



Smoke Signals II

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Line of Duty Death

On December 28, 2006 Firefighter Cecil Tackett, Jr. with Flat Gap Fire Department lost his life in a motor vehicle accident while on his way to the fire station where he was participating in a fire department function. He was 28 years old and is survived by his wife and two children, a 7 year old and a 3 week old. He had been with the department for approximately 4 months. Please remember this family in the weeks and months to come. They will need your prayers and support.

Memorial Fund Contact and Address: In memory of Firefighter Cecil Tackett, Jr., c/o Flat Gap Volunteer Fire Department, 30 Flat Gap Drive, Flat Gap, KY 41219.

What's all this fuss about Firefighter Fitness?

At its December meeting, the Kentucky Fire Commission voted to spend money on the CPAT system of fighter fitness. CPAT stands for Candidate Physical Ability Test. This system was a result of collaborative effort between IAFF and ICHIEFS and 10 of North America's leading fire departments and unions through the Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness/Fitness Initiative. You can find out more at <http://www.iaff.org/safe/wellness/cpat.htm>.

We continue to kill about 100 firefighters a year in the line of duty. According to a recent US Fire Administration study "Firefighter Fatality Respective Study 1990-2000" 46.6% of the deaths were caused by Overexertion/Strain. That simply means the firefighters were not in the physical shape enough for the task they were asking their bodies to do. Your body is a complex chemical/electrical/biological machine. It works muscles to move levers (your bones) to do tasks. You would not put a VW Beetle engine in a pumping apparatus would you? At the same time you can't asked an out of shape human body to do tasks it is not in the physical shape to do. Wise up take care of yourself. You are all you got!

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Notes From The President's Desk Troy Newcomb

Happy New Year from the Executive Board and myself! With the New Year among us, it is with sadness and our condolences which go out to the families of Cecil Tackett Jr. of the Flat Gap Fire Department, and Phil Warren of the Corbin Fire Department. It is especially hard to deal with the loss of a loved one during the holidays. It is my sincere desire that in this New Year, we will have no loss of life and it is up to each and every firefighter in the Commonwealth, that in our routine and not so routine activities, that we are always cautious and aware of not becoming a statistic.

Our KFA Agents, David Jackson and Gerald Stewart, are in Frankfort with the Kentucky Legislature, which convened on January 2, 2007. I ask that all firefighters help support David and Gerald with any legislation that needs to be acted upon for the fire service. It is only by you becoming involved that we are able to make laws change for the betterment of the fire service.

The Kentucky Firefighters Association Executive Board will meet in Owensboro on February 24th. We are very excited and grateful to be part of this great school, which will be celebrating their 20th year. The Executive Board will hear from all committees and would be happy to hear from any fire department that would have any suggestions for this great association.

The Kentucky Homeland Security State Fire School will be held June 6-10 in Lexington, Kentucky at the Hyatt and Radisson Hotels with the vendors program at the Lexington Convention Center. I would like to personally thank the Fire School Committee for their hard work in planning and coordinating this great school. With it being one of the oldest schools in the state, the conference committee has worked diligently to upgrade the classes and the vendors show. I would like to personally invite you to attend the Kentucky Homeland Security State Fire School. The training that you will receive will enhance your ability to handle all facets of emergencies in your area.

The 87th annual Kentucky Firefighters Conference will be conducted July 28 – 31, 2007 at Ken-

tucky Dam Village State Resort Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. The conference committee has put together a great conference agenda, which you can find and download at www.kfa2007.com. Check the web site often for updates and current information for the 87th annual conference.

In the upcoming months, there will be several schools beginning with the Officer's School February 23-25 at Owensboro, Dixie Fire School March 9-11 at Elizabethtown, and the Jackson Purchase Fire School March 30 – April 1st at the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park in Gilbertsville. Training is such an important aspect of what we do. These schools will offer some of the finest training available anywhere in the nation. Don't miss out on an opportunity to learn or update your skills that will certainly protect you and the community which you protect.

Until next time, stay safe and God bless the emergency services.

Troy Newcomb, President



Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller

Happy New Year to all my friends in the fire service. Not much going on here in the Northern part of the state. From the treasure view, dues have been coming in slow. There are 291 departments which have paid their dues. A second dues notice will be sent in January. I know many departments pay their dues in February and March. Hopefully, the K F A will be able to increase the membership this year.

It is a legislative year and the cost to send two people to Frankfort, to watch out for our welfare is expensive. Please, if you know of a department which has not been a member, encourage the department to join. If they want to talk to an Executive Board member or have questions about what the K F A provides, have the call one of the Board members or get a number that a Board Member could call and discuss the K F A with their members.

There are six personal memberships and 46 sustaining memberships. Remember when purchasing equipment, look at our sustaining mem

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bership list and give that company a chance to bid on your needs. They provide a big financial support to the K F A and we need to return the favor when possible.

There are two new chiefs in Northern Kentucky. I believe Fort Mitchell Fire Dept. has approved Scott McVay as Chief and Crescent Springs/Villa Hills Fire Authority has approved Jeff Wendt as their new leader. Congratulations to these people.

There will be an Executive Board Meeting on Saturday February 24, 2007 9:00 am. This is the meeting held at Green River Officer School. If you attend the school, stop by and say hi. Let us know your concerns and problems. Until then, stay safe and I will see you in Owensboro.

Terry Keller, Treasurer

REGIONAL EMBERS



Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association Richard Tapp, President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky" and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. The JPFA would like to take this opportunity to wish the entire Kentucky Fire Service the very best in 2007. We are looking forward to and planning a fantastic year for 2007 in "Far Western Kentucky". Our sincere wish is that you can do the same in your area. Remember that more often than not we hold our future in our own hands and we can help determine the outcome by thoughtful planning, hard work and trust in God.

I hope that everyone noticed and will heed the **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** that Woody Will listed in the December issue of Smoke Signals II. It never ceases to amaze me the training opportunities that the Kentucky Firefighters have access to across this great Commonwealth. I have spoken to numerous firefighters from other states that would kill for just a portion of these training and educational opportunities. Be thankful for what we have and utilize them to the fullest extent possible.

The 2007 Kentucky Legislature convened January 2, 2007 and will end March 27, 2007. We

have not heard much from Frankfort as of this posting but you can be sure that the political wheels are churning. Remember that Gerald Stewart and David Jackson are in Frankfort looking out for the interest of the Fire Service. Stay tuned to all of your resources so that when these two gentleman request assistance from us we can respond.

Just a reminder that the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association Annual Fire School is scheduled for **March 30TH, 31ST and April 1ST, 2007** at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Mark this date on your calendars now and make plans to join us at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in 2007. The program guide books with class schedules and planned activities are due to be mailed the last of January. Watch for this information in your departments. You will not want to miss this one!

The 87TH Annual Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference will be conducted **July 28TH – 31ST, 2007** at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. KFA President Troy Newcomb and the men and women of the KFA West Region in "Far Western Kentucky" extend a sincere, cordial invitation to all Kentucky Firefighters and their guest to join us at beautiful Kentucky Lake in 2007. Trust me when I say that you have never attended a KFA conference like the one that is planned for 2007! You simply can not imagine the activities that have been planned for you and your guest in this one of a kind setting. You can not afford to miss the 87TH Annual KFA Conference.

Visit the KFA 2007 web site at www.kfa2007.com for all of the details as they become available. Check the web site often for updates and current information concerning the 87TH Annual Conference. Registration forms are available on the **DOWNLOAD** page and are being accepted at this time. We invite you to register for the conference now! The conference ad sales form is also available and ads are being accepted on a first come, first served basis. We encourage you to place your order now, for your ad in the conference program booklet.

And last but certainly not least I would ask that you continue to remember and pray for all of our service personnel where ever they may be. We

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must never forget them and all of the sacrifices that they make so that we can live safely in these United States of America. May God Bless and Protect Our Troops.

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

Paul S. Billings



**DIXIE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
Heath Ryan President**

Hello from the Heartland of Kentucky. Everyone here at the Dixie Association is busy preparing what we hope to be the best Dixie Fire School ever. The dates for the 2007 school are March 9th-11th and as in the past the school will be held at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, State Fire Rescue Training Area 5 Training Center and Prichard Community Center. The renovation of the training center after the devastating flood last fall is nearing completion and the facility will be available for fire school. Also, our NEW online registration process is up and running with great success. To access the fire school brochure and registration details, go to <http://elizabethtown.kctcs.edu/register> and follow the easy steps to get signed up. If you have any questions or are having trouble with the above link or the registration site itself, please contact the SFRT Area 5 office for details at (270) 766-5238 or www.sfrtarea5.org.

We at the Dixie Firefighters Association hope to see everyone at the school and would like to wish everyone a happy and SAFE new year.

Heath Ryan, President

Words of Wisdom

I'm fed up to the ears with old men dreaming up wars for young men to die in.

George McGovern

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

By Bruce Smith

Hello from the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association. I know everyone is looking forward to the new year. Starting with the short legislative session in Frankfort, Green River officers school in late February, the many area fire schools in the spring, and summer state fire school in Lexington in June, the conference in July at Kentucky Dam Village and the fire schools in the fall.

The new officers of the association are:

President	Bruce Smith	Erlanger Fire/EMS
VPres.	Greg Buckler	Campbell Co. F Dist. #1
Secretary	Monica Rath	Southgate FD
Treasurer	Bud Lederer	Alexandria FD
1yr Trustee	Rick Hopple	Ryland Heights FD
2yr Trustee	John Daly	Campbell Co. F Dist.#1
3yr Trustee	Tim Kleier	Union FD

The meeting dates for the year are:

January 23	at Erlanger
March 27	at Melbourne
May 22	at Petersburg
June 26	at Northern Pendleton
August 28	at Edgewood
Sept. 25	at Hebron
Nov. 27	at Central Campbell

The Northern Kentucky awards banquet is coming up on January 20. The fire school committee is working on the classes for the school which will be held on May 19 & 20 at Northern Kentucky University.

Bruce Smith President, NKFA

Central Kentucky Firefighters Association

Tommy Barber, President

Happy New Year from the Central Ky Firefighters Association. I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and your new year started uneventful and continues the same through out the rest of the year.

At our December meeting which was held in Berea we elected our officers for the year 2007. Those who have stepped up to carry the torch for the next year are:

President: Tommy Barber - Scott County
1VP: Carl Ford - Versailles

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- 2VP: Robert Smith - Versailles
- Secretary: Van Taylor - Scott County
- Treasure: Kenny Adams - Lancaster
- Sgt Arms: Dustin Flannery - Versailles
- Chaplain: Louis Grimes - Lancaster

The Central Ky Firefighters Association annual fire school is scheduled for March 23,24,25 at the Scott County Fire Department in Georgetown Ky. School brochures will be out at the end of January.

Van Taylor, Director



**EASTERN KENTUCKY
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

Mark Hammons

The Eastern Kentucky Firefighters Association held its election of officers on November 15 and elected the following:

President	Mark Hammond	Cannonsburg FD
VP	Dave Ison	East Fork FD
Sec/Treas	Duane Suttles	Grayson FD
Chaplain	Bro. Jack McKinney	Grayson FD
KFA Director	Duane Suttles	Grayson FD

Executive Board of Directors

Boyd Co.	Richard Cyrus	Cannonsburg FD
Carter Co.	Greg Felty	Grayson FD
Elliott Co.	VACANT	
Greenup Co.	Richard Blevins	Flatwoods FD
Lawrence Co.	Paul Jobe	Fallsburg FD
Director At Large	Brent Webster	Westwood FD

2007 Meeting Dates

BOYD COUNTY

March 21st Westwood Fire Dept.

CARTER COUNTY

May 16th Grayson Fire Dept.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

July 18th Louisa Fire Dept.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

September 19th Fallsburg Fire Dept.

GREENUP COUNTY

November 21st Flatwoods Fire Dept.

PRESIDENT PIKE CO FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC.

Randy Courtney President

Well so far here in Eastern Kentucky, we have escaped old man winter and had fairly warm weather which is ok with us. Last year ended on several sad notes. We had two Kentucky State Troopers pass away. Jonathan Leonard was killed in the line of duty and detective Joey Howard died from natural causes. Each of these men served their entire careers at the Pikeville post. These were both fine men and were well know to area fire-fighters and EMS personnel. This was a very trying time for the Kentucky State Police and we were honored to assist them in their time of need.

Just after Christmas I was notified by Greg Gray, the Area 11 SFRT coordinator, that there had been a young man killed in an automobile accident in Johnson County which was ruled in the line of duty. We also assisted and presented the wife of this young man with a Bible from the KY Firefighters Association. Please keep this family and department in your hearts & prayers in the next couple of months.

Well a new year should bring new things and it usually means elections. Election of officers for the Pike County Firefighters Association was held and the results are as follows:

Randy Courtney	President	Island Creek VFD
Larry Vanover	Vice-President	Dorton VFD
Darrell Compton	Secretary	Shelby Valley VFD
Wendell Hawkins	Treasurer	Sycamore VFD
Robert Adkins	Public Relations	Marrowbone
Lewis Ratliff	Pike Co Dir	Island Creek
Randy Courtney	2 nd Vice President for KFA	

We are moving the Pikeville / Pike County Regional Fire & Rescue School from its July dates to SEPTEMBER 7, 8,9 2007. In making this move, we will be able to offer more outside classes and hands on training. We will be sending out flyers to make sure everybody is informed of this change. I guess we will see everyone in Owensboro in February; until then stay safe and be careful.

Randy Courtney

2nd KFA Vice President
President Pike Co Firefighters Assoc.



Office of the Kentucky State Fire Marshal

Rodney Raby SFM

According to Kentucky Archives, the State Fire Marshals Office was 100 years old in 2006. As far as we know, there has been no history written about this office. The SFM beginning in 1906 was fire prevention and rates. It is reasonable to assume that the rate segment was regarding insurance rates for properties in the state. Additional research should provide more information, which should be interesting. Sorry we don't have more, but what we do have was discovered by accident. We still may be able to celebrate this event in 2007 along with the anniversary of the 1977 tragedy at the Beverly Hills Supper Club. We have some great opportunities to generate awareness for Fire Prevention. Should you have some important historic information about the KSFM Office please feel free to share that information with us.

The department issued a "Truck Transportation Bulletin" on November 21 of 2006 about the recent frequent occurrence of truck fires in the Commonwealth. The probable cause of these fires is linked to the recent changes made to diesel engines. Diesel fuel in previous years has remained below its flash point in vehicle tanks. However this has changed. As diesel fuel is delivered to the engine and returns to the vehicle tank it is above its flash point. Diesel fuel normally has a flash point of around 130° Fahrenheit. Some reports state that the fuel in vehicle tanks after a hard run can reach temperatures of 150° Fahrenheit.

Diesel fuel vapors ignite at temperatures lower than that of gasoline. Diesel vapors can be ignited by ignition temperatures of about 494° Fahrenheit. Gasoline vapors require ignition temperatures of around 536° Fahrenheit.

It is therefore determined that a diesel unit which has been in service can have diesel in the tank that is volatile. Diesel vapors ignite if released in the presence of an ignition source which is rather low in temperature. The catalytic converter which can reach temperatures as high as fifteen hundred degrees is more than sufficient for ignition.

This phenomenon can also be a danger to first responders if adequate ignition sources, such as saws or hydraulic rescue tools are in use during rescue and recovery operations.

Therefore those responding to highway accidents and agricultural incidents involving diesel powered equipment should be aware of the danger of flash fires when a diesel vehicle of recent manufacturing is involved and take proper precautions.

KFA Legislative Report

Dave Jackson Legislative Agent

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. 2007 Legislative Session has started the 2nd day of January and will start up again on the 6th of February. The first week in January was to select leadership for both the House and Senate.

There are several bills about firefighting, retirement, and others we are looking at. I will start the e-mail by the time this is printed. If you have any questions about a bill you may contact me at:

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David Jackson

Words of Wisdom

Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humor to console him for what he is.

[Francis Bacon](#)

NEW ARRIVALS



"The North Metcalfe VFD looked at many tanker options and had several vendors demonstrate different types of tankers. The reason we decided to go with a Firovac Tanker was that out of all the other trucks we looked at, we saw we needed a vacuum tanker. Of the vendors that demonstrated this type truck, Firovac was the leader in the industry and it was constructed considerably better than its competitor. It was built to a better standard, easier to operate and maintain than the other units we tested. The vendor could explain and demonstrate any questions we had with no hesitation. We are a small volunteer department with limited funding and felt this truck would improve our ability to supply water in our rural setting by doing the job of several trucks at a reasonable cost." Gary A Fancher, Area Manager Kentucky Division of Emergency Management.

Unit features: Chassis is Sterling 8500, water tank is 3000 gallon steel with poly coating and 15 year non prorated tank warranty, vacuum system, Poly body, 4 SCBA storage in wheel well area, slide out tray on passenger side compartment, power swing down portable tank bracket containing 2 portable tanks, additional hose storage and automatic tire chains.

Words of Wisdom

Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars... Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Governor Fletcher Delivers Fire Truck

Governor Ernie Fletcher visited Winchester today December 7 to deliver a new fire truck for the Clark County Fire Department. A \$250,000 Community Economic Growth Grant (CEGG) was used by the Clark County Fiscal Court to purchase the new vehicle. Funding will also be used to repair existing fire trucks.

"Fire protection is critical to the safety and well-being of Kentucky's citizens," said Governor Fletcher. "The purchase of this truck will help alleviate equipment failures as well as ensure Clark County firefighters have the tools they need to prevent future tragedies."

The Clark County Fire Department has worked through several recent challenges. Last year, a fire claimed the life of Ovie Berry, Sr., an 85-year-old Clark County resident. At the time, the fire department had two trucks that were not operating. This resulted in difficulty containing the large fire and prevented firefighters from gaining access to the home.

"Each year, fires cause extensive amounts of property damage and claim thousands of lives across the United States," said Senator R.J. Palmer (D-Winchester). "It is vital that we provide our first responders with the equipment they need to do their job."

On several occasions, the Clark County Fire Department had to borrow a truck from Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, for periods of up to two months at a time.

Representative Don Pasley (D-Winchester) said, "This truck will mean so much to the residents of Clark County. This project will provide better public safety for all of our families and children."

"With the extended growth in Clark County, we felt it was extremely urgent that we pursue this CEGG funding for basic services for the citizens of Clark County," said Clark County Judge Executive John W. Myers. "We need to ensure that our fire fighters work with updated equipment for the safety of not only our fire fighters, but for the safety of the public as well."

The CEGG program, which was established during the 2005 General Assembly, provided nearly \$10 million in grant funds to be allocated during the 2005-06 biennium. The program is administered by the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD) through the Office of State Grants. The goal of the program was to provide flexible funding to support and encourage the economic growth.



Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

I trust everyone brought in the 2007 New Year without incident and are busy preparing themselves for the year ahead. As of this writing I am preparing to go to Washington D.C. to represent Kentucky at the Home Safety Council Conference along with Deputy State Fire Marshal Richard Peddicord. I am hoping I will have lots to tell you about on the next issue of Smoke Signals.

Don't forget the Green River Officers School in Owensboro. I apologize on the last issue of Smoke Signals. I had the dates incorrect, they are of course February 23-24 & 25 in beautiful Owensboro, Kentucky. This school is always one of the highlights of my year and I always look forward to it, hope to see you there.

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) has put together an interesting brochure on their web site on Energy and Fire Safety Tips for the Heating Season. With the high cost of heating fuels and energy costs they have some good information we can pass along to our communities. This brochure is available for downloading on their web site which is www.ashrae.org or you can visit the NFPA Website at www.Nfpa.org

NFPA has advised me they are in the process of developing an online registration for the Risk Watch Safe Communities renewal process for the year 2007. With this new process, our statewide teams can go directly to www.riskwatch.org and reapply for Safe Community status for the upcoming year.

NFPA hopes to get the online application process up and running by mid-January. This web site is cool, many interesting pieces of information, materials and gifts are provided to our Safe Community Teams. You don't want to miss out on this. For example last year we received posters, signs and electric tooth brushes to give to our communities.

CMT Law Enforcement Partner, Bob Douglas, has provided me data and statistics on Seat Belt and Helmet Injury Prevention, Contact NHTSA OR

NRD at www.buckleupamerica.org for more information. Don't forget the Click or Ticket Program gets really intense now in 2007, officers will be writing \$25 tickets for not wearing a seat belt.

Our NFPA Field Advisor Visit from Linda Stuckey in November was a huge success and I am confident she was impressed with our statewide teams. This is a credit to all our Fire and Life Safety Teams across Kentucky. You all know how I feel about Public Education and particularly Risk Watch. NFPA has expressed to me Kentucky has exceeded all of their expectations and has become a leader with the Risk Watch Program. I am so very proud of that it would not be possible without the hard and dedicated work of a lot of GREAT Public Educators out there and you all know who you are. THANK YOU!

Please consider getting on board with the Risk Watch and other Fire & Life Safety Educational Programs for Kentucky, together we can make a difference.

Till Next Time! GOD BLESS AND BE SAFE!

Fireman Joe



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

Here I go pushing it again. Actually I have been very busy this fall representing the NVFC on a number of EMS and Homeland Security projects in Washington. There is no doubt that the NVFC works hard every day for America's volunteer fire and EMS services and members.

The NVFC has been involved with projects on EMS Workforce Development and Pandemic Flu. These projects are important to the full EMS community.

The hottest news in EMS is that NHTSA has announced the formation of the National EMS Advisory Council. The Council will be a nationally recognized group of EMS and 911 representatives and consumers who will provide advice and recommendations to NHTSA's EMS program on a broad range

of issues. This group will consist of about 24 representatives of the EMS community. No member will represent a specific organization but will represent a specific element of EMS. Other information is available on the NHTSA web site.

In addition to the above, the NVFC has been involved with DHS's efforts to develop guidelines and policies on identification, background, and verification. We have also been involved in the development of the same for security clearance into a facility. Both of these projects are part of an effort to protect our emergency responders when responding to an incident of national consequence.

The NVFC has spent considerable effort to improve their web site. This site is available to anyone as you do not have to be a member to avail yourself of the information available on the site. I recommend that our firefighters and EMS personnel take a look at www.nvfc.org. While there take a look at the benefits of joining the NVFC.

Ken Knipper

Miracles Do Happen

By Woody Will

Out side of my religious faith, I am not one much to believe in miracles. I mean as humans we adopt habits and usually will not go outside our comfort zone. As bad as I am about that sort of thing, Fire Training Coordinator Charles W. Shaw is much worse. He puts on this big front of being this real innovative person that stays on top of everything, and he does for the most part, by having others get involved in new innovative ideas. However the real Charlie Shaw the one that lives under all that talk and clamor doesn't like change in his personal life. He is such a creature of habit. So you can imagine my surprise when he tells me he has a web site. CHARLIE SHAW WITH A WEB SITE. It even sounds dangerous. This is the man back in 82 or 83 when I put on training for SFRT Coordinators at our conference in Louisville spent most of the time trying to figure out how to turn on a computer after I had spent several minutes showing him. He is NOT A COMPUTER PERSON!!!! If you were going to choose a person to be the computer poster boy he would not be in the running.

After I picked myself up off the floor, I went to this magical portal to see just how fabulous this web spot could be. I was pleasantly surprised. Now I am not silly enough to think that Charlie is maintaining the site himself. However, for him to admit that there is even a need for such things much less spend precious resources and time to own one almost boggles the mind.

Now I am very critical about websites. If they are not easy to navigate, full of information and pleasant to the eye (not full of glitzy flashy nonsense) then I won't give them the time of day. However, his site is full of good information with an easy to use format. I would give it an A+. Spend some time there, it's a keeper. You can get there from the links page at www.kyfa.org or just use this address <http://www.sfartarea14.com>. Atta boy Charlie! It's about time you caught up to the rest of the world. (He reminds me of the Geico commercials about the cave man. He is more modern than he lets on)

Product Recall DC305 Saw



December 21, 2006 WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the Dewalt Industrial Tool Company, today announced a voluntary recall of the Dewalt Cordless Recreating Saw Model Number **DC305**. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately. DEWALT has received four reports of short circuits in the switch of these saws. One of these incidents was a report of a fire resulting in extensive damage, though the cause of this fire has not been confirmed. Another fire reportedly resulted in minor damage, and the other two incidents resulted in melting damage to the units. No injuries were reported.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**For Future Planning**

FDIC April 16 - 21, 2007 Indianopolis

Kentucky Officers School

Owensboro Feb 23-25, 2007

Classes Offered

FIRE SERVICE MARKETING MANAGEMENT /
MARKETING AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS ICSGETTING THERE SAFELY: IMPROVING
APPARATUS RESPONSE & ROADWAY
OPERATIONS SAFETYNEW TECHNOLOGIES VS. REAL
WORLD FIREFIGHTING AND
FUNDING FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY

KATRINA – CHOAS TO ORDER

BEYOND HOSES AND HELMETS

AGRO TERROR – FOREIGN ANIMAL
DISEASE RESPONSETACTICAL APPROACH TO RESIDENTIAL
FIREFIGHTINGI AM THE TRAINING OFFICER...
NOW WHAT????A CAR CAN KILL YOU AT ZERO MILES
PER HOUR AND WHAT'S JUNK IN THE
JUNKYARDRESPONSE TO LARGE TRUCK & BUS INCIDENTS
AND WHAT'S NEW ABOUT WHAT'S NEW

HONESTLY, IT'S ETHICS

JUVENILE FIRESETTER INTERVENTION
SPECIALIST I

FIRE OFFICERS GUIDE TO ARSON

FIGHTING FIRES IN SPRINKLERED
BUILDINGS

UNDERSTANDING THE ISO GRADING SYS

KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION –
2007 AND BEYONDBECOMING A BETTER COMPANY
OFFICER...A STREET SMART APPROACHSPECIAL OPERATIONS FOR THE FIRE
SERVICE AND SEPTEMBER 11TH, THE 5
YEAR ANNIVERSARYWHERE IS A FIRE CHAPLAIN WHEN YOU NEED
ONEMETH LABS - A FIREFIGHTER'S
NIGHTMARE

INCIDENT SAFETY OFFICER

LEADERSHIP I : STRATEGIES FOR
COMPANY SUCCESSLEADERSHIP II: STRATEGIES FOR
PERSONAL SUCCESS

COMMAND AND WMD RESPONSE

**FOR ASSISTANCE OR INFORMATION
(888) 306-8015****Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board
(KCCRB) Class Schedule**

3/15-16/07 Pastoral Crisis Intervention II
 3/29-30/07 Assisting Individuals in Crisis Paducah
 4/17-18/07 Assisting Individuals in Crisis
 5/23-24/07 Group Crisis Intervention Bowling Green
 6/21-22/07 Strategic Response to Crisis

All classes held at Middletown Fire Station 2 at
 10217 Shelbyville Rd Louisville KY unless other-
 wise noted. For more information go to the
 KCCRB website at <http://www.kccrb.ky.gov/> or click
 on the link at kyfa.org.

2007 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
3/3-4/07	9	Maysville	888-301-2946
3/10-11/07	7	Highland Heights	888-306-8101
3/17-18/07	10	Ashland	888-302-2833
3/24-25/07	12	Hazard	888-234-6759
3/31-4/1/07	3	Owensboro	888-306-8015
4/7-8/07	14	Campbellsville	888-234-1780
4/21-22/07	11	Pikeville	888-302-8935
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Remember before you can be certified FFI you
 must complete Haz Mat Awareness and Haz Mat
 Ops before FF II. The above schedule is only the
 skills test schedule. Written test schedules will vary
 by area so make sure you contact the area office
 for written test schedule information.



Greetings from State Fire/Rescue Training Area 11:

Greg Gray Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK Bob Barringer for 30 years of service and dedication to the fire service of Eastern Kentucky and State Fire/Rescue Training.

In the short period of time that I've been in the Area 11 Office I want to thank all the folks that have wished me well and assisted with the transition between coordinators. We've been extremely busy moving forward and making a few changes. The first big change is that the weekend for Pikeville Fire School has been changed from July to SEPT. 7th – 9th, 2007. Be watching the mail late summer for school brochures and additional information.

We have added a spring fire school this year, which will take place from March 30th – April 1st in Paintsville, and the following classes will be offered:

1. Wildland Firefighting Friday Night
2. Firefighter Survival Saturday
3. Understanding ISO Rating System Saturday
4. Fire Behavior 101 Saturday
5. Firefighter Rescue Sunday
6. Multi-Family Dwellings " Strategy & Tactics" Sunday
7. Flashover Recognition & Survival Sunday
8. Man-Tracking Sat. & Sun.
9. Highway Scene Safety Sat. & Sun.
10. Cluster " Hard to get Hours" Sat. & Sun.
11. Basic Firefighting Skills Sat. & Sun.

We hope to have school brochures with course descriptions and additional information out by Mid February. For any additional information or assistance please contact our office from 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

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Greetings from Area 5 & Dixie Fire School

By: Casey Hall

We are really excited about our new online fire school registration system. Online registration began January 8, 2007 and 281 students had already registered for the school online by January 10. Kimberly Todd, SFRT Area 5 Office Coordinator and Bernie Davenport the ECTC Webmaster designed and engineered our first comprehensive online fire school registration system. I congratulate them for doing an outstanding job!

Dixie Fire School is March 9-11, 2007, and the deadline for Dixie Fire School registration is March 6, 2007. Classes are filling-up quickly, please get your registrations in soon! To register for Dixie Fire School, go to: www.sfartarea5.org

Dixie Fire School Classes

3/9-11/2007

EMT Con. Ed.	Arson I
1st Responder Con. Ed.	Basic Firefighting
Firefighter Rehabilitation	Drivers Training
Chaplain Training	Farm Rescue
Fire Control (Live Burn)	Hard-To-Get Hours
Explorer/Jr. FF Class	FF Survival & Rescue
Haz. Mat. Ops. Refresher	Propane Emerg.
Railroad Emerg.	Fire Brigade Ops.
Rope Rescue Operations	Vehicle Rescue
Basic Search & Rescue	
Instructional Methodology Update	
FD Response to Weather Emergencies/Skywarn	
Electrical Safety/Hybrid Vehicles	
KY Fire Commission Update/Surviving an Audit	
So Now I'm an Officer - - Now What?	

Area 5 State Fire Rescue Training will also be hosting an **Instructor I Class**—2/3, 4, 17, 18/2007 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the E'town Training Center. For more information contact:

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Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42701
Office: 1-888-234-7201

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Jackson Purchase FS Classes

3/30-4/1/07

EMT B Refresher	Arson II
Basic Firefighting Hrs	Mil Helo Crash Res.
CPR/AED/AIDS Refresher	Farm Rescue
Hard-To-Get Hours	ISO Ratings
Street Survival I	FF Survival & Rescue
Tank Truck Emergencies	Proropane Emerg.
Auto Extrication	Coroner Class
Katrina Response	Trench Rescue
SAR Search & Rescue	Rehab Program1
Meth Labs	NFA Leadership II

Ky Fire Commission Audits

NFPA 1403 Live Fire Training

For more information go to the JPFA website at http://www.jpfakey.com/newsite/us_eagle/school.htm

National Fire Academy Presents Coffee Break Training

Fire and building inspectors with busy daily schedules often don't have time to attend valuable skill-enhancing training sessions, so the United States Fire Administration (USFA) is providing Coffee Break Training bulletins for you to read and enjoy during your daily break. These one-page training notices, posted every Tuesday, provide technical training in fire protection systems, building construction, codes and standards, inspection techniques, hazardous materials and administrative tips. Each notice includes a photograph or drawing that illustrates the point of the training lesson.

Self-Evaluations

Once you've had the chance to savor your Coffee Breaks, take a few moments to enjoy what you've learned. These self-evaluations will test your skill at retaining the learning objectives from each of the Coffee Break trainings posted during each quarter of the year. The reference numbers after the questions will help you find the answers if you can't remember them all. The web address for this informative and fun training sessions is <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/coffee-break/index.shtm>. Good luck and have fun with this new format and exciting way for you to stay in touch with the current issues of the building inspection world.

NVFC Releases Comprehensive Guide to Retention and Recruitment

The NVFC, in partnership with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), has released an in-depth guide on two of the biggest challenges facing the volunteer fire and emergency services – retention and recruitment. *Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services: Challenges and Solutions (Second Edition)* addresses each of the main obstacles departments face regarding retention and recruitment and then outlines proven solutions to overcome these obstacles. This valuable resource is a must-have for all volunteer and combination departments who are experiencing retention and recruitment challenges.

Among the challenges identified and addressed in the new guide are time demands, training requirements, increasing call volume, changes in the "nature of the business," changes in sociological conditions, leadership challenges, federal legislation, internal conflict, higher cost of housing, aging communities, and the effects of the decline in volunteers. The text contains a thorough and insightful look at each of these issues and provides examples of solutions that have worked in volunteer organizations across the nation. There is also an expansive Appendix section that contains further information such as study results, statistics, sample documents, references, and additional resources. The NVFC and USFA originally teamed up in 1998 to release the first edition of the guide. This second edition has been enhanced with new research and current issues the emergency services face in the 21st century. The NVFC worked with the staff of the Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services (VFIS) to revise and update the text. A new curriculum based on the guide is also being developed for the NVFC/VFIS Retention and Recruitment Seminar. This training program is offered at state association conferences across the nation. Stay tuned to the NVFC web site for more information on the 2007 training schedule.

Words of Wisdom

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.

[Robert Frost](#)

The adventures of the Cross + Roads Fire Department

By Woody Will Jr. and Sr.

It was one of those Sunday afternoons when you would rather be someplace else but it's your job so you just do it. I was watching television and out of the corner of my eye I could see firefighter Simmons pull something out of a brown bag. I didn't pay much attention to what he was doing but just made a mental note of it. I have learned that around the fire house it pays to pay attention to things even though they may not directly affect you. Supper was about ready when I heard the loudest blood curdling scream come from the kitchen. It was big old Captain O'Donnell. The most macho looking Irishman you could ever imagine. Firefighter Simmons had put a very real looking toy copperhead snake on the seat of Captain O'Donnell's chair. Captain O'Donnell pulled the chair out from under the kitchen table and the fun began. Now O'Donnell is not afraid of anything except snakes and he is terrified of them. The only problem is he could not figure out which one of us kept putting various toy snakes all over the fire house. He tried threatening, bribery, asking family members of people on the shift he even went out and purchased a secret camera and hooked it to a video recorder except everyone in the firehouse knew where it was so it didn't work either. Simmons was sly. He would always wait for O'Donnell to go to the John and make sure he was on a stool before he would start his game. It was a ball to watch how it all progressed. But this Sunday afternoon I was in no mood for games. A close friend of mine, Joe Abernathy, had received real bad news about bone cancer that was found too late to do much about it. I had been in prayer for him on Sunday morning when the Priest, Father Raymond, had stopped by the station for communion. Joe was a family man with two very lovely children, a loving wife and a good friend.

After supper we played cards for a while, watched the news and were off to bed. I had trouble getting to sleep with the news of my friend. I was awakened out of a sound sleep at 04:25 by the radio "Attention all Cross+Roads Firefighters. Attention all Cross+Roads Firefighters. You will be responding to a vehicle vs tree on Windy Lane Road off Highway 253". We got in the rescue rig

and were pulling out of the station when the responding ambulance told us we could slow our run down because the driver of the vehicle was 10-7. We pulled up on the scene to see a late model car of some kind had hit a tree dead center. The car had completely engulfed the base of the tree. No part of the vehicle was distinguishable. We worked for about two hours to free the body of the driver. Thankfully the driver was the only one in the vehicle. I was cooking breakfast when O'Donnell said "Say John, wasn't that a friend of yours in that wreck last night?" "I don't know Capt I didn't recognize the body and I haven't had time to look at the report. Who was it?" "It was Joe Abernathy." I could not believe my ears, it was all I could to keep my composure. How will Jill and the kids go on I thought to myself? Life is so very precious. We must live every day as if it may be our last. When I got off shift I went by the school just to kiss my kids and tell them I love them.



Chaplain's Corner

Frequently you hear some fire instructor say during training "What we need to do here is get back to the basics." What they mean is that some part of our operation looks as though we may have forgotten some of the basic elements or skills. We may need to go back and train on some very basic skill from the beginning. If you were a runner and you were going to run a 25 mile marathon you would not begin by going on a 3 day fast before you ran. No the basics teach us that if you are going to run your body needs a fresh supply of energy.

Our faith is sometimes like that. We tend to forget that in the hustle and bustle of every day life prayer and bible study are essential for keeping you spiritually healthy. We need as a minimum a weekly spiritual recharge. Church attendance, Bible study, and prayer are essential for you to face the day on an even spiritual keel. As a firefighter, training and good nutrition are essential to make a successful response. As a spiritual person, prayer and Bible study are essential to your everyday life. When God created man He created both a physical and a spritual being. Both require nourishment to grow. A loving father would not starve a newborn baby. Your Heavenly Father does not want you to either.

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