



Smoke Signals II

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Fire fighters recommend electric protections

Fire and electrical safety officials in Kentucky have always made home safety a priority by ensuring that new home builders follow the most up-to-date electrical safety requirements. This trend can continue if officials with the state’s Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction (OHB&C) follow through with their commitment to adopt the 2008 National Electrical Code, a move that will make new homes built in Kentucky significantly safer — in fact, among the safest in the country.

For more than 100 years the National Electrical Code (NEC) has served as the country’s most universally adopted installation code, providing electrical safety for millions of Americans through regular and thorough revisions that incorporate the latest in safety technology — with minimal cost impact.

In particular, the 2008 NEC expands the use of an innovative safety device designed to help prevent home electrical fires. The device, called an arc fault circuit interrupter, or AFCI for short, is an advanced form of circuit breaker that detects and prevents arc faults — a leading cause of electrical fires in the home and a condition that standard circuit breakers do *not* detect. Each year across the United States, electrical fires are responsible for mass destruction, accounting for approximately 360 deaths, more than 1,000 injuries and close to \$1 billion in property loss. Kentucky is fortunate to have AFCI technology protecting the bedrooms of all new homes built in the state.

This level of protection would increase considerably once state officials move forward and adopt the 2008 NEC, which would bring this proven technology to additional areas of the home, including the living and dining rooms. When this life-saving technology is in place, Kentucky homeowners will be able to rest comfortably knowing their dream home is protected with the most advanced electrical fire prevention technology available today.

As McMahan Fire District chief, I’ve seen first hand the unfortunate end result of electrical fires and the devastating impact they have on homeowners and their loved ones. It’s especially upsetting when the cause of the blaze was an electrical condition that could have been prevented had AFCI circuit breakers been installed in the home.

Instead, homes are destroyed, families are displaced, memories are lost and lives put at risk. It’s abundantly clear there is strong support for AFCI expansion in Kentucky. Earlier this year, the state’s Electrical Advisory Committee, comprised of electrical inspectors, electricians, engineers and other safety professionals, overwhelmingly recommended the state expand the use of these devices during new home construction.

Paul Barth

President, Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association

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Notes From The President's Desk Randy Courtney

Well my first 3 months as President of this great organization has been kind of easy I suppose if you take everything in to consideration. I have first hand knowledge of all the pot holes from Pikeville to the Lexington and Versailles area. Oh well that's part of the position and it has to be done to insure that our Kentucky firefighters get the very best representation possible. I have been attending the State Fire School Committee meetings on monthly basis and changes are being made. The State Fire School will be bigger and better because of that committee's commitment. I am proud to serve on your State Fire School committee with these fine men and women.

I also attended the Hazard Regional Fire School in Hazard and the Pikeville / Pike County Regional Fire School in Pikeville and as always it was a pleasure to visit with old friends and instructors and also to make new friends as well. I also had the pleasure of serving on the Memorial committee and let me say to all firefighters in this great state if you have never been able to attend this service you really need to try and make it next year. The Frankfort Parks Department does a really great job of maintaining the grounds and preparing it for our service. Plan now to attend it is normally the first Wednesday in October. The ceremony will touch both your mind and heart.

I have attended several association meetings in Pike, Floyd, and Johnson County in an effort to increase attendance in the KFA. We are also hard at work on our conference for 2009. I am excited about that event. I hope you are as well.

I had the pleasure of being part of the Floyd County Fire Chief's Association 911 memorial service in Prestonsburg. It was a great remembrance service for all branches of the services, and emergency services workers as well.

Remember when your Fire Department joins KFA and pays their \$ 75.00 dues, it gives every firefighter on that department an extra \$ 2,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment policy so if you're reading this and wondering if your department is a member or not ask your chief and if not keep reinforcing the fact that you would like your department to join.

By the time you read this I will have conducted my first executive board meeting held in London in conjunction with the Instructor School. All our meetings are open to the public and firefighters. Our next meeting will be held in February in Lexington in conjunction with the Officers school.

Pay your dues and join this fine organization. We are working hard for every firefighter in this state.

I will close by saying always be safe and alert when you are out there, remember your training and make sure everyone comes home after every run. Again it is a pleasure to serve as your president and I am only a phone call or email away if any of you need me. Please check out our Web site www.kyfa.org and make future plans to attend the 89th KFA conference to be held in Pikeville.

We have started a web site for our conference at www.kfa2009.com. Stop by and check us out. God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Randy Courtney,
KFA President.



Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller

Things are great here in Northern Kentucky. Let me start out by thanking all 279 departments who have paid their dues for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. It is with great pleasure that I am not crying for money. The K F A would like for the rest of the departments to keep considering sending in their dues money. It makes life a lot easier if all departments could pay their dues before December 31st of 2008. K F A is looking for a banner year with obtaining new memberships. Out of 812 departments in the state, we have only been fortunate enough to have a membership of 400 departments. Last year was one of the K F A's best years with a total of 440 departments. Lets try to beat that number this year. Please ask your department to become a member. Dues are only \$75.00 per year.

Remember, our state legislature meets this year in a short session. It costs the K F A a lot of money to send two people to Frankfort to protect the benefits the fire service has. It has been brought to the attention of the Executive Board that in this past session, that some of the benefits that were changed in the Pension Law for paid

departments may not have been legal. K F A will be following this very close and have our lobbyist checking all resources. Again, this costs money. K F A needs to increase membership as this is the only way to increase the budget, without increasing dues.

The Executive Board will be meeting in London, Ky. on November 15th. Many issues face your Executive Board. Another fundraising company has contacted the K F A to help raise money for the treasury. Sec. Dave Jansing and Treas. Terry Keller met with a representative from this company and will be making a recommendation to the full board in London.

Some of you may have heard, that the company where the scholarship prints were kept has been sold. Our Design went out of business and was purchased by a company out of Washington. This new company has made an offer to purchase the remaining prints over a five (5) year period. Your Executive Board is considering this offer as a fair offer. This will keep the scholarship program solvent for the next 15 years at the rate the program is going at this time.

For those departments or people who may not know, the scholarship program is a separate program from dues money. The scholarship program runs off donations and print sales. No dues money is spent on scholarships. K F A does have 385 sets of the prints left at their disposal if someone still wants to purchase a set. Cost of a set, which would be a great Christmas present, is \$100 plus \$10.00 for shipping.

Thank you for your support and your departments support between conferences. Stay safe and have a nice Christmas and New Year.

Words of Wisdom

There is a mysterious cycle in human events. To some generations much is given. Of other generations much is expected. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

REGIONAL EMBERS



Jackson Purchase FF Association



Fulton Fire/Twin City Ambulance Service recently held Risk Watch presentations at Parkway Regional Hospital and First Baptist Church Day Care. Over 250 children and adults attended the presentations, which showcased a ladder truck, ambulance, fire safety trailer, and the chief/command truck. The children were shown lifesaving skills, including how to get out of a burning house, the proper way to check a door, and how to escape from a 2nd story window. They were also able to watch a firefighter climb to the top of the ladder on the ladder truck, which was thrilling for both children *and* adults!

Northern KY Firefighters Association Greg Buckler President

The N.K.F.A. held their elections for the offices for 2009 on November 25, 2008 at our regular meeting at Bromley Fire Department. The following people will be sworn in, in their respective office on January 24, 2009 at the annual N.K.F.A. awards banquet.

President: Greg L. Buckler, Campbell Co FD #1
 Vice President: Tim Kleier, Union Emer Services
 Secretary: Monica Rath, Southgate VFD
 Treasurer: Bud Lederer, Alexandria FD
 3 Yr. Trustee: Wanda Isaacs, Bellevue McVile FD
 2 Yr. Trustee: Rick Hopple, Ryland Heights VFD
 1 Yr. Trustee: Jim Profitt, Wilder FD

Fireman Joe and his Pub Ed committee held their annual poster contest during fire prevention month. This year we had 30 schools submit posters from grades K-5 with an estimated 3,500 posters submitted for judging. The winner received a \$500.00 savings bond that was sponsored by both area fire department and corporate donations.

K.F.A. Past President John Daley and the executive board for the 88th Annual Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference held an appreciation dinner and dance on November 15, 2008 to thank all who helped make the conference a huge success. Chief Daley once again thanked everyone for their hard work and released all committees related to the conference.

The 15th Annual N.K.F.A. awards banquet will be held on January 24, 2009 at Receptions in Erlanger, Kentucky. For information or tickets please contact Deputy Chief Charles Rauch of the Alexandria Fire Department @ 859-635-5991.

Central Ky Firefighters Association

The Lexington Division of Fire and Emergency Services

On Nov 3, 2008 Governor Beshear came to the Lexington Division of Fire Training Academy. He announced a Kentucky Office of Homeland Security grant of \$600,000 was awarded to the Division of Fire and Emergency Services. The grant will provide funds to replace the existing outmoded Haz Mat One unit with a heavy hazardous materials response vehicle. The main features will be seating for up to six personnel, a research area useable en route to an incident, light tower, weather collection and plume analysis, telescoping boom with multiple communications capabilities, and ergonomically friendly storage compartments. The new Hazardous Materials One, or Haz Mat One, will replace two hazardous materials response vehicles currently in service. It is expected that the new Haz Mat One will definitely upgrade and improve local and regional haz mat responses. Expected benefits include safer incident outcomes, less property loss, and less environmental impact all while lowering operational costs.

Fire Chief Robert Hendricks responded to the announcement by saying Lexington has a history of supporting Central, South, and Eastern Kentucky's

regional response needs. The award shows the Commonwealth recognizes that and is willing to commit funds to insure local and regional Incident Commanders on the scene of a significant hazardous materials event have more of the resources they need to mitigate that event.

In other matters, several key administrative officers will be retiring in January. The Assistant Chiefs and Battalion Chiefs who are retiring have served admirably, faithfully, and often quite unselfishly. Their influence extends well beyond Lexington. Many of these staff officers have faithfully provided leadership in state and national level organizations. These will not be easy shoes to fill. Chief Hendrick's staff constantly evaluates the fire, EMS, and special response needs of Lexington, Fayette County, and beyond. This creates a demand for leadership that is cognizant of the rapidly changing dynamics facing emergency responders today. The new Assistant and Battalion Chiefs will come face to face with providing excellent service day in and day out as well as managing transition periods involving the addition of new missions. That burden is compounded by dwindling fiscal and personnel resources while constantly having to provide training and equipment for existing and additional missions. Again, another reason the members of the Lexington Division of Fire are ecstatic about the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security grant.

The men and women of the Lexington Division of Fire and Emergency Services come from a variety of places. Some of them are home grown in Fayette County and the Bluegrass. Our hiring policies allow us to accept folks from outside of Fayette County, in fact around 50% live outside of Fayette County. Many came from other states, lured by the many advantages the Bluegrass region as well as the excitement of working for a fire department such as ours. Many came to us seasoned veterans of the fire and EMS service, and some serve on volunteer fire departments or EMS agencies in their home towns. The sharing of information and knowledge gained in this environment is staggering. We enjoy the variety of dialogues regarding the fire service going on within Central Kentucky as well as the Commonwealth and nation. We are privileged to work alongside you. We wish you and your family's wonderful and safe holidays.

Mountain Firefighters Association



In September of 2007, Belfry Volunteer Fire Department was awarded a DHS grant in the amount of \$275,000 to purchase a new truck. As soon as the award was announced the department contacted the Sutphen Corporation and Representatives from Stuphen visited the department to discuss the specifications of the truck. An additional requirement was to have a foam tank installed on the truck. A 2008 Sutphen Shield Series Chassis – 6 man cab, Cummins ISL 400 HP diesel engine, Allison EVS3000 transmission,, 1500 gpm pump, 1000 gallon poly tank was ordered on September 11, 2007 and delivered on Feb. 23, 2008. There was a lot of hard work put into preparing the truck for service, slide out tool boards were installed to hold the hand tools and piercing nozzles, holders were installed to hold other nozzles. The department held a dedication ceremony on April 19, 2008 to dedicate Engine 9 in memory of their late Chief Rexel Jackson and to place the truck into service. Rexel was a proud supporter of our high school football team the Belfry Pirates and that inspired us to name the truck the “Pirate”.

The new Engine demonstrates to the community that the fire department values their safety highly and that the department holds prevention efforts as a priority. The new truck has been on several fire calls and has proved to be a vital asset to the department.



In May 2008 the members of the Upper Pond Creek Volunteer Fire Dept took delivery of the first ever new class A pumper tanker (see the picture at the bottom of the colum to the left). The Engine was purchased with a FEMA Grant total purchase price \$218,000.00. The truck was designated Engine 1. It's a Dura Star 4400 International and features a top mount pump 1250 gallon water tank 10 gallon Foam tank with a 1500gpm.Darley pump. Shortly after delivery of the Engine it was pressed into service at a large 8 alarm scrap yard fire. The Engine was used to shuttle water for seven hours non stop.

The Chief said the people at Crimson Fire has built this engine to fit the needs of the Upper Pond Fire Department and they did a great job. The new Engine 1 replaced a 1969 Ford Tanker. Engine 1 was Proudly dedicated to the Upper Pond Creek Community in August by the members of the Upper Pond Creek Fire Department



The Coal Run Village Fire Department recently took delivery of a 2009 Peterbuilt pumper/tanker built by Freedom Fire Equipment in Marietta, Ga. This unit is equipped with a 1000gpm Darley pump with a 200 CFM CAFS unit, a 55 gallon Class A foam cell, 3000 gallon poly tank, ladders, axes, Alcoa Aluminum rims, electric dumps from in cab or drivers side. This unit is also equipped with two rear facing cameras. Total cost with equipment was \$208,000.00.

Words of Wisdom

I can only say that there is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do to see a plan adopted for the abolition of slavery.
George Washington

FOR SALE

WILDER FIRE DEPARTMENT has for sale a 1988 SUTPHEN PUMPER it has 36,700 MILES and 2786.5 PUMP HOURS. We are asking \$35,000.00. The pumper is still in service. It has the following:

- *DETROIT DIESEL WITH ALLISON TRANSMISSION
- *Hale 1500 GPM SINGLE STAGE PUMP
- *750 GALLON BOOSTER TANK
- *FRONT SUCTION VALVE WITH HOSE TRAY
- *NO RUST WITH GREAT BODY CONDITION
- *GREAT RUNNING CONDITION
- *MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

For more information contact:

Chief Jim Profitt at 859-431-5884
Or e-mail at wilder1450@aol.com



This is a 1992 E-One Hush pumper with a 500 gallon water tank and a 40 gallon Class A foam tank. It has a 1500 gpm Hale two stage pump (model #QGT150-22) with all new gauges and all new valves to include the transfer valve. It has a 6V92 Detroit engine (serial #06VF193176) with an Allison automatic transmission (serial #HTB-741). It does have an air conditioner, but it doesn't work. It has 104,479 miles total, but the engine just had a complete in-frame rebuild dated 04/10/08. It has a 50 gallon fuel tank with connections to the on-board 6500 watt Generac generator. We are ask

ing \$35,000.00 for this unit and you can get more information by contacting:

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Federal Government Begins Mandating High-Visibility Vests for Emergency Responders

On November 24, 2008, a new federal regulation (23 CFR 634) goes into effect mandating that anyone working in the right-of-way of a federal-aid highway must be wearing high-visibility clothing that meets the requirements of ANSI / ISEA 107; 2004 edition class 2 or 3. This requirement will apply to all emergency responders. The Code of Federal Regulations Title 23 (Highways) Part 634 was originally published in the Federal Register Vol 71, No 226, pp 67792 - 67800. The Rule itself (634.3) simply states that: "All workers within the right-of-way of a Federal-aid highway who are exposed either to traffic (vehicles using the highway for purposes of travel) or to construction equipment within the work area shall wear high-visibility safety apparel."

Definitions (634.2) within Part 634 cover what is meant by "Workers" and "high-visibility safety apparel". Emergency responders are included in this definition anytime they are working "within the right-of-way of a Federal-aid highway" with some exceptions for law enforcement officers working on an incident involving criminal activity (see below). "High-Visibility Safety Apparel" is defined to mean "personal protective safety clothing that is intended to provide conspicuity during both daytime and nighttime usage, and that meets the Performance Class 2 or 3 requirements of the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004".

Words of Wisdom

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.

Harry S. Truman

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2009 OFFICERS SCHOOL

Hosted by the Green River FF Assoc. & Kentucky Fire Commission / SFRT

February 27th, 28th and March 1st, 2009

Downtown Lexington

SAME GREAT FORMAT...

NEW GREAT LOCATION!

Dixie Fire School

This years Dixie Fire School will be **March 13 - 15** for more details keep checking the Area 5 website at <http://www.sfrtarea5.org/>.

KFA Special Events Coordinator would like to remind everyone to Mark Your Calendars:

June 11 – 14, 2009 – Homeland Security Conference & State Fire School; Lexington

August 1 – 4, 2009 – KY Firefighters Assoc 2009 Conference Landmark Inn, Pikeville, http://kfa2009.com/Home_Page.php

August 14 & 15, 2009 – Firefighter Combat Challenge Lexington, KY

2007-08 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
12/9-10/08	15	Lexington	888-234-3964
12/13-14/08	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

As of March 1, 2007 the test fee schedule associated with FF Testing has changed. 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 EKU 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).



Getting to know SFRT Staff

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

After working 35 years at Fruit of the Loom from 1960 - 1995 Ilena wasn't ready for retirement. She worked at Campbellsville Head Start for 2 years and then came to us through the Green Thumb Program. A program for workers over 55 years old. After 3 months she was hired by State Fire Rescue Training as a permanent part-time employee.

Not only does she keep the Area 14 Training Center clean and neat, she also assists in the office work.

Ilena enjoys taking care of the flowers at the Training Center and is pictured with one of her roses she started by planting cuttings and covering during the winter.

Ilena has a daughter Libby who lives in Knoxville, TN.



Area 14 Staff





Cutshin's 'ALL Terrain Rescue Team' Dispatched To Assist Coroner At Difficult Nighttime Recovery

Most rescuers are pre-programed to save lives whenever called upon to do so. However, at times we're asked to perform our services with no hope of saving a life. Rather, we're asked to effect a recovery; a "body removal." As rescuers, we then switch gears and consider the service we are performing is not for the benefit of the deceased, but for the 'peace of mind' of surviving family members. This article is about one such recovery in a small Eastern Kentucky community outside of Hyden in Leslie County known as Hurricane.

At 7:45 PM Tuesday evening, October 28, 2008, Leslie County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Wendover - Hurricane Creek Road. It was reported "a family member had found their father on the ground some distance back in the woods." Responding deputies found obvious signs of death on the victim, so the Leslie County Coroner was dispatched to the scene. Familiar with the rugged terrain of the area, dispatchers suggested that Cutshin Fire/Rescue's 'ATV Rescue Team' be toned out as well. Knowing the off-road patient transport capabilities of Cutshin's team, the Coroner agreed. Also, Thousand Sticks VFD with their 'ARGO 8X8' off-road / amphibious vehicle was dispatched to assist. The ARGO can seat up to 6 personnel and carry 1000 pounds of equipment on land. As such, this vehicle was used to transport additional personnel and gear.

Upon arrival at the residence, Chief Michael Joseph, Cutshin Fire & Rescue, was advised of a

male 52 years of age, that had been found on the ground at the base of a tree, under a deer stand. The actual scene was approximately 1-1/2 miles up a rough cut trail that snaked it's way up the mountainside from behind the house. Chief Joseph checked topographical maps of the area and noted the elevation at the residence was about 1000 feet. Also, Joseph observed that the trail switched back and forth for over a mile before reaching the scene which was near the 1600 foot elevation contour. After briefing his team, a Yamaha Rhino with rope rescue equipment and Cutshin's 4X4 Suzuki 500 ATV with an 'All Terrain ResQ' patient transport trailer started up the narrow winding trail. Arriving on scene at 8:30 PM, the 'ATV ResQ Team' waited for Sheriff's Deputies and the Coroner to complete their on-site investigation. By 9:15 PM, the victim had been packaged into a basket stretcher and securely loaded onto the patient transport trailer for the trip down the mountainside.

Just 20 minutes later, at 9:35 PM, Cutshin's 'ATV ResQ Team' safely delivered the deceased to a waiting hearse. Realizing the 1-1/2 mile long 600 foot decent over a rough cut trail required only 20 minutes to perform, both Sheriff's Deputies and the Coroner remarked how in the past recovery missions like this took over 3 hours and involved 8 to 12 additional personnel just to perform the carry out operation.

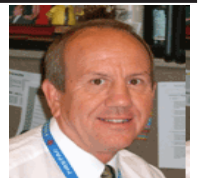
"Cutshin's ATV ResQ Team did one heck of a job!"

By *Mike Brady*

Legislative Report

by Micheal Howdy Kertsinger

Over the summer the Governor established the Governor's Working Group on Pension Reform. Gerald Stewart, Jack Reckner, and I attended all of the meetings and participated as members of different groups. The issues that were discussed were within the following sub-committees:



1. CERS/LGRS
2. Healthcare
3. Financial Funding

4. Defined Benefits plans compared to Defined Contribution plans
5. Securities Fraud
6. Investments

After many meetings the working groups decided to provide the Governor and the State Legislature with the report and not to try to make recommendations. To provide the information that was provided for them to use during the upcoming session. Many experts discussed the issue and no real conclusion prevailed, but the issue of CERS/LGRS proved too costly and showed that both side of the issue on subsidy was about a wash.

Also over the past few months the Sheriff in Jefferson County is filing a suit against the Pension changes passed during the special session. I have discussed this issue with all of the Fire Groups (The Kentucky Firefighters Association, Kentucky Professional Fire Fighters and the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs) and they have decided to join this suit. The legislature changed the inviable contract that was promised for retirees. Changes made where the following;

1. Employees have to provide Healthcare Insurance for rehires even though they have their insurance provided by the pension system.
2. Retirees cannot receive a second pension and their new employee must pay for the benefit but no benefit will ever be paid out.
3. Retirees are required to provide to the pension system the information about the new job that they could accept and the board could disallow that job without costly reemployment penalties.

We have been joined in this law suit by the Sheriff's Association, the Kentucky League of Cities, The Kentucky Association of Counties and several other organizations.

We along with the Governor's office have requested and received an Attorney General Opinion on the decision by the Director of the pension on the issue of Hazardous Duty pension for Police and Firefighters. Every fire group and many Police groups have written letters expressing their support with the Governor to change the decision. We will keep you posted.

Whitney Innes appointed to IFSAC Degree Board of Governors

At the annual meeting of the IFSAC Degree Assembly Whitney Innes was elected to the Degree Assembly Board of Governors. The board is the decision making body for the day to day operations of the degree assembly. Congratulations Whitney on this prestigious appointment.

BRP U.S. Inc. Recalls Youth All Terrain Vehicles Due to Collision Hazard

The following product safety recall was voluntarily conducted by the firm in cooperation with the CPSC. Consumers should stop using the product immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Products: Model Year 2008-2009 Can-Am® Youth ATVs

Units: About 1,200

Importer: BRP U.S. Inc., of Sturtevant, Wis.

Manufacturer: Vietnam Precision Industrial Co., of Vietnam

Hazard: If the rider is ejected and the cord strap is pulled, the shutoff switch can fail to disable the engine. The ATV can operate uncontrolled, until the engine returns to idle, and cause a collision with bystanders, vehicles or other objects. This poses a serious risk of injury.

Incidents/Injuries: None.

Description: The recall involves Model Year 2008-2009 Can-Am® DS 90 X ATVs. The model name can be located on the side panels. The ATV is black with yellow and orange trim.

Sold at: Authorized Can-Am® dealers nationwide from August 2007 through September 2008 for about \$3,400.

Remedy: Parents should stop children from using these vehicles immediately and contact any Can-Am® dealer to schedule a free repair. Consumers are being sent a direct notice from BRP.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, call BRP toll-free at (888) 638-5397 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.can-am.brp.com



Aqua Lung America Recalls Apeks Scuba Diving Regulators Due to Drowning Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Apeks Second Stage Scuba Regulators

Units: About 25,000

Distributor: Aqua Lung America of Vista, Calif.

Manufacturer: Apeks Marine Equipment Ltd., of Blackburn, England

Hazard: These regulators can be missing the diaphragm cover which can cause the diaphragm to become displaced during a dive, allowing water to enter the scuba regulator. This poses a drowning hazard to divers.

Incidents/Injuries: None.

Description: This recall involves Apeks TX, ATX, and XTX second stage regulators that have never been serviced. Apeks and TX, ATX, or XTX is printed on the regulator.

Sold at: Authorized Apeks dealers nationwide from February 2000 through June 2008 for between \$420 and \$1,450.

Manufactured in: England

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop diving with these regulators and visit an authorized Apeks dealer for a free inspection and free installation of a diaphragm cover, if the cover is missing.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Aqua Lung toll-free at (877) 253-3483 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit the company's Web site at www.aqualung.com



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Subject: Area 2 Staff

I just wanted to pass along that the Area 2 Staff came to Shelby county this past weekend for the BESA school. They stayed at the Ramada Inn. Three of the four were in the lobby of the Ramada Inn when a girl came in stating that her father had fallen and was having problems. Tim, Joey and Byron went out with her to check him out. The man was in full cardiac arrest. The guys went into action and began CPR and brought him back until fire and EMS arrived on the scene. Marc Myres of area 6 was the paramedic first on the scene and they transported the guy to the hospital. He did expire after getting to the hospital. I would like to commend the Area 2 Staff for their effort and quick action.

When it was dispatched to the fire department the guys responding wanted to be sure it wasn't any of our guys from the Area 2 Staff so the phones were lighting up all over the hotel.

By the way Brent Francis was there in his room the whole time and never heard any commotion or sirens (may have been from the 2 beers he had at the cattlemen's restaurant that evening). Brent will now have a new name (from the Indians) he is now known as (Brent 2 beers).

Mike Wallingford



A message from Area 14

Area 14 would like to invite you to check out our website www.sfrtarea14.com; we are now featuring a different Area 14 staff member or Fire Department from our area every month. Training request can now be sent from the website. You can explore our Mobile Fleet page featuring our different training props. In addition, watch for the announcement of our Winter Swift Water class on the website. Also, don't forget Lake Cumberland Area Spring Fire School April 3, 4, & 5 2009.

Attention all Area 14 Fire Departments if you would like to have your department featured on our website please send us pictures, information, upcoming events, and what you would like others to know about your department. Please e-mail us at fireresq@kyol.net. Let us know you are interested and when you will be sending the information.



Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

Another Fire Prevention Month has come and gone. I feel good about our efforts and programs provided during the Fire Prevention Month Season. The problem is Home Fires are and will continue to occur unless our efforts to educate our communities are intensified. I fear with our current economical situation and winter just beginning fire and property loss will reach an all time high. I pray I am wrong, but now more than ever folks will look to alternative heating sources this winter. I am hoping for a mild winter and strongly encourage all our fire and life safety educators to warn against the dangers of unsafe use of wood stoves, fireplaces, space heaters and other heaters. Now is the time to check those chimneys, have certified service and heating contractors inspect our furnaces before old man winter gets here.

I regret to inform you, the Public Education Seminar we were planning will have to be postponed at this time. I accept full responsibility for this, many factors come into play and frankly we just ran out of time. I have asked our planning team to investigate what we can do to make this happen and every effort will be made to provide this seminar, hopefully in the spring. I want to provide our fire and life safety educators every available resource to assist with education of their communities, I will continue to do all in my power to make this happen.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays will quickly be upon us and with it comes it's own special hazards. Enhance cooking safety programs, electrical safety awareness, be prepared to explain your home escape plans to your house guest, Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors are needed now more than ever. Also encourage inspection of decorations, lights and Christmas Tree safety.

My Holiday wish to all of you is that God will Bless You, give you His own special peace during this wonderful season. I pray 2009 will be a great year for all of us and a Safe One for Family, Friends and Communities.

Fireman Joe



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

The NVFC held its Fall Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan the week of September 22nd. As usual we had a good share of Federal officials at the meeting who brought us up to date on developments in Washington. Forty one states attended with Bryant and me both attending this meeting. There are so many committee meetings that it is impossible for one person to cover all of them. The NVFC remains very active and financially healthy.

Probably the most serious discussion centered on the proposed increase in membership. The NVFC has been interested for some time in finding a way to add other disciplines such as EMS, Rescue, etc. to the membership. The concern is the dilution of votes. The current bylaws allow one vote per state. Increasing votes may give larger states with many emergency organizations an unfair advantage on issues. Bryant and I will continue to watch this issue closely. Kentucky was one of the original founding members of the NVFC in 1976 and has been very active in the organization..

NVFC programs like the Heart Healthy Program continue to expand and win greater recognition. Many departments are now using this program. Take a look on the NVFC site at this health initiative.

Another program that continues to expand and gain acceptance among fire departments is the Fire Corps Program. Kentucky's Citizen Corp Work Group is very interested in expanding this program in the state. You can contact me for additional information.

The United States Smokeless Tobacco Company has again opened an application period for its Polaris Program. Many Kentucky fire and emergency response agencies have been successful in getting these units. For information contact me or go to the USSTC web site for details.

Words of Wisdom

In our personal ambitions we are individualists. But in our seeking for economic and political progress as a nation, we all go up or else all go down as one people.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

New Mobile Medical Treatment Facility

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) announced November 12th that a new large-scale mobile medical treatment facility can now be deployed at or near the scene of a disaster or emergency anywhere in the state to provide treatment for patients on site and reduce the number of patients sent to hospital emergency rooms.

"In the event of a serious public health emergency, health and medical systems might be overwhelmed with people seeking treatment, and the need to meet this demand would be critical," said William D. Hacker, M.D., commissioner for public health. "This mobile medical treatment center will have the capability of providing medical services to our citizens utilizing local medical reserve corps volunteers without overburdening hospitals."

The mobile medical treatment center is an inflatable shelter system that can be rapidly deployed to the site of an emergency. The 3,342 square foot structure has a 45-bed capacity and houses separate areas for triage, isolation, administration/nursing station and patient care. The shelter is completely self-contained with two large 45-kilowatt generators and a heating, ventilating and air conditioning system. Supplies such as beds and cribs are also included with the center. Two 28-foot cargo trailers provide storage and transport for the unit.

President of the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) Mike Rust said, "The development of a large mobile treatment facility, which can both increase health care surge capacity and disaster response capability, is an important addition to the preparedness resources of the commonwealth. KHA is pleased to have had a role in assisting the DPH Public Health Preparedness Branch in assembling this new asset."



Chaplain's Corner

by Woody Will

As the holiday season draws near we as an emergency services family need to stop and consider a few things. We have so much to be thankful for. I am a Christian so the Christmas season has special meaning to me. We live in a free country which we often take for granted. However we

are at the 2 million mark of soldiers who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Freedom isn't free. Although our economy is not in the best shape it has ever been in we still live in a country with the highest standard of living in the world. So all in all we have a lot to be thankful for. So as the holidays draw closer keep our military and those people around the world who live in less fortunate situations than we do in your prayers. Be thankful for what you have. Spend time with those you love and those who love you. Treasure your children the time you spend with family is precious.

NEW ARRIVALS



The Nichols Fire District of Bullitt County Kentucky has taken delivery of a 2007 Demo Freightliner 4 door Patriot Rescue Pumper, it includes a Hale 1500 GPM pump with a 1000 gallon Fiberglass Tank, and a Foam System. It also has Auto Chains, a Deck Gun. It is unit number 4936 and was delivered in October 2008.

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Where are we headed?

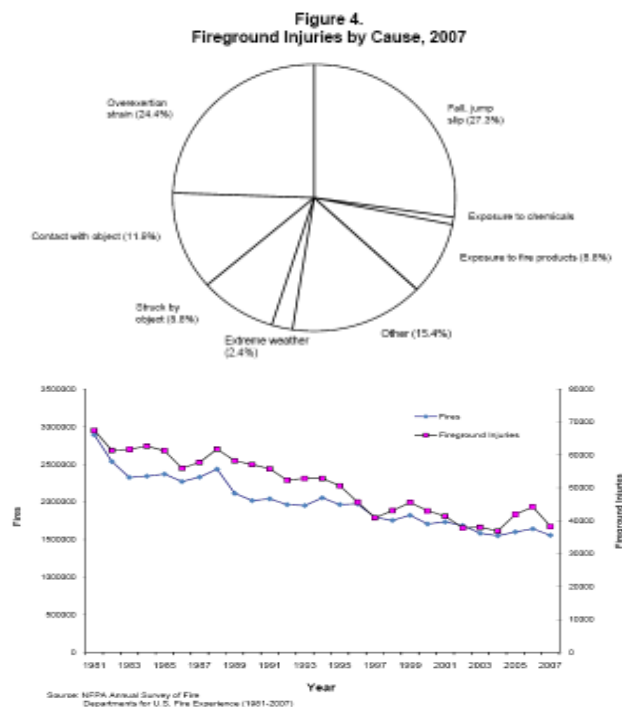
By Woody Will

Each year NFPA goes to great lengths to report our progress as a fire service and I can hardly wait to see what the statistics say. You have often heard the old saying “Figures don’t lie but liars figure”. Well on the surface you can make that report look as impressive as you want. We can boast that our overall firefighter’s injuries are down from 103,340 in 1981 to a low of 80,100 in 2007 and that is an accurate statement. However, when you look at the total fire experience you will see that the number of total fires went down at almost the exact same rate. In fact in 1981 the percentage of injuries per 1000 fires was 23.3. In 2007 the injuries per 1000 fires was 24.6. So in reality we went backwards a few percentage points. In actuality over that 27 year span we went from a low of 22.1 injuries/1000 fires to a high of 28.3 injuries/1000 fires. At some point someone is going to start looking at the hundreds of millions of dollars we as a country have been throwing at the fire problem to make the job “safer” and wonder why it’s not working. On the fire ground we are literally no safer than we were 27 years ago. In fact we are being injured more.

It is not all gloom and doom. At responses that were non-fire related we are making real improvements. In 1981 our experience was 1.24 injuries/1000 incidents and in 2007 it was 0.65 injuries/1000 incidents. That shows that in some areas of response we are making improvements. Much of this improvement can be attributed to better physical conditioning. Almost every department is beginning to at least look at the physical conditioning issue.

I think what really needs to be addressed is the attitude of the firefighter. As long as we fill our ranks with “Thrill Seeking”, “Kick the Dragons Butt”, “I wanna be a Hero” adrenalin junkies we are going to have injuries. Wow there I said it. Something I have been thinking for a number of years. Yes we do look for those kind of individuals who are not afraid of anything to do this job because it is so dangerous. Now I know you are going to say “Woody hold on there we are not all that way” and yes you are right. However, it is a natural progression for the older and hopefully wiser firefighter

who takes the leadership rolls and migrates off the nozzle and away from the immediate danger associated with actual fire and water encounters. Some how we have got to find a way to change attitudes before people get hurt not as a result of being hurt they change their attitude. I don’t have answers, I only know it is time we begin to address the issue.



Source of information NFPA “U.S. FIREFIGHTER INJURIES-2007”. For the full report go to www.kyfa.org or www.nfpa.org.

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