



Smoke Signals II

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ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

Over 19,000 applications were received by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. **As of May 18, 16,986 applications have been opened and entered into the database.**

Many of the applications contained requests for funding in two categories. The chart below summarizes the data by category as presently compiled. All data are preliminary and subject to change.

Category	Approximate Total Request	Number of Requests for Assistance
Fire Prevention	\$69.4 million	1,238
Firefighting Equipment	\$218.2 million	4,128
Personal Protective Equipment	\$247.2 million	3,975
Training	\$108.1 million	1,442
Vehicles	\$991.4 million	5,398
Wellness and Fitness	\$49.9 million	805
Totals	\$1.7 billion	16,986

As discussions are held across the commonwealth about the grant program some departments are saying "It is a waste of time we will never see the first cent." I don't think that is true but what we did accomplish was to show the Federal Government that the needs of the fire service is far greater than they ever imagined and hopefully they can see the error of their ways in reducing the FY 2002 amount..

NOTE: Please do not contact USFA by phone or e-mail to inquire if your application has been received or for further information concerning other applications received. They will be unable to provide that information.

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From the President

Walter Johnson

The executive board had a beneficial meeting in Owensboro at the officers school.

You should contact your directors and/or Vice Presidents to express your concerns about the fire service.

Several committees are already working and should be contacted regarding your concerns.

Arson remains one of the nations most dangerous and costly threats for citizens and their property alike. The latest statistics from the National Fire Protection Association reveal more than 400 Americans die each year from these fires.

Recently, every department that had not paid their dues was sent a second notice. Your assistance in sending in this payment is greatly appreciated. These funds work for you.

Sincerely,

Walter Johnson



Chaplain's Corner

"Firefighting" Still the Best Kept Secret in the World
by Stewart Dawson

According to *Jobs-rated Almanac's* top 250 jobs in the US, the job of a firefighter was rated 216th behind EMT's rated at 184, Police Officer at 197 and just ahead of the President of the United States at 229. Thus the job of fire fighter is still one of the best-kept secrets in the world. Those of us in the business know it is the best job going.

Another interesting ststistic about firefighting did get us a top rating however. In the area of job stress, we came in second only to the President of the United States. I am not sure how they came up with their ratings but it is a fact that our job is stressful at times. We face life and death situations regularly. We see human suffering and tragedy as a part of our everyday activities. And yes the stress involved does affect us. While serving as a firefighter for 21 years and as a Fire Chaplin for 11 of those years I have come to some of my own conclusions. We talk alot about Critical Incident Stress and it's affects. It is and does cause us a lot of heartache and grief. However, from my experience this is not our greatest problem.

What I see more is the effects of how we manage or mismanage the stress of being expossed over and over to human tragedy. Every time we respond to an emergency we see human suffering from pain and injury to the emotional pain of terrible losses of life and property. We are human and we feel with the victims of tragedy. However, if we sat down and cried with every victim and dwelt on his or her pain, we could not do our job. So we learn to turn off those emotions. We have to - to be able to stay calm, make the right decisions and make a positive difference when we are called upon. But after the emergency is over, we step back into normal life. We must interact with people on a personal level where emotions and feelings are important. We go home to our spouses, our children and our friends and must become human again. But what happens after a period of continually having to turn off our emotions we somehow loose the ability to turn them back on and we change. We may be accused of being hard and non-caring. We loose the ability to relate with our spouses, our kids and others in our normal world. This is a tragic thing that leads to divorce, conflict with our kids, our peers and our co-workers. If in fact we believe we jave the best job in the world, we must learn to not let it negatively affect us. We must find ways to deal with our stress so that we can be able to turn those emotions back on and relate with the ones most important to us. Most of you have read articles and maybe even been to classes about stress management so I won't go into all the things you can do to manage your stress. However, there is one area that is only briefly mentioned in the information we have all seen. To me it is the NUMBER ONE stress management tool. Many of the articles are afraid to talk much about the "R" word. They call it religion. I call it faith or to be more specific - Christianity. My faith has been the greatest tool I have to help me manage stress and remain human. My faith in God and pursuit of a relationship with Him has been my lifeline. It gives me a greater understanding of life and death and living. It helps me understand myself better and gives me resources to deal with all we see as firefighters. My God gives me strength and courage to face the human suffering without turning off my emotions. "He is my rock and my fortress and ever present help in times of trouble." And he is there for you! Check him out. He loves you with an everlasting love and wants the best for you. Seek Him and you will find him. May God Bless You and help you in times of trouble.

Stewart Dawson

Chaplain, Lexington Fire Department

Vacancy on the Housing Board

by
David E. Jansing, Secretary

Prior to his retirement in 1998, Chief Gary McComas of the Lexington Fire Department served on the Board of Housing, Building & Construction, as the representative to the Fire Service. Gary's term expired a couple years ago, and since that time, each incoming KFA President has selected Chief Bill Martin of the Erlanger Fire/EMS Department to fill the vacancy. Bill is undoubtedly qualified and very interested in the appointment.

This board is made up of individuals appointed by the Governor, and state law requires that three names be submitted for him to select from.

I recently received a letter from Governor Patton's Appointment Secretary asking that the KFA submit three names for consideration. They are requesting that the three individuals be geographically located in different regions of the state.

Chief Martin's name has been submitted once again. If you know of someone who is qualified and would be interested in such an appointment, please contact me ASAP. The qualified person should have a good background in building and fire prevention codes, and be certified in each area.

It is the intent of the KFA, that the fire service be well represented in Frankfort in dealing with issues concerning the buildings we are protecting.

Please contact me by e-mail at either:
djansing@mindspring.com
or
djansing@fortmitchell.com

You may also call me at 859-331-1267 Ext. 403. An application will be sent to anyone who is qualified and interested.

Sincerely,
David E. Jansing, Secretary

FIRE COMMISSION

Walter J. Lage
Division Director, State Fire Commission

There have been several changes to the Fire Commission during the past several months. Ms. Marilyn Woodrum has left the staff of the Fire Commission and taken a position with the Department of Air Quality in Frankfort. We wish Marilyn the best of luck. Ms Kim Hodge has been hired to replace Marilyn. Kim comes to the Fire Commission from the Purchasing Department of KCTCS where she has worked for nearly 2 years. We would also like to welcome Charlie Lott. Charlie is the Area 1 Coordinator in Southwestern Kentucky.

By now you should have received a binder containing Fire Commission information and forms. Please keep in mind that this is an ever-changing document and will be periodically changed and updated. If you have any suggestions or ideas of what should be included, please contact the Fire Commission or your Area Coordinator. All of the Area Coordinators now have toll free telephone numbers. The numbers are contained in the binder.

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:
Phone 1-800-782-6823
Fax 1-859-246-3484

Individual extensions are listed in the binder

If you participate in the Fire Incident Reporting System, those reports should be sent to the Fire Marshall in Frankfort, not the Fire Commission.

Finally, we will be trying to process state-aid payments earlier this year for those departments that meet the eligibility requirements. We will try to begin processing payments during middle to late July. The eligibility requirements are listed in the binder.

REGIONAL EMBERS

Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Matt Walker, President

Greetings from the JPFA and "Far Western Kentucky". The 2001 Spring School is complete and by all accounts was a tremendous success. There were approximately 191 students representing 58 different agencies and 41 staff members and instructors involved in eighteen different classes during the weekend. The JPFA Spring School can not be compared to the Green River Association school or the Dixie Association school at this time. But watch out folks; we are young; we are growing; and we are progressive. Of course we make some mistakes along the way but we learn a little more every year. Some years we really learn a lot! Mark your calendars now for the 2002 JPFA Spring School in Paducah, Kentucky. The dates are set for March 23rd & 24th and our training committee is already working on this school.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone that participated in the school in any manner. I will not attempt to list everyone that had a hand in making this another successful school for fear that I would leave someone out. But I would be remiss if I did not mention a few folk. First and foremost I want to thank the students that attended the school. Without our students all of our efforts would be for naught. Thanks also to all of our fantastic instructors that participated and shared their knowledge and expertise with the students. And how do you say thank you to Kentucky State Fire Rescue Training and the Kentucky Fire Commission for all that they do for Kentucky firefighters all year long? The JPFA Spring School would not be possible if it were not for Charlie Lott, Area 1 Coordinator, Patricia Walker and all of the members of the Area 1 staff that participated. A great big thank you goes to Troy Newcomb and the JPFA training committee that put this school together and make it work. (Sometimes in spite of themselves) There are so many others that deserve a pat on the back. And if I have not thanked you personally please accept this as a small token of my appreciation for all of the help and support that we received.

The JPFA Honor Guard has conducted one training

session thus far and two additional sessions are scheduled for May. We are still working on some details but we figured we needed a lot more time for practice than we did for working on details. Someone might think that we have the cart before the horse. But just watch us! If you need additional information or would be willing to participate in this unique organization contact Jim Hartz at the Fulton Fire Department at 270-472-1423. You can E-Mail Jim at jpfa@apex.net.

The second quarter JPFA general membership meeting was conducted on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at the Hickman Kentucky Fire & EMS complex. Twenty-seven members were in attendance and were treated to a real home cooked meal provided by the Hickman Fire and EMS Departments. A large supply of fried fish, hush puppies, french fries, slaw, white beans, ham and assorted desserts were prepared by the local men and women and were eagerly consumed by those present. Only in Hickman, Kentucky could you get a meal like that and have the pleasure of associating with such great fire & EMS personnel. Thanks to Bill Murray, Chief Jackie Duncan and the entire Hickman staff for inviting the JPFA to their facility. And even more thanks for providing such good food.

Gerald Stewart, Chairman of the Kentucky Governors Commission was in attendance and updated the group on Kentucky State and Federal legislative issues. The KFA legislative committee is working on the agenda for the next session. If you have ideas and/or suggestions that you feel would enhance the Kentucky Fire Service contact your KFA regional director and make your thoughts known. Do not wait until the session is over and then gripe about what did or did not happen. Get involved in your local association and the KFA. Make your voice heard.

The next JPFA quarterly meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, August 14, 2001 at the East Marshall Fire Department in Gilbertsville Kentucky. We will eat at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts promptly at 7:00 PM. If you need additional information contact Jim Hartz at the Fulton Fire Department at 270-472-1423. You can E-Mail Jim at jpfa@apex.net. Make your plans now to attend this meeting and support the JPFA. I hope to see many of you at State Fire School and if not will see you at KFA in Ashland.

Paul S. Billings

Jackson Purchase Firefighters

F.I.R.E. Act Grants Reach 19,000

I want to take this time to say congratulations to all the fire departments in this great country. When you consider that there are approximately 33,000 fire departments in the United States, it is an amazing feat to get over 19,000 of those departments to respond with applications. I think Congress should sit up and take notice.

The firefighters in this country deserve just as much Federal Assistance as the police do. We have worked hard to get the \$ 100 million dollars. We are still a long way from the approximately \$ 11 Billion that the police enjoy. They have worked hard to achieve that pinnacle of success. We have now proven that we can live up to the challenge as well.

I realize that the grant forms were fairly new to most of us and I'm sure some will be kicked out because they are incomplete, or something was missing, but they can't say there is not a need out there. That is the main point of this grant, to give them the numbers. Keep in mind, you now have grant writing experience and Congress can see that we are serious. If you don't receive money this year, you may do better next year. The main idea we have to keep in mind is "Don't let up", keep making those contacts with your legislators and also, it won't hurt to send them a Thank You for all they have done already.

In closing, I just want to reiterate, Congratulations. We did our part and now they can do theirs. Let make this just the beginning of a very successful campaign.

Jim Hartz

PIO
JPFA

Pennyrile Regional
Fire & Rescue Association
Johnny Ezell, President

Area 2 State Fire Rescue Training was proud to co-sponsor along with Area 1 and Area 3 the May 5 and 6 Firefighter Survival and Rescue Train the Trainer Class at Ky Dam Village State Park. Everyone seemed to

enjoy the training and fellowship while in the Ky. Lake area. Everything seemed to go off without a hitch except for one pontoon boat ride of coordinators and guests which were piloted by Charlie Lott. We all know what water damage means at a fire scene however Bryant Stiles can probably give you a new definition of that term. Its not safe to allow coordinators to wonder off on expeditions alone! We would like to thank everyone who participated in the training, and would like to invite you back to Western Kentucky for training. This was the first time for the West Coast Connection (Area 1, Area 2, Area 3) to sponsor training together. We are alive and well despite Charlie's boat ride. I don't know for sure but come State Fire Rescue Training Budget time it might pay to have Charlie Lott take Larry Collier and Steve Calhoun for a ride. No telling what kind of promises he could get for everybody!

We had our last meeting in Nortonville on April 10th. Plans for the 6th Annual Pennyrile Regional Fire School, set for August 18-19 in Hopkinsville, was the topic of the meeting. The tentative class schedule for the school is:

- Extrication - Light and Heavy
- Level I Methodology
- Smoke, Burn and Flashover Class
- Basic SCBA
- Pumper Air Brake Systems
- Nozzles, Fire streams and Foam
- Firefighter Survival and Rescue
- Intermediate/Advanced Rope Rescue
- EMT CEU's
- Farm Rescue
- Aircraft Rescue
- Wildland Search and Rescue
- HazMat Operations Level

Brochures should be out soon. We look forward to another excellent school.

For further information contact Capt. Johnny Ezell (270) 890-1403 or Ed Schmitt (270) 365-4632.

The next Association meeting will be at Elkton City Hall in Todd County on Tuesday July 10th at 7:00 p.m. See you there!

Johnny Ezell

President
Pennyrile Fire and Rescue Association



Dixie Firefighters Association

Robbie Blanford, President

Fire Trucks and Baby Dolls

By Sarah L. Williams

My dad has been a member of Kentucky 86 Volunteer Fire Department since its founding 21 years ago. Being the active Assistant-Chief he is, he has spent countless hours at the firehouse; whether it was for meetings, training, or fundrasing, he's been there. Being the only child and Daddy's little girl, when I was born it was only natural for me to tag along behind. Therefore, going to the firehouse was and is a regular occurrence, but when I was younger, two days of the month were extra special. The first and third Tuesday of each month was meeting night. That meant that on those days I would have to pack as many of my baby doll essentials that would fit into my "real diaper bag;" clothes, bottles, and diapers I needed them all. My heavy load would travel the barely two mile trip to the department. Once there, I would meet up with my life long friend Dana. This type of play lasted us many years. As we grew and matured we switched from baby dolls to the resturant game and then to curling irons and makeup.

I may not have not been attending each of the meetings with the aspiration of becoming a firefighter, but I know my dad was proud to have me there. At every meeting each member signs their name in an 8x10 black book as a way to take roll. Now I can look back and see where over the years my dad has signed in as **DDDDDDDD DDDDDDDDD & DDDDD**. To this day if I show up at a meeting he continues to sign us in, side by side.

Some may see the department as only a place, but I see it as so much more. To me it appears as a classroom where many of life's lessons have been taught. I believe my attitude of not being able to stand by and watch something be done originated there. Since I was old enough to stand I have helped collect for the WHAS 11 Crusade for Children. I would stand carefully between the painted yellow lines of the street, holding the small red bucket, and anxiously waiting for passer-buyers to donate money to help the sick children. I have had the opportunity to witness the determination of the men and women of the department and have seen the importance of being involved in my community. I have realized that a safe and successful town does not just happen; it taks countless hours and hard work of many. Friendship and regard for others has been formed there, along with a second family of sorts. It was also an

opportunity for my dad and I to form the bond of friendship that holds true today.

I consider growing up at Kentucky 86 Volunteer Fire Department to be an honor and a pleasure. It has not only given me the opportunity to help my community but to appreciate all that is done for my town. We tend to take so many things for granted; it's only natural. But I ahve seen men and women fight raging house fires in the heat of summer, fry bacon and pancakes at 5:00 a.m. to support the department's livelihood, and cry countless tears when a fellow member loses their life. I thank them for giving their time and their friendship to us all.

Kentucky 86 Fire & Rescue Inc. is a department within the Dixie Firefighters Association. This article was submitted by Charles Williams Assistant Chief in hopes of reminding us that 'the small things in life are often the ones that have the greatest impact on those we love. I love you Sarah".

Green River Firefighters Association

Phil Fogle, President

Thanks to everyone for their support of our 17th Annual Spring Fire School. Attendance was up by 95 students. State Fire Rescue Training's mobile Flash-over Recognition and Survival Training unit made its first appearance in the Green River Region and was a huge success. We held our first Firefighter Rescue class, the second half of the Firefighter Survival Program. Lunch on Saturday was provided by the Officers with 2nd Vice President Harvey Henderson and his father working the grill. We want to send a special thanks to the coordinators and instructors that traveled from other regions as they provided quality instruction for our firefighters.

We look forward to seeing many of you at State Fire School in Lexington. *Phil Fogle*

Last Chance for Program Book Ad

The 2001 KFA Conference Program Book is about to go to press. The book will be mailed to each department in Kentucky as well as to each person in attendance at the KFA Conference in Ashland August 4 - 7, 2001. This book has mailing, phone, and e-mail information on all Kentucky Fire Departments as well as important dates for training and contact info. Don't miss the oportunity to be part of this ready reference document. No more time to delay. If you would like to have your ad placed in the book call Woody Will at 270-766-5238 TODAY!

**Bluegrass Emergency
Services Association**
R. Wayne Jordan, President

The BESA would like to welcome the new Fire Chief of Simpsonville Fire Dept., chief Tony Broyles. He is a retired District Chief from the Danville Fire Dept. and is now the paid chief for Simpsonville Fire Dept.

Planning is under way for Fall BESA Sponsored Training for the departments in the BESA area. Also, each department will be receiving from State Fire/Rescue Training Area 6 a questionnaire to update their departments information, and to plan their 20 hours training for the coming year.

Captain John Stich of Lyndon Fire Dept. is the first to complete the new Associate in Fire Science Technology Degree. John was one of the students left over from the Jefferson Community College old program. He is also a State Fire/Rescue Training Area 6 instructor. Congratulations John for staying the course.

Those interested in working towards their AAS in Fire Science Technology contact Dr. Bill May at 502-213-4273 or 1-888-306-8064.

The State Fire/Rescue Training Area 6 office has moved "Again"! The new address and phone numbers are as follows:

State Fire/Rescue Training Area 6
727 W. Chestnut St. Louisville, KY
Office - 502-213-4291
Toll Free 1-888-306-8064
FAX - 502-213-4500
Fire Science Program 502-213-4273
e-mail richard.jordan@kctcs.net
lucy.landiers@kctcs.net

The next BESA meeting will be at North Oldham Fire Dept. July 18th, 2001 at 6:30 p.m.

R. Wayne Jordan, President

Southeastern KY Firefighters Association
Steve Myers, President

As I look back over the past five years, and remember the many emergency units that have participated in the annual Southeastern Kentucky Firefighters Hall of Fame parade and static display, I think of the many emergency personnel that all of these departments have represented. I think of all of the many hours that many of these firefighters and other emergency personnel give (out of the goodness of the heart) to better their respective communities.

Then I begin to wonder how many of these communities really understand what kind of people they have protecting them 24/7, everyday. As I have traveled over Kentucky in the past five years, I have always heard these words, "They really don't seem to care until they need us". Being a public safety professional can be a lonely, but rewarding career. Unless you have walked in our boots, you can't understand how we really feel. We can be faced with disappointments, tragedies and yes, even tears. We are only human, not machines like many people think. That is why for the past four years, we have honored emergency personnel with a parade in their honor. It is a time to get together to celebrate who we are and why we do it.

This year's parade is titled "CELEBRATION 2001". The date is November 3, starting at 1230 hrs. The location is the City of London on Main Street. Look for flyers at State Fire School in Lexington in June or in your mailbox. Last year we started to include emergency personal POV's as part of the parade and this will continue from now on. As we celebrate our 5th anniversary, we invite all of you to come and have fun on the first Saturday in November with us. It is the largest parade of emergency vehicle in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Come meet some of the many Hall of Fame members that have served their communities for more than 25 years.

As a special note, this year's parade will be in honor of Fire Chief Johnny Cox of the Mt. Vernon Fire Department that passed away. Chief Cox was a charter member of the Southeastern Kentucky Firefighters Hall of Fame and was inducted in 1997. He was also one of the first members to have been inducted into the "IRON MAN" category that means serving their community for more than 50 years. When Chief Cox died, he had served Mt. Vernon for over 60 years. Johnny, you will be missed. Hope to see all of you in November or even before.

Take care and may God Bless and Keep You Safe!

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**Northern Kentucky Firefighters
Association**

Ken Elliott, President Terry Keller, Reporter

NKFA has day at the races! Turfway Park held a Recognition Day for Firefighters by naming races for firefighters. Six races were named for fellow firefighters.

The Fire Prevention and Public Education and Life Safety race was Jeff Crouch and Bud Crouch of Falmouth Fire Dept.

The EMS Service Award went to Jim Specht, Firefighter/Paramedic from Ft. Thomas Fire Dept.

The Chief Officer Award Race was for Larry Atwell, Chief of the Newport Fire Dept.

Rescue of the Year Award went to two departments, Dayton and Bellevue, for the lives saved in a house fire earlier this year. Special recognition for Life Time Service Award to the NKFA Race was named for Ray Muench, Retired Chief of Southgate Fire and retired Capt. Robert "Bob" Hebbeler of Ft. Wright Fire Dept.

Firefighter of the Year Award Race was for Sie Jewell, Retired Chief of Southgate Fire Dept.

Newport Fire Department may be hiring up to five new members to boost their personnel to 13 per shift. Covington Fire Dept. has 7 new members assigned to a shift after completing 10 weeks of recruit school.

NKFA Fire School will be held September 15th & 16th at Northern Kentucky University. Come join us for some fun and work!

Kenton County Fire Chiefs received approval for a pilot program of Train the Trainers for SAED and Combustion Training. Two members of each department now have trainers in their department to recertify members in these skills. This was worked out with the county medical director.

Last, but not least, a Thank You from NKFA to Sylvan "Scotty" Smith and the KPFA for the work completed during this past legislative session. THANKS men for protecting what we have.

Terry Keller

Northern KY Firefighters Association Fire & Public Ed Committee

Where has the year gone? It seems like I just finish one project and here comes three more to take it's place. Many of our Fire and Life Safety Educators here in the Northern Kentucky Area have been very busy with Safety Fairs, Arrive Alive Programs, After the School Program Presentations, Training and Career Day Presentations to name a few. I have been able to do several Career Day Presentations this year and I enjoy them very much. I particular enjoy telling our young people what a great career the Fire Service can be. After thirty-nine years in the Fire Service sharing my experiences, educational opportunities, camaraderie, friendship, incidents and the many pleasurable moments I have by doing fire and life safety education, make this an enjoyable task, indeed.

We had our KFA Fire and Life Safety Committee Meeting in Paris, Kentucky Thursday April 19th with Fire Chief Mike Withrow and his department as hosts. Chief Withrow and Public Educator Bonnie Pigg gave us a tour of the Bourbon County Safety City which is now operating and it looks GREAT! What a tremendous educational tool this will be. If you are in the area, make sure you stop by, this is a must see!!

We look forward to seeing everyone at State Fire School in Lexington, Ky June 4, 5 & 6th. If you haven't taken advantage of the Learn Not To Burn Program, the Train the Trainer Class will again be offered at State Fire School this year. Free materials, networking and other Public Education Programs are discussed. This is a great opportunity to meet and work with other Fire and Life Safety Educators or learn about starting your own Public Education and Fire Prevention Program.

Till next time, take care and BE SAFE!

Fireman Joe

Pike County Firefighters Association

Randy Courtney, President

Greetings to everyone! I hope this find's everyone doing well and preparing for State Fire School coming up June 3, 4, 5, 2001 in Lexington, KY.

A lot has been happening here in Pike County. Since I last wrote, we have been building and refurbishing fire stations along with adding several trucks to the area.

The Kimper Fire and Rescue Department, under the leadership of Fire Chief Barry Sanders, has found a gold mine! They recently purchased two ladder trucks (a 65' and 85') along with two refurbished class A pumpers. The county just built a new two bay fire station and refurbished an old service station for a 3rd station in the Kimper area. At last count, this rural volunteer fire department had three ladder trucks, five class A pumpers, and two multi-purpose rescue trucks. Great job Kimper!! Keep up the good work!

Our next report would be on the Coal Run Village Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Under the leadership of Fire Chief Eddie Greenhill, the county is just finishing up a two story 6000 sq ft building with three bays. These guys were excited to receive the new station. They also purchased a brand new 2001 International top mount with a 1250 GPM, pump with a 1000 gallon Poly Tank. Their old station had only one door in the center and getting the trucks out was a challenge. Our July meeting will be at this station to break it in right! Congratulations to Chief Greenhill and the

rest of the troops for the work at Coal Run Village Fire and Rescue Department.

The Elkhorn City Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, under the leadership of Todd Rowe, recently purchased a refurbished LTI 75' Tele Squirt with a top mounted pump and a Sutphen 1000 gpm with a 750 gallon tank Deluge Pumper.

The Marrowbone Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, under the leadership of Cliford 'Bubby' Adkins, purchased a 1978 Ford with 1000 gpm pump and a 1000 gallon tank along with a 55' Tele Squirt Ladder. Assistant Chief Patrick 'Packie' Bentley feels this is a good asset to both the Marrowbone Community and Pike County. About this time last year, Pike County only has two aerial ladders which were owned by the Pikeville Fire Department but now in less than a year, we have six aerial ladders in Pike County alone. What a great addition to Pike County!

We have also been preparing for the 12th Annual Pikeville/Pike County Fire & Rescue School which will be July 20-21-22, 2001. Listed below are the classes that we are planning to offer. All classes will be taught by SFRT, Pikeville Fire Department members, and Pike County Fire Service Instructors.

Classes scheduled are:

1. Level 1 Instructor Class
2. Basic Introduction to Firefighting
3. Gasoline Tankers Class 101
4. KYFIRS & NFIRS and Internet Training Hours
5. EMT & First Responder in-service
6. Arson II - Cause and Origin of Fires
7. Heavy Vehicle, Auto and ATV Rescue
8. Tank Truck Emergency Response
9. Volunteer FF Certification cluster classes
10. Managing Propane Emergencies
11. Live House Burns
12. Advanced Fire Prevention Certification Class
13. Firefighter Safety and Survival Rescue
14. Weapons of Mass Destruction (Awareness Level)
15. Weapons of Mass Destruction (Operations Level)
16. Radiological Transportation Accidents
17. A Leadership Roles and Guidelines for Officers
18. Flashover Chamber
19. Rope Rescue Basic/Intermediate

We will also host the 6th Annual Pike County Toughest Firefighter competition at Pikeville Fire Department Station #1 on Friday night beginning at 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

For more information call Pikeville Fire Department at (606) 437-5120 or 437-5125 for more information on this competition.

Brochures will be out at different vendor booths during State Fire School, the KCTCS booth and the registration table. Remember to mark your calendars now! Call your spouses and ask them first, then the boss at work and schedule your time off because you don't want to miss this school on July 20-21-22, 2001!! I'll see you in Lexington to answer any questions you might have. God Bless!

Randy Courtney

President Pike County Firefighter Association
KCTCS Fire Service Instructor

Legislative Report

by
Sylvan Smith

The fire service of Kentucky was well represented in Washington for the National Fire and Emergency Service Dinner. We had Larry Collier, Walter Lage, Kristin Chilton, Mayor Carol Walters from the Fire Commission, and Michael "Howdy" Kurtsinger from the KPF, Bill Martin, Gerald Stewart, and myself from the KFA. We were able to meet with all the members of the House of Representatives or one of their aids. We had meetings with our Senators also. They were all very receptive to all of our concerns. They all were up to date on the fire Service Grant Program and interested in how many Departments from Kentucky are putting in for a grant. At the time we were up there the applications were coming in kind of slow. I believe the last week they picked up and more came in. **We need the help of the firefighters in the areas of Congressman Edward Whitfield, Ron Lewis, Anne Northup, Ernest Lee Fletcher. These members don't belong to the Fire Caucus. We have two Congressmen and our two Senators belong. It would be to their advantage and ours if they belonged. The members receive updates on what is going on with the fire service. If you see them say something to them or write to them to let them know you would like for them to join the Fire Caucus. The good thing about it it's free. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at fire school.**

KFA Scholarship

Procedures for Application

Open to all applicants

1. Fill out application provided by the Kentucky Firefighters Association
2. Provide K.F.A. with an official criminal background check.
3. Provide a letter describing your affiliation with a dues paying member of the K.F.A.

Open to selected finalists

1. A resume' including reasons for needing or deserving scholarship as well as details of present emergency service experience and future emergency service plans
2. You will need three letters of recommendation if not already provided with original application.

Eligibility requirements

Below are the requirements set down by the K.F.A. for this scholarship. Although the requirements seem fairly open there are certain characteristics and requirements that carry more weight than others and those are detailed below.

1. Applicant must be affiliated with a dues paying member of the K.F.A. Applicant must provide letter of affiliation from the departments administration verifying said affiliation. This letter may also include a recommendation but is not necessary.
2. Priority will be given to students who intend to major in fire science, paramedic science or another safety field. Other majors will be considered if they can be justified as deserving by the applicant and no other qualifying applicants are approved. Applicants who later change their major away from a safety field lose their scholarship but may reapply.
3. Priority will be given to students attending Kentucky Colleges. Other institutions will be considered if no other qualifying applications are approved.
4. In order of preference, priority will be given to active firefighters or other safety personnel followed by the children and spouses of emergency services workers. Extra consideration will be given to persons able to remain active during their college and or vacation time.

5. Applicant must intend to return to Kentucky and serve in an emergency services capacity after graduation.
6. Any past convictions for criminal activity automatically disqualifies applicant. Applicant is responsible for providing certified background check.

Requirements to maintain scholarship

1. Student must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. If student falls below this level, they have one semester (not counting summers) to return G.P.A. to the 2.5 level. If cumulative G.P.A. is still below 2.5 after this grace period the scholarship will be rescinded.
2. Student must, at the end of each semester, provide a copy of their grade report. Failure to provide the report will delay or prevent the following semester's scholarship payment.
3. The student must maintain major for which the scholarship was awarded. Any change in major must be considered by the K.F.A. If the new major is still within the emergency services field scholarship will be maintained. If the move is away from emergency services the scholarship will be rescinded but the applicant may reapply with the new major.
4. The student must maintain full time status for the duration of the four year scholarship. Any breaks in attendance will require applicant to reapply. Student may appeal this rule if the reason for the break as well as its duration can be reasonably explained.
5. Any criminal activity, including first time DUI and or drug related offenses the applicant loses their scholarship and may not reapply.

Responsibilities of the Kentucky Firefighter Association

1. The K.F.A. agrees to pay \$500 to accepted student. This payment will occur 6 weeks into each semester with half being paid in the fall and half in the spring. Pay schedule may be altered due to school requirements. In any case money will be paid directly to the school.
2. Money will be paid twice a year for four years or eight semesters which ever comes earliest.

Firefighting - A Family Tradition in Fort Mitchell

By
David E. Jansing, KFA Secretary

For the past 30 years I have had the opportunity and honor to serve with two individuals who together have dedicated 95 years of volunteer service to the Fort Mitchell Fire Department. Vincent P. Gohs has been a member for 50 years. He is one of our most active volunteer members, and has been the Senior Engineer for many of those years. Ronald P. Becker has been a volunteer for 45 years. He is currently the Senior Captain on the department.

The Gohs and Becker names are certainly no strangers to the Fort Mitchell Community. Vince Gohs joined the fire department in 1951. Vince and his wife Patty have three sons, Vince, Rick and Tim, and one daughter, Patty Jo. All three sons are members of the fire department. Before retiring, Patty was the City Clerk, and is a Lifetime Member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Patty Jo married Bob Zerhusen who is a former member of the fire department.

Vince (Jr.) and Rick recently became Lifetime members of the Fort Mitchell Fire Department after completing 25 years of service. The youngest son, Tim, has completed 20 years of service. Rick is a Captain, Vince Jr. an Engineer, and Tim is a Lieutenant. Together the Gohs Family have 120 years of service on the department. In addition to the Fort Mitchell Fire Department, Rick is also a career firefighter (Engineer) with the City of Covington FD.

Ronald P. Becker joined the department in 1955 and rose through the ranks from firefighter to Chief. Ron's dad, Ray Becker was one of the original members of the department when it was founded in 1927. He too rose through the ranks from firefighter to Chief. Upon his retirement, he was named Chief Emeritus. Ron's brother Tom, was

also a member of the fire department.

In addition to his 45 years (so far) on the fire department, Ron was very instrumental in forming a volunteer life squad in Fort Mitchell. This occurred in 1979 and 1980. Prior to that time, the City of Fort Mitchell contracted with the Crescent Springs Life Squad. Ron was appointed as the 1st Chief of the Fort Mitchell Life Squad. We now operate with two BLS ambulances.

Ron is also a retired career firefighter/EMT with the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport Fire Department.

In keeping with the family tradition, one of Ron and Diane's sons Doug, also joined the fire department 22 years ago. Doug is also a Captain on the department.

During the last KFA Executive Board meeting held in Owensboro during the Green River Officer's School, Vince Gohs and Ron Becker were each granted a Lifetime Membership to the Kentucky Firefighters Association for their many years of volunteer service.

On April 21st during the annual City Appreciation Dinner held at the Drawbridge, as Secretary of the KFA and Assistant Chief of the Fort Mitchell Fire Department, I had the distinct privilege to formally present both Vince and Ron with their KFA Lifetime Memberships.

A picture of the presentation is posted on the KFA Web Site at www.kyfa.org.

In a time when many volunteer departments are finding it difficult to recruit and retain volunteers this had a special meaning for me.

Congratulations Vince & Ron.

Sincerely,
David E. Jansing

NFPA: Looking to the Future!

For more than 104 years NFPA has been developing quality codes and standards through the most open, democratic process in the world. This process is based on important principles and bedrock values that NFPA will never compromise. Principles such as the belief that everyone deserves the right to participate fully in the NFPA process, including the right to vote; and values such as the importance of ensuring a voice for everyone with knowledge and an interest in fire, building, and life safety.

As is the case with any comprehensive system, the NFPA code- and standard-making process is sometimes misunderstood. Here are the facts: All NFPA codes and standards are written by balanced technical committees consisting of volunteer experts from affected and knowledgeable sectors. No more than one-third of the members of any NFPA technical committee can represent any single interest group, and every recommended code or standard proposal must be supported by two-thirds of the members of that technical committee. Through NFPA's web site <www.nfpa.org> or for the cost of a postage stamp, anyone can submit proposals and comments, and the participant is guaranteed a response via the Report on Proposals and/or Report on Comments.

Our process ensures that the development of NFPA codes and standards is open to all with an interest in fire, building, and life safety. However, the content of our documents is equally important. In the case of building, fire, and life safety codes, this means that the code must contain the tools necessary for the fire or building official to effectively do his or her job.

NFPA is now in the process of developing a complete set of consensus codes and standards for the built environment. The vast majority of the codes and standards included in this set have been enforced throughout the United States and abroad for many years. Other codes, such as the proposed NFPA 5000, *Building Code*[™], will be complete and ready for adoption in August 2002. NFPA 5000 will be the only consensus-based building code and the only building code in the country that includes provisions to address firefighter safety. And, the 2003 NFPA 1/Uniform Fire Code will be the most comprehensive fire code in the world.

When complete, NFPA's consensus codes set will be the only set developed in an open, consensus process. Every person in the State of Kentucky has the right to fully participate in NFPA's code- and standard-development process, including the right to vote. No other code development process offers all of Kentucky's citizens these "equal" rights in all phases of the process.

A few years ago the State of Kentucky adopted NFPA 1, *Fire Prevention Code*[™], NFPA 101, *Life Safety Code*[®], NFPA 54, *National Fuel Gas Code*[™], and many others. At that time NFPA provided training and complimentary codes for every fire and building enforcer who attended NFPA's free training sessions. This is standard practice for NFPA and we will repeat this offer each time the state updates these and other major codes to the latest editions. Further, this same offer will apply to NFPA 5000 when it is complete in August 2002. **This free service is very important, as it ensures that fire and building officials in every jurisdiction throughout the State of Kentucky, regardless of the jurisdiction's size or resources, will have up-to-date codes and be trained by the best experts in the business at no cost to the taxpayers.** No other code organization is willing to match this commitment.

NFPA codes and standards are truly time-tested, international documents. Many of the NFPA codes, such as NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*[®], are used in every U.S. state and in numerous countries.

Long after the code adoption is final, services and support will be the critical issues for many years to come for both government and private sector users. NFPA's commitment to customer service, such as the free codes and training for government code enforcers mentioned above, is second to none. Further, NFPA is the industry leader in providing support materials, such as handbooks and electronic codes, and in providing world-renowned public education programs such as *Risk Watch*[®], *Learn Not To Burn*[®], and *Remembering When*[®].

Like many of you, I have spent my entire adult life as a fire service professional. I care deeply about our profession and the people who fill its rank and file. I have always and will always resist a process where the fire service professional is assigned a second-rate role. If these beliefs are dear to you, I encourage you to get involved in NFPA's world-class code- and standard-making system and support the adoption of NFPA codes, standards, and public education programs.

If you would like to know more about how you can participate in the NFPA codes- and standards-making process, I will be happy to speak on this subject at one of your future conferences. Also, please check out NFPA's web sit at <www.nfpa.org>. This site is loaded with information that is important to those of us with an interest in fire, building, and life safety.

Russ Sanders, Manager
NFPA Central Regional Office
Fire Chief (Retired), Louisville, KY

On the Lighter Side

You know your a firefighter if.....

You can tell what type of fire it is by the smell of smoke 10 miles away.

You have ever had a heated debate over the color of fire trucks.

You have ever spent 10 min trying to force open a door only to have someone come along and open it by turning the handle.

You have ever taken 10 or more showers in 1 day.

You lay out your cloths from that day so if there is a call at night you can find them quickly.

You take great joy in smashing the windows of a car parked in a fire zone or in front of a hydrant.

You have ever been airborne without an aircraft and water was your thrust.

You always wear red suspenders.

You have ever slept in a hosebed.

You carry a ton of specially modified tools in your pocket.

You ever cursed out someone for armor-alling the seats to make them look nice.

You've ever clung to the air horn chord for dear life because the driver is insane.

You have ever played jingle bells at Xmas time on the air horns to clear traffic.

You have ever said, "she's hot tonight" and not been talking about a girl.

You have ever had "yoda ears"

You have ever called a person found after a fire a "crispy critter"

You have ever stomped out a fire with your boots because you couldn't wait for water.

You have ever walked 3 miles into the woods in 100 degree heat in full turnout gear and a 5 gal or more water can strapped on your back just to put out a fire.

Your kids are afraid to get into water fights with you.

"Climbing the corporate ladder" has nothing to do with career advancement.

Your work gear makes you sound like Darth Vader.

You roll around in anything that just burned to make your new gear look old.

You take pride in the fact that you haven't washed your gear in years.

You carry enough in your car to extinguish a minor blaze.

You have ever juggled hot coals with your gloves.

Your POV has more lights than a Christmas tree.

All the shirts you own say you are a firefighter.

You find yourself living at the fire department 365 days a year!

When you go to rent a movie, and they insist on getting Backdraft EVERY TIME!

You are caught on the back of a truck with your girlfriend or wife in the middle of something and the page goes out for a call.

KFA Executive Board Meeting

will be held at the State Fire School in
Lexington on Sunday afternoon
June 3rd, 2001

It will start at 1:00PM
at the Holiday Inn North
(Usual location, time & date)



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director
Bryant Stiles, Alternate

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Update

WASHINGTON, DC - More than 9,700 of the nearly 20,000 applications from fire departments across the country have been entered into the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program database, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) announced today. Additional staff is expediting the processing and helping to ensure the program's September 30, 2001 deadline for decisions on award recipients is met.

The program's first priority is entering data and processing the applications, using program guidance materials that accompanied the application forms. Confirmation of receipt for individual applications and demographic analysis of the applicants by state, type of fire department, or other characteristics will not be available for several weeks.

In addition to application processing, a test of the grant application peer review evaluation was completed this week. This process will be used when the evaluation panels begin meeting at FEMA's National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, Md. on May 20, 2001. The panels will conduct detailed reviews of the top ranked applications and make recommendations to FEMA and the USFA on the grant awards.

More information on the grant program, including regular updates on the number of applications processed, is available on the USFA web site at: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/update.htm>

Cheney to Lead Anti-Terrorism Plan Team

New FEMA Office Will Coordinate Response Efforts of More Than 40 Agencies, Officials Say

By Vernon Loeb washingtonpost.com

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

Vice President Cheney will oversee development of a plan for responding to terrorist attacks in the United States, while a new office within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will coordinate terrorist response efforts by more than 40 federal agencies, the Bush administration announced yesterday.

Testifying at a joint hearing of three Senate committees, FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh said he would soon be establishing an Office of National Preparedness to coordinate federal programs and assist local governments in responding to terrorist attacks involving so-called weapons of mass destruction.

"No government responsibility is more fundamental than protecting the physical safety of its population," Allbaugh told members of the Senate Appropriations, Armed Services and Intelligence committees. "In today's world, this obligation includes protection against the use of weapons of mass destruction involving nuclear, biological or chemical agents and materials."

President Bush, in a statement announcing the plans for Cheney and the new office within FEMA, said that "the threat of chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons being used against the United States — while not immediate— is very real."

While the Justice Department will remain the lead federal investigative agency in cases involving terrorist attacks and retain responsibility for "crisis management," FEMA will assume a role previously played by the FBI's National Domestic Prepared-

ness Office for working with local police, fire and emergency management agencies, administration officials said.

Richard A. Clarke, whom the Bush administration has retained on an interim basis as national coordinator of counter terrorism and computer security programs at the National Security Council, has acknowledged that the FBI badly bungled its domestic preparedness mission.

But in choosing to transfer those duties to FEMA, the Bush administration stopped well short of creating a high-level coordinating council in the White House, as called for last year in legislation that passed unanimously in the House but died in the Senate.

Also in choosing FEMA, the administration declined to act on the recommendations of a congressionally mandated commission on national security that recommended combining the duties of the Coast Guard, the Customs Service, FEMA and the Border Patrol into a new National Homeland Security Agency.

Sen. Judd Gregg (R-N.H.) said in an interview after the hearing that the administration's plan highlights the need for better coordination of responses to terrorism. But Gregg said he hopes Cheney's review will clearly define the roles of FEMA and the FBI, which remain murky.

During the hearing, Sen. Ernest F. Hollings (D-S.C.) noted a recent \$200 million cut in FEMA's budget and said that "rather than coordinating, we're dis-coordinating the effort being made in the prevention of terrorism."

Hearings into the issue continue today and Thursday with testimony scheduled from Attorney General John D. Ashcroft and other Cabinet officials.

Testifying yesterday, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said that the Pentagon would remain in a "supporting role" to civilian agencies in

responding to terrorist attacks in the United States, with the military reserves acting as "the nation's forward-deployed units for domestic consequence management."

Wolfowitz said that any deployment of military forces in the United States in response to a terrorist attack would require direct authorization by him or Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

The Pentagon has 27 rapid-response teams in "varying stages of development," Wolfowitz said. Five more rapid-response teams have been authorized by Congress.

Robert J. Lieberman, the Defense Department's deputy inspector general, was far more critical at a hearing last week, reviewing a recent inspector general's report that faulted the Army for failing to provide even the first 10 teams with adequate guidance, training and equipment.

Treasury Secretary Paul H. O'Neill, in his testimony, highlighted the role of the Customs Service as the nation's "first line of border defense." But he did not dispute a claim by Hollings that Customs inspects only one of every 10 containers unloaded each day at ports in New Jersey.

"One of the stunning things to me, when you sit and think about the compact nature of some weapons that can be transported fairly easily and concealed fairly easily, is how enormous this job is for people who are on the front line," O'Neill said.

Amy E. Smithson, a researcher on chemical and biological weapons at the Henry L. Stimson Center in Washington, concluded in a recent report that the federal government has wasted large sums of money by mismanaging an array of domestic preparedness programs.

But Smithson also concluded that terrorist experts inside and outside the federal government have consistently hyped the threat of chemical or biological attacks.

"Safety in the Fire Service"

by William S. Carver

Area 4 KCTCS Fire/Rescue Training Coordinator

When you look around the State, I really feel its much safer for the firefighter now than in the past. You see more fire departments with NFPA compliant gear and safer more efficient engines. Fire prevention programs done by fire departments as well as fire and building codes and inspections have reduced the number of fires and dangerous conditions in structures that firefighters have to enter. Mutual aid agreements and better roads have also made it safer. The OSHA standards are truly life savers as well as the NFPA standards. However keep in mind that these standards are minimum safety standards and should be surpassed whenever possible. Volunteer chiefs as well as paid should strive to exceed these standards. Is a volunteer less important than a paid firefighter or is a raging fire going to be less forgiving because a person is volunteering? I think not! In my teaching experience, safety has been the hardest subject to teach and the hardest for the students to accept. Some students do not feel the need and will sometimes argue a safety issue where they will accept a new firefighting skill readily. Short cuts on the fire scene can be killers. Once a firefighter gets away with a short cut they will most likely not go back to using the safe procedure but will continue to use the easy, quicker, less burdensome method. Chief officers should lead by example and not fight these minimum safety standards for firefighters. If you ask any chief about safety, they would probably tell you safety was the most important issue for firefighters. They for sure would not want any firefighter under their command to get hurt or ill from fighting fires. However some of these same chief officers will allow a firefighter to climb onto a roof of a burning building without a roof ladder or approach a haz. mat. fire without breathing apparatus or let a driver drive through a red traffic light or stop sign without stopping. I have heard most of the objections as new safety concepts have come into the fire service. Most of these sound ridiculous now, but then they were hotly debated issues. For example when breathing apparatus was first being used extensively firefighters would complain you can't move around with all this stuff, it's too heavy etc.; hoods and wristlets, you can't feel when its getting to hot; beards, I can get a perfect seal and I never smell any smoke; and on and on and on. Complacency should be avoided at all cost. Just because something hasn't happened before doesn't mean that it will not happen. Chief officers and instructors should be held to a higher degree of training so the line fighter will be taught the

safest methods of emergency response. So, summing up all this, lets all work together to make it safer for Kentucky Firefighters, Kentucky's first line of defense against the every day disasters that Kentucky citizens face every day.

The role of Regional Fire Associations in the Commonwealth

By Woody Will

I guess I have a plate about as full as you can get without the good stuff running all over the sides (kind of like Thanksgivings at Grandma's house). But two times a year I do a task I like to think of as a labor of love. I get to play moderator for the associations meeting at the KFA Conference and at the Kentucky Officers School in Owensboro.

We open by having each association tell a little about what is going on in their area and how the KFA and other state organizations can help by recognizing the issue and offering suggestions. At times we can barely fit everyone in the room other times we have few with issues. We have had to play second fiddle to golf tournaments and some conferences have been so cluttered with stuff they have left the meeting out all together. What value do associations play if any? Some areas very little while some associations have the ear of very influential people. The answer lies somewhere in between.

The fact is your local association is somewhat like the KFA in that it is your local watch dog to see that elected officials and others do what is needed for your departments. As a single department your voice is not very loud. But as a group in a congressional district you can speak volumes when it comes to influencing the out come of elections. With that kind of political power there is little on a local level you cannot accomplish if you set your mind to it. The first step is to conduct local meetings regularly. Not whizzing contests to see how much testosterone is in the room, but real meetings that address real problems with real possible solutions. If you can get together and really try to agree on issues I would be willing to bet you would be surprised to see how much there is to agree on. As an organized group you then have a voice that all fire service servicing agencies must listen to. The Fire Marshals Office, the Fire Commission, State Emergency Management, and The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services will listen if you can agree on real issues in your area. They are all put there to be your legislators arm of government to help you serve the public you are there to protect. Get it together! Speak with one voice in your local area. Support your local association!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Ohio Valley EMS Association "24 CEU Hr Weekend"

The Ohio Valley EMS Association, Inc., has scheduled its next 24 CEU hour weekend offering for November 9-11, 2001, at Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Training Center on Greenwood Road at the Ohio River. The Kentucky AAMS Chapter plans to offer 8 CEU hours on Friday, November 9, 2001, in connection with the Ohio Valley EMS Association. Therefore, there is a total of 32 CEU hours available on this weekend.

Friday, November 9, 2001:

Kentucky AAMS: 8 AM till 5 PM

Ohio Valley EMS Association: 6 PM till 10 PM

Saturday, November 10, 2001:

Ohio Valley EMS Association: 8 AM till 10 PM

Sunday, November 11, 2001:

Ohio Valley EMS Association: 8 AM till 5 PM

The Ohio Valley EMS association membership fee is \$30.00 per year. The cost for the 24 CEU hour weekend offering is \$50.00 for members and \$150 for non-member.

Kentucky AAMS is offering their eight hour block at no charge to the Ohio Valley EMS Association members.

NOTE: We have received several requests for a Blood Borne Pathogens class. If the class is offered during the weekend, an additional charge will be collected of \$10.00 per student.

If you wish to join the Ohio Valley EMS Association, Inc., and/or pre-register for the November weekend, please send your name, address and phone numbers with your check check to:

Ohio Valley EMS Association, Inc.

PO Box 91323

Louisville, KY 40291-0805

Pikeville Fire School

July 13-15, 2001, Location: Pikeville, For more info. contact Bob Barringer at 606-789-5321

KFA Conference

August 5-8, 2001, Location: Ashland

Hopkinsville Fire School

August 18-19, 2001, Location: Hopkinsville, for more info contact Ed Schmidt at 270-365-4632

6th Annual Pennyrile Fire School

August 18 - 19, 2001, Tentative classes to be offered: Extrication - Light and Heavy, Level I Methodology, Smoke, Burn and Flashover Class, Basic SCBA, Pumper Air Brake Systems, Nozzles, Firestreams and

Foam, Firefighter Survival and Rescue, Intermediate/Advanced Rope Rescue, EMT CEU's, Farm Rescue, Aircraft Rescue, Wildland Search And Rescue, HazMat Operations level.

For more info contact Capt. Johnny Ezell (270) 890-1403 or Ed Schmitt (270) 365-4632.

Hazard Fire School

August 25-26, 2001, Location: Hazard, For more info contact Chuck Caldwell at 606-928-6427

Northern KY Fire School

Sept. 15-16, 2001, Location: NKU, For more info contact Mike Wallingford at 859-441-6851

Eastern KY Fire School

Sept. 22-23, 2001, Location: Ashland, For more info contact Mark Hammond at 606-928-6427

Jefferson Co. Fire School

Sept. 29-30, 2001, Location: Louisville, For more info contact Wayne Jordan at 502-253-5857

Southeastern Fall Fire School

Oct. 6-7, 2001, Location: London, For more info contact Greg Gray at 606-862-0318

Buffalo Trace Fire School

Oct. 19-21, 2001, Location: Maysville, For more info contact Duane Suttles at 606-784-1393

All information about fire schools or other educational information is subject to change without notification. Before you make plans to attend take the time to call the contact number to make sure the class you wish to attend is still being conducted. You could be wasting time and fuel otherwise.

If you have educational information you would like added to our newsletter please submit to: Woody Will PO Box 117, Cecilia KY 42724, Phone 270-862-9491 Fax 270-766-5238, E-mail wwill@kvnet.org.

For Sale

The City of Lewiston Idaho is offering for sale a 1970 American LaFrance Aerochief 90 foot snorkel. It has been in use and certified annually. Bids will be accepted until June 25, 2001. Mail all proposals to Dale Bloom, Purchasing Agent, City of Lewiston, PO Box 617, Lewiston, ID 83501.

Inquiries or requests for pictures and information may be made to Jim Collons, Equipment Services Manager, City of Lewiston, PO Box 617, Lewiston, ID 83501 208-746-2630 Fax 208-743-2375. E-mail servicecenter@ci.lewiston.id.us.

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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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<p>Jack L. Slagle Fire Equipment • Jack Slagle Main Office: 1100 Bill Tuck Hwy, S Boston, VA 24592 P 804-575-7905 1-800-446-8896 F 804-572-3373 E-Mail: slaglefire@slaglefire.com WebSite: www.slaglefire.com Branch Office: 1818 Old Dunbar Rd Cayce (W. Columbia), SC 29171 P 1-803-791-4555 F 1-803-739-2327</p>	<p>Kentucky Fire Commission - State Fire Rescue Training Executive Director: Larry J. Collier Division Directors: Steve Calhoun & Walter Lage 2750 Research Park Dr. - Barn Annex • P.O. Box 14092 • Lexington, KY 40512 (800) 782-6823 (859) 246-3484 Fax <i>The mission of the Fire Commission is to strengthen, upgrade and improve the fire service for the citizens and industry of the commonwealth through standardized education, training, communication and distribution of funds.</i></p>	

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16 Participate in E'town Search Management Course

Sixteen students, including Search and Rescue Coordinators from five counties, participated in KyEM's Managing Search Operations course, May 17-20 at the Bowen Fire/Rescue Training Center in Elizabethtown.

This 32 hour course meets the state administrative regulation requirement for search management training. All local Search and Rescue Coordinators and members of rescue squads specializing in searching for lost persons must successfully complete KyEM-approved search management instruction.

"This course contains a great deal of technical information," said KyEM Training Supervisor Patrick Conley, who instructed the Elizabethtown session along with veteran SAR trainer Norman Lawson of the state's Legislative Research Commission and KyEM Area 5 Manager Gene Logue. "The students really enjoyed the daily map problems where they got to apply all the technical information and management techniques learned in the classroom sessions," Conley added.

Conley said Lawson, KyEM Area Manager Tony Keithley and newly appointed KyEM SAR Coordinator Bill Day went to Washington state the week of May 21 - 25 to attend a train-the-trainer for a new version of the search management course. "We have brought back a shorter version of the same course, perhaps one we can fit into an intensive weekend format, like we do our 'BSAR (Basic Search and Rescue)' course," said Conley. Conley explained that the 32 hour course might be updated and saved as an "advanced" course for more experienced search managers.

Conley said this month's (June 21-24) search management course in Morehead will consist of the existing, 32 hour course. A few slots remain for this course. Interested persons should contact the KyEM Area 8 office at 502-607-1608.

(From left) Developing search management strategy and tactics are (from left) Lyon Co. SAR Coordinator Bill Adams, Raleigh Shelton of Breckinridge Co. EMA, Paula Ricks of Shelby County SAR, Vice-Commander Donnie Milam of Bowling Green/Warren County Rescue, Gary Luce of Marion Co. Rescue, Mike Jones of SAR-3 and Director Barry Hart of Breckinridge Co. EMA. The group was participating in a map problem at the May 17-20 search management course in Elizabethtown.



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