



Smoke Signals II

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Donations to Mississippi Fire Depts.

by R. Wayne Jordan, SFRT Coordinator

Not only does the fire service come to the aid of others, but they always are willing to help other firefighters or fire departments in a time of need. After seeing the destruction done by Katrina and reading news accounts of the disaster I thought maybe the fire service would also be in need of help. Since I had a pumper that was given to me by North Oldham County Fire Department and it wasn't being used a lot I got permission

through KCTCS to surplus it so I could donate it to a fire department in need of a pumper. At a Bluegrass Emergency Services Association meeting I mentioned what I was going to do. The next thing I knew Middletown FD, Bagdad FD, Shelby County FD, Mt. Washington FD, and Highview FD contacted me and wanted to donate items. Middletown donated hose, nozzles, and SCBA's with spare bottles, Bagdad donated SCBA's and spare bottles, Mt. Washington donated a 1250 gal tanker, plus lights and sirens and a 1986 Ford Ambulance (used as a FD Command Post), and Shelby County FD and Highview FD donated fire gear, gloves, boots and helmets.

Now I had a pumper, tanker, ambulance, fire gear, SCBA's, spare bottles and hose and had to figure out how to get all of this to fire departments in need. I contacted the Mississippi Fire Academy who told me who had been hit the hardest and a number to call. I contacted the Emergency Management people in Jackson County and coordinated delivery.

Jackson County is where the cities of Kiln (home of Brett Favre with the Green Bay Packers), Pass Christian, and Bay St. Louis which had been hit the hardest. This is the area where the eye of the storm came ashore.

They were expecting about a 15 foot water surge instead it was around 35 feet and after the hurricane passed through Jackson County they were hit with over 200 tornado's.

Thanks to the Kentucky Fire Commission to fund Henry Goodrow, Roy Betts, Wayne Hodge and myself to take everything to Mississippi. We arrived on November 11th, 2005 and we could not believe the amount of destruction we were looking at. They had recovered 4 bodies the day we got there, and had been averaging recovering 2 bodies a day since the hurricane hit. We met with the Kiln, MS Fire Chief and he could not believe what all we had brought them. Tears came to his eyes and I thought at first he was going to kiss us. I told him if we were in the same shape I was quite sure they'd be there to help us. With the help of the Emergency Management personnel they distributed everything to the departments in the most dire need. The pumper and tanker went on track the next day in Kiln, MS.

I want to thank Henry, Roy and Wayne for all their help in getting everything to Mississippi. Also, to the above mentioned fire departments for their donations and to KCTCS and the KY Fire Commission for all of their assistance. Yes, the fire service in Kentucky went above and beyond the call in helping the fire service in Mississippi get back on their feet to be able to serve and protect their communities during a very difficult time. But that's what firefighters do best, is to help others during a time of need. Thanks again to everyone for all your help in this endeavor.

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President's Message

Welcome Spring! It is good to see spring just around the corner. Along with spring comes the end of the Legislative Session and Spring Fire Schools have begun.

During the recent session I had the opportunity to travel to Frankfort and see first hand just how hard all of the people work to do what is in the best interest for the firefighters of Kentucky. As you read this, the Legislative Session is winding down to an end. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who worked the Hall of the Capitol. I am not going to try to mention all the names of everyone because I know that I would forget someone. Ronnie Day is going to list the names of these representatives in his letter in this edition of "Smoke Signals II". So, if you run into one of these people who have worked so hard for you be sure and thank them.

State Fire School is just around the corner, along with many other regional schools like the Lake Cumberland Area Firefighters Association to be held in Pulaski County on April 1 & 2. However this year there is a difference in the classes being offered. The State Fire School will be offering some classes that will not be offered at the standard regional schools. This year the Fire School community has teamed up with several organizations to bring a very special school that is going to be held in a new location, which is the downtown Lexington Heritage Hall at Rupp Arena. Several new classes are going to be offered with a selection of very special classes being carried over from the past. This State School promises to be very special offering quality instructors and classes that are not being offered at the regional or department level.

This year the 86th KFA Conference will be held at Lexington Embassy Suites. Registration for the Conference and Hotel are available at www.lcafa.com or www.kyfa.org/. The Conference will begin on Saturday, August 5 with the Olympics; the Memorial Service on Sunday, August 6; and General Business Sessions will be on Monday and Tuesday, August 7 & 8. All of these events will be held at the hotel where all events and meetings are within walking distance of each other. By staying at

the host hotel all registered hotel guests will receive a suite room, a complimentary breakfast every morning (this is a fully cooked to order breakfast) and a "Happy Hour" each afternoon for 2 hours with drinks and appetizers in the lounge. These amenities are provided at no extra cost to hotel guests.

I would like for everyone to take a moment to look at the KFA website www.kyfa.org/ then click on the left side and look at the Committee Members and Chairmen. These people are the backbone of this great organization. I want to thank each and every one of these people for all their hard work and ask that when you see them that you do the same. Keep up the good work!

Allen Johnson
Chief



Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller

There are 340 dues paying departments as of March 1, 2006. There are 6 Sustaining Memberships, and 12 Personal Memberships. Dues have been coming in very slow. If you know of a department or your department has not paid their dues to date, please ask them to get them paid. I asked Woody Will to put the names of some departments on the Web Page, that for some reason I can not locate a good mailing address. If you know the location of these departments please E-Mail a good address to the Treasurer home at TSKeller@insightbb.com.

State Fire School will be held at Rupp Arena/Heritage Hall in Lexington this year. The Fire School Committee along with Homeland Security have put together a very good school. Try to send some of your people to this school. It will be one of the best training sessions in a long time. The E-Board is very pleased with the upcoming school.

Scholarship committee recommended to the E-Board that five scholarships be renewed. Remember these scholarships are paid for with the money raised by the sale of the prints. If you have not purchased a set of prints, and would like to have a set, contact Paul Billings.

Until the next meeting in Lexington, stay safe.

Terry Keller, Treasurer

REGIONAL EMBERS

Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Deb Hartz, President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky" and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. As this article is being written I can look out the window and see the sun shining brightly, the wind is a tad brisk but the temperature is hovering around 70 degrees. It is a beautiful March day here in "Far Western Kentucky" and a wonderful reprieve from the snow, ice and rain that we have enjoyed the past several months. With a March day like this we can be sure that spring is just around the corner and it will be greatly welcomed.

The 2006 edition of the Green River Officers School is now history. I have not seen or heard any details on the number of students that attended this school but there were a "bunch" of firefighters and EMT's in Owensboro, Kentucky for this week end. It never ceases to amaze me the efficient and orderly manner in which this school is conducted. Of course these people have had a lot of practice over the years and they seem to just keep getting better and better. Congratulations to the Green River Firefighters Association, their supporters, their leadership and all of the men and women that worked their butts off to provide the Kentucky Firefighters with this type of quality training and hospitality. The school was undeniably a "class act".

The 2006 Kentucky legislative session ended March 27, 2006. The legislators will be back in Frankfort on April 10TH and the 11TH to act on vetoes by the Governor. Was the 2006 session a success for the Kentucky Firefighters? Maybe YES; Maybe NO. Sometimes it is hard to tell. Oftentimes it takes several sessions and several years to figure that one out. I believe that this is part of our problem in emergency services. We are for the most part action oriented. Something happens; we take care of business and wait on something else to happen. That is just the way we are. Politics does not work that way. You have to play the game and jump through all of the hoops to get anything accomplished. I am afraid that most of the firefighters in the State of Kentucky do not understand that concept. If we ask for more money for training in 2006 we expect to get it in 2006.

In actuality we may not get anything in 2006 or we might get it in 2009, or it may be doled out over several years or we may not get anything at all. And people get disgusted and lose sight of the long term goals. We want it now and it just does not happen that way.

Regardless of the outcome of the 2006 session the Kentucky Firefighters were well represented in Frankfort and the legislators know that we still exist. Gerald Stewart and David Jackson made sure of that on almost a daily basis. There were many others from our group that were in attendance and offered their support. The firefighters of Kentucky are extremely indebted to all of these people. To all of the firefighters across the state that made calls, wrote letters and sent emails to their legislators, give yourself a good pat on the back. It takes a real team effort to accomplish anything worth while.

The Kentucky State Fire School is scheduled for June 8TH - 11TH in Lexington, Kentucky. If the preliminary plans are any indication of what is to come, you will not want to miss this one. Someone at the Green River School said that "State Fire School will be all new in 2006". Boy is that an understatement! The location is new, the format is new, the classes are new, and the list goes on and on. The "New State Fire School" brochures will be in your departments soon. Watch for them and make your reservations early. Information regarding the school will also be available on the KFA web site.

The dates for the 2006 KFA conference in Lexington, Kentucky (August 5TH - 8TH, 2006) gets closer with each passing month. Remember to submit your ads for the conference program book and get your registrations in early. This is another "must do" for your list. Visit the KFA web site for all of the details.

There seems to be a renewed interest surfacing concerning the Firefighter Memorial in Frankfort, Kentucky. And that is a good thing for every firefighter in the state. Chief Possich of the Frankfort FD has agreed to take over as Chairman of the Memorial Committee and we sincerely appreciate his efforts. Watch the KFA web site for information concerning the memorial and learn what you can do to become a part of this effort to remember our fallen firefighters.

The Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association Annual Fire School will be just completed as you are
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reading this article. President Deb Hartz of the Fulton Fire Department and School Chairperson Chief Richard Tapp of the Reidland Farley Fire Department anticipate another great year of firefighter training and fellowship at Kentucky Dam Village State Park. You should have been there!

**REMEMBER 911 – WAVE THAT AMERICAN FLAG – GOD BLESS AMERICA
REPEAT THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –
PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL**

Paul S. Billings



Dixie Firefighters Association

Larry Fore, President

The 2006 Dixie Fire School was held 03-10-06 to 03-12-06. Pre-registrations reached 680 just before deadline for this edition of SMOKE SIGNALS II. Final attendance was projected at 650 to 700 students after late registrations and cancellations were factored in. Our school has become one of the largest in the state in recent years. The list of all those responsible for this success is too long to print here. I would like to mention three people for their contributions. Martin and Pam Bosemer have planned the food service and led the kitchen staff for many years. Dale Dobson has organized and presented the Friday night program for some time. Thanks to these folks for an outstanding job in their respective areas.

Once again, I sadly report the loss of another veteran firefighter from our area. Chief Ronald Hudson of the Leitchfield Fire Department passed away on 02-20-06 and his funeral followed on Sunday, 02-26-06. He joined his department in 1959 and became Fire Chief in 1974 where he remained until his death. Ron was also the Grayson County Coroner for a number of years.

This will be my last opportunity to submit the Dixie newsletter to you. New officers assume their positions at the March meeting. They are: President, Heath Ryan; 1st Vice President, Lu Ann Mink; 2nd Vice President, Chris Crawford; Secretary Nancy Wheeler; Treasurer, Kim Todd; and Sgt. at Arms, Richard Peters.

Before leaving I would like to urge a continued co-operative effort by regional associations, KFA, SFRT, and the Fire Commission to secure additional funds for instructional costs of the regional fire schools. Some of the schools have grown quite large and others will follow. Together we can address this situation and serve all of our firefighters. I have enjoyed serving as President of the Dixie Association and I wish everyone continued safety and success.

Larry Fore

President Dixie Firefighters Association

**NORTHERN KENTUCKY
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Bruce Smith, President

At the January Meeting of the NKFA, Bruce Smith, Erlanger Fire Dept was sworn in as President of the NKFA by Erlanger Mayor Otto along with Vice Pres Greg Buckler (CCFD # 1) Monica Rath, Southgate Fire Dept as Secretary and Bud Lederer, Alexandria FD as Treasurer. We were honored at the meeting to have Eric Johnson of Supporting Hero's make an interesting presentation on their organization and the many ways they support the Police – Fire & EMS of Kentucky and Indiana.

KFA Vice President John Daley was present to report of the status of KFA Conference 2008 hosted by Northern Kentucky. His committee is actively working on making 2008 conference an event to remember.

On February 28th the Newport Fire Dept paid tribute to the outstanding legacy of Fire Chief Larry Atwell on the event of his retirement. An impressive reception was held at the Holy Spirit Hall in Newport, well attended by Firefighters, Politicians, Friends and other emergency service personnel from not just Northern Kentucky but throughout the State and Greater Cincinnati Area. Larry needed a small truck to carry all the awards and gifts he received. They are all well deserved for this dedicated professional who made such a difference to the Newport Fire Dept.

We thank and salute the Green River Firefighters Association for their outstanding School held in Owensboro Feb 24th thru 26th. We offer an invitation to all to come to our Fire School which will be

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held at Northern Kentucky University in May. Contact your local KCTCS Coordinator for a list of classes and activities.

Congratulations to the Fire Dept Bellevue-Dayton Public Education Division for their receipt of a Fire Prevention-Public Education Grant from FEMA awarded this past month. I know past President of the NKFA Joe Stambush is biting at the bullet to spend that money and enhance fire and life safety programs for the cities of Bellevue and Dayton.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank all who attended and sent kind wishes & sentiments on the event of Sylvan Smith's passing. Smitty would have been proud of the magnificent showing of respect for his long service to not only Northern Kentucky but to the fire service in Kentucky.

We invite all to our next meeting of the NKFA hosted by the Airport Fire Dept at their training facility on Tuesday March 28th at 7:30Pm.

Pike County Firefighters Association

Good day to all. I hope this will find everyone OK. By the time this is put to print and in our homes we should have gotten rid of old man winter and be into spring full time. Now down here in eastern Kentucky we just had a few days of warm summer like weather and the forest fires took off like crazy. If this was any indication of what is to come for the spring and fall we in the fire service in eastern Kentucky are in big trouble.

At Owensboro Officers school I learned that my good friend Wayne Mullinex was not in attendance because he had become ill. Now I know that most of you dread to see Wayne come and visit your stations on official business, but I know him as a friend and that is all different there. Anyway I just wanted to mention that I hope he is recovering well and is back up to full swing as soon as can be. Good luck Wayne from me and all your friends from Eastern Kentucky. Get better and we will see you at state fire school.

We are in the early planning stages of the 17th Annual Pikeville / Pike County Regional Fire School which will be held July 14, 15, 16, 2006. If you attend our school and have some suggestions for classes or ways for us to improve our service to you please feel free to email me at pikcoffassoc@yahoo.com. As your 3rd Vice Presi-

dent of KFA I attended my first executive board meeting in Owensboro, Ky at the Green River Officers School. Boy was it informative, cool, and exhausting. We began with committee reports and information as to committee activities. Man was it awesome. I can't wait for the next one. One of the big things we discussed was the fact that we have changed the whole scope of State Fire School hopefully for the good. The only recommendation I would make to everyone that is planning to attend this awesome school is that you really look over your fire school program booklet and make sure you understand the schedule of classes because there is so much going on at the same time. I plan on being there and if I can be of any assistance to anyone just give me a shout. I look forward to seeing you at this fine school and I will be around the KFA booth. Untill state fire school in June take care and have a safe trip wherever you travel.

Randy Courtney

KFA Public Education Committee Chair "Fireman Joe" Wins Award

On Wednesday evening, February 8, 2006 our own KFA Public Education Committee Chairman "Fireman Joe" Stambush received the Leadership Award presented at the 5th Annual Syrian Shrine's Firefighters of the Year Awards Program. Fireman Joe received the award for the work that he and his committee have done around the state while working with the NFPA Learn Not to Burn and Risk Watch Programs. Standing next to Fireman Joe is Firefighter/EMT Adam Fuller of the Fort Mitchell and Southern Campbell Fire Department. Adam is one of the Committee Members. He was nominated for the Burn Prevention Award.

FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

With the first of March comes thoughts of spring is right around the corner and I wonder where the first two months have gone. What is the old saying, "Time goes by when you are having FUN," well it sounds good anyway. I am fresh from enjoying a great Fire School experience at the Green River Officers School in Owensboro, thanks to the great folks from Area 3 and Green River especially Jimmy Van Cleves who helped us do a great class. We made some new contacts and as always made some new friends who we welcome as a part of our Public Education Team.



Our KFA Public Education Team was honored recently at the Syrian Shrine Awards Ceremony at the Burn Center Hospital in Cincinnati February 8th. Fire and Life Safety Educators, Larry Cappel, Covington Fire Dept, Adam Fuller and Brian Kinsley of Ft Mitchell Fire Dept were recognized for their efforts in Public Education and Fire Prevention Programs. Fireman Joe received the Syrian Leadership Award for his work as Chairman of the KFA Pub Ed Committee and the statewide Risk Watch Program. These awards are awesome but not possible without the efforts and hard work of our Public Education Committee working in their communities and cities throughout Kentucky. I am very proud to serve as Chairman of this great committee and being a part of the Kentucky Firefighters Association.

We are busy preparing for our next venture, Kentucky State Fire School in Lexington, June 8-9-10-11 at Heritage Hall in the famous Rupp Arena. We are going to do a two part public education class with spending two days on Juvenile Fire Setters Prevention Programs and two days on our Train the Trainer statewide Risk Watch Program. Frankly, I feel Juvenile Fire Setting is a weak part of my own personal skills and a growing concern to all of us in the fire service. Of course we are looking to expand our Risk Watch Program and looking for new cities, counties and communities to come on board. We have a new activity book that has become available and will be available this spring which I feel will help the initiative tremendously.

As I guess does happen on occasions, even in the computer era, a system failure wiped out many of my e-mail contacts so I am desperately trying to up

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date my contact file. If for some reason you have not heard from Fireman Joe for awhile send me an e-mail so I can get you back on line and in our system. I appreciate your help with that! Until next time, GOD BLESS and Be SAFE!

Fireman JOE

NEW ARRIVALS



Kimper Fire & Rescue Dept took possession of this 2005 M2 Freight Liner in Mid January 06. It has a 1,500 gal Darley Pump and a 1000 gal poly tank with a 20 gal Foam tank.

Melbourne VFD, located on Route 8 in Northern Ky., has received and placed in service a new tanker/pumper. It is a 2005 Ferrara on an International chassis. It has a tank capacity of 1500 gallons, and a pump capable of producing 500 GPM. Their old tanker, a 1975 GMC, capacity 1100 gallons, 225 GPM, was donated to the Northern Pendleton VFD.

The following pieces of equipment were delivered by Wynn Fire & Rescue Equipment Apparatus Manufacturers.



Jakes Branch VFD



North Magoffin Volunteer Fire Department



Williamsburg Fire Department



Richland Fire Department

Meet Your Fire Commission Staff Vicky Lynn Ficker



Vicky has been working for state government for approximately 25 years. She is the oldest of three children. She has two children of her own one is 24 and one 28. She has two grandchildren Walker age 5 and Destiny age 3. They are the apples of grandma's eyes. Vicky married recently after being divorced for 16 years. She loves interior decorating and design. She enjoys traveling with her husband. Vicky is the assistant to Executive Director Ronnie Day. Her duties include: Web page design, spread sheets, fire school operations and registrations, and many other things that fall under the category of "Other things as assigned by your supervisor". She is a team player who loves a good conversation. Like everyone else she occasionally makes a mistake. Like the day she came to work with her slacks inside out. Oh well stuff happens. One of her favorite sayings is "Just because people ask you your opinion doesn't mean they really want to hear it". Well said Vicky. Vicky draws her strength from her heavenly father even when times are tough and things look impossible.

Words of Wisdom

Each man must for himself alone decide what is right and what is wrong, which course is patriotic and which isn't. You cannot shirk this and be a man. To decide against your conviction is to be an unqualified and excusable traitor, both to yourself and to your country, let men label you as they may.

Mark Twain

KFA Scholarships

For just \$99.95 you can own a piece of Kentucky Fire Fighting history. Order your set of four (4) beautiful 18" x 24" color, signed and numbered commemorative fire service prints by Chas Fagan, renowned fire service artist.

\$99.95 per set of four prints \$6.00 KY. Sales tax

(Or a copy of your tax exempt ID #)

\$3.95 shipping & handling

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The Kentucky Fire Fighters Association has awarded another scholarship to a Kentucky Firefighter. At the Executive Board meeting, during the Green River Officers School at Owensboro, Kentucky on February 25, 2006, the board approved a KFA scholarship for Brandon R. Griffith of Catlettsburg, KY.

Brandon is currently a student at Eastern Kentucky University where he is enrolled in the Industrial Safety curriculum. Brandon is a member of the Big Sandy Fire Department in Boyd County.

Congratulations to Brandon Griffith on being selected as a recipient of a KFA scholarship. The entire membership of the Kentucky Firefighters Association wishes him the best of luck and success in this endeavor.

The KFA currently provides five scholarships for these Kentucky Firefighters:

Amanda Smith	Hebron, KY.
Brandon Harvey	Breeding, KY.
Adam C. Day	Clearfield, KY.
Chasity Clark	Elizabethtown, KY.
Brandon R. Griffith	Catlettsburg, KY.

Support the KFA Scholarship Program by purchasing your set of KFA Commemorative Fire Service prints today. Check out the scholarship link on the KFA Web site for details.



Chaplain's Corner

By Karl Lusk

Chaplain, KFA, Campbellsville-Taylor County Rescue,
New Haven/Rolling Fork Fire Departments

WHAT'S A CHAPLAIN DO???

No doubt, somebody in your department has asked that question, silently, if not aloud. Maybe your department doesn't have a chaplain, so you don't really have an answer. Maybe you've considered the need for a chaplain, but like a chief I spoke with at a recent regional fire school, your answer is "We call another department for that," or "Well, I ask my pastor to come and pray at the annual dinner." We can give him better answers.

Perhaps if we all know what chaplains do, and how they can be vital to our departments, we could achieve the goal of having a properly trained, certified chaplain in every county, if not every department, regardless of size, career, combination, or volunteer status.

Chaplains are responsible for the spiritual, emotional, and often physical well-being of the members of your department. Our role goes beyond asking the blessing at a department function; hopefully, regardless of your religious persuasion, you can communicate through prayer with whatever form the Creator of all we are and have takes for you. Yes, we visit people who are ill or injured, and we have a major function in case of a serious line-of-duty injury or death, but our role is more than pastoral.

Foremost, chaplains are listeners, trusted by all members of the department to keep confidences and maintain healthy boundaries. Special training is vital to be an emergency services chaplain. It is different from that gained in seminary or theological school for ordained ministry. In fact, most of our trained chaplains are lay people. State Fire/Rescue Training recognizes a training curriculum that follows closely that of the International Federation of Fire Chaplains. The basic course is sixteen hours long; there is also an advanced course which deals with specific subjects and problems.

Kentucky has a certification program through the Kentucky Federation of Fire Chaplains that requires appointment and approval by the head of the emergency services agency in which that chaplain will be serving, approval by the chaplain's denominational or congregational unit, the basic class, and at least one course in Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). As with all volunteer firefighters, trained,

certified chaplains are required to have twenty hours of annual continuing education. Many of our certified chaplains are also members of Kentucky Community Crisis Response Teams, available to assist departments and communities when a serious incident overwhelms local coping mechanisms.

Chaplains, then, are also first responder crisis intervention specialists. We are there to listen when the stress of emergency service pushes us beyond everyday coping. We are there to assist chiefs and administrators with employee assistance program activities and make appropriate referrals when something affects our ability to perform our regular tasks on the job. Because we receive special training in survivor benefit programs available in case of a line of duty death, we are there to help fill out the required paperwork and insure all steps are followed to provide maximum benefits to a fallen comrade's survivors. We are there to know when to bring in objective, trained professionals to work with a department devastated by a major critical incident. We are there to provide one-on-one support to someone who struggles with the demands of our mission. We must, then, have an understanding of the rigors of emergency service.

We are here to encourage our comrades to seek professional counseling, with appropriate referral, when emotional problems make doing our jobs or caring for our families difficult. And yes, we are the first line of defenses to help care for spirit, mind, and body. In some departments, an employee wellness program is administered jointly by training officers and chaplains, because keeping fit in every way keeps you at your best to do your job.

We do all this without regard for denominational or faith practices. We are non-denominational, non-sectarian, here for people of any faith or no faith. We are not here to "convert" or evangelize anyone to a particular belief system. Rather, we are here to encourage respect for all such systems and respect for each other, regardless of our differences.

Interested in starting a chaplain's program in your department? Want to become a trained certified chaplain? Have questions or need more information? Email or call me, karllusk@bellsouth.net; (270) 789-8888, or contact the KY Federation of Fire Chaplains' President Chaplain Dan Ennis, danchaplain@aol.com, (502) 494-5262. We're here to help. Blessings to you, your department, and your community!

The adventures of the Cross + Roads Fire Department

By Woody Will Jr. and Sr.

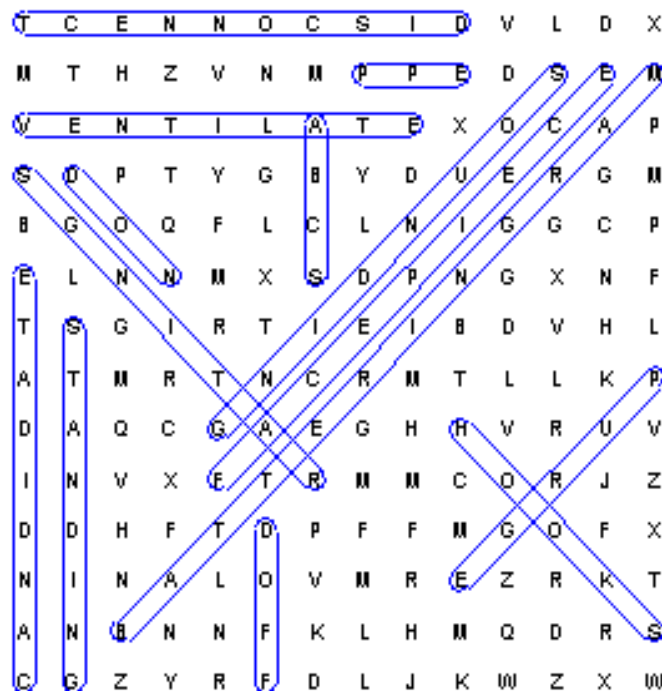
It was a cool spring morning. I had just got off shift and was headed over to my mom’s house to see how she was feeling. She had just gotten over a slight cold and I wanted to drop her by some flowers to cheer her up when our tones dropped. It was for a smoke investigation at the old tee shirt factory. The factory moved to Mexico not long after the Free Trade Agreement went into effect. I went into moms and saw that she was doing fine and had not got all the way back to my vehicle when a second and third alarm was called into the old factory. I immediately headed back to work. When I got there I was assigned to engine 56 an old standby unit taken out of first line work about 3 years ago. My Sergeant O’Donnell was standing next to the rig and greeted me with a “Hey John, bet I am the last person you thought you would see again this soon?” I answered ‘Yea I had hoped I would get a longer break from looking at that mug of yours. What’s up at the old factory?” “Your guess is as good as mine” he answered. About that time over the radio command called for engine 56. I looked at O’Donnell and him back at me. “Fire it up sarge, looks like we got work to do”.

As we rolled up on the scene I could see it was fully involved and there was little we could do but protect other buildings not already involved. “John” said O’Donnell “We have been given the task of exposure protection of the C side of the building of origin. Grab the deck gun and I’ll start pulling hose.” Just about then a person who could only be described as a vagrant came running up and asked if I had seen Jingles. I inquired who Jingles was and was informed it was his cat. It seems that he and Jingles had spent the night in the building for warmth because the temperature had dropped into the teens overnight and he had started a little fire in the middle of one of the offices to keep warm. He had put the fire out and had left Jingles sleeping while he went looking for breakfast. I told him that I was sure the cat had gotten out as soon as the fire progressed but if I got some free time I would help him look. I set up the monitor while O’Donnell got the truck ready and was about to direct the stream toward the building when I noticed a strange looking furry four legged

something with steam or smoke coming from it’s back come out from under a car parked next to side C of the factory. The car was smoldering and was about to burst into flames when the animal appeared from underneath. “JINGLES” cried the vagrant. “What chew mean scaring me like that?” The man approached with tears in his eyes “You are all the family I have left” as he picked up the scared animal. All at once I realized who the man was. He was Jim Hawthorne the former plant manager who had lost everything after the plant closed. He had invested heavily into ENRON and lost all that he had. His wife took the children and went back to her family in West Virginia. He could not believe what had happened to him so he just retreated into his own world. The cat was the only possession he owned. And that night he almost lost it.

Who can understand the turns one’s life takes. A man with everything going for him respected in the community becomes the town vagrant. A young teen about to graduate from high school takes a few drinks on prom night and smashes into a tree. The family is devastated. We always ask the question why? There are some things we will never know. But we can know the creator cares for us and if we prepare properly on this earth a new home waits for us in the future where we will have more than a family cat to love us.

Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**2006 FF I & II
Skills Testing Schedule**

April 22-23 Jessamine Co. Area 15 888-234-3961

May 6-7 Princeton Area 2 888-306-7986

May 11-12 Versailles FC Office 888-301-2946

For more information related to the testing dates and exact locations contact the numbers listed with the dates above.



JPFA Annual Fire School
April 7TH, 8TH, & 9TH, 2006

Kentucky Dam Village State Park

Classes being conducted are:

Advanced Apparatus Maintenance & Testing

Arson II

Auto Extrication

Basic Firefighter Hours

Coroner Class (Fire Deaths)

Coroner Class (Fire Deaths)

CPR/AED – HIV/AIDS

EMT-B Refresher

Farm Rescue

KY. Fire Commission Audit

Katrina Response

Firefighter Rescue

Firefighter Survival

Hard To Get Hours

ISO Rating

Leadership II NFA

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NFPA 1403 Live Fire Training

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SAR Search & Rescue(Includes a Friday Night Session)

Street Survival I

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Friday, April 7th, 2006

Search and Rescue 6:00-10:00 p.m

CPR-AED-HIV Aids. 6:00-10:00 p.m

(Students must be pre-registered and attend ALL Sessions)

Saturday, April 8th, 2006

Registration/Check-In for Classes 7:00-8:00 a.m.

(Breakfast Snacks and Refreshments will be provided in your class room)

Classes Begin 8:00 a.m.

Vendors Start setting up and Open All Day

LUNCH *(Free Lunch provided at the Convention Center)11:30a.m.-1:00 p.m.*

Classes End 5:00 p.m.

Fire Apparatus Display (No judging or trophies) All Day

Sunday April 9th, 2006

Registration/Check-In for Classes 7:00-8:00 a.m.

(Breakfast Snacks and Refreshments will be provided in your class room)

Classes Begin 8:00 a.m.

LUNCH *(Free Lunch provided at the Convention Center)11:30a.m.-1:00 p.m.*

Classes End 5:00 p.m.

Please Note:

Registration will be held at "The Convention Center" (see the map in this book). Registration is transferable during this session but IS NOT REFUNDABLE. Cancellation of the class or a death is the only exception. Payment must accompany all registrations. Purchase orders will be accepted with payment following immediately. Confirmations will be mailed to the address on the registration form.

Cancellation of Classes will be determined by the number of Pre-Registrations. Any class not meeting the required number of students by March 18th, 2006 will be cancelled at 8:00 a.m. on March 19th, 2006.

Shuttle Service will begin at 7:30 am in the parking lot of the marina boat ramp to transport students to their class locations. The service will pick up students and transport them to the convention center for lunch. At 12:30 pm the service will begin transporting students back to their classes.

Certification/Training Hours are given for the actual number of hours the student is in attendance at the class/training.

Firefighter Numbers are required for proper credit of training hours.

**ANNOUNCING THE 77TH ANNUAL
KENTUCKY STATE FIRE SCHOOL &
HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE
JUNE 8th-11th, 2006**

To be held at:

**LEXINGTON CONVENTION CENTER,
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The 2006 school will begin on Thursday the 8th of June and end on Sunday the 11th. Registration information will be posted soon on websites such as the Fire Commission www.kctcs.edu/kyfirecommission and KFA www.kyfa.org. An expanded exhibit program will be set up inside Heritage Hall which is a part of the HyattRegency/Rupp Arena/Lexington Center complex located at West High St. at South Broadway in downtown Lexington. This will make the school more convenient for attendees to plan their lodging, parking, class attendance, and social/entertainment needs. Several statewide associations including the State Fire Commission and Kentucky Fire Chiefs Association have been invited to hold meetings during the school. Please check with your organization to see if they are participating. An opening session will be held on Thursday morning with class sessions beginning shortly thereafter. Course offerings are being expanded to provide training for a wide range of fire and emergency service needs. As much as possible, courses will be scheduled to accommodate the needs of career and volunteer personnel. A conference wide gathering for all interested attendees is planned to provide everyone with up to date information on current issues as well as the opportunity to hear a keynote speaker. A preliminary fire school program will be available in February.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

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**National Volunteer
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**Firefighter Safety Research
Opportunity**

Are you attending the **FDIC Fire Engineering** conference in Indianapolis this spring?

If so, you may be eligible to participate in a focus group on firefighter safety.

The focus groups are part of a nationwide evaluation of the Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program (FFFIPP). This is a program of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). NIOSH is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The focus groups will be organized by professional staff from RTI International. RTI is conducting the FFFIPP evaluation for NIOSH and CDC.

The purpose of the focus groups is to tell the researchers about fire safety issues from the firefighters' perspective.

To be eligible for the focus group, you must have worked with your current fire department for at least one year and be an active firefighter who is involved with fire suppression. Most officers are not eligible for the focus groups. These include Chiefs, Station Captains or Commanders, Safety Officers, Training Officers, and Administrative Officers.

The focus group will take 1 ½ hours of your time. They will take place at the conference. A meal will be provided. Each focus group will have up to 9 participants.

For further information about these focus groups, please contact Murrey Olmsted at RTI. He can be reached toll free at 1-800-334-8571, ext. 5506 or by email at .

Words of Wisdom

I have found it advisable not to give too much heed to what people say when I am trying to accomplish something of consequence. Invariably they proclaim it can't be done. I deem that the very best time to make the effort.

Calvin Coolidge

I wish to thank all firefighter associations, firefighters, and friends for your support to the Fire Service during this 2006 Legislative session.

Thank you!

Kentucky Community and Technical College System
Kentucky Firefighters Association
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And a *special thanks* to all the Legislators for listening to our concerns and needs. We appreciate your assistance, and your continued support to the fire service in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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