



Smoke Signals II

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“Patient transports from a HAZMAT hot zone with All Terrain Res-Q Trailers”

While visiting with Chief Richard McGill of the North Vernon Fire and Rescue Department in southern Indiana last week, the chief came up with a great idea for patient removal from a HAZMAT hot zone, transport to the DECON site, and subsequent transfer to the EMS triage area. As the chief was checking out an All Terrain Res-Q™ Trailer he observed this off-road patient transport system has an optional front swivel wheel. The “ATR Nose Gear” as it’s called, allows for easy movement of the trailer when not hitched to an ATV or other tow vehicle. Almost immediately, the chief came up with the following scenario.

Two rescuers, and an All Terrain Res-Q™ Trailer with the front swivel wheel in place, if outfitted with a mesh lined Stokes litter, could easily be used to transport a victim from a HAZMAT hot zone to the DECON site. Once there, the decontamination process could begin without the need to remove the patient from the litter or trailer. With it’s open design, the patient, basket litter and rescue trailer would be decontaminated as one unit. After DECON, the trailer with patient still in the mesh Stokes litter, is rolled to EMS triage, removed from the trailer and awaits ambulance transport to a medical facility. As it has already been decontaminated, the rescue trailer is outfitted with another mesh basket litter and immediately returns to service for the next haul out from the hot zone. Using this system, which requires only two personnel per patient, an almost continuous victim removal process could be undertaken with a supply of mesh basket litters and All Terrain Res-Q™ Trailers.



After hearing this common sense application of existing equipment, mesh type basket litters, in concert with new technology, All Terrain Res-Q™ Trailers, we felt it was important to share this with all ATR users. Also, so that others may benefit from the resourcefulness of this emergency service professional, PLEASE PASS THIS ALONG TO HAZMAT RESPONDERS IN YOUR COMMUNITIES.

Mike Brady

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Notes From The President's Desk Troy Newcomb

It is hard to believe that another year has already come and gone and I am writing my final notes from the President's desk. I want first of all to convey my sincere and deepest appreciation to all those that helped me during my term as an executive board member. I know the Kentucky Firefighters Association is a great group of people committed in serving their fellow brothers and sisters of the emergency services. I am sure that incoming President John Daley will do a great job for all of the fire service of Kentucky.

The Kentucky Homeland Security/State Fire School in Lexington was a great success and everyone who served on a State Fire School committee is to be commended for their hard work in making sure that the emergency services of Kentucky have such a great asset for the betterment of each and every community. We now know that this fire school, which was once lacking in attendance, is now making a strong comeback for all the emergency services in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In years to come you will see this great school continue to grow and prosper as it did when there was over one thousand two hundred people attending. I hope that each group that participated this year will continue to be a part of this oldest fire school in the Nation.

When you read this edition of the smoke signals in August, the 87th Annual Kentucky Firefighters Conference will have concluded. I hope that the West Region of the Kentucky Firefighters Association will have made a great impact for the fire service of Kentucky. I hope that I have been a servant unto you and that my presidency will always be remembered for sharing first of all the Word Of God with each of you and that you will know that I will always keep you in my prayers. We are excited to have presented to you the Kentucky Firefighters Honor and Color Guard. These men all worked diligently to provide a service to their brothers and sisters of the fire service. The Kentucky Firefighters Association has always been known to have their reputation for their red coats. I feel with this new designed uniform for the Kentucky Firefighters Association this will be another

great addition that can be added for honor to those that have served in the past.

I will now close and would just like to say thank you to my wife Missy and my son Daniel for how much I love them for their care and support during my time on the executive board. I must give a great big thank you to Paul Billings for serving as coordinator of the 87th annual conference. It was by his sacrifice that we were able to have such a great conference and I will always be thankful for the time that he has given to the fire service of Kentucky. Thank you to everyone that participated on a committee, that helped type a letter, put together a power point or just was there to say good job! I salute each of you with the highest honor.

Truly I say
God bless

Troy Newcomb, President



Treasurer's Notes by Terry Keller

State Fire School was a huge success. Fire Commission, Homeland Security, Lexington Fire Department, K F A, K P F A, K C T C S, and any other group that was involved in this years fire school deserves a pat on the back. It was a very impressive event. I believe the school has finely returned to the type of school the fire service has wanted. Classes are better than ever. The bar has been raised to a level that will ultimately improve Firefighters state wide. As a member of the executive board of the K F A, I would like to thank everyone who made this year's school what it was.

From the financial side, there are 396 dues paying departments, 40 sustaining memberships and 16 personal memberships as of July 1, 2007. The fiscal year ends on July 31. Dues paying departments are the lifeblood of the KFA. Their dues fund the day to day operations during the year. The fundraising company that collects money for the KFA pays for most of the programs the Executive Board administers. Your KFA needs more departments to join and help our programs. I know I am preaching to

the choir, but if you are talking to another department who has not joined, explain how important it is for their department to become a member. Remind them of the benefits they enjoy because of what the KFA does. For example, this week as Governor Fletcher has called a special session of the Legislators, it cost money to send our legislative representative to Frankfort. This is one example of extra money that needs to be spent to protect the benefits the fire service has. If the KFA did not send someone to Frankfort to watch the bills being voted on, something could be attached to the bill which would possibly take away a benefit the fire service has. ***YOUR*** KFA is ***YOUR*** watch dog to see that **does not happen.**

State Conference will be in full swing at the time of this printing. I hope everyone is having a good time. Departments need to be involved in the state conference. This is where and how, you the firefighter can tell the Executive Board and committees, what the firefighters of Kentucky want.

Until I can see most of you at the conference, stay safe and pray for our service people. They are fighting for our freedom.

Terry Keller, Treasurer

REGIONAL EMBERS



Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association
Richard Tapp President

Greetings from “Far Western Kentucky” and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. We hope that this posting finds everyone well and able to endure this summer season with some degree of comfort and sanity. The blessing is that the fall season is just around the corner and with that thought in mind, most of us will be able to endure just a while longer.

As you are reading this issue of Smoke Signals II, the 2007 KFA conference at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in “Far Western Kentucky “ will be in the history books. KFA President Troy Newcomb and the men and women of the KFA west region worked tirelessly and enthusiastically

to provide a great 2007 conference. I know that our efforts were not in vain and that every conference attendee enjoyed the conference, the activities and the camaraderie with the Kentucky firefighters from across the state. My only regret is that more of our firefighters did not attend the conference. Newly elected KFA President John Daley and the Northern Kentucky Firefighters have already announced the dates for the 2008 KFA Conference. (August 5-8, 2008) If you missed the KFA 2007 conference then it was your loss. Mark the date for the 2008 conference on your calendar now and do not make the same mistake again.

The summer season in “Far Western Kentucky” is a little slow as far as firefighter activities are concerned. I believe that for the most part this is by design. Many of our personnel schedule vacations with their families during this part of the year which, by the way, is of the utmost importance. The JPFA Annual Fire School Committee takes a break during summer to catch their breath after the previous school. Of course this vital committee will gear back up the first of September to begin preparations for the 2008 Annual Fire School. With our normal work schedules, all of our everyday activities and extra activities that we are involved in there just is not a lot of spare time that abounds for most people. I sometimes wonder if a lot of us are just getting older and slowing down or if we are getting involved in more activities. The slower summer season might be a good opportunity to take stock of our lives and reevaluate our priorities.

I recently visited the KFA web site at www.kyfa.org which I do on almost a daily basis. If you need or if you want information concerning the Kentucky fire service this site is a must for you. In this fast paced world that we live in today, information is power in the hands of the people. (Which includes the firefighters in the State of Kentucky) The KFA in concert with Woody Will, the KFA web master, provides the latest, the most updated information concerning the Kentucky Fire Service. We often hear firefighters say, “I did not know that”. That folks is simply an unacceptable excuse. There is only one excuse for not knowing or not being aware of what is going on in the Kentucky Fire Service. It is often referred to as laziness. I urge

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you to mark this web site on your computer and refer to it often. You could be surprised at what you might learn.

And last but certainly not least I would ask that you continue to remember and pray for all of our service personnel where ever they may be. We must never forget them and all of the sacrifices that they make so that we can live safely in these United States of America. May God Bless and Protect Our Troops.

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

Paul S. Billings

What's UP with that?

By Woody Will

The good thing about being semi retired is that I get time to read and ponder interesting issues. I want to try to pull together some seemingly unrelated issues that are really very much related.

In the summer issue of "Speaking of Fire" published by Fire Protection Publications of Oklahoma State University (you can view this document from a link on the KFA webpage www.kyfa.org), Kay Goss has written an article entitled "Emergency Management Handbook: The First of Its Kind". As the "Essentials Of Firefighting" has been to the fire service of the past the "Emergency Management Handbook" will be the future. The article introduces what I am sure will be a very significant book for the future of emergency services. In the article Ms Goss states.

"Emergency management is a high-growth business and market. According to the most recent statistics from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA), over 130 institutions of higher education in the nation now offer degree or certificate programs in emergency management".

She goes on to state,

"Emergency management and homeland security are rapidly emerging professions with increasing challenges and

escalating public and news media attention. Originally, there was one basic law regarding emergency management; now there are hundreds. A few rules and regulations were published in the *Federal Register* each year by FEMA; now there are hundreds published by numerous agencies and departments. Emergency management was handled by one congressional committee; now numerous congressional committees, commissions, and task forces deal with emergency management, its concepts, and homeland security.

The National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (commonly called the *9/11 Commission*) continues to issue accountability reports. Program baselines, strong guidance, and emerging standards are being designed, developed, and implemented to improve and institutionalize structures and capabilities. One of the first items of consideration in the current session of Congress, almost six years after the event, was the full implementation of *The 9/11 Commission Report* recommendations."

I spent a little time at a website called www.washingtonbudgetreport.com. This site is a good source if you are interested where our federal government spends our money. Our Federal Deficit (the difference between spending and revenues) for FY 2007 is \$344 Billion. We went from a 200+ Billion surplus in 2000 to a nearly 400 Billion deficit in 2004. Most of that difference was brought about by the events of 9/11. So as you can see the two subjects are very much related.

What does all of this have to do with you? If you as a fire service manager are going to stay in business, get your fair share of decreasing federal dollars, then you will need to become more of an emergency manager. I can remember like it was yesterday when Bill Hankinson, former director of State Fire Rescue Training, say "Those boys are nothing but frustrated Bomb Shelter Wardens". Well the days of the old DES line of thinking are gone. We are now in the world of Homeland Security and it is in the driver's seat. Get on board or get left behind!

NVFC and USFA Release Comprehensive Guide to Retention and Recruitment

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

You can download a copy of the PDF version of this guide at <http://www.nvfc.org/pdf/2007-retention-and-recruitment-guide.pdf>. A hard copy of this publication will be available through the USFA Publications Center in September 2007.

Words of Wisdom

Life is like a ten speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use.

[Charles M. Schulz](#)

Milwaukee Cordless Tool Battery Recall

Batteries Used with Power Tools Recalled by Milwaukee Electric Tool Co. Due To Laceration Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Milwaukee Power Plus, Chicago Pneumatic, and Extractor 14.4 and 18 volt 2.4 Ah NiCd battery packs

Units: About 1 million

Manufacturer/Importer: Milwaukee Electric Tool Co., of Brookfield, Wis.

Hazard: If a vent on the battery cell is damaged or compromised during use, the battery can explode and pose a laceration hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Milwaukee Electric Tool Co. has received 35 reports of incidents, including 11 injuries from battery packs exploding while in use. Injuries include minor cuts, bruises and some hearing loss.

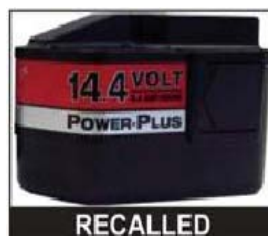
Description: The recalled batteries are used to power drills, saws, radios, flashlights, wrenches and Extractor windshield glass removers. The recall includes 14.4 and 18 volt 2.4 Ah NiCd Milwaukee Power Plus, Chicago Pneumatic, and Extractor battery packs manufactured between July 1999 and February 2004. The brand name can be found on a label on most battery packs. However, some 14.4 Volt 2.4Ah packs did not have "Power Plus" on the label. The battery packs were sold both with tool kits and as individual battery packs. Battery packs manufactured after February 2004 are not included in this recall.

Sold by: Home centers, hardware stores, industrial distributors and vehicle service distributors nationwide from July 1999 through 2005.

Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled battery packs. Consumers should contact the Milwaukee Electric Tool Co. to determine if they have one of the recalled batteries. The company will provide a free replacement battery pack for consumers with recalled units.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Milwaukee Electric Tool Co. at (800) 729-3878 between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.milwaukeetool.com (pdf)

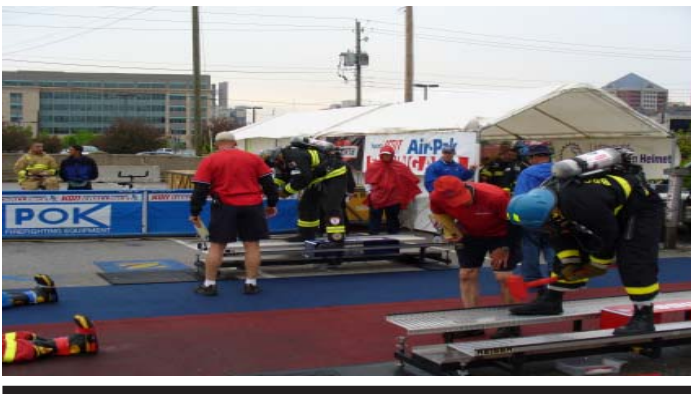


FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE TO BE HELD IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Aug 11-12, 2007

"Where's the Fire?" Will be the likely question heard wherever the Firefighter Combat Challenge is being held. Hundreds of firefighters organized by departmental teams and representing the best of the bravest, will battle head to head against themselves and the clock for high honors at the Challenge. The Combat Challenge will run in Lexington, Kentucky, near Rupp Arena, on August, 11-12, 2007.

What to expect - Wearing "full bunker gear" and a Scott breathing apparatus (SCBA), pairs of firefighters simulate the physical demands of real life firefighting by competing on a linked series of five tasks. Dominating the landscape is a five-story hydraulic tower, the centerpiece of all the activity. Competitors climb to the top of the tower carrying a 42-pound high-rise pack; then hoist a 42 lb. hose roll to the top; next they descend to the ground floor where they simulate chopping by swinging a 9-pound shot mallet on the end of a 160 pound steel beam. They then zigzag 140 feet through simulation hydrants to the fourth station, where they advance an attack hose a distance of 75 feet; and finally, competitors drag a life sized, 175 lb. "victim" a distance of 100 feet to the finish line.



2008 Conference Notes

The 2008 KFA Conference will be held in Northern Kentucky. One of the projects for the conference is to make quilts, for each Region of the State. To help us with this endeavor, we would like to receive a patch from each department in the state (approximately 850 departments). If possible please send one of your department patches and a note stating which regional association you are a member of (ie: Green River, Dixie, Jackson

Purchase, etc.) so we will get your patch on the appropriate quilt.

The quilts will be on display at the conference. To help us, we would like the patches as soon as possible, so that we can get started on this project immediately. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Send the patches to:

Ryland Heights Fire/EMS, 10041 Decoursey Pike
Ryland Heights KY 41015, Attn: Captain Rick Hopple

Yours in the Fire Service,

Rick Hopple

Captain Rick Hopple

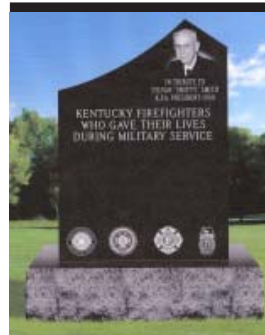


Cancer Support

We are a network of Fire Department personnel who are cancer survivors, caregivers and volunteers willing to share our personal experiences with

Fire Department members and their immediate family members who are faced with the challenging and often terrifying diagnosis of cancer. *Together We Can* provide comfort, strength, and hope.

For immediate assistance call toll free (866) 994-FCSN. For further information on Firefighter Cancer Support Network visit us on the web at: www.firefightercancersupport.org



Firefighters Killed in Military Service

Your KFA in conjunction with the Fire Commission, Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, and Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association are building a memorial for those firefighters from KY killed while serving in the military. Each organization will split the cost of the memorial. The design of the memorial has been finalized and will be in place for the October 2007 Memorial Service.

We now need your help. We are looking for the names of Kentucky firefighters who died in the line of military duty while serving in our military after 1990. Send your information to: Wallace Possich, 314 W. 2nd Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 or E-Mail: wallace.possich@kyfa.org



Chaplain's Corner

Supporting Heroes

SUPPORTING HEROES is an organization that provides support to families of police, fire, and EMS heroes killed in the line of duty. Based in Louisville, Kentucky we serve ALL police officers, firefighters, and EMS workers in Indiana and Kentucky.

“Police,” “fire,” and “EMS” are general terms used to broadly categorize those who risk their lives for the “public safety” of our communities on a daily basis. Included are: police officers; sheriffs/deputy sheriffs; constables/deputy constables; sworn corrections personnel; firefighters; rescue squad personnel; EMS/ambulance personnel — including private ambulance personnel when they are engaged in municipal responses; etc.)

SUPPORTING HEROES is not an “insurance” program, but an “assurance” program. Our goal is to assure those who routinely risk their lives on the behalf of others that, should the ultimate call to service come, the loved ones they leave behind will be cared for — through a collaborative effort of their fellow public safety personnel and the citizens they served. **Membership is NOT required to receive benefits. ALL public safety personnel in the two states are covered.**

Our goal is to respond to all line of duty public safety deaths in Indiana and Kentucky and present a \$3,000 “emergency funds” check to the family within 24 hours. We then provide or facilitate additional support as needed/requested and as determined on a case by case basis. Additional immediate support can take many forms including, but not limited to: funeral planning/coordination; grief counseling; funeral travel assistance; home security; peer support; additional funds; etc.

Additionally, the members of SUPPORTING HEROES know that when a funeral is over, most people return to their normal lives. But for the survivors, “normal” will never be the same again. “A hero’s sacrifice is forever” — so is the sacrifice of the hero’s family.

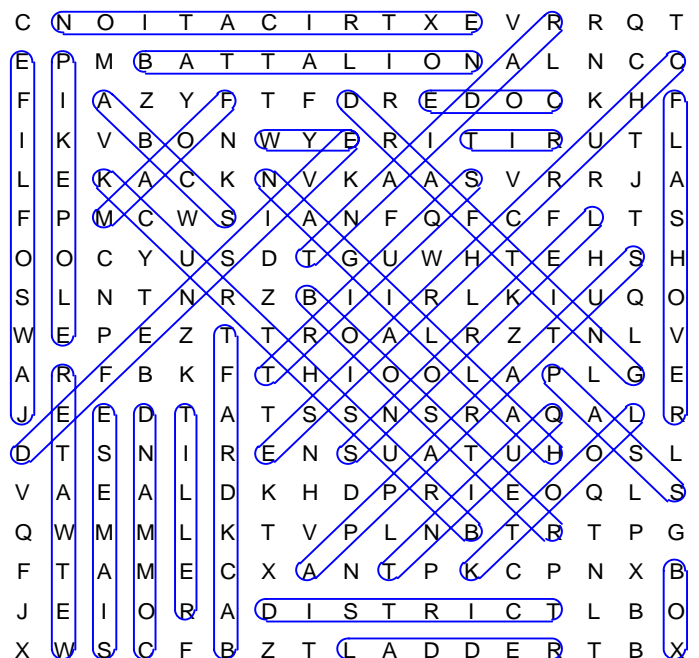
Therefore, the care and support of SUPPORTING HEROES is long-term. A short time after the funeral, an assessment is made of the family’s financial needs. As determined on a case by case

basis, monthly financial support is then provided to eliminate or prevent financial stress. The financial support continues until state and/or federal line of duty death benefits are received. Other forms of support are also provided — again, as determined on a case by case basis.

The members of SUPPORTING HEROES believe that when a public-safety professional routinely risks his/her life for his/her community then ultimately makes the supreme sacrifice, the community and public safety family should “carry on” on his/her behalf and look after the loved ones left behind. We want to do that in grand fashion and, while doing so, demonstrate to the survivors that what their loved one lived and died for is important, people remember, and they care.

Individual membership is \$120 per year. Family membership (2 adults) is \$200 per year. There is no charge for public safety survivors for membership. Dues can be paid annually, semi-annually, quarterly, or through monthly credit card drafts. To sign up on line, go to: <http://www.supportingheroes.org/index.php?module=PayPalCart> or, for more information, email: Membership@SupportingHeroes.org.

Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Pikeville/Pike County Regional
Fire School
September 7 - 9, 2007

4 Hour Classes

Friday Classes

1. Wildland Firefighting
2. Advanced Weather Spotters

Saturday Classes

1. Electrical Emergencies
2. Meth Lab Awareness

Sunday Classes

1. Hybred Fueled Vehicles
2. Bus Emergencies

1 Day Classes

Saturday

1. Driving Simulator Class
2. Fire Fighter Survival
3. Understanding the ISO Rating System

Sunday

1. Driving Simulator Class
2. Fire Fighter Rescue
3. Advanced Communications

2 Day Classes Sat. & Sun.

1. House Burn
2. Arson II
3. Mantracking
4. Highway Scene Safety
5. Trench Rescue
6. ATV Safety and Rescue
7. I'm An Officer, What's Next?
8. Basic Firefighting Skills
9. Hard to Get Hours
10. Prehospital Trauma Life Support

For additional information or to register for class call 888-302-8935 or Email greg.gray@kctcs.edu.

Instructors School

November 16, 17, 18, 2007

The Kentucky Instructors School will again this year be held at the Somerset Community College Laurel County Campus 100 University Dr London, KY 40741-6737. One of the classes offered will be the required refresher course the Fire Commission requires in order for instructors to maintain their instructor certification.

Meade County Fire School

October 6-7, 2007

Meade County High School

Registration \$20

Classes include:

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| 1. Big Water | Sat & Sun |
| 2. EMT Continuing Ed | Sat & Sun |
| 3. Officers Class | Sat & Sun |
| 4. FF Safety & Survival | Sat & Sun |
| 5. Basic 16 | Sat & Sun |
| 6a. Chaplain Class | Sat Only |
| 6b. Basic Rope | Sun Only |
| 7a. Basic Extrication | Sat Only |
| 7b. Flammable Gasses | Sun Only |

Anyone preregistered by September 21st will receive a school shirt. You can call 270-422-5205 for info, or just mail your registration to 103 Fairway Court, Brandenburg, KY 40108.

Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) Class Schedule

8/16-17/07	Pastoral Crisis Intervention II
9/13-14/07	Assisting Individuals in Crisis
10/11-12/07	Group Crisis Intervention
11/8-9/07	Strategic Response to Crisis

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

Kentucky Fire Commission Meeting Schedule

The Kentucky Fire Commission is comprised of 19 members and the Executive Director Ronnie Day. Scheduled meetings are held across the Commonwealth to conduct the business of the fire service. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

Date/Time	Location
Oct 11/2 PM	Versailles
Dec 6/6 PM	Versailles

Words of Wisdom

A nation or civilization that continues to produce soft-minded men purchases its own spiritual death on the installment plan.

[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

2007 KY EMS CONFERENCE

Executive Inn Rivermont
Owensboro, KY
September 19 –21

Wednesday September 19, 2007

- 8:00 Opening Ceremonies:
Special Guest
- 8:30 The EMS Journey: Lessons Learned From
The Street, David J. Gurchiek
- 9:15 Break
- 9:30 Train Derailment in Bullitt County, Rob
Orkie, Chief Zoneton Fire Department

12:00 –1:15 Break Out Sessions

- They Were Soldiers Once, Peter Lazara
- Preparing for Emergencies is Everyone's
Responsibility, Dennis Sullivan
- Riding The Storm; Lightening & Electrical
Injuries Dave Sloan
- Administar Documentation Insight, Lindy
Lady & Corrine Ball

1:30 – 2:45 Break Out Sessions

- Resuscitation of the Rich & Famous, Peter
Lazara
- To Tube or Not to Tube, Craig Stanley
- Drug Abuse After Hours, David Gurchiek
- Stress Survival in EMS- Role, Greg Schaffer
- Burns Part I, Mark Hodges

3:00—4:15 Break Out Sessions

- "Colors" A Guide for EMS Street Survival,
Peter Lazara
- Enemy at the Gate—Handling Media Rela-
tions, Craig Stanley
- Elder Care: Taking Care of the Older Adult,
David Gurchiek
- Timing is Everything, Greg Schaffer
- Preparing for Emergencies, Dennis Sullivan
(Repeat)
- Burns Part II, Mark Hodges

5:00 – 9:00 RECEPTION WITH THE VENDORS
IN THE EXPOSITION HALL

Thursday September 20, 2007

- 8:00 Opening Ceremonies:
- 8:15 Dr. Kerri S. Rimmel, University of Louis-
ville Stroke Team
- 9:30 KY Doesn't Have a Statewide Trauma Sys-
tem: What Can Be Done About It, Dr. An-
drew Bernard

EXPOSITION OPEN AT 10:30 A.M. WILL CON-
DUCT VENDOR DEMONSTRATIONS AT
12:15 PM, 1:30 PM and 3 PM CLOSED AT 5 PM

12:00 –1:15 Break Out Sessions

- I'll Huff & Puff and I'll...Well Pass Out, Chris
Ebright
- Altered Mental Status, David Gurchiek
- Generations At Work, Craig Stanley
- Inside Out-Leading in the Classroom, Greg
Schaffer
- Snakes, Snakes, & More Snakes, Jim
Harrison
- Pediatrics, Guest Speaker

01:30 – 2:45 Break Out Sessions

- The Miracle of Life OB/Delivery, Chris
Ebright
- Dangerous Creatures: Handling Violent
Patients, David Gurchiek
- To Tube or Not to Tube (Repeat), Craig
Stanley
- Inside Out-Leading from the Squad Bench,
Greg Schaffer
- Snakes, Snakes and More Snakes (repeat),
Jim Harrison
- Pediatrics, Guest Speaker

03:00 – 04:00 Break Out Sessions

- Extreme EMS Underwater, Chris Ebright
- Toxicology Emergencies, Guest Speaker
- Pharmacology Meets Airway, Clay Vincent
- Renal Problems: Not Just to Pee or Not to
Pee, Bill Milan
- Pre-Hospital Delivery of Newborn, Lori
Barton
- Pediatrics, Guest Speaker

EXPOSITION RE-OPENS AT 7:00 P.M.—10 P.M.

Friday September 21, 2007

- 8:00 Opening Ceremonies:
- 8:30 Guest Speaker
- 9:15 Break
- 9:30 Emotional and Social Intelligence: Hillbilly
Heaven, Dr. Chris Nollette, NAEMSE

Friday September 21, 2007

12:00 – 1:15 Break Out Sessions

- Customer Service: Humbug! Dr. Chris Nollette
- Administrative Workshop, *John Isfort is my contact, EKU*
- Set for Stun! Crime Scene Considerations, Chris Suprun
- Critical Care in the Fast Lane; Motorsports, Charles Williams & Bari L. Mattingly
- Legal Issues for EMS (General Legal Principles), David Givot
- Topic to be announced, Dan Newman

01:30 – 2:45 Break Out Sessions

- Past, Present & Future of Farm & Home Safety/Rescue Part I, Dale Dobson
- Administrative Workshop
- Young Guns: School Shootings & Youth Violence, Chris Suprun
- Capnography: The Ventilation Vital Sign, Bill Milan
- Legal Issues for EMS (Documentation), David Givot
- Topic to be announced, Dan Newman

03:00 – 04:00 Break Out Sessions

- Past, Present & Future of Farm & Home Safety/Rescue Part II, Dale Dobson
- Administrative Workshop
- CBA, CABG & LVAD, The New Alphabet of Cardiac Care & Tech, Chris Suprun
- Critical Care in the Fast Lane; Motorsports, Charles Williams & Bari L. Mattingly
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Guest Speaker during Annual Banquet

"The Phoenix Factor: Unlock our Challenges with Keys to Success."

by John O'Leary

John is 29 years old and was burned on 100% of his body as a child. He was given less than 1% chance of survival the 1st night after his accident. Despite all odds, John endured months in the hospital, years of therapy and surgeries and overcame extreme limitations and challenges in life as he is now a college graduate, runs two businesses and a non-profit organization, chaplain at children's hospital, author, professional speaker, ambassador for Big Brothers, married and loving his baby boy. His most recent honor was being nominated and winning the national Energizer Perseverance Hall of Fame Award, along with Cal Ripken Jr. John works with organizations, to overcome challenges and achieve success by sharing his keys to resilience and joy in work and in life.

Make plans now to attend! The 17th Annual Kentucky EMS Conference and Expo which will be held Sept. 18 - 21 at the Executive Inn in Owensboro. Registration is \$50/day (or all three days for \$120). For more information please visit <http://www.hultgren.org/conference>

Hazard Fire School

August 25 - 26, 2007

All classes are free and will be held at the Hazard Community College. Registration begins at 8 AM and classes start at 9AM. For more information call local 606-435-6087 or toll free 888-234-6759.

1. Pipeline Emergencies
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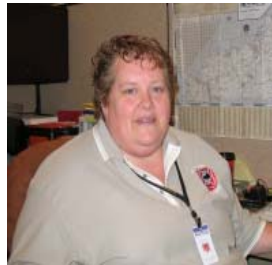
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20. Bloodbourne Pathogens
21. How to Survive a Fire Commission Audit



**The many faces of your
Kentucky Fire Commission
Staff**

**Therese Cheney, Senior
Administrative Assistant.**



I began working in the Fire Commission central office in January of 2005. I was hired as a full-time employee in June of 2005. I began working with the low interest loan

program and the Hepatitis B vaccinations. Later I worked with the Incentive & Pension and Training Facility Grants. In February of 2007 I began in my current position as administrative assistant to Ronnie Day, Executive Director.

I moved to Kentucky from Minnesota about 5 years ago and settled in Frankfort. I was tired of the cold winters and the short summers. The area I grew up in was about 70 miles from the Canadian border. My family; mom, 2 sisters, 2 brothers, 3 nephews and 2 nieces all live in Minnesota. I try to go back to visit a couple times a year. We have always been a very close family so although there is distance, we speak on the phone and through email all of the time.

Outside of work I like to fish. I guess that is not surprising having grown up in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. My dad taught us to fish when we were very young. My father passed away in September of 2000, I have great memories and a whole lot of "Big Fish" stories. There are no catfish in northern Minnesota and not many bass so the type of fishing I do here is a bit different. In Minnesota though we ice fish, which if you do it right is a whole lot of fun. In fact some of the larger lakes have so many 'ice house' they plow the snow and put up street signs. Domino's pizza even delivers out on the ice. Along with fishing I enjoy watercolor painting, playing cards or Bunko, cooking, gathering with friends.

I truly love working with the Fire Commission. We have a great group here at the Central Office; they have become my family here in Kentucky. I hope I have an opportunity to meet and work with many more of the wonderful folks in the fire service here in Kentucky.

God Bless

Jefferson County Fire School

September 22 - 23, 2007



University of Louisville Shelby Campus. For a list of classes and more information about the school visit the Jefferson County Fire Instructors

Assn. website www.jeffersoncountyyfireschool.com. You can also email questions regarding the school to info@jeffersoncountyyfireschool.com.

2007 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
8/18-19/07	13	London	888-234-0100
9/15-16/07	15	TBA	888-234-3961
9/22-23/07	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
9/22-23/07	7	Highland Hgts.	888-306-8101
9/29-30/07	11	Pikeville	888-302-8925
10/13-14/07	5	Elizabethtown	888-234-7201
10/27-28/07	14	Somerset	888-234-1780
11/3-4/07	6	Louisville Metro	888-306-8064
12/8-9/07	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760
3/1-2/08	9	Morehead	888-301-2946
3/8-9/08	7	Highland Hgts	888-306-8101
3/15-16/08	10	Ashland	888-302-2833
Spring 08	12	Hazard	888-234-6759

Remember before you can be certified FFI you must complete Haz Mat Awareness and Haz Mat Ops before FF II. The above schedule is only the skills test schedule. Written test schedules will vary by area so make sure you contact the area office for written test schedule information.

As of March 1, 2007 the test fee schedule has changed. Each time you take the test you must pay a \$15.00 charge. Contact Duane Suttles for more information about written test location and dates at 888-301-2946.

**FIREMAN JOE SAYS:**

“PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE PLAN”, Will be the theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Week in October 2007.

I have just checked out the websites for Fire Prevention Month suggested activities and programs which I think will be beneficial to all our Dept’s across the Commonwealth. I encourage all of you to check out the website at www.nfpa.org/fpw and the best part is it is all FREE!!

Kentucky, Injury Prevention Research Center at UK has setup what should be an interesting symposium to be held at the Fire Commission Office in Versailles. I plan to give a full report on that symposium in my next newsletter article along with the exciting conference news which happened at Ky Dam Village at the end of July.

Congratulations to Chief John Daley, the new President of the KFA for 2007-2008. I appreciate his confidence in the reappointment as chairman of the Public Education Committee. I want to be very clear, even though several names were mentioned as committee members, I have always considered all who do fire and life safety education a part of this committee. Your comments, suggestions and questions are always welcome. I am very excited about what 2007-2008 will bring to the fire service in Kentucky. It is my hope more fire depts. will enhance and expand their individual fire and life safety activities for their communities. We are ready to help. I have already made plans to visit several cities and county school systems across Kentucky to promote our Risk Watch Program.

Special Fire and Life Safety Programs have already been planned and scheduled; Senior Picnics and Safety Fairs, Health and Safety Fairs, demonstrations and information booths at festivals and county fairs, enhancing our school based programs, fire prevention month programs, open houses and many more. If we all work together we can make our communities the safest they can be.

I want to have a meeting of our Fire and Life Safety Educators sometime in September, there are several key issues that need to be discussed. I have asked my friend Rusty Todd from Elizabethtown to host this meeting, with Chief Hulse’s blessing we will do this in September. I will get the word out once it has been confirmed and a date finalized.

Till then, May God Bless and Stay Safe!

Fireman Joe



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

NVFC Calls For Department of Justice to Award Hometown Heroes Claims

Calls For Congressional Investigation Into the Award-Making Process

At a press event today in Washington, DC, the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) called for the Department of Justice (DoJ) to begin awarding Public Safety Officer’s Benefits (PSOB) to families who applied for the benefit under the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act. PSOB is a one-time payment of nearly \$300,000 to the families of fallen public safety officers. The Hometown Heroes Act, which became law in 2003, was supposed to make it possible for public safety officers who die from heart attack or stroke caused by participation in emergency response to qualify for PSOB. Since passage of the law, DoJ has made seven awards, denied 47 claims and has 199 claims that are still pending.

“From the language of the law to the clearly expressed intent of Congress, DoJ should be paying benefits in cases where a public safety officer died from heart attack or stroke within 24 hours of participating in emergency response,” said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. “DoJ needs to start making these payments today, and Congress should investigate why three and a half years after passage of the law so few payments have been made and so many denials and pending cases exist.”

The press conference took place in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. Also speaking were Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Congressmen Bob Etheridge (D-NC), Dave Reichert (R-WA), and Spencer Bachus (R-AL). The widows of three fallen firefighters and representatives from other public safety organizations also spoke.

DoJ has denied claims in which firefighters suffered a fatal heart attack during emergency response. Their justification is that emergency response doesn’t necessarily constitute “nonroutine stressful or strenuous physical” activity. A report that appeared recently in the New England Journal of Medicine would appear to contradict this, finding that firefighters are at an extremely heightened risk of suffering a heart attack not only during fire suppression but during alarm response and alarm return as well.

“I’ve got a news flash for DoJ,” said Stittleburg. “Emergency response by its very nature *is* nonroutine stressful and strenuous physical activity. Ask anyone who actually knows what it is like to respond to an incident and they’ll agree with me.”

“DoJ has been determining on a case-by-case basis whether or not the emergency response described in a PSOB application passes some illusory litmus test,” Stittleburg continued. “This puts tremendous pressure on public safety agencies to create a detailed narrative of the deceased officer’s activities that accurately conveys the physical and emotional strain of emergency response.”

For more information on Hometown Heroes, go to www.nvfc.org. The NVFC encourages supporters to contact their Representatives and Senators to call for a Congressional investigation into DoJ’s implementation of the Hometown Heroes Survivor’s Benefits Act.



Bluegrass Fire Apparatus delivered to the Hanson Volunteer Fire Department a Stainless Steel Rescue Body on a GMC 5500 4-door chassis. The Hanson Volunteer Fire Department, located in Hanson, is about 35 miles south of Henderson Kentucky.

NEW ARRIVALS



Delivered to Harlan Ky. Fire Department a Firovac 2000 gallon vacuum on a Sterling Acterra chassis with an ISC 315 engine, portable pump, portable tank with swing down bracket. It self loads from any water source at 1000-1500 GPM. “I originally saw a Firovac demonstrated at the State Fire School in Lexington, Kentucky several years ago, then again at FDIC in Indianapolis, Indiana. I was impressed with the speed and ease of loading and unloading water. After watching another demonstration here in Harlan, of water being obtained 40’ down a steep embankment and again out of a very shallow area of out river, I was sold. We took delivery of a 2000 gallon Firovac unit in September of 2006. We have never regretted the decision: it is truly a water moving machine.” Chief Linette M. Hutchison.



Bluegrass Fire Equipment delivered this new fire truck In May to the Flemingsburg Fire Department.



Chief Walter Lage and Anchorage Fire Dept recently took delivery of a Ferrara Igniter Custom Chassis. The Body type is Heavy Duty Extruded Aluminum with a Detroit 435 HP engine and an Allison 4000 EVS Automatic Transmission. The pump is a Waterous CSU, Single Stage, 1500 GPM connected to a 700 gallon tank.

The KFA wishes each and every department congradulations and the best of luck with their new pieces of equipment.

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