



# Smoke Signals II

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## Fire Commission Joins KCTCS

On July 24, 2000 the Kentucky Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education (The Fire Commission) moved to their new offices in Lexington. (Full information on page 2). The new address is: Kentucky Fire Commission, 2750 Research Park Drive Barn/Annex, P.O. Box 14092, Lexington, KY 40511, Phone 800-782-6823 and Fax 859-246-3162.

### KCTCS Board of Regents approve an Associates of Science Degree in Fire/Rescue Science Technology at their meeting in Cumberland (KY) on June 30th

For the first time Kentucky firefighters will gain college credit for training they receive with the State Fire/Rescue Training Program. Future plans will include moving the two year degree program forward into a seamless four year Baccalaureate degree program.

The recent passage of HB 631 consolidating the Fire Commission with State Fire/Rescue Training within the KCTCS organization enables the fire service to benefit from this degree proposal.

At right, KCTCS President Michael McCall (left) and KFA President and Fire Commission Chairman Gerald Stewart visit after the adoption of the Fire Rescue Degree.



### LARRY COLLIER NAMED TO DIRECTOR'S POSITION

By a unanimous vote of the members of the Kentucky Fire Commission on Wednesday afternoon, July 12th, Larry Collier was named Director of the Kentucky Fire Commission. The Fire Commission Director is the supervisor over the Fire Commission Administration and State Fire/Rescue Training. Larry will be available at the Conference in Paducah for firefighters to ask questions and find out Larry's goals and objectives for both sections he supervises.

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## Message from President Stewart

The last few weeks have been at least as hectic as the final days of the Legislative Session. It is very exciting to see goals attained that have been in the workings since the late 80s. By the time you receive this newsletter the Kentucky Fire Commission will have moved to its new home, Larry Collier will have taken over as the new director under KCTCS and the Fire Commission and State Fire/Rescue Training will be housed under the same structure. For the first time in the history of Kentucky the training agency and the certifying agency will be under the same roof.

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Board of Regents approved an Associates of Science Degree in Fire Rescue Science Technology at their meeting in Cumberland (KY) on June 30th. This will allow the firefighters of Kentucky to gain college credit for training they are now participating in with the State Fire/Rescue Training Program. More details will be announced during the next two months as plans for implementing this degree are finalized.

On July 12th, Larry Collier was named Director of the Kentucky Fire Commission. The process of selecting the first Director began several weeks ago with a nation wide candidate search. Receiving some 35 plus application packages from several states, the members of the Commission began the process of selecting seven finalists. Early in July the Commission members selected the final three candidates.

No one can say how all these changes will effect your local department. I will say that for the first time in a long time we have the opportunity to change the fire service in some very positive ways that will be beneficial to any local firefighter who wants to take advantage of some special educational opportunities. As decisions are made and events unfold they will be posted in the KFA Smoke Signals and on the KFA Web Page at [www.kyfa.org](http://www.kyfa.org). Please stay tuned for there are more exciting things to come!

**Gerald Stewart**, President KFA

## Treasurer's Notes

by Bryant Stiles



As you read this our Annual KFA Conference will be in full operation at Paducah. While the Conference provides an opportunity for us to plan for the future, it also provides time for reflection on the past year. For those of you that will not be able to attend the Conference I would like to take just a moment to recap some of the exciting success stories of the past 12 months.

The 2000 Kentucky General Assembly provided the most excitement this year as state aid for volunteer fire departments was increased, incentive pay for career personnel was increased, the consolidation of the Fire Commission and Fire Rescue Training was passed, and the new EMS Commission was established. Your KFA was involved in over 80 legislative issues during this session. Your Association provided two full time lobbyists in Frankfort during the Legislative Session.

Your Kentucky's Firefighter Memorial was constructed after years of planning and fund raising. Governor Paul Patton participated in the dedication ceremonies.

Smoke Signals II, your KFA state newsletter, continues to grow both in quantity of pages and quality of

information. KYFA.ORG, your KFA web site, went on line providing a wealth of information and the latest photos from your regional events.

Fire Related Deaths are down significantly in Kentucky. Your Association is proud to be assisting with coordination of the Kentucky's fire safety educational efforts as we believe this is a strong factor in the decline of fire related deaths.

In addition your Association organized a wildland firefighting committee that is already assisting with training our firefighters, hosted your State Firefighters Olympics, co-sponsored your State Fire School, and represented you in both state and national level issues.

Your KFA Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and Committee Members, Special Events Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, and many others make these and other services available to you and your firefighters. I, and I hope each of you, appreciate their continued outstanding efforts.

I continue to be excited to be your KFA Treasurer, but realize this would not be possible without the support of the Green River and Area 3 personnel. I especially want to thank Robin Long, our Area 3 Secretary, as we would be lost at the Area 3 Training Center without her talents and dedication.

Your Treasurer, **Bryant Stiles**

## REGIONAL EMBERS

### Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Paul S. Billings, President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky," the site of the Kentucky Firefighters Association's 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on August 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2000 (*Just in case you were not aware of the dates and the location!*). KFA President Gerald Stewart and the men and women of the JPFA are anxiously awaiting your arrival in Paducah, Kentucky for this momentous occasion. Numerous people, from across the State and from our association, have worked diligently in an effort to make your visit with us an enjoyable experience and one that you will not soon forget. **DO NOT DISAPPOINT US!** Even if you have not pre-registered for the conference and even if you have not made your reservations at the Executive Inn, pack your bags and join us in Paducah. The JPFA can always make room for a few more people and the Executive Inn usually has a spare room or two. You can not afford to miss this opportunity to fellowship with firefighters from across the Great State of Kentucky and at the same time participate in conducting the business of the Kentucky Firefighters Association. **IT CAN NOT GET ANY BETTER THAN THAT!**

Join us on Saturday for the Firefighters Olympics. We invite you to attend the welcome pool party on Sunday evening. **REMEMBER** to bring your uniform to wear to the Firefighter Memorial Service on Monday morning at the Broadway Methodist Church. We urge you to attend the KFA business sessions on Monday and Tuesday. After all this is our main purpose for the conference. Join us Monday night as we visit the Players Island Casino for a delicious meal and gaming on the side-wheeler riverboat. Plan now to attend the Firefighters dinner, dance and installation of new KFA officers on Tuesday night. And ladies remember your luncheon and fashion show on Monday and your shopping day, with free transportation provided, on Tuesday.

**REMEMBER** to bring your **FIRE SERVICE MEMORABILIA** to display in our memorabilia room. Ensure that you bring with your memorabilia a description of your item with a short history and its significance. This information should be typewritten on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper suitable for display. Cash prizes will be awarded, at the banquet, for the top three items.

**SEE YOU AT THE CONFERENCE!**

The next quarterly meeting of the JPFA will be conducted on August 16, 2000 at 7:00 PM at the Concord Fire Department. On the agenda will be a recap of KFA 2000 and a discussion of the new JPFA proposed by-laws.

A special called meeting of the JPFA is scheduled for September 20, 2000 at 7:00 PM at the Lone Oak Fire Department. The stated purpose of this special called meeting is to discuss and vote on the new JPFA proposed by-laws.

### Pennyrile Firefighters Association

Jonny Ezell, President

The Pennyrile Fire and Rescue Association met July 11, 2000 at the Pennyrile Regional Training Center in Hopkinsville. President's duties were handed down from Brent Francis – Chief, Princeton Fire Department to Jonny Ezell – Chief of Training, Hopkinsville Fire Department. Bonnie Hart – Training Officer, Madisonville Fire Department was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

The purchase of a trailer to build a Firefighter Survival prop on was approved. Plans were made to seek donations for materials and equipment needed that were above the \$3000.00 grant received from the Fire Commission for building the prop. The prop will be available for use throughout the region. Several members of the Association have completed the Train-The-Trainer to teach this course.

Finalized plans for the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennyrile Fire School, August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the Pennyrile Regional Training Center and Hopkinsville High School were discussed. 13 classes will be offered at this years school. The classes will include:

1. **Fire Control**
2. **High Angle Rescue**
3. **Pumper Operations**
4. **Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**
5. **Drivers Training**
6. **Vehicle Rescue I**
7. **Vehicle Rescue II**
8. **Firefighter Survival**
9. **Hard to Get Hours**
10. **Clandestine Drug Labs**
11. **Officers Round Table**
12. **Wildland Firefighting**
13. **Propane Emergencies/Flammable Liquids**

Vendors will be on hand to display equipment.

*Pennyrile Firefighter Association continued . . .*

Pennyrile Rural Electric will give a demonstration Saturday during lunch. Air Evac will give a demonstration Sunday during lunch.

On Saturday night the State Fire Marshal's Office will conduct a live propane burn for the school. Any firefighter with full turnout gear may participate.

Brochures have been sent out with full details of the school. For more information contact Capt. Jonny Ezell at (270) 890-1400.

We're looking forward to another good year. Hope to see you there. **Jonny Ezell**, President, Pennyrile Regional Fire and Rescue Association



### 6th Annual East Marshall Kids Day

*The 6th Annual East Marshall's Kids Day was held at Moors Resort. Above are part of the activities that included fire prevention and pumping of water from the lake for the kids to play in. This year one highlight was a water melloon bust. Its great fun and everyone wins! While getting to train and exercise the trucks, the kids get education on fire safety, the public relation is priceless and everyone has fun.*



### East Marshall Station #1

*Progress on the new station with the pouring of the first pour of concrete on July 6th, 2000. The area of the building is 90x118. (submitted by Bill "Tex" Johnson)*

## Green River Firefighters Association

Brent Hayden, President

Congratulations to Larry Collier on being named Director by the Kentucky Fire Commission. As you read this issue the Fire Commission will have moved into offices at KCTCS in Lexington. Fire Commission members are having to attend many meetings as they go through the consolidation process mandated by the 2000 Kentucky General Assembly and we strongly appreciate the efforts of our local Fire Commission member Mark Luckett.

The Kentucky EMS Conference is September 13-16 in Owensboro. The Executive Inn Rivermont has completed the remodeling process and we look forward to showing off the improvements.

We are excited that the Fire Commission has chosen Green River to host one of the National Fire Academy Weekends. This will be the first time in almost a decade that an NFA Weekend will be held in our region. The November 4-5 NFA Weekend will be held at the Executive Inn Rivermont in Owensboro.

For those planning ahead, the dates for the 2001 Officers School are February 17-18, 2001. We are in the process of selecting classes and always value your input. If you have suggestions for classes or instructors please contact us.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual KFA Conference in Paducah! As always, if you need the assistance of the Green River Firefighters Association contact us at the Area 3 Training Center at 270-273-3187.

Thanks! **Brent Hayden**

## Lake Cumberland Firefighters Association

Bill Hall, President

The Lake Cumberland Firefighters Association Area 14 Firefighters Olympics were held Sunday, July 9, 2000 at the Pulaski County Park in Somerset, Kentucky. This year's Olympics were hosted by the Mt. Victory Fire Department.

The competing teams were Faubush Tri-County Volunteer Fire Department, Breeding Volunteer Fire Department, Burnside Fire Department and Mt. Victory Fire Department. First place went to Mt. Victory, second place to Faubush and 3rd place to Burnside. This was Mt. Victory Fire Department's first time to compete in the Olympics.

Also competing were the Junior Teams from Faubush, Erlanger, and Breeding. Erlanger had two teams. First place winner was Faubush, second place Erlanger and third place Breeding.

We look forward to seeing our teams competing at the KFA Olympics in Paducah on August 5th. See you there!



## Dixie Firefighters Association

Michael E. Hulsey, President

The Dixie Firefighters Association took applications for the Paul Banse Scholarship for the fall semester. The scholarships will be awarded at the July meeting. All members of the Dixie Association and their families are eligible for this scholarship. The spring scholarship that will be awarded this fall will be a special one and everyone eligible is encouraged to submit an application. Applications will only be available at the September meeting.

The June meeting was held at the Bardstown Fire Department. The host department did a good job and we wish to thank them. The July meeting will be at the Leitchfield Fire Department.

Munfordville Fire Department has taken the task of performing maintenance on the Richard Bogard, Sr. Child Safety House. Everyone in the Dixie appreciates the undertaking of a much-needed job.

All of our member departments need to bodily get involved with the Dixie. The more we have in attendance the better the job will be done. Flaherty Fire Department brought three of their Junior Firefighters to the Bardstown meeting; this is a step in the right direction.

I have heard a lot of good comments about the State Fire School recently completed, also there was some grumbling from the organizers of the school on the attendance. While the numbers were not down they were not up either. The planners of the school need to look at the possibility of moving it from a Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday to a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Times have changed, employers very seldom allow employees to take off to attend a fire school during the week. A lot of firefighters take vacation time so that they may attend the school. With all of the demands on our firefighters, I believe this is one we can alleviate with a simple move of the days.

Thank you, Michael E. Hulsey, President, Dixie Firefighters Association

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## Mountain Firefighters Association

Roger Friley, President

**HAZARD REGIONAL FIRE SCHOOL** - The Mountain Firefighters Association will host its 22nd Annual Regional Fire School August 26th and 27th in Hazard, Kentucky. The brochures will be in the mail shortly. This is a completely **free** school! No registration fee, no hassle! We look forward to seeing all of you at the school. For more information call 606-435-6087. Be there or be .

**MOUNTAIN FIREFIGHTERS HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT** - The Mountain Firefighters have elected a new president. His name is Roger Friley Chief of Jackson FD

and he has been in the position for about 3 months now. He is working hard on some new ideas to pull together fire departments in the region, such as a web page, Haz Mat response team, and a Special Rescue Team. The association is working hard to improve emergency response in our part of this beautiful Commonwealth. We will do our best to keep you informed on all the things we are trying to accomplish. However, one thing is for certain...We will need the HELP of every department within the region to make it happen!! Together we can accomplish anything!!

## Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

Ken Elliott, President

Terry Keller, Reporter

The Fourth Annual NKFA Fire School is gearing up to be one of the largest ever. The school will be held September 16th and 17th. All firefighters and Emergency Service Personnel are welcome to attend.

The NKFA has filed two resolutions with the secretary of the KFA. We look forward to seeing you at the conference in Paducah. It is important that each department get its delegate registered so they may take part in shaping the future of Kentucky's Fire Service. Without your participation you have no voice in the operation of the association.

### ***Ft. Wright hires new Fire Chief***

Congratulations to March Muench of Southgate for being hired as the new Ft. Wright Chief. Campbell County is still working on the merger of their dispatch centers. Talks have now begun to merge the dispatch centers of Kenton County with Covington and Erlanger.

### ***Bromley Fire Department orders new Ambulance***

The new ambulance should be delivered in mid September. Crescent Springs, Bromley and Ludlow departments held a mock vehicle disaster together. The training was very good for all departments. All three departments have mutual aid agreements and respond together in times of disasters.

Hope to see you at the conference in Paducah,

**Terry Keller**

## Northern KY Firefighters Association Fire Prevention and Public Education Committee

I am very fired up about being able to attend the KFA Convention and see my good friends from Paducah for several reasons. One of the most important to me and has always been is another opportunity to spend some time with my Fire Service Comrades who I never get tired of being around. I love being around fire people, I never get tired of hearing the stories, sharing a laugh, a drink and some good food. Fire people are the best people in the whole world and I have never regretted for one day what I do.

*Northern Kentucky continued...*

I often wondered what I would do when the time would come for me to hang up the boots and helmet. When I was first introduced to the world of Fire and Life Safety Education, like most people I wondered how good I could be. I always hated what fire did to people, the pain, destruction and the devastation of it all, not only to property but what it did to people's lives. A constant I learned early on was no matter how big or small, they all seemed to could have been prevented. A little education, prevention and knowing what to do when an emergency strikes can make a big difference.

I made mistakes, a lot of them, took a lot of chances and often became very frustrated. But I can tell you the satisfaction of doing the job is beyond anything I have ever experienced. I was always glad to help someone, but being able to do something before the monster strikes feels wonderful! It doesn't matter if your from a big city or a small rural town, people want to hear your message of safety and keep their lives SAFE!

I am so very proud of what we do here in Kentucky. I am proud to work with the greatest firefighters anywhere. Prouder to work with the most dedicated Fire and Life Safety Educators anywhere.

Till next time, Take Care and God Bless,

**Fireman Joe**

### **Pike County Firefighters Association**

Randy Courtney, President

By the time you read this, the 11th Annual Pikeville/ Pike County Regional Fire School will be in the history books. We originally offered 17 classes to start with and had a great firefighter challenge again. We will have the figures for you in the next issue.

I do have some good news! Phelps Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department took possession of a new 2000 Ford F-550 4-wheel drive Rescue Truck. The primary purpose of this truck will be rescue but it has a 170-gallon booster tank with a garden hose adapter. This truck was custom made for Phelps VFD through Bluegrass Fire Equipment. It has a generator, light plant, rescue tools, etc.

We hope you were able to attend our fire school. That's all for now. Thanks, **Randy Courtney**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **KFA's Public Fire and Life Safety Educators Committee**

The KFA's Public Fire and Life Safety Educators Committee meeting scheduled for August 17, 2000, has been **changed** to September 21, 2000 at 11:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the State Fire Marshall's Office. Lunch will be served. An agenda will be mailed out soon. For further information contact John Henderson at 859-261-8386.

## **Legislative Report**

by Sylvan Smith

It gives me great pleasure to report that house bill 631 is moving along real nice. By the time this is out we will have the new Director in place and running. We had a great list of applications to pick from. I have to say the entire final list were all from Kentucky. The move of the whole office should be over by the time this is out. I just can't wait to get in the new offices and get started on all the changes that will be coming. I'll have to miss the final selection of the new Director.

Well, I was just getting rested up from the session when I got some bad news. I'll be going in for surgery on my right lung. It looks like I may have cancer in it. We'll know more when they get in and see it. I will be having the surgery on July the 11th. Then that news wasn't bad enough then my wife was having some chest pains so when they checked that out they found out she had a heart attack that did a lot of damage and she had to have open-heart surgery to repair the heart and do three bypasses. I'm glad to report that it all went well and she is doing very well. We are hoping to see you all in Paducah.

I'm asking again for you to remember us in your prayers. Thank you very much.

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## Chaplain's Corner

### My, How Things Have Changed!

by Stewart Dawson, Chaplain Lexington FD

Things are sure different in the fire service than they were just 22 years ago when I first entered into the fire service. I can remember riding the tailboard of our apparatus swinging around like a monkey and rushing into a house fire with gear that would barely protect you from the rain. I can remember training sessions that could have very easily gotten a whole group of fire fighters killed. Today, we have so many regulations, SOP's, laws and standards that I wonder if in a few years it will be illegal to fight a house fire. We all gripe and complain about all these written articles but when we are honest with ourselves, we know they are for our good. They may take the fun out of some of our activities but they also save lives. They guide us to be more effective, more proficient and safer professionals in the fire service. We know that they weren't haphazardly developed and written. They were compiled after much study, testing, trials and experience. As much as we hate to admit it, we know it is true, so we buy into it all and do our best to follow these writings.

Do we however do the same in our everyday lives? There are regulations, SOP's, laws and standards that guide us in life to a better way. These writings are a library of books that we call the Bible. This book is so much more trustworthy than our guides in the fire service. This book was written by Holy men as an all wise, all knowing, all seeing God inspired them to write. And friends if we will get in this book and follow its teachings we will find a better life. It will lead us to an overflowing life and even an eternal life. It will lead us to a relationship with this God that will carry us through this life and onto eternal life in that place called heaven. When we come to know this God, He will personally lead us in life. He will guide us and help us to not make the same mistakes others have made that proved to be so costly in their lives. He will guide us to make right decisions that will lead us to better living. He will help us to be affective, proficient members of the human race and His family. This God has written this book solely for our good. It is not to restrict us but to save us. It is not written to steal life but to give life. It is not written to take the fun out of life but to guide us to true joy in life. Just

as we find that those writings in the fire service do help us as we follow them, we will find that the writings of God do so much more. You can trust them. "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

May God Bless You All,

Stewart Dawson, Chaplain, Lexington Fire Department

## House Bill 405

This past legislative session the Fire/EMS community came together for a chance to brighten the future of EMS in the Commonwealth. A combined effort between KAPA and CKEMSA placed the legislative bill "EMS 2000" before the General Assembly. Through the exhaustive efforts of your KFA and many Fire/EMS people standing vigilante over this bill, this legislation passed. I was one of the vigilante people to walk the halls of the capital talking to legislators. I had the pleasure of meeting and working with many wonderful folks in the Fire/EMS community. HB405 met with some resistance during its travels through the General Assembly. Had it not been for the efforts of those who called the legislative hotline when asked, our job would have been much harder. The resistance was short lived due to the phone calls made, and the footwork of several people.

Many legislators mentioned that Fire/EMS made a big impact on this session, and they look forward to working with us again in the future. This is just the beginning for Fire/EMS to make a difference on the General Assembly.

Chronological record of HB405 "EMS 2000":

Jan 19-introduced in House

Jan 20-to Health and Welfare (H)

Feb 2-posted in committee

Feb 8-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute

Feb 9-2nd reading, to Rules; recommitted to Appropriations and Revenue (H); floor amendments (1) and (2) filed to Committee Substitute

Feb 10-floor amendments (3) and (4) filed

Feb 28-posted in committee

Mar 7-reported favorably, to Rules with the original Committee Substitutes and Committee Substitute (2)

Mar 8-posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, March 9, 2000

Mar 9-3rd reading, passed 91-1 with Committee Substitute (2)

Mar 10-received in Senate

Mar 14-to Health and Welfare (S)

Mar 16-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar with Committee Substitute ; floor amendment (1-title) filed

Mar 17-2nd reading, to Rules

Mar 20-recommitted to Appropriations and Revenue (S); floor amendment (2-title) filed

Mar 21-reported favorably, to Rules with original Committee Substitute as a Consent Bill  
 Mar 22-posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, March 22, 2000; 3rd reading; floor amendment (1-title) withdrawn ; passed 37-0 with Committee Substitute, floor amendment (2-title)  
 Mar 23-received in House; posted for passage for concurrence in Senate Committee Substitute, floor amendment (2-title)  
 Mar 28-House concurred in Senate Committee Substitute, floor amendment (2-title) ; passed 96-0; enrolled, signed by each presiding officer  
 Mar 29-delivered to Governor  
 Apr 6-signed by Governor (See picture at right)

When House Bill 405 passed it meant that Kentucky EMTs would soon be governed by a newly formed board. It will be named the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS). This board is in the process of being formed through nominations to the Governors Office from across the Commonwealth. The KMA will be submitting doctors names, KAEMT/KAPA/KEMTIA have all forwarded nominations to the Governors Office. House Bill 405 states that the board shall consist of sixteen (16) members who are residents of Kentucky appointed by the Governor in conjunction with recognized state emergency medical services related organizations. Membership shall consist of the following:

- One (1) paramedic who works for a government agency but is not serving in an educational, management, or supervisory capacity;
- One (1) emergency medical technician-basic who works for a government agency but is not serving in an educational, management, or supervisory capacity;
- One (1) emergency medical technical-first responder who is not serving in an educational, management, or supervisory capacity;
- One (1) physician licensed in Kentucky having a primary practice in the delivery of emergency medical care selected from a list of three (3) physicians submitted by the Kentucky Medical Association;
- One (1) physician licensed in Kentucky serving as medical director of an advanced life support ambulance service, selected from a list of three (3) physicians submitted by the Kentucky Medical Association;
- One (1) physician licensed in Kentucky who is routinely involved in the emergency care of ill and injured children selected from a list of three (3) physicians submitted by the Kentucky Medical Association;
- One (1) trauma surgeon licensed in Kentucky selected from a list of three (3) physicians submitted by the Kentucky Medical Association;
- One (1) citizen having no involvement in the delivery of medical or emergency services;
- One (1) emergency medical services educator from a Kentucky college or university that provides an emergency



- medical services educational program;
- One (1) mayor of a city that operates, either directly or through contract services, a licensed Class I ground ambulance service;
- One (1) county judge/executive from a county that operates, whether directly or through contract services, a licensed Class I ground ambulance service;
- One (1) volunteer-staffed, licensed Class I ground ambulance service administrator who is a certified emergency medical technician or a licensed paramedic;
- One (1) fire-service-based, licensed Class I ground ambulance service administrator who is a certified emergency medical technician or a licensed paramedic;
- One (1) hospital administrator selected from a list of five (5) nominees submitted by the Kentucky Hospital Association;
- One (1) basic life support, licensed Class I government-operated ground ambulance service administrator who is a certified emergency medical technician or a licensed paramedic; and
- One (1) advanced life support, government-operated ambulance service administrator who is a certified emergency medical technician or a licensed paramedic.

No board member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

The board shall elect a chair by majority vote of the members present at its first annual meeting.

The board shall adopt a quorum and rules of procedure by administrative regulation.

A member of the board who misses three (3) meetings in one (1) year shall be deemed to have resigned from the board and his or her position shall be deemed vacant. The person removed under this subsection shall not be re-appointed to the board for ten (10) years.

Sincerely, David W. Mather  
 Hardin Co. EMS, Dixie FF Assoc.- EMS Director

## Kentucky Division of Emergency Management

### *New Hazmat Training Leader Has “Patience of Job”*

Patrick C. Conley, Emergency Information Officer

FRANKFORT (June 27, 2000) - Jason Moats of the Salvisa Fire Department (Mercer County) made his first emergency response at the age of 13 when his dad, one of Indiana's "Master Firefighter" instructors, brought him along on an EMS run. Seventeen years later, Jason finds himself employed as the statewide hazardous materials training coordinator for Kentucky's Division of Emergency Management (KyEM).

On June 1, Moats, a Haysville, IN native, took over the KyEM hazmat training job from Cliff Millard, who left for a position with the state's Workforce Development Cabinet.

It's a dream job for Moats, who is trained to OSHA's hazardous materials technician level. While in the Navy he developed and taught courses on worker safety and hazmat reg compliance and weapons of mass destruction emergency response.

"I want to be part of a team which delivers practical, responder-oriented hazmat training from the ground up and the top down," says Moats. "Our training should, as a minimum, help us all sing off the same sheet of music so we all do the best possible job and nobody gets hurt."

Jason got his start in fire and rescue back in rural Indiana. Later, he and his parents set up the EMS first responder program in Dubois County, IN. He's held a variety of career and volunteer emergency response positions in Florida and Indiana in addition to a stint as an athletic trainer with UK's football program. He was a guest lecturer for the EMS training program at Vincennes University in Indiana.

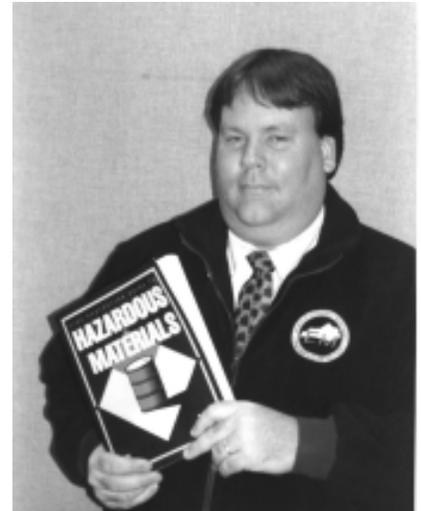
In '91 and '92 he served under the nationally renown Chief Dick Lamb of the Wayne Township, IN Volunteer Fire Department. And in '93 he was decorated for valor by the Escambia County, FL Firefighters Association for his lifesaving efforts in a hotel fire.

Moats knows that building a statewide, standardized hazmat training system is no small challenge. "But I've got the patience of Job and I bring to the table the experience of a responder, the management skills of an administrator and the knowledge of a teacher-I'm ready to get the job done," Moats promises.

A licensed minister, the personable Moats attended the Lexington Theological Seminary and has pastored churches in Fleming County and Mercer County. He coordinated a multi-county hay donations drive during the drought of '98, "because somebody needed to do it for

the farmers."

Jason holds a bachelor of science degree in Workforce Education Development from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. He and his wife Michelle are the proud parents of four young children.



Jason Moats of the Salvisa Fire Department is KyEM's new Hazmat Training Coordinator.



KCTCS regents  
approved  
AAS Degree

The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Board of Regents approved an AAS Degree in Fire/Rescue Science Technology for Ashland Technical College, Laurel Technical College, Bowling Green Technical College, Madisonville Technical College, Central Kentucky Technical College, Mayo Technical College, Cumberland Valley Technical College, Northern Kentucky Technical College, Elizabethtown Technical College, Owensboro Technical College, Hazard Technical College, Rowan Technical College, Jefferson Technical College, Somerset Technical College and West Kentucky Technical College. Firefighters and rescue workers for years have taken non-credit courses at technical colleges. The new program means they now will be able to work toward a degree.

"It is a special moment," said Dr. Keith W. Bird, KCTCS Chancellor. "These are the first real fruits" of the collaboration between KCTCS and the Fire Commission.

KCTCS included 15 technical colleges and 13 community colleges, KCTCS colleges change lives by providing accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning. For more information on KCTCS, visit this web site: "www.kctcs.net."

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Fifth Annual Pennyryle Regional Fire School

August 19-20, 2000 • Hopkinsville, KY

**1. FIRE CONTROL** - Hands on fire suppression techniques and tactics. *CLASS LIMIT - 28* Previous SCBA experience a must. FULL BUNKER GEAR AND SCBA REQUIRED.

Instructor: Troy Johnson. SAT - SUN (2 Day Class)

**2. HIGH ANGLE RESCUE Intermediate** - Pick offs, stokes basket raises and lowering, rigging and more. OVER THE ANKLE BOOTS AND LEATHER GLOVES REQUIRED.

Instructor: Troy Beach. SAT - SUN (2 day class)

**3. PUMPER OPS** - Hydrant and drafting water supply pumper operation and maintenance, pumper testing and operation.

Instructor: Jerry Allison. SAT - SUN (2 day class)

**4. SCBA Intermediate** - Hands on training in the use and care of SCBA's. FULL BUNKER GEAR AND SCBA REQUIRED. Instructor: John Lancaster. SAT - SUN (2 day class)

**5. PROPANE EMERGENCIES & F.L.A.G.** - Classroom Instruction Saturday. Hands on Live Propane Burn open to All School Attendees Saturday Night. Flammable Liquid Burn Sunday. Bunker Gear and SCBA required. Instructor: Alan Gregory State Fire Marshall. SAT - SUN (2 day class)

**6. DRIVERS TRAINING** - 12 Hour required course for firefighters. Instructor: Ray Madison. SAT - SUN (2 day class)

**7. CLANDESTINE DRUG LABS AND THE FIREFIGHTER** - How to recognize potential labs and what to do on fire calls involving labs. Instructor: Cheyenne Albro. SUN Only.

**8. HEAVY RESCUE** - The latest techniques using hydraulic, pneumatic and hand tools. **Hands on experience with semi and autos. Genesis tools. FULL BUNKER GEAR REQUIRED.** Instructor: Nick Gapinski. SAT - SUN (2 day class)

**9. EXTRICATION** - Light vehicle Extrication **Amkus tools FULL BUNKER GEAR REQUIRED.** Instructor: Alex Smith. (2 day class)

**10. FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL** - Get out ALIVE! Self-rescue techniques. **Bunker Gear and SCBA required.** Instructors: KCTCS. SAT Only.

**11. HARD TO GET HOURS** - All those pesky hours you need but just can't seem to find. Instructor: Leon Borman KCTCS. SAT - SUN

**12. OFFICERS ROUNDTABLE** - Don Smith and Gerald Stewart Ky Fire Commission will be available for questions and comments. SAT. Only

**13. WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING** - Grass fires, Forest fires - How to handle them. Instructor: Chris Adams, KY Forestry.

*NOTE: All classes require advance registration.*

One day classes - \$10.00. All other classes \$15.00

**All Pennyryle Fire and Rescue Assoc. Members receive \$5.00 Discount on classes.** Unless otherwise noted, classes begin 8 AM each day. Class locations will depend upon number of registrants and will be given out by mail prior to the school. Hotel accommodations available at Holiday Inn, Best Western, and Motor Host Inn on Ft. Campbell Blvd. Other local hotels also available.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Hopkinsville Fire Department, 116 West 1st Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42241  
Contact: Captain Ezell at 270-890-1400 or Fax 270-890-1408

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mountain Firefighters Association Regional Fire School  
August 26-27, 2000 • Hazard, KY

**CLASS 1: LIVE HOUSE BURN** - 16 hour class-Both Saturday and Sunday. This course covers pre-fire planning, practical applications of fire ground applications, techniques and postmortems. Full turnout gear and SCBA are required.

**CLASS 2: BASIC FIREFIGHTING SKILLS** - 16 hour class-Both Saturday and Sunday This course addresses 16 of the first 20 hours that a new firefighter must have to respond to the scene of a fire. Full turnout gear is required.

**CLASS 3: RAPPELLING** - 16 hour class-Both Saturday and Sunday. This course is for anyone who desires to rappel. The instructors will take from the beginning students to the advanced. A hands on experience on repelling from a multi-story building or the side of a mountain. In this class you will be taught the proper way to rescue victims using stokes baskets and teamwork. Leather gloves, hardhats and leather boots are required.

**CLASS 4: ARSON 1 (CAUSE AND ORIGIN)** - 16 hour class-Both Saturday and Sunday. This course will cover all phases of fire investigation with emphasis on the firefighter's responsibility in arson detection. Full turnout gear and SCBA are required.

**CLASS 5: VEHICLE RESCUE** - 16 hour class-Both Saturday and Sunday. This course will provide classroom and hands on training. You will work with cars and light-weight trucks learning the proper techniques for rescue. Full turnout gear is required.

*Educational Opportunities continued . . .*

**CLASS 6: JUNIOR FIREFIGHTING CLASS** - 16 hour class-Both Saturday and Sunday. This course is designed for the junior firefighters. They will get hands on training and experience in 16 of the basic 20 hours. Bring full turnout gear, if you have it available.

**CLASS 7: TERRORISM (COMPANY OFFICERS)** - 8 hours Either Saturday or Sunday. This course will supply the responding company officer with the strategic and tactical tools to recognize a hostile act, minimize losses, and identify self-protective measures to other arriving units.

**CLASS 8: BLOCK OF HARD TO GET HOURS** - 8 hours Either Saturday or Sunday. This course will offer students 8 of the hard to get hours that are needed to become a certified firefighter. Saturday blocks Sunday blocks. 8-10am Ropes, knots and hitches Disaster preparedness. 10-noon Fire inspections. Aircraft crash rescue. 1-3pm Sprinkler systems Fire alarm/communications. 3-5pm Forcible entry Public fire education

**CLASS 9: BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS** - 3 hours Either Saturday or Sunday. This course covers the requirements needed to certify under the state or national Registry. HIV, HBV and HBC will all be covered.

**CLASS 10: AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION CPR** - 8 hour class-Saturday only. This course is for people who have never had CPR or persons who are certified but, feel they need more practice time on their skills. This class will go through the entire program on adult, child and infant CPR. You will also be taught the proper ways to manage an airway obstruction. Students are responsible for the cost of their CPR card.

**CLASS 11: FARM RESCUE** - 16 hour class-Both Saturday and Sunday. This course will offer the most effective techniques in rescuing victims from silos, buildings, farm equipment, and ATV's. This course will cover special situations that responders may face in rural areas. This class will compare farm accidents to other types of accidents that we face daily. It will present special challenges for firefighters, rescue teams, first responders and EMT's. EMT/First responder recertification hours will be given. Full turnout gear is required for this course.

**CLASS 12: FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL** - 8 hour course- Either Saturday or Sunday. This course will emphasize removal of trapped or unconscious firefighters from a burning building and self-rescue techniques when the primary escape route is blocked. This is a required course for all new firefighters effective July 1, 2000. Full turnout gear and SCBA are required for this course.

**CLASS 13: E.M.T. CONTINUING EDUCATION** - 16 hour class-Both Saturday and Sunday you can take all 16 or just the part that you need. It is blocked off below for you. This course will address the 16 hours that are now required to re-certify as an EMT or first responder. The other 8 hours are electives. Saturday blocks Sunday blocks. 8-9am Preparatory 8-

10am Patient assessment. 9-11am Airway Management 10-3pm Behavioral Emer. 11-3pm Trauma 3-5 pm OB, infants and children. 3-5pm Patient assessment

**CLASS 14: LEVEL 1 METHODOLOGY** - 16 hour class-Both Saturday and Sunday. This course is designed to certify firefighters to the KY Level 1 instructor certification, (in house instructor). Requirements for this course. You must be a certified firefighter with 2 years experience and have a high school diploma or GED.

**CLASS 15: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OPERATIONS** - 16 hour class-Both Saturday and Sunday. This course will meet all requirements of NFPA 472 for Haz-Mat Operations Level.

**CLASS 16: TRENCH RESCUE** - 4 hour course Either Saturday or Sunday (MORNING SESSION)

This course will prepare the first responder to an awareness level of trench rescue operations including, OSHA regulations and the fire department role in a trench incident. They will teach you how to safely access a victim.

**CLASS 17: 2 IN 2 OUT** - 4 hour course Either Saturday or Sunday (AFTERNOON SESSION). This course is to help improve the safety of firefighters during a fire and to help them to better understand OSHA regulations.

**CLASS 18: FIRE BEHAVIOR AND CONTROL** - 16 hour course both- Saturday and Sunday . This course will allow you to experience a flashover in a controlled environment. You will learn what to look for in fires to predict a flashover and be able to get out safely. Then you will get to experience fire control by being put into a trailer that has a real fire and you get to watch it build then put it out in the proper manner. Full turnout gear and SCBA are required for this course. You must have the basic 20 hours to take this course.

**For more information contact:**

606-435-6087 or fax 606-435-6139 or cdwell@kih.net

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Meade County Fire School  
October 7-8, 2000

**1. SCBA - Airpacks** -8 hour class Saturday Only - This class will teach the fundamentals of the use of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). It would be a good class for a new firefighter or a veteran who does not get the opportunity to use an SCBA on a regular basis.

**2. Instructional Techniques for Company Officers** (NFA) – (Fire Commission Instructor Level) - This is a two day class designed to prepare a company officer to become an in-house instructor. Requirements include Certified Firefighter with 2 years experience, high school graduate or equivalent, permission slip signed by the chief giving consent for the student to take the class. Instructor: Rusty Todd

*Educational Opportunities continued . . .*

**3. EMT Continuing Education** – STAT-Care will instruct the Saturday portion of this class State Fire/Rescue Training will instruct the Sunday Portion to include: Saturday: Helicopter Safety – 2 hours, Toxicology & Drug Abuse – 1 hour, Basic Airway & Trauma Skills 4 hours Sunday: Patient Assessment 3 hours, OB, Infs & Child – 2 hours, Medical/Behavioral, Sunday class Instructor T. Martin. This class is designed to provide additional required training for EMTs to re-certify.

**4. Incident Command System** Sat & Sun- This course is designed to provide officers and managers with information needed to use and implement the Incident Command System. This program addresses the need of the incident management system an overview of the structure and expandability of ICS, an understanding of the command skills needed by departmental officers to effectively use ICS. Instructor Rick Cox.

**5. Wiland Urban Interface** – Saturday Only – This class will include information on: Fire Behavior Factors Affecting the Start and Spread of Wildland Fires. Fire Weather. This course is in a lecture format and is intended for the entry-level firefighter or as a basic level review for the seasoned firefighter. Instructor Paul Coyle

**6. Firefighter Survival** - Saturday Class Repeated on Sunday - This class is designed to help firefighters save themselves when they become trapped or are involved in an impending flashover. Firefighters who begin their training after July 1, 2000 will be required to take this course in order to become certified. However, the Fire Commission recommends that all firefighters take this course. It is the first course designed to save your life. Isn't that important enough for YOU to take this course? Lead Instructor Scott Lawson For more information about the school call 270-766-5238.



2000  
Buffalo Trace  
Fire School



Maysville, Kentucky • October 14-15

**Courses Offered:**

1. **Fire Instructor I** - 2 days
2. **Farm Rescue** - 2 days
3. **Wildland Urban Interface** - 2 days
4. **Firefighter Safety/Survival** - 1 day taught both days
5. **Basic Firefighting Cluster**
  - a. Ladders - 1/2 day
  - b. SCBA - 1/2 day
  - c. Hose/Nozzles - 1/2 day
6. **EMT-First Responder Transition Course** - 20

hours (Starts on Friday evening)

7. **Basic/Intermediate Rope Rescue** - 2 days
8. **Emergency Response to Terrorism** - 2 days
9. **Propane Emergencies** - 2 days

Classes will be held at the Mason County High School on US Hwy 62-68 in Maysville.

Registration both mornings from 7:30-8:30 am at the High School.

Classes will run from 8:30 am to 5 pm each day.

Registration for Transition course will be from 5:30-6 pm Friday evening at the High School, with class beginning at 6 pm.

A "dinner with the Vendors" will be held Saturday night at the high school from 6 pm till 9 pm. Vendors will be set up and providing you dinner, FREE OF CHARGE. Some vendors will also be set up at the school both days. Vendors can contact Duane Suttles @ 606-784-1393 for more information on set up and participation.

For more information you can contact Duane Suttles, State Fire Training Coordinator, Morehead Region at 606-784-1393.



## Extrication 2000

October 10-14, 2000  
Louisville, Kentucky

Sanctioned by IAFC T.E.R.C.

*International Extrication Competition & Learning Symposium*

The Learning Symposium will be held on October 14th, 2000. The following educational tracks will be held in the morning and repeated in the afternoon. Each track is scheduled for four hours. NOTE: Any two tracks equal 6 C.E.U.'s. Spectators are also welcome during the competition that will run from 0800-1700 Wednesday thru Friday.

- **Track 1:** Crash Science/E.M.S. (Dr. Jeff Augenstein, Jami Bowen, and James Stratton)
- **Track 2:** (A.M. Only!) Air Bag Technology, Pro's and Con's (Dr. Smock and Ronald E. Moore)
- **Track 2:** (P.M.) Challenges in New Vehicle Technology (Ronald E. Moore)
- **Track 3:** Alternative Fueled Vehicles & Poly Carbonate Windows

*AM Tracks will run from 9:00-12:00. PM Tracks will run from 1:00-4:00. The Competition & Symposium will be held at the host hotel The Radison Hotel and Conference Center, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299.*

For information contact: Kyle Rieber at 1-502-491-4745 or fax: 1-502-499-5501. Additional information via the web at [www.terc.org](http://www.terc.org) or email to: [fireker@aol.com](mailto:fireker@aol.com)



## National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director  
Bryant Stiles, Alternate

### *NVFC Announces Introduction of Helping Hands Legislation - Bill would limit liability of Donators to Volunteer Fire Department*

WASHINGTON, DC — On June 23, Representatives Mike Castle (R-DE), Rick Boucher (D-VA) and Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) introduced H.R. 4736, the Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act. If passed, this legislation would limit the liability of companies and wealthier fire departments that donate surplus equipment to volunteer fire departments. The introduction and passage of this type of legislation has been a long-time priority of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC). Representatives James Talent (R-MO) and Curt Weldon (R-PA) also signed on as original cosponsors.

“We are very pleased that this bill has finally been introduced at the federal level,” said Fred Allinson, NVFC Chairman. “Although we will continue to pursue direct grant programs such as the FIRE Bill, this legislation can open the door to millions of dollars in equipment donations to volunteer fire departments. Currently, volunteer firefighters have to spend a lot of their time raising money, time that could be used for training.”

The legislation is modeled after a bill that the Texas state legislature passed in 1997. Prior to this legislation, companies and wealthier fire departments in Texas had refrained from donating their used equipment for fear of potential lawsuits. Now, they donate their surplus equipment to the Texas Forest Service, which then certifies the equipment and passes it on to volunteer fire departments that are in need. The donated equipment must meet all original specifications before it can be sent to volunteer departments. The program has already received in excess of \$6 million worth of equipment for volunteer fire departments.

Every year, quality fire equipment, including hoses, fire trucks, protective clothing and breathing apparatus worth millions of dollars are destroyed instead of being donated to volunteer fire departments in order to avoid civil liability lawsuits.

The bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

#### **Take Action!**

Contact your Representative immediately and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 4736, The Good Samaritan Volunteer Firefighter Assistance Act of 2000.

If you do not know your Member’s address or telephone number, please call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

### *Supplemental Passes without \$100 Million for Fire Service!*

On June 30, Congress completed a \$11.2 billion emergency spending measure that DOES NOT contain the Weldon-Hoyer \$100 million amendment for the fire service which had previously passed the House. The Weldon-Hoyer amendment included \$80 Million for direct 50/50 grants to fire departments, \$10 million for Volunteer Fire Assistance Program and \$10 Million for Burn Prevention and Treatment Programs.

Besides funding for operations in Kosovo, aid to Columbia to fight the war on drugs, Los Alamos fire restoration and Hurricane Floyd relief, House and Senate leaders used the bill to also fund such items as a \$45 million Gulfstream jet for the commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, a \$5 million sea life center in Alaska and \$7 million to help Hawaiian fishing boats avoid snagging sea turtles.

The bill did include \$17.5 million to fix some of the Capitol’s numerous fire hazards.

The NVFC and the other fire service organizations must now work with our allies in Congress to look for another bill to attach the \$100 million package.

### **HOW TO REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Personal relationships are the key to business success. The same is true in politics. So, get to know the national and state officials who represent you. Constituents who call, write, appear in person at public events and visit their legislators will get attention.

- Make sure their local office phone numbers are in your Rolodex, computer or personal phone book.
- Put reminders on your business calendar to keep in contact with them.
- Look at fire service issues before legislators, and share your knowledge and expertise with them via letter or phone call.
- Ask for their positions on any issue of importance to your department.
- Follow up any phone call with a letter and ask for a written reply.

### **YOUR VIEWS HAVE CLOUT**

Elected officials listen to constituents. Remember, it is you - not them - who is the expert on the fire service. Legislators look to local knowledge before having to vote on complex issues dealing with firefighters. Thus, legislators expect to hear from you on issues of importance to your department.

Prepare for your political calls just as you would for a business call:

- (1) Educate yourself thoroughly on the issues.
- (2) Develop a message and make a case for each issue.
- (3) Condense these arguments into two or three powerful selling points.
- (4) Practice your delivery until you feel comfortable and confident in your presentation.

## KY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

### • JACKSON PURCHASE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Paul Billings  
223 Fourth Street • Fulton, KY 42041  
270-472-1423

*Meeting Info:* 3rd Wednesday Quarterly 7:00 PM Central  
May 17th Hickman FD; August 16th Fulton FD  
November 10th Calvert City Civic Ctr.

### • PENNYRILE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Jonny Ezell  
116 West 1st Street, Hopkinsville KY 42240  
270-887-4050

*Meeting Info:* Second Tuesday of Every Quarter 6:00  
Central. Call for Location

### • GREEN RIVER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Brent Hayden  
2518 Hayden Road • Owensboro, KY 42302  
502-273-3187

*Meeting Info:* Last Thursday of Every Other Month 7:00 PM  
Central. May 25th Area 3 Training Center; July 27th Owensboro  
Station 1; Sept. 28th & Nov. 30th (Location TBA)

### • BARREN RIVER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Bill Carver  
1845 Loop Drive • Bowling Green, KY 42101  
270-746-7461 Ext 2185

*Meeting Info:* Second Thursday of Every Other Month 7:00  
Central Beginning January, Call for Location

### • DIXIE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Michael E. Hulsey      Laura Lamb Secretary  
630 College Street Rd. • Elizabethtown, KY 42701  
270-766-5238      Fax 270-766-5251

*Meeting Info:* Fourth Thursday of Month 7:00 Eastern.  
November meeting 3rd Thursday - No Meeting in December.  
Call for Location

### • JEFFERSON COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Executive Secretary Terri Nilson  
810 Barrett Ave. • Louisville, KY 40250-0055

*Meeting Info:* Third Thursday of Every Other Month 7:00  
Eastern Beginning January. May 18th Jeffertown FD; July  
20th Okolona FD; September 21st McMahan FD; November  
16th Highview FD

### • BLUEGRASS EMERGENCY SERVICES

President Wayne Jordon  
9409 Bardstown Rd. • Louisville, KY 40291  
502-231-6333

*Meeting Info:* Third Wednesday of Every Other Month 7:00  
Central Beginning January. Call for Location

### • NORTHERN KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Ken Elliott      John Daly Secretary  
616 Poplar • Bellevue, KY 41073

*Meeting Info:* Fourth Tuesday Every Month 8:00 Eastern No  
Meeting in October, December; May 23rd Petersburg FD;  
June 27th Camp Springs FD; July 25th Ryland Heights FD;  
August 22nd Point Pleasant FD; September 26th; Elsmere  
FD; November 28th Dayton FD

### • BUFFALO TRACE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Kerry K. Moore  
7048 Dixon Pike • Maysville, KY 41056

*Meeting Info:* Second Wednesday of Every Other Month  
7:00 Eastern Beginning January; May 10th Augusta FD;  
July 12th Black Oak FD; September 13th Brooksville FD;  
November 8th Camp Dix FD

### • DANIEL BOONE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Roger Russell  
735 Vernon Circle • Morehead, KY 40351

*Meeting Info:* First Tuesday of Every Other Month 7:00;  
Eastern Beginning February. Call for Location

### • EASTERN KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Kendell Steele      Jerry Dinguess Secretary  
P.O. Box 454 • Russell, KY 41169

*Meeting Info:* First Thursday of Every Other Month 7:00  
Eastern Beginning January. Call for Location

### • PIKE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Randy Courtney  
P. O. Box 981 • Pikeville, KY 41502-0981

*Meeting Info:* First Monday of Every Month 7:00 Eastern.  
Beginning January. Call for Location

### • MOUNTAIN FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President James C. Burnett  
H.C. 30 Box 300 • Hazard, KY 41701

*Meeting Info:* No set time or location. Call for Information

### • SOUTH EASTERN FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Preston Collier  
8608 Hwy 290 South • Annville, KY 40402-9755

*Meeting Info:* Set at each meeting 7:00 Eastern  
Call for Location

### • LAKE CUMBERLAND FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

President Bill Hall      John Vautheir Secretary  
HC 66 Box 1110 • Faubush, KY 42532

*Meeting Info:* Second Thursday of Every Other Month  
Beginning January. Call for Location

### • CENTRAL KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Secretary Van Taylor  
100 East Penn Street • Georgetown, KY 40324

*Meeting Info:* Second Monday of Every Month 7:00 Eastern  
Call for Location



## National Fire Academy

The United States Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA) is working on a number of off-campus initiatives to provide better customer service to its field constituencies. These changes are in direct response to requests from, and dialogue with, State and metropolitan fire service training systems over the past several years.

Two-day courses will be made available in hand-off format at the same time they are available for selection in Direct Delivery (DD) and State Weekend Programs (SWP). Train-the-Trainer classes held In-State will be available for selection on the course call menu at the same time the course is available for DD or SWP. States may choose either the regular DD/SWP or the In-State Train-the-Trainer for new courses coming on-line. This initiative provides hand-off programs to Train-the-Trainer organizations up to 2 years earlier than the current system provides.

NFA will send Program Notices out by e-mail first, followed by hard copy mailing. This initiative guarantees faster delivery by providing end users with up to 7 more days of planning time.

NFA will be using the compact disk (CD) format more frequently to distribute its program materials. State fire training organizations, Train-the-Trainer organizations, and NFA contract instructors will continue to receive program materials on CD.

State fire service training agencies will be enfranchised to make additional offerings of NFA classes. States may also have some of their courses endorsed as NFA-equivalent classes to facilitate their exchange among State programs. Special funding has been provided, and the application forms were delivered to you under separate cover.

National Technical Information Service (NTIS), formerly the National Audiovisual Center, will continue to be NFA's main distribution mechanism for its course materials. NTIS will begin to make NFA materials available in CD-ROM format. NFA is exploring other CD delivery options as well.

These initiatives are all in various stages of development and/or implementation. All of these changes require resources, and often become program or system dependent before they can be implemented. In the

short run, you may notice an inconsistency in the manner in which these initiatives can be implemented. As we move into the new millennium, the NFA will continue to explore innovative ways to better serve its customers.

Point of contact is Kirby E. Kiefer, NFA's Deputy Superintendent. He may be reached by phone at (301) 447-1083, facsimile at (301) 447-1178, or e-mail at [kirby.kiefer@fema.gov](mailto:kirby.kiefer@fema.gov).

For more information on these initiatives, please see the U.S. Fire Administration's web site at: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/pn072000a.htm>

### **National Fire Academy Program Notice** *Volunteer Incentive Program: Pilot Optional* *Admissions Opportunity*

The U. S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy (NFA) is pleased to announce an optional admissions opportunity for the Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP). In response to requests from participants in the VIP to include municipal and/or government partners in NFA training programs, we are initiating an admissions option to give special consideration to volunteer officers who include an application to attend the same course/class session for their elected officials, i.e., city managers, elected board members, town/borough council members, village selectmen, township supervisors, or other allied professionals who are not fire service members. We will implement this procedure with the FY01 delivery cycle.

The rationale for this additional criterion is in support of the USFA Mission Statement, particularly the Training component (star), which promotes the professional development of the fire and emergency response community and its allied professionals. It also reaffirms one of the areas in the Action Plan (Advocacy, Partnerships & Marketing) that stresses that the U. S. Fire Administrator and senior USFA staff must effectively address issues of representation and advocacy among Federal agencies and public and private local, state, national and international entities. It is another indication of how the NFA supplements and supports State and local fire service training programs, while at the same time delivering educational and training courses having a national focus.

It is hoped that this opportunity will encourage allied professionals, who interact with the volunteer fire services on a regular basis, to understand and appreciate the challenges they face in the areas of leadership and administration, resource management, planning, and prevention and risk management.

For more information, please see the USFA web site at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/pn072000.htm>

# Kentucky Firefighters Association

## Membership

### KFA By-laws regarding Membership

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP; All individuals, shall by virtue of their membership in their respective fire departments, be members of the KFA, so long as said organization remains a member of this association. Eligible KFA membership shall be limited to public and private emergency response organizations including, fire departments and fire districts "structural" Fire Brigades, hazardous material response team, Fire authorities, Fire Insurance or other salvage corps,

{ 1 } Structural fire brigades as defined by KOSHA and or NFPA

{ 2 } Meeting minimum requirements of tech level by KOSHA and NFPA

SECTION 3: Active membership may be obtained in the KFA by paying annual dues of \$75.00 per year. Sustaining membership may be obtained in the KFA, by paying annual dues of \$150.00 per year. Dues are payable on October 1 of each year. Dues not paid by December 1, of each year, render that membership delinquent. The fiscal year of this organization shall be August 1, through July 31.

SECTION 6: SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP - Every manufacturer and their representatives of fire department apparatus, fire prevention and protective devices and any other companies dealing with the Fire Service can become a Sustaining member. (Each sustaining membership will receive a listing type ad in five editions of Smoke Signals II and the conference directory)

A copy of the KFA Newsletter is sent to each active membership or sustaining member on a by-monthly basis. To receive a personal copy of the newsletter, to an address of your choosing, include a check or money order for \$5.00 with the form below to:

**Bryant Stiles, Treasurer**  
**PO Box 700**  
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## KFA Membership Application

Please print clearly and indicate the type of membership by checking the box below

Organization/Individuals Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Chief \_\_\_\_\_

- Department Membership (include check for \$75.00)
- Sustaining Membership (include check for \$150.00)
- Smoke Signals II** (Newsletter personal membership, include check for \$5.00)

Our organization is only as strong as its membership!

**Feel free to duplicate and distribute this form**