



SmokeSignalsII

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A new Salvation Army Partnership in Kentucky

The Salvation Army, State Fire Rescue Training, and the Campbellsville Taylor County Rescue has a new partnership in this mobile canteen. Ray Dalrymple, service extension director for the Kentucky-Tennessee Division of the Salvation Army, said 300 meals could be prepared four times a day in the kitchen trailer available at the State Fire Rescue Training facility in Campbellsville. It's the first mobile canteen in Taylor County and one of six trailers in the state, according to Dalrymple.



Charlie Shaw, volunteer chief of Rescue and training coordinator for Area 14 Fire Rescue Training, said the trailer can be towed to

the scene of a fire, tornado, flood or any other disaster and provide hot meals for emergency workers and those most severely affected by the disaster. The trailer was paid for by the Salvation Army Headquarters in Louisville and has been made available through the efforts of city and county governments, Rescue, State Fire Rescue Training and the local Salvation Army service unit committee. Green River Graphics designed the outside paint job and lettering and Dobson's Camper Sales refurbished the inside.

This canteen will be housed at the Area 14 campus in Campbellsville. It is available for any disaster in Kentucky and Tennessee as requested by local officials through the Salvation Army local committee. This canteen will also be available to any and all emergency services and State Fire Rescue Training Coordinators for functions in their area such as Fire Schools, Field Days and major public or departmental events.

To request the canteen contact your local Fire Rescue Training Area Coordinator and he will contact our office to make arrangements. Also please make a courtesy call to your local Salvation Army Chapter to make them aware of the event and that the canteen will be in their area. Some area chapters may offer assistance in manning the canteen. The canteen is available free of charge and is fully stocked with coolers, three & five gallon dispensers for cold or hot liquids, refrigerator, freezer, microwave, 75 gallon hot or cold water, two large coffee makers, gas grill with 2 burners and grill large enough to cook 20 hamburgers at a time, heat, air and electric.

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Kentucky Firefighters Association



83rd Annual Ky Firefighter's Conference Registration Form July 26 –29, 2003

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Nickname (for badge): _____ Title: _____
 Local Association: _____ Fire Dept: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____ work/home
 _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

Please check each appropriate Box (s)

<input type="checkbox"/> First Timer <input type="checkbox"/> Association President <input type="checkbox"/> Association 1 st Vice President <input type="checkbox"/> Association 2 nd Vice President <input type="checkbox"/> Association 3 rd Vice President <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President at Large <input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Past President <input type="checkbox"/> Voting Delegate <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker <input type="checkbox"/> FF Olympics	<input type="checkbox"/> I require Auxiliary Aids <input type="checkbox"/> I will be attending the Banquet <input type="checkbox"/> Menu Restrictions: <input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed medical related restrictions	Please list special needs:
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A COMPLETE REGISTRATION INCLUDES ALL OFFICIAL CONFERENCE EVENTS
 A CONFERENCE BADGE **WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS**, no exceptions.

Early Bird Postmarked
on or before 4/30/2003
 \$45.00 (note \$5 savings)

Pre-registration after 4/30
but prior to 7/1/2003
 \$50.00

Late Registration
7/1/2003 thru day of
 \$60.00

Make checks payable to: **KFA 2003**

In the event registered conference attendees would like to bring *guests* to any of the Conference events, pricing for each will be made available upon request. Although not all events are finalized we will be offering several items for your pleasure and enjoyment. That information will be made available ASAP. It will help us plan if as you register you will indicate the number of guests you expect to bring to any particular event or activity.

<u>Saturday, July 26, 2003</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Outing _____ <u>Sunday, July 27, 2003</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Party _____	<u>Monday, July 28, 2003</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Outing _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Outing _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Outing _____	<u>Tuesday, July 29, 2003</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet _____
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SEND REGISTRATION TO:
 Vicki Overberg
 10540 Watterson Trail
 Jeffersontown, KY 40299

MOTEL INFORMATION:
 Holiday Inn Hursbourne
 (502)426-2600 1(800)HOLIDAY
 www.holidayinnhurstbourne.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
 Randy Lawson
 (502)267-7300



SEE YOU THERE!

State Fire School - June 7 and June 8, 2003

State Fire School will be nearly upon us when you receive this issue of Smoke Signals. If you are planning on attending, we hope you will have a great learning experience and if you are not attending this year we hope to see you next year. We will evaluate if changing the school to a weekend has any impact on fire school attendance.

The Fire Commission has 3 new members. Helen Northcutt of Morehead has been appointed to represent business and industry. She replaces Donna Damron. Connie Lawson, Mayor of Richmond, has been appointed to represent mayors. She replaces Carol Dean Walters. Betty Rauch of Alexandria has been appointed to represent trustees of a volunteer fire department or fire district. She replaces MaDonna Flood. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming them to the Fire Commission.

There has also been an addition to our Staff in the Fire Commission office. Mary Adams has been hired and will be dealing with training records and the training web site. Additionally, for those that were not aware, Ronnie Day has been appointed Division Director, overseeing Administrative issues of the Fire Commission.

For those that participate in the incentive program, please remember that in order to receive your incentive funds in a timely manner, your request should be in the Fire Commission office by the 5th of each month. ***Should you fail to submit your request on time, payment for that period may be delayed for several months.***

If you are applying for a low interest loan from the Fire Commission, the Loan Committee strongly recommends that you do not commit any funds (down payment) towards any purchase prior to your loan being reviewed and approved by the Loan Committee. A decision on your part to commit funds to a project prior to loan approval will not impact the decision of the Loan Committee. The loan application is being updated and additional information will be required to allow the Loan Committee to better evaluate the applications. Additionally, should a depart-

ment pay off an existing Fire Commission loan, that department will not be considered for another loan for a period of 6 months. All loan application information must be received in the Fire Commission office by the 10th day of the month preceding the month of the Fire Commission meeting. Fire Commission meetings are normally held in even numbered months.

The next Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2003. The meeting will be held at the Clark County Extension Education Center in Winchester, Kentucky at 2:00 p.m. Please try to attend.

Any correspondence with the Fire Commission/ State Fire Rescue Training, should be sent to:

2750 Research Park Drive- Barn Annex
P.O. Box 14092
Lexington, Kentucky 40512-4092
Our telephone numbers are:
1-800-782-6823
Fax – 859-246-3484

Web page address is:

www.kctcs.net/kyfirecommission

To enter training hours via the internet:

<http://kyfiretraining.kctcs.net>

REGIONAL EMBERS



JACKSON PURCHASE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Karen Freeman President

Greetings from the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association and "Far Western Kentucky". It seems as though spring was short lived in Far Western Kentucky. Winter was barely over, the spring flowers were just starting to bloom, the spring storms hit quickly and hard and summer appeared rather abruptly. As is usually the case, with the arrival of June comes the heat and the high humidity of our summer season. Plans should already be in place to keep our personnel hydrated during the entire year. But particular attention must be given to this phenomenon during the heat of summer. New personnel should be closely monitored but the seasoned veterans often need a gentle nudge also. A little (or a lot) of preventative maintenance on our

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most valuable asset (our personnel) will pay huge dividends when we need them most.

The JPFA Annual Fire School conducted at Kentucky Dam Village State Park was a tremendous success by all accounts. Our attendance was up approximately 60% and the members of the fire school committee were quite pleased to say the least. We made a sweeping change this year by moving our school to the State Park and everyone involved feels that we made a good move. The management and staff at Kentucky Dam Village State Park were excellent host for the school. They pulled out all of the stops for the JPFA and provided everything that we requested and a lot more. We believe that the JPFA and the personnel at Kentucky Dam Village State Park have created a partnership that will last for years to come.

The vast majority of the comments received concerning the move to the State Park were positive. We had a beautiful site, great accommodations and an incredible group of instructors and students. It just doesn't get any better than that. There are a multitude of people that deserve credit for the success of the school and I hesitate to try and list them for fear of leaving someone out. But we must express our thanks and appreciation to Steven Kyle and the entire JPFA Annual Fire School Committee for their super effort in putting the school together and making it work. The JPFA was indeed fortunate to have some of the best instructors in the State of Kentucky to present the classes to the students in attendance. And how do you say **"THANK YOU"** to Area 1 SFRT Coordinator Charlie Lott and his very capable administrative assistant Kelly Harris? Without their effort and the support of SFRT this school would not have been possible. The crew from the Symsonia Fire Department deserves a multitude of accolades for the effort they put forth in preparing those 40 shoulders on that huge grill that they pull around. And the list just goes on and on and on. It takes a super human effort from a fabulous group of people to put this show on the road. And last but certainly not least we have to express our appreciation to all of the students that attended the school. This is your school and without your efforts, your support and your attendance it would all be for naught. Thank You!

The dates for the 2004 Jackson Purchase Annual Fire School have been set for **April 3 & 4, 2004** at Kentucky Dam Village State Park. Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us in 2004.

The JPFA would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Don Smith. Don has been an integral part of the Kentucky Fire Service for as long as I can remember. Like an old soldier that fought the good fight, he will be missed, fondly remembered and never forgotten.

The JPFA third BI monthly meeting of 2003 was conducted at the Pontotoc community building in Fulton, Kentucky and hosted by the Fulton Fire Department. A goodly number of area personnel were in attendance to represent their various departments. A good meal was enjoyed by all and the fellowship and camaraderie were better than that. The JPFA would like to thank Chief Shawn Bixler and his personnel for inviting us to Fulton and sharing their hospitality.

President Karen Freeman presided over the meeting. As sometimes happens, there was not a lot of business to come before the body. Karen briefly went over the recap of the 2003 Annual Fire School and considerable discussion ensued concerning the 2004 school. There were some good ideas and suggestions presented by those in attendance. Karen assured the group that all of these items would be given due consideration. She suggested that those that were interested could join the Annual Fire School Committee at their next meeting when plans for the 2004 school get underway. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at 7PM at Kentucky Dam Village State Park.

The next JPFA bi monthly meeting will be conducted Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at the Smithland Fire Department in Smithland, Kentucky. Mark this date on your calendars now and plan on being in attendance.

When this issue of Smoke Signals II hits the street, the KFA annual conference will be just around the corner. President Randy Lawson and his personnel will be scurrying around trying to wrap up all of those last minute details that absolutely drive you nuts. Those of us that have been in their shoes know exactly what I am talking about! But when confer-

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ence time arrives and everything comes together and runs like a well-oiled machine, you realize that all of the effort was very worthwhile.

If you have never attended a KFA conference and you are interested in the Kentucky Fire Service you need to start with this one. I can guarantee you that you will see, you will meet and you will rub elbows with the "movers & shakers" of the Kentucky Fire Service at this conference. You will learn first hand what the KFA is about, how important your input is, and how really important each and every firefighter in the State of Kentucky is. And you might just have a good time while you are there! Join the KFA family in J Town on July 26-29, 2003.

It appears that the major portion of the physical conflict in Iraq is over and we certainly hope so. But we will continue to have our troops in the area for an indefinite period of time. And my guess is that it will be a long, drawn out process taking years to accomplish. However this was a know fact before the conflict started and should not come as a surprise to anyone. The United States of America started this clean up and now we must see it through to fruition.

Many of our military personnel have arrived back home in the United States and we are indeed thankful for their safe return. There are many others still in Iraq performing their duties on a daily basis and living with the constant threat of danger. The news media has regulated the war in Iraq to the inside and even the back page of their newspapers and way down the list of newsworthy articles over the airways. The war no longer rates a front-page story or a lead story on radio and TV. But America is still at war and the American people should not, can not and must not forget our service personnel that are still engaged. Just as we must not forget the lives that have been lost to the war effort. I would ask that you pray for all of these personnel and their families on a daily basis.

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

Paul S. Billings



Dixie Firefighters Association

Mike Mather President

I have been visiting several departments on their meeting nights, for the purpose of talking to the firefighters about getting involved in the KFA and the Dixie Association.

A lot of the firefighters and chiefs do not see a benefit of belonging to the Associations. The KFA is directly responsible for the fact that you are now receiving \$8,500 in State Aid.

The KFA along with the KPFA have lobbyist in Frankfort, assuring that we are made aware of any bills that may affect us and trying to help legislation that is good for the fire service. The KFA has a scholarship program that awards a firefighters family partial tuition for a four-year period. The KFA is a direct link to the Fire Commission.

We not only need to support the KFA by paying our dues each year, we also must become actively involved. The bulk of the KFA business is done on the floor of the conference each year. If you have a good idea in proposing the direction you think the fire service should be heading in this Commonwealth, it will never be heard if you do not get an organization like the KFA behind it. They will never get a chance to hear it if you don't bring it to the conference floor. Paying your dues and not actively supporting the organization is like tithing and not going to Church.

We should be ashamed of the representation of the Fire Departments across this Commonwealth with the KFA. If you are going to reap the benefits you need to get involved.

Michael E. Hulsey

KFA Director, Region 5

Words of Wisdom

The United States fully accepts the profound truth that our own progress, prosperity, and peace are interlocked with the progress, prosperity, and peace of all humanity.

-Herbert Hoover

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Lake Cumberland Firefighters Association

Marty Kazuk President

The Lake Cumberland Firefighters Association held it's spring fire school April 12-13,2003 in Somerset. It was the scene of excellent training and good fellowship as can be seen from the pictures below. Eighty six (86) students attended from eighteen (18) departments.



The Lake Cumberland Area Firefighters Association and State Fire Rescue Training along with Somerset Fire/EMS & the Pulaski County Fire Commission would like to announce their 2004 Spring Fire School to be held April 3rd & 4th in Pulaski County. This will be one of the first Fire Schools with hands on training offered in the Spring.

Southeastern Firefighter Association

Reginald Morgan President

We are proud to announce that our Spring Fire School was a huge success. We had 229 students participating. That is almost a 50 percent increase from last years spring school. I would like to thank Greg Gray and the Region 13 staff for a job well done.

The Appalachian Foothills Fire Historical Society has asked me to announce their Second Annual Fire Muster and Antique Fire Truck Show. The show will be held on June 28th on the grounds of the Bailey Switch Fire Dept, 4 miles north of Barbourville on US 25E. The event is scheduled to run from 10 am until 6 pm. There will be plenty of kids firefighter games and exhibits. Admission is free, so come on over and check out some of the best looking trucks around and just have a great time. For more details you can visit the society's web site at

www.geocities.com/affhs.

If anyone has anything they would like to see in the Regional Embers you can e-mail me at president@skfa.org.

Our meeting schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

July 17th at Broadhead Fire Dept. 7:00pm
Saturday of Fall Fire School in London
5:30pm

December 4th at Artemus Fire Dept 7:00pm

Again for more information please visit us at www.skfa.org.

Till next time BE SAFE

Reggie Morgan

Pike County Firefighters Association

Randy Courtney, President

Hello Everyone from Eastern Kentucky

Well we've been busy here on this end of the state planning the 14th Annual Pike County Fire & Rescue School. It will be held on July 18, 19, 20, 2003. On Friday night we will hold the Pike County Toughest Firefighters Challenge. Classes will begin on Saturday and continue on Sunday. Our host motel will again be the Landmark Inn you may call 1-800-831-1469 and mention that you are attending the fire school in order to receive a discount. CSX Railroad will be presenting a new class this year. We will have brochures about the school at State fire school in Lexington and we will have members there to answer any questions you might have about our school. Listed below are some of the classes planed:

1. Fire Fighter Survival (Sat Only)
2. Fire Fighter Rescue (Sun Only)
3. ATV And Farm Rescue
4. Emt Con Ed Hours
5. Paramedic In-Service Hours
6. Auto & Heavy Vehicle Rescue
7. CSX Railroad Transportation (Sat Only)
8. Burn of Burns
9. Aerial Ladder & how to place them
10. Robert Justice Cluster Class (Hard to get Hours)

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- 11. Haz Mat Awareness Level
- 12. Haz Mat Truck Transportation (3RD year in Row)
- 13. First Responder In-Service

We still are waiting to confirm a few other classes but the brochures will be in vendor area at State Fire School.

We want to congratulate the Marrowbone Volunteer Fire & Rescue Deptment on the purchase and delivery of a new 2003 International fire truck. It has a 1000 gal tank, 1500 GPM pump and was sold by Pike County's very own, Joe Reynolds owner of Fire Pumps & Equipment located in Allen, Ky. We will have pictures next time.

Well we hope to see everyone in Lexington or if not then we will see you in Pikeville on July 18, 19, 20

Randy Courtney

Special Events

Charles W. Shaw

Congratulations to Lt. Roger Anders of Vine Grove Fire Department and Captain Kevin Jump of Worthington Fire Department winners of uniforms at the Green River Officers School Honor Guard Class. Thanks to Lighthouse Uniform Company for their donation of these uniforms.



Information will be mailed out soon on the 2003 KFA Olympics held in conjunction with the KFA conference in Jefferson County July 26th – July 30th. Although the Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Hurstborne in Jefferson County the State Firefighters Olympics will be held in Lexington at the KCTCS Central Office, 2750 Research Park Drive, in the field in front of the Barn Annex.

Both Junior and Regular Olympics will be held on Saturday, July 26th. Team Captains Meeting at 8:00 a.m. Set up will be Friday, July 25th. I encourage each association to enter a team and for everyone to bring their families for a fun filled day.

First Time Ever!!!! Honor Guard Competition sponsored by the Kentucky Firefighters Association, the Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association, and others.

Friday, August 8th

Team meetings Rules & Regulations

Saturday, August 9th 8:30 am

Honor Guard Competition

Location: Holiday Inn North, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY

The competition is open to any emergency service organization that has a Color or Honor Guard within their department. Competition information, rules and regulations will be mailed soon. This will be very similar to the Honor Guard Competition they have at FDIC. This is a new event and should be very exciting. I hope we will have several teams compete and we welcome everyone to come watch.

Release Date: May 7, 2003

USFA TRAINING BACK ON SCHEDULE



WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Federal Emergency Management Agency's, National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland announced today that the 39 courses it cancelled last month would be held as originally scheduled. These include 31 National Fire Academy courses and 8 conducted by the Emergency Management Institute.

"Providing state of the art training for response personnel and American citizens is a critical element of this nation's efforts to prepare for, respond to and recover from large scale threats and emergencies," said USFA Administrator R. David Paulison.

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"Through the efforts of DHS Secretary Tom Ridge and Undersecretary Mike Brown, we have successfully been able to make the necessary budget adjustments to ensure the continuation of preparing the nation through training."

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration cancelled these courses because of a recent reduction of the agency's budget.

7 NETC courses, (2 EMI and 5 NFA) of the 46 originally cancelled courses, will not be conducted. This is not due to budget reductions, but because there is not sufficient time to contact all students who were enrolled in some of the cancelled courses, which were to be held over the next few weeks.

For the most current course information, visit www.usfa.fema.gov. Over the next week, materials will be sent to the students affected by the re-instatement of courses. If you were enrolled in one of the previously announced cancelled courses, and have further questions after receiving the mailed materials, please contact the NETC Admissions Office at NETC-Admissions@fema.gov or call 301-447-1035.

USFA is a part of FEMA. Both USFA and FEMA are a part of the Department of Homeland Security.



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

Congress Approves an Additional \$2.23 Billion for First Responders

A House-Senate conference on April 12 cleared a \$79 billion supplemental spending package for the war in Iraq that includes \$3.9 billion for the Department of Homeland Security, of which \$2.23 billion will go to grants for local police, fire and medical services.

Of that amount, \$1.3 billion is for grants to state governments, which would have to distribute 80 percent of the money to local governments. Another \$200 million is allocated for grants for protection of

critical infrastructure. Another \$700 million is earmarked for security grants to so-called high-threat, high-density urban areas that contain critical infrastructure. The conference report also added \$11 million for an independent probe of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

In addition, in early March 2003, Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced that nearly \$600 million has been made available to states and U.S. territories to better assist state and local public safety and law enforcement personnel to help them prevent, prepare and respond to terrorism.

Bill Reintroduced to Help Rural Fire Departments Gain Better Access to Federal Excess Property

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On March 18, legislation was introduced in both the House and Senate that aims to give rural fire departments across the nation better access to federal excess property.

The Rural Fire Department Equipment Priority Act (H.R. 1311 / S. 641), introduced in the House by Reps. Mike Ross (D-AR) and Curt Weldon (R-PA) and in the Senate by Sens. Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) and Gordon Smith (R-OR), would help provide firefighters with the equipment they need to protect their communities by giving rural fire departments and their cooperators higher priority when Department of Defense excess property is screened.

The Federal Excess Personal Property Program (FEPP) gives State Forestry agencies, through the USDA Forest Service, access to equipment ranging from Jeeps and bulldozers to fire hoses and welders. Military vehicles and other equipment are converted for use in firefighting and then loaned to local fire departments.

However, many other excess equipment programs, including those for foreign militaries, law enforcement and education, now have priority over the FEPP when it comes to allocation of this useful equipment. The program was very beneficial to local fire departments until they were moved to the second screening process in April 2002. This legislation would put volunteer and rural fire departments back on equal footing with other agencies and provide them with the ability to receive the tools they need to better serve their communities.

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"Most of wildland fires start in rural areas, and if rural fire departments can act quickly with the proper equipment, they can stop those fires from spreading and can prevent disastrous wildfires like our country saw last summer," Representative Ross said.

"I grew up in a small town, and I live in a small town," he continued. "I have seen rural volunteer firefighters in action and I value their service, but I know they will be able to be more effective if they have the opportunity to obtain the equipment they so desperately need. This property could be anything from nuts and bolts to trucks - equipment our rural firefighters need to do their jobs. It costs our government nothing, and it will protect what we value most; our lives and the lives of those we love."

Passage of this legislation is a priority for both the NVFC and the National Association of State Foresters.

ACTION: Contact your Representative and Senators immediately and ask them to become a cosponsor of H.R. 1311 / S. 641, the Rural Fire Department Equipment Priority Act. If you do not know your Representative's address or telephone number, visit: <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials> or call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

FEMA Offers First Responders Instant Messaging Service Courtesy of Govexec.com

Nearly 5,000 first responders are taking advantage of an instant messaging service to help bridge communications gaps among federal, state and local emergency relief workers, Federal Emergency Management Agency officials said.

The Homeland Security Department bought the technology at an undisclosed price from Bantu, a Washington-based technology company, and it was ready for use by first responders by late March. It allows them to send out secure notes or alerts from any location with Internet access. Unlike some commercial instant messenger services that many first responders use now, Bantu's system is safe from hackers, said Larry Schlang, the company's president and chief operating officer and Bob Coxe, the program executive officer of e-government initiatives at FEMA.

Notes sent over Bantu's system are encrypted and the service is compatible with firewalls to protect against viruses, Schlang explained. Because the system is so secure, Homeland Security officials are encouraging the country's approximately 4 million first responders to start using it, according to Coxe.

Responders can access the system by logging onto Disasterhelp.gov, an e-government site designed by FEMA to help coordinate emergency workers. These workers first need to obtain a user name and password for access to select areas of the site by filling out registration information in the upper right corner of the homepage. Anyone can register for Disasterhelp.gov, but registered users are not allowed to use the instant messenger service unless FEMA has verified that they are first responders, Coxe said.

Local firefighting associations and other first responder groups are helping the Homeland Security Department publicize Bantu's instant messenger service, but Coxe predicted that it will still take a while for the new messaging system, which was complete late last month, to catch on.

The Homeland Security Department approached Bantu to provide the service because the company offers a more secure system than others in the field and has worked with other federal agencies on similar projects, Schlang said. In 2001, Bantu installed instant messenger technology on the Army's Knowledge Online portal, helping more than 1.3 million service members communicate.

The service will help local responders contact colleagues across the country who have expertise in such areas as bioterrorism, Schlang said. For instance, if a first responder in rural Kansas is reading a research paper on anthrax, he can check if the paper's author is logged onto the instant messenger and if so, initiate a conversation. The system also houses chat rooms where responders can discuss topics of concern.

Right now, Bantu's service is most useful for sending out more "mundane" communications about research or meeting reminders, Coxe said. But eventually, emergency operations centers will be able to use the system to locate and talk to first responders in the event of a terrorist attack or other emergency. Such technology would have helped prevent the confusion that slowed rescue efforts during the Sept. 11 attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center, he added.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY

ANNOUNCES FIRST SEMESTER
(October 2003-March 2004)

**ENROLLMENT PERIOD IS NOW
OPEN**



EMMITSBURG, MD - The United States Fire Administration's (USFA) announces today, the National Fire Academy (NFA) is now accepting applications for its first semester 2004 residential program, which begins October 1, 2003. The enrollment and application period for the first semester officially opened Thursday, May 1 and will close June 30, 2003.

Applications received that are post-marked after the open enrollment period, cannot be accepted.

General eligibility requirements include substantial involvement in fire prevention and control, emergency medical services, fire-related emergency management activities or other allied professions. Applicants must also meet specific selection criteria for each course.

To find out more about the National Fire Academy, the selection criteria and to obtain a General Admission's Application to apply for first semester residential training courses and programs, please go to www.usfa.fema.gov/fire-service/nfa.cfm

Regional Delivery Programs

The National Fire Academy offers through its Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE) program the same high quality instruction you would receive at the National Fire Academy. Courses being offered include:

Fire Inspection Principles (FIP) - N220

This course is designed to provide the student with the fundamental knowledge, skills, and attitudes to conduct basic safety inspections. Students will be introduced to various codes and standards in order to develop a working knowledge of their application in the inspection process. Each student should be familiar with the codes and standards in effect in his/her jurisdiction. Maximum class is limited to 28 students. This course will be offered at the South Carolina Fire Academy Columbia SC August 4-15. For more information call 803-896-9864. This is a 10 day course.

Command and Control of Fire Department Operations at Target Hazards (CCTH) - N314

This course focuses on high-risk fire and rescue incidents that include high life hazard, multiple exposure, and unusual occupancy risk considerations. Students are introduced to advanced applications in the Incident Command System (ICS), command and control, decisionmaking, strategic and tactics considerations, preincident preparation, documentation, and postincident analysis. Several simulations and case studies are used to depict and review incidents in various types of target hazards. This course is being offered in Fairfax Virginia. For more information contact 703-631-8121. This is a 6 day course.

How To Apply?

Contact your local fire training coordinator for a FEMA application. Fill out the application and return to:

National Emergency Training Center
Office of Admissions - NFA Regional Delivery
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

How Much Does It Cost?

Each student who is accepted into a Regional Delivery Program will be eligible for a stipend reimbursement up to \$100.00 for a 1 week course and \$200.00 for a 2-week course to help offset transportation and lodging expenses. There are no tuition fees. Contact the Kentucky Fire Commission for additional assistance in funding for these programs.

Kentucky Events and Training Opportunities JUNE

State Fire School 6-8 Lexington 800-782-6823
EMT Competition 21-22 PRP 888-306-7986

JULY

Pikeville-Pike Co RFS 18-20 Pikeville 888-302- 8935
EMT Competition 19-20 Georgetown 888-306-7986
KFA Conference 26-29 Louisville 502-267-7300
Firefighter Olympics 26 Lexington 270-465-8633

AUGUST

Fire/EMS Inst. School 2-3 Morehead 888-301-2946
Colorguard Competition 8-9 Lexington 888-234-1780
Hazard Fire School 23-24 Hazard 888-234-6759



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On a Personal Note

I was somewhat taken back last week when I learned that Walter Lage had decided to leave the Kentucky Fire Commission. I have not always agreed with everything that the commission does but then quite frequently I don't even agree with myself. But I have never doubted the fact that Walter Lage always wanted to do what was best for the Kentucky Fire Service. He was the type of administrator that you could talk to. He always listened and frequently had suggestions that would help you get through whatever problem you might have. I will miss him and his positive attitude. He will be leaving the first of July. If you get the opportunity give him a call and thank him for his hard work and dedication.

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Fire Commission State Fire/Rescue Training

By Woody Will

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