significant career accomplishments and have the potential to impact and initiate change. Attainment of a senior position is less important than demonstrated experience in facilitating significant change within a public sector setting.
- Preference may be given to applicants who are graduates of the National Fire Academy's *Executive Fire Officer Program*, although program completion is not a prerequisite. Preference may also be given to applicants who have completed graduate-level degree programs or course work.
- Individuals whose organizations have been represented in the Harvard Fellowship Program during 2002, 2003, or 2004 will not be considered. The program

is available to international participants.

A FEMA General Admission Application (Form 75-5) is required and must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2005. An organizational chart of the applicant's sponsoring organization (with applicant's position highlighted) is required. All applicants must include a resume with their submission. All packages should be forwarded to the following address: Harvard Fellowship Program, U.S. Fire Administration, c/o Ms. Kathleen Carter, 16825 South Seton Ave, Emmitsburg, Maryland, 21727. For questions contact Ms. Carter @ (301) 447-1349 or <u>kath-</u> leen.carter@dhs.gov . Semi-

finalists will be forwarded complete program information and materials for a secondary application process that is essay based.

For more information please refer to the United States Fire Administration/National Fire Academy Web site <u>http://www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-</u> <u>service/nfa/higher-</u> <u>ed/degree\_programs/he3b.shtm</u> or the Harvard University/John F. Kennedy School of Government Senior Executives in State & Local Government website <u>http://www.execprog.com/progr</u> <u>ams.asp?programid=29&displaym</u> <u>ode=view</u>

On March I, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

#### How Is Firefighting The Ultimate Team Sport?

Dictionary.com defines the word "sport" as: "An activity involving physical exertion and skill that is governed by a set of rules or customs and often undertaken competitively." Any firefighter will tell you that firefighting definitely involves physical exertion. Firefighting is one of the most physically demanding jobs in the world. Skill is also a critical factor of the job. The inherent dangers of firefighting require sharp skills to maintain safety. The training process for firefighters never stops. There are rules and customs that govern firefighting operations. Most firefighters know them as "Standard Operating Procedures", or SOP's. These rules and guidelines help ensure that firefighting operations are

done safely and effectively.

Is firefighting competitive? Absolutely! Firefighters compete with flames in an effort to save houses, cars, woodlands, and many other things. Firefighters compete with wrecked cars that are trapping people inside them. If the car doors won't open, we tear them off! Most importantly firefighters compete against the clock. When they're called to a fire they know that with every second that fire grows larger. Every minute the chances of survival decrease for anyone who may be tapped inside. When firefighters respond to medical emergencies, the sooner they begin treatment and get the patient to a hospital, the more likely that patient will survive. Firefighters engage in the most serious competitions there are.

Firefighting epitomizes the phrase "Team Sport". Firefighters don't just work together they live together. They put their lives in each other's hands on a daily basis. In any emergency each firefighter has a job to do. When a firefighter fails to do his job right, the consequences can be deadly serious. Whether it's a fire, a car crash, a medical emergency, or anything else, firefighters must work together in order to get the job done. They do just that, and they do it better than anyone in the world.

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#### General tips for cold-weather safety in the home

- Have all heating appliances furnaces, water heaters and wood stoves checked and serviced yearly by a reliable professional.
- Make sure no flammable materials have been placed near any heating appliance over the summer, when the appliance was not in use.
- Use space heaters with care and inspect electric heaters for damaged cords.
- Make sure there is a working smoke detector on every level of the home. Check the batteries every six months (Daylight Saving Time in April and October are a good rule of thumb) and replace them yearly.
- Develop a home fire escape plan with two exits from every room. Establish a meeting place in a safe location so all family members can be accounted for. Call the fire department from a cordless phone, at a neighbor's home or other safe location. Never re-enter a burning building for any reason. Practice your home escape plan every six months and consider practicing it at night when most home fires occur.
- Consider installing carbon monoxide detectors on every level of the home, near sleeping areas where the audible alarm can be heard. If the alarm goes off, exit the home and call 911.
- Recognize the symptoms of carbon monox-

ide poisoning and exit the home immediately if you suspect the presence of carbon monoxide. Call 911 from a safe location.



# **Contact Us—Submit Your Story**

If you have a story, article or other information that you would like to see published in the Smoke Signals then please send it to the editor. You may reach Melanie at mhilliard@kyfa.org or snail mail at: Melanie Hilliard 287 Frontage Road Campbellsburg, KY 4001 | 502-532-733 |

l look forward to hearing from you.

If you have concerns about an article that has appeared in Smoke Signals then please contact me also. I would rather talk to my fellow firefighters any day.

Thanks for this opportunity.

Melanie Hilliard

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Hundreds of neighborhood citizens turned out to help retired and currently serving firefighters celebrate the 100th year of service for Fire Station #4 - the Vogt Reel House in Lexington Kentucky this past September. The Vogt Reel House was first dedicated September 19, 1904, and has been an active part of protecting downtown Lexington ever since. The Fire Department served hot dogs and hamburgers and all the trimmings, provided live music and festive displays for all to enjoy. Mayor Teresa Isaac officially rededicated the fire house to another 100 years of service, and recognized those who had served there so faithfully. Fire Station #4 is located on Jefferson Street near third street in downtown Lexington.

Submitted By:

Lt. Mark L. Chapman

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# Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association Elections

At the recent Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association meeting held at Ft Mitchell Fire Headquarters last Tuesday Evening November 23rd, the following personnel were elected as officers for 2005;

NORTHERN KENTUCKY FIRE-FIGHTERS

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AT THE ASSOCIATIONS BUSI-NESS MEETING HELD TUES-DAY EVENING AT THE FT MITCHELL FIRE HDQS NO-VEMBER 23RD THE FOLLOW-ING PERSONNEL WERE ELECTED AS OFFICERS OF THE NKFA FOR 2005:

PRES: Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stambush

Edgewood –Point Pleasant-Fire Dept Bellevue-Dayton

VICE PRES: Rick Herzog, Northern Pendleton Fire Dept

SECRETARY: Monica Rath, Southgate Fire Dept

TRESURER: Bud Lederer, Alexandria Fire Dept

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Sylvan Smith, Erlanger Fire Dept – Legislative Rep

Bill Birkle, Past President of Assn

Refer Questions to Joe Stambush, Pres NKFA

Cell: 859-760-2819 or ofc: 283-2798

## NFPA INFOGRAM November 18, 2004

Domestic Terrorism: A Continuing Concern

Since 9/11, the nation's attention has been focused on threats from transnational terrorists.

But within the United States, home-grown terrorists have been steadily planning and executing ambitious attacks in unrelated incidents across the nation according to law enforcement authorities. Federal officials and two organizations monitoring hate groups reported that domestic terrorists range from white supremacists, eco-terrorists, illegal militias, anti-government miscreants, and anti-corporate malcontents. They also include violent anti-abortionists, criminal biker gangs, and ethnic nationalists who envision a separate state for particular minorities.

Recently the FBI announced that acts of vicious sabotage motivated by concern for animals or the environment (i.e., eco-terrorism) was the country's top domestic terrorism threat. Officials from the Southern Poverty Law Center (Montgomery, AL) confirmed that domestic terrorism has "hummed along at quite a steady clip and poses an increasingly serious threat throughout America." Some current examples follow:

Last month, the FBI arrested a man who agents say hated the federal government and was acquiring chemicals and explosives to "blow up" government buildings.

Last month, two men described by the U.S. attorney as domestic terrorists pleaded guilty to dozens of acts of extensive vandalism and arson around the country since 1996.

In May, a Texas man was sentenced to prison for stockpiling enough sodium cyanide to kill everyone inside a 30,000 square-foot building. In May, seven members of an animal rights group were charged with terrorism for committing numerous crimes in multiple states to stop the use of animals for producttesting.

The director of an intelligence unit which tracks hate groups said that "despite the real external threat, communities and their emergency services must plan and prepare for this bitter domestic reality." Therefore, the EMR-ISAC will continue to share information about the "internal threat" in order to promote the critical infrastructure protection of emergency managers and responders nationwide.

#### Protecting Critical Information

Natural disasters have occasionally ruined or destroyed the critical information (e.g., plans, legal documents, and credentials) of communities and their emergency organizations. When these nature events occur and damage vital records, the incident has the potential to partially degrade infrastructure protection because of the close complementary relationship between the two distinct disciplines. For example, the failure to protect critical information can jeopardize the protection of critical infrastructures because critical information if frequently about critical infrastructures.

In this computer age, there is a relatively easy and inexpensive way to protect important documents and information. It can be done using a recordable compact disk (CD-R). Fortunately, most computers have CD-ROM players that are CD-R capable. Therefore, once information is in a digital format, the user simply follows the computer system's directions for burning and copying compact disks (CDs) Saving files to a CD and storing the CD off-site will ensure that the critical information contained on the CD is permanently preserved for future use. The EMR-ISAC encourages all emergency agencies to frequently back-up their critical information for continuity of operations as well as "response-ability" under all circumstances.

#### Preparing the Emergency Medical Service

There is a new online course available designed to assist **Emergency Medical Service** (EMS) personnel to respond more effectively when faced with a Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI). This independent study course, "EMS Operations at Multi-Casualty Incidents" is a 4-hour, web-based course that addresses preparedness planning; management of the incident; safe and efficient triage, treatment, transportation of patients; and the de-escalation of the response. It is not intended to provide detailed steps in the care of patients.

An MCI can occur as a result of many situations, including a transportation crash, the collapse of a building or bleachers, a civil disturbance, a severe weather event, a hazardous material release a terrorist attack, etc. The course includes information on safely and effectively dealing with an MCI resulting from an attack involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive (CBRNE) agents. The course can be found on the U.S. Fire Administration's Virtual Campus at: http://www.training.fema.gov.

# Medical Surge Capacity and Capability Handbook

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently reported that medical and health systems in the nation face the increasing probability of major emergencies or disasters involving human casualties. According to this report, "such events will severely challenge the ability to adequately care for large numbers of patients (surge capacity) with those patients having unusual or highly specialized medical needs (surge capability)."

HHS officials stated that "the first step to address medical surge is using management systems for medical and health response to major emergencies and disasters. along with developing and maintaining preparedness programs." They recommend the Medical Surge Capacity and Capability Handbook, which is based on valid principles of emergency management and the Incident Management System. Medical, health, and emergency management systems may use the handbook's management principles to coordinate incident management and emergency management systems (e.g., EMS, fire, and law enforcement)

The handbook helps promote a common management system for all response operations—public and private that may be involved in major emergencies. Additionally, it will guide a health and medical response development consistent with the new National Incident Management System. The handbook can be viewed at: http://www.hhs.gov/asphep/m scc sept2004.pdf.

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# **Central Kentucky Firefighters Competition 2004**

#### 2004 Competition

1st Place: Elizabethtown 2nd Place: Montgomery County 3rd Place: E.K.U. Fire Safety







#### Central Kentucky Firefighters Competition 2005

Date: Fri. April 29th, 2005 6 PM

**Location:** Scott County Fire Training Center

2200 Cincinnati Pike, Georgetown, KY

#### Team Entry Fee: \$50.00

(Team consists of 4 members)

**Competition is Relay that consists of:** Stair climb w/ hotel pack, Hose Hoist, Forcible Entry, Hose Advance and Victim Rescue

Team Trophies will be awarded for |st, 2nd, and 3rd Place. Individual trophies will also be awarded.

#### Other Interests...

BBQ Supper @ 5 PM KY Dept of Ag—Farm and Home Safety Trailer Lexington Fire Dept. Color Guard Bagpipers Spark the Fire Dog Smokey The Bear Antique Fire Truck Show New Fire Apparatus and Ambulance Displays UK Medical Helicopters & Others Fire & EMS Vendors Door Prizes Raffles KFA Smoke Signals 287 Frontage Road Campbellsburg, KY 40011

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# Kentucky Firefighters Association Membership

Membership in your association is critical to the development of the fire service in this great Commonwealth. Please respond to this form. If you or your department hasn't taken the time to become a member "What are you waiting for?"

Fill out the application below, enclose a check and mail it to:

#### Terry Keller, 237 Ludford Street, Ludlow, KY 41016

**KFA Membership Application** 

Please print clearly and indicate the type of membership by checking the box below

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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□ Department Membership \$75.00

□ Sustaining Membership \$150

□ Personal Membership \$25

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