



Smoke Signals II

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Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge Lexington Kentucky 8/14-15/2009

Things are at a fevered pitch as teams register for the Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge in Lexington Kentucky on August 14-15. The Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge brings together hundreds of firefighters from throughout the nation to compete in what is known as “the toughest two minutes in sports.” The five-event obstacle course tests firefighter’s fitness level, agility, and heart. This event celebrates the excellence of America’s beloved heroes. The Challenge seeks to encourage firefighter fitness and demonstrate the profession’s rigors to the public. Wearing “full bunker gear” and breathing apparatus, pairs of competitors race head-to-head as they simulate the physical demands of real-life firefighting by performing a linked series of five tasks including climbing the 5-story tower, hoisting, chopping, dragging hoses and rescuing a life-sized, 175 lb. “victim” as they race against themselves, their opponent and the clock. At the penning of this article there are 12 teams signed up for Friday the 14th and 6 teams signed up for Saturday the 15th. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to see a world class event right in your own back yard. The competition will be held in the parking lot behind Rupp Arena in Lexington where also there will be a welcome party Friday evening.



The last time the competition was held in Kentucky was the 11 & 12 of August 2007. This time Kentucky competitors will know more of what to expect. It’s not easy and not called the “the toughest two minutes in sports” for nothing. If you have never seen this exciting challenge before you will certainly want to put this on your to-do list for August 14th & 15th. The finals for world bragging rights will be held in Las Vegas in November from the 16th to the 20th and is usually carried on ESPN.

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Notes From The President's Desk Randy Courtney

Where has the last 12 months gone? It seems like yesterday we were in Northern Kentucky on a riverboat enjoying each others company and the beautiful evening and now we are in Lexington ending my year as president.

I have had a busy year and we have made some gains in spite of a failing economy. It would be easy to blame all our woes on the economy but it is not totally the economies fault. We have to shoulder some of the blame. There are over 800 fire departments but just a little over 300 are members. Why is that? I think it may be apathy. Some times we are quick to say not what have you done for me but instead "**What have you done for me lately**". We are quick to forget that had it not been for the work mostly on the part of Gerald Stewart, the KFA and the KPF you would not even have any state aid money. The membership form will be in this and the October issue of this newsletter. Take the time to fill it out and mail it back to the KFA along with your check saying with a strong voice we will not forget, we will honor the work that the people of the KFA has done to make the fire service of Kentucky what it is today. Take a close look at the badge of the KFA. The organization began in 1919. This year we celebrate our 90th year of service to the Commonwealth. Don't you want to be a member of an organization with such a deep and wonderful history?

As I look back over the year I have several people I need to say thank you to. However, I don't want to make the mistake of leaving a name out so I will instead thank the groups that have done so much to make my year as president the overwhelming success that it has been. First I would like to thank the members of the KFA Executive board for the very hard work they do. No one has any idea, unless you have been president, the number of hours you spend dealing with issues all over the Commonwealth. I would also like to thank the many KFA committee chairs and their committees for the excellent work they have done over my tenure as president. A very special thank you to Chief Possich and the great job he and the Frankfort FD

do each year with our memorial. I would like to thank Ronnie Day, The Fire Commission, and Bryant Stiles and State Fire Rescue Training for without their help and involvement many of the wonderful events that the KFA participates in including our conference would not be possible. A special thanks to Charlie Shaw and Jamia for the wonderful work they do. I would like to thank several people from the Pike County FF Association for their help and sacrifice throughout the last several years. I could not have done this without YOU! I would also like to say thank you to my family who have been very patient over the last year. And finally I want to say thank you to the firefighters of this great commonwealth who have befriended me all across the state. You are a fine bunch to work with.

My only advise to incoming President Bobby Cowherd is don't be afraid to ask for help because there is a vast army of public servants across this state that want to help you succeed. If you don't think that's true just look at me I am a shining example of how the help of others make this all work.

Until we meet again Thanks for all you do!

Randy Courtney

Past President, Kentucky Firefighters Association



Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller

By the time you receive this issue, the conference for 2009 will be over. I hope you were able to attend. It is the delegates from all fire departments that are dues paying members that set an agenda for the Executive Board to follow the following year. The K F A Executive Board can not help your department unless your voice is heard.

The K F A is looking for ways to increase attendance. If you have any ideas on what the board can do, please let a board member know. Better yet attend one of the board meetings and voice your concerns. The K F A can only be as strong and involved in matters that are important to you if they are aware of what your concerns are. During the conference the legislative agenda will be set

for next year. As many of you know, pension and health & welfare are major concerns for all fire-fighters.

The treasures report will be submitted at the conference for review and the budget for next year will be set by the finance committee. It will be a tight budget again next year. Legislative expenses will consume much of the budget. That is why it is so important for all fire departments in the state to join the K F A. For a mere \$75.00 per year your department can become a member. Please talk to your Chief or whoever makes that decision and ask them to send a check. If they are not aware of what the K F A is about, have them call one of the Executive Board members and they will be more than happy to attend one of your meetings or explain what the K F A does. This year the K F A will end the year with 420 departments out of 812 as members. There needs to be more departments become members.

Terry Keller

Tresurer KFA



NFPA announces theme for Fire Prevention Week 2009

Each October since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored a fire prevention campaign to raise awareness about the importance of fire safety and fire safety education. Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2009 and today NFPA announced its theme: [Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned](#).

U.S. fire departments responded to 399,000 home fires in 2007. These home fires killed almost 2,900 - roughly eight people every day.

This year's fire prevention campaign, [Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned](#) focuses on ways to prevent fires, and the deaths, injuries, and property loss they cause. Eighty-four percent of all fire deaths were attributed to a home fire. By providing valuable information on fire and burn prevention and safety tips, the campaign aims to help the public keep their homes and its occupants safe from fire and burns.

Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. That fire, which lasted for two days, killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 people homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings.

NFPA's newly launched Fire Prevention Week Web site offers an abundance of safety tips, statistical information, and other resources that can be used by fire departments, teachers, families, and anyone else interested in learning about fire prevention or teaching others about it.

Leading causes of fires in the home include cooking, heating, and electrical. Smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths. The leading injuries resulting from fires in the home are burns. Burns are painful and can result in serious scarring and even death. The most common types of burn are contact burns, scalds, and burns from fire or flame.

Someone was injured in a home fire every 39 minutes in 2007 and a fire department responded to a home fire every 70 seconds. By implementing simple safety measures many home fires and home fire injuries can be prevented.

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, 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 consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education. Visit NFPA's Web site at www.nfpa.org.

The Federal Highway Administration adopts an Interim Final Rule

The FHWA adopts as final an Interim Final Rule that amends its regulations to address safety concerns raised by the firefighting community regarding high-visibility safety apparel. The purpose of adopting the Interim Final Rule as final is to reflect the exemption of firefighters from the requirement to use high-visibility safety apparel, as defined in this rule, when they are exposed to hazardous conditions where the use of such apparel may increase the risk of injury to firefighter personnel.

This ruling will allow firefighters to use turnout gear with appropriate retro reflective bands when the possibility of fire/hazmat is present.



Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

I have never seen a year go by so fast as 2009, Here it is Conference Time again, and with August, summer is almost over but I always look forward to Football Season. Since my last article a lot has been going on in the world of Fire and Life Safety Education. I had the pleasure of representing our Great Commonwealth last June 5th thru 9th by attending the NFPA Public Education Network Meeting in Chicago and attending the NFPA World Exposition.

I was so proud to attend this meeting and hear all the neat things my fellow Fire and Life Safety Educators had to say about Kentucky. From this meeting I was told the 2009 Fire Prevention Month Theme is, "STAY FIRE SMART! Don't Get Burned". The NFPA Web Site and Public Education Division will be providing excellent material and suggestions for this new and exciting campaign. I have been assured, Risk Watch is alive and well and will be updated in the near future along with and old stand by, "Learn Not to Burn". If you haven't be sure to check out the NFPA Web Site, www.nfpa.org and go under FPW it is awesome.

My compliments to the State Fire School Committee for an excellent school and the Opening Ceremony was one of the best ever, I was so proud. After being in Chicago and seeing the thousands of Fire Service Personnel and to come home and see what we are doing in Kentucky, for those of you who were there you know what I am talking about. Our Pub Ed Class was a huge success, we again met some great new folks who we are delighted to add to our Pub Ed Network. The Dedication Ceremony for the New Inflatable Safety House was a very special moment what a great addition to the Fire Commission Promotions. Be sure you all get back to KY State Fire School in 2010 you will not regret it!

Kentucky Injury Prevention Research Center asked me to come to Lexington on June 25th to present information on our Statewide Senior's Program "Remembering When" which is a Senior Citizen Fire and Fall Prevention Program from NFPA. I was delighted to speak with the Health Department representatives from Fayette, Madison,

Green River, Lake Cumberland and Barren River Counties on this excellent prevention program.

At the meeting of the KFA Executive Board I reported on the items mentioned above and have advised the Board I will not accept appointment as Chairman of the Public Education Committee. This is very difficult for me but my reason is very simple, I want Fire and Life Safety Education Programs and Activities to continue, hopefully stronger than ever. To ensure this happens I have submitted a recommendation to InComing KFA President and current 1st Vice President Bobby Cowherd a suggested replacement. I assure you I am not going anywhere, as long as GOD allows me I will be there to help that person along the way.

It is time for new blood and some new ideas, whoever is appointed will have my support and help to continue these projects. This is what's important to "Fireman Joe", prevention and education is critical to our Commonwealth IT MUST NEVER DIE!

I hope I have made a difference for Kentucky, it has truly been a labor of love for me and the wonderful people, the excellent public educators of KY, the fire departments, life safety agencies and all those who want our people to be healthy and safe I will miss you.

TO ALL, GOD BLESS and BE SAFE!

Fireman Joe

Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle

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THE COURAGE TO BE SAFE

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This month's topic, within the "16 Fire Fighter Life Safety Initiatives", looks into "Risk Management." Risk Management is the rapidly growing technique of reducing and/or preventing monetary loss, personal injury and/or death by assessing, minimizing, and preventing behavior that leads to these situations. Simply put, we need to look for, identify and prevent behavior that might lead to firefighter injury or death.

#3-"FOCUS GREATER ATTENTION ON THE INTEGRATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT WITHIN INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING STRATEGIC, TACTICAL AND PLANNING RESPONSIBILITIES."

Strategy is broadly defined as a plan of action and **Tactics** as the implementation of that plan. **Planning**, on the other hand, can be defined as our department policies, rules and regulations and Standard Operating Guidelines or Procedures. So, how do we incorporate Risk Management into these three areas? Let's use an example of a structure fire in the bedroom of a single family dwelling with occupancy unknown.

-Our Strategies may look something like: 1) Perform search and rescue; 2) Extinguish the fire; 3) Overhaul the area of fire involvement.

-Our Tactics may look something like: 1) Send in a search crew; 2) Advance a hose line; 3) Pull the walls and ceilings

What is missing here? What needs to be considered when forming any strategic plan or tactically operation on a fire ground? None of the strategies or tactics mentions anything about safety. Many firefighters are injured and killed each year because their safety is not a primary consideration during these phases. There are real risks associated with all of these tasks. A major challenge for the Incident Commanders is to assure that all of these tasks are planned and performed however; they must be performed in a safe manner. Your

strategies must take into consideration the safety of your firefighters. Carrying out tactics must include consideration for the safety of your firefighters. So let's take a look at this residential fire scenario in a slightly different way:

Our strategies should look something like:

1) Perform search and rescue? Are we sure we have victims? Based on our length of response and fire conditions are they viable? Based on current fire conditions what are the chances of a successful rescue? 2) Extinguish the fire? Is the building salvageable? Is what you might save really worth putting someone inside? 3) Overhaul the area of fire involvement. Is the building structurally safe to enter? Is the structure sufficiently clear of smoke and deadly gases to safely enter?

Our Tactics should look something like:

1) Send in a search crew; who are well trained in search and rescue, with a Thermal Imager 2) Advance a hose line; of the right size and flow, charged before entering, through an opening at or below the level of the fire; 3) Pull the walls and ceilings; After the structure has been determined to be stable, and after the smoke is clear and the inside air is monitored to assure there are no remaining toxic gases.

So with just a few additional thoughts, the Incident Commander can incorporate safety into his/her strategies and tactics. It's as easy as that.

The final level of Risk Management to be addressed is "Planning". Can we plan to be safe? Absolutely. In previous articles, the importance of written rules and regulations and SOG's/SOP's has been stated. If basic strategies and tactics are part of your policies, there will be less risk on the fire ground and a much better probability that your firefighters will perform safely thus, keeping them alive and well.

Perhaps the easiest way to incorporate the thoughts of Risk Management into your everyday operations is to simply put at the word "Safely" at the beginning of every strategic plan, tactical operation, SOG, SOP, and any tasks that you wish to accomplish. For example, "Safely back the engine up the street" or "Safely, advance the hose into the house." This will help assure that each of us, "Keeps Going Home, After Each Run and After Each Shift."

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Pikeville/Pike County Fire School

Pikeville/Pike County Regional Fire School celebrates it's 20th Anniversary. The Pike Firefighters Association invites all departments to come join in the celebration. The dates are Sept. 11-13. The classes begin on Friday:

- 1) Wildland
- 2) Stroke
- 3) Meth Lab.

Saturday and continuing through Sunday

- 1) FF Survival/Rescue
- 2) Pumper Operation & Maintenance
- 3) Emt Continuing Education
- 4) Cluster (hard to get hours)
- 5) Communications
- 6) ATV Rescue
- 7) NIFRIS Reporting
- 8) NFA-Arson detection
- 9) Driver's training
- 10) Swift Water Rescue

Sunday Only

- 1) Mapping

The registration fee is \$20.00 until August 25, 2009. Late fee is \$25.00. Registration will open on Saturday at 7:30 a.m.. Opening ceremonies is at 8:30 with classes beginning at 9:00 a.m. The host hotel is the Landmark Inn Phone 1-606-432-2545. There are 3 other hotels in the area. Brookshire Inn & Suites (1-606-433-0888), Hampton Inn(1-606-432-8181) and the Holiday Inn Express(1-606-433-1800). Just a reminder all classes are tentative. You can make checks payable to the Pike County Fire Fighters Association.

Address: P.O. Box 981
Pikeville, Ky 41501

If you have any questions contact Lewis Ratliff at 1-606-424-2620 or lewisratliff@bellsouth.net.

2009 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
9/19-20/09	13	London	888-234-0100
10/10-11/09	6	Louisville	888-306-8064
10/17-18/09	5	Elizabethtown	888-234-7201
10/31-11/01	7	Highland Heights	888-306-8101
11/7-8/09	15	TBA	888-234-3961
11/21-22/09	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
12/5-6/09	12	Hazard	888-234-6759
12/12-13/09	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

Written testing information is available on the area 9 web site. Tests are given at the system office usually on the third Monday of the month. Each time you take the written test you must pay a \$15.00 charge. Contact Duane Suttles for more information about written test location and dates at 888-301-2946. REMINDER: Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and be a member of a Kentucky FD or a full-time student of Fire Science at ECU or KCTCS to be eligible for firefighter testing. Candidates must bring state issued drivers license or ID card to skills testing site for positive identification and verification of age eligibility. Candidates under 18, may complete any of the written exams, and may certify to Haz Mat Awareness only. All Certifications are based on the Professional Qualification standards set forth by the NFPA for Firefighters, except Haz Mat, which is a Job Performance standard. Our accreditation is through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

31st Annual Hazard Fire School August 29 - 30, 2009

Opening ceremonies and fire school registration will be held in the vendor hall located inside the First Federal Center starting at 8 AM Saturday morning. A free picnic on Saturday evening at 6 PM at the Perry County Park. Everyone attending the fire school is invited to attend. Firefighter Games will begin after the picnic. Bring your 5 member team and participate in the fun and excitement. Come out and enjoy the fire truck show as well during the picnic.

This years classes include:

- 1) Basic Firefighting (16 Hours)
- 2) Junior Fighting Class (Employer) (16 Hours)
- 3) Blocks of Hard To Get Hours (16 Hours)
- 4) Firefighting Survival (8 Hours Saturday)
- 5) Firefighter Rescue (8 Hours Sunday)



ICS 300 Class

August 25 & 26
8AM - 6 PM

State Fire Rescue Training
Area 13 Office in London KY

You must pre-register for the class
Call 888-234-0100

- 6) Line of Duty Deaths
- 7) Kentucky Fire Commission 2009 and Beyond (8 Hours Saturday or Sunday)
- 8) Rope Rescue (Rappelling) (16 Hours)
- 9) First Responder and EMT Continuing Ed (16 Hours)
- 10) Understanding ISO Fire Suppression Rating System (8 hours Saturday only)
- 11) Farm Rescue (16 hours)
- 12) Drivers Training (16 hours)
- 13) Fire Department Planning and Response to Weather Related Emergencies (8 hours Saturday & Sundays)
- 14) Meth Lab Awareness (4 hours Saturday Afternoon & Sunday Mornings)
- 15) Grant Programs of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security (4 hours Saturday Afternoon & Sunday Morning)
- 16) Successful Grant Writing Techniques (4 hours Saturday morning & Sunday Afternoon)
- 17) Thermal Imaging (4 hours Saturday Morning and Sunday Afternoon)
- 18) NFA - Managing Company Tactical Operations Decision Making (16 hours)
- 19) Arson I (16 hours)
- 20) Basics Of Fire And Life Safety Education (8 hours Saturday & Sunday)
- 21) Mine Site Emergencies (8 hours Saturday & Sunday)
- 22) Emergency Response To Railroad Emergencies (8 hours Saturday only)
- 202) Fire Inspector I (Sat & Sun)
- 203) Arson I (Sat & Sun)
- 204) Incident Safety Officer (Sat & Sun)
- 205) NFA Leadership 2 (Sat & Sun)
- 206) Controlling the Fire Ground: Live Burn (Sat & Sun)
- 207) Survival & Rescue (Sat & Sun)
- 208) Saving Our Own (Sat & Sun)
- 209) Hazmat Operations (Sat & Sun)
- 210) Recruit Basic (Sat & Sun)
- 211) Pumper Operations (Sat & Sun)
- 212) Dealing With LODD (Sat & Sun)
- 213) PICO (Sat & Sun)
- 214) MCTO - Decision Making (Sat & Sun)
- 215) NIFRS 5 (Sat & Sun)
- 216) Special Rescue Awareness (Sat & Sun)
- 217) Paramedic Continuing Ed (Sat & Sun)
- 218) Advanced SCBA (Sat & Sun)
- 301) NFA Arson II (Fri/Sat/Sun)
- 302) EMT Refresher Class (Fri/Sat/Sun)
- 303) Trench Rescue Tech (Sep 19, 20, 25, 26 & 27)
- 304) Rope Rescue Tech (Sep 19, 20, 25, 26 & 27)
- 305) IFSAC Instructor I (Sep 12, 13, 26, 27)
- 306) IFSAC Instructor II (Sep 12, 13, 26, 27)
- 307) Hazmat Tech (Sep 12, 13, 26, 27)
- 401) NIMS 400 (Sat & Sun)
- 402) Trustees Class (Saturday)
- 403) Human Resources Management & Labor Relations in the Fire Service (Saturday)
- 404) Chief Officers Seminar (Sunday)
- 405) Featured Speaker (Saturday)
- 406) Fire Commission Update (Sunday)

For more information call 888-234-6759

Jefferson County Fire School

September 25 - 27, 2009

Gault House Louisville Kentucky

- 101) Size Up (Saturday)
- 102) Elevator Rescue Operations (Saturdays)
- 103) Bombs & Explosives (Saturday)
- 104) Apparatus Maintenance (Saturday)
- 105) Propane Fires (Flamable Gasses) (Sat)
- 106) Rescue Considerations for New Vehicles (Sunday)
- 107) Flashover/Fire Behavior (Sunday)
- 108) AHA CPR Instructor (Sunday)
- 109) Understanding ISO (Sunday)
- 110) Writing Apparatus Specs (Sunday)
- 111A) Truck Company Operations (Saturday)
- 111B) Truck Company Operations (Sunday)
- 201) Hard to Get Hours (Sat & Sun)

All Registration will be done on-line at www.jcfia.com

Fees - 1 or 2 Days: \$75 3 Days or More: \$100
 Class fees include: Lunch Welcome Reception and Vendors Night, and a JCFIA Fire School Tee Shirt, The Trustee Class has a special rate of \$50. Payment is handled with E-Check or credit card, either personal or department. Confirmation will be emailed to you. Please provide correct email address. **No cancellations will be accepted after Sept. 1st unless JCFIA cancels the class. All cancellations other than from JCFIA canceling a class will result in a \$10 cancellation processing fee.**
 A RELEASE FORM, required for some classes, can be downloaded from www.jcfia.com.

Bowling Green FD Honor Guard Presents "Honor Guard Basic Camp"

Location will be at Station 5 (Northside) Fire Station, 250 Porter Pike, Bowling Green, KY 42103. Attendees will receive comprehensive training on:

- Basic and Advanced Drill & Ceremony
- Color Guard and Parade Details
- Flag Law, Etiquette and Customs
- Uniform Wear and Appearance
- Honors Funeral Services

For more info contact Rob Gilliam, robby.gilliam@bgky.org or call (270) 202-0543 or visit "Honor Guard" @ www.bgky.org/fire

Cruise In for a Cause

If it has wheels it is welcome!

To Benefit the

Travis Fryman Memorial Scholarship Fund

This fund is a non-profit EMS Education Scholarship fund. It will be held in Legion Park, Legion Drive, Paris Kentucky August 8th 1 - 5 PM. Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles,

Fire Trucks, Ambulances, Tractors are all welcome. Peoples Choice Award, Door Prizes, 50/50 Pot, Dash Plaques. For more information, directions or to donate call (859) 707-7244.

Everyone welcome, Yall come ya hear!



Who is this Person?

This person was an icon of the Kentucky fire service, his career spanned 45 years with his Fire Department. Joining the department in March of 1941, he saw promotions to Fire Marshal and Assistant Chief led him to the Chief's position on December 27, 1949. He served as Chief until his retirement, exactly 37 years to the day in 1986. He passed away on Jan. 29, 1991, while watching his beloved UK Wildcats beat the Auburn Tigers. Do you know this man's name?



What's in a Birthday or Anniversary

By Woody Will

Did you ever take the time to stop and think about the significance of a birthday or anniversary? I was a little younger when Hailey's Comet passed us by, but each evening Louis Crosier, my chief, and I would go out in his back yard and spend an hour or so just looking through binoculars, camera lenses and anything else we could find to help us see this once-in-a-lifetime event. It was historic in that it would be 70 years before it would happen again.

This year is the 90th anniversary of the KFA. The KFA was organized in 1919. Many extraordinary people have been at the helm of this organization. Many accomplishments of the fire service today would not even be here without the state leadership we have had in the past. State Fire Rescue Training was in part a result of the leadership and urging of the KFA. State aid and the incentive pay system owes its beginnings in part to the KFA. KFA thank you for all you have done to help our fire service in the Commonwealth.

It's Not Too Late to Support the KFA

Its no secret that the KFA needs your support. But have you considered how bad you need the KFA? Don't think for a moment that our Big Brother government is in the business of looking out for you! Yes there are pubic servants in state government that care. However, for the most part you can count on one thing what they are looking out for is whatever they can get out of your wallet. Their saving grace is they need your vote to stay on the receiving end of your taxes. They listen to groups like the KFA, Chiefs Association, and the KPF because they know how powerful of a voting group firefighters are.

You need the voice of the KFA to speak up for you in situations where no one else can or will. It's hard to say the KFA represents the 800 + departments in the state when only a little over 300 departments are members. If your department is a member we thank you. If you are not then take the time to mail in the application with your check so you can be part of the solution instead of part of the problem. Just after the conference renewal applications go out to member departments. Take the time to copy the application on the next page and send it in with your check for 2010. We need your support but then in turn you need the support of the KFA.

Kentucky Firefighters Association Membership

KFA By-laws regarding Membership

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP; All individuals, shall by virtue of their membership in their respective fire departments, be members of the KFA, so long as said organization remains a member of this association.

Eligible KFA membership shall be limited to public and private emergency response organizations including, fire departments and fire districts “structural” Fire Brigades, hazardous material response team, Fire authorities, Fire Insurance or other salvage corps, { 1 } Structural fire brigades as defined by KOSHA and or NFPA { 2 } Meeting minimum requirements of tech level by KOSHA and NFPA

SECTION 3: Active membership may be obtained in the KFA by paying annual dues of \$75.00 per year. Dues are payable on October 1 of each year. Dues not paid by December 1, of each year, render that membership delinquent. The fiscal year of this organization shall be August 1, through July 31. A copy of the KFA Newsletter is sent to each active membership member on a bi-monthly basis. To receive a personal copy of the newsletter, to an address of your choosing, include a check or money order for \$25.00 with the form below to:

Terry Keller, Treasurer
PO Box 16194
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KFA Membership Application

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

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Our organization is only as strong as its membership!

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National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

Major Funding Cut for AFG Moving Forward in House and Senate

The House and Senate versions of the FY 2010 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act both contain sizable reductions in funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. Both the House-passed bill (H.R. 2892) and Senate-passed bill (S. 1298) would provide \$390 million in funding for AFG – a \$175 million decrease from FY 2009. Both bills provide \$420 million for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program, a 100 percent increase from last year.

AFG and SAFER provide funding through a direct, competitive grant process that incorporates fire service input at every step along the way, from criteria development to peer review of applications. AFG primarily provides funds to help local agencies purchase equipment, training, and apparatus. SAFER grants are used to hire career firefighters, with 10 percent set aside to assist local fire departments with recruitment and retention efforts.

President Obama's FY 2010 budget request proposed reducing funds for AFG by 70 percent, from \$565 million to \$170 million. In subsequent Congressional hearings on the budget request, DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano gave two primary justifications for cutting AFG so drastically: \$210 million had been made available to the fire service in the form of fire station construction funding in economic stimulus legislation that passed earlier in 2009, and funds were shifted from AFG to SAFER in order to help career fire departments avoid layoffs.

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees restored \$210 million in funding from the President's budget but complied with the President's proposal to shift funds from AFG to SAFER. An amendment increasing funding for AFG from \$380 million to \$390 million was adopted when the FY 2010 DHS Appropriations Act was considered by the full House of Representatives. The House Rules Committee blocked three other amendments increasing funding for AFG by \$20 million, \$30 million, and \$40 million respectively,

from ever being offered. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) had worked closely with Congressmen Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), Peter King (R-NY), and Steve Austria (R-OH) in developing the \$40 million amendment. The \$20 million amendment was offered by Congresswoman Judy Biggert (R-IL), and the \$30 million amendment was offered by Congressman Jason Altmire (D-PA).

The NVFC worked with Senators Bernie Sanders (D-VT) and Robert Casey (D-PA), who offered an amendment to increase funding for both AFG and SAFER by \$50 million during consideration of S. 1298. The amendment was defeated in floor vote by the full Senate, but another amendment offered by Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT) was adopted increasing funding for AFG by \$10 million.

With the DHS Appropriations having passed the House and Senate, the bill will now go to a conference committee, where differences between the two versions will be sorted out. Since the House and Senate funding levels for AFG and SAFER are the same (\$390 million and \$420 million, respectively) it is likely that they will not be changed in the conference committee report.



The Kentucky Fire Commission

The June Fire Commission meeting was held June 4 at the Estill County Fire Department at its Clear Creek Station. At that meeting new commission members Brigadier General John W. Heltzel, Executive Director of Kentucky Emergency Management, and Dave Goldsmith, Chief of Highview Fire District (see picture below).



At that meeting there was also a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Training Tower located at the Clear Creek Station.

In the center of the photo at the top of the next page is Fire Commission member Kevin Williams and Fire Commission Chairman James Riddle. Members of the department were very appreciative of their new training tower and the possibilities the new facilities give them for better training.



The Fire Commission's new fire training system is up and running. The old system will be shut down as of August 1, 2009. All fire departments will need to apply for a new User ID and Password. If you have not sent in a user identification application please send one as soon as possible to Mary Adams at 300 North Main Street Versailles, KY 40383. Remember there can only be two User ID's per department now. If you have questions please call me at 859-256-3475. My email address is: mary.adams@kctcs.edu For the departments who have already sent in their User ID's, your ID will be in the mail early next week. Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Public Officials Liability

Why is it needed for Fire Service Personnel?

*By William R. Dixon, Director of Marketing
Emergency Services Insurance Program*

Some Fire Service personnel may have misconceptions regarding how they are covered in their capacity as directors and/or officers. They may think it is covered under the department or district's liability policy or under a personal "Umbrella" policy they may have purchased individually. However, if they are not carrying specific coverage for Public Officials they may be underinsured. Most personal Umbrella policies are written by insurance companies which design coverage to exclude the decisions and/or acts made while acting as a Director or Officer of any organization, particularly a public entity. General Liability policies don't always address the "Errors and Omissions" exposure which is where specific coverage for individuals (including Directors and Officers) against claims arising out of any acts, errors and omissions can be found.

How can a Fire Department or Fire District protect itself? Why should it consider protection? The best and most common vehicle for this protection

is Public Officials Liability coverage. Some reasons for considering this protection are outlined more specifically below.

A well-written Public Officials Liability policy will cover the Fire Department or District and its past, present and future Directors and Officers, Board Members, committee members and volunteers for acts, errors and omissions of many kinds (subject to the specific exclusions of the policy).

One of the primary purposes of this coverage is to provide legal defense against claims and suits alleging wrongdoing resulting in monetary damages (but not including bodily injury or property damage-which are covered by the General Liability policy). A good example would be a Fire District that was repeatedly hauled into court by a "claimant from hell" whose claims involving his "right" to use the District's property were groundless. While no judgment or settlement was ever made or offered, it cost plenty of money to defend.

Other areas we have seen trouble for Fire Departments and Districts is Sexual Harassment and Employee Practices, including wrongful termination. This would also include actions taken against volunteers. Make sure your policy does not specifically exclude these coverages. Recently we have seen a trend by many insurance companies to attempt to exclude these volatile areas.

There are, of course, areas where coverage is not going to be given. Claims involving pollution won't be covered (they may be picked up by a specific endorsement to the General Liability Policy). Claims involving fraud are not covered if fraud is proven, however the Fire Department or District and individuals innocent of alleged fraud will be protected. Claims demanding either a specific action or cessation of an action are not covered unless there is specific coverage for Injunctive Relief or Non-Monetary Damages. Check your policy for specific wording.

Costs for this coverage vary depending on the size and activities of the Fire Department or District. For a small department premiums may start as low as \$500. You may even find a company that will include the cost in the General Liability policy. The limits sold are usually with a \$1,000,000 per occurrence limit. Sometimes you can find a company with an unlimited aggregate, the most which will be paid during a single policy term, but most cap the aggregate at \$2-3 million.

FOR SALE



The Alexandria Fire District has a 1989 Ford L8000 Ranger Rescue Truck for sale. Current milage 17066 current hours 3021. They are asking \$60,000. It has a 250 Ford diesel engine, automatic transmission, Thelma Retrader, 20 KW PTO Generator, On Spot Chains, 16 ft walk in rescue box, 110 volt A/C in Command Area, Emergency Lighting, Federal Q Siren, 2 front mounted pole lights, 2 rear mounted removable tripod lights, 12000 lbs Warn Winch, 4 new tires, 4 Circle D Lights, 1 air reel w/approx. 200' of hose, 2 hydraulic reels w/ aprox. 100' of hose, 2 electric cord reels with 4 gang boxes, cascade air fill system w/6 - 6000# cylinders (last Hydro Jan 2006). For more info contact Chief Jim Pohlman(859-635-5991 or email jpohlman@afdky.org).

The Gulnare FD has Two Pumpers for sale



The first is a 1978 International Commercial Pumper. It has an International 446 V8 Gas Engine, 10 speed manual transmission, 1000 GPM top mount 2-stage pump (Model S.E.C. H81615), 1000 gallon steel tank, electric generator and scene lights. Driver side and passenger side has: discharge 2 - 2 1/2", suction 1 - 2 1/2" & 1 - 5" it also has 2 - 1 1/2" pre-connect cross-lays. Selling price \$4,500.



The second truck is a 1982 Chevrolet Commercial Pumper with a Detroit Diesel Allison Fuel Pincher Engine, 10 speed split manual transmission, hydraulic brakes, American LaFrance 1000 GPM 2 stage midship pump with side pump panel, Hale priming pump, 1000 gallon aluminum tank (new in 2001), discharges 2 - 2 1/2" and suction 1-2 1/2" & 1 - 6" & 2 - 1 1/2" crosslays. Selling price \$12,500. For more information on either truck call the Gulnare VFD Chief Philip Smith, cell (606) 794-1700.



For sale 1983 Ford Grumman 1000 GPM Pump w/current pump test, 3208 Diesel Engine, Automatic, 2-5 inch hard suction hose, 600 ft of 3 inch hose. The truck has 69,002 miles and 5162 pump hours. Minimum bid \$5,000. Bids are due by 8/10/09 10:00 EST. For more information call Chief Natian Nation (502) 817-6222. The truck is sold as is with no warranty expressed or implied.

Words of Wisdom

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia.

Charles M. Schulz

Frankfort Fire & EMS Has Items for Sale!



The above truck is 1997 Ford "F" Super-Duty Rescue Truck with a 7.3 Liter Power Stroke Turbo Diesel, Standard Transmission (New in August 2007), 73,400 Miles, 14-foot Box, Aluminum, 185" Wheel Base, Dual Fuel Tanks, Strobe Lighting Package, 9000 lb. Winch (Ramsey), 7.5 kw Onan Diesel Plumbed Generator, Roll Out Trays, 4 – Telescopic Flood Lights' 2 – Hydraulic Reels. Has had regular service and maintenance since purchased. VERY GOOD CONDITION, ASKING PRICE - \$24,000, AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.

We also have a wide selection of nozzles and appliances for sale. The pictures below are simply a sampling of the wide variety items for sale at bargain basement prices. For more information contact Wallace Possich, Fire Chief or Eddie Slone, Asst. Chief of the Frankfort Fire Department 300 W 2nd Street Suite 3 Frankfort Ky 40601, call 502-875-8512 or email eslone@frankfort.ky.gov or wpossich@frankfort.ky.gov



NEW ARRIVALS



Valley Creek V.F.D. recently took delivery from Bluegrass Fire Apparatus a Freightliner M2, 330hp - Single Axle - Darley 750 PTO, - 2,000 Gallon Stainless Steel Elliptical Tank, - 10" Newton Dumps on the driver, passenger sides and rear, LED Light Package.



The above truck was delivered to the Trammel V.F.D. It is a Ford F-750, 260hp - Single Axle - Darley 750 PTO, 1,000 Gallon Stainless Steel T-tank, - High Sides both sides, Apollo Deck Gun, LED Light Package.



White Hall V.F.D. — Bluegrass Fire Apparatus completely overhauled the body of this truck. The dept. brought it to us with a 4,400 gallon mild steel tank that was leaking approximately 2,500 gallons a week. It did not have any side skirts, side walls, pump panel, and many other items they were in need of. We reduced the tank size to a 3,500 gallon Stainless Steel Elliptical Tank, installed all LED lights including replacing the light bar on the cab. We installed a rear bumper, added tow hooks, moved the 6" steamers up to give them ground clearance, installed wheel simulators, built speed lays for hose storage and much more. The fire department didn't even recognize this as their truck when they stopped in to check on it's progress. We felt like proud parents.

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