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Events YOU don't want to miss!

There are a couple of events right around the corner that you just don't want to miss!

The first is the State Fire School/Homeland Security Conference in Lexington June 10 – 15, 2008. The 2008 Conference will begin with on-site registration, Wednesday June 11th, 2008 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. The main Conference will kick

off with an informative opening session in Heritage Hall. The featured speaker will be Dr. Paul Davis. Dr. Davis is well known for his work in the area of fitness and his association with the "Firefighter Combat Challenge Program". Registration and final course information will be posted soon on the web at www.kctcs.edu/kyfirecommission (Fire Commission) and www.kyfa.org (KFA). Emergency responders from fire/rescue, EMS, law enforcement, emergency management, the industrial/private sector, as well as Homeland Security Officials will find courses of interest at this year's conference. The courses offered are a unique mixture of hands-on and classroom style programs. The exhibit program on Friday and Saturday of the Conference will be better than ever with indoor exhibits, cookouts, and door prizes! The final brochure is scheduled to be mailed out during April. For a brief list of classes featured at this year's school go to page 8.

The second event in the life of your state association is the 88th KFA Conference August 2nd through the 5th, 2008 at the Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell KY. Most of the details can be obtained through a visit to the KFA website at www.kyfa.org. However, I will highlight a few for the here and now. If your department would like an ad in the conference program prices range from \$300.00 for full page color to \$50.00 for a business card size ad. The deadline for getting your ad in is May 31,

2008. The number for securing your reservation at the Drawbridge is 800-352-9866 or if you prefer www.drawbridgeinn.com. When making reservations make sure you ask for the \$79.00 conference rate. Conference registration rates are \$60.00 per person before July 1st and \$70.00 after. Childcare is available for most activities. Please indicate the number of children and their ages at registration. The agenda is available from a link on the KFA website or from www.kfa2008.com. Activities include: Saturday Olympics, Hospitality Rooms each evening, DJ Music by the indoor pool 7 - 11 PM each evening. Sunday Religious Service, Registration, Fire Commission Mtg., Memorial Service, Fire Apparatus Parade, OKTOBERKFA-fest. Monday Continantal Breakfast, Registration, KFA Opening Session, Golf Outing, Baby Sitting Service, Ladies Luncheon, Summit Fire Apparatus Tour, Trip to Argosy Casino, Belle of Cincinnati River Boat Ride. Tuesday Continantal Breakfast, KFA Business Session, Vendor Display, Lunch with Vendors, Baby Sitting Service, Ladies Program, Presidents Reception, Banquet, Guest Speaker, Hall of Fame, Instalation of Officers. See YOU at State Fire School and at the KFA Conference.

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Notes From The President's Desk John Daley

The past few months have been full of activity as I have traveled across the state. I want to express my deepest condolences to Chief Bob Dixon, the Paintsville Fire Department members and all the family and friends of Assistant Chief Christa Burchett who lost her life in the line of duty on January 22, 2008. While attending the services in Louisa, I was genuinely impressed by the love and support of our Mountain and Eastern area emergency service community. Everyone who turned out for the service and memorial procession should be commended. I'm sure Chief Burchett was certainly proud of her comrades. I was in attendance in Frankfort when the Kentucky House of Representatives and the State Senate individually recognized Christa and her loved ones on their respective floors of the General Assembly a few weeks ago. Her legacy lives on and she will always be remembered.

Frankfort has been full of activity since the General Assembly convened in January. KFA lobbyist Gerald Stewart and Mike "Howdy" Kurtsinger have been doing a tremendous job in having legislation drafted and heard. I also want to thank Chief Jack Reckner for the tremendous job he is doing on behalf of the fire service. While bills affecting the fire and emergency service number well over 40, I would like to specifically encourage your support, calls and e-mails regarding House Bills 427 and 503. 427 provide for an increase in volunteer state aid and paid firefighter incentive payments. 503 provide the ability for fire district's to acquire additional funding. Please contact your legislators now to support this important legislation and be prepared to make those calls to Frankfort when asked. These requests usually happen at a minutes notice and we all need to be ready and willing to call or travel to Frankfort.

It was once again the pleasure of the KFA to hold our annual Executive Board meeting in conjunction with the Green River Officer's School on Feb. 23 in Owensboro. A tremendous amount of business was discussed and acted upon. Thanks to the directors and committee chairs in attendance for their participation and reports. Sincerest thanks to the officers and staff of our Green River Asso

ciation for hosting this annual event. This school is annually one of the highlights of Kentucky's fire and emergency responder training curriculum.

A brief overview of some of the business conducted at the E-Board meeting includes your KFA entering into agreements with Civic Development and J & J Promotions to provide additional funding and ensure the future of the KFA. Bill Hall of our Hall of Fame committee reported that nominations are now being accepted for this year's inductee's. Fireman Joe reported on the progress of our Pub-Ed committee and Rusty Todd updated us on HB 439 regarding firework safety legislation.

Troy Newcomb spoke on the progress of our KFA honor guard and presented a draft of general operating guidelines and protocols for consideration. The board granted approval to add 3 additional members to the honor guard from across the state. Ken Knipper and Bryant Stiles reported on proceedings of the National Volunteer Fire Council and federal legislative matters that affect us all.

Charlie Shaw reported on various issues including special events and along with Assistant Chief Dave Mattingly, State Fire School. The Homeland Security Conference and 79th Annual Ky. State Fire School will be held June 11-15 in Lexington at the downtown Lexington Convention Center. An enhanced opening session is scheduled for Thursday morning and a top-rate exhibit area will be open on Friday and Saturday featuring cookouts with the vendors. Over 35 classes will be offered in various subjects. Please promote this school within your department and provide your members with this rare opportunity for high caliber instruction in a world class environment.

Fire Commission Executive Director Ronnie Day spoke to the board about various changes and enhancements within the fire commission. The KFA has fostered a great relationship with Ronnie and the commission and look forward to working together in the future for the benefit of all of Kentucky's firefighters. Former State Fire Marshal Rodney Raby also stopped by our meeting to express his thanks for the support he received from the fire service during his tenure as SFM. The board thanked Rodney for his years of service to

the KFA as he will surely be missed.

We truly missed our web-page guru and "Smoke Signals" editor Woody Will this year in Owensboro. I'm sure you join me in expressing our prayers and best wishes to Woody and his family as they recover from the devastation suffered from the tornado that recently severely damaged their home.

Please consider this a personal invitation to attend the 88th annual KFA conference in Northern Kentucky August 2-5. The Drawbridge Hotel is currently booking reservations and conference registrations are also being accepted. Your participation in our conference book is greatly appreciated through a page promoting your department. Plan to attend and become involved in the proceedings of the KFA while enjoying a huge dose of "Northern Kentucky Hospitality." For more details see KFA2008.com. Register now!

In closing, I want to express my sincere gratitude to all our E-Board members, directors, committee members and supporters who have worked so hard toward the continued success of the KFA. Strength is in numbers and the KFA needs each and everyone affiliated with the fire service of Kentucky. Thanks for your efforts. See you down the road and remember "Be Safe Out There".

Sincerely,

John W. DaleyJohn W. Daley, KFA President



by Terry Keller

Here it is one third of the year gone already. I hope Spring is just around the corner. Your KFA Executive Board has been very busy this year. The Board held their annual meeting at the Green River Officer School. These people in the Green River Association know how to put on a school, and vendors area. If any state wants to know how to put on fire schools, they just need to visit Kentucky. I think Kentucky has the best fire schools anyone would want to attend. All of our K C T C S coordinators, and associations put on the best schools in the county.

American Income Life Insurance, is trying to contact all firefighters in the state to make sure

they have your correct beneficiary listed on the FREE \$2,000.00 life insurance policy they offer. They are in the process of paying out three claims on these policies. This is a great benefit. Give the representative a few minutes of your time to confirm the correct information. Remember, your department must be a current dues paying member of the K F A for you to have this benefit.

There are 410 dues paying departments at this writing. There are 20 Personal Memberships and 56 Sustaining Memberships. This is the best year for memberships in the last 9 years the KFA has been tracking membership. It is good to see more departments support the state association. Your state association has been very active in Frankfort this legislative session. Gerald Stewart and Michael Kurtsinger have been following at least 60 bills that have something to do with Fire or E M S. I attended the committee hearing on the incentive/state aid bill. President Daley testified along with Fire Commission Executive Director Ronnie Day in favor of the HB427. As you are aware there is another very important bill before the legislature, HB600 Pension. They are following this very close.

Keep in mind the state fire school coming up in June. The Fire School Committee has put together a very fine list of classes. I do not think you will be able to receive any better training anywhere than this years State Fire School. If you can take the time off work, this is the place to go. Your Executive Board will be holding another board meeting on Saturday June 14th. Anyone is welcome to stop by and see how the board handles business. The board members welcome anyone to our meetings.

Two funds raising contracts were approved at the Green River meeting. Civic Development Corp., who subcontracts with Zentel corp. will still be calling residential customers for funds. Another company, J & J Promotions will be soliciting business for funds to support the K F A. The board has appointed me to handle any complaints received from these fund raisers. If you have a complaint, I need to know when the call was made, what day, and time of day and phone number the call was made from and if at all possible the name of the person making the call.

Until state fire school, stay safe and always remember our brothers and sisters in the fire service and military.

REGIONAL EMBERS

Dixie Firefighters Association Chris Crawford President

This years Dixie Fire School was another one for the books. Even with a nearly record March 7, 8, and 9 snow fall, the school was an overwhelming success with 545 in class on Saturday and 554 in class on Sunday. This school was similar to the Bardstown School back in the 90's when participants went to bed with a chance of flurries and awoke with 9 inches of flurries on the ground. As always the Dixie pulled it off. Many people deserve thanks for the great success. SFRT came through with instructors from all over the state. I know in the beginning, the impending snow nearly had the school derailed, but everyone was able to pull together, improvise as needed, overcome the obstacles, and still make the school successful. A fire school differs from everything else we do, in that we simply can't reschedule a fire school on a whim. Students ask off from work and make hotel reservations months in advance instructors have other commitments the association fronts dollars for various items that can't be refunded and many other factors figure in. We did have over 2/3 of the students that registered for the school still show up, including students from just about every region of the state. There were even several instructors that came in from Minnesota and Alabama.

The school will continue to be one of the leading fire schools in the state, as long as you all continue to show the determination and dedication that it took to make the school a success this year.

Officers installed at this year's school for the 2008-09 year are:

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Sergeant-At-Arms

Chris Crawford

Steve Sheets

Dale Dobson

Kimberly Galloway

Michelle Ryan

Rick Peters

Jim Burns

Thanks again for a great school and job well done! I hope to see everyone again next year!

Chris Crawford, President



Firefighters Killed in Military Service

Your KFA in conjunction with the Fire Commission, Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, and Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association have built a memo-

rial for those firefighters from KY killed while serving in the military. Each organization has split the cost of the memorial.

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



National Fire Protection Association 2008 NFPA 70, National Electrical Code (NEC®) by Russ Sanders

The NEC focuses on the proper installation of electrical code systems and equipment to protect people and property from the potential dangers of electricity. As electrical equipment has become more complex and widespread, the NEC has adapted to meet new challenges. Revised every three years to allow for new technologies and improved installation safety practices, the code is the most detailed of any code or standard. As a result, the NEC is a ready-to-use, comprehensive code suitable for adoption.

For experts in the electrical community, the NEC is considered the blueprint for electrical safety throughout the world. We believe the best measure of the NEC's valuable role in public safety is its widespread use and past performance. Today, the NEC serves as the basis for electrical codes in all 50 states and around the world. NFPA is proud that the quality of the NEC makes it the most widely used and adopted code for electrical installations and the most widely adopted construction code in the world.

Using the ANSI-accredited consensus code development process, the NEC's development involves 450 volunteers, representing electrical contractors, designers, inspectors, and manufacturers; electrical testing laboratories, electrical suppliers and utilities; as well as enforcing authorities, insurance organizations, labor, and other users. These volunteers are organized into 20 code-making panels, balanced to ensure fair representation of affected interests. An 11-member correlating committee oversees the efforts of the panels. And because the process utilizes a comprehensive pool of professional expertise and safety knowledge, the resulting code protects the public while allowing for advances in design and development.

Many of the volunteers involved in the NEC development process you know well. They are representatives of the National Electrical Contractors Association; the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; the International Association of Electrical Inspectors; the National Association of Homebuilders; the Independent Electrical Contractors; and many others representing a broad cross section of interests and expertise.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, each year home electrical problems cause 70,000 fires, resulting in 485 deaths and \$868 million in property loss. In a continuing effort to reduce these life safety and property loss concerns, the 2008 NEC includes provisions that reflect the two fundamental safety tenets that have been the purpose of the NEC for its more than 100 year history; protection against fire and shock hazards arising from the use of electricity.

Noteworthy changes in the 2008 NEC include the following:

1) Expansion of requirements on ground-fault circuit interrupter protection

These all important devices are time-tested in protecting the users of electrical appliances against shock hazards.

2) A new requirement for tamper-resistant receptacles (TRR)

TRRs are aimed at protecting unsuspecting young children from accidental contact with energized parts of electrical outlets. Each year approximately 2,400 children suffer severe shock and burns when they stick items into the slots of electrical receptacles. The cost of a TRR adds about

\$0.50 - 0.75 to the cost of an unprotected receptacle. Based on current statistics, the average home has about 75 receptacles resulting in an overall added cost of approximately \$50.

3) Expansion of arc-fault circuit interrupter protection (AFCI)

The original call for enhanced branch circuit and cord protection came from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) based on fires attributed to electrical origin. The manufacturers, in concert with Underwriters Laboratories, worked toward developing a product and a product standard to address the CPSC concern. The AFCI was the product developed as the means to mitigate the types of circuit malfunctions that circuit breakers and fuses are not designed to protect against. The 2008 NEC expands the areas within a home required to have AFCI protection. Modern technology has provided us with the opportunity to incorporate this next generation of circuit protective devices into homes. These devices advance the cause of electrical safety by providing early reaction and circuit interruption where wiring systems concealed within walls and ceilings are damaged. These devices also respond to damaged appliance cords, a known cause of home fires.

The CPSC believes that the AFCI form of circuit breaker, if installed in all homes, could prevent 50% of electrical fires from occurring. I appreciate the fact that any cost increase in home construction must be closely scrutinized; however, the cost for including this life-saving technology is truly insignificant. Using the 1700 square foot dwelling unit as an example, the NEC requires only 3 general lighting circuits, plus two circuits for the kitchen area, a laundry circuit and additional circuits for any specialized equipment, such as clothes dryers, electric ranges, and air-conditioning equipment. Based on the minimum circuit requirements the 2008 NEC would require only four AFCIs for this single-family dwelling. The electrical system of a single-family dwelling wired per the 2005 NEC is, in all likelihood, equipped with two or three AFCIs. The net increase of AFCIs based on the 2008 NEC is only one or two devices. With that said most electrical contractors provide more circuits than the national standard requires. Even if the number of circuits requiring AFCI protection in

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this dwelling is doubled to eight, the increase in the number of AFCIs is only going to be five or six because two or three are already being provided to comply with the 2005 NEC.

Total cost of applying the 2008 NEC code requirements to three houses

The cost impact statements below were prepared by three board members of the Ohio Chapter of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. All three members have extensive experience with the electrical code.

900 square foot home = \$160.18 or \$.18/sq. ft. 1700 square foot home = \$205.27 or \$.12 / sq. ft. 2100 square foot home = \$241.36 or \$.11/ sq. ft.

In conclusion, these changes, which were arrived at after significant substantiation and deliberation from numerous, diverse organizations and individuals, have a single-minded purpose of making electrical systems safe in the place that we expect to be safest – our homes.

NFPA supports the adoption of the 2008 NEC as written understanding that states may have special circumstances that need to be addressed though the state committee process. However, we believe those amendments to be mostly administrative issues and limited in nature.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2007-08 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
4/5-6/08	3	Owensboro	888-306-8015
4/19-20/08	6	Louisville Metro	888-306-8064
4/26-27/08	15	Lexington	888-234-3961
5/3-4/08	2	Princeton	888-306-7986
8/16-17/08	13	London	888-234-0100
9/4-5/08	6	IFSAC Site Visit	TBA
9/13-14/08	7	Highland Height	s888-306-8101
9/20-21/08	15	TBA	888-234-3961
9/27-28/08	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
9/27-28/08	11	Pikeville	888-302-8935
10/18-19/08	14	Campbellsville	888-234-1780
10/25 - 26/08	5	Elizabethtown	888-234-7201
12/13-14/08	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

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

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

Jackson Purchase Fire School

April 4-6, 2008 Kentucky Dam Village List of Classes

Advanced EMS (PEPP)	2 Day
Arson II	2 Day
ATV Safety & Rescue	2 Day
Auto Extrication	2 Day
Basic Firefighter	3 Day
Basic Search & Rescue*	3 Day
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Corner Class Saturday Only CPR/AED/HIV Aids Friday Only

Drivers Training 2 Day

Electrical Emergencies Saturday or Sunday

EMT - B Refresher 2 Day

Fire Comm. Round Table Saturday Only Firefighter Rescue Sunday Only Saturday Only

Hard to Get Hours 2 Day

Haz Mat Awareness Saturday Only
Haz Mat Operations Sunday Only

Haz Mat Tech. Refresher 3 Day

IC fo Haz Mat
ISO
Saturday Only
Saturday Only
Saturday or Sunday

Meth Labs 2 Day

Meth Labs 2 Day NFPA 1403 2 Day

Office of the Chief-Journey or Destination

Saturday or Sunday
Street Survival II 2 Day

The Occult Saturday

Thermal Imaging Saturday or Sunday

Up-Front Ventilation 2 Day Class

VFIS Saturday or Sunday

* All classes have a class size limit of 30 students with the exception of Basic Search & Rescue. It has a class size limit of 40. Class registration fee is \$55.00. For more information email Kelly Harris at kellyv.harris@kctcs.edu or call 270-534-3444. Friday classes run from 6 - 10 PM. Registration is from 7 - 8 AM both days. Classes will run from 8 AM to 5 PM Saturday & Sunday. Lunch will be provided Saturday & Sunday. There will be a Fire Apparatus display Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM. Breakfast will be provided Saturday and Sunday in the classroom.

State Fire School/Homeland Security Conference *June 10 - 15, 2008*List of Classes

Highlighted class are new for 2008

- 1. Crime Scene Mgt for Emerg. Responders
- 2. Resp. to Radiological/Nuclear Incidents
- 3. ICS 300
- 4. Methamphetamine ("Meth") Lab Awareness
- 5. Aircraft Firefighting
- 6. Structural Firefighting (House Burn)
- 7. Pump Maintenance and testing
- 8. EMS Administrators Workshop
- 9. EMS Evaluators Course
- 10. EMS Instructors Curriculum Orientation
- 11. EMT Refresher
- 12. F.A.R.M. Course
- 13. Structural Collapse
- 14. Vehicle Rescue
- 15. FD Response to Weather Emergencies
- 16. Large Animal Rescue
- 17. NFA Incident Safety Officer
- 18. NFA Leadership I
- 19. NFA Managing Company Tactical Operations
- 20. FS Accreditation-Ctr. for Pub. Safety Excellence
- 21. Understanding the ISO Rating System
- 22. Fireground Ergonomics: Working Stronger & Smarter
- 23. Arson I:NFA Arson Detection for the Responder
- 24. Arson II: Fire Scene Investigation
- 25. Arson III: Legal Issues for Fire Investigations
- 26. Fire Alarms
- 27. Sprinkler Inspections
- 28. Basic Chaplaincy
- 29. Advanced Chaplaincy/Firefighter Maintenance
- 30. Fire prevention Officer
- 31. Basics of Fire & Life Safety Education Program
- 32. How to start a Fire Explorer Program
- 33. Industrial Fire Brigade
- 34. Confinded Space Rescue

Hotel Reservation Information

- 1. Radisson Plaza Hotel 800-333-3333 369 West Vine Street
- Hyatt Regency Lexington 800-233-1234
 401 West High Street

Rates at both hotels are \$88/night for single or double.



Jefferson County Fire School

Make Plans now to attend the Jefferson County Fire School September 26, 27, 28, 2008. The

school will be held again this year at the Universy of Louisville Shelby Campus. Host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Hurstborne Lane and I-64. Fire School brochure will be available in June at State Fire School. There will be a Friday night reception at the hotel. Vendors night will be Saturday night with food and refreshments. Registration will be handled on-line this year with no paper forms. There will be new classes this year and a new Chief Officers Class. Plan NOW to attend you wont be disappointed if you do.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

KAEMT "Spring Fling" Conference April 4 – 6 EMT Continuing Education Credit Morehead

Daniel Boone Regional Fire School May 16 – 18, 2008 call 888-301-2946 for info

State Fire School
Homeland Security Conference
June 10 – 15, Lexington KY

Area 2 Fire School September 13 – 14, Lake Barkley State Park call 888-306-7986

Jefferson County Fire School

September 26 – 28 University of Louisville Shelby Campus

Buffalo Trace Region 9 Fire School October 17 – 19 Maysville

Words of Wisdom

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

American Income Life

American Income Life Insurance Company in partnership with Kentucky Firefighters Association is pleased to provide each member a \$2,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit at NO COST. For over 50 years, American Income Life has been committed to working families and is respected and appreciated by over 20,000 different groups, including associations, labor unions, fraternal organizations, credit unions, licensed professionals and non-profit organizations. While our hope is that no tragedy will ever strike one of our families, in fact, one of the KFFA members was recently killed and the member's family will be receiving a claim check from this benefit program very soon. American Income Life is proud to help provide for the families.

Shortly, a notification letter regarding the NO COST benefits will be arriving in your fire station. Please take a few minutes to fill out and return the reply card, ensuring that you can accurately designate a beneficiary and receive the additional NO COST benefits offered at this time.

Legislative Report

As the 2008 session of the Kentucky Legislature begins to wind down your KFA Legislative committee is still watching 50 plus bills that could impact your life as a firefighter. The ones of particular interest that need your support are:

- 1. House Bill (HB) 75 This would give a phased in tax deduction for volunteer FF
- HB 76 Provide for a refund of motor fuel tax for paid by VFD
- HB 121 Consumer price index adjustment for insurance for LOD permanently disabled FF.
- 4. HB 427 Increase Incentive Pay from the current \$3,250 to \$3,500. Increase State Aid from the current \$8,000 to \$9,000 beginning July 1, 2008 and increasing it from \$9,000 to \$10,000 beginning July 1, 2009.
- HB 439 Is a fire works bill requiring storage reporting, tighter requirements on people setting up and operating displays, no one under 18 years of age employed in sales or manufacturing.

- 6. HB 475 Moving the fire reports from State Fire Marshall to the Commission.
- 7. HB 503 Establishes new cap for Chapter 75 tax base from 10 cents per \$100 to 20 cents per \$100.
- 8. Senate Bill (SB) 135 Allows paid and retired firefighter to purchase Firefighter License Plates.

Bills the KFA is watching that could have a negative impact on you as a firefighter are:

- HB 80 relating to the provision of services by county inter-local agreements, making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency.
- 2. HB 293 this bill relates to the ability of a Chapter 75 Taxing District to take response area of a Chapter 273 VFD.
- HB 457 Allowing retirees if 70 or older to get their retirement by check instead of direct deposit.
- 4. HB 487 relating to a city annexing property from a tax district.
- 5. HB 600 relating to CERS and KERS retirement system.
- 6. SB 141 relates to exempting employees from overtime payment.

For a complete list of bills the KFA is interested in go to www.kyfa.org and click on the link "Latest update from Legislative Committee

GENERAL FIREFIGHTER RULES

If it's stupid but works, it's not stupid.

When in doubt--Flood it out.

Your equipment was made by the lowest bidder.

The important things are always simple.

The simple things are always hard.

No pre-fire plan survives the first alarm intact.

Radios fail in direct proportion to your need for help.

The probability of someone watching you is proportional to the stupidity of your action.

If it Jams, force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway.

For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

THE RULE OF RULES

As soon as a Fire Fighting Rule is accepted as absolute, an exception to that Rule will immediately occur.



The many faces of your Kentucky Fire Commission Staff

Lisa Davis Hawkins

After being exposed to Disaster Preparedness Exercises through observing and participating at various venues, beginning in the fall of 2006, I had



the pleasure of joining the Kentucky Fire Commission Office in December 2007 as a Disaster Preparedness Event Coordinator. Along with the other members of our team at KCTCS, I work with State and local community leaders and first response agencies to develop training exercises which test and evaluate plans and procedures in place. We follow Federal exercise guidelines and the lessons learned during these exercises help make Kentucky communities ready to respond in disaster situations, whether they are natural or man-made.

After graduating from Tates Creek High School in Lexington, I attended Dalton College in North Georgia and later returned to Midway College here in Central Kentucky. As a graduate of Midway College, I have over 17 years experience as a Registered Nurse in a variety of areas ranging from obstetrics to dialysis to research. My husband, Thayre, and I have also owned and operated an automotive service center in Jessamine County (specializing in Honda, Acura, Toyota and Lexus vehicles) since 1992. We have been married over 24 years and have one 13 year old son, James. We live on the Kentucky River in the southernmost tip of Woodford County with our Bassett Hound, Jo Jo, and two cats, Polly and Jasper.

When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends; boating on the river; singing in my church choir and volunteer work. I feel blessed to be working with such a wonderful group of people and look forward to the opportunity to join with you in helping to make Kentucky a safer place for all of us.

FOR SALE



1991 Boardman 54 Ft. Apache Tower, International 4 door chassis, 6 person cab. 54 Ft. aerial ladder, 1000 GPM deluge nozzle at tip, 1250 GPM Waterous pump, 500 Gal. tank, only 10960 miles, less than 1000 engine hours. Pictures available. Asking price is \$69,900, (price reduced) negotiable.

Miscellaneous: Side and rear ladder/nozzle controls: additional nozzle control at ladder tip: 3 rear seat SCBA mounting brackets; 3 SCBA brackets in side compartment; SCBA packs with masks (No bottles); ladders; pike poles; 5000 watt Kohler truck mounted generator; 2 – 500 watt guartz lights; hand held spotlight; various nozzles and hose appliances; 2 Mattydale pre-connect bins; rear 2 1/2" in-bed outlet for blitz attack line; rear bed capable of holding 800 - 900 feet 5 inch hose; pump panel/ rear panel to ladder tip intercom; VHF mobile 2way radio; and more. Excellent condition; very well maintained; used very little in a small community. Also for Sale: Ambulance, 1991 Ford E-350/Lifeline diesel, type III. 47,500 miles. Asking price is \$24,900, negotiable.

Ambulance, for sale. 1991 Ford E-350/Lifeline diesel, type III. 47,500 miles. Asking price is \$19,900, (price reduced) negotiable. Complete with the following equipment...1 – CPR board; 1 – half backboard; 2 - Ferno Full Backboards; 1 - set Ferno Head Supports; 1 – Kendrick Extrication Device; 1 – Ferno Stair Chair; 1 – Hare Traction Splint; 1 set – adult Gladiator Anti-Shock Trousers; 1 set - child Gladiator Anti-Shock Trousers; 2 - SAM splints; 1 - set Hartwell Medical EVAC-U- Splint; 2 adult, 1 - child, 2 - infant Allied Health Disposal Bag Masks; 1 – A600 Pacific Emergency Trauma Bag (completely stocked); 1 – Ferno O2 bag (complete); 1 - body fluid cleanup bag; 1 - ob kit; 1 complete set of STAT Philly Cervical Collars; 1 set of vertebrace extrication collars; 1 - Ferno Scoop Strecther; 1 - Ferno one man cot j: 89764; 1 - Fire-Com 3-10 unit; 1 - GE vhf mobile 8 channel twoway radio; 1 - handheld spot light. Contact Chief Jude Zilliox at 859-635-5544, or Chief Retired Joe Eggemeier, 859-441-166. or Jeggemeier@amig.com.

Chaplain's Corner

Building Relationships that Last By Woody Will

From the moment of our birth until we draw our last breath our life is all about relationships. Nowhere in life is that more important than the emergency services. I say that because fire, EMS, and law enforcement are family oriented services. Hopefully in the case of your department it is not a dysfunctional family. What I mean by that is "Are you building relationships that will last?"

People get into emergency services of all sorts of reasons. Some are looking for excitement, some recognition, and some for the oldest cliché in the world "I just wanted to protect my home and family." No matter why you became involved originally you have a great opportunity to form bonds with brother and sister firefighters, EMS workers, or police officers that will withstand the test of time. In order for you to really be willing to lay down your life for another there must be that bond of trust that they, given the proper set of circumstances, would lay down their life for you. That trust comes through years of side by side through thick and thin training, fighting fires, protecting others, socializing. It is the same type of trust that some marriage relationships have that last down through the years. It is funny how some people have built a marital relationship that no matter how difficult the challenge they have a trust in their spouse and know that that spouse would never do or say anything to intentionally hurt that relationship or trust.

I have that type of relationship with God through my belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. I know that statement is not politically correct. Some people would have me say creator and talk about a non-specific greater power. However, for me to do that would mean I would not be faithful to what I know to be true. I serve a God who wants that same type of relationship with YOU. He wants to know you personally. I don't care what denomination, belief system, or name you call God. He LOVES YOU and wants a PERSONAL, walk through the fires of HELL, type relationship with YOU. He will be faithful through your toughest times. He will never leave you or forsake you.

Don't let another day go by without a personal relationship. If you have questions that I can help answer drop me an email at woodrow.will@kyfa.org. If I don't know the answer I have fellow chaplains in the Kentucky Federation of Fire Chaplains that can help me with an answer. Life is too short and difficult for you to try and walk it alone!

Now Accepting Nominations for 2008 KFA "Hall of Fame"

Your President and the Hall of Fame

Committee are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for potential inductee's to the Kentucky Firefighters Association "Hall of Fame".

A nomination form is provided in this issue of Smoke Signals on page 11 or it can be downloaded from the KFA web page at www.kyfa.org. Nomination forms can also be obtained from any committee member.

The mission of the KFA Hall of Fame program is to recognize and honor individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to the formation and continued success of the Kentucky Firefighters Association.

The induction ceremony for the 2008 class of Hall of Famers will be during the KFA banquet at this year's annual conference at the Drawbridge Inn in Northern Kentucky. Inductee's will be notified sometime late June or early July prior to the conference. Nominees may be living or deceased.

Please research your department, regional association, and KFA histories and nominate those deserving of this honor. All nominations must be submitted to the committee no later than June 1, 2008. Mail nominations to Duane Suttles, State Fire Rescue Training, PO Box 248, Morehead, Ky. 40351 or FAX to Duane at (606) 784-1878. Sincerely,

John Daley, KFA President and the KFA Hall of Fame Committee Bill Hall, Duane Suttles, Ken Elliott, Bill Robbins, Ed Schmidt, Mike Wallingford, John Beatsch and Joe Stambush.

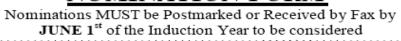
Words of Wisdom

Marrying for love may be a bit risky, but it is so honest that God can't help but smile on it. Josh Billings



The KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, Inc. HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

NOMINATION FORM



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Contact phone number, if other than nominees: ()
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KFA Offices held and dates:	
KFA Committees, Chairs, etc. and corresponding date	es:
Other pertinent Above and Beyond service to the KFA	or Regional Association service:
**To assist the committee in its selection of induct describing why this individual is worthy of this most Firefighters Association.	•
Submitted by (please print):	Date:
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Fireman Joe says:

Hope everyone enjoyed their weekend in Owensboro for the Green River Officers School held Feb 22nd thru 24th. As always, the Green River FF's were splendid hosts and continue to put on an exceptional school. It is always good to see our many friends and colleagues. I had a good time and accomplished everything I wanted to.

I want to welcome our latest Team Member from the Madisonville Fire Dept, Fire Prevention Officer Captain Walter South, Walter we welcome you and hope to get you in the swing right away.

I want to spread the word and please tell everyone, we are offering a great class for State Fire School in June. We feel the time is right for a Basic Public Education Course. The objective of this class will be to show a grassroots approach to Fire and Life Safety Education, to help those out there to begin and start from the very beginning. Of course they will be introduced to our team, learn resources and receive the vital help they need to get a Public Education Program started. The class will be a One Day Class offered two separate days, on Friday and then again on Saturday. It is the hope of our committee that this will reach both career and volunteer members and still offer the opportunity to take another class if they so desire. This will be a fun class and a great chance to meet other members looking to keep our communities safe.

I again met with the Kentucky Injury Prevention folks and that committee is working hard to come up with a plan to promote fire and life safety educational programs across Kentucky. Watch for more on this topic throughout the coming months.

A very special thanks to Executive Director Ronnie Day and the Fire Commission for the fabulous commitment of support, materials and funding for our statewide initiative Risk Watch Program. Our Team is prepared to make Train the Trainer Workshops, contacts and materials to our departments across Kentucky. Be sure to contact Fireman Joe for more information on that and bring this vital training to your Dept. Of course we have the continued support of the KFA Executive Board who are totally committed to this project.

I watched with sadness and concern this past winter with the amount of fires, injuries and fatalities sustained across the United States. It is very obvious to me, now more than ever we need to enhance our efforts for fire and life safety educational programs. Our team is committed to that goal. Please do all you can to promote and support fire and life safety in your community.

I am ready for Spring and am looking forward to warmer weather and the upcoming events and activities in Kentucky. Hoping to see you soon, until then, BE SAFE! And of course GOD BLESS!

Fireman Joe



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate National Junior Firefighter Program Offers \$100,000 in Scholarships and Grants: Application Now Available

Sponsored by the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation

The National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) National Junior Firefighter Program is offering \$100,000 in scholarships to outstanding junior firefighters and grants to their departments. The criteria and application are now available on the NVFC web site at www.nvfc.org/juniors. Applications must be received by May 15, 2008.

Sponsored by the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation (DBCF), the National Junior Firefighter Scholarship and Grant Program will award ten \$5,000 scholarships to junior firefighters who demonstrate commitment and dedication to their local program and the fire service. The departments of each scholarship winner will also receive a grant of \$5,000. Learn more at www.nvfc.org/juniors.

The NVFC launched the National Junior Fire-fighter Program in 2007 to provide an umbrella for the thousands of local junior firefighter programs nationwide. Fire, rescue, and EMS organizations can use the National Junior Firefighter Program to start, expand, or encourage participation in their local program. Youth participants can use the National Junior Firefighter Program to find a local program as well as log in their hours of service to receive national recognition and rewards. The program is supported by the DBCF and Spartan Motors, Inc.

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Recognize Your Volunteers During National Volunteer Week: April 27 - May 3

National Volunteer Week starts April 27, providing an excellent opportunity to recognize the work of millions of volunteers nationwide and promote the spirit of volunteerism among the general public. Use this time to recognize your volunteer firefighters, EMS personnel, and Fire Corps members and let them know how valuable they are to your organization. It is also a great time to reach out into the community to recruit new volunteer first responders as well as Fire Corps members, who offer non-emergency support to the department.

National Volunteer Week was created in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order to establish the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Every year since, each U.S. President, along with many governors, mayors, and other elected officials, has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week. The Points of Light & Hands On Network offers a National Volunteer Week Toolkit with planning materials, sample media releases, and more, available online at www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw/tools.cfm.

Recognize the hard work and commitment of your volunteers by nominating them for the President's Volunteer Service Award. Both the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and Fire Corps are Certifying Organizations for this national honor. To nominate a volunteer, email the NVFC at nvfcoffice@nvfc.org or Fire Corps at info@firecorps.org and include the nominee's contact information, a detailed description of his or her service, and the number of hours volunteered. Learn more about the President's Volunteer Service Award.

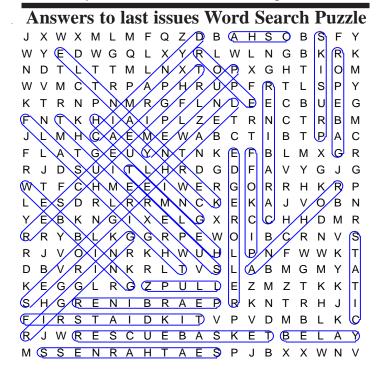
New EMS Standards to be released soon!

The new EMS standards will be out soon for comment. These standards will replace the 1995 standards we now operate under. My position as EMS chair has gained Kentucky EMS providers the opertunity to make comment and help provide feedback into the standards making process. I have been apointed to the executive committee of the NVFC and to the National EMS Advisory Council. Now more than ever I need your feedback to help make this process work. Contact me at ken.knipper@kyfa.org.

Department of Homeland Security Announces Application Period for FY 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grants

The Department of Homeland Security's Grant Programs Directorate will begin accepting applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) beginning March 3, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) with the deadline for receipt of the applications no later than April 4, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The AFG, which will be distributed in phases throughout FY 2008, will ultimately award approximately \$500 million.

Interested applicants can access the FY 2008 AFG application through the AFG web site (http:// www.firegrantsupport.com), the U.S. Fire Administration's web site (http:// www.usfa.fema.gov) and the Grants.gov web site (http://www.grants.gov). The web site contains important information about the AFG, including the FY 2008 funding priorities and program guidance. a web-based tutorial on the application process, a listing of frequently asked questions, and other materials. Fire departments that have questions regarding this grant opportunity should contact the Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 or email to firegrants@dhs.gov. During the application period, Help Desk hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT. Additional Help Desk hours may be added if demand is high.



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