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GREEN RIVER OPENS NEW FACILITY

The Green River Firefighters Association conducted Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies for the new multi purpose building at the Area 3 Training Center on July 31st.

Just over 100 people attended the ceremonies, which included dinner and door prizes. Music was provided by Area 5 Coordinator, Woodrow Will. Many special guests were present, including Senators David Boswell and Jerry Rhoades, McLean County Judge Executive Larry Whitaker and Ohio County Judge Executive Wayne Hunsaker, Calhoun Mayor Tom Fulkerson and Congressman Ed Whitfield's representative, Ed West.

Ronnie Day, who had been appointed just days before as the Executive Director of the Kentucky Fire Commission, was one of the featured speakers. Steve Calhoun, Director of State Fire Rescue Training, and Buddy Steele, Fire Commission member, were both in attendance.

The new multi purpose building is a 40 by 80 building designed for three basic uses: 1) hands on training, 2) large class room or meeting room, and 3) work area for equipment maintenance. In the short time since July 31st, the building has already been used for all three purposes.

The Kentucky Fire Commission approved a Training Facilities Grant in the amount of \$64,000 and the balance of the cost of the building was funded by the Green River Association. The new building was completed in 120 days from the time the grant check was received.

The Area 3 Training Center was opened on May 27th, 1999. The need for the new multi purpose building was known at that time and the Association had been seeking funds since that time. Even after the \$64,000, the Area 3 Training Center continues to be one of the most economical training centers funded by the Kentucky Fire Commission.

The Area 3 Training Center serves as home for the Green River Firefighters Association and KCTCS Area 3 Fire Rescue Training. The KCTCS Mobile Fleet West Depot and the Green River Association mobile fleet are housed at the Area 3 Training Center. Operations at the Area 3 Training Center include provision of in-station training for 69 fire departments located in 8 counties, planning, registration and logisitics for the Annual Officers School and Spring Fire School, logistics for the Annual EMS Conference and a full time KCTCS industrial training program.



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President Dale Harshbarger

Greetings to my fellow brothers and sisters of the Kentucky Firefighters Association, let me begin by introducing myself to you.

As a 23 year veteran of the fire service, I am the Chief of the Hebron Fire Protection District (Boone County) which operates from two stations with 32 professional full time personnel and 8 professional volunteers. Our department covers 42 square miles with a full compliment of services including, heavy rescue, technical haz-mat and ALS. My wife Melanie and I have two children.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Past President Randy Lawson and his staff for an excellent conference in Jeffersontown. Randy has served the KFA and you faithfully during his tenure on the Executive Board. I am sure that he will continue to serve the KFA in a most prestigious manner and I look forward to his continued friendship.

I am humbled that you have entrusted me as your President throughout this next year. The KFA has always been a "powerhouse" for the fire service in Kentucky. It is my intention that we increase our membership, energy and our united message throughout the State.

As your President, there is a lot on my plate for the next year. As we are gearing up for a legislative session this year, please keep in mind that our voice **must** and will be heard in Frankfort. That voice needs to be loud and clear from the membership of the KFA. I cannot and will not do it all alone! We are all in this together. Team work will play a vital role in our future success and each of you are an integral part of the team. When we call upon you for assistance, please be ready to go.

We are also excited about the 2004 conference in Northern Kentucky. The Northern Kentucky delegation is already working feverously to ensure that your 2004 conference is not only a business minded success but, hospitable as well. If you have any questions about the 2004 conference, please contact my Administrative Assistant Sharon Smith @ 859-586-9009 and she will be more than willing to answer or direct your questions to the right channels.

In closing, above I have included my contact information. Please do not hesitate to call me with your concerns and issues that the KFA may need to be involved with. Take care and please, BE SAFE!

Yours in Service,

Dale A. Harshbarger, President

Past President, Randy Lawson

Now that we have all had a month or so to try to get back into the groove, I wanted to take a minute to reflect a little bit. After serving several years moving up the ladder, I thought completing my term as President and having the conference out of the way, would be a relief. At the banquet on the last night of the conference an "its over" feeling overwhelmed me. During his acceptance, Pat Travathan, one of our first Hall of Fame Inductees, struck me with his words. He helped me realize how much the organization and our members actually mean to me.

Just yesterday I finished making sure the last conference bill was paid and another thank you was delivered. The fire service in the Metro Louisville area is proud to have been able to host the 83rd annual conference. Based on the accounts that I received, I think those that attended and participated were pleased with both the business that we worked through as well as the events presented for fun and relaxation. It pleased me personally when approached by a couple, that I did not know, who told me they had been coming to KFA conferences for thirty years and this was one of the best they had attended. Equally pleasing were the countless words of praise re: the Memorial Service. The Hall of Fame program, though our first, was honorable, sincere and even humorous at times. It definitely demonstrated the efforts and thoughtfulness of the Hall of Fame Committee. Though challenging, presenting the conference offered the opportunity for a group of various fire service and community leaders to work together to accomplish a common goal. That goal was to present a great conference and to have you want to come back. Our objectives were that the conference be productive, enjoyable and within our means. It appears that we were successful at doing all of those things. Thanks again to all those who pitched in to help make our efforts worthwhile. We hope you will come back for business and/or pleasure, but most of all that you have fond memories of your 2003 Conference experience. It was a great experience for me, and hopefully a positive one for the Kentucky Firefighters Association. Thank you for the opportunity and for your support.

Randy Lawson, Past President



Treasurer’s Notes

by Terry Keller

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the support as your Treasurer. I know I have some large shoes to fill. Mr. Bryant Stiles was a good treasurer for our organization. Bryant served us well for six years. I hope that the transition will be completed by the September e-board Meeting. I look forward to serving this fine organization for many years.

I believe our organization is headed in the right direction with the many dedicated committee chairmen we have in place. Every one in the state must convince neighboring departments to become members of the state association. This is the only way we will be able to go to Frankfort and gain more benefits for our brothers and sisters in the fire service. Money is tight in the state, but the fire service at no other time in history has had the opportunity to shine and ask for things within reason.

Many of the departments in the state have individual problems on a local level as well as on a state level. If your state association does not hear from you it is hard to help you. Please voice your concerns to your local directors, vice president, or any e-board member. Get involved; it is the only way to change things. I know that some changes are not always good for everyone, but if you do not speak up then you must live with what comes. Give any member of the e-board a call; I am sure they will listen.

Terry J. Keller

Treasurer, Kentucky Firefighters Association



**KENTUCKY
FIRE COMMISSION**

Ronnie Day

Director

State Fire Commission

Article by Woody Will

The Kentucky Fire Commission’s Firefighter Testing Program is accredited through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress or IFSAC. We received initial accreditation in 1998. Every five years an accredited entity must have a reaccreditation visit to maintain the ability to certify. September 3-6, 2003 we were host to a site team

visit. Team members included Charles Grizzell UtahFire Academy as chair, Captain Ed Pearson Washington DC Fire Department, and Rachel Nix Arkansas Fire Academy.

The team was sent to review the Firefighter I & II NFPA levels that we currently certify and 6 new additional levels. They are Driver Operator/Pumper, Driver Operator Mobile Water Supply, Airport Firefighter, Fire Service Instructor, Haz. Mat. Awareness and Haz. Mat. Operations.

FFI & II, Haz Mat Awareness & Ops. will be conducted the same as they have been in the past. They will be tested at various locations across the state. The other 4 levels will be given at the end of a class that you must be part of in order to take the test. The Driver Operator/Pumper and Mobile Water Supply certification will be part of a new certification designed to help stem the tide in the number of traffic related firefighter deaths that have been occurring across the Commonwealth. We will still have the separate drivers training program but will also have the ability to internationally certify drivers through the new program.

The Fire Instructor certification will also be part of a class consisting of 30 hours that will require a test at the end of the program with teachbacks as part of the testing process. The Airport Firefighter will require class attendance as well with certification test at the end.

The IFSAC Board of Directors met in Little Rock Arkansas on September 27 and approved the Kentucky site visit. Future plans include additional NFPA certification levels including Fire Instructor II, Aerial Apparatus, and Officer levels.

Below is pictured the new forceable entry trailer used in the test conducted at the site team visit in Elizabethtown.



REGIONAL EMBERS



Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Karen Freeman President

Greetings from “Far Western Kentucky” and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. At long last fall is in the air and I for one am more than ready for it. I have even promised not to gripe and moan when old man winter rears his head. And anyone that believes that would believe almost anything. The weather however, does make for conversation and not necessarily good conversation.

Ever since Woody posted the information on the web site, regarding the recipients of the 2003 Kentucky Firefighters Association Hall of Fame, I have heard numerous compliments in our area concerning these awards. Many of the compliments have come from young firefighters and the general public that did not even know these people. We expect our firefighters to recognize and appreciate the contributions that all of the initial inductees have made to the Kentucky fire service. When youngsters and outsiders appreciate these people and this program I believe that we have made considerable progress. I would again take this opportunity to congratulate Randy Lawson and the KFA Executive Board for approving this very worthwhile program. Congratulations also to John Daley and the entire Hall of Fame committee. They started this program, worked out all of the details and presented an outstanding program at the conference. Please accept a big **“THANK YOU”** for a job well done on behalf of the entire KFA membership.

Speaking of the KFA conference in J Town, it was outstanding. Of course I have never attended a bad KFA conference. Just some of them seem to be better than others. Randy and his staff did an excellent job and the accommodations and the activities were fantastic. However, as with all good endings, there should follow a new and exciting beginning. The KFA is beginning a new year with a new president and some changes on the Executive Board. With the upcoming general election in November the coming year should be exciting. KFA President Harshbarger, all of the VP's, new VP at Large Bob

Newman, new Treasurer Terry Keller and the entire Executive Board need and deserve our continued help and support. Smitty and Gerald will need all of the help and support we can muster, as they plead the Kentucky Firefighters case in Frankfort. It all would be so simple **“IF”** we could get just a little help from every Kentucky firefighter. Can you just imagine what could be accomplished?

The 911 observances will have come and gone as you are reading this issue. There were quite a few programs presented in “Far Western Kentucky” this year to commemorate the lives that were lost in the atrocity that occurred in 2001. It seems that as time passes fewer of these programs are presented. We must not and cannot ever forget what happened that day. We must not forget the lives that were lost, the families that were affected and the heroics that were manifested that dark day in September 2001. This would truly be an injustice to all of those involved. **The Federal Fire Act Grant program continues** with several departments in “Far Western Kentucky” receiving grants during this year's process. Those departments receiving grants thus far are the Farmington Fire Department, the Bardwell Fire Department and the Palma Briensburg Fire Department. Congratulations to these departments on receiving their grants. Rest assured that the funds will be put to good use in these areas.

The JPFA Bi Monthly meeting was conducted at the Wingo Fire Department in Wingo, Kentucky on Tuesday, September 2, 2003. A goodly number of area firefighters were in attendance to enjoy the food and the fellowship provided by Chief Mason Clapp and the Wingo personnel. In addition to taking care of some JPFA business, presided over by President Karen Freeman, we were able to visit with our fellow firefighters, check out their station house and get a good look at their new mini pumper. (See related article and picture) It just doesn't get much better than that. Thanks to Chief Clapp and all of his personnel for having us at their house.

The November meeting and election of officers for the JPFA will be conducted on Tuesday, November 4th, 2003 at the Symsonia Fire Department in Symsonia, Kentucky. As always we eat at 6PM and meet at 7PM. President Freeman and Chief Lynn Howell have not decided on the menu as of yet, but you can bet that what ever the fare is, it will be good.

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All firefighters in the JPFA area are urged to attend this meeting, enjoy the food and the hospitality at the Symsonia Fire Department and support the candidate of your choice for the JPFA for the coming year. Mark this date on your calendar now!

Congratulations to the Fulton Fire Department and Twin City Ambulance Service in Fulton, Kentucky on achieving their ALS status. All paper work and inspections were completed July 28, 2003 for the paramedics to initiate ALS care in the State of Kentucky. On August 19, 2003 everything was completed to initiate ALS care in the State of Tennessee. The fire department and ambulance service provides service to parts of five (5) counties in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. It just got better! Numerous personnel have worked diligently to accomplish this long sought after goal. But the bulk of the load has been on the shoulders of two of our paramedics. Captain Buffy Kyle and Lt. Michael K. Powers have made it happen in "Far Western Kentucky". Congratulations to all of the Fulton Fire Department and Twin City Ambulance Service personnel.



The JPFA Annual Fire School is scheduled for April 3rd & 4th, 2004 at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky.

Mark this date on your calendar now and plan on being in attendance at one of the best fire schools in the State of Kentucky. Once you have attended this school, you will agree that there is not a more beautiful fire school location in the State of Kentucky. You do not want to miss this school.

REMEMBER 911 – WAVE THAT AMERICAN FLAG

GOD BLESS AMERICA – REPEAT THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL.

Paul S. Billings

WORDS OF WISDOM

Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.

Ronald Reagan

Penneyrile Firefighters Association

Kenneth Doublin, President

Just to remind everyone the 2003 Pennyrile school is just around the corner. Hopefully everyone has received a school book and are getting them filled out and turned back in. If you are looking for more information or did not receive a book, look at our web-site at <http://www.pennyrilefirerescue.com> I have not gotten a lot of feed-back from departments in our area so if you have any questions please feel free to call or e-mail me. To let you in on what's happening in our area, Eddyville Fire Department along with the Lyon Co. Fair Board are having a fund raiser for the Fire Departments Christmas fund by putting on a 4 wheel drive mud race Sept. 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyon County Fairgrounds. Tim Cook has been giving the C.E.R.T. class at the training center in Princeton. It is a very good instructional class for departments to take back to their communities and teach to individuals and organizations that are willing to volunteer to help their emergency services in case of a natural disaster or other emergency situation.

On the lighter side the next time you see Brent Francis tell him he is doing a fine job learning how to run a back-hoe. Maybe when he retires he can go to work for himself doing land work. Indiana beat Kentucky for the first time this year in a game of pig and a game of horse. Ed Schmidt(Indiana)beat Brent Francis (Kentucky) in a very heated game the other night. All spectators got a good laugh out of the game but could not believe Ky lost.

In closing this letter I want everyone to remember I do have an open door policy if anyone needs anything let me know and I will do my best to help them out.

Remember all of our fallen brothers and sisters from coast to coast.

Kenneth Doublin

Dixie Firefighters Association

Mike Mather – President



The association would like to thank all our membership that was able to send personnel from your department to the conference in Louisville. Dixie Director Mike Hulsey reported

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an exceptional attendance by our association members. We would also like to wish president Dale Harshbarger the best of luck for the coming year as president.

On September 6th, 2003 the association hosted a luncheon for the visiting IFSAC site team. It was a busy day with people everywhere. A special thanks is in order for Kim Todd, Star Clark, Mike Zinke, and several other association members who helped pour on heaps of Kentucky hospitality on all our visiting officials. The meal was exceptional.

If you see Woody Will anytime in the near future you might wonder what his big smile is about. Well his son whom most of you have probably seen at one fire school or another got married the same weekend as the IFSAC site visit. Woody said that was just like something his son would do. Get married on the busiest weekend he has had in 5 years.

Plans for the Dixie Fire School are getting close to completion. The school will be held on March 5, 6, 7, 2004. Some of the tentative classes are:

EMT Con Ed, Vehicle Rescue, Driver Operator Mobile Water Supply, Driver Operator Aerial Apparatus, To Truss Or Not To Truss, Fire Control, Boot Camp, Water Rescue, FF Survival & Rescue, WMD/Haz Mat, Chaplin Program, Industry Injury and Hazard Control, Farm Rescue, MCTO Decisionmaking, Leadership, Ventilation/Forcible Entry.

We will be sending out brochures to our association by the end of November for early registration and to the rest of the state in January. We have been hearing some concerns by members that classes they need are being filled by people from out of our region. This year is your chance to fix that. You will have over a month ahead of the rest of the state to get your registration in.
Be safe in all you do.

Mike Mather, President

Green River Firefighters Association

Harvey Henderson, President

Congratulations to Randy Lawson and his Conference Committee as we had a great time at the 2003 KFA Conference.

We are excited to have Bob Newman from our Area elected to the Vice President At Large position. Bob is a great chief from a progressive fire department who we believe will be a great asset to

KFA. Steve Leonard continues to give us great representation as our KFA Area 3 Director.

We thank everyone who attended our Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies for our new multi purpose building. Our multi purpose building is a great resource, which we would not have without the support of the Fire Commission and the Training Facilities Grant Program.

We thank the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association for holding the State EMS Conference in Owensboro. The Conference is growing each year and we enjoy being a part of the Conference.

We hope everyone is planning their February trip to Owensboro for the 2004 Officers School, scheduled for February 27-28-29.

KENTUCKY EMS CONFERENCE

The 2003 Kentucky EMS Conference and Trade Show was held in Owensboro September 15-21. This was the 13th year for the Conference with attendance this year topping any of the previous years.

The Conference is sponsored by the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association. Associate Sponsors include the Kentucky Board of EMS, KCTCS State Fire Rescue Training, Kentucky EMT Instructors Association, Kentucky EMS Academy, Louisville Medical Center STATCARE and the Green River Firefighters Association.

As the fire service continues to increase its involvement in the provision of EMS, the number of fire service personnel attending the Conference is increasing.

The Conference includes a wide array of meetings, educational programs, exhibits and entertainment. The vendors area was highly successful with a little bit of everything on display, including three EMS helicopters inside the expo center.

The Kentucky Firefighters Association's EMS Committee held a committee meeting as a part of the Conference. Kentucky Fire Commission Executive Director Ronnie Day spoke during the opening ceremonies. Fire Commission Chairman Bruce Roberts was also at the Conference.

Randolph Mantooth, who starred in the 70's hit television series **Emergency!**, was the guest speaker at the Conference Banquet on Friday evening. Mantooth is known to emergency responders as Johnny Gage, firefighter/paramedic of Los Angeles County Fire Department's Squad 51. Johnny and his partner Roy DeSoto introduced America to the concept of advanced life support emergency medical services and were responsible for inspiring many throughout the country to become paramedics.

Many organizations contribute time and effort to making this a quality conference. The dates for the 2004 Kentucky EMS Conference are September 12-19.

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

Bill Berkle - President

The Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association congratulates Jefferstown and Jefferson County, particularly Past President Randy Lawson for a great conference.

Outstanding! We in Northern Kentucky are extremely proud of our Inductees to the Hall of Fame, Bob Hebbeler from Ft Wright Fire Dept and Sylvan Smith from Erlanger Fire Dept. Both of these distinguished gentleman are still extremely active in our Association and the KFA. I have known, respected and followed the career of these two gentleman since I was a young firefighter. Congrats to Bob and Smitty for representing the interest of Northern Kentucky and all of Kentucky for many years.

We are happy to hear FEMA has awarded Grants to Wilder Fire Department, Fire Department Bellevue-Dayton and the Florence Fire Department which will use these monies to upgrade their department defenses.

KFA President Dale Harshbarger is busying preparing for the 2004 Conference which will be held in Northern Kentucky next year. Many people are hard at work to make this conference the best ever; We are all excited in Northern Kentucky to have our many friends and comrades coming back to enjoy our Northern Kentucky Hospitality.

With the coming of October Fire Departments are preparing for Fire Prevention Month and our Fire and Life Safety Committee is encouraging everyone to remember, "WHEN FIRE STRIKES! GET OUT! STAY OUT! Activities and Programs encourage our communities to prepare an escape plan and to practice it. Make sure our homes have Working Smoke Detectors and when we change our clocks to change the batteries in those detectors. The NKFA supports the Risk Watch Champion Management Team Kentucky and has Risk Watch in many of our schools already.

We encourage all associations to get on the Risk Watch bandwagon and see how you can bring Risk Watch to your Communities.

Till next time, BE SAFE! God Bless!

As reported by

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

Joe Stambush, Vice President NKFA

Southeastern Firefighter Association

By Reginald Morgan

Greetings from Southeastern Kentucky

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Bill Robbins, Sr., the father of KFA 1st VP Bill Robbins, Jr. Mr. Robbins was laid to rest on September 5th in Middlesboro, Kentucky. On behalf of the entire SKFA I would again like to express our deepest sympathy to the family.

Well fall is here and it is time for our Fall Fire School. We invite everyone to come and participate in what promises to be our best school to date. We are very excited about the schedule that Greg Gray and his staff have put together this year. The school will be held on October 17th – 19th in London at Kentucky Techs South London Campus and at the training tower. Classes that are being offered include Wildland Awareness, Firefighter Survival and Rescue, Haz-Mat Awareness and Operations, Rope Assisted Rescue, EMT continuing Education, Firegrounds Command (based on Chief Brunacini's book), as well as basic Firefighting which will feature a brand new state of the art training prop. The school is \$5.00 per student and as usual if your department is a member of the SKFA it is free. For more information please contact Greg Gray Area 13 Coordinator at (606) 862-0318.

The SKFA will also hold its regular meeting on Saturday of the fire school at 5:00 at the training tower.

I would like to also announce that SFRT Area 13 is also hosting the 2nd Annual Fire and EMS Instructors Weekend on October 11th and 12th in London. This will be an excellent opportunity to get your methodology hour for your recertification as an instructor as well as take the new Level 1 instructor Class. The second part of this class will be held the weekend of the SKFA's fall fire school.

The annual Hall Of Fame Parade will be held on November 1st in London. The parade will start at 12:30 everyone is asked to bring his or her Fire Apparatus, Police Cars, Ambulances, Rescue Units, and POV's to participate. The assembly area will be at the old Kroger parking lot on North Main St. For more info on the parade contact Steve Myers at (606) 364-3382.

That's about all for now. Until next time BE SAFE.

Reggie Morgan President, SKFA

KFA Firefighter Hall Of Fame

During the President's Banquet of the 83rd annual KFA Conference in Jeffersontown, Ky., the inaugural class of the KFA "Hall of Fame" was inducted. In total six gentlemen were inducted, three posthumously. Each inductee or their family received an engraved crystal flame award, a smaller individualized version of the Hall of Fame banner and a certificate from the Association signifying

their achievement. The committee would especially like to thank the following for their assistance: "Fireman Joe" Stambush for reading the induction introductions, Mike Wallingford for assisting us with the presentations, Charlie Shaw for helping us plan the event, and President Randy Lawson and his staff for a magnitude of duties involved with our presentation. Following are the inductee's and information on each:

ARNOLD NEUENSCHWANDER

It seems appropriate that the very first person to become a member of the KFA "Hall of Fame" would be its first President. The Kentucky Firemen's Association, as it was named at that time, was originally formed in September of 1919. About 20 fire chiefs and officers from throughout the commonwealth were in attendance at that first meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall in Louisville, Ky. Louisville's own Fire Chief, Arnold Neuenschwander, was chosen as the first President of the newly formed association and will be the first inductee into its Hall of Fame.

Chief Neuenschwander served on the Louisville Fire Department from 1891 until 1910. At that time he resigned his fire department position to become demonstrator for the Ahrens Fox Engine Manufacturing Company in Cincinnati. While in the employ of this company he performed a new feat that brought him national attention. He set a water pressure record, forcing a stream of water to the top of the Woolworth Building in New York City.

When a former Louisville Mayor assumed office again in 1917, he offered the position of Fire Chief to Mr. Neuenschwander, who accepted the appointment on December 8, 1917. During his tenure as Louisville Fire Chief, Neuenschwander greatest achievement is said to be "nearly the complete motorization of the department".

Arnold Neuenschwander held the position of KFA President for the first 6 years of the association's existence. The annual conference was held under his guidance in Louisville for each of these years.

Some of the major accomplishments of President Neuenschwander and the KFA in those early years included passage of Legislation in 1920 for Civil Service law governing fire and police. This law was further amended and strengthened through legislative acts in 1922 and 1924. President Neuenschwander's terms were also credited with continued growth and participation of departments throughout the Commonwealth. After Neuenschwander's nearly 6 years in office, the Kentucky Firemen's Association was established and viewed as the premier fire department organization within the state.

In June of 1924, President Neuenschwander grew ill and after more than a month, died from his illness on July 21, 1924, while still holding our President's position.

The KFA is honored to posthumously present as the first inductee into our "Hall of Fame" Chief Arnold Neuenschwander of the Louisville Fire Department.



Second inductee Bob Hebbler

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Bob Hebbeler's fire service career commenced when he joined the Ft. Wright Volunteer Fire Department in 1953, which initiated a long and distinguished career in emergency service. Mr. Hebbeler immediately became active in the Northern Ky. Firefighters Association and the KFA. He chaired the NKFA's Ways and Means Committee for ten years where many successful dances were held throughout the 1950's and early 60's. These fundraisers greatly assisted this regional association and enabled it to grow into the prosperous association it is today. Bob was elected to the position of NKFA vice-president in 1968 and served as Northern Kentucky President in 1969, while continually serving committee roles to this day.

Bob attended many state and national schools and conferences throughout the years and regularly attended the FDIC in Memphis with his Chief and good friend, Pete Nienaber.

Throughout his life, Bob served his community and state in many capacities. Just a few of the highlights include Bob serving as the very first varsity basketball and baseball coach at Covington Catholic High School in 1944 and 45. In 1956, he chaired the Kenton County Polio Foundation Drive and raised a record \$ 26,000.00. Bob is the only person to serve 3 terms as President of the Ft. Wright Civic Club where he is a lifetime member. He has served the Covington Turners Society for 65 years. Bob has compiled a lengthy list of awards and recognitions.

Bob attended his first KFA conference in 1955 in Covington and had attended every one since. His attendance at this conference is his 48th consecutive. In 1962, he was elected to the position of KFA secretary, succeeding Henry Bogenschutz of the Covington Fire Department. Many committee appointments including finance preceded this position in the KFA. Bob held the position of secretary of the KFA for 16 years retiring at the 1978 state conference in Bowling Green. Chief Don Roberts from Florence continued the Northern Kentucky tradition and followed Bob as secretary of the KFA.

Bob has been recognized in recent years at KFA conferences through his involvement in memorial services and swearing-in ceremonies. You will always see Bob on the convention-meeting floor

sitting in the back of the room offering advice to anyone who is smart enough to ask him. It is a highlight for many of us to annually see and talk with Bob and his lovely wife of 63 years, Evelyn, at these conventions.

Robert Hebbeler has been a credit to the KFA and the Kentucky Fire Service for half a century. It is with sincere gratitude that we thank him and induct Robert "Bob" Hebbeler of the Ft. Wright Fire Department to the KFA "Hall of Fame".

**Earl McDaniel**

An icon of the Kentucky fire service, Earl R. McDaniel's career spanned 45 years with the Lexington Fire Department. Joining the department in March of 1941, Earl saw promotions to Fire Marshal and Assistant Chief lead him to the Chief's position on December 27, 1949. Chief McDaniel continued as Chief until his retirement, exactly 37 years to the day in 1986. Earl passed away on Jan. 29, 1991, while watching his beloved UK Wildcats beat the Auburn Tigers.

Under Chief McDaniel's leadership, the Lexington department changed from a small operation with 6 fire stations to a modern one with 18 stations. More important, during his tenure, McDaniel and the Lexington Fire Department was synonymous with high quality, twice cited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as the # 1 fire department in the nation for a city Lexington's size. Earl stressed discipline and that his firefighters be highly trained with a caring attitude.

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Earl McDaniel's leadership was not restricted to Lexington alone. At the time of his Chief's promotion in 1949, Earl was serving as President of the Central Kentucky Firefighters Association and the National Chairman of Fire Prevention for the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. Always active in committees of the KFA, he was elected President of our association in 1952 in Ashland. As Southeastern Fire Chiefs Association President in 1954 he represented 10 states, and in 1956 the State Insurance Board appointed him Kentucky State Fire Marshal. In 1957 he was honored for his years on the Board of Directors of the International Fire Chiefs Association. Earl remained active in all these associations till his retirement.

Chief "Mac" always supported and assisted every fire department in the Commonwealth regardless of size. Through his efforts as co-chair, our State Fire School in Lexington continually grew and afforded expert training to thousands of firefighters across the state. The oldest state fire school in the nation, Earl coordinated many agencies including the KFA to make this school work, free of charge, for our firefighters. Earl was always there to recognize deserving or non-deserving individuals with his famed "bull-cinch" award. And who can ever forget Earl's appearances in his white dress uniform.

Chief McDaniel's expertise was not limited to the fire service. At the 1965 KFA annual conference in Frankfort, Earl shared the podium with others including Governor Ned Breathitt speaking on, of all things, "The Great Wall of China". Earls interest and support helped many and enabled the KFA and the Fire Service of Kentucky to grow and prosper.



Pictured at the bottom of the previous page presenting this Hall of Fame Award was a person who witnessed many of Earl's efforts first hand, President of the KFA in 1975, Retired Chief Ray A. Muench of the Southgate Fire Department.

Accepting Chief McDaniel's award were his daughter, Mrs. Marcia Caton, and sons Charles and Earl McDaniel.

SYLVAN SMITH

Sylvan Smith volunteered for the Erlanger Fire Department in 1954 after a 4-year military turn with the United States Army. Advancing through fire department ranks of firefighter, engineer, lieutenant, captain and chief officer, Smitty recently retired from active duty but continues as an integral part of the Erlanger Fire and EMS Department. According to Smitty's good friend, Chief Bill Martin, words that best describe Sylvan include, witty, friendly, compassionate, concerned, determined, and sometimes stubborn.

Beginning in the 1970's, Sylvan began representing his Erlanger department in regional and state associations. He became extremely involved in the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association and the KFA. Benefits from legislation for all firefighters and emergency responders seized his interest. When called upon in the late 1980's, Sylvan filled a vacant position as KFA Vice-President. He was elected President of the KFA in 1989 here in Jeffersontown succeeding Bob Gaddie and hosted a memorable conference the next year in Ft. Mitchell. Smitty continued serving. He was Northern Ky. Firefighters Association Vice-President in 1992 and President in 1993, while leading the legislative committee's of both the KFA and the NKFA throughout the 1990's and into the present. Also in 1992, Governor Jones appointed Sylvan to the State Commission on Fire Protection Personnel, Standards and Education, where he presently holds the position of Vice-chairperson.

Great advancements have been made for the fire and emergency service of Kentucky under Sylvan Smith's leadership. With a union background as an employee of the General Electric Jet Engine Plant and his volunteer fire department passion, he played a key role in molding a cooperative effort of paid and volunteer firefighters to enhance our

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lobbying efforts into one voice in Frankfort. He took on the responsibility as our lobbyist and the results have been countless. Continual increases in incentive pay and volunteer aid money; statewide training facility grant funding; low interest loan program for fire departments; enhancements in training, firefighter safety, and public education expansions, and just this past year, passage of an issue close to Smitty's heart, House Bill 427, an act to exempt certified firefighters from annual training requirements so that they may continue to receive state provided incentive pay, while they are mobilized with the United States Armed Forces.

Sylvan was also instrumental in the support, fundraising, and eventual completion of our Kentucky Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Frankfort.

While Sylvan Smith's past accomplishments benefit all of us, his legacy continues through his continued effort as our legislative chairperson and lobbyist, and through his other activities that benefit the Kentucky Firefighter. It is with great pleasure and thanks that Sylvan Smith is inducted into the KFA "Hall of Fame".

Presenting Sylvan's Hall of Fame Award was a person who has worked closely with him in many capacities over the years and 1997 President of the KFA, Mr. Mike O'Day:



PAT TREVATHAN

Pat Trevathan's life in public service started in 1951 with 4 years in the United States Navy. Following his military commitment, he served one year as a volunteer firefighter for the McCracken County

Civil Defense before embarking on a 20-year career with the Paducah Fire Department, retiring as Captain in July of 1976. Pat's fire service career was not limited to his full-time position, serving as Deputy Chief of the Fairdealing Volunteer Fire Department for 14 years and as Training Officer of the Reidland-Farley Fire District.

Pat believes in education, teaching firefighters and emergency medical personnel through a 27-year career as an employee of fire rescue training. 23 of these years were spent as the Region 1 coordinator. To further illustrate his value of education, Pat holds an associate degree in fire science technology and a bachelor and masters degree from Murray State University in technical education. A life-long commitment to EMS, Pat holds the distinction of one of 15 chosen to initiate EMS training within the Commonwealth in 1970 with an EMT certification number of 104, EMT instructor certification # 14 and EMT Instructor Trainer # of 6.

Pat has served many organizations and associations. Lifetime member of the West Kentucky EMS Association, lifetime member of the Ky. Professional Firefighters Association, President of the Ky. EMT Instructor Association from 1972-1975 and executive secretary 1982-1997. Pat Trevathan was the first President of the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. Pat was inducted to the Dr. Jack Carey EMS Hall of Fame in 1993.

As a delegate at numerous KFA conferences, Pat's extreme knowledge of parliamentary procedure was utilized by the KFA. Serving as our KFA parliamentarian from 1984 to the year 2000, Pat brought a new decorum to our meetings. Through the years many tough decisions were put upon Pat for resolution. He did this respectfully, professionally, and by the book. His influence on many young firefighters has produced not only tremendous firefighters and emergency medical responders but also a few schoolhouse lawyers.

Pat was present at the ceremony with his wife Violet and it was our great honor to bestow this Hall of Fame award to a most deserving individual.

See picture at the top of the next page presenting Pat's Hall of Fame Award was 2000 KFA President and former running mate with the KPF and the Paducah Fire Department Gerald Stewart.

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WAYNE WATTS

William "Wayne" Watts was the final, but not at all least, inductee into the "Hall of Fame". Wayne was serving as our KFA treasurer for the 30th consecutive year when he suddenly passed away on June 14, 1997, shocking us all. The 77th annual conference held that year in Northern Kentucky was dedicated in the memory of Wayne.

Wayne was first elected treasurer of the KFA in Somerset in 1967. He was re-elected every consecutive year, with his last election being in Bardstown in 1996. Wayne was highly respected for his honesty and thriftiness. He managed our finances through a period of immense growth. His contributions were not limited to financial matters. His knowledge and experience of the fire service proved a great value in decisions made by our executive committees. A voice of reason, Wayne commanded tremendous respect among his peers.

Wayne started his fire service career with the Harrodsburg Vol. Fire Department in 1946. When the Mercer County Fire Department was established in 1954, Wayne was appointed the first Fire Chief. He built the department from a one-engine unit to a first class operation. He continued serving the department after his retirement from Chief by working to create the Mercer County Fire District Board. At the time of his death, Wayne was serving as Chairperson of that Board.

In 1989, Wayne Watts was appointed to a position by Governor Wilkinson to serve on the State Fire Commission on Fire Protection, Personnel, Standards, and Education. He chaired the training facility committee. His work on the commission has had a tremendous effect on the advancement of fire service training and firefighter safety throughout the Commonwealth.

Wayne was most proud that his entire 51 years in the fire service was through volunteerism. Never paid a cent for his duty. Wayne Watt's life was dedicated to the fire service and the firefighters of Kentucky. He is a legend in the KFA through his effort, kindness, and longevity. It is with great pride that we include Wayne Watts into this first class of KFA Hall of Famers.

Presenting Wayne's Hall of Fame Award was the person who had the difficult task of replacing Wayne as treasurer and who was retiring from his duties after 6 years of exemplary service to the KFA, Treasurer Bryant Stiles.

Accepting on Wayne's behalf was his lovely wife, Mrs. Betty Watts, and children.



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate
Report: United States is Drastically Underfunding Local Emergency Responders

WASHINGTON, DC — According to a Council on Foreign Relations study released on June 29, the United States, "is drastically underfunding local emergency responders and remains dangerously unprepared to handle a catastrophic attack on American soil, particularly one involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high-impact conventional weapons."

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The council, a New York-based private world affairs advocacy organization, recommended the federal government spend an additional \$98 billion over the next five years above and beyond the \$27 billion it said plans to spend. The report recommends an additional \$36.8 billion for the fire service alone to strengthen hazardous materials preparation and response, including equipment and training.

The report goes on to say that if the nation does not take immediate steps to better identify and address the urgent needs of emergency responders, the next terrorist incident could be even more devastating than 9/11.

"This report only confirms what many of us have been saying for years - most communities in the United States are ill-prepared to deal with terrorist incidents," said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. "The NVFC was privileged to be a participating organization in the Council's Emergency Responders Action Group."

The council's task force was led by former Sen. Warren Rudman (R-N.H.), with Jamie Metz, a former National Security Council and Senate Foreign Relations Committee official, directing the project. The commission also included former White House adviser Richard Clarke, former FBI and CIA director William Webster and former military officials, business leaders and Nobel laureates.

To address the lack of standards and good numbers, the Task Force made the following recommendations:

- Congress should require that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) work with state and local agencies and officials and emergency responder professional associations to establish clearly defined standards and guidelines for emergency preparedness. These standards must be sufficiently flexible to allow local officials to set priorities based on their needs, provided that they reach nationally-determined preparedness levels within a fixed time period.
- Congress should require that the DHS and the Department of Health and Human Services submit a coordinated plan for meeting identified national preparedness standards by the end of FY 2007.
- Congress should establish within DHS a National Institute for Best Practices in Emergency Preparedness to work with state and local govern-

ments, emergency preparedness professional associations, and other partners to share best practices and lessons learned.

- Congress should make emergency responder grants in FY04 and thereafter on a multi-year basis to facilitate long-term planning and training.
 - To deal with the problem of appropriated funds being sidetracked and stalled on their way to Emergency Responders, the Task Force also recommended:
 - The U.S. House of Representatives should transform the House Select Committee on Homeland Security into a standing committee and give it a formal, leading role in the authorization of all emergency responder expenditures in order to streamline the federal budgetary process.
 - The U.S. Senate should consolidate emergency preparedness and response oversight into the Senate Government Affairs Committee.
 - States should develop a prioritized list of requirements in order to ensure that federal funding is allocated to achieve the best possible return on investments.
 - Congress should ensure that all future appropriations bills for emergency responders include strict distribution timelines.
 - The Department of Homeland Security should move the Office of Domestic Preparedness from the Bureau of Border and Transportation Security to the Office of State and Local Government Coordination in order to consolidate oversight of grants to emergency responders within the office of the Secretary.
- Homeland Security Helps Train Citizens for Emergencies With \$19 Million for Community Emergency Response Teams**
- OLATHE, KAN. Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response, announced today the availability of \$19 million in grant money to train citizens to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities through local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). Brown made the announcement at a meeting with CERT members from the city of Olathe, Kan., who assisted first responders after tornadoes devastated areas of Kansas earlier this month.

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Homeland Security has provided more than \$4 billion to state and local governments this year to support the efforts of first responders and help us secure the homeland, said Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge. These CERT grants are a great example of the use of funding to better prepare America's communities.

Each CERT member completes 20 hours of training on disaster preparedness, basic disaster medical operations, fire safety, light search and rescue, and other essential topics. The training also includes a disaster simulation in which participants practice skills they learned throughout the course. In the event of an emergency, CERT members can provide immediate assistance to victims, assist in organizing spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site and provide critical support to first responders.

Through the CERT program, citizens are better able to respond to an emergency or disaster, said Brown. This is an essential way for citizens to help secure the homeland by supporting the work of our professional first responders.

The grant money represents the FY03 funds made available to expand the CERT program, and is in addition to \$17 million distributed through the FY 02 supplemental appropriation. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will distribute the funds for state and local level CERT programs to each state and territory according to the formula developed through the Patriot Act. The CERT grants will allow states to fund new programs and to expand existing teams. FEMA has a goal of training 400,000 citizens through the CERT program during the next two years.



Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

My hat is off to Past President Randy Lawson and the entire Jefferson County Team for an outstanding conference in J-Town. Impressive! It was an extreme honor for me to have the privilege of reading the biographies for the inductees to the Hall of Fame ceremony at the banquet. I like all of you was proud to see members of our great organization recognized for their particular contributions to the KFA, Fire

Commission, Commonwealth of Kentucky and their communities. Congratulations go out to all the inductees, except for the Late Fire Chief from Louisville, I personally knew, respected and learned much from the other gentleman.

I was so proud to give my report on our Fire and Life Safety Activities at the conference and carrying the beacon for our Risk Watch Project. Things continue to go well and prosper since the conference. Our Champion Management Team has provided Risk Watch Train the Trainer Workshops for Fayette County in Lexington, hosted by our good friends from Lexington Fire Dept Fire Prevention Bureau. Over 75 teachers were present and are excited about bringing Risk Watch to their students in 2003-2004. I provided a briefing and training session for the Superintendent and Principals of Gallatin County Schools in Warsaw, Ky.

An exciting and fun Workshop was hosted by Middletown Fire Protection District in Jefferson County thanks to Sgt Natalie Taylor for working the arrangements on that excellent seminar. I have some very special friends in Jefferson County who I know will make Risk Watch grow strong for the children and communities of Jefferson County. The last Workshop I have planned at this time was completed at our Regional Fire School in Northern Kentucky at NKU on Sept 27th & 28th.

I want to have a Meeting of our Fire and Life Safety Educators, CMT Team, and anyone interested in bringing Risk Watch to their communities during the month of November. I want to have this meeting in Northern Kentucky. I have not set a date yet because I want some feedback on whether or not it would be possible for any of you to attend this meeting. I want to give a final report on where we are with Risk Watch at close of 2003 and where we want to go for 2004. Our CMT has to provide NFPA with the name of ten counties who would be willing to do 20 classrooms in their communities, form a coalition team for their county and be provided enough materials and assistance to do the twenty classrooms. Think this over and advise, as several counties have already expressed their desire and are prepared to make a commitment to the project. Remember, it is our plan to bring Risk Watch to all of Kentucky so ideas, suggestions and possibilities are welcome.

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Please feel free to contact me or any member of our CMT Team Kentucky, The Fire Commission Office and or KFA Representative.

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I want to also welcome the newest member of our CMT Team representing Education is Benjamin Rankin, Principal of Bourbon County Middle School in Paris, Ky.

Till next time, GOD BLESS! BE SAFE!

Fireman Joe

New Arrivals

Wingo Fire Department Wingo, Kentucky

By Paul S. Billings

Chief Mason Clapp of the Wingo Fire Department in Wingo, Kentucky ("Far Western Kentucky") announces the department's new mini pumper has been received and is in service. The unit was purchased with funds received from the 2002 Federal Fire Act Grant program and local funds. Mike Brady of Life Star Rescue Inc. sold the unit.

The department chose **EVI** in Lake Park, Florida to build this 12-Foot Mini Pumper. The all aluminum body is mounted on a Ford F-550 chassis and houses (8) diamond plate compartments accessed through heavy duty conventional doors. Each compartment is equipped with shelving to accommodate the department's equipment. A custom shelf was built to store a stokes basket, (2) backboards and a pike pole. A (3) bottle cascade system was installed in the front transverse compartment and it's comprised of (3) 4500 psi receivers, a storage rack, a stainless steel panel and a single bottle fill enclosure. Provisions were supplied for a future generator to power the 120V system. The pumper package includes: (2) 1.5" cross-lay discharge outlets and (1) 2.5" discharge outlet, a 240 gallon tank with a 25 gallon foam cell and a Hale CBP 250 gpm single stage pump with a Hale Foam Master eductor system. Other features include: a Warn 12,000 lb. hidden winch kit, (2) front mounted 1000 watt telescopic

Focus lights, (3) SCBA wheel well compartments and roof brackets for a 20-foot ladder.

Congratulations to Chief Clapp and the entire staff of the Wingo Fire Department. This good looking and functional piece of apparatus will serve the Fire Department and the citizens in and around Wingo, KY. for years to come.



Owensboro gets New Central States Pumper

The City Of Owensboro has taken delivery of a 2003 Central States Custom Pumper. The unit features a 350 HP Cummins Engine, Allison 3000 EVS automatic transmission, five man raised roof cab, 1250 GPM Waterous single stage pump and a 795 gallon poly booster tank. A 1 1/2" trash line was installed in the extended front bumper.

The FireLine Series body features high side compartments on both sides with ROM roll-up doors. An overhead ladder rack carries the ladder and pike pole compliment. Hard suction hose is enclosed in a compartment above the high side compartments. Special compartments were installed, on each side of the rear step, to carry fire extinguishers. An Onan 7.5 KW diesel generator supplies the two 1000 watt flood lights, electric cord reel in addition to side and rear mounted 110 volt body outlets.

The apparatus was sold by Fire Apparatus Div. S.D.C. and was placed in service, at Station 3, in July. For additional information contact Chief Fred Hina at Owensboro Fire Headquarters.



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