

Smoke Signals II

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Fire Lt. Arlie "Pooh" Hill Dies in the Line of Duty

Whitley City Fire Lt. Arlie "Pooh" Hill III, 37, died Sunday evening October 27 at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

Hill was visiting his brother-in-law, Adam Stephens, also a fire lieutenant, when the two spotted a fire and went to investigate it.

Pine Knot Fire Chief Tim Cox told reporters that the two firefighters feared someone may be inside the well involved house. As they attempted to enter the house, a flashover occurred, trapping Hill in the living room and blew Stephens to the porch floor.

Stephens was able to grab Hill and get clear of the structure. While suffering burns to his face and arms, Stephens did not require immediate medical transport.

Hill, however, had burns covering at least 90 percent of his body. He was airlifted first to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, then to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. An infection set in recently, and Hill died at 5:10 p.m. Sunday.

The community has rallied around his family and fellow firefighters since he was injured in the blaze on August 30th in the Pine Knot Fire District.



Lt. Arlie "Pooh" Hill is survived by his wife Sharen Hill, son Kyle and daughter Gracy and Mother Ruth Hill, sister Amy Wilson and brother-in-law Lt. Adam Stephens.

The Bank of McCreary County has a funds account that has been set up by the Whitley City Fire Department for Lt. Arlie "Pooh" Hill and his family. If you would like to make a donation you can contact the bank by the following information: Telephone: 606-376-5031 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 160, Whitley City, KY 42653



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Notes From The President's Desk Chris Crawford

It is with deepest regret and sorrow to announce the first line of duty death in Kentucky in a couple of years. Lieutenant Arlie "Pooh" Hill passed away October 27, 2013 after bravely battling for his life from being badly burned in late August. During Lieutenant Hill's time in the hospital and at his funeral I was reminded of the true brotherhood that the fire service is. I want to thank all that was involved from the people caring and providing for the family and friends to the people who just kept them in their thoughts and prayers. As much as we never want to see a brother firefighter or their family in pain, it truly makes you proud to be a part of something as inspiring as the fire service.

In other news The Kentucky Firefighters were again well represented at the National Fallen Firefighter Memorial this year. I along with members of the KFA Honor guard and Kentucky Fire Commission attended this honorable event. I must say that all firefighters should at some point in their career attend this ceremony as it was quite an amazing experience.

The Kentucky Firefighters Association held our fall meeting in Lyon County which was attended by local folks in that area as well as from across the state. The hospitality that we received while in the area could have not been any greater. The local fire chiefs helped us plan and coordinate everything we needed for our meeting and had dinner with us after wards to discuss the issues that are facing in their area.

We are in the midst of our membership drive at this time. We would like to push the number of member departments to an all-time high this year. As we face a long legislative session our strength will be in our numbers and only together can we move the fire service of Kentucky further along.

Chris Crawford

Words of Wisdom

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

Thomas A. Edison



From the 2nd VP Jeff Pohlman

Greetings from Northern Kentucky! Hopefully everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are preparing for the Christmas season.

As most of you know, Lt. Arlie "Pooh" Hill of the Whitley City FD has passed from injuries he received at a fire on Labor Day weekend near his home. He spent 59 days at the University of Cincinnati. I cannot express the gratitude to Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area fire departments for the assistance to the family during that time. It was heartwarming to see the outpouring of support Pooh received going home to Whitley City from Cincinnati. I counted three overpasses from Cincinnati to Mt. Vernon that did not have firefighters or police officers standing at attention as we passed. As we entered Whitley City, words cannot describe the scene as children and adults stood in silence as we passed. The support at the funeral was wonderful and I was very proud and humbled to present the KFA Bible to Pooh's wife Sharen. My wife and I felt like part of the family as we visited them at the hospital many of the 59 days. Through this experience, I think everyone from Northern Kentucky can say they have created new friendships that will last forever. Pooh was a great husband, father, brother, son, firefighter and will be missed by all who knew him.

I would like to thank the Lyon County area fire departments for hosting the last KFA Executive Board meeting held in October. It is not often I get to visit the western area of the Commonwealth and its beauty. I truly enjoyed our stay. And the food at Patty's.....need I say more?

As we head towards the end of the year, it means preparation for the next Legislative Session in early next year. There is much going on with FD issues and we need to stay vigilant to what is going on. If you have a question, ask. If you have an idea, tell someone. Your question or idea is important to us as your Executive Board.

In closing and on behalf of my family, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jeffrey H. Pohlman

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From Randy Courtney

President Pike County FF Assn.

Well I am writing this article on Nov 11, and there is at least two big things that come to my mind on this day. The first is it is Veterans Day and I know several Veterans and Active Service personnel as well as many firefighters that perform both jobs. My hat and fire helmet goes off to you folks for defending us in both ways you are the best hands down. The 2nd thing is that in 2011 on this date 11-11-11 I got married to my beautiful bride and if you follow me or her on Facebook you have seen that we have had our fair share of medical problems but we are working thru them by the grace of god. I just want to say thanks Delisa for marrying me and I love you and hope you had a good 2nd year anniversary.

We have been a little busy here in Pike County. We have just finished the 24th Annual Pikeville / Pike County Fire and Rescue school which was the first weekend after labor day. We were pleased with the turnout and attendance from the students. We had some new vendors this year and I am sure they will be back next year. One thing I can't get over is that we had a few local fire departments that didn't even bother to send anyone to their own fire school. Now this is grade A quality training school right here in their own back door and they can't find a single person out of their whole department to come to class. I somehow feel that something isn't right here and I understand that everyone can't make it and that we are volunteers and we have to work other jobs for a living. However, that just bugs me because we go to a lot of trouble trying to bring those classes and new ones as well. But I can tell you for sure that the ones that did come out had great classes to choose from and excellent fellowship.

The Pike County firefighters have been installing and giving out smoke detectors throughout the county. To date we have given out some 804 smoke detectors and I hope by now that all of those are up and in place. Especially with winter coming on and people firing up those heaters and furnaces you just can't be too safe.

I was unable to attend the last KFA board meeting but thanks to our fine Secretary Monica Rath and the emails she sends keeps us informed

as to what is going on.

I am assuming that by the time you read this it is very close for Santa to make an appearance. At the Island Creek VFD we started doing a Santa run for the kids in our community about 4 yrs ago. It is priceless to see the looks on those kids faces. I strongly urge you to put together one if you can because you won't be sorry and the looks of the kids is worth all the work that you have to put into it.

Well I will close by saying welcome to our new President Chris Crawford and offer assistance to him and his staff. Don't forget us on the eastern end of the state we are here and ready to help.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every firefighter in the great state of Kentucky. I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season and we'll see you at officer school in February.

Till then please be safe and watch each other's back.

Randy Courtney

President, Pike Co FF Assoc



Notes From Fireman Joe The Ol Fire Dog

I am sitting here this morning in beautiful downtown Dayton, Kentucky wondering where 2013 has gone. Anyway good luck to everyone and sure hope 2014 slows down and is good for all of us. Wanted to send along a fun poem I received from some fire friends in Des Moines several years ago I would like to share with all my fire friends:

Twass the night before Christmas
And all through the firestation
Not a creature was stirring
It was Christmas Vacation!

The hoses were hung
On the pumper with care
In hopes that they wouldn't
Be going out anywhere.

When out of my sleep
There arose such a clatter

When the alarm has sounded
Not much else matters.

I reached for my nightpants
As I headed for the pole
And wriggled myself into them
Before heading down that hole.

It seems they fit
Much snugger than before
Too much holiday bingeing
All the food I've gorged!

I jumped on the pumper
And flew out the door
Headed to a home
Where a fire did roar.

It seems that old Santa
That fat jolly elf
Had started this fire
All by himself!

He slid down the chimney
As he normally does
Landed in hot cinders
Gave him quite a "buzz"!

That red velvet suit
As pretty as can be
Was not up to code
And was worn hazardly!

Old Santa did not remember
To Stop, Drop, and Roll
Instead he ran in circles
And panicked, or so I am told.

Before he knew it
As he was spinning around
He heard a big "POOF"
And a crackling sound.

The tree had went up
In a big ball of flames
And there stood old Santa
To take all the blame.

Let this be a lesson
For all to learn
Christmas is a great time
To "Learn Not To Burn".

As you decorate your homes
With Candles and such
Electrical cords, evergreens
Can be a bit much.

Use caution, practice safety
So as not to ignite
All that is precious
In your home tonight.

Now back to the station
I go with my fleet
To return to my bed
For a good nights sleep.

As I depart the scene
On My Red Fire Truck
One more holler to Santa
"Wishing you lots of luck"!

And to everyone else
At risk to ignite
I say Merry Christmas...
And to all a safe night!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Every-
one.

LOVE YAS

Fireman Joe (Joseph Stambush)



National Volunteer
Fire Council
Ken Knipper, Director
Pat Thompson Alt. Director

As most of you know we lost one of our Kentucky Firefighters recently. I had the opportunity and honor of meeting many of Lt. Hill's family and department members. They are fine people that we should keep in our prayers.

I just returned from the NVFC fall board meeting in College Station, Texas. What a fantastic

facility! I have not had time to digest the events of the meeting but will do so in the next issue of Smoke Signals.

There were some developments and discussions that I did want to cover in this issue. The first is the announcement of the AFG Micro Grants. If you are not aware of the availability of these grants, you need to get on the AFG site to get the information. I understand that, if an applicant is seeking to complete an eligible project within the "Operations & Safety" application that will have a Federal share of \$25,000.00 or less, then the Micro Grant would be an ideal option; the scoring and awarding process will be more streamlined because these applications are less complex; in the event of a scoring tie departments that have not received a grant in the past will be given priority.

My second comment has to do with an announcement at the meeting by Lighthouse Uniform Company that they are collaborating with fire departments and individuals across the country in an attempt to ensure that every firefighter, active and retired, paid and volunteer, is afforded the honor of being buried, if the family so chooses, in a dress uniform at no cost to the family.

The NVFC has sent a letter to the Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue asking that the IRS exempt volunteer firefighters from being considered "employees" under the Affordable Care Act. The effort here is to protect the viability of volunteer departments by eliminating the need to purchase health insurance on their members.

The document "National EMS Culture of Safety Strategy" has been released after three years of development and is available on many EMS sites.

One last thought. Many EMS organizations are asking that you take the time to submit your suggestions on updating the "EMS Education Agenda for the Future: A systems Approach". If you have some ideas, let me know or send them to other organizations like the NAEMSE or NAEMT.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you on the NVFC Council Board.

Ken Knipper



Supporting Those Who Serve

In Partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council, Ballistic Donates Two Million Dollars' Worth of Smartphone Cases to Volunteer Firefighters Across the Country

Ballistic set out this holiday to say "Thanks a Million" to local volunteers by coordinating nominations for them to receive free protective smartphone cases; they reached this goal within 24 hours, so are now offering "One Million More"

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. - (November 11, 2013) – Nearly 70% of all firefighters are volunteers. These courageous firefighters and their stations play a critical role in keeping our communities safe. In celebration of their bravery, sacrifice, and dedication, this holiday season Ballistic Cases set out to say "Thanks a Million." In partnership with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), the Ballistic Case Company kicked off an initiative to donate one million dollars' worth of protective smartphone cases to volunteers throughout the country.

"In one day, the one million dollars' worth of cases was not only reached, but exceeded, because of the explosive response from men and women across the country," said Hank Goradesky, CEO, Ballistic. "Now Ballistic is pleased to announce an extension. We're determined to donate a total of two million dollars' worth of protective smartphone cases."

Volunteer firefighters can sign up to receive free cases at [Facebook.com/BallisticCases](https://www.facebook.com/BallisticCases). There, you can also do your part to say "Thanks a Million More" by nominating a local volunteer firefighter and their station, sharing your story, or by simply leaving a thank you message.

In recent years call volumes have tripled, putting a strain on already limited resources and making these brave volunteer firefighters work harder than ever. Smartphones have become an important tool in the firefighter toolbox; and having a case that ensures these phones are protected is Ballistic's way of saying thanks to these everyday heroes. Twenty years of real world use by firefighters, policemen, EMTs, and other first responders has shaped Ballistic's legacy and resulted in the Six-Sided Drop Protection technology found in Ballistic cases today.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2012 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Phone</u>
12/7-8	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

Written testing information is available on the Ky IFSAC testing web site at <http://www.kyffcert.com>. 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).

Coming Events At a Glance!

Governors EM Workshop

Dec 9-10 Capitol Plaza Hotel Frankfort

KAFC 2014 Leadership Conference

January 24 - 26, 2014 Bowling Green

Green River Officers School

February 28 - March 2 2014 Lexington

Dixie Fire School

March 7 - 10, 2014 Elizabethtown

2014 Bryant Stiles Officers School

Lexington Convention Center

February 28 - March 2, 2014

Registration can be accomplished through the Area 3 website at www.sfrtarea3.org. Classes this year include:

Friday

- 1 Assessment Center Success: Be Prepared and Competitive
- 4 Traffic Incident Management Train the Trainer
- 2 Fire Alarm Systems for Inspectors

- 3 Fire Suppression Systems for Sprinkler Inspectors

Saturday

- 2 Fire Alarm Systems for Inspectors
- 3 Fire Suppression Systems for Sprinkler Inspectors
- 6 Things People Do That Kill You and Better Dying Through Chemicals
- 7 Structural Firefighting with Limited Resources
- 8 Extrication and Stabilization at a Safe Scene
- 9 "Fully Involved" Intelligence Fusion Center Fire Service Liaison Class
- 10 Kentucky State Fire Marshal's Update

Saturday or Sunday

- 11 Building Tomorrow's Leaders with Passion and Pride
- 12 Traffic Incident Management
- 13 Advanced Fire Investigation for Chief Officers
- 14 Stops and Starts of Leadership Success
- 15 Risks and Threats to First Responders
- 16 Evaluating and Improving Hose Lines
- 17 Haz Mat IQ Above the line/Below the line

Sunday Only

- 18 Certified Company Inspector
- 19 School Bus Extrication and Heavy Cargo Rescue Problems
- 20 Ky Fire Commission "What Successful Leaders Need To Know"
- 21 Kids Killing Kids
- 22 KBEMS "EMS in the 12st Century"
- 23 The 17 Indisputable Laws of Teamwork

Saturday & Sunday Two Day Classes

- 5 Recruitment & Retention in the Fire Service
- 24 Leadership I for Fire & EMS: Strategies for Company Success
- 25 Leadership II for Fire & EMS: Strategies for Personal Success
- 26 Strategy & Tactics for Initial Company Operations
- 27 Decision Making for Initial Company Operations
- 28 Health & Safety Officer



Kentucky Fire Commission Changes In Firefighter Certification 150 - 400

The upcoming year of 2014 holds several changes in the training arena. At the October 2012 meeting of the Kentucky Fire Commission a sub-committee of the Education & Eligibility Committee was formed and task with review, revise, and recommend updates to the 150 and 400 hour training requirements. This committee was task by Commission Chairman Greg Lowe to bring back to the E&E Committee and the Fire Commission a new set of rules and regulations that not only update our standard of training but reward the dedication of the firefighters for their achievement of IFSAC certification. This committee consisted of Fire Commission members, Fire Commission employees, Fire Chiefs, Fire Officers, and Firefighters from all areas of the state to be chaired by Division Director Bruce Roberts.

Committee meetings began in November 2012 with review of the goals and expected outcomes that were task to the committee by the Fire Commission. The last year has seen several emails, phone calls, and committee meetings full of discussion, disagreements, and compromise which have produced the new training requirements and regulations which are encompassed within this packet. The sub-committee set out to bring the training requirements of the 150 and 400 hour certifications more closely in line with the curricula approved by the Fire Commission and recognized fire service standards as well as reward those firefighters whom achieve the IFSAC Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 certifications. This process was a culmination of the comparison of current training requirements, national standards, and the suggested hourly requirements of each of the approved curriculum. Following the months of work and dedication by the appointed committee the newly revised documents and training requirements were approved by the Kentucky Fire Commission at the July 2013 meeting with an implementation date of January 1, 2014.

In the coming months the Fire Commission staff will be providing update training classes on all of the changes which we are about to see. These classes will cover all of the changes to the required hours some of which are a reduction in

hours, some are an increase, yet also we have class name changes, and additional required classes. In efforts to make this a clean process of transition the decision was made that if a firefighter is not certified to either level as of December 31, 2013 then they will be required to meet the new requirements. So this will or may effect some firefighters who may see a difference in required hours after January 2014.

The Kentucky Fire Commission is responsible for the review and approval of curriculum materials to be used by all Level 1 Certified Instructors when delivering educational programs for which credit will be awarded through the Kentucky Fire Commission Firefighter Certification System. In general curriculum materials include, lesson plans, audio-visual aides, skill sheets, and student materials. An instructor must also possess the knowledge and skills necessary to adequately deliver such approved materials.

At this time there are three Basic Firefighting curriculum which have been approved for use within the state and are as follows: IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting, Jones & Bartlett Fundamentals of Firefighting, and Fire Engineering Firefighter 1 & 2 Handbook.

The list of new training hours is available on the KFA website.

Changes coming to IFSAC Accredited Programs

By Duane Suttles

Program Coordinator

Beginning January 1, 2014, all Firefighter Certification levels will begin using new skills sheets and written exams. Every 5 years, the Kentucky Fire Commission must undergo a reaccreditation process of its IFSAC accredited certifications. In addition to this reaccreditation evaluation, an upgrade is necessary to ensure that we are testing and certifying to the most current edition of applicable NFPA professional qualification standards and requisite job knowledge/performance. Our last update was in 2008, meaning it is that time again. What this means to the firefighters of Kentucky, who are or will be seeking IFSAC accredited certification before January 1, is that all partially completed certifications on December 31 will expire requiring the firefighter to retake portions of certification levels already completed.

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IFSAC Continued

Certification cannot be achieved using components (written exams and skills evaluations) of 2 different versions of a specific pro-qual standard. Simply put, if a firefighter attempted and passed the written exam for FF1 in June of 2012 under the 2008 edition of NFPA 1001, he or she must complete the skills component by December 31, 2013 or the June 2012 written component will expire because after 01-01-14, we will begin using test materials that are related to the 2013 edition of NFPA 1001.

If a firefighter has completed both components of a certification level, written and skills, then that certification level is locked in, even if it has not been issued to the candidate. This is common when the candidate has not yet met pre-requisites for the completed certification. An example is the firefighter has completed written and skills for FF1 and FF2 as well as the skills portion of Haz Mat Operations, but has yet to pass the written test for Haz Mat Ops certification. Because Haz Mat Ops is a pre-requisite to FF1, the lack of completion of the Haz Mat Ops written is holding up the issuance of both FF1 and FF2 certifications. Since both levels have both components completed for each, they are locked in and can't be taken away. However, if the firefighter fails to pass the written for Haz Mat Ops by 12-31-13, the skills completed for HMO will expire requiring the firefighter to repeat the HMO skills so that both written and skills are under the 2013 edition of the standard.

Firefighters in this situation must remember that fire commission (KCTCS) personnel are under mandatory leave during the last portion of each December, meaning it will not be possible to receive testing after December 18th, 2013. Tests completed near the closure date will be held and graded after we return in January 2014.

THE BEST WAY TO AVOID ANY PROBLEMS IS TO FINISH INCOMPLETED TESTING COMPONENTS BEFORE MID DECEMBER.

This can all be confusing and will impact all accredited certifications issued by the fire commission. Any and all questions should be directed to the accredited certification office, Duane Suttles or Christy Rodgers at 606-784-1393 or Duane's cell line, 606-922-7671.

We apologize for any inconvenience. This upgrade and reaccreditation will only strengthen the fire service of Kentucky by ensuring certifications to standards that are current and up to date.

Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment and Retention

For some that do not know me, I am Jacob Warren the current Recruitment and Retention Program Coordinator.

Recruitment and Retention continues to be an ongoing effort across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Fire departments are having more and more difficulty finding and keeping individuals on the roster than ever before. The Kentucky Fire Commission continues to support and assist in these efforts to our local departments.

I continue to work on recruitment and retention issues and assisting several departments in their efforts across the Commonwealth. I am available to come to your department and help you in any way possible to locate new firefighters and once we find those new members to work on keeping them. These efforts can include anything from promotional flyers, to assisting in grants, creating or consulting on policies and programs.

A couple quick tips on recruiting: Talk it up and get the word out there that you need people, take advantage of community events to recruit and get into the schools. Consider the use of social media to promote what you do, the times of the day more and more people get information from social media platforms. Streamline the application process and follow up. Assign a member that has been around the department to mentor to the new candidate. Ensure clear communication with the new candidate while keeping them informed and letting them know that their application is being actively examined. These are just a few of our ideas to incorporate in your department. Give me a call and I can help work you through the details.

Remember that the Fire Commission History and Recruitment Trailer has been renovated and remodeled. It is available to come to local events to assist your department in their recruitment efforts. If you are or someone in your community is interested in scheduling this traveling advertisement of our fire service history be sure to get a hold of me.

Lastly, treat every public interaction as a recruiting opportunity.

Thanks,

Jacob Warren

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Chaplain's Corner

What is the Meaning of Christmas?

You can ask ten people that question and depending on the way they were raised you will most likely get ten different answers. That was not true in America one or two generations ago. Today Christmas seems to be all about buying, selling, and eating, but is that really the way the majority of Americans feel.

It is amazing to me that the number one most watched show on TV this year was Duck Dynasty. Why was that? It has no sex, no violence, (except the death of wildlife but not for sport only human consumption), no nasty language, and each episode ends with one of the cast thanking our creator for providing food for them and thanking him for family. I wonder how that happened? Could it be that the real heart of the American people is not really as it is portrayed by Hollyweired as Phil would say? Yes I am sure you have crazies almost anywhere you go. I know that the people on the coasts of this nation live in different worlds than we in the center of the country. Yes we are part of the Bible Belt and life looks differently here.

I think Phil and the Duck Dynasty boys have it right. Life is all about God and family in that order. We take so much for granted in this country. We waste food that others are starving to get and never think twice about their plite. Christ shared when he was on this earth. He cared about others and made sure they had food to eat. As you gather round your table this Christmas season be concious of those who have less. Be giving to others less fortunate. Life is not all about you and how much you can aquire during your lifetime. It is about how you lived your life that matters.

This Christmas in your family make Christmas about celebrating the birth of Christ, Son of the Most High God, who left Heaven to die for the sins of man. If we can but focus on that then the major problems we face will fall into place in a way you could not believe or imagine. Spend time in prayer, fellowship with those you love, be giving, and remember the birth of the Savior this Christmas.

Reminder to any student interested in scholarship for this or next school year!

The KFA Scholarship requires that if you are planning to renew your scholarship for 2014 school year you must have your renewal application in by January 1st 2014. The application and information is available on line at the KFA website www.kyfa.org.

All students considering a scholarship for the 2014 - 2015 school year need to turn in your application by June 1st 2014.



Green River Child Fire Safety House Goes to Leitchfield!

Leitchfield firefighter Roy Hack assists students from Lawler Elementary as they enter the Green River Firefighter Association Fire Safety House on October 17th. The Leitchfield Fire Department trained over 400 students on the basics of being fire safe during a day-long event. Family Youth Services Director Barbara Allen remarked that had they known how effective the safety house was they would have scheduled it for two days to allow more contact time for each class.

Words of Wisdom

The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service. The greatest form of praise is the sound of consecrated feet seeking out the lost and helpless.

Billy Graham

Speed Kills...Especially in the Winter

by Craig Majka, Claims Adjuster

Emergency Services Insurance Program

While teaching my daughter to drive, I racked my brain to think of all the different things she would need to be aware of safe driving. Not wanting to overwhelm a new driver with a hundred rules, I narrowed them down to 4 things that she could always apply. Those rules became:

1. Don't hit anyone
2. Don't let anyone hit you
3. Reduce speed for conditions
4. Don't Tailgate

We laughed about it, but when you boil it down, successful driving is getting to where you need to go safely. The focus of this article is to highlight rule number 3,

“Reduce speed for conditions”.

No matter how carefully we drive, sometimes accidents happen because there are factors beyond our influence. However, we should always do what is in the scope of our control to try and mini-mize the chances of being in an accident.

After many years of investigating and handling vehicle accident claims, my observation is that speed is often a contributing factor in an accident. Not necessarily “speeding”, but speed that is too much for the conditions at hand. Think about it. Especially during hazardous winter conditions, you could be traveling too fast even if you are only going 20 or 25 miles per hour in a posted 30 mph zone, if the conditions are dangerous.

So what are some conditions that would warrant reducing speed?

- congested areas
- rain
- sleet
- intersections
- snow
- high traffic volume times such as rush hour
- icy roadway
- unfamiliar area
- intersections with poorly marked signs
- hills or rises in the roadway
- rural roads with low or no shoulder
- curves
- residential areas
- darkness

- fog
- pedestrian traffic
- driver fatigue
- oversized vehicle

Priority number one is getting to your destination safe and sound. That has to be more important than attempting to get to your destination as quickly as possible and adding unacceptable risk even during emergency operations. Remember getting there is more important than getting there fast.

There are many reasons to reduce speed any time of year but especially in the unique conditions of winter driving, please use an abundance of caution and reduce your speed for the conditions around you.

Dear Friend:

The purpose of this letter is to introduce the Kentucky Purchasing Cooperative to your organization. With the market volatile and prices on goods and services at their highest, we know we can save your organization money! We save hundreds of school districts, city and county governments, churches, and other nonprofits money on everything they purchase daily, while ensuring Kentucky statutes and regulations for purchasing are followed.



Our team works diligently to procure competitive prices on the best products for our customer family members. These same discounts and services can be available to you FREE of charge.

We are proud to declare we have been procuring for schools for almost 50 years! This is a true testament to our credibility and prestige. With over 700 vendors approved in almost 200 unique categories, you will most likely find the companies you currently do business with are already available to you through our contracts. If not, we are able to add them as an approved vendor.

Contact our team at your earliest convenience to discuss your specific needs and concerns. Please keep in mind, the membership in our non-profit cooperative is a FREE membership.

We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Best Regards,
Nancy Hutchinson

FOR SALE!

The City of Vine Grove has two pieces of apparatus for sale. Each has been maintained and tested as required. For more information contact Chief Steve New at VGFD Office 270-877-5202 or Cell at 270-268-1807.



1987 F8000 GRUMMEN FIRECAT

21,148 Miles, One Owner 3208 Cat, Automatic Allison Transmission, Waterous 1250 gpm 2 stage 1,000 gal. Some Equipment included, Pump Tested 2013, Ladder Tested 2012, Ser-



1988 FORD LN8000 ALLISON AUTO

Ford Diesel 6 CYLINDER, 55 Foot Redi-Tower Telesquirt, Intercom & Air To Tip, Remote Nozzel, Hale P100, 1,000 GPM Front Mount Pump Ser #56334, 600 Gallon Water Tank, Miles: 15152, Hours: 1932, Some Equipment Will Go With Truck, 2013, Pump Tested & Serviced 2013, Ladder Certified in 2012. Asking \$25,000.00 OBO.

Words of Wisdom

If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair.

C. S. Lewis

NEW ARRIVALS



Boyle Co. Fire Dept.- Manufactured by Southeast Apparatus, LLC (888-996-6277)...A 2013 International 7500 Pumper/Tanker with an 1800-gallon tank, a 750-gpm Darley Pump, a powered dump tank rack, and swivel dump valve.



Westport Fire Dept.- Manufactured by Southeast Apparatus, LLC (888-996-6277)...A New 2012 Ford F-550 4x4 Rescue Truck with a 9' Custom 300 Series Aluminum Heavy-Duty Rescue Body, R.O.M. Roll-up Doors, Open Back Design with Line-X Bed Liner, and Skid Unit.



Hillsboro Fire Dept.- Manufactured by Southeast Apparatus, LLC (888-996-6277)...A 2013 Ford F-750 Interface Pumper with a Hale 750-gpm Pump, a 750-gallon poly water tank, and a 12' Rescue Pumper Body.

MORE NEW ARRIVALS



Lee Co. Ambulance Service- Manufactured by American Emergency Vehicles (Southeast Apparatus, LLC-KY Dealer 888-996-6277)...A 2013 Mercedes Sprinter Type II Ambulance.



Rural Bradfordsville Fire Dept.- Manufactured by Southeast Apparatus, LLC. (888-996-6277)...A 2013 International 4400 Tanker with a 2000-gal. Polypropylene Stainless Steel Wrapped Elliptical Tank, a Darley 1000-gpm LSP PTO Pump, and a 10" Air Activated Swivel Quick Dump.



Camp dick FD. takes delivery of new 2013 Kenworth 3000 gallon tanker from Southeast Apparatus, LLC. (888-996-6277)



The City Horse Cave VFD has taken delivery of a 2013 Toyne pumper. This unit features an aluminum Body, 1000 Gallon Poly Tank, 1250 GPM Hale QFLO PLUS pump, Foam pro 1600 Class A foam system, and a Honda Genset, built on an International 4400 Crew cab Chassis. The unit was sold by High Tech Rescue Inc.

Tire Recalls

Hankook Tire America Corp. (Hankook) is recalling certain Dynapro MT LT325/60R18 RT03 tires manufactured August 22, 2011, through September 22, 2013. The affected tires may develop a separation at the tread/belt edge. Tread separation can result in tire failure and loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash. Hankook will notify owners and dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in November 2013. Owners may contact Hankook at 1-800-426-5665.

Michelin Tire is recalling certain Latitude Tour P255/70 R18 and P255/60 R19 108 S, X Radial LT2 P265/65 R18 112 and P275/55 R20 111, LTX M/S2 RBL P275/55 R20 111 T, LTX M/S2 ORWL P265/60 R18 109 T, and LTX M/S2 tires P265/65 R18 112 T. Due to a perforation in the sidewall, the tires may lose pressure while driving. A loss of tire air pressure may lead to sudden tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash. Michelin will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace any affected tires free of charge. The recall began on July 22, 2013.

Owners may contact Michelin Consumer Care at 1-855-851-4951. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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