



Smoke Signals II

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An Urgent message to all Fire Departments, Public Education & Fire Prevention Personnel from your Kentucky Firefighters Association Public Education Committee

Subject: **Alternate Heating Sources**
 My Brother and Sister Fire & Life Safety Educators:

I am making a concerned plea for your assistance with promoting educational programs and information programs for our communities on the dangers of alternate heating sources. With the high cost of heating fuels and the increase in natural gas prices I am extremely concerned our citizens may resort to alternate heating sources this winter. We must take every step we can to promote this life saving fire prevention programs and use all available methods to promote this project. Write newsletter and newspaper articles, make community posters, promote it in the schools, churches and community events, send messages to your city councils, do radio and televisions spots whatever it takes. Spread the news and help make our communities aware and safe this winter!

Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stambush, KFA
 Chairman, Public Education Committee



The KFA Welcomes Casey Hall as Area 5 Coordinator!

In September 2005, Casey Hall began work as the new SF/RT Area 5 Coordinator. Mr. Hall has worked as a State Fire/Rescue Training Instructor in Area 3 for the past 4 years. He has taught Middle School, High School, and Collegiate level students since 2000. Casey is certified at the 400 hour level, IFSAC Firefighter I & II, EMT First Responder, EMT Basic (December 05), and Kentucky Fire Instructor III. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Kentucky University and a Masters Degree in Vocational Education from Murray State University. Welcome aboard Casey!

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From the KFA Presidents Desk

Hello again to my fellow firefighters!

I have just returned from vacation and headed straight to an E-Board meeting, one of the several that we have throughout the year. Topics of discussion included contracts and legislative issues. For your convenience the minutes of this meeting have been posted on the KFA website.

A big change is coming to State Fire School for Kentucky firefighters. If you are like me and have attended school over the past several years and gotten burned out, then this is the year for you! This year the school is moving plus, the curriculum will be changing with the addition of new classes. The new location will be at Heritage Hall, which is located adjacent to Rupp Arena. Most classes will be held at that location helping to eliminate running around to drop personnel at several different locations.

This is a big change for Fire School, but I believe as the entire Fire School Board does, that with your support this will once again become the best State Fire School in the US. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Till next time, sincerely Your President

Allen Johnson

Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller



Greetings from the North Pole. No that is just Northern Kentucky. Summer is about to come to an end. Weather up here has been good this week, but that can not last much longer.

Your Executive Board met on November 5, and discussed the many important issues before the board. This legislative session should be an interesting event. David Jackson advised the Board on bills that Gerald and he would be working on during the session.

Department dues have been coming in slow. There are 265 paid departments at this time. There are 10 personal memberships and 37 Sustaining Memberships. Vice Presidents and Directors need

to keep asking at your association meetings if departments have paid their dues. Again, this is a legislative year, which will cost our association about \$23,000.00 for meals, lodging, and food for our two lobbyist to attend the session. We need departments to pay their dues, so that the K F A can protect what you enjoy and receive from the State and the Fire Commission. These benefits could be taken away at any time if the K F A does not have people in Frankfort watching what is going on.

The K F A is making a plea to the directors to call departments in your area and encourage them to join. I will be sending a list to all directors of departments that have paid to date.

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at Green River Fire School in February. Until then stay safe and warm.

Terry Keller

REGIONAL EMBERS



Dixie Firefighters Association
Larry Fore President

Plans are now in the final stages for the 2006 DIXIE FIRE SCHOOL, to be held on Fri-Sat-Sun, March 10-11-12, 2006 at Elizabethtown. Brochures will be mailed around January 1st, 2006. Registration on-site, vendors, and meals will be at the Pritchard Community Center on U.S. 62 West at the U.S. 31-W By-Pass as usual. Make plans to join us.

Dixie Association Chaplain Jim Burns recently received a "Bell Award" for community service which was presented in Louisville. This was in recognition for his volunteer service with several agencies. Congratulations to Jim for receiving this honor and for all he does in our association. On the subject of chaplains, we are well blessed in our region to have a number of very dedicated chaplains from several departments. They not only serve their own members, but are also involved in regional and statewide activities such as Critical Incident Response. Thanks to all of them for their concern and hard work.

At its October meeting, the Dixie Association held the annual Memorial Service and Banquet. This well attended annual event brings together more than 150 persons. An outdoor service is conducted at

the permanent memorial outside the Area 5 training center. This is followed by a dinner banquet inside the training center, where certificates for training achievements during the past year are presented. An added treat this year was a special presentation honoring recently retired Area 5 Coordinator Woodrow W. Will. The theme was "This is Your Life." Thanks to Area 14 Coordinator Charles Shaw and those assisting him with the presentation. Also, many association members worked very hard on this event and we are proud of their efforts. Thank You.

Finally, welcome to our new Area 5 Coordinator, Casey Hall, who comes to us from Daviess County. Casey has a background in the volunteer fire service and in education. We look forward to working with him.

Larry Fore

President Dixie Firefighters Association



Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Deb Hartz, President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky" and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. As this is being written, fall is in the air and what a wondrous season it is. The cooler temperatures, the beautiful leaves that are changing colors and the approaching holiday season make for a fantastic time of the year. 2005 is winding down and we can look forward to the beginning of another new year and the changes, surprises and challenges that 2006 will bring. We need to begin now making preparations to face the New Year with renewed determination, enthusiasm and passion less we are left behind to wallow in self pity and squander the multiple opportunities that life in these United States and under God presents. Get your self in gear now and plan on having an extraordinary 2006.

Speaking of 2006, the Kentucky legislative session convenes Tuesday, January 3, 2006. As is normal this time of year, the legislature will be looking to make cuts in funding and pass legislation that could have severe negative effects on the Fire Service through out the State. David Jackson and Gerald Stewart will be in Frankfort representing the Kentucky Firefighters interest along with numerous others from our group. It is not possible for most of

us to be in attendance during this session. But with these two gentlemen present, you can rest assured that the Kentucky Firefighters will have a strong voice in all of the proceedings that occur. Whether we win, lose or just maintain the status quo will depend on a myriad of circumstances, some of which we have no control over. However, we can bring pressure to bear on many of the proposals that will be brought up during the session by staying attuned to what is going on in Frankfort. David Jackson will be sending out emails concerning legislation that affects the fire service. Woody Will, the KFA webmaster, will fill the web site (kyfa.org) with information about pending legislation. The news media will bombard us with news from Frankfort on a daily basis. (Probably biased but news nevertheless) The fact is that information will be forthcoming and we must take advantage of this situation to keep abreast of what is going on because we can not be there in person. Then, all we need do is respond to the request from David and Gerald to call, send emails and contact our area legislators when it is warranted. See how simple the process is? By simply getting involved, presenting a **UNITED FRONT** and putting forth minimal effort, on our part, the fire service in Kentucky could **RULE**.

The Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association conducted their November meeting and election of officers on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at the Calvert City Fire Department in Calvert City, Kentucky. President Fred Ross, Chief of the Calvert City Fire Department and his personnel hosted the meeting with a goodly number of members in attendance. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the food and the fellowship with the area firefighters. We even managed to conduct some business in the process. President Fred Ross thanked all of the 2004-05 officers for their dedication and effort during the past year. New officers for the 2005 – 2006 year were elected as follows:

President Debora J. Hartz Fulton Fire & EMS
 1st. VP Richard Tapp Reidland Farley FD
 2nd. VP David Jackson Cuba FD
 Secretary David Penrod Reidland Farley FD
 Treasurer Paul S. Billings Fulton Fire & EMS
 Sgt. At Arms Tex Johnson East Marshal FD
 PIO Officer Jim Hartz Fulton Fire & EMS

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New County Directors were elected as follows:
 Fulton County Shawn Bixler Fulton Fire & EMS
 Graves County Shorty Williams Sedalia FD
 Hickman County Matt Walker Clinton FD
 Livingston Co. Missy Newcomb Grand Lakes FD
 McCracken Co. Teresa Joyce Reidland Farley FD

New JPFA President Deb Hartz presented outgoing President Fred Ross with a plaque and the sincere thanks and appreciation of the JPFA membership for his tireless efforts in leading the JPFA during the past year.

KFA legislative agent David Jackson (Cuba Fire Department) was in attendance and updated the group on legislation that will be forthcoming during the coming session. David asks that we watch the firefighter issues closely and that we respond to his request for phone calls and emails when needed. Should you have questions or concerns about pending legislation contact David immediately.

SFRT Area 1 Coordinator Charlie Lott and new Area 1 Training Specialist Troy Newcomb were in attendance and spoke to the group on activities in the area and across the State. Charlie reminded everyone to make use of the new SFRT web site at sfrtarea1.com Kelly Harris is the web master and is working tirelessly to keep the site updated. Even though the web site is up and running AREA 1 still has telephones and the staff can be contacted in that manner.

KFA First Vice President Troy Newcomb presented some information on the **2007 KFA Conference** that will be conducted at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Plans for the **2007** conference are in the works and details will be forthcoming. Watch the KFA web site at kyfa.org and the JPFA web site at jpfaky.com for information as it becomes available.

Willie Kerns of the Calvert City Fire Department and owner of Revolution Computer Systems in Paducah was in attendance and gave the group a brief overview of the new and coming JPFA web site. Everything but the name and the address is changing. We are excited about the new look and the new content that will be available. Check the JPFA web site regularly and watch for these new and innovative changes that will be taking place in approximately one month. The JPFA would like to express

our sincere thanks and appreciation to Willie Kerns for undertaking this project and seeing it through to fulfillment.

Chief Richard Tapp of the Reidland Farley Fire Department and chairman of the **2006 JPFA Annual Fire School** reports that progress on the school is going well. Almost all of the classes and the instructors are secured and all that remains are those pesky little details that drive chairmen nuts. The JPFA 2006 Annual Fire School will be conducted on **April 7TH, 8TH & 9TH, 2006** at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, KY. Watch the JPFA web site at jpfaky.com for details as they become available. You will not want to miss this school in "Far Western Kentucky".

Terry Keller has sent out the 2006 KFA dues notices and as usual the response from the Kentucky Fire Departments has been poor. Terry and everyone connected with the KFA must beg and plead just to get 1/2 of the 815 departments in the state to respond by paying their dues. I think that this is reprehensible on the part of those departments that do not pay their KFA dues. They either do not know or do not care just how much that \$75.00 dues payment is worth to them in the long run. If that \$8250.00 state aid check is not enough of an incentive to make you want to pay your dues then I guess there is no way to get through to you. If that check stops coming every year, maybe then you will see the benefit. By then it will be too late to pay your dues.

The JPFA would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season in 2005. We hope that you and your family had a bountiful Thanksgiving and that the Christmas Season and the New Year will be the best ever. We would urge you to not forget those that are less fortunate during this special time of year and offer a portion of your wealth and good fortune to those in need. As always we would sincerely ask that you not forget our service personnel and their families during this holiday season. I can only think of one thing more depressing and demoralizing than being away from your family during the holidays and that would be being detailed to a foreign country with the enemy trying to take your life. Reflect on that for just a moment if you will.

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

*'Regional Embers' continued . . .***Pike County Firefighters Association**

Randy Courtney President

Things have been going well here in Pike County. We are all looking forward to the up coming holidays and would like to wish each and every firefighter household a wonderful holiday season.

Well I must say that I am very impressed with the Executive Board of the KFA. I just attended my very first meeting in Northern Kentucky at which time I was sworn in and welcomed by all the board members. I knew that the executive board had a lot of responsibility and performed a vital function for the firefighters of Kentucky but not this big. It was great and I am looking forward to jumping right in with both feet. I want to thank each board member for making it an easy meeting. I felt like I had been there forever. Thanks guys and I can't wait till the next one because by then I will have my Red Jacket and Red Shirt!

The Pike County Firefighters Association held its annual election of officers for the 2006 season. With 10 departments being represented. All of the current officers retained their positions. Randy Courtney - President, Rexel Jackson - Vice President, Darrell Compton - Secretary, Phillip Smith - Treasurer, Louis Carson - Public Relations, Larry Vanover - Parliamentarian

. We look forward to another good year with lots of training going on through out Pike County. We would like to thank all those that voted for us and have given us the opportunity to serve the firefighters of Pike County in this capacity.

We have had several trucks purchased or orders being placed for new ones. I understand that Look-out VFD , Ferrels Creek VFD are both getting new trucks, Johns Creek VFD just took delivery of a refurbished engine, Island Creek VFD got Ferrells Creek 1987 Chevy Mini Pumper.

Lt Gov. Steve Pence recently presented a \$66,470 homeland security check to Pike County Emergency Management department. Director Doug Tackett wrote the grant in 2004 and submitted to the Homeland Security office. We will be purchasing chemical detectors so first responders will be able to detect gases and other chemical hazardous materials. We will be purchasing one unit for each

of the 26 fire departments in Pike County as well as the Pike County Sheriff's Office. The detector will assist them when they are doing a methamphetamine lab clean up. Lt Gov Pence was joined at the Pike County Courthouse by Deputy Director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Andrew Cline to assist in presenting the check to Judge Executive William "Bill" Deskins. We would like to give a big thanks to Doug Tackett for taking the time to write this grant and assisting the fire firefighters in being able to perform their job in a much safer way.

Randy Courtney

President Pike County Firefighters Association.

Northern Ky Firefighters Association

Joe Stanbush President

Hello from Northern Kentucky, our association held its meeting Tuesday, September 27, with our friends from Ft Thomas Fire Dept as hosts in the historic Ft Thomas Mess Hall on the grounds of the old Fort. I want to commend Vice President John Daley who has put together an excellent organization plan to prepare for the 88th Annual Conference of the KFA which will be held in Northern Kentucky August 2008. Already his group has met twice and have had several successful fund raising programs, so they are well on their way to having an exceptional conference in 2008. I am confident VP Daley will have alot more information on that in the coming year.

Our Fire and Life Safety Committee members are addressing the current energy crisis in our area by preparing programs, presentations and announcements gearing up for alternate heating source prevention information. We are instructing our departments to make their communities aware of the improper use and dangers of these alternate sources.

At this meeting our members where asked to nominate officers for 2006 and nominations were open from the floor and from our nomination committee. The following were nominated for office in 2006;

President: Bruce Smith (Son of our friend Sylvan Smith) from Erlanger Fire/EMS

Vice President: Greg Buckler of Campbell County Fire District # 1

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Treasurer: Bud Lederer of the Alexandria Fire Dept
 Secretary: Monica Rath from Southgate Fire Dept
 Trustee: Tim Kleier from the Union Fire Dept

The election and confirmation will be held at the November Meeting Tuesday Nov 22nd with the Florence Fire Dept as hosts.

With the coming of the Holidays, we want to wish all our friends and associates a blessed Holiday Season with lots of Peace, Love and God's Richest Blessing to you and your families.

Till next time Be Safe!

Joseph Stambush, President
 Northern Kentucky Firefighters Assn

Paul May 1929 - 2005

If you attended State Fire School during the eighties and took the Haz Mat Flammable Liquids Class you have probably seen or met Paul May. He was a happy person that loved to fight hot FLAG fires. Paul and Earl Craft became the staple of the FLAG classes well into the late 1980s.

Paul was the Area 3 Fire Rescue Training Coordinator, leaving the position in September of 1990. He was a former chief at the Dundee Volunteer Fire Department and the first president of the Ohio County Firefighters Association.

Paul was the Area 3 Coordinator during the formation years of the Green River Firefighters Association. The Green River Association was formed in 1984 and began the Officers School in 1988. Paul was recognized for his contributions by the Green River Association at their Annual May meeting at the Area 3 Training Center.

Consider the World Around You

Our safety, our liberty, depends upon preserving the Constitution of the United States as our fathers made it inviolate. The people of the United States are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.

[Abraham Lincoln](#)



KFA Scholarship Committee

The Kentucky Fire Fighters Association has awarded another scholarship to a Kentucky Firefighter. At the regular Executive Board meeting on Saturday, November 5, 2005 in Northern Kentucky, the board approved a KFA scholarship for Chasity Meghan Clark.

Chasity is the daughter of Elizabethtown Firefighter Sgt. S. Kevin Clark. She is currently enrolled in the school of nursing at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. Chasity plans to work as a trauma nurse in the ER or become a flight nurse in the State of Kentucky.

Congratulations to Chasity on being selected as a recipient of a KFA scholarship. The entire membership of the Kentucky Firefighters Association wishes her the best of luck and success in this endeavor.

The KFA currently provides four scholarships for Kentucky Firefighters:

Amanda Smith	Hebron Fire Department
Brandon Harvey	Breeding Fire Department
Adam C. Day	Morehead Fire Department
Chasity M. Clark	E Town Fire Department

Support the KFA Scholarship Program by purchasing your set of KFA Commemorative Fire Service prints today. Check out the scholarship link on the KFA Webb site for details.

The adventures of the Cross + Roads Fire Department

By Woody Will Jr. and Sr.

It was a cool Saturday afternoon and we were sitting around the fire station watching TV when our tones dropped and the speaker gained our interest "Attention all Cross+Roads Firefighters, Attention all Cross+Roads Firefighters, we have a report of a vehicular accident at the intersection of Hwy 241 and 2231. Sergeant O'Donnell said "John, grab your stuff and bring your best game these Saturday afternoons are usually ugly messes." I said Sarg "Isn't this the intersection that just 4 days before shift two had worked a pickup vs car?" "Yes I believe it is John." As I was climbing into my seat I heard over the radio "Squad three to control" "Control go ahead"

"We are at the scene of a car vs car at Hwy 241 and 2231 we will be establishing 241 command.." Our engine leaped from the station and as we moved through our town I could not help but see the beautiful fall colors of the maples and thought how eerie it is for such beauty to be connected to what was sure would be a tragedy for someone else. It took for what seemed like a long time to arrive at the intersection. Steam was coming from the front of what was a fairly new looking Buick. Lying over in the ditch was an older Ford Crown Vic. The driver was out and looked to be OK. We pulled a 1 ¾ line for fire protection and Billy Stevens manned it. He was a relatively new man to our shift but was fitting in well. O'Donnell said "John grab the jaws we need to get these people out of the car." I could hear a woman screaming even over the noise of our pumper so I knew something was dreadfully wrong. When I got to the Buick I was surprised to find seven people stuffed into the little car. No one was wearing seat belts. The people in the front all had cuts and scrapes and I could see three head impact points in the windshield. As I got closer I could make out through the noise a woman screaming "MY BABY MY BABY". The screams were coming from the back seat where all four adults looked to be trapped but other than the screaming they were fine. As I approached the Buick my attention was drawn to the back of the ambulance where a member of the squad was placing something in the back. It was wrapped in a blood stained baby blanket and I could tell it wasn't moving. When I got to the car I could see what the problem was. A fairly large lady was clutching a little pumpkin seat where moments before her new born child was alive and well. She had crushed her child against the drivers seat because of two things she was not wearing a seat belt and her child was not in a proper car seat with restraints. What a costly lesson she had learned from life. She screamed long after we got her out of the car. Physically she was fine. Mentally she would most likely never recover. After the wrecker came and we had all but finished cleaning up the scene Sergeant O'Donnell came over "John you will never guess where the people in the Buick were coming back from." "No Sarg where?" "They had just been to the funeral of the girl that was killed at this very intersection four days ago." A cold chill went up my back as I thought "But for the grace of God go I."



FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

Since our last article I am happy to report our Champion Management Team for Risk Watch in Kentucky is progressing extremely well. It was my pleasure to go to Somerset, Kentucky and spend some time with my friend Tiger Robinson and David Bell where I had the opportunity to do a Train the Trainer Workshop for Hopkins Elementary School in Somerset. The teachers were wonderful and very receptive to the materials and the entire Risk Watch Program, more importantly Tiger and David have pledged to work with our Risk Watch Program for expansion throughout Somerset and Pulaski County. I also had the opportunity to provide a Train the Trainer workshop for Bullitt County Board of Education which was outstanding. Special thanks to Wayne Jordan who made the initial contacts, Fire Chiefs Mike Dooley (Mt Washington FD) & Rob Orkes (Zoneton FD) for their unselfish assistance and commitment to the project.

On November 17th thru 20th Myself, Greg Schultz, Adam Fuller and Robert McCool will be travelling to Boston, Mass to represent Kentucky and report on our status and progress with the Risk Watch Program. I am so very proud of what we have been able to accomplish with our Risk Watch Program. The credit goes out to our Champion Teams all across Kentucky and our outstanding Fire & Life Safety Educators. NFPA Field Advisor for Kentucky, Linda Stuckey will be making a tour of Kentucky to see first hand our progress and how Risk Watch in Kentucky is doing. She will visit Northern Kentucky on Tuesday November 29th and have a meeting, briefing and school visits in that area and then will meet with our local Public Educators or anyone who wants to comment or question about Risk Watch in Kentucky. She will then travel to Richmond, Ky for a meeting at Madison County Fire Depts Safety City on Wednesday November 30th and do the same.

Congratulations to our Champion Team from Madison County, particularly Chief Murphy and Major Butch Kirby on the dedication and opening of Safety City in Madison County. Chief Murphy and Major Kirby have stellar supporters of the Risk Watch and

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other Public Education Programs for that area. I am so very proud of what Butch has been able to do in Madison County, their Champion Team leads the entire state in Schools, Classrooms and total Risk Watch Participation by student count.

When you read this article the holiday season will quickly be approaching and I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Blessed and Happy Christmas Season.

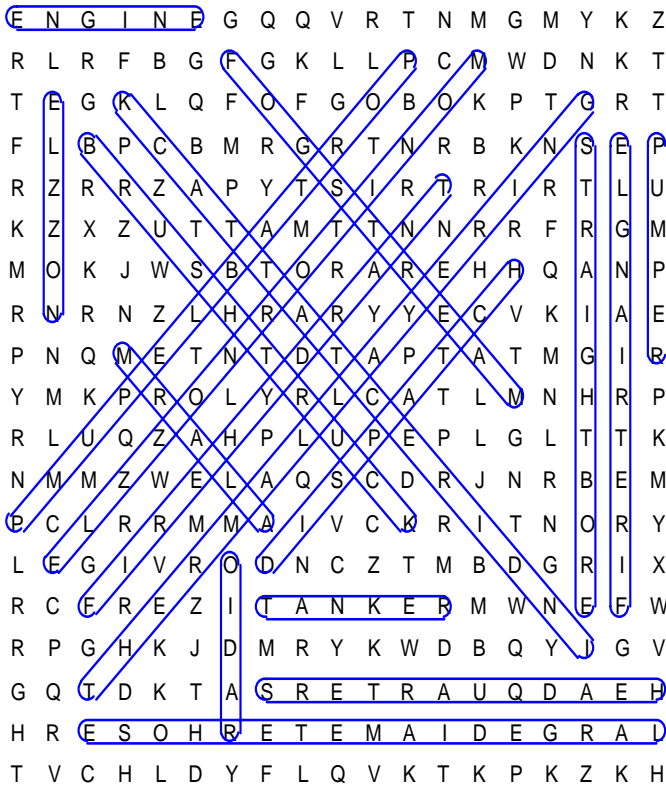
Till I see all of you, May God Bless and Be Safe!

Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stambush

Chairman

KFA Fire & Life Safety Committee

Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle



Words of Wisdom

It is wonderful how much time good people spend fighting the devil. If they would only expend the same amount of energy loving their fellow men, the devil would die in his own tracks of ennui.

Helen Keller

WINTER FIREFIGHTING TIPS

Winter comes with its own set of special hazards. Aside from the weather many residences have increased fuel loads from alternative heat sources. It is not uncommon to find 10-15 gallons of kerosene stored inside of a property. Propane heaters and fireplaces are now common. Electric heaters can place an unusually heavy load on residential electrical systems. Home heating systems may not have been serviced properly. Homes may be sealed up tighter than normal presenting a carbon monoxide hazard.

Here are some practical tips for winter firefighting

- ✓ Take the time to dress warmly, dress in layers. Take the time to provide ear protection, gloves, and warm footwear. Keep an extra set of clothes in your vehicle or at the station.
- ✓ If responding from home take the time to clean the windshield of your vehicle completely.
- ✓ Drive with extra care. A fresh layer of snow may hide an ice covered roadway.
- ✓ Carry blankets in the front seat of your apparatus or personal vehicle. Covering wreck or fire victim with a cold blanket could cause shock. Try setting on them (the blankets), your body heat will warm them up.
- ✓ To help prevent fire pump freeze up keep water circulating. This can be done using the tank fill and pump to tank valve.
- ✓ Hand held radios need to be protected from freezing water. This might cause the radio to key up and inhibit normal radio traffic.

Prepared by

Bob Barringer

State Fire Rescue Training Area Eleven

A properly folded US Flag

When a US Flag is properly folded it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**Kentucky Fire Commission to Host IFSAC Accredited Written Exams Every Month Through June 2006!**

The Kentucky Fire Commission will be offering an opportunity for Kentucky firefighters to take any of the Kentucky IFSAC Accredited written certification exams on a monthly basis. Once a month through June 2006, the fire commission will be giving the written exams at their central office in Versailles. Test dates are listed below. Testing begins at 9 am each day, and candidates can take multiple exams throughout the day, based upon the time limits set for each exam level, and to allow for a break at lunch for staff and candidates. Testing will not continue past 4pm each day. Candidates will not be allowed to test unless they register with **Christy Rodgers** of the IFSAC Certification Program by calling toll-free, **888-301-2946**. You must register before the Friday immediately preceding the exam date. Candidate must bring their Drivers License or Official state issued ID card to the test site for identification. Candidates should plan to arrive at least 15 minutes early to locate the facility, visitor parking area, and the room where the testing is being conducted. Further, more detailed information can be obtained from the fire commission via their web site at <http://www.kctcs.net/kyfirecommission/index.htm>. Firefighter IFSAC Accredited skills' testing has been scheduled for each of the State Fire Rescue Training service areas for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. That schedule is available in this edition of Smoke Signals or it can be downloaded via the web at <http://www.kctcs.net/kyfirecommission/IFSAC2005-2006Schedulepdf.pdf>. If you have any questions concerning the IFSAC Certification process or procedures, you may contact either **Duane Suttles**, Area 9 Coordinator or **Christy Rodgers**, Area 9 Office Coordinator at **888-301-2946** or you may contact your local Area SFRT Coordinator.

Written Exam dates for KCTCS-Fire Commission Central Office in Versailles:
12-19-05, 1-23-06, 2-27-06, 3-20-06, 4-17-06, 5-15-06, 6-19-06.

2005-2006 FF I & II Skills Testing Schedule

Dec 3-4	Highland Heights	Area 7	888-306-8101
Dec 3-4	London	Area 13	888-234-0100
March 11-12	Ashland	Area 10	888-302-2833
March 18-19	Morehead	Area 9	888-301-2946
April 1-2	Owensboro	Area 3	888-306-8015
April 1-2	Hazard	Area 12	888-234-6759
April 22-23	Jessamine Co.	Area 15	888-234-3961
May 6-7	Princeton	Area 2	888-306-7986
May 11-12	Versailles	FC Office	888-301-2946

For more information related to the testing dates and exact locations contact the numbers listed with the dates above.

**ANNOUNCING THE 77TH ANNUAL KENTUCKY STATE FIRE SCHOOL & HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE
 JUNE 8th-11th, 2006**

To be held at:

**LEXINGTON CONVENTION CENTER,
 RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL, &
 HYATT REGENCY**

The 2006 school will begin on Thursday the 8th of June and end on Sunday the 11th. Registration information will be posted soon on websites such as the Fire Commission www.kctcs.edu/kyfirecommission and KFA www.kyfa.org. An expanded exhibit program will be set up inside Heritage Hall which is a part of the HyattRegency/Rupp Arena/Lexington Center complex located at West High St. at South Broadway in downtown Lexington. This will make the school more convenient for attendees to plan their lodging, parking, class attendance, and social/entertainment needs. Several statewide associations including the State Fire Commission and Kentucky Fire Chiefs Association have been invited to hold meetings during the school. Please check with your organization to see if they are participating. An opening session will be held on Thursday morning with class sessions beginning shortly thereafter. Course offerings are being ex

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panded to provide training for a wide range of fire and emergency service needs. As much as possible, courses will be scheduled to accommodate the needs of career and volunteer personnel. A conference wide gathering for all interested attendees is planned to provide everyone with up to date information on current issues as well as the opportunity to hear a keynote speaker. A preliminary fire school program will be available in February.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Radisson Plaza Hotel
369 West Vine St.
1-800-333-3333

Hyatt Regency-Lexington
401 West High St.
1-800-233-1234

The rates at both hotels are \$79 per night for single or double.



**GEORGETOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIFTH ANNUAL FIRE
SYMPOSIUM**

JANUARY 21 & 22, 2006

**“FIREGROUND AWARENESS and
DECISIONMAKING”**

SAT. 8:30-4:30 CHIEF HALTON

**“RESCUING TRAPPED FIREFIGHTERS, IT’S
EVERY FIREFIGHTERS JOB”**

SUN 8:30-4:30 CHIEF COBB

Chief Bobby Halton – Served as Fire Chief for the City of Coppell, TX since July of 2004. Prior to that date he was Deputy Chief of Operations for the fire department of the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Bobby began his career in Albuquerque in 1984 and rose through the ranks. Bobby has been involved in public service for his entire professional life and continues a multigenerational legacy of service. Bobby has published numerous articles in fire trade magazines and continues to lecture on various topics. Bobby is currently focused on command level training and the evolution of a “Blue Card” sys-

tem for structural certification in the State of Texas and the United States.

Deputy Chief Robert “Butch” Cobb – Chief Cobb is a 33-year veteran of the fire service and has been a career firefighter and officer serving the Jersey City Fire Department for 30 years. DC Cobb is also the past Chief of the Dumont, NJ and West Milford Township, NJ Volunteer Fire Departments. Cobb was one of the primary developers of the Jersey City Rapid Intervention Crew, Large Area Search and Rescuing Trapped Firefighter programs. Cobb is a primary author of the NJ Fire Service Reference Book, “NJ Model Fire Department Incident Management Standard Operating Guides” and a developer of the NJ Division of Fire Safety Course “Implementing the NJ Incident Management System”. Cobb conducts Fire Ground survival workshops and hands on training throughout the country. He is a Contributing Editor for Firehouse Magazine and has been a featured speaker at numerous fire department conferences around the country, including the FDIC, Firehouse Expo Baltimore, Firehouse World San Diego, Worcester RD Memorial Seminar, Houston FF’s Safety Seminar and the LA County Safety & Survival Seminar.

NEW ARRIVALS

Joe Brunson Rejoins American Fire

Bowling Green, KY. - Please join me in welcoming Joe Brunson to the position of Executive Vice President , Production & Sales, effective immediately. Joe comes to us from competitor Ferrera Fire Apparatus.

Joe’s new responsibility will include product management, marketing and sales for American Fire Apparatus and in this capacity he will report directly to me. In addition, he will assume responsibility for streamlining American’s product planning and build time processes.

Joe started his 30+ year tenure in the fire apparatus industry at American Fire Apparatus when we were previously located in Hutchinson, Kansas. Since then Joe has demonstrated success in product management, planning, development and support with several manufacturers. Joe’s extensive

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background and proven track record make him an ideal candidate for this new position.

He has worked with all aspects of product management for over three decades and has an excellent reputation for delivering results. His former experience gives him an invaluable perspective of the opportunities and challenges facing our company. I am pleased that we have attracted such a strong candidate to help lead our company. Please join me in welcoming Joe to the American Fire Apparatus team! You may contact him directly at (270) 779-6263.

Charles Shourds, COO

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Yelvington Fire Department in Daviess County recently took delivery of a 2006 F-550 Crew Cab 4x4 (Unit 527). The cab and chassis was purchased from Kenny Vice Ford in Ladoga, IN. The bed is from the previous unit 527, but has been remodeled using in-house man-hours, according to Yelvington Fire Chief Bob Freels. The lightbar mounted atop is the first red LED light-bar manufactured by Ecco. Lettering and striping by Radical Concepts of Maceo, KY.



Thruston-Philpot Fire Department in Daviess County has placed a new brush fire apparatus in-service (Unit 618). The 2005 Ford F-550 4x4 was purchased by the department and then driven to Kansas to be fitted with the bed. The pump/booster tank assembly is a Mertz "Firecracker" purchased from Advanced Fire & Rescue Equipment. The remainder of truck was put together using many in-house man-hours in an effort to save money, according to Thruston-Philpot Fire Chief Bob Newman. The funds for the entire purchase price of the truck came from dues-paying citizens in the Thruston-Philpot response area. Lettering and striping by Brite-Way Sign Company of Owensboro.

2006 KFA Conference Registration

Jump Start advanced registration now available through January 1st, 2006. This year the KFA Conference Registration will have a three tiered registration fee structure. From now until January 1st the fee will be \$50.00. From January 1st through July 15 the fee will be \$55.00. After July 15 through the conference the fee will be \$60.00. Registration forms can be downloaded from the KFA website at <http://www.kyfa.org>.

If you normally take out an ad in the program booklet be sure to check the website listed above. This year there will be two tiered fee structure. One for businesses and one for Emergency Services Organizations

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Reflections

I have now had the privilege of serving the emergency services in the Big Sandy region for almost 29 years. In this time we have grown from 19 fire departments protection 2,200 square mile in 1977 to over 70 today. I have been honored to be part of this growth and to watch 3 generations of this fire/rescue family grow & prosper. You have welcomed me into your homes. We have celebrated together and we have mourned together. You have fought the good fight and ran the good race and continue to do so each and every day. I will continue to laugh with you and cry with you and do what ever I can to support you.

The program too, has changed in 29 years. When I joined as a part-time instructor in 1976 we were called "Kentucky Fire Service Training". There 7 full time "Senior Instructor Coordinators and a hand full of Part-time field staff members. In those early days we were part of the Kentucky Department of Education and terribly under funded.

As funding improved and we as a program proved our selves we were able to hire additional coordinators and fields staff.

Under the Workforce Development Cabinet we became very busy and involved somewhat with the newly formed Kentucky Fire Commission

8 years ago we again, "Kicked it up a notch" We became part of the new Kentucky Community & Technical College System. SFRT has now come of age. We have one of the most respected training programs in the nation. KCTCS and the Fire Commission continue to support our efforts to provide the fire/rescue family with the best possible training

To both the program and its people and to you the fire rescue family. Thanks for 29 great years. Gob Bless each of you and your families !

Bob Barringer

He who has faith has... an inward reservoir of courage, hope, confidence, calmness, and assuring trust that all will come out well - even though to the world it may appear to come out most badly.

B. C. Forbes

USSTC OPERATION RANGER OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR 2006 AWARDS

Applications for utility vehicles to assist first responders accepted until Jan. 6, 2006

GREENWICH, Conn., Oct 19, 2005 — U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company (USSTC) today announced that it is now accepting applications for versatile Polaris Ranger 6x6 utility vehicles to be awarded in 2006 through its Operation Ranger donation program to assist America's emergency first responders.

The company provided some 70 Rangers to fire-rescue, police, emergency medical services, emergency management and wildlife law enforcement organizations in 2005 and has awarded nearly 200 off-road vehicles nationwide since late 2002. In response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Operation Ranger provided 12 vehicles on an expedited basis to fire, emergency management and police organizations in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas.

Applications and supporting materials will be accepted until Jan. 6, 2006. While the final funding level has not yet been determined, the company hopes to award at least 60 vehicles throughout 2006. The rugged Polaris Ranger 6x6 utility vehicle is the most capable vehicle in its class. For 2006, the American-built vehicle will be fuel-injected and provide greater horsepower, torque and speed, as well as better suspension. The Ranger also can seat three on a bench seat, an advantage in many emergency situations. For more information on the vehicle's features visit <http://ranger.polarisindustries.com/ranger> and click on "Models" and then "6x6."

Operation Ranger will review applications only from the following types of emergency organizations:

- Fire-Rescue – Volunteer and Career
- Police/Sheriff – Municipal/County/State
- EMS/Ambulance
- Search & Rescue
- Wildlife Conservation & Law Enforcement
- Park/Forest Ranger
- Emergency Management/Preparedness – Municipal/County/Regional

'Smokeless Tobacco Grant' continued

Vehicles are awarded through a competitive application process. Award criteria can be easily deduced from the application form itself, which now can be downloaded from the "Corporate Giving" section of www.usmokelesstobacco.com as a form that applicants may easily fill out on a computer.

U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company is a distinctly different tobacco company. Through its subsidiaries, it is a leading producer and marketer of moist smokeless tobacco products. The Company's primary brands are Copenhagen, Skoal, Rooster, Red Seal and Husky. The Company is the only smokeless tobacco manufacturer to sign the Smokeless Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (STMSA). Under the STMSA, the Company voluntarily adopted an array of advertising and promotional restrictions and agreed to pay \$100 million towards programs to reduce youth access to tobacco products and combat youth substance abuse.



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

IAFC and NVFC Offer Resolution to Protect Volunteers

The National Advisory Committee (NAC) of the Congressional Fire Services Institute unanimously adopted a resolution supporting H.R. 3949, the Volunteer Firefighter and EMS Personnel Job Protection Act, at its annual fall meeting on October 26th. The resolution was submitted jointly by the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and calls on Congress to pass H.R. 3949, which was introduced by Congressman Mike Castle (R-DE) on September 29, 2005.

H.R. 3949 would protect volunteer firefighters from being fired, demoted or harassed if they miss work because they are activated to respond to a Presidentially declared emergency. Members of the National Guard already enjoy similar job protection under current law.

"When the men and women of the volunteer fire service are asked to respond to a national disaster they shouldn't have to jeopardize their livelihoods in

order to answer the call," said NVFC Chairman Philip Stittleburg. "This bill is the right thing to do for our nation's volunteer firefighters and it ensures that they will be available to respond as needed."

Volunteer firefighters-thousands of whom responded earlier this year to hurricanes that ravaged parts of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida-make up nearly 75 percent of the nation's fire service. They receive little if any compensation for their services and most of them have full-time jobs away from the firehouse.

New Web-Based Program for Emergency Vehicle Safe Operations for Volunteer and Small Combination Emergency Service Organizations Now On-Line

WASHINGTON, DC. - The Department of Homeland Security's United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) announced today the Emergency Vehicle Safe Operations for Volunteer and Small Combination Emergency Service Organizations is now available on-line. This innovative, web-based educational program includes an emergency vehicle safety best practices self-assessment, standard operating guideline examples, and behavioral motivation techniques to enhance emergency vehicle safety. As crashes from privately-owned vehicles are the leading cause of volunteer firefighter on-duty fatalities responding and returning to emergencies, this program also discusses critical safety issues of volunteer firefighter safety in them.

"Vehicle crashes represent the second leading cause of on-duty firefighter deaths in the volunteer fire service," said Charlie Dickinson, USFA Deputy Administrator. "This emergency vehicle safety educational program will also support the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Firefighter Life Safety Initiative to reduce on-duty firefighter fatalities, and further ensure that Everyone Goes Home."

This program is a result of one of the partnerships with several leading fire service membership organizations as a follow on to the Emergency Vehicle Safety Initiative, a USFA project developed to reduce the number of firefighters killed while responding to or returning from the emergency scene. "This emergency vehicle safety educational program will enable the volunteer fire service to easily and conveniently obtain comprehensive information in this area while at home or in the station," stated NVFC Chairman Philip Stittleberg.

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