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Why it is Important for the State of Kentucky to Continue Adopting the NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code? by Russ Sanders

The state Board of Housing, Buildings and Construction is once again considering the adoption of a state fuel gas code. This issue will possibly come before the Board at its February meeting. For this reason I wanted to provide the fire service with information about this important adoption.

The National Fire Protection Association

First, let me share some basic information about the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by developing and advocating scientifically based consensus codes and standards, research, training and education. The vast majority of codes and standards developed by the NFPA have been adopted and enforced throughout the United States and in other countries for decades.

A Look at the NFPA Process & Mission

NFPA is proud of the broad support received for its codes and standards, all of which are developed through an open process that gives every citizen in Kentucky the opportunity to participate fully in the process, including the right to vote on the documents at the final Technical Committee Reporting Sessions. NFPA encourages input from all affected interests, including users, building officials and code enforcers, fire service members, industry professionals, government representatives, labor unions, the consumer, and others. Any person can become a member of NFPA and every NFPA member has the opportunity to vote in the code- and standard-development process. No other code writing organization offers this same level of open participation and transparency. NFPA has and continues to work with the fire service on a wide range of issues – from work on fire safe cigarette legislation to 13D sprinklers to public educations programs to fire and electrical code adoptions – NFPA has and will continue to be there to support the fire service. Our missions are the same: To reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life in our local communities, our state, our nation, and throughout the world.

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Notes From The President's Desk Randy Courtney

Well I would like to start this article by thanking my good friends in London and the Southeast Firefighters Association for their hospitality at the Instructors School held in November. That was were I chose to have our 1st executive board meeting of my term, again I want to thank President Reggie Morgan and KCTCS coordinator area 13 Marc Rudder for everything they did for me and the board while we were there. If you are a Fire Service Instructor and have never attended this wonderful school you should put this on your schedule and pay it a visit. It is well worth your time and travel to London. Well like I just mentioned I have held my 1st executive board meeting and like all other agencies and business the main topic of discussion was money and funding. Just like any other business or organization we need money to operate and provide certain services that the firefighters of Kentucky have grown a custom to. That is one of the main reasons it is so important for each and every department and firefighters association to pay their annual dues.

I was able to attend the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO) conference along with the Fire Commission, and Homeland Security. I really believe the contacts we made for firefighters and fire departments all across this great state was well worth the time and money we put in to the booths. I meet Co judges and folks from one end of the state to the other and trust me they won't forget the firefighters.

At our London meeting we discussed starting a new fundraiser in which we will get a percentage from you traveling around when you book your travels through this new service. We have made an agreement with Travelocity to form a web site and all we ask is that you and anyone else you know that wants to travel is to go to our web site www.kyfatravel.com and book your trip, cars, etc just about anything and anywhere you want to go. The great thing is it doesn't cost you anymore than any other travel agencies but if you go thru our web site we will get a percentage for your booking. There will be more on this as soon as everything is ironed out. The information will be on our web page as well as a short cut to it from our web home web site at www.kfa.org. Anytime you need information you should go to our web site and you will pretty much find anything you want on there. We are always looking at ways to save money so that we don't have to cut any of the services we are currently offering. I believe that our Treasurer Terry Keller will be sending out another dues billing for the year 2008 – 2009 so if you haven't paid those dues for this year it's not too late to do so.

By the time you read this we will be attending or getting ready for the 22nd Kentucky Officers School which this year for the first time ever will be held in Lexington, the dates are February 27, 28, March 1st 2009. We will have an executive board meeting as well as a full committee meeting on Saturday 29th at 9am. There are always lots of different meetings during this conference on Friday and Saturday so make sure you check the program book and get to all of them that you need to attend.

During the months of November and December the Kentucky Fire Service lost a lot of valuable knowledge by the passing of several great firefighters. I just want to say to those departments and family members' thanks for loaning us your loved ones and members. We are so grateful for the years of service that these great people gave to the fire service and we are so much more better off for their contribution. Please keep all of these folks in your prayers and hearts. I will close by asking each of you as you are reading this article take a minute for a silent prayer for those families and fire departments. Amen

Respectively Yours

Randy Courtney

President



Treasurer's Notes by Terry Keller

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and start of a New Year.

Not a lot to write about so far this year. The Executive Board has a meeting scheduled for the Green River Officer School, being held in Lexington. The date is February 28th. This will be a very important meeting for the Executive Board, as I predict from the economy that the K F A budget will have to be cut again. It appears that another

\$1000.00 will need to be cut, after the board has already cut some \$19,000.00 from the budget passed at the conference in August.

KFA has to increase membership. Please ask your department to become a member. There are 321 departments paid as of January, 16 personal memberships and 5 sustaining members paid since our August conference. Sustaining memberships are due in May, which was a change to the by-laws. I know from passed experience that K F A will receive another 80 departments when the second mailing of dues notices go out in February. This is still not enough departments. There are some 812 departments in the state. Only to have 400 of them as members is not a good showing. I as well as anyone else knows that money is tight. Dues for a department membership is only \$75.00. Remember your department's dues pay for our people to go to Frankfort and protect the benifits you now enjoy.

The Executive Board has entered into an agreement with another fund raising company. YTBTRAVEL.COM and K F A are now in a partnership for almost any type travel, flowers, hotel, or vacation booking you can think of. Look for Secretary Jansings article explaning how this works, or better yet, log onto KYFATRAVEL.COM and check out the listings. I do not think the web site is case sensitive to upper or lower case letters. Woody has put links on our web page to help people to log into to this travel web site. There are three links on our web page to get to the travel site. At the top of the main page. Under Kentucky Travel.com on the left slider bar and at the top of the links page.

Until I see you at Green River Officer School, stay safe and remember our brothers and sisters serving in the military.

Terry Keller

Treasurer

<u>Exciting News from the Office of the Secretary:</u> <u>KFA Announces the creation</u> of our own "TRAVEL WEB SITE"

At the 2008 annual fall Executive Board Meeting of the Kentucky Firefighters Association the Board unanimously voted to enter into an agreement with YTB Travel to create the first ever, Kentucky Firefighters Association Travel WEB site.

The Domain name has been created and you may visit our site at www.kyfatravel.com

While the site is 100% operational at this time, over the next couple of weeks you will continue to see additions to the front page.

The KFA entered into this agreement as a way to raise funds to help defray the costs associated with the numerous projects we are involved in on your behalf. Annually our operating costs increase for such things as having the fire service represented in Frankfort during the Legislative Sessions the upkeep on the Fallen Firefighter Memorial, our Scholarship program, and the work performed by our Public Fire Education Committee just to name a few.

With the KFA Travel WEB site, there is no cost to you. There are no annoying phone calls, and no one will be knocking on your door.

As I'm sure you are aware, the Travel Industry is a multi-million dollar business and YTB Travel is on the New York Stock Exchange. YTB Travel is no different than a site you may have used in the past, such as Expedia or Orbitz.

Approximately eight years ago they developed a program to help non-profit organizations raise needed funds. They do this by giving the non-profits a percentage of the royalties they raise while at the same time keeping their rates in line with their competitors.

In order to make this work, all we are asking of our fellow firefighters, EMS personnel, and loyal supporters is that the next time you have a need to use an on-line travel agency to book that business trip, vacation, hotel room, rental car, and perhaps to send flowers to someone, please use our WEB site and be sure to tell your family and friends.

For every dollar that is generated, a portion will come directly to the KFA.

Remember that new WEB site is www.kyfatravel.com. You will also find a link to it from the KFA WEB site, www.kyfa.org.

Please remember to help the KFA help your Fire & EMS Department.

David E. Jansing

Assistant Chief Secretary

REGIONAL EMBERS

Green River Firefighters Association

Louis Crosier, Chief of the Kentucky 86 Fire Department has been a long time friend to the Green River Firefighters, teaching at our fire schools for years. We were deeply saddened as we learned of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and the 86 Firefighters.

The Officers School is just around the corner. We appreciate everyone's continued support. We look forward to seeing you in Lexington on February 27, 28 and March 1.If you have questions please contact us at the Area 3 Training Center at 888-306-8015.

We thank the Ohio County Firefighters for hosting our November meeting at their regional training center. This facility continues to be in constant use and well maintained by the Ohio County Firefighters.

We send our sympathy to the firefighters of LaCenter Fire Department in Area 1 and friends and family of Chief Pat Graves. This young chief left us way too soon.

Plans are being made for our Spring Fire School and we ask you to mark your calendars for April 18 and 19. Our Spring School will be moving to the beautiful campus of Owensboro Community and Technical College.

Our January meeting is being hosted by Henderson Fire Department at the Station #3. This modern state of the art design yet very functional station will serve the community for many years to come.

As always, if the Green River Firefighters Association or Area 3 Fire Rescue Training can be of service to you or your department please contact us at 888-306-8015.

Rick Cox, President Jimmy VanCleve, Area 3 Coordinator



Eastern KY Firefighters Association

Rusty Armstrong, President

At the November 19th meeting of the EKFA held at Olive Hill FD, elec

tions were held.

Officers elected to a 2 year term are:

Rusty Armstrong of the Catlettsburg FD was elected President succeeding Mark Hammond of Cannonsburg

Jeremy Rodgers of Olive Hill was elected Vice-President succeeding Dave Ison of East Fork FD

Duane Suttles of Grayson was re-elected to a fifth term as Secretary-Treasurer

Jack McKinney of Grayson was re-elected to a seventh term as Chaplain

Directors elected to a 2 year term are:

Chief Joe Childers of East Fork representing Boyd County

Chief Greg Felty of Grayson representing Carter County

Chief Richard Blevins of Flatwoods representing Greenup County

Chief Paul Jobe of Fallsburg representing Lawrence County

Chief Lonnie Sturgill of Grahn was elected as Director-At-Large

The director position for Elliott County remains vacant as no one was present at the meeting to caucus for the position.

The EKFA meets bi-monthly during the odd numbered months on the third Wednesday at 7pm. Meetings are hosted on a voluntary basis.

Locations are set for the coming year during the November meeting.

The meeting schedule was set for 2009 as follows:

January 19th- East Fork VFD in Boyd County March 18th- Wurtland VFD in Greenup County May 20th- Fallsburg VFD in Lawrence County July 15th- Olive Hill VFD in Carter County September 16th- Grayson VFD in Carter County November 18th- Hitchins VFD in Carter County

Northern KY Firefighters Association Greg Buckler President

Greetings from Northern Kentucky! I hope everyone throughout the state had a happy and joyful holiday season. In this New Year, please join me in congratulating two new chiefs in Northern Kentucky. Ken Williams is the new Fire Chief in Ludlow and Jason Schleue is the new Fire Chief in Piner. Congratulations to you both!

I would be remiss if I did not mention that Covington also has a new chief. Fire Chief Mark Young actually took over in August of 2008. Congratulation to you also! With the New Year we have seen a merge between the Boone County Water Rescue Organization and the Campbell County Water Rescue Organization. They merged together on January 15, 2009 combining their resources to improve the services they provide to the region.

Lastly, the Alexandria Fire Department has taken delivery of a new rescue truck built by Summit Fire Apparatus (Located in Northern Kentucky) which has many more uses then their old unit. This unit will also be used to assist in the regional TRT (Technical Rescue Team) Congratulations to Chief Jeff Puhlman and his department on this new piece of equipment.

Pike County Firefighters Association Lewsi Ratliff, Director

Firefighters in Floyd County are currently working to form a joint county honor guard. After years of traveling to California and Florida to teach honor guard procedures to firefighters and police officers, it's time to offer the same training and experience right here at home. Training and membership with the Floyd County Honor Guard is open to any member of a fire department or other emergency services organization. The Floyd County Fire Chiefs Assn. supports and provides oversight for the County Honor Guard. The county wide pooling of resources not only eases the burden on one single department, but also allows County Firefighters an opportunity to support one another as necessary.

I have talked with firefighters from both Johnson and Pike Counties about conducting training in those counties and the possibility of forming a regional honor guard. Whether we form a regional or county honor guards, we will have more trained personnel to draw from to meet a commitment. Honor Guard also provides a good opportunity for Junior Volunteers to become more involved in the fire service. When many people think about honor guard, they think "marching". But there are also support functions to be performed. So, even if a person doesn't know their left from their right, we can still find them a special job. Honor guard is a lot like fire fighting, it takes training. And when it's time to perform, you only get one shot at getting it right.

Now that the holidays are over, we will begin formulating our training schedule for 2009. Anyone interested in attending training or wanting to get involved can contact me at (606)886-2051 or email kiltank@hotmail.com.

Gary Dotson, Training Officer, Middle Creek Volunteer FD

(606)886-2051 (home) (606)226-1358 (cell)

Financial Issues and the KFA

by Woody Will

It's no secret that this country has some financial bumps in the road and one thing I have discovered in my 62 years of life is the "Trickle Down" affect really means "Less Income". This principle has hit your Kentucky Firefighters Association. The bottom line is the executive board needs to cut expenses. It is not something they want to do because the "Do more with less" is really another way to say we are "Cutting Services". They are looking for ways to increase revenue like increasing membership, adding an on-line travel service and asking you for suggestions as to how best to serve you with fewer resources to do the job with.

Back before Christmas I met with Dave Jansing and Terry Keller to discuss ways to decrease expenses from the newsletter/webpage aspect. Putting our collective heads together we came up with cutting printed publication of the newsletter from the current 6 copies per year to 3 printed copies per year with 6 on-line versions. The 3 printed issues would be February, June, and October. The February issue comes out in the middle of a legislative effort. The June issue comes out for State Fire School and the October issue is when you receive your department directory. I am sure this won't be an issue at all for those who are computer savvy and like to read it on-line and in color anyway. However we have no idea which departments are not hooked up to the internet. It will also have an effect on our sustaining members in that 3 less times a year their name will be before a department.

So bottom line is if you have a great idea of how we can raise additional funds that we have not already thought of please email me your ideas. My email is woodrow.will@kyfa.org.

FOR SALE



WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT has for sale a 1988 SUTPHEN PUMPER it has 36,700 MILES and 2786.5 PUMP HOURS. We are asking \$35,000.00. The pumper is still in service. It has the following:

*DETROIT DIESEL WITH ALLISON TRANSMIS-SION

- *Hale 1500 GPM SINGLE STAGE PUMP
- *750 GALLON BOOSTER TANK
- *FRONT SUCTION VALVE WITH HOSE TRAY
- *NO RUST WITH GREAT BODY CONDITION
- *GREAT RUNNING CONDITION
- *MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

For more information contact:

Chief Jim Profitt at 859-431-5884 Or e-mail at wilder1450@aol.com



This is a 1992 E-One Hush pumper with a 500 gallon water tank and a 40 gallon Class A foam tank. It has a 1500 gpm Hale two stage pump (model #QGT150-22) with all new gauges and all new valves to include the transfer valve. It has a 6V92 Detroit engine (serial #06VF193176) with an Allison automatic transmission (serial #HTB-741). It does have an air conditioner, but it doesn't work. It has 104,479 miles total, but the engine just had a complete in-frame rebuild dated 04/10/08. It has a 50 gallon fuel tank with connections to the on-board 6500 watt Generac generator. We are ask

ing \$35,000.00 for this unit and you can get more information by contacting:

Timothy R. Stewart Fire Chief 29019 Mayo Trail Catlettsburg, KY 41129 Station: (606)739-6424 Fax: (606)739-5924 Mobile: (606)571-1559

Pager: (606)924-2590

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

THE 2009 OFFICERS SCHOOL

Excitement continues to build for the 2009 Officers School as we make the move to Lexington. The instructor line up has been completed as the National Fire Academy has announced the instructors for the NFA classes.

For complete instructor listing and updates on the Officers School go to www.sfrtarea3.org .

We appreciate the support of Kentucky's fire service as we make the move to better and larger facilities in Lexington. There are so many organizations that have always supported us and are doing even more this year.

We could not provide the Officers School without the support of the Kentucky Fire Commission and Executive Director Ronnie Day. The Kentucky Firefighters Association is our longest running supporter being with us from day one. The Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs is expanding their role this year as they are providing facilitators for the classes.

We thank the many individuals, state agencies and regional associations which are working to make the Officers School a success.

Lexington Fire Department continues to help open doors in Lexington and we appreciate Chief Bob Hendricks and his Lexington staff for their assistance.

Hotels are filling up so do not delay in making your reservations. The Lexington Downtown Hotel – Hilton (formerly Radisson), the Hyatt and the Holiday Inn North are our host hotels and their contact information is in the brochure and on our web site. If you need assistance, please contact us.

Classes are filled as registrations come in, we encourage you to send in your registration forms. You may now go to our web site and register on line and you can pay your registration fee by credit card. We appreciate the efforts of Jimmy VanCleve

in setting up both the on-line registration and credit card payment process.

The grant class on Friday evening has expanded to cover homeland security grants. There are important meetings at the Offices School, including the Fire Commission, KFA and the Chiefs Association.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at 888-306-8015

GREEN RIVER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION



Dixie Fire School

This years Dixie Fire School will be Warch 13 - 15 for more details keep checking the Area 5 website at http://

www.sfrtarea5.org/. This yea	ars class	ses include:
Course	Hrs	Day
AHA CPR/BBP	8	Sat
AHA CPR Instructor Course	8	Sun
EMS Con-Ed	20	3 Days
Advanced SCBA	16	Sat & Sun
Aerial Operations	16	Sat & Sun
Arson 1	16	Sat & Sun
Basic FF	16	Sat & Sun
Drivers Training	8	Sat or Sun
ER to Railroad Emergencies	16	Sat & Sun
Explorers/Jr. FF Training	16	Sat & Sun
Fire Apparatus Maintenance	8	Sat or Sun
Fire Behavior/Control	8	Sat or Sun
Flashover/Thermal Imaging	8	Sun
HtG Degree CI FRT108-112	8	Sun
HtG Firefighter Hours	8-16	Sat & Sun
NFA Co. Success FRT 160	16	Sat & Sun
NFA Decision Making FRT 156	16	Sat & Sun
NFA Preparation FRT 138	16	Sat & Sun
NFPA 101 Life Safety Code	16	Sat & Sun
NFPA 1403 Cond. Live Burns	16	Sat & Sun
On Scene, in Command	8	Sat or Sun
Propane Emergencies	8	Sat
Pumping App/Water Sup FRT 141	16	Sat & Sun
So I'm an Officer, Now What?	16	Sat & Sun
Intermediate Surch & Rescue		Sat 7 Sun
Farm Rescue	16	Sat & Sun
FF Survival & Rescue FRT 153	16	Sat & Sun
Intermediate Rope Rescue	16	Sat & Sun
Intro to Large Animal Rescue	8	Sat
Vehicle Rescue	16	Sat & Sun
Bombs & Exp/Meth Labs Awa	r 8	Sat
Chaplain Training	16	Sat & Sun
Crime Scene Mgt for FR	8	Sat or Sun
Intermediate ICS for FR ICS 300	20	3 Days

2009 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
3/7-8/09	9	Maysville	888-301-2946
3/21-22/09	10	Cannonsburg	888-302-2833
3/28-29/09	3	Owensboro	888-306-8015
4/4-5/09	11	Pikeville	888-302-8935
4/18-19/09	15	TBA	888-234-3961
5/2-3/09	2	Princeton	888-306-7986
5/30-31/09	6	Louisville	888-306-8064
8/15-16/09	13	London	888-234-0100
9/19-20/09	12	Hazard	888-234-6759
10/10-11/09	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
10/17-18/09	14	Campbellsville	888-234-1780
10/17-18/09	5	Elizabethtown	888-234-7201
10/31-11/01	7	Highland Heights	888-306-8101
11/7-8/09	15	TBA	888-234-3961
11/21-22/09	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
12/12-13/09	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

Written testing information is available on the area 9 web site. 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).

KFA Special Events Coordinator Charlie Shaw would like to remind everyone to Mark **Your Calendars:**

June 11 - 14, 2009 - Homeland Security Conference & State Fire School; Lexington

August 1 - 4, 2009 - KY Firefighters Assoc 2009

Conference Landmark Inn. Pikeville, http://kfa2009.com/Home_Page.php

August 14 & 15, 2009 - Firefighter Combat Challenge Lexington, KY



News from State Fire Rescue Training

NEW COURSES State Fire Rescue Training has several new courses which can be delivered into your

department as part of your 20 hours of state training. Contact your area coordinator to schedule these classes.

The 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook course helps your firefighters get the full benefits of the guidebook. This is a three to four hour class. Knowing how to use the ERG is important to your initial operations at a hazardous materials incident.

Fighting Fires In Sprinklered Buildings has been updated by Factory Mutual. As more sprinkler systems are installed, this course becomes more important to more departments. College credit can be awarded for this course, class number FRS1048.

Utilities Emergencies is a new course helping firefighters provide an effective and efficient response to electrical and gas emergencies. Fire departments make many responses to incidents involving both gas and electric lines and this is the latest training to help keep your firefighters safe.

NEW COURSE NUMBERS State Fire Rescue Training has implemented new course numbers for the fractional or modular courses which make up the degree program. The new numbers will make it easier to determine which modular courses make up the parent course. As an example, course number FRS 1022 Ladders is a module of the parent course FRS 102 Basic Skills. The first three numbers of the module or fractional course is the number of the parent course. For those tracking your degree progress, contact your Area Coordinator for a list of the new numbers or send me an email at bryant.stiles@kctcs.edu .

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY The National Fire Academy is working on update to three courses, ICS for EMS, Incident Safety Officer and Health and Safety Officer. During the first week of December 2008 NFA conducted a pilot delivery of the three courses on campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Twenty six fire service leaders from around the country were invited to attend to provide input on the revisions on the classes. We were pleased to have Marc Rudder, our Area 13 Coordinator, as one of the 26 people invited to attend. Marc re-

ports he was pleased with the improvements to the courses.

IFSAC Certification Program Thanks to Duane Suttles and the many coordinators, instructors and staff members who have worked on materials as we change to the 2008 Edition of NFPA 1001 and 472. These updated standards brought about new curriculum, test banks and skills sheets for our IFSAC Program.

IFSAC Degree Program Whitney Innes has been elected to Chair the Degree Assembly of International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). This occurred at the fall IFSAC meeting in Texas.

ON-LINE LEARNING For the Spring Semester 2009 we have 24 students from across the state participating in our on-line classes as these students work toward their Associates Degree in Fire Rescue Science. We are proud of each of these students. Our Area 5 staff, including Casey Hall, Rusty Todd and Everett Roberts, are leading our distance learning process. If you are interested in pursuing your degree, our distance learning program may be an option for you. For more information contact Casey at casey.hall@kctcs.edu .

If Fire Rescue Training can be of service to you or your department, please contact your Area Coordinator or myself at the Fire Commission Office in Versailles

Bryant Stiles, Division Director



Chaplain's Corner

By Woody Will

As we begin a new year we need first to look back at 2008. This time last year we were anticipating a new year of tasks that needed to be accomplished, relations to begin and goals to meet. Well how did you do at meeting your goals, starting those new relationships, completing those tasks? Even if you didn't do well over the last year you now have the opportunity to start again. You have 300 and some odd days to meet new people, hug and kiss the ones you love, and meet those goals. Take time each day to laugh at yourself, express love to those close to you, and multiply your faith.

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NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code

In this article I want to specifically focus on NFPA 54, the *National Fuel Gas Code*, a safety code that applies to the installation of fuel gas piping systems, fuel gas utilization equipment, and related accessories. NFPA 54 is used in every U.S. state, adopted in 37 states, and used abroad – it is the most widely accepted document in the fuel gas industry and is the basis of all gas codes in the United States. Importantly, it is already used statewide in Kentucky.

Further, every utility in the United States already uses - at least as a reference - NFPA 54. Therefore, continuing the long-standing practice of adopting NFPA 54 as a component of the state's family of codes would keep the state in sync with utility companies that serve Kentucky. Proposals have been submitted to adopt the International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), which is primarily a construction code with provisions taken from NFPA 54. Why would Kentucky adopt duel gas codes in the state when NFPA 54 has everything that the IFGC has and more - including handbooks that are critical in assisting the user/enforcer? For instance when it comes to putting appliances into service, the IFGC does not include the same level of detail as NFPA 54. The comprehensive provisions in NFPA 54 ensure more consistent installations and a higher degree of safety. Another concern is IFGC 505.1.1, which requires interlocking between the commercial kitchen exhaust system and the gas line to commercial cooking appliances. This IFGC requirement, which is not included in NFPA 54, can constitute a safety hazard as the pilot lights will have to be lit everyday prior to placing the equipment in operation. Also, NFPA 54 includes code provisions for Qualified Agency, Prevention of Accidental Ignition, Point of Delivery, Gas Meters, Back Pressure Protection, Low Pressure Protection, Piping in Vertical Chases, Branch Pipe Connections, Gas-Air Mixtures Outside Flammable Range, Electrical Circuits, Thermostats and more. These superior code provisions are found only in NFPA 54. Also, NFPA 54 is supported by the best technical experts in the world, and is a time-tested, proven code.

The fact remains that NFPA 54 is the industry standard that designers, installers, and inspectors

nationwide rely on to improve productivity and reduce accidents. And the latest edition has been updated to reflect the most recent developments in construction materials, methods, and procedures.

NFPA Training and Service

In addition to producing the most up-to-date, comprehensive codes and standards in the world, NFPA also provides the best available technical expertise, training, and services that are important to any jurisdiction adopting codes and standards. States can depend on NFPA to provide unmatched training and technical expertise needed once the codes are adopted. If Kentucky continues adopting NFPA 54 as the state's fuel gas code, NFPA will make available to code enforcers free training and associated codebooks. This training will ensure that enforcers in the state have up-to-date reference materials and training from the best experts in the business at no cost. This is the same program of free training and complimentary codebooks that NFPA has provided AHJs throughout the state in support of NFPA 1, Uniform Fire Code™, NFPA 101, Life Safety Code® and many others. And, NFPA will extend this offer each time Kentucky adopts updated, standalone editions of NFPA 54 or any of NFPA's other major codes and standards. Further, all NFPA codes and standards are available free for viewing on NFPA's website. These unmatched offers of free training, codebooks and services provide enforcers with the best possible codes and training while saving valuable tax dollars for the state.

In addition, NFPA channels its resources into independent research initiatives, continuing education services, incident scene investigations, and broad public education programs. No other code development organization shares NFPA's commitment to both the users of our codes, as well as the communities in which our codes are used.

In closing, as a life-long member of the Kentucky Fire Service, I look forward to continuing to work with each of you to promote fire and life safety throughout our state. We continue to rank near the bottom of all U.S. states in fire safety, but by working together we can and we will change that statistic. Continuing to adopt the NFPA 54, *National Fuel Gas Code* is one more step in accomplishing just that!

THE COURAGE TO BE SAFE

www.everyonegoeshome.com Chief Marc A. Muench-EGO State Advocate

Of what good is a Firefighter or an EMT, to your department, if that emergency responder is hurt and unable to respond to a call or worse, they have been killed while performing their duty? Anyone who has attended a LODD funeral can paint you a vivid picture of the devastation such a loss lays upon those who have lost a spouse, parent, child, relative or friend. How would it effect your department?

Within our own organizations, the loss of a colleague is the most traumatic of experiences. It directly effects us as leaders, our personnel and our department as a whole. It means a lost friend, one less person to serve our community, one less dedicated member to respond when called and in means years of fire service and/or EMS knowledge no longer available to be passed on to other members of the department. How do we replace this knowledge and experience? How do we replace such a person?

If you would, take one minute to think over what the loss of one of your valuable members would mean to your department. Now, think of what you might be willing to do to keep that person as well as all of your members safer and healthier in what they do. One of the easiest things you can do is to get your department involved in the "National Fallen Firefighters Foundations" (NFFF), "Everyone Goes Home" Initiative (EGO).

Many of you are familiar but for those who are not, the "Everyone Goes Home" program was begun in 2004 by the NFFF as an initiative to significantly reduce the number of firefighter injuries and deaths within the United States. The EGH program has adopted the "16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives" which are straightforward ways to keep your emergency personnel safer and healthier. Beginning with the next issue of "Smoke Signals", I will be highlighting these 16 Initiatives and presenting a brief discussion on each topic. Each subsequent issue will address one or two additional initiatives and will challenge your department to remain responsive not only to the needs of your community but to become totally dedicated to the

health and safety of your personnel. I look forward to your input and your support in making Kentucky a safer place in which your firefighters and EMS personnel can work.

So where's Chief Rick Larkins? Congratulations are in order as Chief Larkins has been "promoted" to the position of Southeast Regional Director of the EGH program. While he will remain very active in promoting the program, Chief Larkins has passed the roll of "Kentucky State EGH Advocate" on to me. I'm just now getting my feet wet but hope to be at full tilt by the next edition of Smoke Signals. In the mean time, please feel free to contact me at: marc.muench@florence-ky.gov or 859.991.0721. Stay Safe and Keep Going Home After Each Run, After Each Shift.



National Volunteer Fire Council

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Bryant Stiles, Alternate

Fire Grants A strategic planning session for the future of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program was conducted just outside of Washington in November.

Each of the nine national fire service organizations sent two representatives. I was proud to be one of the two representatives of the National Volunteer Fire Council.

Each year we have to battle for the annual appropriation of funds for the Fire Grants Program, but 2009 will be even more interesting as the Program comes up for reauthorization. In these difficult economic times, it will be critical for all of us to support reauthorization of this vital program.

We encourage all departments to submit a grant application. If you need help, please contact me at Bryant.stiles@kctcs.edu and we will locate someone to help you.

Resource Typing I have been representing NVFC on a national work group attempting to finalize the federal governments Resource Typing List for apparatus and special equipment / teams. This list will assist states when working both through the intrastate mutual aid requests and the state to state requests through EMAC.

I thank the KFA Board for allowing me to continue to represent you as our NVFC Alternate Director at NVFC and I thank Ken Knipper for his leadership as our NVFC Director.

Bryant Stiles



Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

Happy New Year Everyone, and may it be Prosperous and SAFE for Everyone!

Congratulations and Thanks to Neal Oliver, our Brother from Winchester FIRE/EMS for being selected and attending NFPA's Remembering When Conference in Boston, Mass in Early December. My contacts from NFPA have advised me, Neal was an admirable representative of our State and has brought back some interesting and useful tips from NFPA on Senior Citizen Projects and Programs, Great Job Neal!

My friend and fellow Public Educator, Dayna Hilton of Johnson RFD Arkansas has advised me there is a really neat website up and running called (www.firesafetyeducator.com) which has some excellent and useful fire and life safety tips you all need to check out. A new up and coming website soon should be on line www.askafirefighter.com. I recently had to do my yearly report to NFPA Public Education Division through our Field Advisor Terry Campbell. NFPA continues to be very impressed with what we are doing in Kentucky and that is a credit to all our fire and life safety educators throughout Kentucky. I hope all of you have taken advantage of the resources NFPA continues to provide for you, completely free, such as; website access, Sparky and RiskWatch on line program ideas and downloads, the DVD's which are being sent to all fire departments free of charge and other neat tips.

Greg Schultz has begun working on our proposed Class for State Fire School in June, we are hoping to provide NFA Juvenile Firesetting Part Two Course which compliments the class we provided a couple of years ago at the Green River Officers School, more information on this will be forthcoming. There are still some issues that need to be worked out for us to do a Public Education Seminar which we wanted to do last November and hoped to do in the Spring. I am not convinced we can pull this off without making many concessions and having costs we just can't afford. If any of you have ideas about how we can best proceed with this, I welcome your comments and ideas.

I am extremely concerned about Fires in Kentucky during this winter season. With the state of our economic situation and the costs of heating fuels skyrocketing who knows what can happen. We must intensify our efforts to educate our citizens as best we can. EDUCATION on good Winter Safety Tips is going to be crucial to all of our communities. I have already begun making newsletter, newspaper and television safety programs known to my own area networks, please consider doing the same.

Lastly, I will be making my report to the KFA Executive Board at the Green River Officers School in Lexington February 28th at their next meeting. If you have comments or something you need me to mention or bring up to the executive board regarding Public Education Issues, I welcome your e-mails or calls.

Hope to see you all soon, BE SAFE! AND Always May God Bless!

Fireman Joe

NIOSH Respirator User Notice

Global Secure Safety Products, Inc. (formerly CairnsAir Inc.) Respirators will be listed on NIOSH Certified Equipment List (CEL) as Obsolete and Certificates of Approval will be Revoked.

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used where NIOSH-approved respirators are required regardless of the current state of maintenance.

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2009 Legislative Report

The 2009 legislative session has begun with the organizational portion completed as of January 9, 2009. The leadership races where held on Tuesday and the following

are the changes; Senate Leadership

Senator David L. Williams – Senate President Senator Katie Kratz Stine – President Pro Tem Senator Dan Kelly – Majority Floor Leader Senator Ed Worley – Minority Floor Leader Senator Dan Seum – Majority Caucus Chair Senator Johnny Ray Turner – Minority Caucus Chair

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Rep. Jeff Hoover - Minority Floor Leader

Rep. Robert Damron - Majority Caucus Chair

Rep. Bob DeWeese - Minority Caucus Chair

Rep. John Will Stacy - Majority Whip

Rep. David Floyd - Minority Whip

The next part of the legislative session will not officially begin until Tuesday February 4, 2009 and we are going to be busy trying to make changes with the Incentive pay program. This will be the major effort to fix the problem for overtime added to incentive pay, as the courts have ruled. The legislation that is being drafted will continue to pay the firefighters through the cities but will exclude the overtime on scheduled overtime but will add to the pension for the benefit of the firefighters. The only overtime that will be added is for unscheduled overtime, at the same rate as the police today. We are working with the Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky Association of Counties, and every fire organization. The legislation if successful will basically put the issue of overtime back to the way the legislation should have been.

Another bill that we are looking at is House Bill 150 that would require CPAT for all paid fire fighters. The Fire Commission will be providing this program to all paid fire departments at no cost and will save most cities the doing their own testing.

At this time that is the only legislation that we have but other issues are being discussed and I will be issuing more information as it becomes available. If anyone that wants updates from the session and has not sent me their information please do so. **Howdy Kurtsinger**

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NEW ARRIVALS

Mt. Washington FD Gets New Rescue Tools

The Mt. Washington Fire Department took delivery of 3 complete sets of Genesis Rescue tools from High Tech Rescue. These tools were necessary as Mt. Washington expanded their capabilities, and will replace some aging Amkus tools. Congratulations to Mt. Washington as they continue to improve their capability to serve their rapidly growing community.



The Shelby County Fire District has taken delivery of a 2- Toyne 1250 gpm pumpers from High Tech Rescue. The units feature Watterous pumps with a 750 gallon Tanks, 25 gal. Class A Foam Systems and automatic chains. They are built on Spartin Chassis, and were purchased as part of Shelby County's recent opening of two new stations.



"Remembering When" Conference

On December 3rd – 5th Fire Marshal Neal Oliver of the Winchester Fire Department traveled to Boston MA to attend the 2nd "*Remembering When?*" conference sponsored by NFPA. Remembering When is centered around 16 key safety messages – eight fire prevention and eight fall prevention – developed by experts from national and local safety organizations as well as through focus group testing in the high-fire-risk states of AK, AR, and MS, and in Cleveland and Atlanta.

Remembering When was designed to be implemented by a coalition comprising the local fire department, service clubs, social and religious organizations, retirement communities, and others. Coalition members can decide how to best approach the local senior population: through group presentations, during home visits, and/or as part of a smoke alarm installation and fall intervention program.

Fire Marshal Oliver is anxious to share the knowledge he gained during his trip. He is pictured below at the conference in Boston.



Pictured above from Left to Right: Neal Oliver, Team Member from Winchester FD - Sheila Doyle and Terry Campbell from NFPA. Terry Campbell is our Field Advisor for Kentucky for the Champion Management Team. Terry is also from Glenville Fire Dept in Illinois just outside Chicago.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Adoption of 2008 NEC

I'm please to announce that in a 10-1 decision today January 9th 2009 the Board of Housing, Building & Construction voted to formally adopt the 2008 National Electrical Code (NFPA 70). There were no exceptions and no amendments.

This is truly good news for the safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

We had a huge showing of support and there were several well- educated individuals who spoke on our behalf.

I want to thank everyone who braved the icy roads and made this possible. I also wish to thank the Deputy Secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet and the State Fire Marshal who also attended and spoke in favor of the adoption on behalf of the Cabinet.

Thanks again.

David E. Jansing, CFI

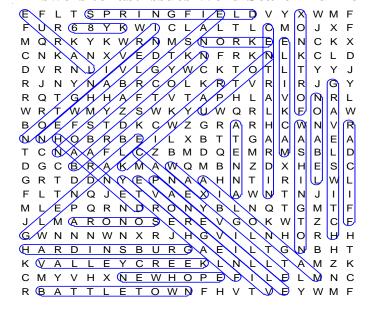
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Words of Wisdom

America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.

Harry S. Truman

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