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Fire/Rescue Training gets national attention!

National smokeless tobacco program provides grant to buy utility vehicle for training, rescue

and mutual aid!

Area 14, Campbellsville Fire/Rescue Training Center received a John Deere Gator to be used locally and in the region for mutual aid assistance, training and rescue missions.

The Gator was purchased through a grant from the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co. National Donation Program.

The keys to the Gator were presented to Jamia Skaggs, administrative assistant for Area 14 Fire/Rescue Training by Robert Fields, department manager of US Smokeless Tobacco Co. of Nashville on May 9th, 2003 at a ceremony at the State Fire/Rescue Training Center 385 Old Greensburg Road. On hand for the ceremony were Charlie Shaw, Brenda Allen, Campbellsville Mayor, Paul Patton, Taylor County Judge Exec. and many more.

Realizing that a high rate of accidents involving children under 18 occur, the Gator will be used to teach proper handling of off-road equipment.



Also the Gator can be made available for emergency situations that require traveling into areas where the delivery of gear, or the rescue of an accident victim would necessitate the use of 6-wheel drive capability.

Pictured at left is State Training Director Steve Calhoun and Kentucky Fire Commission Chairman Bruce Roberts who were on hand for the presentation. Fire Rescue Training has a strong commitment for helping in the safety training of one of Kentucky's greatest assets, its farm families.

Safety is everyone's business!

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President Randy Lawson

By the time this issue of Smoke Signals II is in your hands I will be Past President Randy Lawson. It has been a long but an interesting year. It is appropriate to offer a special thanks to Dave Jansing, our Secretary for keeping me on track for the past year. He is truly the glue of our organization. The accounting/banking knowledge and guidance from Bryant Stiles has allowed the KFA to begin to operate with a little confidence and progression. Bryant will be leaving us after this year, but has agreed to help break in our new Treasure. We appreciate his effort and contribution. Our legislative agents have worked hard for you in Frankfort this year and I thank them for that. Sylvan Smith was the chair of that committee. I would also like to thank the many firefighters of Jefferson County who have worked hard to host the 2003 KFA Conference. The members of all our committees who have been diligent in their duties for the last 12 months are due thanks and congratulations for a job well done. Our weekend State Fire School was successful due to you the firefighter and Walter Lage, chair and his State Fire School Committee. It was unfortunate that the WHAS Crusade for Children was on the same weekend, but efforts are underway to keep that from happening in the future. We now have a Hall of Fame thanks to the efforts of John Daley and his committee. We are proud of the work they have done. Each year we can always count on the Public Education Committee for hard work and great results. A big THANK YOU to Joe Stambush and his committee for the hard work and for what they have accomplished not only this year but in those past. It is their hard work that put the Risk Watch program in Kentucky Schools. Thanks folks for a job well done. The new Ethics Committee has been very hard at work this year with changes which will be evident in our future organization. I would like to thank Joe Johnson and his committee for their hard work. Thanks, to Charlie Shaw and the Olympics Committee for their efforts. Charlie also heads our Special Events efforts and has worked hard to assist you in times of special needs. Sylvan Smith also heads our memorial efforts in Frankfort. He has done a great job. If you have not attended our

memorial service in Frankfort please try to make the service in October, you will not be disappointed. Paul Billings and the scholarship committee have done an outstanding job. We are now awarding scholarships to needy persons going into the emergency response business. Great job, Paul. Our EMS Committee under the guidance of Mike Morgan has been busy working on the never-ending thankless task of improving our EMS program statewide. Thank you for all you do. I want to thank all the conference committees for their work during the conference. Terry Keller always does a good job with by-laws. It is a tough never-ending task that for the most part goes without notice by most members. Ken Knipper and Bryant Stiles worked very hard with the NVFC. They keep us up to date on the national fire service through the Smoke Signals and web page. Speaking of Smoke Signals and web sites we are also losing a major cog in the KFA wheel with Woody Will leaving the post. As stated in previous attempts to display gratitude, Woody has been invaluable to informing your folk of fire and emergency service issues. Thanks Woody and all those mentioned as well as those that contributed and participated in hundreds of other ways.

All in all it's been a great year. The activities and endeavors of this organization would have not been possible without the effort and support of the Vice Presidents, officers, committees and the many many concerned members.

I offer Dale Harshbarger my best wishes for a successful year at the reins of one of the most important and influential organizations for Kentucky's Fire Service. Good Luck Dale.

Randy Lawson

Words of Wisdom

Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take but as for me; give me liberty or give me death.

Patrick Henry

The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.

Thomas Jefferson

REGIONAL EMBERS

Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Karen Freeman President

Greetings from the JPFA and "Far Western Kentucky". Summer is officially here in "Far Western Kentucky" and if you do not believe it just stick your head out the door. The heat and the humidity have been horrendous the past few weeks as I am sure it has been across the rest of the Commonwealth. I can remember when I really looked forward to the summer months and never gave the temperature a thought. We fished, went swimming, water skied, played softball, had campouts and participated in all of the summer time activities. As I have gotten older and my girth has increased considerably I now seek the solitude and comfort of the more sedate activities and preferably those that can be performed in the comfort of the infernal air conditioner. Yes my metabolism has changed drastically but so has my desire to be as comfortable as possible. I wonder how we coped before the air conditioner became so common place and the electric fans were few and far between. I assume that the temperature on the old, long, shady porches protected by those giant oak trees was just a lot cooler.

The JPFA 2004 Annual Fire School at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky is scheduled for April 3 & 4, 2004. The annual fire school committee is already hard at work making preparations for the school. According to Chief Lynn Howell of the Symsonia Fire Department, who is the school chairperson, the plans are to make the 2004 school at least 100% better than the 2003 school. That is a tall order but Chief Howell says he has the personnel, the support and the enthusiasm to accomplish this task. Mark this date on your calendar and plan on being in attendance at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in April 2004. This is one school that you do not want to miss.

The 83RD. Annual KFA Conference will be history as you are reading this edition of Smoke Signals II. I am certain that the conference was a tremendous success and that everyone that attended

had a wonderful time while in J-Town. If you will remember I admonished everyone, in an earlier addition of Smoke Signals II, to make this conference a "must attend" function on your schedule. If you were not in attendance, then it was your loss. Additionally, I would hope that all of the decisions that we made would benefit all Kentucky firefighters in some manner. Would it not be fantastic if all of the firefighters in the State of Kentucky would come together as one, under the banner of the KFA, and make this Commonwealth the leader of the fire service in the United States. We have the organization, the leadership and the know how to accomplish this task. All we need is the support of every firefighter and every fire department across the Commonwealth. Think about it! By simply paying your dues and everyone getting involved and providing your input into the process, there would be no limit to what we could accomplish.

Congratulations to all of the inductees into the initial class of the KFA Hall of Fame. I am certainly glad that John Daley and his committee had to make these decisions. I would not have relished the task of picking out only 6 people from a list of so many KFA members that so richly deserved this honor. John and his committee did an outstanding job in their selections and are to be commended. I believe that the KFA Executive Board should also be commended for having the foresight to see a need for this Hall of Fame and making the decision to proceed with this extremely worthwhile project. We will be looking forward to the next class of inductees at the 2004 conference.

The fourth BI Monthly meeting of the JPFA was conducted at the Ledbetter Fire Department in Ledbetter, Kentucky on July 1, 2003. The meeting was originally scheduled to be conducted in Smithland, KY. but due to a conflict in scheduling had to be moved at the last minute. The JPFA would like to express our thanks to Chief Josh Thomason and his personnel at Smithland for making all of the arrangements and sharing their hospitably with us. And a special thanks to Chief Thomason for making the necessary arrangements to conduct the meeting at the Ledbetter Fire Department. A very, very special thanks to Chief Terry Stringer and his personnel at the Ledbetter Fire Department for having us in their

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house on extremely short notice. What do firefighters do best? Adapt, overcome and make it work!

The next BI Monthly meeting of the JPFA will be conducted at the Wingo Fire Department in Wingo, KY. on Tuesday, September 2, 2003. Jim Hartz will be sending out additional information on this meeting as the date draws closer.

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

*Paul S. Billings***Bluegrass Emergency Services Association**

Steve Kennedy, President

Hello Brothers and Sisters throughout the Commonwealth. We are in hopes this finds you all well. In the past few months I have attended meetings through out the counties and in my own county as well. We all seem to have certain issues and or concerns about the fire service in Kentucky. What we are getting, what we are not getting and things that are being done to us. We are quick to point fingers at everyone and we should be pointing them at ourselves. Every year we converge on Owensboro for the officers school, we make our way to Jefferson county for the September fire school and we travel to Indy for FDIC. When we make our travel plans we need to add one more stop. The KFA conference. What a better place to come and have a voice. Who are we really to blame for what happens to us? That is why it is of the utmost importance to support your local associations and the KFA. The gentle giant in Kentucky need's to wake up(The fire service). Let us show the people we put in state government we are alive and well and what we want for the fire service in Kentucky. Winners know what direction they are going and I am for certain there are a lot of winners in the fire service in Kentucky.

Be safe and I hope you and your families have a wonderful summer.

*Steve Kennedy***Pennyrile Firefighters Association**

Kenneth Doublin, President

Hello from the Pennyrile Area! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those who don't know me, my name is Kenneth Doublin and I am the new President of the Pennyrile Fire and Rescue Association. I live in Eddyville and I am a Captain on the Kuttawa Fire Department. I am very proud to be a member of the Pennyrile Association and am honored to be the President. I have an open door policy, anyone with any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at any time. I would like to visit each station in our area and get to know you all better, please contact me with training nights for your station and I will try to make arrangements to come. I would also like to know of anything going on in your area that you would like to put in the news letter. My contact information will follow. I would like to see more people involved with the association.

At our last meeting we discussed the upcoming fire school and several other issues dealing with the new training center. Our fire school will be the 4th and 5th of October at the Caldwell County High School and we will be having some classes at the new training center. We hope to see all of you there. Here is a tentative schedule of the classes we will be offering this year.

Propane - 1 day only (Sunday)

Flashover - 2 day class (S & S)

Arson II - 2 day class (S & S) prerequisite Arson 1

Hard To Get Hours - 2 day class (S & S)

Officer Round Table - 4 hours (Saturday)

Extrication - 2 days (S & S)

Farm Safety - 2 Days (S & S)

Fire Streams And Foams - 2 day class (S & S)

Firefighter Survival & Rescue - 2 day class (S & S)

Instructor Level 1 - 30 hours - 2 nights per week for 2 weeks and also on the 4th and 5th . (Nights to be announced at a later date.)

There will be a meeting to finalize school plans on August 5th at 6:00 P.M. at the Pennyrile Training Center. We hope to see you all there. Come give your opinions and see the progress at the new facility.

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The following is a list of all the Pennyryle Association Officers:

President - Kenneth Doublin
1st Vice President - Bobby Parker
2nd Vice President - Jackie Cotton
Treasurer - Tim Cook
Secretary - Venica Doublin

Please feel free to contact anyone above if you have questions or concerns.

To contact me you can call: 270-388-6014 or 270-625-2655 or 270-625-1285. You can also email me at: firowdg235@peoplepc.com. Thank you and hope to see you at fire school.

Kenneth Doublin



Dixie Firefighters Association

Mike Mather – President

Greetings from the Dixie Firefighters Association area.

I wish to begin by thanking those members of the association that took the time to attend the KFA Conference in Louisville. It is so very important that we make our local voice heard. There is always a tendency for areas of large populations like Louisville and Northern Kentucky to come out in force to make their voice heard and sometimes-smaller areas of populations get lost in the crowd. However, that is not their fault, it is ours. Yes we must work a little harder. Yes some of our departments have smaller budgets. But the truth is that each department only gets 2 votes. That means that the Jefferson County and Northern Kentucky departments get the same two votes that Stephensburg and Harned get. The point is, Thank You to all Dixie Departments that took the time to go. Your vote is important and no matter how small your department may be YOU STILL COUNT!

It is hard to believe it is August already. We will begin work on the 2004 Dixie Fire School next month. It seems that just yesterday we were having the school. Oh Well. Mark your calendars because the Dixie Fire School will be held March 12 – 14, 2004. WE look forward to seeing you there.

Another date that association members need to put on their calendars is October 23, 2003. That is the date of our annual Memorial Service – Awards Banquet at the Bowen Training Center. Each chief should begin to put together two lists of names. One is the list of all members who have passed away. The other is a list of names of all their members who have become certified over the last 12 months. That includes EMT, EMT FR, or any other type training or certification you think needs to be recognized. You will be getting a form in the mail again this year to fill out. Don't forget to take care of that as soon as you get it.

Be safe in all you do.

Mike Mather, President

Special Event

Central Kentucky Firefighter Competition

The proceeds from this event will go to help two departments purchase updated trucks.

When: Saturday April 24, 2004

**Where: Bourbon County Fairgrounds
Paris, Kentucky**

Team Entry Fee: \$150.00 due by February 15

Teams consist of 5 members from the same department. 50 teams will be accepted. Competition consists of Stair Climb w/Hotel Pack, Hose Hoist, Forcible Entry, Hose Advance, and Victim Rescue. Each team will receive an event T-Shirt, evening meal, goodie bag, trophies, raffles will be held and door prizes will be awarded after the pig roast.

Other Items of Interest

- Farm & Home Safety Program
- Kentucky Department of Ag
- Bourbon County Fair Clowns
- Bullard Educational Program/Thermal Imagers
- Smoke House/Sparky the Fire Dog
- Fire/EMS Vendors
- Color Guard
- Bagpipes & Drum Corp
- Antique Fire Trucks
- New Apparatus Displays

For more information contact Vicki Fryman Event Coordinator at 800-444-3473 from 7 AM - 3:30 PM. After 4 PM 859-987-1758



Pub Ed Committee

Joe Stanbush, Chairman

It is "time for risk watch", champion management team Kentucky, lead by fireman Joe, Tom Haynes & Robert McCool, Bob Douglas and Bonnie Pig are spearheading our Risk Watch in Kentucky project. After an outstanding introduction to Risk Watch seminar, conducted by Peg Carson, field advisor from NFPA and hosted by our good friends from Madison County (chief Murphy & Major Butch Kirby) held in February we were anxious for moving ahead. Our next journey took our champion management team Kentucky to Boston MA for a workshop on how to begin the Risk Watch Train the Trainer workshops. We secured enough knowledge, information and materials to begin with our five pilot counties; Pulaski - Perry - Madison - Meade and Taylor. Each county received enough materials for twenty classrooms and were provided the first Train the Trainer workshop to begin their project. Each county will build their own countywide coalition team of fire - law - health and education professionals to expand and continue their existing Risk Watch projects. I am so very proud of our first coalition teams and members who are so dedicated and have made this commitment for the safety education of our children. Our CMT was delighted to provide the train the trainer workshops at State Fire School, Dixie Bowen Training Center and the Madison County Fire Headquarters in Richmond. We are also planning a Train the Trainer workshop at the regional fire school in Northern Kentucky at NKU on September 27th & 28th.

We are beginning the process of identifying counties for the 2004-05 school year. We will need ten counties. God bless and thanks to the fire departments, healthcare professionals and facilities that have taken the first step to bring risk watch to their communities. We promise to support and help all we can to make their efforts successful.

I believe with all my heart that together we will make Risk Watch the answer to helping our children to live safer and healthier lives. We want you to be a part of this project. For more information contact a member of our coalition team. Their contact information is posted below. You may also want to attend one of our Train the Trainer workshops.

Ask your local training coordinator what you can do to bring Risk Watch to your community.

God bless and be safe!

Joseph "*Fireman Joe*" Stambush, Chairman
KFA Public Education Committee

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Explorer Olympics at the National Fire Academy

Photo by Holly Harrington/FEMA

Emmitsburg, Md. - Some 400 Fire Explorers from around the country came to FEMA's National Emergency Training Center to participate in individual and team competitions, including physical ability tests, raising and climbing fire ladders, and investigating a suspicious fire. The event was offered by the Learning for Life Program of the Explorers, hosted by the US Fire Administration and sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs, with local fire departments and emergency medical services also participating.



Chaplain's Corner

Flashover

We just participated in some awesome training here in Lexington. Our training center built a flash-over simulator and the whole department had the opportunity of experiencing the buildup to a "flash-over" in a controlled environment. It was really some great training. It was first off a little strange to have 10 firefighters packed into a tin can with fire all around and everyone just watching. But it was really something to see the fire started at the incipient phase and build to the point of flashover. It was neat to watch as the smoke and heat build up to the point that we could actually watch a "rollover" occur over our heads. We could actually see smoke and gases igniting in what appeared to be fingers of fire as the "aroma" would reach out trying to find oxygen to live. We could feel the heat building through our turnout gear as the fire intensified. What we could not see is what our instructors talked about as "thermal radiant feed back" where everything in the room was getting to the point that they were reaching their ignition temperature and radiating heat and gases back to the source rapidly building to that point of everything flashing with fire. We could feel the heat building up on us as well. Had we not had a hose-line and a controlled atmosphere everything in the room including us would have been involved in a full blown flashover. There is that potential in most structure fires we fight. We are trained to watch for signs of flashover as well as techniques to use our fire streams to prevent flashover. This type of awareness, training and skills can save our very life. A crew of firefighters could find themselves in deep trouble if they were not able to recognize the possibility of an impending flashover.

As I thought about that training, I wondered how that could be applied to our personal lives. I think many of us have already been involved in a flash-over in our lives and many others may be very close or on your way to that experience. It could happen in our marriages, on our jobs, or just personally to us in some way. It happens just like in the fire setting. This personal flashover starts small with just getting a little off course in a relationship or a habit or way

of thinking. Once this thing is started, you have to do very little to help it grow. It will seek out what it needs to survive. All along without you recognizing the signs, you are lulled to sleep as this "animal" begins radiant feed back. It begins to affect every part of your life and each part begins to reach its ignition temperature. Things are not going right with your spouse. Your work relationships are suffering. You come home and kick the dog and scold the kids. You feel irritable and ornery and then "BOOM" it happens - Flashover - Everything in your life is on fire and you wonder, "how in the world did I get here?" It began with a little spark. A spark of flirting, demeaning your spouse or kids, taking short cuts at work, little white lies, or half truths. It started with just a little innocent fun we call it. "I don't mean anything by it" we say. Friends, we need to recognize signs of personal flashover. Is there more stress at home? Is there more problems with co-workers? Do you seem more agitated and short with others? Are you tempted outside your marital relationship? Has the joy in life gone? There is a fire raging somewhere. You find it and deal with it. If you don't do it now it may soon be too late.

You know I mentioned not being able to see the "thermal radiant feedback" in a fire to give us another sign of flashover. To the naked eye, we may not see fingers of fire or the heat build up. But with the Thermal Imaging Camera, you can. That is a tool that may save us. So many times in our lives, we can't see what all is going on inside us. Things look OK to us. We need some help in seeing.

The Psalmist prayed, In Psalms 139:23-24. "Search me O God and know my heart: test me and know my thoughts. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." The best way to find the fire raging inside us is to shed the light of God's way on our lives. All may look fine with the naked eye, and compared to others around us, but with the Light of God's Word we can find the fire within and recognize the signs of flashover in a fire and in life and you will live.

May God Bless you and keep you from "Flashover"

Stewart Dawson, Chaplain
Lexington Division of Fire



Area 5 State Fire/Rescue Training Participates in the 8th Grade Institute

For the last three years Elizabethtown Community and Technical Colleges have participated in a program to allow 8th graders from regional area schools to experience postsecondary institutions hands-on, and to understand the connection between academics and careers. This is the first year State Fire/Rescue Training has participated. Heath Ryan, pictured on the right, is a field staff member of the Area 5 office in Elizabethtown. He planned and organized the activities. Students were introduced first hand to personal protective equipment, fire streams, auto extrication equipment, and various other fire and rescue activities that are part of the daily routine of a firefighter. As it becomes harder and harder to fill the rosters of our departments we must begin to use a more creative approach to recruitment. Explorer programs and other various approaches are certainly part of today's fire service but more needs to be done. Local departments need to be part of school education so that students will know of better ways they can serve their community.

You might be a Red Neck Firefighter If

All your radio transmission start with "Breaker 1-9"
 You have ever sunk your rescue boat while fishing.
 You have ever referred to a light bar as sexy.
 Your 18 month old daughter hears a siren and says "Bye Daddy".
 Budweiser is on your departments mutual aid list.
 You've ever taken a girl out in a pumper for a date.
 You buy tires for your truck every six months.



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

Subcommittee Approves \$750 Million for FY 2004 FIRE Act Grant Program

WASHINGTON, DC -- The House Appropriations Committee on June 17, approved a \$29.4 billion fiscal 2004 Homeland Security appropriations bill by voice vote. The bill, one of 13 Congress must pass each year to fund the federal government and the first ever for the new department, would boost homeland security funding in the coming fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1, by around \$1 billion more than the White House had requested. The Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY), had approved the bill on June 12.

More specifically, the bill provides \$750 million for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. This is the same amount that was appropriated in FY 2003 and is \$250 million more than the President requested in his budget. Combined, all of the programs for first responders would be funded at \$4.4 billion under the bill, which is \$888 million more than Bush requested

Although a positive step, it is still very early in the process. The legislation must still be considered by the full House, go through the same process in the Senate before going to a Conference Committee and eventually to the President.

Highlights of the FY 2004 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill

- \$1.9 billion for the Office for Domestic Preparedness' basic formula grant program;
- \$500 million for state and local law enforcement terrorism prevention grants;
- \$500 million for high-threat, high-density urban areas;
- \$200 million Infrastructure Grants;
- \$750 million for Firefighter Grants;
- \$168 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants;
- \$35 million for a new competitive grant program for Centers for Emergency Preparedness;

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- \$125 million for the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium; and
- \$134 million for technical assistance, national exercises, standards, and testing.

WASHINGTON, DC — Legislation that would expand the Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) program to ensure that the families of more fallen firefighters, police, and EMS personnel are provided for is quickly gaining momentum in the U.S. House of Representatives and now has a majority of House members as cosponsors.

The Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act (H.R. 919) would ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a fatal heart attack or stroke while on duty or not later than 24 hours after participating in a training exercise or responding to an emergency situation, is presumed to have died in the line of duty for purposes of public safety officer survivor benefits. The legislation was introduced by Representatives Bob Etheridge (D-NC), Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Michael Oxley (R-OH), and Curt Weldon (R-PA), has amassed an impressive 247 cosponsors.

The NVFC is now encouraging the fire service to contact their Representative and ask them to become a cosponsor of the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act (H.R. 919).

“The fire service needs to once again make their voice heard in Washington on this crucial issue.” said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. “The only way to ensure that more families of fallen firefighters receive proper benefits when their loved ones fall while serving their community is to pick up the phone and call your Member of Congress.”

The Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) program currently provides a one-time death benefit payment of \$262,100, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, to families of public safety officers (fire, police and EMS) killed in the line of duty, as well as to officers permanently disabled while on the job. The death benefit is payable to the survivors of a public safety officer who “has died as the direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty.”

Unfortunately, in almost every incidence of death by heart attack or stroke, it is ruled that the heart attack or stroke was not a direct result of an injury

sustained in the line of duty and the family receives no benefits even though the deaths were clearly triggered by the rigors of the job. The Hometown Heroes Survivor Benefit Act would correct that deficiency in the law. Passage of this legislation is a priority for the NVFC and a wide array of fire, police and EMS organizations.

The Senate unanimously passed their version of the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act (S. 459) on May 16. The legislation was spearheaded in the Senate by Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Susan Collins (R-ME) and Jim Jeffords (I-VT).

ACTION: Contact your Representative immediately and ask them to become a cosponsor of H.R. 919, the Hometown Heroes Survivor Benefit Act. If you do not know their telephone number or address visit: <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials> or call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Due to the delay in getting mail to members of Congress, telephone and fax are the preferred ways to communicate with your elected officials in Washington.

EMMITSBURG, MD. - The United States Fire Administration (USFA) announced the availability of a new document, Safe Operation of Fire Tankers. This new manual provides comprehensive information regarding the safety practices and principles of fire tanker vehicles for local-level fire departments. Safe Operation of Fire Tankers provides information related to human performance (driver training, operations, etc), technology (vehicle design), to enhance the safety of fire tanker operations. The manual also examines past incidents of crashes involving fire tankers that have killed firefighters with a focus on how these fatalities could have been prevented. Fire departments will find Safe Operation of Fire Tankers a valuable resource providing information related to the current and applicable Federal standards and regulations as well as national-level consensus standards and guidelines.

“Vehicle crashes are the second leading cause of all firefighter on duty fatalities,” according to U.S. Fire Administrator R. David Paulison. “The USFA is dedicated to providing this information to the fire service in support of our desired goal to eliminate fire

fighter deaths and injuries from fire tanker vehicle crashes.”

As part of this project effort, a panel of technical experts in the area of fire service emergency vehicle operations, emergency vehicle maintenance, fire tanker design, and tanker water shuttle operations provided detailed recommendations on how to enhance the safety of fire tanker operations that were incorporated into the manual.

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- **Louisville Medical Center STATCARE**
- **Green River Firefighters Association**
- **Western Kentucky EMS Association**

Registration is available on-line at <http://hultgren.org/conference/>

60% of Kentucky fire departments are involved in EMS. If you are going to provide the service don't you think you should be involved in EMS activities. The EMS Conference is for YOU!



Special guests for this year's conference include:

Randolph Mantooth, who starred in the 70's hit television series *Emergency!*, will be the guest speaker at the Kentucky EMS Awards Banquet on Sept. 19.

As Firefighter/Paramedic John Gage of Los Angeles County Fire Department's Squad 51, John and his partner Roy DeSoto (played by Kevin Tighe) introduced America to the concept of advanced life support emergency medical services and were responsible for inspiring many throughout the country to become paramedics. Tickets for the Awards Banquet are expected to sell out early.

Registration fees:

BEST VALUE: 3-Day Conference Registration for September 17 - 19, 2003: \$120.00 (does not include an awards banquet and dance ticket).

1-Day Wednesday Conference Registration, September 17, 2003: \$50.00.

1-Day Thursday Conference Registration, September 18, 2003: \$50.00.

1-Day Friday Conference Registration, September 19, 2003: \$50.00 (does not include an awards banquet and dance ticket).

SPECIAL GROUP REGISTRATION: New this year! Purchase five 3-day passes for \$500.00. Passes will only show the name of your organization and can be transferred between members of your organization an unlimited number of times during the conference. You save from \$100 - \$250.

Saturday Kentucky EMT Instructors Association Conference, September 20, 2003: Registration is free and is handled by the Kentucky EMT Instructors Association. Registration is limited to certified Kentucky EMT Instructors.



State Fire/Rescue Training

Kentucky Community Technical College (Anderson Campus), State Fire Rescue Training, Region 15 will host a *Community Emergency Response Team, Train the Trainer*, beginning on Monday, August 18, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. The class has a maximum enrollment of 25 people. The deadline for enrollment is August 5, 2003. Please contact Whitney Innes, for more information at 1-888-234-3961, toll free or email Whitney.Innes@kctcs.edu.

2003-04 Training Schedule

SF/RT Area Coordinators across the Commonwealth have begun to schedule training for our volunteer fire departments. Each department is guaranteed 20 hours of training provided it is scheduled by September 30, 2003. Don't delay! Call your area coordinator today to get your training secured before the deadline. You can contact your coordinator at:

- Area 1** Charlie Lott 270-554-3968 Toll Free 888-306-7901.
- Area 2** Ed Schmidt 270-365-4632 Toll Free 888-306-7986.
- Area 3** Bryant Stiles 270-273-3187 Toll Free 888-306-8015.
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Fire Instructor I

State Fire/Rescue Training have begun scheduling Fire Instructor classes. Each area will choose its own schedule but if you would like to get someone into an instructor class now is the time to contact your local coordinator for dates and times of your local class. Coordinator numbers are in the previous column. The prerequisite for Fire Instructor I are:

- 1 You must be firefighter I and II certified.
- 2 You must be a Kentucky certified firefighter.
- 3 You must have a high school diploma or equivalent
- 4 You must have 4 years experience.

If you have any questions contact your local State Fire/Rescue Training Coordinator or call the Kentucky Fire Commission 800-782-6823.

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Plan early to attend the 4th Annual Fire Investigation Seminar in Somerset, located in South Central Kentucky. This five day seminar utilizes specialists and experts known nationally and internationally who will bring you the best in fire investigation. This will be a fast-paced seminar, with classroom presentations and interactive discussion. This intense, detailed conference on fire investigation will build an excellent foundation for the newest investigator, as well as, challenge and enhance the skills of any seasoned Firefighter or Investigator. Our Instructors will present an objective outline which encompasses many new aspects of fire investigation. All pre-registrants will receive a T-Shirt with the new 2003 logo. Training booklets will also be provided, detailing the weekly schedule.

SPACE IS LIMITED!!!

For Further Information, Contact:

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Someone in Western KY with firefighting experience to design website. Contact Kelly Schindler fireone@bellsouth.net

New Arrivals



East Marshall Fire Department Gilbertsville, KY.

July 06, 2003

By Paul S. Billings

Chief Tex Johnson, of the East Marshall Fire Department in Gilbertsville, KY. announced today that "Fire Boat One" is now officially in service. The newest addition to the departments fire fighting fleet is fully operational and ready for work. The construction process has been "long and tedious" according to Chief Johnson. Fire Boat One was designed and assembled by the members of this volunteer fire department in "Far Western Kentucky".

The craft is an 8 X 24 foot Alweld boat with a custom cab. The craft is powered by a 200 HP Vindicator engine and has a top speed of 60 MPH. The fire pump is a CET 750 GPM pump with a top mounted deluge gun and both 2 1/2" and 1 1/2" discharges. The craft will be equipped for foam operations. Communications include a VHF radio to the local 911 center and a Marine band radio.

"Fire Boat One" will be housed at the main station house and will primarily respond via water, in a five mile radius of this location using local boat ramps near the station. The craft can be trailered to other locations if needed and requested.

"Fire Boat One" will be dispatched via the Marshall County Central Dispatch at 270-527-1333 or 911 within the district. For additional information contact Chief Tex Johnson at 270-362-8532 or visit the East Marshall Fire Department Web site at emfd.home.mchsi.com.

Congratulations to Chief Johnson and all of the members of the East Marshall Fire Department on a job well done. This project has been ongoing for sometime now and I am sure that they are elated that it is completed. In addition, the East Marshall Fire Department now has a very much needed piece of firefighting apparatus that can be used to provide protection for the citizens and visitors in and around Marshall County.



Firebrick Fire Protection Dist.

Firebrick Fire Protection District (Lewis County) has taken delivery of a 2003 Central States 1250 GPM Pumper. The unit is mounted on a Freightliner M-2 Chassis with a MBE-900 300 HP engine and Allison Automatic transmission. A 1000-gallon UPF poly tank supplies the single stage Waterous pump.

The body features all roll-up doors, 26" deep compartments, shelving and mounting rails, in the upper section of compartments, for SCBA's and tool boards. A 2 1/2 " rear suction is provided for use in narrow roadway operations. 12 volt scene lights are provided on each side of the top mount pump panel. The pump panel is finished in black to eliminate glare and heat build up on bright sunny days.

On-Spot automatic tire chains were installed on the chassis. Because of the terrain of the district, automatic chains were a requirement. Roll-up doors were required because of the narrow streets and roads. Weldon lighting packages were specified for the apparatus.

The unit was sold by Fire Apparatus Division of S.D.C. of Louisville Kentucky.

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High Tech Rescue

James Riddle

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For More Information Call

Toll Free 888-848-6144

Local 502-633-0149

Fax 502-633-0659



Somerset Fire / EMS took delivery of this new 2003 Ferrara custom pumper. This pumper is a 6-man cab on a HME chassis with 1250 Hale pump, 1000 poly tank, and 20-gallon foam tank. It is housed at Station 2, which services area outside the City of Somerset and as backup to the City of Somerset. It was purchased by funds from the Pulaski Fire Commission and the City of Somerset.



Erlanger Fire/EMS Department has taken delivery of a 2003 Rescue Truck. Summit Fire Apparatus of Edgewood, Kentucky built this apparatus. This new unit replaces a similar truck that was destroyed in a collision with a CXS freight train. This unit is built on a Spartan Advantage Chassis. This unit will respond to emergency calls involving Auto Extrication, Haz-mat, High Angle Rope Rescue, Trench and Confined Space Rescue and Structure Fires.

Words of Wisdom

I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for that day.

Abraham Lincoln

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Welcome!

We want to welcome our newest personal member to the KFA. He is:

Ted Baker, Jenkins Fire Department, Jenkins Kentucky

If you or your department hasn't taken the time to become a member **What are you waiting for? Fill out the application below, enclose a check and mail to:**

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