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## Son's Sad Farewell: 'I Love You, Daddy'

#### **KIERAN CROWLEY**

NY Post Online

November 2, 2001 — Wearing his father's loose-fitting uniform, jacket and cap, the teenage son of fallen firefighter Terry Farrell yesterday recounted for hundreds of mourners one man's lifetime of on-the-job bravery and off-the-clock kindness.

The Rescue 4 veteran had saved people from a collapsed cesspool and come to the aid of a man trapped in a car, 14-year- old T.J. said from the pulpit of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Huntington, L.I.

Those acts were part of his job, but Farrell didn't limit his lifesaving to the firehouse. Eight years ago, he donated bone-marrow to a cancer-stricken girl, Chantyl Peterson, who lived to attend his funeral yesterday.

"He loved to help," T.J. said.

"I'm very proud of him and his acts of bravery that took him on Sept. 11," the boy said, then added. "I love you, Daddy."

As thunderous applause filled the church, the teen stepped off the altar and stopped before his father's casket, placing on the coffin the hat from his head and one final kiss.

Other speakers painted a picture of a man of few words who let his actions speak volumes. They told of a former transit cop and firefighter who won medal after medal, but boasted only about his family.

Fellow firefighter Buddy Byrne joked that "if Terry loved you, he'd borrow your tools, and if Terry really loved you, he broke your tools."

Byrne said he knows that when he dies, Farrell will be standing at the pearly gates of heaven with outstretched arms.

"And he'll say, 'We've been waiting for you for years.'"

Farrell's brother, Detective Dennis Farrell of the Nassau County Homicide Squad, wept as he said goodbye.

"I know he's in a place where there's no pain and sorrow," he said.

"He lives on in every firefighter. He's my brother. He's an American hero."

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## Treasurer's Notes by Bryant Stiles



Thanks to departments that have already mailed in their 2001-2002 dues. The membership dues are \$75.00 and run from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2001 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002. With the Kentucky General Assembly meeting beginning after the first of the year, we need every department to be a dues paying member.

In addition to legislative activities, your membership dues support many KFA efforts, including the KFA web page and the newsletter that you are currently reading.

Gerald Stewart and Sylvan Smith will again be representing your Association and your department during the 2002 General Assembly. The membership voted on the top five legislative issues during the Association's Conference in August, but you can be assured there will be many more issues that will impact our departments and we want to have someone in Frankfort daily representing us.

The Fire and Life Safety Education Committee meeting is scheduled for November 29<sup>th</sup> while this issue of Smoke Signals is at the printer. Reading the news of the fire related deaths in Pike County and Russell County reminds us we still have important fire safety education work to do. If your department is not involved in this Committee I encourage you to contact Joe Stambush or a member of the Committee and become involved.

We welcome GovernmentFirst as a new sustaining member. James M. Everett is the President and CEO. GovernmentFirst has already become a good partner to the fire service as they sponsored the USFA Fire Grants seminar in Frankfort back in the summer when we were all needing concrete information on the application process.

Robin and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Your Treasurer,

## Bryant Stiles

#### FIRE COMMISSION

Walter J. Lage
Division Director, State Fire Commission

### Mark Your Calendar

Start making plans now to attend the 2002 State Fire School in Lexington, June 3,4,and 5 2002 Planning has begun and several new classes will be added with others under consideration. Watch your mail in March and April for registration information.

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 5<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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.

Members of the Fire Commission Staff (Ronnie Day and Wayne Mullannix) along with the President of the Kentucky Firefighters Association accompanied the families of Kentucky Firefighters that died in the line-of-duty to the national Fire Academy for the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Let us all work together towards the ultimate and achievable goal of zero firefighter deaths and one day attend this service as observers only and not participants.

Please remember that the Fire Commission has moved to Lexington. Any correspondence should be sent to the Lexington office and not the Fire Marshall'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: toll free 1-800-782-6823 and Fax is 859-246-3484.

Web page address – <u>www.kctcs.net/kyfirecommission.</u> To enter training hours via the internet – http://kyfiretraining.kctcs.net

## REGIONAL EMBERS

## Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Troy Newcomb, President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky" and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. It has been two months to the date since the terrorist attack on the United States of America and the American people. Every American across this great nation of ours has been affected in some manner. From our neighbors in New York and Washington to the smallest town and village in remote, rural America all of our lives have been touched by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Most of us have experienced the full range of emotions since that fatal day in September. From shock and disbelief to anger and a thirst for revenge. We have prayed daily for America; for all of those who lost their lives, especially our brother firefighters and law enforcement personnel, the family members and friends of those who died, the workers still operating daily at ground zero and for President Bush and his staff. And yes some good Christian people in American have even found it in their hearts to pray for the terrorist. There has been a definite resurgence in prayer, patriotism and flag waving across this great nation. (Thank Goodness)

Where do we go from here? We continue to do the same things we have done, in abundance, since September 11; the same things that we should have been doing prior to September 11. We must pray daily for these United States and all of her people, where ever they may be. We must continue to pray for all of those that lost their lives. But we must pray harder for those family members, children and friends that they left behind. We must pray for all of the personnel at ground zero on a daily basis, that they may complete their job and thus provide closure for themselves and the families that lost love ones. We must continually pray for all of our military personnel regardless of which theatre they are in. And we must

pray daily for President Bush and his staff that they might continue to receive the proper intelligence regarding our "New War" and continue to make the proper decisions regarding the out come of this war. We must remain ever vigilant concerning terrorism and terrorist acts but we must not let these attacks or the terrorist rule our lives. And may we never again become complacent concerning prayer, patriotism and flag waving in the United States. My hope and belief is that prayer, patriotism and flag waving will continue to grow as long as there are Americans in America. God Bless the USA!

The JPFA fourth quarter meeting and election of officers was conducted on November 6, 2001 at the Clinton Fire Department in Clinton, Kentucky. President Matt Walker provided the group with an excellent meal and all in attendance were sufficiently filled and enjoyed the fare tremendously. New JPFA officers elected for the coming year are:

- President: Troy Newcomb –
   Grand Lakes Fire Department
- 1st Vice President: Karen Freeman Possum Trot/Sharpe Fire Dept
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Steve Kyle Paducah Fire Department
- Treasurer: Missy Newcomb –
   Grand Lakes Fire Department
- Secretary: Deb Hartz –
   Fulton Fire Department
- Sgt. At Arms: Lynn Howell Symsonia Fire Department
- PIO: Jim Hartz Fulton Fire Dept

Congratulations to all of these personnel who have been elected to serve in these positions of leadership for the coming year. Every member of the JPFA should give these people a pat on the back and should pledge to support them with our presence, our talents and our knowledge during the coming year. And a heartfelt thanks to President Matt Walker for his leadership during the past year. Matt was presented a plaque by Troy Newcomb.

Chairman Gerald Stewart of the Kentucky Fire Commission was in attendance and presented the group an update on the upcoming legislative issues. It looks like it could be a "Hot Time" in Frankfort dur-

### 'Regional Embers' continued . . .

ing the legislative session. Stay tuned to the KFA Webb Site (http://www.kyfa.org) for updated information on legislation that effects the fire service. And as always help **SPREAD THE WORD** in the KFA. Make a pledge to your self and your fire department that you will stay abreast of the KFA legislative issues and that you will keep your department informed. That is really not much to ask for considering all of the benefits that the KFA provides the Kentucky Firefighters.

Paul Billings presented a resolution at the meeting that would increase the JPFA quarterly membership meetings from four (4) per year to six (6) meeting per year. The proposal suggests that the JPFA membership meetings be conducted the first Tuesday of the month in January, March, May, July, September and November. The resolution was presented to the E board and those members present. Copies of the resolution have been sent to all member departments via e-mail and snail mail. The resolution will be presented at the regular scheduled meeting in February for a vote of the full membership.

JPFA Treasurer Missy Newcomb will be sending out dues notices the second week in January for the 2002 JPFA dues. Remember that we changed our dues scheduled this year. The dues are payable in January and they cover the period from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. Please pay your dues promptly. Only one notice will be sent.

Plans for the 2002 Annual JPFA Spring School are progressing very well. The dates for the school are **March 23-24, 2002 in Paducah, Kentucky**. Mark your calendars now and plan on being there. The JPFA needs help with selling ads for the school program book. Contact Jim Hartz at the Fulton Fire Department for additional information.

And last but certainly not least, the JPFA would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. President Bush has ask that the American people try to return to a normal life style. And what better time of year to work on this than the holiday season. We have so much to be thankful for even with the events of September 11, 2001 and the aftermath of that terrible day. Always

be thankful for your many blessings; remember all of those that are less fortunate and provide help in any manner that you can; remember why we celebrate the Christmas season; be proud to be an American and continue to wave that American flag! God Bless America!

## Pennyrile Fire and Rescue Association

Red Howton, President

Greetings from the big city of Marion Ky. When I wrote our last news letter the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> had not occurred. Our Association along with everyone else was deeply saddened by the loss of so many emergency personnel and innocent people. We hope and pray that this or anything like this will never happen again.

We had a great meeting at South Road Fire Department in Trigg Co. on October 10th. I would like to thank South Road for their great hospitality and especially the bar-b-que chicken and fixings. A special thanks to Chief Schafer and his wife Carole. (GREAT JOB) For those of you don't attend your Association meetings you never know when you might miss out on a great meal.

At the meeting our school committee gave a report on how the 2002 school was shaping up. It was decided to change our fall school to the first weekend in October. The 2002 school will be held at Caldwell County High School unless we happen to have the new training center finished. This is a list of the tentative classes-F/F Survival and Rescue-F/F Challenge-Vehicle Extrication-Wildland Fire Fighting 4hrs.-Meth Labs 4hrs.-Hard to get Hours-Making Mr Bubble and Fire Streams to the Max-Rural water Supply-EMS-Search and Rescue Basic 21hrs.-Search and Rescue Management-Confined Space Rescue-Basic 16hr. for new Recruits-Farm

### 'Regional Embers' continued . . .

Rescue and the Officers Round Table. We hope to have brochures out soon to give you ample time to plan to attend. We are also selling ads for our program, any fire department or business that would like to purchase an ad may contact Brent Thompson at 853-9404, myself at 965-4272 or Ed Schmidt at 365-4632.

At the last meeting we also voted to change our regular quarterly meetings to the first Wednesday night in each quarter starting with the meeting on January 2<sup>nd</sup> which is to be held at Grand Lakes Fire Department Station #2 at 6:30 p.m.

Captain Johnny Ezell was presented a plaque for his years of service to the Association and his work on the school during the past 6 years. THANKS Johnny for a job Well done.

I would urge every Fire Department, Rescue Squad and EMS Service in the Pennyrile that has not been attending the meetings to get involved and help us make this one of the greatest Associations in the state.

Yours for a safe response

#### Red Howton

President

Pennyrile Fire and Rescue Association

## Green River Firefighters Association

Ed Schmidt, President

Green River was pleased to serve as host for KAPA's Annual Kentucky EMS Conference, held in Owensboro September 10-16. The 2001 EMS Conference had many highlights including the State EMS and Rescue Championships, the Kentucky Board of EMS meeting, the EMT Instructors Association's Conference, and the EMS Awards Banquet with Speaker of the House Jodie Richards and Lt. Governor Steve Henry in attendance. While the EMS Conference is sponsored by the Ambulance Providers Association, any agency that has EMS as part of their mission will benefit from attending. The 2002 EMS Conference is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.

We send thanks to Jefferson County for inviting us again to be a part of their September Fire School. Green River's Burn Trailer and Smoke Maze Trailer were both in operation at the school. We have several departments from our region that send firefighters each year to this school.

Other news includes: The Webster County Fire School was held on the weekend of October 5<sup>th</sup>. Charles Brumfield has been named as the City of Henderson's new codes administrator. Wayne Hunsaker, past president of the Green River Association, has announced his intention to seek the office of Ohio County Judge Executive. Green River's trailers have been busy this fall traveling throughout Western Kentucky.

Over 200 attended the Terrorism Threat in Kentucky meeting held in Owensboro on November 9<sup>th</sup>. This was one of 16 programs being provided throughout Kentucky. Wayne Mullannix from the Fire Commission did an excellent job as he delivered the fire service portion of the program.

The Kentucky Association of Counties held their Conference in our region November 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Ronnie Day was here with the Fire Commission / Fire Rescue Training booth. It was a good opportunity to remind county leaders of the importance of the fire service.

The 2002 Officers School is scheduled for the weekend of February 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. The addition of three National Fire Academy courses, provided by the Kentucky Fire Commission, is just one of the new features of the Officers School. We have produced a nine minute video on the Officers School and have provided a copy of each of the area Fire Rescue Training offices. If you are not attending the Officers School, we ask that your department take time to view this video as we hope that every department will take advantage of this training and fellowship.

From the Green River Officers, the Area 3 Staff and all our fire departments, we wish each of your firefighters Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing you in 2002!

### Ed Schmidt,

President



## Dixie Firefighters Association

Robbie Blanford, President

On October 25, 2001 the Dixie Firefighters celebrated a milestone in its 38-year history. On that date the Dixie held the dedication of its Emergency Response Memorial. This memorial is unlike any other we know of in Kentucky. The memorial itself is made from a 5 ft tall 3 feet in diameter solid red granite cylinder with a stainless steel



maltase cross on top. The granite is part of one of the pillars that was in front of Freedom Hall in Louisville that was removed during its renovation a few years ago. Two the right of the pillar is a sandstone post with a black granite inlay of the star-of-life representing EMS. On the left side is another sandstone post with a black granite inlay of the Jaws of Life representing rescue. The inscription on the center column reads "Dedicated to the memory of all who silently serve their community". It is a beautiful and fitting memorial to all firefighters who have served their community.

The idea for this type memorial was born out of a discussion between then KFA President Rick Games and Woody Will Dixie Treasurer. They were going to a meeting in Frankfort about the memorial back in 1996 and were discussing the qualifications for a name to be put on the wall. As Woody tells the story, it is about a hypothetical situation in which a young person joins a fire department one night and the next day is killed in a fire. This persons name will be on the wall forever and he was killed because he did something he was not trained to do. On the other hand a person that serves his department for 40 years but does not die in the line of duty is forgotten after the first year. There is a great injustice about that. Not that the person who dies in the line of duty doesn't deserve the name on the wall. We do need a way to remember the other people who have given years of service and don't die in the line of duty. It is the intent of the Dixie to read the names of every person that has served and passed on. This year at the service the list of names was 4 pages long. As member agencies refine their lists they will become longer and longer. We may have to begin reading them earlier in the day and finish at the memorial service that night.

The list of persons attending the memorial service and awards banquet reads like a who's who of the fire service and legislature. Over 125 persons attended. The keynote speaker was none other the Speaker of the House Jody Richards. A brief personal accounting of September 11th experience of Senator Elizabeth Tori followed him. She then read a letter from Senator Dan Kelly who was unable to attend. This was followed by an address by Fire Commission Chairman Gerald Stewart. Following the addresses and a brief drama about firefighters, the Dixie personnel who became certified in the last year were given certificates of achievement from Representative Jimmy Lee and Jody Richards. All in all it was a very special evening. Plan now to attend next year's memorial service and awards program October 24, 2002. The association intends to add two more posts by next year. One post will represent law enforcement and another to represent industry.

Planning for the Dixie Fire School to be held March 8-9-10, 2002 is well underway. Classes will include Flashover/Burn Trailer, Firefighter Survival & Rescue, Leadership Strategies, Hard to Get Hours, Ventilation, Chaplain Class, Wildland Fire Suppression, Special Responses, 16 Hour Boot Camp, Putting Your Training Outlines on PowerPoint, NFPA 1670 Rescue Awareness, Auto Extrication, Rural & Urban Agriculture Response, Terrorism, PEPP, EMT-B KY & National Registry Cont. Ed., Scene Safety, EMT-FR Cont. Ed / Fire & Industry, and Haz Mat Update. Brochures will be in the mail the first part of January. Pre-Registration Fee will be \$25.00 for Dixie members and \$30.00 for non-members. The fee covers training and lunch for both Saturday and Sunday, and a banquet meal ticket for Saturday night. For more information please call 270-766-5238. Make plans now to attend!

#### Robbie Blanford



## Jefferson County Fire Service

10,000 Jefferson County school children create one BIG fire-safety field trip!

How do you make learning about home fire safety fun for kids of all ages?

Add a little baseball!

Jefferson County Fire Service, Louisville Fire & Rescue, and Shively Fire Department teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association to "Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire" on Monday October 8, 2001. The special educational event hosted 10,000 'K through 5th Grade' students at Louisville Slugger Field Stadium. The NFPA's 2001 public safety campaign brought baseball and fire safety together to teach children and their families simple steps they can take to strike out the risk of home fires.

Cooking, heating and electrical fires are among the nation's leading causes of home fires, accounting for an annual average of nearly 50% of home fires and almost one-third of associated fire deaths. This year's fire prevention campaign teaches children and their families about these common fire hazards and how to "strike them out".

"People think they're safer from fire than they really are, particularly at home. They often lack basic information on home fire prevention," says Chief Paul Barth of Jefferson County Fire Service. Chief Greg Frederick of Louisville Fire explained, "The STRIKE OUT FIRE" campaign teaches youngsters and their families to recognize where home fire danger exists and to take simple precautions." Chief John Renn of Shively Fire added, "everyone should develop a home escape plan and practice it twice a year."

The event featured Sparky demonstrating Home Fire Prevention and Safety messages from each base on the baseball field. With the assistance of local Fire Inspectors and creative props, Sparky's antics brought laughs and cheers from the children

in the stadium. Also included were Color Guard, Marching Bands, and dignitaries from City, County and State government. Dawne Gee and Chris Parante of WAVE3 TV were hosts and announcers for day's activities. WAVE 3 TV broadcasted LIVE from the stadium from 10 AM to 11 AM. The event culminated with a softball game played by teams from Jefferson County Fire Service, City of Louisville Fire & Rescue, and Shively Fire Department.

The "baseball theme" field trip took several months of planning and hard work on the part of committees made up of personnel from of all three Fire Service organizations and The Board of Education. "STRIKE OUT FIRE" Day delivered a "grand slam" of fire safety and education messages and marked the start of Fire

For additional info. on the "STRIKE OUT FIRE" Event contact: Lynn Nichols/ Jefferson County Fire Service phone 267-9003



## Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

Ken Elliott, President

Safety Week and Month.

Terry Keller, Reporter

The members present at November's monthly meeting of the Campbell County Fire Fighters Educational Association were informed that the departments of Eastern Campbell, Silver Grove, and Camp Springs have voted to merge into one fire district. The merger must be presented to Judge Pendry and the Fiscal Court for final approval. But members of the three departments do not see any opposition to the planned merger. This will be effective January 1, 2002. The new district will be named Campbell County Fire District No. 1. It will serve as the largest district in the county. Each station will continue to operate as they have before, except under one funding district. The current chief of each department will become a battalion chief, with one person being appointed by the fire district board as the fire chief of the district. Earlier, in the year of 2000, Highland Heights Fire Department, and Cold Springs Fire District merged forming one fire department called

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#### 'Regional Embers' continued . . .

Central Campbell Fire District. CCFD continues to operate out of the two stations, one in Highland Heights, and one in Cold Springs.

The Bellevue and Dayton Fire Departments are also considering a merger of the two departments. All parties involved have voted to merge except Bellevue City Council. Bellevue City Council may vote on the merger proposal at their meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 14. If their vote is in favor of the merger, tentatively, the merger would take effect on July 1, 2002. The merged department would be governed by members of a fire board as stipulated in an inter-local agreement.

## Terry Keller

## Northern KY Firefighters Assn Fire & Life Safety Committee

"From the Desk of Fireman Joe"

At the last Executive Board Meeting of the KFA in Lexington, Ky on Saturday October 20th I was asked to become the Chairman of the Fire and Life Safety Committee. Although I do not feel I am probably the best person for the position I have accepted so our vital committee can get back to the business at hand. I am truly honored and appreciate the respect and support of the KFA Executive Board, particularly President Bill Carver for their trust and faith in my abilities. I am very proud of what our Fire and Life Safety Educators have been able to accomplish for the citizens of our Commonwealth.

It is our plan to continue to provide our communities with the best Fire and Life Safety Educational Programs we can give. Fire Prevention Month "Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire" has motivated our Fire and Life Safety Educators to encourage everyone to make their home the safest place it can be by preventing Kitchen, Electrical and Heating Equipment fires.

I want to have a meeting of our Fire and Life Safety Educators on Thursday November 29th at 11 AM hosted by my friends from the Lexington Fire Dept in Lexington at the Training Center. We will send out as many notices as we can but in case you do not receive a personal invitation please accept this notice as such. I want to have as many of our Fire

and Life Safety Educators or representatives from each department so we can make vital plans for 2002 and beyond. Please make plans to attend and we will be discussing what our needs and everyone needs are to make our programs as strong as we can make them. Please remember, this committee is for all Fire Departments, career and volunteer - we must all stand together.

In Northern Kentucky our Fire and Life Safety Educators have been very busy with Fire Prevention Month Programs such as: Fire Station Open Houses, Tours of our Firehouses, School Programs and Demonstrations, Banners on our Firehouses and City Streets, promoting our Learn Not To Burn Program and making sure our citizens are "Covering the Bases & Striking Out Fire" in their homes.

I personally am making preparations for some changes in some of my own Public Education Activities. Effective December 31st I have decided to leave the Erlanger FIRE/EMS Fire Prevention Bureau and begin a similar position with the Dayton Fire Department. I am very excited about joining this great team of professionals and add my own personal contributions to their Fire and Life Safety Programs. I will continue my association with the Edgewood FIRE/EMS and Point Pleasant Fire Dept Public Education Divisions.

As we approach the Holiday Season and the winter months, I ask everyone to make necessary precautions by remembering now more than ever we need Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors in our homes. Make a Home Escape Plan and practice it with your whole family, be sure you have two ways out and designate a safe meeting place outside the home. If you haven't done so be sure to have your heating equipment serviced and your chimney cleaned. Check your holiday decorations and follow safe holiday safety practices.

I need your support and welcome your ideas. Please feel free to contact me by: e-mail Stambushj@aol.com, Fax: 859-578-3092, Cell Phone: 859-760-2819 or write at KFA Public Education Committee, Attn: Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stambush, 506 Hallam Avenue Erlanger, KY 41018-2215.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon, I Remain! Yours in Fire and Life Safety Education!

#### Fireman Joe



## Southeastern Firefighters Association

### A WORD FROM STATE FIRE/RESCUE TRAINING

AREA-13 HAS 2 INSTRUCTORS RETIRE

Southeastern Kentucky will be at a loss. We have had 2 long time instructors retire with in the past 6 months. With over 80 years of experience in the fire service and over 50 years instructing between them. The fire service of Southeastern Kentucky has lost a valuable resource.

Donnie Lincks retired May of this year. He married and relocated out of state. Donnie joined the fire service in 1973 with Keavy Fire Department in Laurel County. In 1980 Donnie was hired as a part time field staff instructor for Vocational Education. Donnie, was hired in 1988 by the City of London Fire Department as a Career Firefighter where he retired this year also. In 2000 Donnie was awarded the Zane Kennedy "Never Say Quit Award" by the Southeastern Kentucky Firefighter's Hall Of Fame. Donnie had trained with many local fire departments and had taught at numerous county, regional and state fire schools. We wish Donnie and Angela well with them starting a new life together. We also want to say Thank You for your years of service and dedication to your community and state. You are and will be greatly missed by the fire service.

Joe S Jones has just retired at the end of November. Where do you start with a gentleman that has had the career Mr. Jones has had? I guess you start at the beginning. Mr. Jones joined Manchester Fire Department, in Clay County in 1938. In 1960 Mr. Jones was appointed Chief of Manchester Fire Department where he served for 18 years. In 1978 he retired as Chief but stayed active as an advisor and instructor for their department. June of 1969 Chief Jones received a 4 year diploma from Department of Public Safety in Basic Firemenship Train-

ing. In 1997, Chief Jones was inducted into Southeastern Kentucky Firefighter's Hall of Fame.

Chief Jones has trained and educated many 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> generation firefighters in southeastern Kentucky. He has personally assisted numerous new Fire Departments to get started. Chief Jones has taught at numerous local fire departments, county, regional and state fire schools, in his long career.

Not only has Chief Jones served the fire service, he has served his community. He was a local business owner in Manchester for 10 years, and he also taught at Clay County Technical College for 15 years.

Chief Jones has trained firefighters throughout this great commonwealth for over 30 years. On July 25, 1992 the Clay County Fire Alliance honored Chief Jones by dedicating their new Training Facility the " Joe Jones Training Facility"

I know Joe will be greatly missed by the fire service in our area. This man has shared his knowledge, experiences, and training with thousands & thousands of firefighters for numerous years. I want to take this opportunity on behalf of State Fire/Rescue Training Area – 13 to say Thank You, Thank You very much for your years of service and dedication to the firefighters not only in our area but statewide. You will greatly be missed and you will always be welcome at any function we are involved in.

Our area is better off for men like Donnie Lincks and Chief Joe Jones being involved, not just the fire service, their local communities and every person they have come in contact with are better off, for them being involved. We need more men like these two, who are dedicated and care about their communities. If there were more people like Donnie & Joe, the world would be a better place. May God bless and keep you safe. Thanks again !!!!

### THE LIGHTER SIDE

Benefits of Growing Older

Kidnappers are no longer interested in you. People call at 9pm and ask "Did I wake You?" There is nothing left to learn the hard way. You can live without sex but not without

You can live without sex but not withou glasses.

You sing along with elevator music.

Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.



## Chaplain's Corner

by Stewart Dawson, Chaplain Lexington FD

## Remembering our Fallen Comrades HOW CAN WE GO ON?

There are no words to describe what happened to those in NYC and Washington DC on 9-11-01 We can only try to imagine what our brother and sister police officers, Fire fighters and other emergency workers are experiencing. I have been in emergency services for over 20 years. I have seen a lot as I have served in Stanford, Danville, in Lexington, across the State, and as far away as Oklahoma City in 1995. I have been through three Line of Duty Deaths. I have seen numerous fire and accident fatalities. I have lost my Father. Yet still I cannot comprehend what it must be like to lose so many comrades at one time. I can remember standing at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City after it was bombed and just shaking my head in disbelief because even seeing the destruction, my mind could not comprehend what had happened. I listened to account after account of OKC FF's as I worked with them in dealing with their ordeal. What has happened in NYC overshadows that incident many times over. All we have seen and heard still do not give us even a glimpse of the reality that our fellow servants have experienced and will continue to live with for the rest of their lives.

The greatest loss of human life in one incident has shaken our Country as well as our personal worlds. Over 400 of New York's Bravest and New York's Finest made the supreme sacrifice as they laid down their lives in the attempt so save their fellow man from the evil hands of terrorist. Add to that the loss of over 6000 fellow humans. That loss has shaken our world.

This great loss of so many of our comrades brings to our minds our own mortality. How do we deal with this? Do we quit? Do we hold back when we are called on when others need us? We can't. It's in our blood. It's our calling. We must go on. That is

the best we can honor all those who died. Can the same thing happen where you are? Well maybe not anything on the scale of this tragedy but for each individual family affected – the hurt, the loss, the tragedy is of the same magnitude. We may not lose thousands of people but every one of you is of the same worth to your family, to your friends and to our God. And in our line of work, it could happen within – even within this hour. I am not saying this to scare anyone. We all know it is true. It is a possibility that we only secretly consider. We just don't talk about it. We put it out of our mind so we can do the job.

Well for a moment, let's bring it to the forefront of our mind and take care of it once and for all. How can we do this job with peace and without fear? How can we honor our fallen comrades as we carry on in the same spirit with which they served? I believe there is only one way.

I have seen a political cartoon with a company of ff's and a police officer on clouds standing at the pearly gates of heaven. The officer is communicating on his radio these words. "We have reached the top." Oh how I pray that every one lost in that tragedy experienced what this represents. Entrance into heaven. For those that remain, my prayer is that when our time comes whether it be from a tragedy in our service or from old age that we are prepared to meet our maker. You see I believe that the only way to be able to carry on in our work is to be assured of our future home when this life is over. The only way for our families to be able to wait in peace for us to return from our calls is to know that if our life was to end we would enter that place called heaven where we can all go to be together for eternity.

Billy Graham said in his address at the National Day of Prayer. "I doubt if even one of those people who got on those planes, or walked to WTC or the Pentagon last Tuesday morning thought it would be the last day of their lives." And I doubt that even one of those police officers, ff's or medics thought it would be the last day of our lives. Friends, we don't know. What I do know however is that a loving God whose heart is broken because of this evil acts stands waiting for each and every one of us to turn to Him and enter into a relationship with Him that will assure us of reaching the top. That will give us peace and com-

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fort as we do our jobs. That will give peace and comfort to family members who wait and support us from our homes.

He is seeking you and He say's to you and to me, "Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The prophet Isaiah says, "Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near." I encourage you, Call upon the name of the Lord for your eternal hope and your daily comfort. Seek someone who can share with you the love of Almighty God and how you can know Him in a way that will assure your ultimate victory. I would be happy to share with anyone at any time.

May God Bless You,
Stewart Dawson
Chaplain, Lexington Fire Department



## National Volunteer Fire Council

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## President Bush Urges Americans to Become Emergency Services Volunteers

On November 8, President Bush, urging the nation to avoid both a state of panic and a state of denial, called on individual citizens to get involved in their communities. The President specifically urged Americans to join their local volunteer fire, rescue and EMS organizations. Flanked on the stage of the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta by three rows of police officers, firefighters and troops in camouflage, Bush urged each American to "become a September the 11th volunteer" by making a commitment to service in our own communities.

"You can serve your country by tutoring or mentoring a child, comforting the afflicted, housing those in need of shelter and a home," he said. "You can become a volunteer in a emergency medical, fire or rescue unit." Bush also proposed that the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) provide more than 10,000 additional Senior Corps and AmeriCorps volunteers to support police departments, fire departments, and other local agencies such as parks and recreation departments.

"The NVFC is very encouraged by President Bush's comments," said NVFC Chairman Phillip C. Stittleburg. "We look forward to working closely with the Administration to promote the volunteer fire and emergency services and to address the recruitment and retention problems we face."

Director of Homeland Security, Governor Tom Ridge echoed the President's comments at a Homeland Security Briefing the following day. "In my own experience as governor I had several thousand volunteer fire departments. We learn now that we view our firefighters as a part of a homeland security team," he said. "It's pretty clear that one of our outreach efforts might very well be in that public safety arena — volunteer fire departments and the like."

Governor Ridge also expressed the need to work with the National Ad Council to inform and inspire people to respond to this call and to participate in this national homeland security effort.

Conference Committee Approves \$150 Million for FY 2002 FIRE Grant Program

Washington, DC — On November 6, House and Senate Conferees approved by voice vote the FY 2002 VA/HUD appropriations bill that included \$150 million to continue the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program next year. The Conference report must still be approved by the House and Senate before it is sent to the President for his signature.

Earlier this year, the House version had included \$100 million for the program, while the Senate had included \$150 million. The bill went to the Conference Committee to work out the differences between the two versions. The NVFC continues to work

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with the other major fire service organizations and Members of Congress to find other avenues to increase funding to even higher levels, including attaching additional funding for the program to an emergency spending bill. The program is authorized to receive up to \$300 million in FY 2002.

"The NVFC is encouraged by the 50% increase in funding for the grant program next year," said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. "However, as our country's domestic defenders during these troubled times, America's fire service needs significantly more support to properly carry out our duties. We plan on working closely with our friends in Congress to make sure that happens."

The Conference Report also includes language that allows up to five percent of the funding to be used for administrative expenses associated with establishing a grant office at FEMA. In addition, the bill included a recommendation that FEMA should consider the circumstances of smaller departments with limited resources as it evaluates the effectiveness of the program.

In the first year of the program, more than 19,000 fire departments applied for nearly \$3 billion in assistance, although only \$100 million was available. This year's grants can be used for personal protective equipment, apparatus, training, firefighting equipment, public education and wellness and fitness programs.

### NVFC Chairman Speaks Out on the Tragic Events of the Recent Months

By Philip C. Stittleburg

September 11, 2001, was a day that we will never forget. All of America and most of the world was saddened by the enormous loss of life at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in the farmlands of Pennsylvania. It was the goal of the terrorists to take the lives of many innocent people and to destroy these major symbols of freedom. Had it not been for the heroic acts of several airline passengers, the loss of life would have been much greater. This trag-

edy has touched every American, both directly and indirectly. However, America has come together to show how united we are as a nation and how solidly we support the principles of freedom.

On behalf of the approximately 820,000 volunteer firefighters across America, I wish to extend my condolences to the families and friends of those who perished in the senseless, unprovoked attacks on America.

More so, I wish to express my utmost sympathy to the families of the fallen firefighters who demonstrated their courage to save the lives of the thousands trapped in the World Trade Center buildings. Had it not been for the courage of the firefighters many more thousands would have perished. To those who survived, our sympathy is also with you.

Volunteer firefighters from all over the world feel as though they have lost a brother in and are strongly dedicated to the principles that the firefighters of FDNY so courageously exhibited.

As Chairman of the National Volunteer Fire Council, I wish to congratulate all volunteer firefighters for their individual efforts in providing assistance to those in need. For some, it was assisting FDNY at the scene and for others, participation at the many funerals and memorial services for those who were called to the last alarm.

Additionally, I wish to thank every volunteer firefighter who participated in the numerous fundraisers to benefit the families of the fallen firefighters. Some of the funds were raised at local fairs, pancake breakfasts, ham and bean suppers, with the majority from "boot" collections on the streets and in the malls of America. The funds collected amounted to millions of dollars and every volunteer is gratified to be able to provide assistance to their families.

The National Volunteer Fire Council wishes to thank the many volunteer firefighting organizations from throughout the world that have made substantial contributions to the relief fund. It is heartwarming to witness the solidarity of the volunteer fire service.

In conclusion, I wish to say, "God Bless America," and I pray that we will never again experience a catastrophe of this magnitude.



# NFPA urges replacing home smoke alarms after 10 years

Quincy, MA, October 23, 2001—Replacing batteries in home smoke alarms will be a common ritual this weekend for many people as daylight savings time ends. But if smoke alarms in your home are more than 10 years old, NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) recommends replacing them, as well.

Why? According to NFPA, aging smoke alarms don't operate as efficiently and often are the source for nuisance alarms. Older smoke alarms are estimated to have a 30% probability of failure within the first 10 years. Newer smoke alarms do better, but should be replaced after 10 years. Unless you know that the smoke alarms are new, replacing them when moving into a new residence is also recommended by NFPA.

Smoke alarms, when properly installed, give an early audible warning needed to safely escape from fire. That's critical because 85% of all fire deaths occur in the home, and the majority occur at night when most people are sleeping. Last year, NFPA documented 3.420 home fire deaths.

Fully 94% of U.S. homes had at least one smoke alarm as of 1997, according to NFPA, but as of 1998, 40% of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments and 52% of home fire deaths still occurred in the small share of homes with no smoke alarms. Half of the deaths from fires in homes equipped with smoke alarms resulted from fires in which the smoke alarm did not sound—usually when batteries were dead, disconnected or missing.

"Simple steps like maintaining smoke alarms and replacing older ones help diminish the possibility of fire deaths in the home," says John R. Hall, Jr., NFPA's assistant vice president for fire analysis and research. "Smoke alarms in the home are largely responsible for the decreasing number of home fire deaths over the last decades."

NFPA offers the following <u>smoke alarm safety</u> <u>tips:</u> · Install new batteries in all alarms once a year or when the alarm chirps to warn that the battery is dying.

- Test units at least monthly. Test the units us ing the test button or an approved smoke substitute.
- Clean the units, in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.
- Do not use an open-flame device for testing because of the danger the flame poses.
- Smoke alarms should be placed outside each sleeping area and on each level of the home, including the basement.
- In new homes, smoke alarms are required in all sleeping rooms, according to the National Fire Alarm Code.
- Alarms should be mounted on the wall 4-12 inches from the ceiling; ceiling-mounted alarms should be positioned 4 inches away from the nearest wall. On a vaulted ceiling, be sure to mount the alarm at the highest point of the ceiling.

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 developing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training and education. Publisher of the National Electrical Code®, the Life Safety Code®, and 300 other codes and standards through a full, openconsensus process, NFPA is currently developing NFPA 5000, Building Code™, the first consensus-based building code. NFPA also produces educational curricula, including the Risk Watch® community-based injury prevention curriculum and the *Learn Not to Burn*® fire safety curriculum. NFPA headquarters is in Quincy, MA, USA. Visit NFPA's Web site at www.nfpa.org.

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NFPA Provides Hazardous Materials Standards and Technical Information to First Responders

In the wake of the tragic events of September 11 and the ongoing threat of chemical and biological attack, NFPA is providing immediate PDF downloads of three critical National Fire Codes documents:

NFPA 471: Recommended Practice for Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents

**NFPA 472**: Professional Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents

**NFPA 473**: Professional Competence of Emergency Medical Responders to Hazardous Materials Incidents

The NFPA Technical Committee on Hazardous Materials Response Personnel have continually modified the standards to reflect current conditions. In 1997 the technical committee recognized an emerging threat from chemical and biological warfare agents and issued two Tentative Interim Amendments to raise awareness and address the special situations involving weapons of mass destruction.

These documents deals with the proper actions to take with hazardous materials incidents, from the initial awareness training of the first responder to the sophisticated activities of a fully equipped hazardous materials response team. They also provide special guidance to the incident commanders who must deal with these complicated situations.

These standards are available online at: <a href="http://www.nfpa.org/Codes/CodesandStandards/Offer/Offer.asp">http://www.nfpa.org/Codes/CodesandStandards/Offer/Offer.asp</a>

## NFPA *Building Code*<sup>™</sup> will reflect FEMA's position on seismic loads

Quincy, MA, October 19, 2001 – NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) has announced its support for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) recommendation regarding the adoption of seismic provisions, by reference, that are contained in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) standard, ASCE-7 Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures.

NFPA 5000, *Building Code* — the first building code developed through an American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited consensus process — will directly reference the seismic provisions contained in the latest edition of the ASCE standard — ASCE 7-02, another document created through an ANSI-accredited process. In addition to seismic loads, ASCE 7 addresses building design loads including snow, wind, and flood among others.

"Members of NFPA's Building Code Technical Correlating Committee believe that a direct reference to the most up-to-date version of ASCE-7 will be in the best interests of public safety," said Jerry Wooldridge, chair of NFPA's Building Code Technical Correlating Committee. "NFPA's building code will comply with the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) 2000 design provisions."

"For more than 100 years, NFPA has been the leader in developing codes and standards to protect public safety and property," said George Miller, president of NFPA. "We have shared FEMA's commitment to mitigating disasters through Project Impact and other initiatives. Referencing the most recent edition of ASCE-7 in our building code is an important element in a larger commitment to public safety."

NFPA 5000 will be the first building code developed using the procedures accredited by ANSI. Companion ANSI-accredited documents, such as ASCE-7, will enhance NFPA 5000. The NFPA Building Code will round out a full set of integrated codes developed for the built environment by NFPA and its partners, including the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and the Western Fire Chiefs Association (WFCA).

NFPA released the Report on Proposals for NFPA 5000 for public comment in August. All 16 NFPA Building Code Technical Committees will review the comments received and act on those comments this fall. The Building Code Technical Correlating Committee will then finalize a Report on Comments that will be published for public review in April of 2002.

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All interested parties may provide input on the NFPA *Building Code* throughout its development process, which will continue through May of 2002, when the document will be up for vote by the NFPA membership.

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## NEW ARRIVALS

# Hopkinsville Fire Department receives a 2001 Quality Mfg. Quint

The Hopkinsville Fire Department took delivery of a 105' Quint Apparatus from Quality Manufacturing (Talladega, Alabama) and Towers Fire Equipment (Freeburg Illinois), Wednesday November 7, 2001. The pumper/ladder combination is built on a 2001 Spartan Motors 4 Door, 6 Man cab and chassis with a 500hp Detroit diesel engine and an Allison World Transmission. The Quint is equipped with a 1500 gpm Waterous pump and a 400 gallon booster tank. The aerial ladder is capable of delivering 1000 gallons of water at an elevation of 105' while allowing 500# of equipment and personnel to be positioned at the tip.

This Apparatus replaces the department's 40 year old American LaFrance aerial that was removed from service in 1999. The Quint will serve as the Front Line truck responding from Station 4 on Eagle By-pass. It will allow access to areas that were previously inaccessible.

Quint apparatus provide a fire department capability to have an aerial device, elevated master stream device, ground ladder accessibility, fire pumper and rescue capabilities combined in one truck.

## PIPPA PASSES Receives New Pumper/Tanker

The Pippa Passes Volunteer Fire Department, Knott County, has placed in service a 2001 Central States Pumper/Tanker. The unit is mounted on an International 4900 chassis with a 330 HP engine and 7-speed transmission. The unit features a 1250 gallon UPF Poly Tank and a Darley 1250 GPM pump with Lifetime Pump Warranty.

Other features of the apparatus are the Class 1 Captain Pressure Governor, enclosed dump tank compartment, enclosed 10" Newton Dump Valve on the rear, 12 volt scene lights on each side and the rear, 110 volt flood lights front and rear, rear flood lights are removable with a tripod stand for use at accident and fire scenes.

Large equipment compartments were specified with "half high side" compartments on the right side of the body. Equipment for the new apparatus will be transferred from the 60's era pumper it is replacing.



The staff of the KFA newsletter extends a harty congratulations to both these departments on the acception of new equipment. Keep up the good work. Keep expanding and improving. Each step we take makes our communities safer places to live and raise families.

## Symsonia Fire Department

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### Dear Fellow Firefighters

I am writing to all Firefighters in the state of Kentucky to convey some very unfortunate information.

The Volunteer Firefighter Employment Protection Act that has just recently been passed in the state of Kentucky now protects all firefighters. However, seven months prior to this bill passing, Captain Jerry Ray of the Symsonia Fire Department lost his job after arriving 35 minutes late from working a structural fire.

Captain Ray, who is a certified ASE mechanic, was working for a new car dealership in Paducah Kentucky and had been for several years. Upon arriving late to work after the fire call, Captain Ray was immediately terminated of his position with the dealership. This has left him not only unemployed, but uninsured as well.

On July 26, 2001, Captain Ray was admitted to Western Baptist Hospital after suffering from a heart attack and received a quadruple bypass surgery. I am pleased to say that he is doing very well and recovering at home. However, he has more than just a large scar on his chest. Without insurance he is burdened with enormous medical bills and the possibility of not being able to return to work in the future.

Our department is trying to do everything we can to help Captain Ray and his family but this task is more than we can handle alone. We are asking for any help and support that you can offer for your fellow Firefighter. All cards and letters of support and any donations can be sent to the Symsonia Fire Station. Please make any monetary donations payable to the Symsonia Professional Firefighters Fund.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Sincerely, Lynn Howell Fire Chief

## An NFPA Fact of the Day

There are an estimated 26,354 fires departments in the United States. Of these, 1,878 departments (7.1 percent) are all career. An estimated 1,407 departments (5.3 percent) are mostly career, while 3,845 (14.6 percent) are mostly volunteer. An estimated 19,224 departments (73 percent) are all volunteer. Source: NFPA's One-Stop Data Shop

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## 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual KFA Conference Bowling Green

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Bill Carver, President of the Kentucky Firefighters Association and the men and women of the Barren River Firefighters Association look forward to hosting your 2002 Conference in Bowling Green Kentucky August 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>. The annual conference book again this year will have the membership, directory of departments, Sustaining Members, fire related state agencies directly in the conference booklet. The directory is used by the majority of departments throughout the year as a telephone ready reference for purchases, and various other phone and address needs. If you advertise in this year's conference book it will not only be given to all conference attendees, but it will also be mailed to every department, state agency, and fire related person on the **Smoke Signals II** mailing list. This will give every vendor access to every department all day every day 365 days a year. *What a great advertising opportunity*!!

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