



Smoke Signals II

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LaGrange Firefighter Killed in the Line of Duty



Firefighter Richard J. Dake 48, of the LaGrange Fire Department was killed in the line of duty on Monday night March 4th when a train collided with the tanker he was driving. He was returning from a training exercise when the accident occurred.

Dake was retired from the Army and worked as a corrections facility employee at a local prison. He joined the LaGrange Fire Department in 1999. His wife and four children, ranging in age from three to 27, survive Dake.

The LaGrange Fire & Rescue Department is an all-volunteer department with 42 members. They protect a population of 15,000 in a primarily residential area of 51 square miles, and they operate out of three stations. The death of Richard Dake is the department's first loss in the line of duty since 1972.

It is difficult to accept the passing of a brother in the line of duty participating in training. Our work is always dangerous. The dangers are present anytime we respond to an emergency or training. The Kentucky Firefighters Association extends its sympathy to the family and the LaGrange Fire Department.

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From the President
Bill Carver

Greetings! I Hope this article finds everyone doing well. Barren River Area Firefighters Association is working hard to make this conference one that you will be talking about for years to come. I certainly hope you will be able to attend. As spring pops its head around the corner it is time for your local Firefighter Olympic Teams to be practicing for our Firefighter Olympics. They will be held on Saturday afternoon August 10th this year. The memorial service will be held at the motel on Sunday evening. With the events of the last few months, we have many to remember in our services. There will be a barbecue held at Beech Bend Park Monday night August 12th and transportation will be provided. See the web-site www.kyfa.org for more details. If you have a block of rooms reserved for the conference please call the motel or Diane and attach names to each room if possible. I know that there may be rooms double booked and other people would like to have them.

The legislative session will be over by the time you receive this. I am sure we will not pass all the legislation we wanted but maybe sometimes it is better to look at what we didn't lose instead. Be ready to start again next year and voice your concerns, wants and desires for the fire service to your vice-president or director in your area. They in turn will get the information to the KFA Legislative Committee and they will work to help make good things happen for the KY Fire Service.

Special thanks from me to the web-masters for the excellent KFA web-site. I use the site often for information that I need. It is the best Fire Service Association web-page that I have seen. Check out the new classified ad section that has been added. Members can place an ad free to sell or give away equipment etc. Take advantage of it. We already have a few things listed. If you have things lying around the firehouse you need to trade or sale please give Woody a call. This can be one of the best sources in the state to get resources better positioned across the state.



FIRE COMMISSION

Walter J. Lage
Division Director
State Fire Commission

If you haven't done so already, mark your calendar for the **73rd Annual State Fire School**, to be held **June 3-5, 2002 in Lexington**. Nearly 30 classes for fire and rescue personnel are being planned. Classes include hands-on training in firefighting, SCBA, rescue operations, hazardous materials, vehicle extrication, sprinkler systems, pump operations and more. Plan now on joining the nearly 800 emergency service personnel that attended the 2001 Fire School.

General information:

Sunday, June 2

Registration – 1:00–5:30 p.m.

Grand Opening of fire school exhibits – 2–8 p.m.

Monday, June 3

Registration – 7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Courses meet - 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Exhibits open – 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4

Courses meet – 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Exhibits open – 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Barbecue dinner – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5

Courses meet – 8:00 a.m.–Noon

Hotels: Make you reservations now! Contact the hotel of your choice and mention the Kentucky Fire School in order to receive the special rate.

Holiday Inn North – (859) 233-0512

Four Points Sheraton – (859) 259-1311

The deadline to submit Training Facility Grant applications has been extended until the application criteria is established by the Training Facility Grant Committee.

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.

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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. 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.

Please remember that training records were due by December 31, 2001. If you have not submitted year 2001 training records it could jeopardize your eligibility for state-aid. The Fire Commission strongly recommends that as a minimum, training records be submitted monthly.

Please remember that the Fire Commission has moved to Lexington. Any correspondence should be sent to the Lexington office and not the Fire Marshal's office in Frankfort.

Our address is:

2750 Research Park Drive- Barn Annex
P.O. Box 14092
Lexington, Kentucky 40512-4092

Our telephone numbers are:

Phone: 1-800-782-6823
Fax: 859-246-3484

Web page address –

www.kctcs.net/kyfirecommission

To enter training hours via the internet –

<http://kyfiretraining.kctcs.net>

REGIONAL EMBERS

Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Troy Newcomb, President

Greetings from the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association and "Far Western Kentucky." For our friends and neighbors across the state that are still not exactly sure where "Far Western Kentucky" is I can assure you that you must go a good ways past Owensboro and Bowling Green to get here.

Spring has "almost" sprung thank goodness. I am always thankful that we live in an area that has four distinctive seasons. Just about the time that we think that we have stood just about all of old man winter that we can stand, spring arrives right on cue. And we realize that a deity, much greater than mere man, has planned this schedule for us.

There are many benefits to living in "Far Western Kentucky." And one of these is being able to interact and work with the good folk in emergency services in the state of Tennessee. On Friday, February 22, 2002 the Palmersville, Tennessee Fire Department in Weakly County contacted Chief Shawn Bixler of Fulton, KY Fire and EMS and requested mutual aid for a body recovery at Garrett Lake in Weakly County. The fire department, the Weakly County Rescue Squad and the Obion County Rescue Squad had nearly exhausted their resources. The boating accident occurred on Thursday and these units had been on the scene throughout the day and into the early morning hours. Rescue Squads from Shelby County (Memphis, TN.), Henderson County (Lexington, TN.), Henry County (Paris, TN.) and others responded. Chief Bixler put out the word in our area and a group was formed. Chief Sam Hartman from the Fulton County Rescue Squad (Hickman, KY) and some of his personnel responded with the rescue squad boat. Other personnel from the Fulton Fire Department (Fulton, KY.), the Hickman County

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Rescue Squad (Clinton, KY.) and the South Fulton Fire Department (South Fulton, TN.) also responded to Fulton. The group of 17 personnel responded to Garrett Lake in Weakly County and assisted with the body recovery operations. Fittingly, the Weakly County Rescue Squad recovered the body in the early afternoon hours on Friday. Good emergency services personnel and mutual aid are alive and well in both Kentucky and Tennessee.

Congratulations to President Ed Schmidt and the Green River Firefighters Association for what appeared to be another fantastic and successful Officers School. It takes a lot of hard working, dedicated personnel to achieve this kind of success. And when the school gets bigger and better each year it is apparent that the Green River Firefighters Association is reaching for the pinnacle of success. Good Luck!

The Kentucky General Assembly will be history by the time you are reading this paper. As happens quite often in politics we may not be able to see tangible results out of this session. But I am sure that Gerald and Smitty have laid a lot of good groundwork for future sessions. And rest assured that the Fire Service was well represented and that our case was presented to the legislature. Remember what Gerald and Smitty have always told us about these sessions. Often times what did not get passed may have been more important than what was passed. We will live to fight again.

The FY 2002 Firefighters Grant Program has been in full swing again this year. However all grants had to be submitted during the month of March. If you have procrastinated and not filed your grant application by now, you are SOL. This year's grant totaled \$360 Million dollars. Of course that is way short of the \$3 billion that was requested by the fire departments last year. But I believe that we have proven to these people that there is a definite need for this money and we must continue to do so. If your agency has received a grant or if you have not received a grant, we must continue to file these grant applications. "The squeaking wheel gets the grease!"

The first quarterly meeting of the JPFA was conducted on Tuesday, February 05, 2002 at the Viola

Fire Department in Viola, Kentucky with 41 members present. **GOOD** chili was served to all members in attendance. I do not believe that I have seen as much chili in one place in my entire life. Chief Mike Powers and the men and women of the department had the new station house "standing tall" for the meeting. Chief Powers advised that it would stay that way too. And he did not crack a smile! The members of the department are understandably proud of their new facility and the rest of the JPFA members were like new grand parents. We were proud for them. Thanks Viola!

At the meeting resolution # 1 was voted on and passed by the membership. This resolution changed our quarterly meetings to BI-Monthly meetings. The new meeting schedule is as follows:

March 5, 2002	Cuba Fire Department
May 7, 2002	LaCenter Fire Department
July 2, 2002	North Graves Fire Dept
Sept. 3, 2002	Air Products-Calvert City
Nov. 5, 2002	Grand Lakes Fire Dept - Station #3 – Tiline

The first meeting of the JPFA on our new meeting schedule was conducted on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at the Cuba Fire Department with 31 members in attendance. It was kind of nice to have JPFA meetings back to back and just a month apart. I think I could get use to that. Chief James Crosslin and the men and the women of the Cuba Fire Department cooked hamburgers and hot dogs out on the grill for the membership. (Thanks John) And they were good! The department furnished all of the trimmings for the hamburgers and hot dogs and then there was dessert. I did not stop and count but there must have been seven or eight pies, several cakes and I do not remember what else. I haven't seen a dessert table like that since the last Billings reunion I attended. We did manage to conduct some JPFA business during the meeting. But we did eat a lot too. Thanks Cuba Fire Department for having us at your house.

Chief Fred Ross of the Calvert City Fire Depart-

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ment and the Calvert City Industries have joined forces to present “**ABBOTTSVILLE**” a tabletop training exercise. Chief Ross saw this program at a fire school and has been trying for five years to get it here in the JPFA area. He finally succeeded. The exercise is conducted inside on 24 tables. The town of Abbotsville is set up in miniature with all of the amenities of a town. There will be three emergency exercises conducted during the training with participants acting as members of the city council, the police department, the fire department, public works, etc. Chief Ross says that you can not imagine the stress that can build up during a training exercise. The program will be presented on Monday, April 29th, 2002 from 6PM – 10PM at the new Calvert City station house behind the Dairy Queen. This is a **FREE** class for anyone that wishes to attend. If you have questions you may contact Chief Ross at 1-270-395-4612.

The 2002 Kentucky State Fire School is scheduled for June 3-5 in Lexington, Kentucky. Watch your mail for the school brochure that will be out soon and make plans now to attend.

The 2002 Kentucky Firefighters Association conference hosted by the Barren River Firefighters Association in Bowling Green, Kentucky is just around the corner. It is scheduled for August 3rd -6th, 2002. If you have not sent in your pre registrations and/or your ad for the program guidebook please do so now. Do not put this important task off any longer. President Bill Carver and the Barren River Association are making plans for a great conference in Bowling Green. They need your help and support.

“LESS WE FORGET”

REMEMBER 911!

**GOD BLESS AMERICA AND
WAVE THAT AMERICAN FLAG!**

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JPFA 2002 Annual Fire School

The JPFA Annual Fire School was held on March 24th and 25th here in Paducah, Kentucky. There were a total of 16 classes with a total of 245 participants. The following classes were held: Firefighter Survival, Firefighter Rescue, Hard to Get Hours, Arson II, Fire Behavior, Flashover, Basic Firefighting Hours, Multiple Agency Incident Command, Management for Senior Officers, ISO Fire Suppression Rating Schedule, Tanker Water Shuttle, CPR and HIV/AIDS, EMT-B Refresher, School Bus Extrication, and Methamphetamine Labs.

We did have to cancel several classes due to a lack of enough pre-registrations, by the March 7th deadline. The sad part is several of the classes came in with enough people but they didn't arrive until almost a week after the Pre-Registration deadline. That deadline is very important in order for us to give any instructors, whose classes are canceled, fair notice so they can make other plans. We will strive to hold every class that the students request, but the pre-registration numbers are the determining factor, so make sure to get them in on time.

On Saturday night everyone enjoyed a good time at the Vendors Show held at Bluegrass Downs with good food, lots of vendor displays, door prizes, fire apparatus show, firefighter memorial service, free give away for children, a grand prize for a children's drawing of a beautiful pedal fire truck, and some good music!

We want to thank everyone who participated in any way, shape, or form to the success of the school.



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Dixie Firefighters Association

Randy Skinner – President

The 2002 Dixie Fire School is history and what a fantastic history it is. Already known as one of the biggest and best Regional Fire Schools in the state this year the school topped all expectations. This year's school had a whopping 834 different individuals in attendance! That is non-duplicated students. We were overwhelmed.

This school could not be possible without the help and support of our members and the State Fire/Rescue Training program. Instructors came from the full breadth of the Commonwealth. We are aware that part of our success lies in the fact that as the training budget gets smaller and smaller, with classes being cut from State Fire/Rescue Training, the only place to get some classes are at Regional Fire Schools.

We are also thankful that Fire Commission Director Collier made good on a promise from Fire/Rescue Training and provided a 1-ton F350 to the Area 5 office so trailers located in our area could be moved.

The Saturday Night Banquet was slightly different this year because we did not hold our normal Monte-Carlo Night as we have in the past. Instead we had frequent drawings with a grand prize drawing of a 27 inch color TV. Our guest speaker was Bill Bresnahan, a worker at ground zero at the World Trade Center. His talk was both inspiring and timely as we paid tribute to America's Heroes during our banquet.

Chief Charlie Shaw representing KFA swore in the Dixie's new officers for 2002-03. They are:

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| President | Randy Skinner |
| 1st Vice President | Mike Mather |
| 2nd Vice President | Rusty Todd |
| Secretary | Lu Ann Mink |
| Treasurer | Woody Will |

All in all a wonderful time was had by all. We look forward to seeing all of you at next year's school.

Remember Dixie Fire School – it's not an event, it's an adventure!!

Randy Skinner

Eastern Kentucky Firefighters

Duane Suttles, Sec-Treas.

Eastern Kentucky Firefighters kick off 54th year of service with a return to its members.

The EKFA, organized in 1958, has voted to return a portion of its coffers to its 2001 dues paying members. Chief Brent Webster of the Westwood Fire Department opened discussion at a regular meeting being held at the Westwood fire station on March 21st concerning benefits of belonging to the association. "What do we have to offer departments?" asked Webster, "We need to do something to attract more members to the organization, we need to show that we have something to offer" Webster added. After much discussion, it was decided to split \$5000 between the 13 dues paying member departments of 2001. Six departments were represented at the meeting, with all present either voting for the measure or abstaining with the exception of the Grayson Fire Department. I represented Grayson and I was the lone no vote. I felt that some other gesture would be appropriate, or at least give it till the next meeting so departments could have time to ponder their decision. Even though I voted against the measure, I must say that I support and respect the decision of the majority. I feel that they have the best intentions at heart.

There are 35 departments within the 5 counties making up the EKFA region. According to Webster, "We hope this will send a message to those that have not been active, that the EKFA wants to provide something for its members."

When the association started, its main goal was providing a means of backup and mutual aid among its members. That was real important in 1958. Now, that is taken for granted in some areas and some departments charge other departments to provide mutual aid. When I joined the fire service in 1977, I didn't think I would ever see the day one department would charge another to help out.

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The EKFA has seen some rough and rocky times over the last decade or so and some current members intend to restore the pride in an organization that is one of the pioneer associations of Kentucky still in existence.

The EKFA meets the 3rd Thursday of each odd month at 7pm and anyone is invited to attend. Our 2002 schedule is:

Jan 17- Grayson FD
 Mar 21- Westwood FD
 May 16- Webbville FD
 Jul 18- East Fork FD
 Sept 19- England Hill FD
 Nov 21- Cannonsburg FD

Eastern Kentucky Firefighters Association has elected new officers for 2002. They are as follows:

Kendall Steele- President
 Walter Johnson- Vice Pres
 Duane Suttles- Sec/Treas
 Chaplain- Jack McKinney

The new address for the EKFA is:
 Eastern Ky Firefighters Assn.
 Battalion Chief Duane Suttles
 210 Meadowview Road
 Grayson, Ky 41143-1410

Congratulations go out to the new slate of officers and a hearty welcome, we look forward to your participation in upcoming events.

**KFA Webpage
 Has New Classified Section**

The KFA Webpage "www.kyfa.org" has a new section for you to display items for sale, items you are giving away just to give them a good home, or stuff you think some other department just might need. E-mail the information about your STUFF to: wwill@kvnet.org we will be happy to help you find a new home for your STUFF.

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

On January 26, 2002 the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association held its 9th Annual Awards Banquet. The banquet was held at the Marquis Restaurant in Wilder, Kentucky with approximately 300 people in attendance from Boone, Kenton, Campbell and Pendleton counties. Chief Dale Harshbarger of Hebron and Lt. Daryl Tepe of Ft. Wright hosted the banquet. The guest speaker for the night was Mr. Dick VonHanne (a.k.a. Cool Ghoul) a local TV personality in the Northern KY/Cincinnati area. Six categories were awarded and the recipients of those awards were:

Chief Officer Award

Chief Ken Schaub, Alexandria Fire Department

Emergency Medical Service Award

EMT Melissa Traft,
 Bromley Volunteer Fire Department.

Fire Prevention/Life Safety Award

Lt. Adam Fuller, Central Campbell Fire District

Fire Fighter of the Year Award

Vincent Gohs, Ft. Mitchell Fire Department

Liberty Mutual Award

Asst. Chief Mark Rauch, Debbie Rauch,
 Jennifer Lahner and Tim Ford all of Alexandria
 Fire Department and Transcare Paramedics,
 Jeanne Campbell and Holly Hewins.

Meritorious Service Award

Marian Sizemore, State Farm Agent,
 Ft. Thomas, KY.

We congratulate these winners as well as the other nominees for the hard work and professional spirit while performing their duties.

Reporter,
Terry Keller



Pub Ed Committee

Joe Stanbush, Chairman

Special thanks to our friends from Area # 3 for another outstanding Green River Officers School, in our Public Education Class we had over forty attendees. A very special showing for our NFA Instructor who commented to me how impressed he was with what is happening in Kentucky with Fire and Life Safety Education. You people continue to make me so very proud and happy to be a part of the very best. I hope everyone is taking advantage of the FEMA Grant and good luck for your department. We did pretty good in Kentucky the last go around, I hope we do even better. Many things are going on in the world of Fire and Life Safety Education, we are working so very hard to make NFPA's Risk Watch our next statewide initiative. If we can have the same success that we had with Learn Not To Burn just think how much we can do for the people of our Commonwealth. I want to make sure everyone knows that we still have some Learn Not To Burn Materials available. For more information on that be sure to contact me, Greg Schultz, Karin Riley, Bonnie Pigg or any of our statewide champions.

Our KFA Pub Ed Committee Meeting was held in Lexington on March 28th please check the KFA Web Site www.kyfa.org for the minutes and special happenings. We are planning an exciting and very educational class for State Fire School in Lexington this year. We are going to do a combined information class on LNTB - Risk Watch - Remembering When - Juvenile Firesetting - Networking - Resources - and other Public Education Presentation Needs. Greg Schultz is already putting together a very special presentation, spread the word you won't want to miss this one. Rusty Todd is busying preparing for our 2nd Public Education Resource Workshop in E-Town sometime in September. We will be getting more information out on that. I am planning on going to the FDIC Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana to see what is new in the world of Pub Ed. We want to have another Pub Ed Committee meeting at my good friend Bonnie Pigg's Safety Town

Location. If you missed the last visit you will want to see this magnificent Public Education Tool. Chief Withrow of Paris Fire Dept has outdone himself on this one. We will be sure to get plenty of word out on this event. Again it is very important that you check the KFA Web Page www.kyfa.org thanks to Woody and our comrades from KFA for helping us keep our folks informed.

On my next article I will have some special information on Fire Prevention Month and hopefully some more information on Risk Watch.

I read today with great sorrow about the death of our comrade from LaGrange, Ky. Our prayers and thoughts go out to our brothers and sisters but especially to his family. God Bless us all and Keep Everyone Safe!

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The Fourteenth Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner is set to take place April 18, 2002, at the Hilton Washington, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

The day's events include seminars and workshops including such topics as:

- Federal Grant Writing,
- FEMA/USFA Roundtable,
- Federal Excess/Surplus Property Workshop,
- The FIRE Grant Program,
- EMS Issues on Capitol Hill, and
- Federal Agency Open House.

Following the workshops, there will be a silent auction and a reception at the Hilton. Dinner will begin at 7:00 pm. The theme of this year's dinner is "Protecting Our Nation," and will celebrate our nation's first responders who risk their lives every day.

This national tribute attracts over 1,500 fire service leaders and members of Congress annually. For ticket information, or to register, please visit www.cfsi.org.



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director

Bryant Stiles, Alternate

FY 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Update - USFA Announces Extension of Technical Assistance Helpline Hours

More than 8,500 Fire Departments Have Registered and Begun Filling Out Grant Application

WASHINGTON - The Federal Emergency Management Agency's United States Fire Administration (USFA) announced today that the hours of its toll-free Helpline have been extended to include Sundays. In addition to the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday, fire department representatives can also contact the Helpline on Sundays from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. (EST). The toll-free number is (866) 274-0960.

This expansion is in response to the overwhelming interest USFA has received in the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Some fire departments experienced difficulties accessing the on-line application during the first few days. USFA estimates that 90-95 percent of applicants have been able to register without any problems, but the agency is concerned about the 5-10 percent who have had trouble. USFA has resolved some minor technical issues, and is working with individual applicants to find solutions to each registration problem.

"The Helpline is so important as it can ensure that everyone has access to the assistance they need to complete the application well in advance of the application closing date," Dave Paulison, United States Fire Administrator, said. "The Helpline has been enormously useful to fire departments. We are encouraged by the positive feedback we have received from callers, and we appreciate the patience that everyone has shown since the program opened last Friday.

"Departments do not need to rush their application to get it in first, second or even third," Paulison said. "It is critical that they have a correct and completed application submitted by April 1, as it only takes a few hours to fill out the online forms."

In the first week of applications being available, more than 9,700 fire departments have registered and begun filling out the application form online. As of March 7, over 100 completed applications have been received and the Helpline has assisted more than 2,500 callers. The Helpline is staffed by both computer specialists and program staff to answer any questions applicants may have.

USFA encourages fire departments to review the program guidelines and decide which program they will request before they attempt to complete the application. After fire departments have decided what to apply for, collected the necessary information, and written the five-page narrative, USFA estimates that the process of completing the application online will take, on average, only an hour or two.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program has been provided with \$360 million this year for the grants to local fire departments. The process is a competitive one. The purpose of the program is to award one-year grants directly to fire departments of a state to enhance their abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. This program seeks to assist departments that lack the basic tools and resources necessary to protect the health and safety of the public and their firefighting personnel.

The application period began March 1, 2002, and will remain open until 5 p.m. (EST) on April 1, 2002. Additional information and assistance can found by calling (866) 274-0960, logging on to <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/>, or by e-mailing usfagrants@fema.gov

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FY 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Update - Notice to Applicants

FEMA/USFA recommends that applicants for the FY2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program *print and review their completed applications prior to submittal*. There are several reasons for this action:

- To assure that the application is accurate;
- To serve as a reference in the event that clarification or additional information is required by Program Staff and/or the applicant;
- To provide the applicant with a historical record of their grant request; and
- To serve as a reference in the event that there is a change in administration of leadership in the applicant's organization.

Applicants should keep this printed copy of their application until notified by FEMA of the final disposition of their grant request.

Volunteer Incentive Program Course Openings - Apply Now!

The U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, has openings available in a few Volunteer Incentive Program courses during 2002. For application, stipend support and related information refer to the current NFA Catalog of Training Activity; or NFA information on the Internet USFA Web Page at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov>; or contact the Admissions Office at (301) 447-1035. Completed applications may be faxed to (301) 447-1441.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Vacancies</u>
R802	Fire Service Planning Concepts for the 21 st Century	5/5 – 10/02	11
		9/8 – 13/02	23
R810	Leadership and Administration	5/5 – 10/02	Waiting List
		9/8 – 13/02	15
R814	Hazardous Materials Incident Management	5/5 – 10/02	11
		9/8 – 13/02	21
R815	Challenges for Local Training Officers	5/5 – 10/02	1
		9/8 – 13/02	22
R816	Community Education Leadership	5/5 – 10/02	5
R817	Emergency Response to Terrorism: Incident Management	5/26 – 31/02	17
		7/21 – 26/02	21
		9/15 – 21/02	24
R819	Emer. Response to Terrorism: Adv. Tactical Consequence Mngmt	5/26 – 31/02	20
		7/21 – 26/02	25
		9/15 – 21/02	24
R822	Advanced Incident Safety Operations & Management	9/8 – 13/02	24
R831	Command & Control of Incident Operations	5/26 – 31/02	Waiting List
		9/8 – 13/02	Waiting List

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New FF Hero Postage Stamp Coming in Spring

Tuesday, March 12, 2002

Washington, D.C. - President George W. Bush and Postmaster General John E. Potter unveiled a new "semipostal" stamp that will raise funds to provide assistance to families of emergency relief personnel killed or permanently disabled in connection with the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The price of the Heroes of 2001 semipostal stamp will be 45 cents. The 11-cent difference between the sales price of the stamp and the underlying postage in effect at the time of purchase consists of a contribution. Funds raised in connection with sales of the stamp, net of the Postal Service's reasonable costs, are to be transferred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The stamp is expected to be available in post offices nationwide starting in late spring.

The unveiling on March 11th marked both the six-month anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the start date for the production of 205 million Heroes of 2001 stamps.

"The Postal Service is proud to honor the men and women who gave their all in the rescue efforts following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11," said Potter. "Sadly, many of these true American heroes paid the ultimate sacrifice. We hope this stamp will be a lasting tribute to them and a testimony to the spirit and resolve of our great country."

Also participating in the unveiling ceremony were firefighters William Eisengrein, George Johnson and Daniel McWilliams and photographer Thomas E. Franklin. Eisengrein, Johnson and McWilliams participated in rescue efforts in New York City. Franklin, a staff photographer for The Record in Bergen County, N.J., took the now famous photograph of the three firefighters as they raised the U.S. flag at "ground zero."

Designed by Derry Noyes of Washington, D.C.,



the Heroes of 2001 stamp image features a detail of the photograph by Franklin, the word "heroes" and acronym "USA" in capital letters stacked in the upper right-hand corner of the vertically formatted design and the year "2001" in the lower right-hand corner. Running at a ninety-degree angle along the upper left-hand edge of the design are the words "First-Class" in capital letters.

Adjacent to that is a plus sign (+) denoting that the price of the stamp is higher than the First-Class rate.

The self-adhesive, non-denominated Heroes 2001 stamp is a semipostal, which means it will be valid for postage at the First-Class first-ounce letter rate in effect at the time of purchase (currently 34 cents). The remainder is a tax-deductible contribution and may not be used to pay postage.

The Heroes of 2001 stamp is the second semipostal in U.S. history. The first was the Breast Cancer Research stamp, which is still available at post offices across the country, by toll-free phone order at 1 800 STAMP-24 and online at the Postal Store at www.usps.com. To date, the Breast Cancer Research stamp has raised about \$24 million for breast cancer research. To view the new stamp, go to: http://www.usps.com/news/2002/philatelic/sr02_017.htm

NVFC Firefighter of the Year Award - Sponsored by Scott Health & Safety

Applications Due by July 1, 2002

Each year, the NVFC honors a volunteer firefighter for exemplary performance. This prestigious national award affords the recipient with a place in history with the NVFC. The award is sponsored by Scott Health & Safety.

The following conditions should be considered when submitting a candidate's nomination. Individuals selected must have given outstanding service to his or her state or state association in the fire service. This award is not an award for heroism



**NFPA Research Advisory Council
issues TECHNICAL GUIDELINES
for POST FIRE ANALYSIS**

Quincy, MA, March 8, 2002-The Research Advisory Council on Post-Fire Analysis of NFPA's Fire Protection Research Foundation has issued a white paper on post-fire analysis in an effort to help improve the technical aspects of fire investigation. The paper, available without cost from the Foundation, is the first in a series of recommendations that will be issued from several other advisory councils, each assigned by the Foundation to examine one area of post-fire activity.

The paper, developed by an independent 14-member panel from industry, research, insurance, government, and the fire service, reviews the status of the techniques and knowledge base of post-fire investigations and presents recommendations addressing the research and development needs that the Council has identified. The Council's aim is to prompt industry, insurance groups and researchers to move forward on initiatives to improve the technical aspects of fire investigation and analysis.

Post-fire analysis comprises a wide range of activities, aiming to identify where and how a given fire or group of fires started and the factors contributing to fire loss. The collected knowledge can be applied to reduce the future costs of fire in terms of casualties, property damage, product design and building regulations.

Traditionally, most post-fire analysis efforts have been focused on the origin and cause of fires with emphasis on civil and criminal litigation. But the basis for identification of fire origin and cause has evolved from practical knowledge rather than scientific research.

"The fire investigation community has just begun to benefit from scientific validation that supports traditional interpretation of fire patterns," says Daniel Churchward, president of Kodiak Enterprises, Inc., chair of NFPA's Technical Committee on Fire Investigations, which develops NFPA 921, Guide to Fire and Explosion Investigation, and a member of the Council.

The Council identified five broad areas where progress is needed in post-fire analysis. These are: 1) origin and cause investigation methods, 2) deaths, injuries, property losses and building costs, 3) education, training and dissemination, 4) environmental impacts of fire and fire protection, and 5) business impacts. The white paper addresses impact, research/development and benefit to groups from advances in these categories.

Research undertaken by the white paper's recommendations could subsequently be incorporated into proposed new fire codes and standards or in the appendix of NFPA 921.

The white paper is available free, in hard copy by contacting the Research Foundation at 617-984-7283, or in pdf format by logging on to NFPA's Web site at www.nfpa.org/Foundation.

The Fire Protection Research Foundation is an independent, public, nonprofit foundation, providing practical, usable data on fire risk and state-of-the-art fire safety methods. The foundation collaborates with laboratories throughout the world on projects that are overseen by broad-based technical committees.

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NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training and education. Developer of the National Electrical Code(r), the Life Safety Code(r), and 300 other codes and standards through a full, open-consensus process, NFPA is currently developing NFPA 5000, Building Code(tm), the first consensus-based building code. NFPA also produces educational curricula, including the Risk Watch(r) community-based injury prevention curriculum and the Learn Not to Burn(r) fire safety curriculum. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, MA, USA. Visit NFPA's Web site at www.nfpa.org.

NEW ARRIVALS**City of North Middletown
2001 Pumping Engine**

The City of North Middletown, (Bourbon County) has placed in service a 2001 Central States Fire Apparatus pumping engine. Under the direction of Chief Jeff McFarland, the response area includes the City and surrounding County areas. The unit, mounted on a GMC 7500 series chassis, has a 300 HP Caterpillar engine and Allison automatic transmission. Design features allow it to act as an "attack" apparatus or a tanker.

The pump is a Darley PSM 1250 GPM with lifetime pump warranty. The tank is a UPF 1000 gal. poly tank and has a 10" dump valve mounted in the rear compartment. The tank is also equipped with a 2 1/2" direct "fast" fill on the rear.

Other features of the unit include 12 volt telescopic flood lights, Class 1 Captain pressure governor and Class 1 Enfo III, pump panel, information center.

The apparatus was sold by Fire Apparatus Div. S.D.C. of Louisville.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am just a simple fire chief here in Kentucky and I know I don't have all the answers. I am beginning to have more questions though.

I was at the KFA conference in Paducah when I think I heard then KFA President Gerald Stewart tell us that when House bill 631 took full effect and State Fire/Rescue Training was under the Fire Commission budget we would have no more problems getting classes for our small rural department. We depend upon State Fire/Rescue Training to keep us up to date on training as well as keeping us informed about rules and regulations we need to be following. I called my local coordinator a few days ago and asked if I could get another class this year because I had a few new people who needed drivers training and it wouldn't hurt to brush up the rest of us anyway. He told me that I could not because he was out of money for extra classes and was afraid that next year would not be any better. He said it looked like we would only get a continuation budget with no new money. I asked him if being under the Fire Commission had made any improvements to the original problem which was not enough money to have classes or get new equipment to teach classes with? He said no, we still have the about the same budget we had two years ago. My question then is were people lying to us or will there ever be a benefit to our local fire training office being under the Fire Commission? Will someone please answer this for me. A bewildered Fire Chief

KFA CONFERENCE

Remember the KFA Conference August 3rd through the 6th. Registration is under way now! Call University Plaza Hotel 800-801-1777 to reserve your room. The KFA WebPage has conference registration information and forms. You can't complain about what the KFA is doing if you don't participate in it's activities. Together we can make changes. Are you willing to try and make things better? For more information contact Bill Carver President 270-746-7461 or E-mail: bill.carver@kctcs.edu

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Firefighter Training ON-THE-WEB

By Woody Will
(reprinted from February 2002 issue)

It has been two years since we put our first classes on-line with the Virtual University (www.kyvu.org). Not everything has gone smoothly. Not everything is perfect. However, we are moving forward. We have had students to sign up for some 200 classes.

Some have finished and some are still working on the process. It has been a lot of extra effort to make it work but I have had e-mails from many of the students who have been unable to find training on some of the hard to get hours who have really appreciated the effort.

We are ready now to move to a second stage. By the time this article comes out you will no longer be able to register for a firefighter class via KYVU. We will allow those who have started to finish their work if they do so by May 31, 2002. We will be taking the entire system down then to change platforms. When it comes back up students will need to sign up anew for classes. Our system records will start over and more classes will start to be added. We look forward to serving you in the future to make your job easier. If you have any questions you would like answered about the on-line training program contact woodrow.will@kctcs.edu.

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