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Smoke Signals

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Legislation signed by **Governor Fletcher will help** protect Kentuckians against cigarette-ignited fires

On March 27, 2007 Kentucky became the eighth state to mandate that all cigarettes sold in state will be "fire-safe." These cigarettes are less likely to ignite fires when dropped or discarded. The tremendous danger posed by cigarette-ignited fires was demon-



strated in Kentucky in February when a fire started by a smoldering cigarette in a Bardstown home took the lives of 10 members of the same family. Also on Thursday May 10, 2007 fire officials say a cigarette tossed into mulch outside Perkins Restaurant and Bakery on Hurstbourne Parkway in Louisville started a blaze that gutted the business and led to the injury of two firefighters. Cigaretteignited fires are the leading cause of home fire deaths in the United States, killing 700 to 900 people annually.

Governor Ernie Fletcher signed the legislation into law, requiring that all cigarettes sold in Kentucky as of April 2008 be low-ignition strength (or fire-safe) as established by recognized standards. The use of cigarettes that have a reduced propensity to burn when left unattended will help prevent tens of thousands of cigarette-ignited fires each year.

"Fire-safe cigarettes have proven to be an effective way to protect against these types of fires and provide a huge leap forward in fire protection for Kentuckians," said James M. Shannon, president of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) — coordinator of the Coalition for Fire-Safe Cigarettes. "We applaud Governor Fletcher and the Kentucky State Legislature for providing the people of this state with a higher level of safety."

"Requiring the sale of fire-safe cigarettes throughout Kentucky will lessen the chances that a tragedy like the Bardstown fire will happen again," said Shannon. "Kentucky, a leading tobacco producing state, is sending a clear message - lives can be saved by altering the ways cigarettes are made. Every state in the country should require the same for its citizens."

According to the state fire marshal's office, more than one-third of all structure fires in the state of Kentucky in recent years were caused by cigarettes. From January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006, 70 percent of the fatalities, 56 percent of the civilian injuries, and 46 percent of the firefighter injuries suffered in Kentucky structure fires were from fires caused by cigarettes. (Source of article NFPA)

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Notes From The President's Desk Troy Newcomb

I was honored to be a part of the Fire-Safe Cigarette signing that took place in Frankfort on March 27th. Governor Ernie Fletcher addressed Fire Service leaders that were on hand for the bill signing. A special thanks goes out to everyone who was involved in passing this legislation. Kentucky was the eighth state in the nation to adopt this legislation. Russ Sanders, with the National Fire Protection Association, will continue to work hard on having every state in the nation adopt this life-saving initiative.

After leaving Frankfort on March 27th., I traveled to Louisville where I was met by a delegation of Fire Service Leaders from across the state that would be flying to Washington, D.C. for the Congressional Fire Service Institute dinner. After arriving in Washington, D.C., Fire Service Leaders convened in the lobby of the Washington Hilton for a brief meeting concerning legislative issues, which were to be addressed with Senators and Representatives. After going over several fire service related issues, the group was ready to meet the following day with our Kentucky Senators and Representatives. The group convened at the Capitol Annex at 8:00 AM. The groups represented from Kentucky were the Kentucky Fire Commission, Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association, Kentucky State Fire Marshal's office, Kentucky Firefighters Association, National Volunteer Fire Council of Kentucky, and Kentucky State Fire Rescue Training.

Also noted for the first time, every congressional district in the Commonwealth of Kentucky was represented. Fire Service leaders discussed, with congressional members, the need for continued funding and increase of the Fire Grant Act. Congressional leaders were also asked to help with the communication standard that will free up the 700 MHz band for use by public safety agencies. Congressional leaders were advised of a problem concerning public safety officer benefits dealing with line of duty deaths in which the firefighter's families were not being paid claims, which had been

submitted and were pending approval. Congressional leaders were asked to continue funding of Fire Prevention programs and support federal legislation that would deal with fire-safe cigarettes and novelty lighters. The meetings adjourned at 5:00 PM and the delegation from Kentucky arrived back at the Washington Hilton to attend the 19th Annual Congressional Fire Services Institute dinner, which started at 6:00 PM. The theme this year was "working together to protect our communities." The main tribute of the Fire and Emergency Services dinner was to pay tribute to Congressman Curt Weldon, founder of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus. The Fire Service Caucus is one of the largest caucus' with over 350 members. All members of the Kentucky delegation had a great time in the fellowship of working together on emergency services issues, which impact everyone in emergency services.

I would like to remind you of the Kentucky Homeland Security State Fire School which will be held June 6-10 in Lexington, Kentucky at the Hyatt and Radisson Hotels with the vendors program at the Lexington Convention Center. The Kentucky Firefighters Association Executive Board will meet June 9th at the Kentucky Homeland Security State Fire School. We will be looking forward to seeing you there.

It is hard to believe, but in just 12 short weeks, the 87th Annual Kentucky Firefighters Conference will be conducted July 28 – 31, 2007 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Registration forms can be obtained by going to the www.kfa2007.com web site. Also, now is the time to get your ad prepared and submitted. The deadline for ad submission is May 31st. Additional information about conference events can also be obtained on the web site.

Stay safe and God bless Troy Newcomb, President

Words of Wisdom

Football is like life - it requires perseverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority.

Vince Lombardi

Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller

Greetings to all Firefighters and E M S personal. Hope this Spring is getting you ready to attend our state Fire School. By the time this printing is mailed Fire School will be in full swing or have just been completed.

There are 370 departments that have paid their 2006-2007 dues. There are 15 personal memberships and 21 current Sustaining Memberships. These vendors dues are payable during fire school. Charlie Shaw, normally has about 46 vendors by the end of fire school.

Speaking of the vendors who support the K F A, your department needs to do the same in return. If your department is looking to purchase equipment or new uniforms, look at the vendors list in the Smoke Signals and give those companies a chance to bid on what you are buying. Without the support of our vendors and other sustaining members, the K F A would have to cut some programs.

The annual conference is approaching. Dates for this year are July 28-31st at Kentucky Dam Village. Each department needs to try and send at least someone to this conference. This is where the K F A Executive Board and Committee Chairman receive their directions for the next year. The Executive Board needs to hear the problems departments are having. Pension and health care are the major issues the Executive Board and Legislative Committee are concerned about, but we know there are more issues out there. Let your Executive Board know your concerns.

Until I see you at Fire School or the Conference, stay safe and enjoy the Spring and Summer.

Your Treasurer

Terry Keller

Words of Wisdom

There's a need for accepting responsibility - for a person's life and making choices that are not just ones for immediate short-term comfort. You need to make an investment, and the investment is in health and education.

REGIONAL EMBERS



Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association Richard Tapp, President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky" and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. Spring was short lived in "Far Western Kentucky". It seems that we went from fall directly into summer. It was unseasonably cold in April to the detriment of the spring flowers, the fruit trees and the crops in our area. And now, here in May, it is unseasonably hot. None the less, I am pleased that a power far greater than mere mortals is in charge of our weather.

The 2007 version of the JPFA Annual Fire School at Kentucky Dam Village State Park was a large success by all accounts. The student enrollment keeps increasing and the JPFA Annual Fire School Committee continues to work harder and harder to provide new, up to date, hands on classes that everyone seems to enjoy. Of course it helps tremendously that the Annual Fire School is conducted at one of the most beautiful locations in the State of Kentucky. And we are not the least bit prejudice.

The JPFA has a multitude of people that contribute to the success of the annual fire school each and every year. There is no way that I could begin to name all of them and I will not even attempt to do so. They all know who they are and they continue to serve to help promote the training of the emergency services personnel in our area and across the Commonwealth. However, I would be remiss in not mentioning Charlie Lott and State Fire Rescue Training. Without this support, the JPFA annual fire school would not be able to continue to provide the same level of classes and instructors that we currently provide. Thank you Charlie Lott and SFRT. In addition I must offer a special thank you to all of the students that attend our school. Without these very special people all of the efforts of all of the people involved would be for naught. Thank you for attending the 2007 JPFA Annual Fire School and we look forward to seeing each and every one of you next year.

'Regional Embers' continued . . .

The 87TH Annual Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference will be conducted July 28TH – 31ST, 2007 at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. KFA President Troy Newcomb and the KFA West Region are making preparations for your arrival and your stay in "Far Western Kentucky". We invite you to make your plans now to attend this conference and enjoy our hospitality to the fullest on the banks of beautiful Kentucky Lake. You will not be disappointed.

Visit the KFA 2007 web site at www.KFA2007.com for all of the details and updates as they become available. Registration forms for the conference can be downloaded from the site. The KFA 2007 conference committee urges you to complete your registration now and get it in the mail. The ad forms for the KFA 2007 conference program guide book can also be downloaded. Please complete this form, attach your camera ready ad slick and check and mail them to the address indicated.

Should you need assistance or have questions concerning the KFA 2007 conference go to the CONTACT page on the site and give us a call or send us an email. We will reply ASAP. A detailed conference agenda with times will be posted to the web site soon.

And last but certainly not least I would ask that you continue to remember and pray for all of our service personnel where ever they may be. We must never forget them and all of the sacrifices that they make so that we can live safely in these United States of America. May God Bless and Protect Our Troops.

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

Paul S. Billings

Words of Wisdom

A true conservationist is a man who knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children.



DIXIE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LuAnn Mink President

"The President Wears Pink"

March: The 2007-2008 Executive Committee has been sworn into office with Ronnie Bobblett officiating. Past President Heath Ryan has released his committees and assumed the position of Secretary. We will miss former Secretary Nancy Wheeler greatly. Chris Crawford has progressed to Vice President. We welcome back Past President Steve Sheets as Second Vice President. Treasurer Kim Galloway is still compiling receipts, collecting registration fees, and paying bills. Sergeant of Arms Richard Peters continues to keep us all in parliamentary compliance. I, LuAnn Mink, am honored to be your President.

April: Special thanks goes out to President Dan Ennis and members of the Kentucky Federation of Fire Chaplains who attended the April meeting of the Dixie Firefighters Association. With your help, the association



collected \$105 in tips during lunch on Saturday of the 2007 Dixie Fire School. A check in this amount was presented to the KFFC.

May: By this time, all departments across the eight counties which form the Dixie Firefighters Association are geared up and sporting roadblock sun burns as Crusade for Children efforts are underway. The Meade County Fire Chiefs Association will be adding a "Poker Run" to their list of crusade activities. (For information contact Curtis Kelley: ckelley2205@yahoo.com) The Central Hardin Fire Department has a friendly little money raising competition with local radio celebrities Greg and Hollie from WQXE in which the loser will ascend the department's 75ft aerial ladder. The Dixie Firefighters Association is implementing training into the May Meeting agenda utilizing the Pump Operations and Maintenance Mobile Training Unit. June: As chairperson of the scholarship committee, Second Vice President Steve Sheets will be preparing for the application evaluation process.

'Regional Embers' continued . . .

Association Regional Director Michael Hulsey, Chief; Elizabethtown Fire Department will be in attendance for the KFA meetings schedule in conjunction with State Fire School.

July: With Independence Day just ahead, Association Chaplain Jim Burns will be remembering in prayer the men and women of our Nation's Armed Forces as they continue to fight for our freedom. As an association, we encourage you to do the same.

CONGRATULATIONS & CELEBRATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Chief Margie Jones

Glendale Fire Department

On March 31st, Chief Margie Jones who has served as a member of the Glendale Fire Department for over 30 years with 7 years as Chief, retired.

Lt. Rusty Todd

Elizabethtown Fire Department

In May, Lt. Rusty Todd, past President of the DFFA, was promoted to Chief Fire Inspector.

Lt. Larry Pierce

Elizabethtown Fire Department

June 1st, after 28 years of service, Lt. Larry Pierce retired from the Elizabethtown Fire Department.

IF THERE IS NO WIND TO CATCH IN YOUR SAILS, YOU MUST ROW

In the days immediately preceding fire school, I had the opportunity to reflect over the past weekend with Heath, Kim, and State Fire Rescue Training Area 5 Coordinator Casey Hall. From that conversation, I gained a new respect for instructional quality, customer service, communication, and accountability. During that meeting we examined the original mission and purpose of the Dixie Association, discussed how we as an association could better serve our membership, and what I hope to accomplish in the year that lies ahead. Casey made a statement that I really took to heart. He said "May be the time has come for the Dixie to expand its focus and go around to get folks involved". I left with that in mind.

IT IS HARD TO GET TO WHERE YOU ARE GOING

IF YOU CAN NOT REMEMBER WHERE IT WAS THAT YOU CAME FROM

There is a strong heritage, tradition, brotherhood, and commitment that still exists in the fire service. The Dixie Association has stood as an example of this for 45 years. There was a time, in the beginning, when the Dixie Fire School traveled throughout the region. This allowed for each of the 8 counties that comprised the association to have a vested interest in the fire school and it's operation. With the success and growth of the Dixie School, it became necessary to restrict it's location to an area where classroom availability, hotel accommodations, and logistical demands could be more easily met. At that time, Hardin County, specifically the city of Elizabethtown, was able to meet those requirements. Today, with the growth and prosperity of the cities and counties that make up the Dixie Association, we are once again in a position that would allow us to reach out to the membership and provide them the opportunity to become involved.

At the March business meeting, I appointed a "Location Reconnaissance Committee" to investigate the possibility and feasibility of the 2008 Dixie Fire School taking place in Bardstown, Kentucky. To ensure instructional quality, Casey Hall will serve as an advisor to the committee. The LRC will be chaired by Vice President Chris Crawford and formed of the following members: Ronnie Bobblett, Freddy Dewitt, Anthony Mattingly, Robbie Blanford, and Shane Crutcher. The remaining members of the Executive Board will provide assistance as needed upon request of the committee.

It is vital that we as an association do not allow ourselves to become stagnant. We must function and maintain the image of a regional association by having representation from all 8 counties present at meetings and events. In an attempt to facilitate this concept, I have appointed an Association Outreach Committee. The AOC will be chaired by Past President Tony Scott, Sr. and formed of the following members: Michelle Ryan, Casey Hall, Josh Lindblom, Rusty Todd, Troy Wilmoth, and Heath Ryan. The objectives of the AOC will be to promote, publicize, and market the association.

DIXIE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION PAUL BANSE SCHOLARSHIP

The DFFA Paul Banse Scholarship is awarded bi-annually through the Dixie Firefighters Association. Unlike traditional scholarships, which can only be used for funding of collegiate endeavors, the DFFA Paul Banse Scholarship can be for sought for the financing of <u>ANY</u> educational pursuits to include but not limited to: EMT courses and conferences, fire schools and conferences, and college degree and vocational courses. Based on the number of applicants, qualified applications, and fire school revenue, the DFFA may award up to \$2000 per application period.

Applications are available <u>ONLY</u> at meetings and/or events organized by the DFFA during the months of April 2007, May 2007, August 2007, and September 2007. If you are unable to attend a meeting and/or event organized by the DFFA, a representative from your department/agency or family member may obtain an application in your behalf. Applications must be submitted at the DFFA meetings and/or events during the months of June 2007 and October 2007. Scholarships will be awarded in July 2007 and November 2007.

"I am your President. Together, we are the Dixie. This is our regional association. Please take part".

LwAnn

Area 13 News

Area 13 has kicked off the spring with the Bell County Fire School, April 13, 14 & 15. With the help of the Bell County Volunteer Fire Department, our instruc-

tors and instructors from around the state, we had a successful school. The 300+ students braved the snow and freezing rain to receive a weekend of very good training.

April and May have both been busy months for our instructors with a variety of classes taught all over the area. The Lily Fire Department hosted a 1403 Live Burn in their community on May 12th. A special thanks to all the members who worked to get it ready is in order. Marc Hammond and his crew from Area 10 came down to help us. We had a successful day and received a wealth of hands-on training.

Lily Fire Department has also just purchased a stainless steel tanker from the McKee Fire Department.

Marc Rudder, Coordinator SFRT – AREA 13

HELP WANTED

POSITION OPENING

FIRE CHIEF BURLINGTON, KENTUCKY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Salary Range: \$65,000 - \$70,000 per annum.

The Burlington Fire Protection District is a progressive District located in Boone County, Kentucky. The residential population of the District is 23,000 and the District encompasses 39 square miles. The District provides both Fire Protection and EMS services. There are 25 full time personnel and 32 volunteers operating out of a single firehouse providing EMS, structural and general fire protection, hazardous material response, inspections and public education. The FY 2006-2007 budget was \$2,800,000.00 generated through the District's levy on real and personal property located within the District.

The Fire Chief reports to a seven (7) member Board of Trustees and is responsible for all fire management, operations, leadership and administration of Fire District services and personnel. The Fire Chief shall have fire service and management experience as a fire fighter and departmental officer. The Fire Chief shall have outstanding credentials in communication skills and shall be comfortable in all aspects of interacting with community leaders, residents, employees and employees groups, boosters groups and the various other Fire Chiefs operating in the area.

The Fire Chief shall have the following minimum credentials: Must be a citizen of the United States; Must live within the established boundaries of Boone County, Kentucky, or relocate within such boundaries within 6 months of hire; Must be able to speak, read and write the English language; High school graduate or GED equivalent; valid driver's license; Kentucky Certified Career Fighter (or equal).

Preferred characteristics for the Fire Chief shall include certification as a Kentucky Emergency Medical Technician; Associates Degree, or higher, in Business Administration, Public Administration, Fire Science or related fields; a minimum of ten (10) years in Fire/EMS service with at least five (5) years experience in operational management in fire service; Boone County SAED Certification (or equal); Kentucky certification as Fire Prevention Inspector (or equal); Kentucky Certified Level I Fire Instructor (or equal); 5 years experience in preparing and managing budgets in excess of one million dollars for a Fire Department with a minimum 1,500 calls per year, or more.

Training/Incident Response Requirements shall include: maintenance of Kentucky requirements of 100 hours per year for Career Firefighter Certification and State Incentive Pay; maintenance of Kentucky State EMT-B Certification in accordance with Kentucky State EMS Regulations; maintenance of Boone County SAED Certification as required by the District.

A drug test, credit check, criminal background check shall be required. The successful applicant shall also pass a standard physical and health examination.

The Burlington Fire Protection District is an equal opportunity employer.

Qualified individuals should direct their inquiries and resume by mail to the District's counsel:

Michael T. McKinney, Esq.

P. O. Box 688

Burlington, Kentucky 41005-0688

No e-mail or faxed transmissions will be accepted.

Applications shall be accepted until June 15, 2007. The position shall be filled and employment shall start on November 4, 2007.

2008 Conference Notes

The 2008 KFA Conference will be held in Northern Kentucky. One of the projects for the conference is to make quilts, for each Region of the State. To help us with this endeavor, we would like to receive a patch from each department in the state (approximately 850 departments). If possible please send one of your department patches and a note stating which regional association you are a member of (ie: Green River, Dixie, Jackson

Purchase, etc.) so we will get your patch on the appropriate quilt.

The quilts will be on display at the conference. To help us, we would like the patches as soon as possible, so that we can get started on this project immediately. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Send the patches to:

Ryland Heights Fire/EMS, 10041 Decoursey Pike Ryland Heights KY 41015, Attn: Captain Rick Hopple

Yours in the Fire Service,

Rick Hopple

Captain Rick Hopple

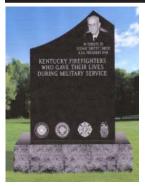


Cancer Support

We are a network of Fire Department personnel who are cancer survivors, caregivers and volunteers willing to share

our personal experiences with Fire Department members and their immediate family members who are faced with the challenging and often terrifying diagnosis of cancer. *Together We Can* provide comfort, strength, and hope.

For immediate assistance call toll free (866) 994-FCSN. For further information on Firefighter Cancer Support Network visit us on the web at: www.firefightercancersupport.org



Firefighters Killed in Military Service

Your KFA in conjunction with the Fire Commission, Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, and Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association are building a memorial for those firefighters

from KY killed while serving in the military. Each organization will split the cost of the memorial. The design of the memorial has been finalized and will be in place for the October 2007 Memorial Service.

We now need your help. We are looking for the names of Kentucky firefighters who died in the line of military duty while serving in our military after 1990. Send your information to: Wallace Possich, 314 W. 2nd Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 or E-Mail: wallace.possich@kyfa.org



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate NVFC Asks President to Look Into DOJ's Handling of Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act

On April 19 the NVFC, in conjunction with other national fire service organizations, sent a <u>letter</u> to President Bush asking him to look into the manner in which the Department of Justice (DOJ) is implementing the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act. The law, which passed more than three years ago, was intended to provide a "presumptive benefit" to the families of public safety officers who die in the line of duty from a heart attack or stroke.

As stated in the letter, so far 40 "Hometown Heroes" applications have been processed, with 200 still pending. Of that 40, 38 have been denials and only two families have received the Public Safety Officer's Benefit (PSOB).

DOJ has argued that the reason a majority of the first determinations have been negative is because the fallen public safety officer had not been engaged in "non-routine stressful or strenuous physical" activity, which the law states must have occurred within 24 hours of the heart attack or stroke in order for the victim's family to qualify for PSOB. If DOJ determines that a victim had not engaged in non-routine stressful or strenuous physical activity while on-duty, they deny the benefit. For those cases where the physical activity threshold is judged by DOJ to have been met, they continue reviewing medical evidence and often request information not provided on the initial application.

The NVFC has been contacted by several families who were denied benefits, some of them after waiting for several years for a determination. In one particular case, a volunteer fire chief died from a heart attack that he suffered while in route to the scene of an emergency. According to a recent study by the New England Journal of Medicine, a firefighter's odds of death from coronary heart disease are 2.8-14.1 times as high during alarm response and 2.2-10.5 times as high during alarm return compared to during non-emergency duties.

The NVFC believes that emergency response constitutes non-routine stressful and strenuous physical activity and that this application and others like it should be approved.

The letter sent to President Bush addresses this issue, stating: "The families of these fallen public safety officers have contacted us and questioned whether the DOJ is truly granting a presumption that public safety officers who died in the line of duty met the requirements for the PSOB program. We have specific concerns that DOJ's interpretation of what constitutes 'non-routine stressful or strenuous physical' activity is preventing public safety officers who die of stroke or heart attack within 24 hours of engaging in emergency response activities from qualifying for these benefits."

-In addition to the NVFC, the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI), International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) signed the letter.

NVFC Tips for Applying for Public Safety Officers' Benefit

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has developed a <u>checklist</u> to assist public safety agencies submitting Hometown Heroes Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) applications. The NVFC, in consultation with BJA, also compiled the following tips, which expands on major issues that the checklist addresses. PSOB is a one-time financial benefit to the eligible survivors of public safety officers whose deaths were the direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty. Under the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act, which was signed into law on December 15, 2003, public safety officer deaths from heart attack or stroke can also be covered.

The checklist addresses common mistakes that agencies make when submitting applications. Whether or not the claims are Hometown Heroes, submitting incomplete or incorrect information can lead to delays in processing applications. BJA requests an extensive amount of information from agencies in order to verify that the public safety officer in question qualifies for PSOB. Whenever requested information does not exist or is unavail

able for whatever reason, the agency should make a note of it in the application. Otherwise, BJA will assume that the lack of information was an omission and go back to the agency to request it.

Under Hometown Heroes, a public safety officer that dies from heart attack or stroke within 24 hours of participating in "nonroutine stressful or strenuous physical" activity while on-duty qualifies for PSOB. BJA depends heavily on information gathered from the submitting agency to determine whether or not the physical activity was nonroutine stressful or strenuous. Agencies should not assume that an activity will be considered nonroutine stressful or strenuous and should be as detailed as possible in describing the incident to ensure that BJA understands why the incident constituted nonroutine stressful or strenuous physical activity.

For Hometown Heroes cases, BJA requests information regarding the activities of the public safety officer for the entire 24 hour period prior to the heart attack or stroke. This does not mean that the agency must note every action of the officer during that time period. The agency should report what they know of the officer's activities. Even if the heart attack or stroke occurred while the officer was engaged in nonroutine stressful or strenuous physical activity, BJA requests that the agency account for the officer's activities over the previous 24 hours.

BJA requests records from the previous 10 years of an officer's medical history. This is not a requirement. An agency should supply whatever medical records they are able to collect and indicate on the application if additional records are not available.

Agencies and survivors should not hesitate to contact BJA directly if they have any questions. It is also a good idea to follow up with BJA after submitting information to make sure that it was received. The BJA Benefits Office can be reached at:

Benefits Office Bureau of Justice Assistance 810 Seventh Street NW Washington, DC 20531 202–307–0635

Toll free: 1-888-SIGNL13 (744-6513)

Fax: 202-616-0314

E-mail: AskPSOB@usdoj.gov

Applicants are also welcome to contact the NVFC if they have any questions about PSOB or Hometown Heroes. The NVFC is happy to assist applicants in any way that we can. Contact:

Dave Finger, Director of Government Relations National Volunteer Fire Council

1050 17th St. NW, Suite 490

Washington, DC 20036

(202) 887-5700, ext. 12 Fax: (202) 887-5291

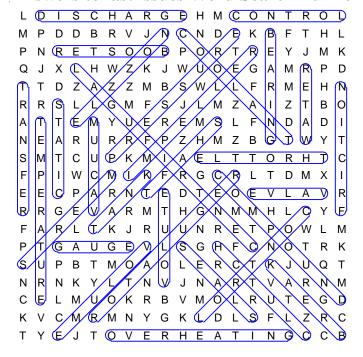
E-mail: dfinger@nvfc.org



Chaplain's Corner

May 3, 2007 President Bush declared as National Day of Prayer. Dr. Charles R Swindoll offered this prayer. It is both fitting and necessary. "Almighty God, we pause to reflect on Your character as we seek wisdom for such a time as this. In these unsafe days, You remain all-powerful and able to protect; In these uncertain times, You remain all-knowing, leading us aright; In the unprecedented events we're facing, You remain absolutely sovereign. Our times are in Your hands. Therefore our dependence on You, is total, not partial, our need for Your forgiveness is constant, our gratitude for Your grace is profound, our love for You is deep. We ask that You guard and guide our President and all who serve the people of these United States."

Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ANNOUNCING THE 2007 HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE

78TH ANNUAL
KENTUCKY STATE FIRE SCHOOL

JUNE 6th-10th, 2007

To be held at: LEXINGTON CONVENTION CENTER, RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL, & HYATT REGENCY LEXINGTON, KY

The 2007 Conference will begin with on-site registration, Wednesday June 6th, 2007 from 3 to 7 pm. The main Conference will kick off with an informative opening session on Thursday morning at 8:30 am in the Lexington Convention Center Bluegrass Ballroom. Classes will be offered in one, two, or four day formats and will begin at 10 am on Thursday and continue through Sunday, June 10th. Full Conference information will be posted soon on the web at www.kctcs.edu/ kyfirecommission (Fire Commission) and www.kyfa.org (KFA). Emergency responders from fire/rescue, EMS, law enforcement, and emergency management agencies as well as industrial/private sector responders will find courses of interest at this year's conference. The courses offered are a mixture of hands-on and classroom style delivery. The exhibit program on Friday and Saturday of the Conference will be better than ever with indoor exhibits, a cookout and door prizes! The final brochure is scheduled to be mailed out during April.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Radisson Plaza Hotel 369 West Vine St. 1-800-333-3333 1-859-231-9000

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency-Lexington 401 West High St. 1-800-233-1235

The rates at both hotels are \$84 per night for single or double.

2007 Course List

Homeland Security & Emer. Management

101 Crime Scene Management for Emergency Responders (NEW COURSE)

102 Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings-Awareness & Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (REVISED COURSE)

103 ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (NEW COURSE)

104 Overview of Hurricane Katrina Response (NEW COURSE)

Fire Suppression

201 Aircraft Firefighting

202 High Rise Firefighting

203 Rapid Intervention (RIT)

204 IFSAC-FF1 and FF2 Prep course

205 Pump Maintenance and Testing

206 IFSAC Aerial Operator

EMS

301 ITLS (Formerly BTLS)

302 EMS Evaluator

303 EMS Instructor

304 EMT Refresher

Special Operations

401 F.A.R.M. Rescue Course

402 Structural Collapse (NEW COURSE)

403 Vehicle Extrication

404 Hazardous Materials Continuing Education (NEW COURSE)

405 Wellness Course (NEW COURSE)

406 Fire Dept. Planning & Response to Weather-Related Emergencies (NEW COURSE)

Officer Training

501 Incident Safety Officer

502 Leadership I

503 Managing Company Tactical Operations – Decision making

504 Chief Officer's Seminar

Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) Class Schedule

6/21-22/07	Strategic Response to Crisis
07/19-20/07	School-Centered Crisis Response
8/16-17/07	Pastoral Crisis Intervention II
9/13-14/07	Assisting Individuals in Crisis
10/11-12/07	Group Crisis Intervention
11/8-9/07	Strategic Response to Crisis

All classes held at Middletown Fire Station 2 at 10217 Shelbyville Rd Louisville KY unless otherwise noted. All classes have registration deadlines and fees. For more information go to the KCCRB website at http://www.kccrb.ky.gov/ or click on the link at kyfa.org.

2007 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
6/2-3/07	11	Pikeville	888-302-8935
12/8-9/07	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

Remember before you can be certified FFI you must complete Haz Mat Awareness and Haz Mat Ops before FF II. The above schedule is only the skills test schedule. Written test schedules will vary by area so make sure you contact the area office for written test schedule information.

As of March 1, 2007 the test fee schedule has changed. Each time you take the test you must pay a \$15.00 charge. Contact Duane Suttles for more information about written test location and dates at 888-301-2946.

Kentucky Fire Commission Meeting Schedule

The Kentucky Fire Commission is comprised of 19 members and the Executive Director Ronnie Day. Scheduled meetings are held across the Commonwealth to conduct the business of the fire service. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

Date/Time Location

June14/2 PM	Lexington FD Training Center
July 29/1 PM	KFA Conference KY Dam Village
Oct 11/2 PM	Versailles
Dec 6/6 PM	Versailles

Words of Wisdom

More countries have understood that women's equality is a prerequisite for development. Kofi Annan

The many faces of your Kentucky Fire Commission Staff

Lisa Carol Bradley, Administrative Assistant, Incentive & Pension Program.

I have been in state government for 7 years total, I have been with KCTCS for the last 2 years and with the fire commission for the last 6 months.

I am the mother of two sons T.J. 12 and Brandon 9 and I



am married to my best friend Tim Bradley.

My job responsibilities are the Incentive and Pension program, I also handle Travel vouchers for all the area coordinators and staff as well as monthly voyager and pro-card statements and anything else that is ask of me to do. I love my job.. I love talking to all kinds of people across the state and knowing that we are helping firefighters in some sort of way by getting them their Incentive checks out every month.

I went to my first Fire School back in February of this year in Owensboro. It really was a great experience for me! I love the camaraderie of the men and women of the Fire Service.

I went back home to tell my husband all about it and was showing him some shirts that I had purchased and I believe that he was a little jealous! He is a Kentucky State Trooper and has been for the last 13 ½ years. .. So I feel like I have the best of both worlds at home and at work...

I love spending time with my family...

I am the youngest of 5 children I have 2 brothers and 2 sisters whom I love dearly. My mother is the apple of my eye.. my father passed away in 1991.

I feel that I am truly blessed. I thank my Lord and Savior each and every day.



Progress is being made on the refurbishment of our smoke maze unit. The maze has been lettered and will be redesigned to include several new scenarios, such as a simulated entrapment from falling through a weakened floor. We hope to have this project finished toward the end of the year.

We also hope to place some additional FRT degree program courses online through KYVU by late this summer. We're really excited about this opportunity which has the potential to improve accessibility to our degree program across the Commonwealth and beyond.

At the Area 5 Training Center in Elizabethtown this fall, we will be offering FRT 108, FRT 114, FRT 138, FRT 141, FRT 144, and FRT 146. These are some of the fractional credit classes needed to obtain the AAS in Fire/Rescue Science Technology from IFSAC Accredited Firefighter I and II certification. So, if you have Firefighter I and II certification and have a few blank spaces on your degree program form, these classes are for you. For more information, email casey.hall@kctcs.edu or everette.roberts@kctcs.edu

For the latest information and updates, including upcoming training opportunities in Area 5, check our webpage: www.sfrtarea5.org

If you didn't get a chance to see the Dixie Firefighters/SFRT Pump Operations and Maintenance trailer yet, it will be on display at State Fire School in Lexington, hope to see you there!

Casey Hall
Area 5 Coordinator

FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

I have to be truthful and tell you that nothing makes me happier than spending time doing a Great Fire & Life Safety Program.

I had the pleasure of providing such a program on Wednesday March 21st in Bardstown for 250 beautiful and lively primary school students. Special thanks to Chief Mattingly, Deputy Chief Blandiford and Public Educator Greg Ashworth and the members of the Bardstown and Nelson County Fire Dept for helping us make that fun experience possible. Our Pub Ed Team, Deputy State Fire Marshall Richard Peddicord, KFA Treasurer Terry Keller, KIPRC's Robert McCool went to Bardstown along with lots of Pub Ed Materials, 300 Smoke Detectors and the determination to make a difference in the lives of these young people. What a marvelous experience, Ms Tackett (Who happens to be on the Bardstown FD) and the staff and teachers at Bardstown Primary School made us welcome and help work out the scheduling and arrangements for the five lessons we provided. Kentucky Firefighters Assn and The Fire Commission have assured me they will continue to support our Fire & Life Safety Projects wherever we go in Kentucky.

Congratulations and thanks to the many communities across Kentucky who have been designated by National Fire Protection Assn (NFPA) as Safe Communities by providing exceptional Public Education Programs and Unintentional Injury Prevention Programs such as Risk Watch to keep their citizens safe.

Was up in Indianapolis, Indiana for the FDIC and what an experience, I never get tired of seeing so much equipment, materials and displays. I particular enjoy spending time at the many fire and life safety exhibits available and of course picking up as many freebies as I can. Thousands of Fire and Life Safety Personnel invade the Indianapolis Convention Center and the RCA Dome to see what's new of the emergency responders scene. It is the time of year when our public educators are doing many Prom Prevention Programs at local schools and community events. In Northern Kentucky we assisted at the Arrive Alive Safety Programs at St Henry High School, Dixie Heights High School and Simon Kenton High School hoping our young junior and seniors have a joyful but safe time at their proms. Simulated substance abuse auto related accidents are staged, our depts get the opportunity to show our skills while the students play a huge role in helping their classmates learn about the dangers of such a fate.

We also take the opportunity to provide career day programs for our schools in the hope that those thinking of choosing a career will consider

a life in emergency services. I see this as a great opportunity to educate, inform and promote fire and emergency services.

As you can see Fire and Life Safety Education is truly a year round event, as it should be, we just go from one season or series of events to the other. Public Education is a never ending job and we have so much yet to do.

Until next time, May God Bless and BE SAFE! Joseph "**Fireman Joe**" Stambush, Fire & Life Safety Educator

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Evona- 2006 International Pumper, Waterous Pump Module with Foam Package, and a 1250-gallon Poly Tank.



South McCreary- 2006 Ford F-550 Rescue, 6.0 Litre Diesel Engine, 11 Custom Built Aluminum Rescue Body.



Hatfield- 2007 International Pumper, DT570 Engine, 1250-gpm Darley Pump, and a 1000-gallon Poly Tank.



Grapevine/Chavies- 1995 International Tanker, DT466 Engine, 400-gpm Gorman Rupp Pump, and an 1800-gallon Poly Tank.

Membership Directory

The membership directory will be done a little differently this year than last. It will be handed out at the conference and mailed in the October Issue of **Smoke Signals II** like last year. However, it is being commercially produced with a few spots for color ads. The ads will be limited to three pages on a first come first serve basis. They are only being provided to pay for the cost of the membership book. For more information call 270-766-9946.

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