



Smoke Signals II

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Jamia Loses Her Battle with Breast Cancer

By Woody Will

If you have been to many KFA events in the past you have probably taken advantage of the services of Jamia Skaggs. You may not have seen her or even knew she was around because her work was always in the background. She would make whatever event run smoothly because she would take care of the “behind the scene” kind of things that nobody knew about but had to be done. She was a fixture at the KFA Olympics and State Fire School for 19 years. Usually where you saw Charlie you saw Jamia. She was always looking out for Charlie.



She was the Area 14 Administrative Assistant to Charlie Shaw. Charlie was always quick to take on an assignment but Jamia was the person that did the paperwork to make it happen. She was a loving individual that never met a stranger. When I came to the Area 14 office I could always expect a hug from Jamia. To say she is and will be missed is an understatement.

Jamia was inducted into the KFA Hall of Fame on August 6th in Ashland Kentucky. I had the honor along with past president Rick Games and Duane Suttles of presenting her with her medal. She was the first female and non-firefighter to receive that honor. Her legacy and what she leaves us is an example of a hard worker who loved the Kentucky Fire Service and all that it stands for.



Jamia was 56 when breast cancer took her life.

That is young by anyone’s standards. She loved life and being around those who loved her. She would always ask how my children and grandchildren were doing. I hadn’t seen Jamia much since my retirement in June of 2005. However, when we met in August she said that every time she thought about my son Woody H Will she remembers the time when we all went for a ride in her boat and my son learned to ski. It is difficult to think she is gone. I will miss her.

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Notes From The President's Desk Chris Crawford

As I write this article I have just barely been President for a month and we are already in the process of planning the 2014 State Fire School as well as the 2014 Conference. There are also a lot of events taking place around the Dixie Firefighters Region starting with a parade for Foam 161 (the foam truck from The Pentagon that was damaged during the 911 attacks) on September 10, 2013. The dedication for Foam 161 will be held on September 11th. It will be displayed at the Patton Museum in its damaged condition and will be the center point of the museum's new leadership center.

As always we need your help in promoting the KFA and securing old member departments as well as seeking out new member departments. I am challenging everyone who reads this to try and find a department in your area that has either never been a member of KFA or not been a member in a long time and talk to them about joining the KFA.

In closing I am very proud to serve as your President of the Kentucky Firefighters Association and I look forward to meeting with many of you as I travel across the Commonwealth this year. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I would like to thank Past-President Sam Stacy for a wonderful conference in Ashland. Our attendees had a great time and it would not have been a success without the wonderful staff and great service provided by Past-President Stacy.

Chris Crawford



From the 2nd VP Jeff Pohlman

Greetings from Northern Kentucky! As I write this in early September, Monica, myself, our spouses Steve and Dottie, along with others too numerous to mention, have been very busy at the University of Cincinnati Hospital assisting the family of Arlie "Pooh" Hill, who was burnt over 90% of his body after encountering a flash-over in Whitley City, Kentucky while performing a search for victims at a structure fire. His brother-in-law and best friend Adam Stephens was also

with Pooh and received minor burns. We have met some very good people under these circumstances including Pooh's family and McCreary County Fire Chief Tony Miller, where both Pooh and Adam are firefighters. Our friends across the river in Cincinnati have been unbelievable with assistance. The crew from CFD Station (Engine and Truck) 19 has constantly been in and out and assists with whatever is needed. Hats off to Chief Billy Goldfeder (Firefighter Close Calls) of the Loveland-Symmes Ohio FD who has taken the ball and coordinated around the clock firefighter assistance with both Cincinnati area and Northern Kentucky Fire Departments. He has been a pleasure to work with! When I talked to Ronnie Day the day after Pooh arrived at the hospital, I thought I was going to arrive at the hospital and have to start from scratch with what was needed to be done for the family. Chief Goldfeder had much already in place along with the Cincinnati FD. It was just one of those proud moments to be a firefighter where State lines did not matter, paid or volunteer didn't matter, it was just firefighters doing what they do best.....helping others. Please keep Pooh and family in prayer.

Another Conference is over and congratulations to my good friend Sam Stacy and his conference team for outstanding work. I cannot tell you how much "networking" gets done behind the scenes at a conference. I have been kidding Sam all year about being the new guy and what is supposed to be done here and there. I guess I bugged him enough to be presented with a "Dukes of Hazard" certificate from the City of Hazard which I will cherish forever. Most of all there is a friendship that will never be forgotten.

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

In closing, congratulations to Gary Auffart, Newport Fire Department's new Fire Chief and the retirement of Captain Pat Krogman, also of Newport Fire Department. I had the honor of working with both for many years.

Jeffrey H. Pohlman



Mike Hulsey President At-Large

I want to thank everyone for their support in my re-election as VP at Large, one of the most personal rewarding experiences I have had is the opportunity you all have given me to serve in the KFA. This is my last term, as I will be retiring from the Elizabethtown Fire Department.

I also want to thank Chief Stacey in a job well done in his tenure as President. Sam is a God serving man and he did an excellent job in serving the entire Commonwealth, Great Job my friend.

We are now moving into President Crawford's term, and knowing Chris he is going to accept the challenge that has been put down by all the past presidents of the KFA, and work for you to better the fire service.

The KFA is only as strong as the Regional Associations, unfortunately some of our Regional Associations have disbanded or are experiencing troubles. As Chair of the Steering Committee we have made a commitment to assist our regional associations. Please email me with meeting dates so that the Committee may come to your meetings and point out the benefits of supporting your regional and supporting the KFA. We also would like to come to individual departments that want to get involved and assist them, if possible. This year being a full session of the legislature, membership in both are vital. Howdy and Gerald work diligently to provide the legislatures with the wants and desires of the Firefighters of our Commonwealth, united we are strong.

The last two weeks, I have had the occasion to see that the fire brotherhood is still alive and well. The 1st time, while being a sad event, has shown that we still care.

The fire service has lost a true friend, Jamie Skaggs. The brotherhood showed up to support the family and the Region 1 staff. Our prayers continue to go out to the family and especially to Chief Shaw and Region 14 staff.

We must not forget who is in charge. All of these events are a part of his plan, we must remain diligent and see how this situation will lead to glory for him.

As most know a firefighter in Whitley City, known as Pooh, made a choice to risk life and

injury for what he believed was a child trapped in a burning structure. He did not hesitate and entered this structure before the department arrived and unfortunately was caught in an apparent flashover. Pooh received horrific burns to over 90% of his body and was immediately airlifted to the burn unit in Cincinnati.

It is with great pride that what has been done to help him and his family shows the brotherhood is alive and well. Thank you Cincinnati firefighters for stepping up to the plate and hitting a home run, in helping a brother firefighter by supporting the family in whatever way they needed. Thank you, Fire Commission members, especially Ronnie Day, for being there with much of the same. I cannot express well enough of how proud I am of the Northern KY Firefighters Association for all they continue to do.

A special THANK YOU, to KFA 2nd Vice President Jeff Pohlman, and Secretary Monica Rath, they have spent time with the family to let them know that we are here and wanting to help. Chief Pohlman's wife went as far as to take Pooh's children some toys and get down in the floor to play with them.

To all of you your reward will be coming. God Bless

Mike Hulsey

No Exceptions Here

By Bill Tricarico

Sr. Risk Management Consultant
Emergency Services Insurance Program

Exception. I hate that word. Exceptional is a good word since the Emergency Services are full of exceptional people, but the word exception...not so much. Our Fire and EMS organizations have been built around rules as a necessity because life and death situations are involved. We've developed these rules as a result of trial and error and learned, some-times the hard way what is necessary and what is not. As a result, I cringe when I hear that someone made an "exception to the rule."

That doesn't mean rules must be hard and fast. As a matter of fact rules should be written to be flexible to fit the situation without losing their meaning. For instance suppose you had a rule

that training will always be in full protective gear. If the temperature is approaching 95 degrees the rule could be dangerous but at the same time you don't want to sacrifice safety. So perhaps the full gear rule should also state that no training will take place in temperatures over 90 degrees. You can still train another day and there was no need to make "an exception to the rule" and train without gear. If we keep making exceptions to the rule, than why have the rule?

An EMS organization I recently visited had a rule that no one who had three moving violations on their motor vehicle record over the last three years was permitted to drive an ambulance. Excellent rule! After all, risk management experts have known for years that a person's driving record is a great indicator of future potential collisions. Also, someone involved in an accident with a poor driving record is difficult to defend. Well, the Director of the organization told me that they are going to make an exception to the rule for a particular driver who had a horrible driving record. When I asked why he told me that the person lived close to the station and could get the ambulance out quicker. In reality, he was making the organization's worst driver their primary driver and what good would getting the ambulance out quicker be if it didn't make it to the patient.

Whether your fire department or EMS organization is volunteer, career, or commercial, making an exception is breaking the rules. If the rules need exceptions it's probably a good time to revisit why you have it in the first place or whether it's still relevant.

Another problem occurs when you make a rule for one person and make an exception for another? That will almost certainly impact morale and potentially be considered discriminatory.

I once read, "Good business ethics discourage making exceptions to rules and encourage making sure rules reflect the current environment a company or organization is operating in." That certainly makes sense to me. Most rules have proven to make our lives safer and to help us do our jobs better and as such; we should respect and follow them. Rules were NOT meant to be broken and if properly written and updated they will always work...no exceptions.



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

Pat Thompson is the new NVFC Alternate for Kentucky. Each state can select two representatives to the NVFC Board who then represent the state in any matters involving activities of the NVFC. Pat will be given some opportunities to work in committees that deal with the spectrum of fire, EMS, and rescue issues. Give him your support and let him know what he can bring to the NVFC Board on your behalf.

There is an issue that the NVFC is following very closely. IRS has raised a number of issues that will affect the fire and EMS services. The IRS is insisting on considering volunteer responders as "employees". This brings up a number of issues that are detrimental to the fire service. Despite 29 CFR 553.106, the IRS has made a common-law determination to define compensated volunteers as employees for the purpose of taxation. Keep your eye on this issue. If you are approached regarding the taxation of any type of benefit like phone, staff cars, clothing, etc. let me know as it is important to let the NVFC office know what is happening in the field.

Many of you may protect wildland areas. The NVFC has been fighting for the Volunteer Assistance Program that can help you prepare for and respond to wildland fires. The effort here is to restore VFA funding to FY 2010 level.

This report should make it out in time for you to register for the "Fire is Everyone's Fight" webinar to be held September 19th. Go to the USFA site to register for the webinar.

The Firefighters Support Foundation has released an Active Shooter Response video. Go to their site to get additional information on this project.

The "Blue Campaign" continues to develop material to help first responders recognize various types of human bondage and abuse. The NVFC has urged DHS to provide material and guidance for first responders and they have responded by providing material and even a video. The purpose is to uncover these abuses without consequence

to the responder.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you at the national level. I look forward to working with Pat to serve Kentucky's firefighters. If you have an issue you would like us to bring to Washington, let us know.

Ken Knipper



Notes From Fireman Joe The Ol Fire Dog

Thank You Past President Sam Stacy for a fun and interesting Conference in Ashland. It was so good to see all our friends and comrades. A special congrats to newly inducted Hall of Fame members, and best wishes to President Chris Crawford. I am sure looking forward to going to Elizabethtown next year. I received the news yesterday about Jamia Skaggs, very saddened by this but so very happy she was inducted into the Hall of Fame while we could all see her so honored. My very best to her family, Charlie Shaw and his staff, we will miss her.

Fire Prevention Month this year's theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires", encourages Safety while cooking. Did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? Our Fire Depts Public Education Personnel will be promoting this topic throughout the next month in their communities and throughout the state.

I commend State Fire Marshal William Swope for his awareness of State Fire Deaths and other fire safety issues and encourage all to join them in combating this issue. Much more information will be forthcoming on this topic.

I sure enjoyed going down to Ashland, what a lovely city and very impressed with Ashland Fire Dept. and grateful for their hospitality and kindness. I met some impressive young firefighters and officers while touring their Central Station and WOW! What a great lunch, I know the golfers were enjoying their day but you sure missed a wonderful lunch. Special thanks to all the Ashland Fire Personnel they were great hosts.

I want to make an appeal to all Fire Departments in our great Commonwealth. The atten-

dance at this year's conference was very disappointing to me, you missed a great conference. We need the support and commitment from our Fire Departments in our Kentucky Firefighters Association. So much is offered to you and your departments that are very critical to what will happen in the coming years. The Kentucky Legislature scares me, thank GOD we have strong folks keeping an eye on those issues, we must continue to support them in whatever way we can. Also, we must never forget those who have served and made our Fire Service what it is today. Plan to attend the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Frankfort October 2nd. If you are not a member, JOIN TODAY!
GOD BLESS!

Fireman Joe



Chaplain's Corner

Trouble? Sing!

It is good to remember that the tea kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing!

When we reach our boiling point, we should take that as a signal that it's time to sing. Well, maybe not literally *sing*, but at least call for a personal time out and remember all the things that give us cause for rejoicing.

If you're in a situation that has become so heated that you feel you're about to erupt, begin to thank God for the very circumstances that are causing you such grief. That doesn't mean you need to thank Him for the sin, abuse, misunderstanding, or illness that is plaguing you. Instead, thank God that the situation has driven you, needy, into His arms.

Clear your heart of angry, unloving thoughts. Allow God to heal that hurt. The peace He brings will make you want to sing again, and will keep you singing throughout your time of difficulty.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice evermore..... In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2012 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Phone</u>
10/12-13	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
11/2-3	5	Leitchfield	888-234-7201
11/9-10	11	Pikeville	888-302-8935
11/30-12/1	7	Cold Spring	888-306-8101
12/7-8	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

Written testing information is available on the Ky IFSAC testing web site at <http://www.kyffcert.com>. Tests are given at the system office usually on the third Monday of the month. Each time you take the written test you must pay a \$15.00 charge. Contact Duane Suttles for more information about written test location and dates at 888-301-2946. REMINDER: Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and be a member of a Kentucky FD or a full-time student of Fire Science at EKU or KCTCS to be eligible for firefighter testing. Candidates must bring state issued drivers license or ID card to skills testing site for positive identification and verification of age eligibility. Candidates under 18 may complete any of the written exams, and may certify to Haz Mat Awareness only. All Certifications are based on the Professional Qualification standards set forth by the NFPA for Firefighters, except Haz Mat, which is a Job Performance standard. Our accreditation is through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

Coming Events At a Glance!

Southeast FF Assn Fall Fire School

October 18-20 London

Buffalo Trace Fire School

October 25-27 Maysville

Green River FF Assn Fall Fire School

October 25-27 Owensboro

Fire & EMS Instructors Weekend

November 15-17 London

Area 4 Regional Fire School

November 22 - 24 Glasgow KY

KAFC 2014 Leadership Conference

January 24 - 26, 2014 Bowling Green

Green River Officers School

February 28 - March 2 2014

Dixie Fire School

March 7 - 10, 2014 Elizabethtown

2013 SKFA Fall Fire School

October 18 - 20, 2013

Laural Campus Somerset Comm. College
100 University Drive London Kentucky

Registration opens at 12 Noon on Friday
and 7:30 AM on Sat & Sun

Classes Friday Only

10	Haz Mat Awareness	8hrs
20	Ky Wildland Awareness	4hrs
30	Courage to be Safe	4hrs
40	Hybrid Car Response	4hrs
50	ERG Training Course	4hrs
60	Rope Rescue Awareness	4hrs

Classes Saturday Only

105	Bus Emergencies	8hrs
115	Fire Control - Live Fire	8hrs
125	FF Survival	8hrs
135	Confined Space Awareness	8hrs
145	Ky Fire Commission Updates	8hrs
155	Basic FF I AM	4hrs
160	Basic FF II PM	4hrs
175	Hard to Get I AM	4hrs
180	Hard to Get II PM	4hrs

Classes Sunday Only

110	Emergency Traffic Control Management	8hrs
120	Flashover Survival	8hrs
135	FF Rescue	8hrs
140	Structural Collapse Awareness	8hrs
150	S190 Wildland Fire Behavior	8hrs
165	Basic Firefighting III AM	4hrs
170	Basic Firefighting IV PM	4hrs
185	Hard to Get III AM	4hrs
190	Hard to Get IV PM	4hrs

Classes Saturday & Sunday

200	Farm Rescue	16hrs
205	Truck Company Operations	16hrs
210	Haz Mat Operations	16hrs
215	Fire Service ICS for Rural FF	16hrs
220	Pump Ops & Maintenance	16hrs
225	Leadership I	16hrs
230	MERRTT	16hrs

Classes Fri, Sat & Sun

305	EMT Continuing Education	24hrs
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For additional information call 888-234-0100. Junior FF permission slips are required and must be presented before participation in training.

Buffalo Trace Regional Fire School

October 25-27, 2013 Maysville KY

Friday Saturday & Sunday Classes

Class #	Name	Hours
1	EMT Continuing Education	24 Hrs
2	Basic Firefighting	24 Hrs

Friday Night Only 6:30 PM

4	Street Drug Awareness	4 Hrs
15	Kentucky Wildland Awareness	4 Hrs
16	Auto Extrication	4 hrs
17	Electrical Safety & Gas Line Emergencies	2-3 Hrs
18	Chief's Round Table	3 Hrs
19	A 21st Century Look at Barn Fires	3 Hrs
20	Courage to Be Safe - Everyone Goes Home	3 Hrs

Saturday & Sunday Classes

3	Hard to Get hours	16 Hrs
5	NFA: Training Operations for Small Departments	16 Hrs
6	Haz Mat Operations	16 Hrs

Saturday Only Classes

7	Introductions to Fire Inspections	8 Hrs
8	Firefighter Survival	8 Hrs
9	Fire Control	8 Hrs
10	Pump Operations	8 Hrs
14	Initial Fire Attack With Limited Man Power	8 Hrs
21	Thermal Imaging Orientation Course	8 Hrs

Sunday Only Classes

11	Firefighter Rescue	8 Hrs
12	Flashover Recognition & Survival	8 Hrs
13	Advanced Foam	8 Hrs

For more information call (888) 301-2946 or email tduncan0052@kctcs.edu.

30th Green River Fall Fire School

October 25 - 27

Classes will be held at the Owensboro Community and Technical College, 4800 New Hartford Road Owensboro Kentucky.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Classes

1	Essentials / Basic	20 hrs credit
10	BSAR**	24 hrs credit

Saturday & Sunday

2	EMT Continuing Education	16 hrs credit
7	Advanced Firefighting	16 hrs credit
8	Fire Instructor Methodology 1*	32 hrs credit
9	Mobile Water Supply	16 hrs credit
11	Water Rescue & Recovery	16 hrs credit
12	Hard to Get Hours	16 hrs credit
13	Technical Rescue Awareness**	16 hrs credit
18	Evaluating & Improving Initial Attack Lines**	

Saturday Only Classes

3	Firefighter Survival	8 hrs credit
5	Vehicle Extrication-Light	8 hrs credit
14	Fighting Fires with Foam	8 hrs credit
17	Building Tomorrow's Leaders**	8 hrs credit

Sunday Only Classes

4	Firefighter Rescue	8 hrs credit
6	Vehicle Extrication	8 hrs credit
15	Traffic Incident Management**	8 hrs credit
16	Utility Emergencies**	8 hrs credit

* Will meet on October 12 & 13.

** Indicates new classes for this year.

Schedule of classes

Call in advance to register for classes # 8 and 2

Registration both days 7 to 7:45 AM

Classes 8 to 11:30 AM

Lunch 11:30 to 12:30 PM

Classes 12:30 to 5 PM

For registration or any additional assistance call:

Area 3 Office 888-306-8015 toll free

Local phone number 270-273-3187

Area 3 Fax 270-273-5630

Local Hotels

Holiday Inn Express 270-685-2433 Sleep Inn Ho-

tel 270-691-6200 Ramada 270-685-3941 Fair-

field 270-688-8887 Hampton 270-926-2006

Words of Wisdom

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

National Responder Preparedness Center

4678 State Route 181 North
Greenville KY 42345
2013 Class Schedule

10/8-10 Confined Space Operations 24 Hrs In
State FF Fee \$175 out of state \$350
10/11 WMD Radiological/Nuclear Awareness
#AWR-140 6 HRS No Charge
10/12-14 WMD Radiological/Nuclear Operations
#PER-240 24 Hrs No Charge
11/4-8 Fire Instructor II (Certification Testing) 40
Hrs In State FF Fee \$275 out of state \$550
For more information call 888-990-6772 or email
nrpc@att.net

Reminder to those High School Seniors who graduated this year!

Recent high school graduates interested in pursuing a Fire Science Degree from one of our local institutions. The KFA awards scholarships to those interested students that meet the criteria for scholarship. The application and information is available on line at the KFA website www.kyfa.org. The money is available to you with little or no effort on your part just fill out the forms and let us help you! Higher education is within your grasp all you have to do is apply! So what are you waiting on?

THE LAW REQUIRES ADDITIONAL TESTING FOR ALL CAREER KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTER CANDIDATES

As of **January 1, 2013**, all career firefighter candidates are required to undergo a physical ability test.

The candidate physical ability test (CPAT) will be designed to assess a candidates' ability to handle the physical demands of fighting fires and shall include exercises that stimulate the most common tasks involved in fire suppression.

Exercises for the CPAT will include, but are not limited to: stair climbing, hose drag, equipment carry, ladder raise and extension, forcible entry, search, rescue, ceiling breach, and pull.

The Kentucky Fire Commission will charge a fee of \$125 for all out-of-state firefighter candidates participating in the CPAT. In-state participants will not be required to pay a fee.



The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) annual awareness campaign, Fire Prevention Week, will be held October 6-12. The non-profit fire safety organization is encouraging the public to prevent kitchen fires. The kitchen is the leading area of origin for home fires and most kitchen fires are caused by cooking. On average, there are roughly 3,000 reported kitchen fires per day in the United States.

The Fire Prevention Week website is the central portal for information and resources to help families, teachers, community leaders, and fire officials spread the word about fire safety.

The site includes fire safety tip sheets, fire statistics, a family safety checklist, Sparky the Fire Dog® activities for kids and public service announcement videos. Videos on the site include "Sparky's Kitchen Rules," a fire safety song for kids, and safety tips from Sparky's Aunt Dottie. NFPA offers these important fire safety tips:

- ◆ Be alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- ◆ Keep an eye on what you fry! Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- ◆ If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- ◆ Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains – away from your stovetop.
- ◆ Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

For more information go to www.fpw.org/ there are games quizzes and information about purchasing Fire Prevention Week campaign materials for your department to use in this great effort.

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Update on the Dundee Fire Department

Jimmy VanCleve

The Dundee Fire Station in Ohio County suffered the loss of their Fire Station on June 15, 2013 due to a fire. Along with the station, they lost their engine and brush truck. They suffered the loss of a lot of their turnout gear and firefighting equipment. The Hartford and Fordsville Fire Departments responded to extinguish the fire and have since been assisting in the coverage of the area while the Dundee Fire Department is working through the recovery phase.

The Department has settled with the insurance company and will soon begin the rebuilding of the station as well as finding the apparatus.

Area 3 State Fire Rescue Training has been in constant communication with Chief Danny Pogue throughout the ordeal and will continue to provide the department with assistance.

If you have any items that may assist the department during the recovery phase, email the list to jimmy.vancleve@kctcs.edu and we will consult with Chief Pogue to see if the items are needed.

A Code Moment – September 2013

By Rusty Todd

“Fire suppression activities are not the only way to combat fires: a well-planned and executed fire prevention and inspection program is a less expensive and more effective way to accomplish the goal of the fire service. The goal is, of course to minimize the risk of life and property loss from fire. By observing, making recommendations, and subsequently controlling or eliminating hazardous conditions, the inspector can make major strides toward accomplishing this goal before a fire occurs.

The common view of the fire inspector’s role is one of an enforcing or policing authority. However, when the job is performed properly, the inspector is just as much an educator as anything else. The inspector helps to educate occupants in ways to control hazards, in proper methods of evacuation, and in overall fire safety practices. It is much more effective in the long run, to educate the public than it is to simply keep enforcing regulations on them.

Historically, courts have ruled that fire depart-

ments and/or individuals empowered to perform fire inspections may be held legally accountable for their performance...”

These are the opening few paragraphs of IFSTA’s manual Fire Inspection and Code Enforcement, 6th edition. It covers the spectrum of the fire prevention inspection program and should be included in the training program of each fire department. Even if you don’t have local department fire inspectors, you do work with others in this area, most notably the Kentucky State Fire Marshal’s Office and the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction. Know who serves your area and don’t be hesitant to contact them with questions about general or hazardous materials inspections.

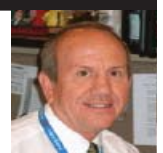
A firefighter will never die at a fire that doesn’t start nor at one that is controlled in the incipient stage before the fire department is called. People empowered with knowledge about how to prevent fires or to ensure that exits are operational will reduce the stress on departments with shrinking budgets and personnel. If we truly believe that safety is the number one priority of our fire departments then prevention activities must be an important component of our services.

During this year’s Fire Prevention Week activities consider making it more than just showing the public what you do to meet their emergency call needs. Make sure they go away with the knowledge they can count on your department to help them learn how to be safe all day, every day.



Legislative Report

Gerald Stewart
Howdy Kirtsinger



By Michael Kirtsinger

As I begin to write this newsletter article many issues run through my mind on how to write anything about legislative after all that has happened during August. The KFA conference was the first week and I was inducted into the KFA Hall of Fame with my friend Jamia Skaggs. While she was fighting the battle with her illness, Jamia came to this year’s conference to receive her honor that was well deserved. It is with great sorrow I must include that she fought a tough fight and only gave in after fighting to the end showing her strength.

We will miss her and all she did for the Kentucky Fire Service. God bless Jamia and her family and staff of SFRT Area 14.

During the Conference and the induction ceremony I was not able to say what I wanted to say that night. I did not then and do not know why the committee and the KFA board think I deserved the award, but I do appreciate that they think I do. The job I do and the issues I fight for are for the firefighter's benefits, for fire departments and firefighters safety! I do not do it for glory or for any special benefits. When I look at those who have received this award they are the leaders of the KFA for many years and have done great things for the fire service. I want to say thank you from my entire family because it means so very much to them because they have put up with me for all these years! Thanks to the KFA board, the Fire Commission Board and Staff, and everyone for your support over the years!

2013 Conference Legislative Report

Before I get into the two (2) major issues I want to discuss, I should point out that during this session there were 458 House Bills and 199 House Resolutions filed along with 216 Senate Bills and 276 Senate Resolutions filed. The total of bills and resolutions filed this session is 1149, issues that the legislative team had to follow of those, 36 were concerning the issue of pension reform or reduction to public employee. That is not only firefighters, police officers or EMS employees but that reduction is to school employees, state workers and anyone that is in one of the systems covered by the Kentucky Retirement System. I want to thank those who worked side by side in Frankfort for their hard work during this session. Gerald Stewart, Bruce Roberts, Chris Bartley, Joe Baer, Mark Blankenship, Craig Willman, and Jack Reckner all spent many hours working for the firefighters and fire departments in Kentucky. First we should discuss Senate Bill 2 the pension reform bill.

The 2013 legislative session of the Kentucky General Assembly was the most difficult that I have had to participate in during my entire time representing fire fighters in my life. In 1982 when I first came to Frankfort I was told by those that were there before me, your word is your bond, never lie and always tell the truth. This year many

of the members of leadership in the House broke that bond. House Leadership along with the Governor made us promises that there would be no changes in the pension system unless we had input and were in agreement. That promise was never kept, and when we had the votes in the majority caucus to prevent the changes from coming floor for a vote. Leadership knew that with the minority members they could pass the bill. So with a vote from the minority party leadership took it to the floor. With that vote they took away benefits that we have had for over thirty years.

After the session I had a long discussion with Gerald Stewart, who has been there longer than I. Gerald said that never in the years that he has been attending legislative sessions, have changes that effect so many been put into place without those who the changes effect have so little input. The changes will change the lives of public employees from now on and we should not forget those that voted against us and our families. I also think that we should help to elect those who worked for us and elect new leadership to try to regain some of the benefits that we lost. The only member of leadership who voted with us was Rep. Sannie Overly. We should do all we can to help her get re-elected. Here is the list of those who voted with us;

House Members - Bell, Collins, Crenshaw, Donohue, Embry, Graham, Henderson, Horlander, Jenkins, Lee J., Marzian, Meeks, Miller, Nelson, Overly, Owens, Pullin, Richards, Riner, Rollins, Sinnette, Smart, Stewart, Watkins G., Wayne, Westrom, Yonts, and York.

Senate Members – Blevins, Carroll, Harper Angel, Jones, Stein Kathy, and Webb.

The changes that were made are a completely new system like a 401K type plan with a guarantee return on the money deposited. The main problem without guarantee language (Inviolable contract) it can be changed every year. No COLA for retirees and many other changes that will make it impossible for public employees to retire with pension that will provide for them in the future.

Next we should discuss House Bill 1

House Bill 1 was filed in response to the audits of special districts conducted last summer by the State Auditor of Public Accounts. The legislation is designed to bring additional elements of transparency and financial reporting to government-

tal agencies that operate semi-independently of elected city officials once the agencies are created. The legislation creates new nomenclature for independent local government agencies – “Special Purpose Governmental Entities” or SPGEs.

House Bill 1 creates registration requirements, financial reporting guidelines, reporting requirements for SPGEs that can adopt taxes and fees, ethical guidelines, educational opportunities, and dissolution procedures.

“Special Purpose Governmental Entity” is any agency, authority, or entity created or authorized by statute which:

- Exercises less than statewide jurisdiction;
- Exists for the purpose of providing one or a limited number of services or functions;
- Is governed by a board, council, commission, committee, authority, or corporation with policy making authority that is separate from the state and the governing body of a city or a county; and
- Has independent authority to generate public funds or receives and expends public funds, grants or appropriations from the state or local governments.

SPGEs may include agencies created as non-profit corporations, through

Inter-local agreements, pursuant to state statute, or by ordinances enacted by

local governments. SPGEs do not include the following:

- Cities;
- Counties;
- School Districts;
- Private Entities; or
- **OR ANY ENTITY THAT HAS BUDGET AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION INTEGRATED WITH AND INCLUDED AS PART OF THE CITY OR COUNTY (OR CITIES AND COUNTIES) IN WHICH IT OPERATES (This means component units or actual departments within a city)**

All SPGEs must register with the Department for Local Government (DLG) by

December 31, 2013 on forms provided by DLG. In addition, the SPGE must provide information on the date its last independent audit was conducted.

Any SPGE created after January 1, 2014 shall register within 15 days of its creation to DLG. Any SPGE that fails to register may be subject to ad-

ministrative dissolution, and prohibited from collecting any tax or fee until it is properly registered. In addition, HB 1 permits any citizen to bring in action in court and to recover attorney fees to force compliance with the registration requirements.

Beginning on July 1, 2014, all SPGEs must annually electronically submit administrative and financial information to DLG for inclusion on an online searchable database. DLG is obligated to create forms and an online reporting portal for this purpose by March 1, 2014. DLG is obligated to have the publically accessible database available by October 1, 2014.

To offset the costs, SPGEs must pay an annual fee:

- \$25 for SPGEs with annual revenue of less than \$100,000;
- \$250 for SPGEs with annual revenue of more than \$100,000 and less than \$500,000.
- \$500 for SPGEs with annual revenue of more than \$500,000

HB 1 will make changes to how fire departments will provide their financial reports to the State. This process has begun slow but would make it simple and only to have one place to report. I will have members from the Department of Local Government at the KFA Conference to have more information to share. Please try to attend the Monday session to get answers to your questions about HB 1.

During the session I sent out a report legislative session weekly and if there are any questions concerning those bills I will be available to answer at the conference.

NEW ARRIVAL



The City of Burgin has taken delivery of a 2013 Toyne pumper. This unit features a Stainless Steel Body, 1000 Gallon Poly Tank built on an International 4400 Crew cab Chassis. The unit was sold by High Tech Rescue Inc.

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The KFA sincerely appreciates your continued support of our organization on a personal level. Your choice to support our organization shows your support of the fire service and its professionalism and dedication to the citizens of our commonwealth.

Duane Suttles, Treasurer

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Foam 161 at Patton Museum

On 10 September 2013, Foam 161, the fire truck that was severely damaged during the attack on the Pentagon on 9/11 was paraded from the Patton Museum to Elizabethtown and back. Hundreds and hundreds of citizens from the area turned out with flags and banners that read NEVER FORGET. They were paying homage to all first responders and to the three firefighters from the Pentagon who served as the Grand Marshals of the parade.

Foam 161 is now destined for its final home

in an exhibit at the General George S. Patton Museum of Leadership. The exhibit will, through augmented reality and artifacts, provide museum visitors with a perspective of what it looked like from inside the Pentagon looking out at the damaged fire truck and at the first responders trying to save victims inside the building.

The exhibit is being professionally designed and built and believed to be the only one in the United States featuring a fire truck from the 9/11 attack. Mannequins depicting the three firefighters will be part of the display. A request for black turnout gear, New York style helmets, and boots was forwarded to Fire Commission Executive Director Ronnie Day for dissemination to all Kentucky Fire Departments. Within one hour of the message going out Boyd County called and offered the turnout gear. Two hours after that another county called with the same offer. Kentucky firefighters are truly part of a brotherhood! We still need the helmets and boots. If you would like to donate those items, please contact Greg Lowe at 270-268-0226.