



SmokeSignalsII

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Is my department any better off than it was 5 years ago?

By Woody Will

Your state association works hard for you year round. It costs thousand of dollars each year to keep people in Frankfort on your behalf. State aid is at an all time high. Yes, there are some difficulties. Yes, the current system is not perfect. But your involvement in the system will help make it better. If you are unhappy with the way things are going let those in the various positions know you are unhappy. Do not take out your frustrations on the KFA. We are not the enemy. We are, for the most part, the only friendly voice you have when legislation is being drafted.

Dues collection to the association is at an all time low. What does that mean? That means that many departments are riding on the backs of those departments that are paying dues. We of the KFA must take some measures to insure a balanced budget. To do that, beginning with the October issue of the Smoke Signals II, the only departments receiving the newsletter will be the dues paying members. There is an application on the back page for you to pay your dues. We do not want to take these steps but the solvency of the association is our current main concern.

You might ask "What benefits do I receive from the KFA anyway?" The answer is simple. Benefits include:

1. Legislative agent to insure you have a voice in fire related legislation on a state wide basis.
2. Co-Sponsor of the State Fire School.
3. Firefighter Olympics both local and state.
4. Help with line of duty deaths and firefighter funerals.
5. Bi-Monthly newsletter to keep you up to date on all local, state, and national issues.
6. A Bi-Annual form where local associations can network and plan activities with other associations.
7. An annual conference with a memorial service to honor brother and sister firefighters who have moved on to other responsibilities on a higher plane.
8. A network of directors and vice presidents who are available to assist you with your local questions about your association.
9. A link to the National Volunteer Fire Council where you have a voice in National Fire Service Issues.
10. National 1-800-Fire Line service to help locate local departments for those interested in becoming a local volunteer.
11. Maintenance of our Firefighter Memorial in Frankfort.
12. A scholarship program that helps our membership with educational costs.

All in all your state association is a bargain for the small \$75.00 membership fee.

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From the President

Bill Carver

As this newsletter goes to press I am working feverishly on your conference August 3-6. This will be my last address to you as president. I want to thank so many of you for your efforts over the last 12 months.

I would like to begin by thanking all my committee chairs for their hard work over the last year. We did not accomplish all our goals but we did not lose ground either. It is dedication to the association that makes our organization strong.

It would be impossible to have a conference without the help of many other people and organizations. I want to thank the Barren River Association for choosing me as president and for their help with the conference. I also want to thank State Fire/Rescue Training for the assistance in setting up and delivering a conference. A special thanks to the various local departments that have helped with arrangements. I want to thank the vendors, sustaining members, and organizations and individuals who purchased ads to help the financial burden of a conference. And last but by no means least I want to thank YOU the local firefighter for all you do on a daily basis. For without you and the hard work you do in your local community this great land we call America would not be nearly as great and our wonderful way of life would not nearly be as wonderful. Thank you for allowing me to help in some small way to make your job better. After all that is why we are working hard to change legislation and attitudes to give you a better way of life.

As your new president takes office on August 6th please give him all the help he needs. We live in a time when we still don't have a state budget. Times are hard. He will need all the help and guidance he can get to just "make things better". It's not too late for you to get involved. It's not too late to step up to the plate and say "I no longer want to stand on the sideline and be a spectator. I want to get in the game and be a player" Committees will be formed, objective for the association will be set. Will you be counted among the **real players**?

Bill Carver President

Treasurer's Notes

by Bryant Stiles



Second notices for memberships have been mailed out and we appreciate all of the departments that have sent in their membership dues. I continue to believe departments receive much for their \$75.00 annual investment in the Association. Membership dues run from October 1st through September 30th.

Many Kentucky departments choose not to pay their dues. We could be an even stronger Association if each department would make this \$75.00 investment. Our Association struggles to fund services for all of our Kentucky departments, including those that do not pay dues. We now realize with the cost of providing services going up we can no longer do this.

We believe one of the best services offered by our Association is Smoke Signals II, our Association's newsletter. We have been providing one copy of Smoke Signals II to each department, whether the department is or is not a dues paying member. The cost of providing the Newsletter is just over 18 percent of our annual budget. KFA will cease providing this service to non-dues paying departments after the August 2002 issue. This change will not affect individual subscriptions to the newsletter.

Woody Will continues to serve as Editor of the KFA Smoke Signals. Each publication is packed with information and arrives on time, every time.

We have had a contract with Civic Development for some five years to raise funds for the Association through a telephone fund drive. Of our annual budget, 42% is raised by this organization. The contract with Civic Development has been renewed for the next three years. The new contract provides for some additional revenue which we hope will allow us to build some savings for future projects. The Association continues to seek out other means of generating revenue which would allow us to end the telephone fund drive.

I was at our Kentucky Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Frankfort on July 11th. I was reminded while there that we have many more pavers for sale.

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This is a great way to honor someone from your community or even placing your department's name on a paver. Sylvan Smith is coordinating sales of the pavers.

I regret the departure of Gary Clarke from the Executive Board. Gary brought a variety of experiences to the Board providing some great insight into issues before the Association. I look forward to working with Mike Giordano as he assumes this position.

Paul Billings from Real West Kentucky is providing some great leadership to our Scholarship program. To provide more scholarships the Association needs to continue to sell our KFA prints. Please help the Association continue to promote these prints. For questions on the prints or the Scholarship program please contact Paul.

Most are aware of the passing of Governor Wallace Wilkinson. The KERA Educational Reform Act and the lottery were passed during his administration. After his death, I read for a second time his 1995 book "You Can't Do That Governor". Governor Wilkinson was not suppose to win the governor's race according to all of the polls, yet he did. In reflecting on this in his book, on page 25, he reminded readers that the only statewide group to endorse him as a candidate was the Kentucky Firefighters Association. I just thought this was interesting.

As you read this we will be closing my fifth fiscal year as your Treasurer. During these five years we have handled just over \$950,000 in transactions. We have had many great accomplishments during these five years: building the memorial, beginning to award scholarships, increases in incentive pay and state aid four years in a row, providing public safety education training, starting the web page, providing a great state newsletter (Smoke Signals II) and the list goes on and on. I have the great opportunity to see the accomplishments of all of our committees. I can tell you there are many great leaders within KFA that work extremely hard to benefit the fire service of this Commonwealth.

During these five years we have handled just over \$950,000 in transactions and just under 7,000 pieces of mail going out and coming in. We are required to provide reports to multiple agencies including the Legislative Ethics Commission,

Federal Trade Commission and Federal Communications Commission, and the Kentucky Attorney General's Office.

Robin Long, Fire Rescue Training Area 3 Administrative Assistant, spends many hours of her own time helping me handle all of this work. Without her, I could not serve as your Treasurer. Robin, I thank you!

Your Treasurer,

Bryant Stiles



FIRE COMMISSION

Walter J. Lage
Division Director
State Fire Commission

As this is being written the Fire Commission is in the process of reviewing applicants for the position of Executive director. A new Director may be named by the time this issue is distributed.

For those that participate in the incentive program, please remember that in order to receive your incentive funds in a timely manner, your request should be in the Fire Commission office by the 5th of each month. Should you fail to submit your request on time, payment for that period may be delayed for several months.

If you are applying for a low interest loan from the Fire Commission, the Loan Committee strongly recommends that you do not commit any funds (down payment) towards any purchase prior to your loan being reviewed and approved by the Loan Committee. A decision on your part to commit funds to a project prior to loan approval will not impact the decision of the Loan Committee. The loan application is being updated and additional information will be required to allow the Loan Committee to better evaluate the applications. Additionally, should a department pay off an existing Fire Commission loan, that department will not be considered for another loan for a period of 6 months. All loan application information must be received in the Fire Commission office by the 10th day of the month preceding the month of the Fire Commission meeting. Fire Commission meetings are normally held in even numbered months.

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With the new fiscal year (FY) just under way (July 1) it is an opportune time to explain the finance of both the State Fire Rescue Training program and the Fire Commission. While the goal of both programs is to train the fire service, funding for each program is separate and independent. Therefore, short falls or over runs in one program cannot be covered by the other.

The State Fire Rescue Training program is funded by state appropriation and any revenue generated by industrial training classes. Although the funding has remained steady over the past several years, it has not been able to keep pace with inflation and mandated state employee raises. In fact during last year's state funding shortfall, the state appropriation was reduced by 2%. The new fiscal year budget saw an offsetting increase to the fund but it is projected to again fall short of inflationary expense increases and the anticipated 2.7% state employee raises.

To combat the shortfalls the biennial budget that was submitted to the State Accounting office requests an 80% increase in funding to cover the instruction necessary to maintain certification, funding for regional fire schools, and updating equipment for all SFRT areas.

The Fire Commission's budget is funded by a surcharge assessed on property insurance. All revenues collected by this tax is split between the police and the fire. At one point the split was 54% police and 46% fire. Currently this split is 72% police and 28% fire. These funds can only be spent on items in the Kentucky Revised Statutes or items that have been approved by the budget process. This year both the Fire Commission and State Fire Rescue Training program are operating on a continuation budget. This means that only statute items can be funded. These items include Incentive, Hepatitis B inoculations, Training Facility Grants, the final draw to fund the Loan Account, State Aid to Volunteer Fire Departments and Worker's Compensation, which alone increased \$450,000 for the current fiscal year. For FY03 these items equate to 99% of the receipts. This figure does not include the operating expenses of the staff office, which by statute is allowed to be no more than 5.0% of receipts.

This ultimately means that we are going to have to use carry forward funds to operate.

Another difference in the financing of the two programs is the timing of the receipts. For Sate Fire Rescue Training the total appropriated funds are available July 1. The Fire Commission funds are collected daily with the largest receipts occurring around the 22nd of each month. The Fire Commission cannot run in a deficit therefore monies have to be collected before they can be spent. Incentive payments have to be paid monthly while Worker's Compensation premiums are paid in July and January. For this reason State Aid has to be pushed back to January – March as a worse case scenario. If revenues are up and cash is available to cover State Aid awards disbursements will be moved forward to November or December.

Some departments have voiced concerns about equipment loans with their local banks that rely on the State Aid awards to pay their yearly payments. It has been discussed that some banks may accept a letter from the Fire Commission explaining the delay in the awards due to our funding issues and that these banks may be willing to move the annual payment to coincide with the State Aid payments. For those departments who receive State Aid and also have a loan at your local bank please forward the following information to my attention either by fax or e-mail.

FAX – (859) 246-3484

E-mail brenda.jones@kctcs.edu

- 1) Fire Department Name
- 2) Fire Department Number
- 3) Fire Department Address
- 4) Fire Department Phone number
- 5) Fire Department Chief
- 6) Bank name where loan is held
- 7) Date in which loan payment is due
- 8) Number of annual payments remaining
- 9) Have you contacted your bank and what was their response.

Please fax or e-mail me any feedback or questions to this article. In the subject line please indicate 'Smoke Signals article' Brenda Jones, Financial Officer for the Fire Commission and Fire Rescue Training.

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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:

1-800-782-6823

Fax – 859-246-3484

Web page address is:

www.kctcs.net/kyfirecommission

To enter training hours via the internet:

<http://kyfiretraining.kctcs.net>

REGIONAL EMBERS



Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Troy Newcomb, President

Greetings from the JPFA and “Far Western Kentucky” where we still repeat the Lord’s Prayer, salute the American Flag, sing patriotic songs (albeit off key) and proudly recite the Pledge of Allegiance. **GOD BLESS AMERICA!** I have been appalled, as I hope that you have, at the recent ravings concerning the Pledge of Allegiance. As an American citizen, atheist Michael Newdow has the freedom and the right to disagree with his daughter reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at her school. However there are multitudes of people across this great country that have the right to disagree with Michael Newdow. I thought that in a democracy, the majority ruled. I simply fail to comprehend how two judges in the 9th. U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals could decide that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance anywhere could be considered unconstitutional and that the American people would stand still for this abomination. I do understand that the American tax payer is going to shell out thousands of dollars to appeal the courts decision and that eventually this case could end up in the U.S. Supreme Court. Doesn’t that make you feel better? Out of the frying pan into the fire.

Numerous people, organizations and yes-even politicians on both the left and the right have voiced their opposition to the courts decision. And this is

as it should be. However every red-blooded American should stand up and voice their opinion also. If we do not do this now, then once again the vocal few will win out over the silent majority. Remember, if you will, when the courts decided that it was unconstitutional to say the Lord’s Prayer in the schools. And poof, it was gone. Unless we stand together, and make our voices heard the Pledge of Allegiance will also be gone. We as Americans can not and must not let this happen. Make your voice heard and do it today!

As you are reading this special conference edition of Smoke Signals II, the 82nd. annual Kentucky Firefighters Association conference will be in full swing in Bowling Green Kentucky. President Bill Carver and the members of the Barren River Firefighters Association have worked diligently to ensure that this conference will be one of the best on record and that the interest of the KFA and all firefighters in the State of Kentucky will be appropriately addressed. Congratulations to President Carver, the Barren River Association and all of the many other personnel that have worked tirelessly to make this conference a success.

Unless you live in a cave somewhere, you have surely noticed that the KFA Web site is up and running and has been updated recently. There is an old adage that says “you do not miss the water until the well runs dry.” I think that this saying is appropriate concerning the KFA Web site. Many of us did not realize how important this site is and how much we depend on it until it wasn’t available. I know that Woody Will has worked diligently on the site to get it back up and running and I am sure there are others that have been involved. Everyone that uses the site owes Woody and anyone else that was involved a large at-a-boy and our sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done. These people will be at the conference in Bowling Green. Look them up, shake their hand and thank them personally. The 2002 edition of the Kentucky State Fire School is now history. And if you did not attend, shame on you. There was something in Lexington, Kentucky for every firefighter in the State of Kentucky.

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There were vendors on hand to share the latest and newest firefighting gear and equipment and answer your questions. There were 30 pieces of apparatus in the parking lot to view, touch and climb around on. As the younger generation would say, the decorations, the hospitality, and the service were awesome. And to top it off there were hundreds of firefighters, taking some of the best classes offered anywhere, to visit and interact with during the school. Congratulations to all of the sponsors of the Kentucky State Fire School and everyone that worked so diligently to make this school happen. If you missed the 2002 school, then make your plans now to attend the Kentucky State Fire School in 2003.

The JPFA Bi monthly meeting was conducted on July 2, 2002 at the North Graves Fire Department in Graves County. Chief Glenn Barker and his personnel welcomed the JPFA to their house by providing a good old fashion fish supper that would satisfy the most discriminating palate. Not only was there fish, but all of the trimmings were provided along with salad and plenty of dessert. If anyone left this table at North Graves hungry it was surely their own fault. The members of the department seem to take credit for the good fare, but Chief Barker's wife, Barbara was also in attendance and in her usual, quite, unassuming manner seemed to be actually in charge of the meal. No matter though, the food was excellent, the camaraderie was great and the sincere appreciation of the JPFA is extended to Chief Barker and all of his personnel.

State Fire Rescue Training Area One Coordinator Charlie Lott was in attendance and reported on the state of affairs for SFRT. As with all agencies in the state, the budget or a lack there of is the main topic of conversation at this time. Charlie advised that he was looking at a 2.7% decrease in his total budget across the board. As always, SFRT will have to be judicious in scheduling classes during the year. Charlie stressed that all classes that require multiple instructors should be scheduled so that multiple departments could attend.

President Troy Newcomb gave the report from the Annual Fire School Committee. The plans for the 2003 school at Kentucky Dam Village State Park are progressing nicely. He encouraged all departments to make plans now to secure at least one ad

for the school program guide book. And he stressed that all personnel should be encouraged to pre-register for the school.

The JPFA voted unanimously to support Chief Troy Newcomb, of the Grand Lakes Fire Department, as the 4th. Vice President of the Kentucky Fire Firefighters Association representing the West Region. JPFA secretary Debra Hartz will forward a letter of support to David Jansing, secretary of the KFA.

The next JPFA Bi monthly meeting will be conducted at Air Products in Calvert City, Kentucky on Tuesday, September 3, 2002. Make plans now to attend.

Chief W. B. Ford of the Lone Oak Fire Department in Lone Oak, Kentucky retired effective July 1, 2002. Chief Ford has been a member of the Lone Oak Fire Department for 44 years and served as Chief for the last 19 years. Chief Ford was a member of the former West Kentucky Firefighters Association, is a current member of the JPFA and the KFA and has supported both of these organizations for many years. And this is in addition to all of the other organizations that he belongs to and supports.

The JPFA congratulates Chief Ford (and his wife Lou Jean) on his retirement. We wish both of them the best in their new endeavor. New Fire Chief Jim Johnston and the Lone Oak Board said that Chief Ford would still remain as a member of the Lone Oak Fire Department. Chief Ford said, "I want my loafing rights." He has definitely earned those rights.

**REMEMBER 911-WAVE THAT AMERICAN FLAG
GOD BLESS AMERICA-REPEAT THE PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE**

Paul S. Billings

**Green River
Firefighters Association**

Ed Schmidt, President

We celebrated our third anniversary of the Area 3 Training Center with the May meeting of the Green River Firefighters Association. Thanks to Gerald Stewart, Walter Lage and Ronnie Day for traveling to Calhoun for our meeting. Gerald provided a review of the 2002 General Assembly, Walter provided

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a review of important dates for state aid for volunteer departments and Ronnie spoke on the next round of training facility grants. We thank Robin Long and Debbie Carter for their efforts in preparing our Training Center for all of our guests. WSF Fleet Services provided our dinner which was catered by Moonlite Bar-B-Q.

Congratulations to all that had a part in making State Fire School another success. We were pleased to hear Walter Lage report at the Fire Commission meeting that attendance was up for this year. Green River sent several door prizes for the expo. Charlie Shaw, Jamia Skaggs, all their helpers, the vendors, and KFA have turned this into an enjoyable and beneficial part of our Annual State Fire School.

Our July Association meeting is being held while this issue of Smoke Signals II is at the printer. Owensboro Fire Department is our host for the July meeting.

We are planning a regional memorial and remembrance ceremony on September 11th at Owensboro Christian Church. Chief Fred Hina and the Owensboro Fire Department will serve as host for the ceremony and OFD Firefighter David McCrady is serving as event coordinator. As always, we invite all of our friends from out side of our area to be with us.

We are excited to again have the Annual Kentucky EMS Conference being held in Owensboro at the Executive Inn Rivermont. Full Conference information is available on the EMS Connection web site at www.hultgren.org, or you may contact us at the Area 3 Training Center, 1-888-306-8015, for information. The EMS Conference is sponsored by the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association (KAPA).

Please begin to mark your calendars for the 2003 Officers School. The dates are February 21-22-23. We are selecting classes now. We have many suggestions for the survey forms from this year's Officers School, but if you have an idea or request please contact us.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2002 Conference in Bowling Green!
The Green River Officers

**Dixie Firefighters Association**

Randy Skinner – President

The June meeting of the Dixie Firefighters Association was hosted by the New Haven/Rolling Fork Fire Departments in New Haven Kentucky. Special guests included Fire Commission Chair Gerald Stewart, SF/RT Division Director Steve Calhoun, and Fire Commission Financial Officer Brenda Jones. The meeting was very informative. Most of what the association found out is in the Fire Commission article in this issue of Smoke Signals II, but suffice it to say that we were very concerned that Fire/Rescue training was not getting an increase in it's funding. We found out that additional funding was requested but not approved in the budget because there was no budget. And for that matter there is still no budget. It was easy to feel the openness and honesty between association members and commission representatives. It was agreed by all parties that better communication and full open disclosure was needed in the future.

The July meeting was held at the Leitchfield Fire Department in Grayson County Kentucky. The association awarded 10 scholarships totaling \$1,650.00. The smallest scholarship was \$150.00 and the largest was \$200.00. The association salutes those receiving the scholarship.

The first meeting of the Dixie Fire School committee will be held in September. The fire school will begin on Friday evening March 7th and continue until Sunday March 9. If you are a regular attendee of the school and would like to make suggestions for the 2003 Dixie Fire School you can come join the committee by attending meetings or if you are not part of our area you can e-mail us at dixie@kvnet.org. All comments are solicited and greatly appreciated.

October 24, 2002 will mark the third annual memorial meeting of the Dixie Firefighters Association. This year we will be dedicating phase II of our memorial. The law enforcement and Industry posts will be added. Make plans now to attend. Remember to send in any names of members of your department that have passed away. If you have any question you may contact us at 270-766-5238.

Randy Skinner, President

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Jefferson County Fire Service

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"LINE OF FIRE"

wins prestigious COMMUNICATOR Award

Jefferson County Fire Service's **"LINE OF FIRE"** Television Program has been awarded The Communicator Crystal Award. The Communicator Awards is a national awards program founded by communications professionals to recognize excellence in the communications field. The award gives winners recognition that the work they are producing is outstanding and highly regarded by their peers.

The half-hour "LINE OF FIRE" program airs quarterly on Public Access Television in Louisville. The show is an on-going project of the Jefferson County Fire Service Public Information, Education and Recruitment Committee. Chief Paul Barth of the JCFS PIER Committee works closely with Producer, Kelley Dearing Smith and Photojournalist, Josh Grimes to script and produce the Public Information Program. Local TV personality, Reed Yadon serves as host.

Southeastern Firefighters Association

By Steve Myers

It is with deep regret that I start this article with a sorrowful note. Last month Southeastern Kentucky firefighters lost a very dear friend and colleague. Retired Manchester Fire Chief Joe Jones passed away June 7th, taking his last ride on June 11th. Joe was a Kentucky State Fire Instructor for many, many years beginning when it was Voc-ed. For almost 60 years, Joe served his community, county and state training many firefighters many different subjects. He even trained many civilians (CPR & First Aid) making life a lot safer in several communities. During Joe's many years of training firefighters, I know that he traveled thousands of miles and spent many hours doing what he loved for so many years. Joe was inducted into the Southeastern Kentucky Firefighters Hall of Fame in 1997 and then received the "Ironman Award" in 1998, having more than 50 years of service. Joe was an inspiration to many firefighters and other public safety professionals throughout his years

of service and he will be surely missed by his immediate family and his extended family. I know that I will miss his smile that he always had when we would see each other.

Now comes the remainder of my message. As in years past, the time of "CELEBRATION 2002" is almost around the corner. This year's parade is on November 2, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The location is still the same (London) with the staging area remaining the same on Main Street (Old Krogers Parking lot). This year's parade is being dedicated to the memories of Joe Jones and Sheriff Sam Catron who many of you know was killed while attending a fundraiser at the Shopville Fire Department. I had known Sam for almost 8 years and valued the friendship that we had. He had flown his helicopter into the static display several years ago because he always loved flying. A special award will be given to Sam's family at the annual Hall of Fame banquet the night before the parade. So plan to come this year and make this parade the biggest yet. The parade continues to grow each year and should be bigger this year. Remember, it is the place where everybody that comes is family. There are never any strangers when we get together. Be safe in your communities and hope to see you in November. You can contact me via the following ways:

E-mail: smyers@prtcnet.org

Phone: 606-364-3382

Pager 888-392-4760

Thanks

Steve Myers, Executive Director

Southeastern Kentucky Firefighters

Hall of Fame foundation

Pike County Firefighters Association

Randy Courtney President

Well good day to everyone, I hope everyone survived State fire school and made it back home ok. We now have the next couple of months to look forward to the weekend Fire Schools, they are so much fun. I enjoy going and teaching at them. I have meet and become friends with so many people and instructors, I really understand it when we call it a brotherhood.

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I want to say that state fire school was great as usual, learn some new things, meet some new people, and over all had a great time.

Well by the time you read this the 13th annual Pikeville / Pike County Regional Fire & Rescue School will be in the history books. We have a good pre-registration now and I just hope that we had a great school. I guess this article is out in time for the KFA Conference in Bowling Green and that would be our president Mr Bill Carver's home town. We want to wish you the best Mr Carver for a good and successful conference. I'm kinda busy planning our fire school which is getting very near so I'll make this one short and sweet. I hope you got down to Pikeville to see us and wish all of you safe training, till next time.

Randy Courtney President

Pennyrile Fire and Rescue Association

Red Howton, President

Greetings from a very hot western Kentucky. I know that the loss of firefighter lives in the 9-11 disaster has left all of us wandering why something like this had to happen, I don't know the answer but can only believe it is part of the plan that GOD has for this great nation in which we live. The recent court ruling that bans one nation under God in our pledge of allegiance is one of the most ridiculous things I have heard in years. We as a nation need to let our government leaders know that we will not stand for such rulings and these judges need to go. This is just my opinion.

I recently signed up with FEMA to receive updates on the internet. It seems that everyday I get e-mail about the death of another firefighter. I know that 9-11 was bad but the continued deaths of our brothers and sisters in the fire service is also very disturbing. I don't have the answers but we need to do something to curb this trend.

As you read this letter the Pennyrile Fire School is almost completely planned. The school will be held in Princeton at Caldwell County High School the first weekend in October. The school is being held at the high school because we do not know if the new training center will be finished on time. Chief Francis and his department are doing a great job

of building us a great place to train and meet. If you get a chance drive by and take a look, it is located on Hwy 60 west of Princeton just past the old Fruit of the Loom factory.

Some of the classes planned for this year include:

1. **FF Survival & Rescue**
2. **Vehicle Rescue**
3. **Hard to Get Hours**
4. **Firestreams and Foam**
5. **Water Supply**
6. **Basic Firefighting**
7. **Farm Rescue**
8. **2 EMS Tracks**

This is only a partial list of classes. If there is a class you would like us to offer please contact me at 270-965-4272 or e-mail at red@ziggycom.net or Chief Francis at 270-365-2022.

We have been having some very good regional meetings, if you haven't been attending I urge you to do so. You don't know when you might miss a real good meal and some great conversation. Our last meeting was held in Cerulean and they out did themselves with the steaks. THANKS!

YOURS FOR SAFE FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUES

Red Howton

President

Pennyrile Fire and Rescue Association



Pub Ed Committee

Joe Stanbush, Chairman

As you read this the quarterly pub ed committee meeting of KFA is over but we want to thank our dear friend Bonnie Pigg and Fire Chief Mike Withrow of the

Paris Fire Dept. for hosting the meeting and the exciting and educational tour of safety city. What a magnificent public education tool.

I strongly suggest anyone who has not seen this great educational tool to stop by Bourbon County or plan to make a stop. You won't be sorry you made the trip.

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I am very excited about the convention in Bowling Green and am looking forward to seeing all our friends and comrades for this great event. I know president Carver and his staff have worked hard to make this a wonderful week.

I want so very much for our new state initiative, risk watch to be adopted and placed on the school curriculums, we need all the help and support we can muster. Our children of Kentucky need this program. In all my years of fire and life safety education I have not found any program to match what this can do for the youth and people of Kentucky. I have been busy, rallying supporting and spreading the word on what risk watch can do for Kentucky. We are working on building a strong coalition for this project, many prominent folks have vowed their support for this effort. We will not fail!

My good friend, Rusty Todd has worked very hard to make our public education workshop in elizabethtown (Sept. 14 & 15) a reality. We will be passing out brochures and information about this workshop at the conference. Please see me or any member of our pub ed committee for information.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Bowling Green, be safe and may God bless!

Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stambush

Chairman KFA Pub Ed Committee

**National Volunteer Fire Council**

Ken Nipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

D.C. Firefighters Face Discipline for Volunteering

By Greg Johnson

Courtesy of Gazette (MD) Newspapers

About 40 District firefighters are facing disciplinary proceedings and possible expulsion from their union because of their voluntary service to Prince George's County fire companies.

The firefighters are in apparent violation of a new regulation that the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) has imposed on local chapters barring union members from serving as volunteers while off-duty.

Raymond Sneed, president of IAFF chapter 36 in the District, said Monday that disciplinary proceedings have begun against 41 members of his chapter who have allegedly violated this union order. Hearings are to be held by the end of July, Sneed said, and those who are found in violation could be expelled from the IAFF. Those expelled would, however, be able to keep their jobs with the District fire department.

"It's one (union rule) that we all have to live by," Sneed said.

The regulation identifies volunteer companies that operate alongside paid personnel as "rival organizations" and prohibits union members from joining them. Officials from IAFF Lodge 1619 in Bowie introduced the regulation as a resolution at the national convention in August 2000. Union members passed the resolution and it took effect in 2001. IAFF Lodge 1619 represents county firefighters. The firefighters facing disciplinary proceedings serve on several different volunteer companies, Sneed said, but he would not identify which Prince George's County stations could be affected if their members are convicted of union violations.

"I know it's the whole county (that's affected)," said Sneed, a Lanham President.

Sneed said there are about 1,300 active members in his IAFF lodge. Disciplinary proceedings against the firefighters were started after officials with the county IAFF chapter sent letters to neighboring chapters in January listing members in apparent violation of the union regulation.

Thomas McEachin, president of the local chapter, said at the time that the Prince George's County chapter was merely trying to enforce a union rule that all members were expected to follow.

Members of the Maryland State Fireman's Association, which represents volunteer emergency workers throughout the state, have opposed the union's actions and claimed the loss of union membership would adversely affect the volunteers' careers.

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Frank Underwood, spokesman for the Prince George's County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, said his organization plans to resist any disciplinary actions taken against county volunteers.

The local association has formed a task force to deal with the situation, Underwood said.

"We are going at this with dignity," Underwood said of the volunteers' stance against the union. "We have to keep our act together."

The volunteers' efforts received a moral boost this month when the U.S. Department of Labor decided that professional firefighters in Montgomery County do not need to be paid when they volunteer their services.

Montgomery County had banned full-time firefighters from serving as volunteers after a 1993 federal decision ordered firefighters to be paid overtime for their voluntary work. But the recent ruling, announced June 5 in a letter to county officials, reversed that earlier decision.

"We conclude that the (Fair Labor Standards Act) does not require Montgomery County to pay its career firefighters if they volunteer, freely and without coercion, to provide services to the nonprofit fire and rescue corporation in the county," wrote Tammy McCutcheon, administrator of the federal agency's Wage and Hour Division.

Underwood said Monday he was pleased with the federal decision because it supports volunteer activity.

"When you get off of work, you can do what you want to do," Underwood said.

"That helps us out that way."

But Underwood conceded the ruling does not have a direct impact on the local controversy.

McEachin said he was displeased with the recent federal ruling, but he also does not believe it will affect the local situation.

"It's a disappointment, but it is what it is," McEachin said.

Capt. Chauncey Bowers, spokesman for the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department, said the dispute is a union matter and that the county department has no position. According to 2002 budget documents, there are 696 paid firefighters in Prince George's County and about 1,375 active volunteers.

FEMA Awards First Seventy-Two FIRE Grant Awards

WASHINGTON - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) have announced today the first 72 Assistance to Firefighters Grant awards.

The USFA is a part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

These awards will be used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, fire fighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, EMS programs, and Fire Prevention and Safety Programs. FEMA and the USFA will be announcing a total of 5500 grants over the next five (5) months.

The total of all awards will represent a \$360M investment to enhance fire and EMS service delivery throughout the United States. Today's announcement represents \$3.9 million to these 72 departments.

"As recent history has shown us, this nation's fire departments are the first responders into almost every emergency," said FEMA Director Joe M. Allbaugh. "Through this award program, President Bush has provided FEMA the opportunity to improve significantly the safety of these men and woman, and the Fire and EMS services they provide to Americans."

More than 19,900 fire departments - volunteer and career - applied for grants this year, submitting requests totaling approximately \$2.98 billion.

The grants, authorized by Congress, will be used to assist rural, urban and suburban fire departments, in all 50 (fifty) states. The FY2002 grant applications have been through an exhaustive peer review by over 300 representatives of fire service organizations.

The most current list of successful applications and awards is posted on the USFA web site at www.usfa.fema.gov/grants. Future grant recipients will be listed as awards are made.

Additional information on the rewards process:

* According to FEMA/USFA there were 19,584 submitted applications.

* FEMA/USFA currently estimates that as many as 5,500 awards will be made.

* FEMA/USFA also estimates that by the end of calendar year 2002 all 5,500 awards will be processed and announced.

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SEVEN KENTUCKY FIRE DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE FIRE GRANT AWARDS

WASHINGTON DC The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA), announced, seven Kentucky fire departments will receive grants in the first and second round of awards under the Assistance to Firefighters Program. The fire departments awarded grants, in the first two rounds of agency announcements, are:

Calvert City Fire Department

Fire Prevention
\$21,357

Cornettsville Fire Department

Fire Operations & Firefighter Safety
\$101,065

South Eastern Fire District

Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety
\$66,807.00

District 3 VFD

Firefighting Vehicle
\$167,400.00

Lotts Creek Vol. Fire Dept.

Firefighting Vehicle
\$180,000.00

Franklin County

Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety
\$230,760.00

The KFA sends out a hardy CONGRATULATIONS to these seven very deserving Kentucky Departments.

As we have done in the past we will keep a running total of the grants we receive here in Kentucky.

To date our Kentucky total is \$767,389.00

The national total is \$25,785,549.00

The Kentucky percentage is 5.9%

NEW UPDATED EMERGENCY SERVICES INFECTION CONTROL MANUAL NOW AVAILABLE

EMMITSBURG, MD. - The United States Fire Administration (USFA), part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), today announced the availability of a new and updated document detailing the most comprehensive and updated infection control programs and practices for local-level fire and emergency medical service (EMS) departments.

The updated Guide to Managing an Emergency Services Infection Control Program provides new and expanded information in this area. Since the original publication in 1992, many advances have occurred in the field of infection control. The guide is designed to meet or exceed all applicable Federal laws and regulations and national standards and guidelines at the time of publication.

"Infection control, including issues such as Hepatitis C exposure, is an essential health and safety topic for the fire service today," said U.S. Fire Administrator R. David Paulison. "Every fire and emergency services department needs to have a strong infection control program as part of an overall departmental health and safety strategy."

Limited quantities of this publication may be ordered free of charge. It is available in printed as well as downloadable format via the Internet. Visit the USFA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov> and click on publications. Departments also can contact USFA's Publications Office at (800) 561-3356 or (301) 447-1189 or FAX your request to (301) 447-1213. Mail orders will also be accepted at the following address:

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Since its inception, USFA has been committed to providing information and technical assistance to local-level fire and EMS departments, and others in a wide variety of management and operational areas.



**Malcolm Franklin Named New State
Emergency Management Chief**

FRANKFORT, KY - June 18, 2002- Gov. Paul E. Patton today announced the appointment of Malcolm Franklin of Somerset as Director of Kentucky's Division of Emergency Management. Franklin replaces William R. "Ronn" Padgett who retires July 31.

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KFA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

The Kentucky Fire Fighters Association has awarded another scholarship to a Kentucky Firefighter. At the regular Executive Board meeting, during State Fire School at Lexington , Kentucky on June 2, 2002, the board approved a KFA scholarship for John G. Zimlich Jr. of Louisville, Ky.

John is a member of the Buechel Fire Protection District and has served as a volunteer firefighter since May 2000. He currently attends Eastern Kentucky University where he is pursuing a Fire Science degree. John's future plans include completing his degree at Eastern, remaining active with the Buechel Fire Protection District and he is seriously considering applying to the City of Louisville Fire Department after graduation.

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

The KFA currently provides three scholarships for Kentucky Firefighters:

- Angela Jansing Fort Mitchell Fire & EMS
- James A. Downes Buechel Fire Department
- John Zimlich Jr. Buechel Fire Department

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



By Woody Will

It seems as more delays have befallen the on-line training programs. As recent as July 15 I have e-mail communication that it may be as late as the middle of September before the new platform is up and running. It is not just happening to us, all of the Virtual University is experiencing these same difficulties. We ask that you please once again be patient with us. As soon as we possibly can we will have the system back up and running.

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9. Haz-Mat Operations
10. Farm Rescue
11. Haz-Mat response for EMS personnel

12. Court Room Preparation
13. Officer's class
14. 4 hour Wildland class
15. Live Burn
16. Round-table Discussion with Fire Commission

During this school the Fire Commission will also be offering a Firefighter I & II Test.

Make your plans to attend and join us for a great time. Our school is free to all firefighters and we offer a free picnic on Saturday evening in the park for all that attend our school. Dates for our school are August 25&26, 2002 in Hazard KY. For more information feel free to contact the SFRT office at 606-435-6087 or 888-234-6759.



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This year's instructional staff include:

Bryan Bledsoe, D.O., F.A.C.E.P., EMT-P: Dr. Bryan Bledsoe entered EMS in 1974 as an EMT. He attended one of the first paramedic programs in North Texas and worked for several years in Fort Worth as a paramedic before becoming an EMS Instructor and Coordinator. Now an emergency physician, Dr. Bledsoe is also the author of numerous EMS textbooks published by Brady. Dr. Bledsoe is a frequent speaker at state and national EMS conferences and seminars.

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Thomas J. Cahill, RRT, EMT-P. Tom Cahill has worked as a paramedic for various EMS services in Northern Kentucky. He has an extensive background in pre-hospital care, mechanical ventilation, and pain management. He is presently the Manager of Respiratory Care at Shriners Hospital for Children in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rep. **Jim Callahan**, 67th District, from Wilder, KY, serves on the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, Local Government Committee, and the State Government Committee. He has served in the Kentucky House of Representatives since 1987.

Daniel Carlascio, NREMT-P, CCEMT-P: Paramedic Program Director for the Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois.

Ray DuGray. President Interaction Communications Inc. MB, Canada specializes in professional development training and consulting. His background includes 20 years as a professional paramedic and firefighter.

Mark Hayden. is the Southeast Account Manager for Pinpoint Technologies. Mark has over twenty years of EMS experience, starting his career as a firefighter/paramedic in Pinellas County, Florida. He later was vice president of communications at EMSA and the Communications Center Manager for Rural/Metro's Central Florida Operation. He also spent four years with a public safety software company.

Kevin High, RN. a flight nurse for the Vanderbilt University Medical Center LifeFlight Air Medical Program, has had several articles published in national medical journals that include EMS Magazine, Journal of Emergency Nursing, and Air Medical Journal.

Tony M. Kail. is the Director of the Subculture Project. This Project is a private agency dedicated to educating the public on the dangers of destructive cults; criminal occult groups; street gangs and extremists groups. He has been published in several law enforcement and other magazines. Tony is from Jackson, Tennessee, and was on the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Pete Lazarra, BS, NREMT-P: PIC for the Chicago Fire Department and the EMS Coordinator for Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

Kentucky Senator **Vernie McGaha**, a retired educator from Russell Springs, KY, serves on the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Appropriations and Revenue Committee, Economic Development and Tourism Committee, Education Committee, Energy Committee, Labor and Industry Committee, and the Tobacco Committee. He has served in the Kentucky Senate since 1997.

Douglas M. Wolfberg, Esq.: A founding partner of Page, Wolfberg and Wirth, LLC, Mr. Wolfberg's practice addresses a wide range of issues confronting ambulance and EMS organizations. Mr. Wolfberg became a volunteer EMS provider in 1978 and an EMT in 1981. In 1990 he became the Director of Prehospital Services for the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council. Mr. Wolfberg later worked for the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services as a Prehospital Systems Consultant. His entertaining and informative presentation style has been featured at national conference that include EMS Today, Navigator, EMS Insider Symposium, numerous conferences of the American Ambulance Association, and state and regional conferences throughout the United States.

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Bonnieville FD Receives new Rescue-Pumper

The Bonnieville Vol. Fire Department has taken delivery of a 2002 Central States Rescue-Pumper. Located in Hart County, on I-65 the Department experiences a large volume of Interstate calls. Because of this, a number of issues were taken into consideration in the design of the new apparatus.

The apparatus was purchased with a top mounted pump panel to keep the operator out of traffic. Roll up doors also decrease the required working space around the pumper. The apparatus has rear mounted 1 1/2 outlets instead of cross lays.

The pump is a 1250 GPM Darley with a Lifetime Warranty. The tank is a 1000 gallon UPF Poly Tank. The chassis is a Freightliner FL-Series with a Caterpillar Engine and an Allison Automatic Transmission. Use of the Caterpillar Engine allows us to obtain "in station" warranty & service through Wayne Supply Co. the local Caterpillar agency. All emergency lighting and warning devices on the apparatus are Weldon. The pumper was sold to the Bonnieville FD by Fire Apparatus Div. S.D.C.



On the Lighter Side of Life

When the employees of a restaurant attended a fire safety seminar, they watched a fire official demonstrate the proper way to operate an extinguisher. "Pull the pin like a hand grenade," he explained, "then depress the trigger to release the foam." Later an employee was selected to extinguish a controlled fire in the parking lot. In her nervousness, she forgot to pull the pin. The instructor hinted, "Like a hand grenade, remember?" In a burst of confidence she pulled the pin and hurled the extinguisher at the blaze.

The Dangers of Live Fire Training

By Woody Will

I don't know if you have been following the events that are unfolding in the case of the Lairdsville New York Fire Department. It seems that on September 25 the department was conducting a house burn in a vacant structure in Westmoreland New York. The house burn went bad and 19 year old recruit firefighter Bradley Golden (who had been a member for three weeks) lost his life. Firefighter Alan Baird III was tried for second-degree manslaughter. I will not get into many particulars about the case you can read the details for yourself on firehouse.com. There are several points I want to make about this and other house burns that will be taking place as Summer moves along into Fall:

1. Follow NFPA 1403 to the letter. It will keep you safe and you can still train.
2. Make sure all students have had the minimum training as required by 1403 before they take part in the live fire burn.
3. Assign a safety officer that has no other responsibility during the burn.
4. Enlist the help of experienced training officers to conduct the burns.
5. Do not use any kind of flammable or combustibles liquids to make sets.
6. In the pre burn briefing, make sure students are familiar with the structure and all means of egress.
7. Provide for a rehab area as well as ambulance coverage during the burn.
8. Make sure all permits and insurance forms have been signed.
9. Use the check list as provided in the back of NFPA 1403.
10. Use an effective personnel accountability system. **Make sure everyone is accounted for at ALL times.**

The case is history now. Please take the time to go to the Firehouse.com website and review the case. As in all trials accusations were flying and the department was and is suffering. I do know that as much as I don't want to see that happen here in Kentucky it is really only a matter of time. **Please follow NFPA 1403 any time you decide to do a live fire training exercise.** Be safe and may God bless the firefighter.



Kentucky Chapter International Association of Arson Investigators

The Kentucky Chapter, of the IAAI, conducted its annual general membership meeting during the 2002 Kentucky State Fire School. President Glen Phillips, of the Lexington Fire Department Fire Investigation Unit, presided and reported on the progress of the association and arson classes being conducted at the school.

For over two decades, the Chapter has provided instructors to the Kentucky State Fire School, to conduct training at three levels: Arson I, II and III. Arson I is the National Fire Academy course "Arson Detection for the First Responder", Arson II is a combination of intermediate training in fire scene investigation, a greater discussion of motivations of fire-setters, fatal fires investigation and is highlighted with field work at fire scenes. Arson III begins with legal aspects of fire investigation, continues with scene investigation at training burns and concludes with presentation of facts in a courtroom setting, utilizing experienced attorneys. Almost 80 firefighters attended this program this year; thanks to each of them and to anyone that stopped and spoke with us at our booth in the exhibit hall.

New officers for 2002-2003 include: Rusty Todd, Elizabethtown Fire Department – President, Larry Fore, Engineering & Fire Investigations (EFI) and Bardstown Fire Department – Vice-President Jim Buscher, Lexington Fire Prevention Bureau – Secretary & Treasurer Steve Weddington, Donan Engineering – Sgt. At Arms

Board of Directors for 2002 – 2003 include: John Logdon, L & L Investigations; Bill Lilly, L & L Investigations; Rodney Jordan, Donan Engineering; Dave Green, Unified Investigation Services; Jack Flowers, Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Office; and Glen Phillips, Immediate Past-President of the Kentucky Chapter.

A special note of thanks to Glen for the work he has done in keeping the Chapter moving forward. He has presented some additional ideas for investigator level training that the Chapter is going to take a hard look at.

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The Kentucky Chapter is the second oldest Chapter in the International Association of Arson Investigators. We are seriously interested in improving fire investigation in the Commonwealth; if you have any questions, suggestions, (or answers) for this association please don't hesitate to contact us. I can be reached at the Elizabethtown Fire Department, Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 4 pm, at 270-765-2121.

We will be presenting information to the Smoke Signals from time-to-time, next issue we'll discuss what opportunities exist for getting the investigation assistance you need at your scene.

There are *answers in the ashes*, Good Luck!
Rusty Todd



MAKER OF FIRST ALERT PRODUCTS "TEAMS UP" WITH NFPA TO PROMOTE FIRE SAFETY

Partnership Also Helps Support NFPA's Fire Prevention Week Website

AURORA, Ill. (June 12, 2002) With home fire deaths on the rise nearly 15 percent,* First Alert® products was ready to support the country's firefighters and the National Fire Protection Association's efforts during this year's Fire Prevention Week.

BRK Brands Inc., manufacturer of First Alert products, recently committed as a supporter for NFPA's Fire Prevention Week, held annually in early October. Other funding partners include Federal Emergency Management Agency's United States Fire Administration, Lowe's® Home Safety Council and Underwriters Laboratories®. Though the week is recognized nationally October 6-12, 2002, the NFPA launched a Website (www.firepreventionweek.org) last month about the prevention week. The NFPA aims to make firefighters across North America familiar with this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Team Up for Fire Safety™." This year, educational materials and information are available online

months in advance to assist firefighters with their planning efforts in the communities they protect. Included on the site are the latest fire statistics, advice on how to look for home hazards and eliminate them, how to install and test smoke alarms, and how to conduct a fire drill at home. Community members and educators may also find the Website materials helpful for tips on fire safety and how to create a home fire-escape plan.

"We are delighted to have the First Alert brand partner with us in this effort," said Meri-K Appy, NFPA's vice president of public education. "Effective fire safety depends on community partners who can help us deliver key fire-safety messages and tools to the public. We know the makers of First Alert products are also committed to reducing fire-related deaths and injuries, just as we are at NFPA." This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign promotes three simple ideas: install/test smoke alarms, practice home-escape plans and hunt for home hazards. Not only will this effort reach the community through various activities and events, this year's campaign also marks the first time that so many of NFPA's Fire Prevention Week materials have been available online.

The NFPA has documented 74 lives saved in the past five years as a result of the public's participation in Fire Prevention Week.

"NFPA has proven it conducts an effective Fire Prevention Week campaign," said Mark Colello, senior vice president of sales and marketing of First Alert brand products. "We hope our participation allows NFPA to reach even more communities during Fire Prevention Week."

Visit the official Fire Prevention Week Website at www.firepreventionweek.org, or link to the site via www.firstalert.com.

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{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. Sustaining membership may be obtained in the KFA, by paying annual dues of \$150.00 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.

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