



Smoke Signals II

Smoke Signals is a Publication of the Kentucky Firefighters Association

This may be the last issue of Smoke Signals your department receives!

At the February Board of Directors meeting in Lexington a decision had to be made to reduce cost because of the failing economy. The decision was made to no longer send a copy of Smoke Signals to those departments who have not paid their membership. For years the KFA has elected to send the newsletter to all departments because of the time sensitive information they might miss out on because someone missed the dues statement that comes in the mail. However, in these times of reduced income the board felt this was the only way to cut costs in a way that might help you make the decision to pay your dues. Beginning with the August issue if your department dues are not paid then your department will not receive a copy of Smoke Signals. You will find a membership application in this issue of Smoke Signals. It is not too late. You still have time to send in your dues before the August issue goes to press. If your department chooses not to pay their membership then for \$25.00 a year you can fill out a personal membership application and Smoke Signals will be delivered to your home. Whichever you choose we will continue delivery of the most up-to-date, current issues, Kentucky fire service specific newsletter in the world. Don't delay cut out or copy the membership application found on page 7 and mail it along with your check to the Kentucky Firefighters Association TODAY! However if you do nothing this may be the **LAST ISSUE** you receive!

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Notes From The President's Desk Randy Courtney

Isn't this a beautiful time of year? It is so good to shed the heavy coats of winter with ice storms and power outages, tax season and spring storms. We are now into State Fire School and summer is just around the corner.

Plans for the 2009 KFA Conference in Lexington are proceeding smoothly with much anticipation. The conference location is Embassy Suites in Lexington. If you have not made your reservation yet you still have time. The hotel offers a hot cooked to order breakfast and a "Managers Reception" for each person staying in your room. How great is that! If you need to make your reservation call 859-455-5000 and be sure to mention you are with the KFA to receive our special rate.

As an association working concert with the KPFA and Chief's Association we can keep on top of legislation that is important to your department. However, it is an expensive adventure to keep legislative watchdogs in Frankfort during a legislative session. We have a wonderful scholarship program but that too costs money. This newsletter which brings you important information costs money. All of these ventures require money to operate on your behalf. To keep your association going we need each department to pay their dues. Until that happens we are forced to cut expenses. One way we have chosen to do that is to send this newsletter only to those departments that have done their part by paying their dues. If your dues are not paid this is the last newsletter your department will receive.

I hope to see many of you at State Fire School this year. We will be having an executive board meeting again this year during the school at 9AM on Saturday the location will be posted. If you have a free moment stop by. Until then stay safe and God Bless!



Treasurer's Notes by Terry Keller

Spring is good here in Northern Kentucky. The old saying April showers bring May flowers is holding true. More rain. Not much to report from the last board meeting. Membership for departments is 410 paid to this date of May 3rd 2009. Thanks to all the department that have paid. I have notices that there are a few departments that paid last year, that still have not paid for this year. If the KFA could get

these departments to pay, there would be a chance to increase up to about 430 departments. There are 16 personal memberships to date.

Fire School is just around the corner. By the time you receive this copy the school may be in full swing. Charlie and Jamia have again worked hard on vendors and sustaining memberships. Please visit with the vendors, as it gets harder and harder to convince these people to rent a space. They are a big part of Fire School. The Fire Commission, Lexington Fire Department, and the K F A work hard to bring you the very best fire school.

K F A should finish the year in pretty good financial position. Y T B royalties have begun coming in. This is the fund raising company the K F A entered into a contract with for royalties on travel. If you have not visited the travel site, log on to the K F A web page and click on the travel site. There are some good prices for hotel and any other travel you may be planning.

Until I can see some of you at Fire School stay safe and always think of our brothers and sisters in the military.

MY TRIP TO THE "HILL" 2009

By Bobby Cowherd 1st Vice President

This year, the KFA voted to send only one KFA representative to the 21st Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner and Seminars sponsored by the Congressional Fire Services Institute. This is due to the budget tightening that everyone has done lately. President Courtney accompanied President John Daley in 2008 and expressed his wishes that I make the trip to Washington, D.C. this year. I felt that I should share this unique experience with the KFA membership.

The Kentucky Delegation had approximately 25-30 in attendance. This group included several members of the Kentucky Fire Commission, Kentucky Homeland Security, Kentucky Fire Marshal, Kentucky Fire Chiefs and the KFA representatives to the NVFC.

The focus is on the fire service for the few days we are in Washington, D.C., and the Kentucky delegation spends this time individually meeting with each Kentucky legislator to discuss the needs of emergency services.

After arriving in Washington D.C. and getting settled into the hotel we met to go over and pre-

pare an agenda for meetings with the Congressmen. Ronnie Day and Chief Jack Reckner were the spokespersons for the delegation.

The items listed for discussion included:

- Continue funding for AFG and Safer Grant
- Funding for the U.S. Fire Administration and Fire Academy
- Job protection for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel
- Tax incentives for retrofit of fire sprinkler systems
- Issues regarding PSOB (Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits) program

On Thursday April 2nd the Kentucky fire service delegation traveled to the US Capital for a full day of meetings with our Congressmen. Thanks to the representatives from the other Kentucky organizations that traveled with me, I was well informed of what to expect and how the course of the day would go.

All congressmen and/or their aides were very receptive to the issues we addressed with them. All were very supportive of the AFG and SAFER grants. Some were not aware of the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits and how long it is taking to get the benefits to the survivors. A few of the Congressmen advised that they would look into this.

That evening we attended the highlight of the week, the Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner. Throughout the dinner, many respected United States Senators and Representatives spoke about the history and importance of the Congressional Fire Service Institute and the National Fire Caucus. The Keynote Address was made by Vice-President Joe Biden.

After the banquet, the remainder of the evening was filled with the fellowship of firefighters from across the United States.

We arrived back in Kentucky on Friday afternoon satisfied that we had made our presence known in our Capital.

I would like to thank President Courtney and the Board of the Kentucky Firefighters Association for allowing me to make this trip. This was my first trip to Washington, D.C. with the fire service and it made me realize the necessity to be involved in all levels of the fire services issues, from local to national. This trip was a great learning experience for me and I am honored to have had this opportunity.

REGIONAL EMBERS



Jefferson Co. Firefighters Association

Cpt. Wesley J. Stover,
President

Hello all from the Jefferson County Firefighters Association. This summer is shaping up to be rather busy, as a lot is going on.

First off, the JCFFA has decided to sponsor one of our regional fire departments KFA memberships. As many of you know, all Jefferson County fire departments are dues paying members of the KFA. So, in an attempt to further bolster KFA membership throughout the state, we have decided to reach outside of Jefferson County. We will name the department in the next Smoke Signals.

Secondly, this year marks the 2nd annual Explorer Inferno hosted by the Buechel Fire Department. This year the Inferno will take place on the last weekend in August. Last year's event had 53 Explorers attending, with this year expecting 80 or more to participate. The JCFFA provides logistical funding and support.

Lastly, Louisville Metro Dispatch, Metrosafe, will be implementing a new radio procedure this summer, in preparation for the 800MHZ switch. Jefferson County departments have for 20+ years been using a radio system with a single dispatch and 3 primary operations channels, divided geographically. However, this summer suburban fire departments will ALL be operating off a single primary operations channel, with the other channels being put into use for significant events (emergencies requiring larger responses, such as structure fires) as they occur.

Hope everything is going well for everyone throughout the State.

Sincerely

Jake Barker

JCFFA Sec/Tres

Words of Wisdom

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey

Mountain Firefighters Association

Sam Stacy, Director

The Mountain Firefighters Association has finalized all the classes and events for Hazard Fire School. The Mountain Firefighters Association Regional Fire School will take place on August 29th and 30th on the campus of Hazard Community College. This will be the 31st anniversary of the Hazard School. The booklets for classes are available through SFRT Area 12 in Hazard (606-435-6087) or by email sfirt12@alltel.net or fire@cityofhazard.com if you would like a booklet just email us and we will get you one. Opening ceremonies and registration will be starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday and the location has been changed to inside the First Federal Center on the campus of Hazard Community and Technical College this year. Also inside the Center will be the largest vendor exhibition that we have ever had for our school. The picnic for all fire school students will be on Saturday evening in the Perry County Park and will be free to all fire school participants. Lots of door prizes will be given away along with a truck show and firefighter games. All classes at the fire school will be totally free as well and available to any fire, police or EMS agency. The Mountain Firefighter Association is working hard to keep all these activities free of charge so that money will not be an issue in getting the best training for our fire departments as possible.

Sam W. Stacy

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ANNOUNCING THE 2009 HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE

&

80TH ANNUAL

KENTUCKY STATE FIRE SCHOOL

JUNE 10th – 14th, 2009

To be held at:

**LEXINGTON CONVENTION CENTER,
LEXINGTON DOWNTOWN HOTEL by HILTON
& HYATT REGENCY, LEXINGTON, KY**

The 2009 Conference will begin with on-site registration, Wednesday June 10th, 2009 from 3 to 7 pm. The main Conference will kick off with an informative opening session on Thursday morn

ing at 8:30a.m. in Heritage Hall. Classes will be offered in one, two, or four day formats and will begin at 1p.m. on Thursday and continue through Sunday, June 14th. Full Conference information is posted on the web at www.kctcs.edu/kyfirecommission (Fire Commission) and www.kyfa.org (KFA).

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Lexington Downtown Hotel by Hilton

(former Radisson)

369 West Vine St.

1-800-333-3333

1-859-231-9000

Hyatt Regency-Lexington

401 West High St.

1-800-233-1235

The rates at both hotels are \$91 per night for single or double.

2009 Course List

Homeland Security & Emergency Management

101 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Course

102 ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents

103 "Meth" Lab Awareness

Fire Suppression

201 Aircraft Firefighting (Bluegrasss Airport)

202 Structural Firefighting (House Burn)

203 Rapid Intervention (RIT) and Mayday Operations

204 Basic Firefighting

205 Intermediate Firefighting – Bread and Butter Bootcamp

206 Propane Truck / Bob Tail Truck Fires / Emergencies

207 Pump Maintenance and Testing

EMS

301 EMS Evaluator

302 EMS Instructor Orientation

303 EMT Refresher

Special Operations

401 F.A.R.M. - Fundamentals of Agricultural Rescue Mechanics

402 Heavy Rescue

403 Elevator Emergencies

404 Fire Department Planning and Response to Weather-Related Emergencies

405 Large Animal Emergency Rescue

406 Confined Space Rescue

407 Improving your Thermal Camera Operations

Officer Training

501 NFA - Incident Safety Officer

502 NFA - Leadership I

503 NFA - Managing Company Tactical Operations – Decision making

504 ISO Grading Schedule

505 “Courage to be Safe”

506 Grants

507 Kentucky Fire Commission Update (NFIRS & Workers Comp) **NEW FOR 2009**

Arson, Prevention & Education

601 NFA Arson Detection for the First Responder

602 Fire Scene Investigations

603 Legal Issues for Fire Investigations

604 Fire Alarms

605 Sprinkler Inspections

606 Basic Chaplaincy

607 Advanced Chaplaincy/Firefighter Maintenance

608 Fire Prevention Officer

609 The Basics of Fire and Life Safety Education Programs

610 How to Start a Fire Explorer Program

New Opportunities Available Through the SFRT Online/Distance Learning Program

Opportunity. It’s a long word, but nowhere as big as its meaning. When you join a fire department, you have an opportunity to make a difference in peoples’ lives. What you do affects the people you work with; the people needing help in emergencies; or those at home who are proud to send you off to do what you do. Those are often the things we talk about most that keep us “in the business.”

For some there is a need to achieve more in the fire service. Many people realize this need can be fulfilled through education. Not just meeting the minimums for certification, but wanting to excel by learning as much as you can and turning that into improved skill.

Over a decade has been put into building the next step for many firefighters looking for more. The Kentucky Fire Commission/State Fire-Rescue Training in conjunction with KCTCS developed an Associates Degree in Applied Science in Fire Rescue Science Technology that is available to any firefighter or prospective firefighter in the Commonwealth. The original concept developed by Woody Will, Bryant Stiles and others, was to provide college credit for training already being conducted in many fire stations. This is still being done, but it requires certain criteria be met for that credit to be awarded. The primary criteria is that the training must meet the objectives outlined in the degree and the student seeking credit must achieve a passing grade on a test for each “fraction” of the degree taught by approved instructors. KCTCS and the KY Fire Commission are excited to offer degree credit to firefighters at no cost when their training meets the criteria. Collecting credit this way can be a lengthy process but there are other options.

Another great way to obtain degree credit is through State Fire Rescue Training’s Online/Distance Learning Program. Most of the general education and fire classes for the AAS in Fire Rescue Science Technology can now be taken through Online/Distance Learning format. This “online” format is flexible and allows a student to study during the semester when they have the opportunity. For chief officers who are worried about the practical nature of our business, the online/distance learning program is set up so that many of the classes have skills portions (classes known as “hybrids”) once or more a semester. If enough students are enrolled in a specific region, these skills sessions may then be held in their local area. This is an “applied” science degree and we try to get our students ready to both think and do!

We are also pleased to announce a new 2 + 2 program in conjunction with Western Kentucky University in which the Associate of Applied Science in Fire/Rescue Science Technology will be fully accepted toward a Bachelor of Science in Systems Management with a Concentration in Fire/Rescue Administration. This is great news for our students that have been asking for a four-year option.

‘Opportunity’ continued on next page

For more information about the programs available, contact your local SFRT Area Coordinator or go to: www.kctcs.edu. Click on "system initiatives" and then on "Kentucky Fire Commission." There you will find a link for the "Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Fire Rescue Science Technology." If you have specific questions or for more information on how to enroll in Online/Distance Learning courses contact: Casey.Hall@kctcs.edu or call Rusty Todd at 270-307-4799. We will be glad to give you information about realizing your goals through this online program. Contact us today to seize this opportunity!

2009 State Fire School

by Ronnie Day

As you know the Homeland Security Conference & Annual Kentucky State Fire School is right around the corner. I would encourage you to review the class list and register as soon as possible. We know that the economy may have an impact however the cost of the school is only \$45.00 with registration completed by May 29th, 2009. We need to do all we can to increase attendance; early registration will help to ensure that our firefighters will get the classes needed.

I would like to remind you that some classes are only offered at the Homeland Security Conference / Kentucky State Fire School. Informational flyers were recently sent to each department. I would ask that you post them in your department. This is the largest show of Fire, EMS and Public Safety Equipment in the State of Kentucky.

We are looking forward to a great school as always. This year's opening ceremony will be Thursday, June 11th, 2009 from 8:30 am - 11:00 am. The Kentucky Fire Commission is honored to have Fire Commission member Brigadier General John W. Heltzel speaking along with several other officials. We will be honoring military personnel serving in the fire service and our country. This will be Uniform Day for Military and Emergency Services Personnel. We would like to thank all who have sent in names of military personnel. I would encourage all fire and military personnel to attend the opening ceremony in uniform.

I hope to see you at this year's Homeland Security Conference & Annual Kentucky State Fire School. There is a great variety of classes and I am sure you will be impressed once again by the exhibits.

2009 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
6/20-21/09	2	Madisonville	888-306-7986
6/27-28/09	15	Frankfort	888-234-3961
9/19-20/09	13	London	888-234-0100
10/10-11/09	6	Louisville	888-306-8064
10/17-18/09	5	Elizabethtown	888-234-7201
10/31-11/01	7	Highland Heights	888-306-8101
11/7-8/09	15	TBA	888-234-3961
11/21-22/09	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
12/5-6/09	12	Hazard	888-234-6759
12/12-13/09	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

Written testing information is available on the area 9 web site. Tests are given at the system office usually on the third Monday of the month. Each time you take the written test you must pay a \$15.00 charge. Contact Duane Suttles for more information about written test location and dates at 888-301-2946. REMINDER: Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and be a member of a Kentucky FD or a full-time student of Fire Science at EKU or KCTCS to be eligible for firefighter testing. Candidates must bring state issued drivers license or ID card to skills testing site for positive identification and verification of age eligibility. Candidates under 18, may complete any of the written exams, and may certify to Haz Mat Awareness only. All Certifications are based on the Professional Qualification standards set forth by the NFPA for Firefighters, except Haz Mat, which is a Job Performance standard. Our accreditation is through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

**You Don't Want To Miss the
2009 Governor's Emergency
Mangement Workshop
Galt House
July 29-31, 2009
go to www.kyfa.org for details!**

Mark your calendar!
Firefighter Combat Challenge
August 14 & 15, 2009
Lexington, Kentucky
Welcome Party Friday
Evening at Cox Street Parking Lot adjacent to Rupp Arena
Events both days
More information to follow

Kentucky Firefighters Association Membership

KFA By-laws regarding Membership

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP; All individuals, shall by virtue of their membership in their respective fire departments, be members of the KFA, so long as said organization remains a member of this association.

Eligible KFA membership shall be limited to public and private emergency response organizations including, fire departments and fire districts “structural” Fire Brigades, hazardous material response team, Fire authorities, Fire Insurance or other salvage corps, {1} Structural fire brigades as defined by KOSHA and or NFPA {2} Meeting minimum requirements of tech level by KOSHA and NFPA

SECTION 3: Active membership may be obtained in the KFA by paying annual dues of \$75.00 per year. Dues are payable on October 1 of each year. Dues not paid by December 1, of each year, render that membership delinquent. The fiscal year of this organization shall be August 1, through July 31. A copy of the KFA Newsletter is sent to each active membership member on a bi-monthly basis. To receive a personal copy of the newsletter, to an address of your choosing, include a check or money order for \$25.00 with the form below to:

**Terry Keller, Treasurer
PO Box 16194
Ludlow KY 41016
859-261-9986**

KFA Membership Application

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

Organization/Individuals Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____

E-mail _____ **Chief** _____

Department Membership (include check for \$75.00)

Smoke Signals II (Newsletter personal membership, include check for \$25.00)

Our organization is only as strong as its membership!

Feel free to duplicate and distribute this form

THE COURAGE TO BE SAFE

www.everyonegoeshome.com

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This month's topic, within the "16 Fire Fighter Life Safety Initiatives", asks the question, "Who is responsible for the safety and health of firefighters? When it hits the fan, who is going to get the finger pointed at them? Who is accountable if something goes wrong?" The initiative states that we need to:

#2-"ENHANCE THE PERSONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE FIRE SERVICE."

The definitions of the word "enhance" include; "to raise to a higher degree; intensify; magnify." Accountability is defined simple as responsibility. Here we are looking to reduce firefighter injury or death "by raising to a higher degree; intensifying and magnifying our chances of survival during the many dangerous situations we face in the line of duty and to determine who is responsible for our safety. As stated last month, the ultimate responsibility for operating in a safe and healthy manner is up to the individual firefighter. As modern firefighters we must keep ourselves physically fit and we must be well-trained and able to recognize situations that can be hazardous to our health and/or safety. Once we recognize the dangers of a situation, we must decide what level of risk we are willing to take in order to accomplish the task at hand while at the same time not exposing ourselves unjustifiable danger. Yes, you are ultimately responsible for your own safety however; department leadership needs to set the trend by establishing rules that instruct its members on how they should operate safely. These rules come in several forms including; understood rules and written rules. The second "Life Safety" initiative challenges you to improve upon these rules and to make sure that someone is responsible for them being followed. By far the best format of rules (SOG's/SOP's) is to write them down, adopt them as a department, post them and hand a copy out to all members. If your rules are written, it is much easier to inform all members of what is required of them

and in the event someone breaks a rule, you have a copy in black and white to reference. Written rules also help to assure equal treatment of individuals who may break the same rule. If not done at present, your department needs to develop rules (SOG's/SOP's) to deal with all areas of operations of the department including drivers training, vehicle operation and structural operations. Rules should include such topics as; the training required before a member can operate a department vehicle, vehicle response speeds, safety at intersections, training before a new firefighter can enter structure fires, safe operations at structure fires and the safety of personnel operating on highways, just to name a very few. Your written rules also need to recognize that a firefighter's health plays a huge part in their safety.

So let's say that you as an individual firefighter have made a commitment to yourself to operate as safely as possible in everything you do. You want to go home to your family...every night. What if no one else in the department makes that commitment? Unfortunately, this will probably render your individual efforts worthless. Without the support of department leadership, no rule (SOG's/SOP's), no matter how good that rule may be, will fail. Officer's need to understand that they are very much responsible for the safety of the people under their command and that they must lead by example to assure that their actions are safety conscious and that these same actions serve as an example to those they lead. As an officer, if you preach safety to each member, beginning as soon as they walk in the door, they will be well on their way to becoming the next generation of firefighter...which will be a much safer generation of firefighter.

Bottom line, individual firefighters, line officers, fire board members, city council members, chiefs and the department as a whole must be held accountable for establishing the safest possible environment in which our firefighters perform. Establish the rules (SOG's/SOP's), write them down, post them and enforce them. Doing so will assure that each of us, "Keeps Going Home, After Each Run and After Each Shift.

Words of Wisdom

A house divided against itself cannot stand.

Abraham Lincoln



Chaplain's Corner

Life in a Fishbowl

It seems like every time we look at the news on television or pick up the paper we find some politician, movie star, or famous person either with their proverbial hand in the "Cookie Jar" or they have made an indiscretion with someone else's wife or husband. It is difficult for young people to look to anyone famous as a role model. Role models are important because everyone needs a compass to begin their journey through life.

Life is not easy and is not meant to be so. However, there is an instruction book we can use as a map. That instruction book is the Bible. It was written to help each of use to find our way home. The compass we need to use is the life of Jesus Christ. He has made the journey and left bread crumbs for us to follow so to speak in the four Gospels, Book of Acts and the Book of Romans to lead us through tough times.

No, life is not easy. It is hard and only those willing to take the steps God has chosen will find their way through to a life of rest and peace.

As a Teacher, Firefighter, Peace Officer, EMT or other emergency service worker you have little eyes watching you and how you navigate through this life. Make sure you present life that will be a compass some little one will be able to find true north with.

Homeland Security Conference & 80th Annual Kentucky State Fire School Exhibits

Exhibits Open Friday Afternoon and Saturday

Friday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Exhibit Showcase is the largest show of Emergency Service Equipment in Kentucky. Exhibitors come from many states showing everything from Personal Protective

Equipment to Fire Trucks.

In Observance of our promise to NEVER FORGET this year's Theme is "PATRIOTISM – A Salute to the United States of America, Our Flag and Our Armed Forces."

We will be recognizing our Emergency Services Personnel in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that not only serve to protect their communities but also our country in the many branches of the Armed Forces.

The Theme will be carried throughout the Fire School and Exhibit Area. Uncle Sam will be giving away flags to the first 500 attendees at the Exhibit Showcase.

Exhibitors will be decorating their booths in participation of the theme and will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for the best decorated booth.

A Note From Bryant Stiles Director of SFRT

You may already be aware of the numbers from the 2010 budget proposal released by the White House on May 7th.

SAFER is proposed to increase from \$210 million to \$420 million, which is good news for our career departments and the few volunteer departments which will hire paid staff.

The disappointing news is the reduction of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) from \$405 million to \$170 million. This is the lowest level proposed since 2003. This recommended amount is a 70% decrease.

Even more troubling is the language included directing AFG to be applied toward "enhancing capabilities for terrorism response and other major incidents". This will direct funds to the nation's largest cities and away from our rural fire service needs.

The NVFC will release a statement, hopefully by Tuesday or Wednesday next week after consulting with the other fire service organizations. I have been working with NVFC Legislative Agent Dave Finger and other NVFC staff for the past few hours trying to understand why this decrease has happened, but so far we just do not understand.

We were encouraged by the speech of Vice President Biden at the CFSI dinner as he indicated both he and the President understood the needs of the fire service and supported full funding of AFG.

I am writing just to be sure you are aware of this information so you are not caught off guard by someone asking about the issue. Certainly we will need to respond with the other states when a clearly defined message has been established.

If you need additional information or if I can be of assistance, please send me a note.

Thanks

Bryant



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

The NVFC continues to work on issues of great importance to our Kentucky fire departments. Due to the change in administrations at the federal level activity is just beginning to occur.

The proposed federal budget is of great importance to all fire departments and many changes are anticipated. The budget proposes an increase in SAFER funds while at the same time proposing cuts in the Fire Grant funds. To date EMS seems to be getting more positive attention than in the past.

The scope of the USFA has been expanded to include EMS. I was asked to attend a meeting at the National Fire Academy regarding the inclusion of EMS leadership training into fire curriculum. The group spent two days looking at what and how this could be accomplished.

The NFPA is also expanding its efforts in the EMS arena. Those of you who operate ambulance service should take a look at NFPA 450. This document has received acclaim as an excellent guide on EMS system operational issues. The NFPA EMS Committee met last week and began a project to develop a tool that will allow an assessment of an EMS system.

The NEMSAC continues its work and will meet with the Federal Interagency on EMS in June. This will be the first time the two groups have met since the formation of the NEMSAC.

The NVFC continues to develop relationships that enhance health and safety of first responders. An example is the Heart Healthy Program. The latest assistance has been a joint project with Pfizer aimed at developing an in-depth smoking cessation program. This program is currently being tested in North Carolina.

If you have a Junior Firefighter program, you want to check out the NVFC site. There are many ideas there but ***you want to be sure to look at the scholarships being offered to junior firefighters.*** If you need help with your application, let me know, as I would love to see a Kentucky Junior Firefighter get one of these scholarships. Keep an eye on the NVFC site.

Bryant and I appreciate the opportunity to serve the best interests of the KFA at the national level. We have persistently fought for issues favorable to our Kentucky departments.



Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

Let me tell you first how important I feel supporting your KFA is to all Kentucky Fire Depts. We need our KFA, helping you, supporting you, looking out for you but mostly protecting your interest in the Kentucky Fire Service. I am especially grateful to the KFA for their support, commitment and dedication to Fire & Life Safety Issues across our Kentucky Communities.

I hope a little spring has come into your community and the warmer weather has finally come. In June two key events will be going on which I will represent our Pub Ed Committee and our KY Depts. The Public Education Workshop and NFPA World Exposition will be going on in Chicago, Illinois beginning June 6th thru June 10th. I will represent our interests and find out what is going on in the USA with Fire and Life Safety Education. As soon as I get back from Chicago, I will be traveling to Lexington for the State Fire School June 11th thru June 14th. Our Pub Ed Comm. will be having a Basic Public Education Course on Friday June 12th. I hope we can have another full class like last year. We had a ball and our participants picked up some great information. After the class we are going to have a Pub Ed Comm. Meeting so even if you don't take the class I hope you will drop by for the Meeting which should begin around 4:30pm.

A sad but truthful fire fact is that eighty-four percent of all U.S. fire deaths occur in the home. The one place we should feel most safe and secure. For many years Fire Sprinklers have protected and saved millions of dollars in property loss in our industrial and business communities. I hope our Kentucky Fire Depts. will support and promote the installation of Home Fire Sprinkler Systems. Fire Sprinklers save lives, reduce property loss and can even help cut homeowner insurance premiums.

Sprinklers are highly effective because they react so quickly in a fire. They reduce the risk of death or injury from a fire because they dramati-

cally reduce the heat, flames and smoke produced, allowing people time to evacuate the home. Home fire sprinklers can contain and may even extinguish a fire in less time than it would take the fire dept to arrive on the scene. A key factor is the risk of dying in a fire is cut by 80 percent with automatic fire sprinkler systems. The average property loss per fire is cut by one-half to two-thirds. The best part is modern sprinklers are inconspicuous and can be mounted flush with walls or ceilings.

Check it out NFPA just last month has sent a CD to all fire departments across the USA called "Keeping Your Community Safe with Home Sprinklers ". I encourage all our departments to consider and support this initiative.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Lexington at State Fire School. Till Then, GOD BLESS and BE SAFE!

Fireman Joe



NFPA Update By Russ Sanders

Forty three states have now passed Reduced Ignition Propensity (RIP) cigarette legislation – in 23 states the law has been implemented; in 20 additional states legislation has passed with implementation dates pending. Kentucky was the sixth state in the United States to adopt the RIP legislation. Since January 1, 2009, five states (AK, MS, NM, SD and WV) have come on board. This means 88.11% of the U.S. population is now protected. Only seven states (AL, MI, MO, NE, NV, ND, and WY) have yet to pass legislation. This important goal has been accomplished by partnering directly with key advocates, especially the fire service.

The installation of sprinklers in one- and two-family dwelling is NFPA's top priority and we are using lessons learned during the RIP campaign to achieve NFPA 13D adoptions. Why do we need 13D sprinkler systems?

Fire departments responded to an estimated 399,000 home structure fires in 2007 alone. These fires caused:

- 2,865 civilian fire deaths
- 13,600 civilian fire injuries
- \$7.4 billion in direct damage

Roughly 84 percent of all civilian fire deaths in 2007 resulted from home structure fires. On average, eight people die in U.S. home fires every day.

NFPA wants members of the fire service to have the tools needed to help decision makers understand the importance of home fire sprinklers. Our focus is on advocacy, with the end goal being sprinkler ordinances and statutes adopted in local communities and/or statewide.

In addition, I want to encourage you to use the online environment we have created, where advocates can come to obtain information and talk with NFPA experts about successful ways to encourage sprinkler adoptions.

The first site I would recommend that you take a look at is the Home fire Sprinkler Coalition website at www.homefiresprinkler.org. This site focuses on education (Builders, Consumer & Fire Service). You will find the "Built for Life Fire Department Program" at this site. This program recognizes all U.S. Fire Departments that make home fire sprinkler education a focus of their community outreach programs. It provides the following free tools:

- Side-by-Side burn demo kit
- Educational outreach materials
- Certificate of participation
- Built for Life Fire Department window decals
- Built for Life baseball caps
- And much more

Go to www.homefiresprinkler.org and sign up today to be a "Built for Life Fire Department."

Our newest initiative is "Bringing Safety Home," which you will find at www.firesprinklerinitiative.org.

This program focuses on adoptions and includes the following:

- Myths v. facts
- Case studies
- Model ordinance language
- Form letter templates
- Downloadable petitions
- Strategy for fire service outreach
- Template presentation for advocates
- Newsroom
- Much more...

Please take a look at these websites and get involved in the Built for Life Fire Department and the Bringing Safety Home Programs!

As always, I look forward to working with each of you to advance fire and life safety throughout the state. You can contact me at rsanders@nfpa.org.



Saying Goodbye to a Friend

By Woody Will

I moved to Cecilia Kentucky from St. Louis in 1978. Etown FD had responded to a county fire that summer and committed most of its resources. Then an alarm came in for a large fire in the city. Since the city department had its arsenal out in the county as a result the city fire response was less than what the mayor had hoped for. So the city fathers decided the city department would no longer make county runs on a first response basis. That left me and other concerned county residences in a real pickle. A group of about 100 of us met in the basement of the Cecilia Baptist Church to consider forming a fire department. The result was Kentucky 86 Fire & Rescue. That was when I first met Louis Wayne Crosier. We formed an almost immediate friendship that lasted 30 years. Louis was the kind of fire chief that some how always knew the right thing to do.

Not long after I took the job as Fire Training Coordinator for Region 5 I needed a team of people to teach Farm Rescue. I wanted someone who knew that industry well enough to answer almost any question about farming and the types of rescue work that is involved. The answer was simple, Louis Crosier and Charlie Williams. Louis was a tractor mechanic all his life. There was very little about farm equipment he didn't know. His passion for teaching the topic was from the heart. You see Louis found his father in the field dead from a farming accident. He knew the pain of losing a family member to a farm accident. Charlie had worked at a feed mill most of his life and knew the ins and outs of flowing grain as well as anyone. My choice was a good one for the two of them helped emergency departments hone their response skills all over the state at fire schools from Paducah to Ashland and from Northern Kentucky to Corbin. When Louis passed away departments from all over the state sent words of sympathy. He touched literally thousands of people with his message of farm rescue and response.

I guess that is why this has been so hard for me to write. Louis passed away just before Christmas and to this day I have trouble passing Cecilia Tractor where he worked without missing him being there. His truck was always parked out back of the building and I could always expect a wave or a signal for me to pull in for a brief chat if he was outside working. I really miss him. He is gone but will never be forgotten!

NEW ARRIVALS



Masonville is the recipients of twins. We have taken delivery of 2-E-One Tradition Pumpers in October of 2008. One was purchased thru the AFG program with all new equipment and the other one was purchased by the Daviess County Fiscal Court and Masonville Fire Department on a cost sharing program we have in Daviess County.

They are on Freightliner chassis, 5 man cab, 1250gpm top mount pumps, 1000 gallons water and 30 gallon foam tanks.



Grayson Fire Department takes delivery of new tanker.

The Grayson Fire Department of Carter County recently took delivery of this 2010 Kenworth tanker from Midwest Fire in Luverne, MN. It has an 1800 gal tank, a 500 gpm pump, large compartment space, 2100 gal dump tank and three 10 inch dump valves and cost \$168,000. Pictured is Asst Chief Duane Suttles receiving the keys from Jeff Bowen of Midwest. The tanker was purchased with a 2008 FireAct Grant written by Suttles, who also serves as a city councilman in Grayson and is the area coordinator for State Fire Rescue Training in Area 9 Morehead.



Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue has taken delivery of a Wynn 600 Series Pumper. This unit features a 1250-GPM Darley Pump Module, a 1000-gallon Polypropylene Tank, and a variety of equipment. The apparatus body was manufactured on a new 2010 International chassis by Wynn Fire Equipment, LLC.



The Anderson County Fire District has taken delivery of a Wynn 500M Series Tanker. This unit features a 500-gpm Darley PTO pump, a 2000-gallon Polypropylene Tank, and all LED Emergency Lighting. The apparatus body was manufactured on a 2009 International chassis by Wynn Fire Equipment, LLC.



The Lincoln County Fire Protection District has taken delivery of a Wynn Brush Truck. This unit features a CET/Honda 250-gpm Pump, a 300-gallon Polypropylene Tank, and a variety of equipment. The apparatus body was manufactured on a 2008 Ford chassis by Wynn Fire Equipment, LLC.

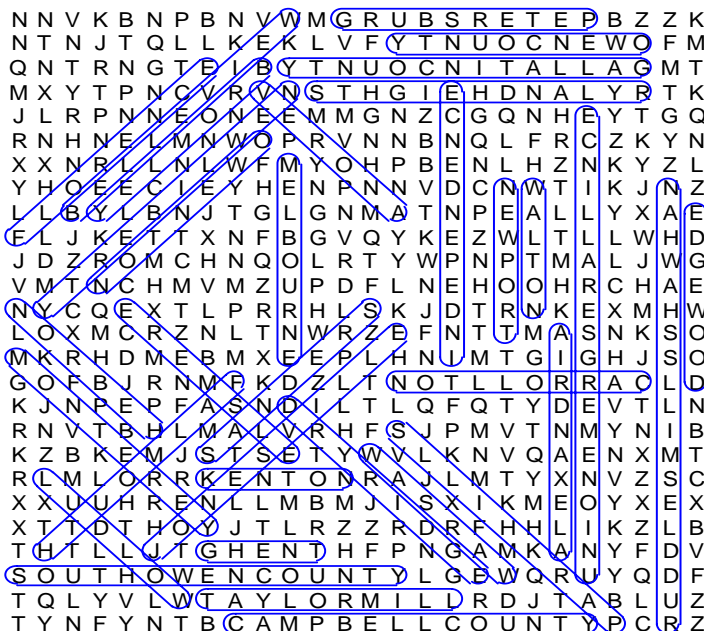
Grant Funds Available for Volunteer Fire Departments Applications to be submitted to Division of Forestry by June 17

FRANKFORT, KY – April 22, 2009

The Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) is currently accepting grant applications for the 2009 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant Program. The objective of the program is to improve the capability and effectiveness of Kentucky’s rural volunteer fire departments to protect lives and property. This will be accomplished through organizing, training, and equipping local firefighters for fire protection in rural areas, including communities of 10,000 persons or less. Funding for the grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and will be awarded on a 50/50 matching basis. The grantee must match the amount awarded by providing at least 50 percent of total project cost through cash reimbursement or in-kind service. Eligible items that can be purchased with grant funds include training materials, **pumps, hoses, tanks, small fire suppression equipment** and personal protective equipment (PPE) such as Nomex, fire shelters, gloves, lights, etc.

For more information on eligibility and program objectives, contact the division **1-800-866-0555**.

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