



# Smoke Signals II

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## Governor Steve Breshear Signs Pension Reform Into Law

On June 27, 2008 Governor Steve Breshear signed pension reform legislation that will hopefully secure the future of all state, city, and county workers retirement system. While not everyone is in support of this particular piece of legislation everyone is in agreement that something must be done and done now. The issue was really very simple. At the current rate of retirees and the skyrocketing cost of healthcare the fund would be bankrupt in the not too distant future. The highlights of the bill include:

- Requires workers hired after Sept. 1 to contribute another 1 % of their pay toward their health care.
- Requires future workers in nonhazardous jobs to have a combined age and years of service of 87, with a minimum age of 57, to retire. Workers can now retire at any age with 27 years of service.
- Reduces the annual cost-of-living adjustment to 1.5 percent for current and future retirees upon retirement. The adjustment is now based on inflation.
- Closes loopholes that boost benefit packages, such as limiting to 12 months the amount of unused sick time that can be counted in calculating benefits. Currently there is no limit.
- Prohibits retirees who return to state government jobs from getting second pensions — a practice known as double-dipping.
- Sets a timeline to bring the retirement systems back to full funding by 2025.
- Reduces for one year the amount of money counties and cities must contribute to the County Employee Retirement System.

This may not be the best possible plan but it is a start that most retirement groups have bought into and for good reason. A bankrupt retirement system is totally unacceptable! For more information go to [www.kyret.com](http://www.kyret.com).

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## Notes From The President's Desk John Daley

Writing my final notes for "Smoke Signals" as President of the KFA I am filled with pride and gratitude. Pride in knowing that over my past 4 years on the Executive Board we advanced the KFA to new heights, and gratitude to each and every firefighter of Kentucky for the support and assistance displayed in assisting us. With our 88<sup>th</sup> annual conference set to begin, I proudly prepare to step down from my role in realization of the progress we made but knowing the challenges we face.

The enhancement of the fire and emergency service in Kentucky is a product of many organizations within the state. The cooperation of each is vital to our success. The KFA nearing 90 years of existence has and will continue to be in the forefront of this work. I trust everyone's continued effort in ensuring that the KFA continues to be a leader for the departments and personnel of our great Commonwealth's fire service.

In June we saw another giant step being made toward the continued growth and success of our annual state fire school in Lexington. Your ongoing support of this school is vital and I urge every fire chief to make a concerted effort to utilize this tremendous training resource in the coming years.

We also saw a special state legislative session to address the pension system occur in June. Knowing the profound importance of this legislation on the fire service, our lobbyists were actively involved in the process of shaping and adopting the pension reform bill. While concessions were made, we trust that measures are in place to sustain the stability of our pension plan. This is an area that will need to be continually monitored in the future.

I cannot thank enough everyone who has assisted and supported me throughout my term as President, though I will try during the conference. It is not the work of one president or one executive board that sustains the KFA. It is the work of everyone from the directors to the committee chairs and members to the fire chiefs and all emergency responders throughout the state. Your effort is what makes the engine of the KFA run. Your effort is what will motor the Kentucky fire service on the fast track into the future. Stay active and involved, the future is in your hands.

I want to pledge my support and best wishes to President-elect Randy Courtney and the E-Board that will take office on August 5. In serving together, Randy has become a good friend over the past few years. I'm sure everyone throughout the state will also see him as a good friend and advocate for Kentucky's fire service.

May you have an enjoyable and productive time at our conference. Thank you for the great honor in serving as your President of the KFA and may God bless you all and continue to keep you and your families safe. See you down the road and remember "Be Safe Out There!"

Sincerely,

*John W. Daley*

John Daley, President KFA



## Treasurer's Notes by Terry Keller

Things here in Northern Kentucky are at a fevered pitch as the 2008 KFA Conference begins to kick off. By the time you get this newsletter the conference will be starting. President Daley and members of the Northern Kentucky fire service have worked very hard to insure a successful conference. We want you to have fun and enjoy yourself but at the same time stay safe during play and work hard during business sessions.

As we begin to get into the fall season I will be sending out dues notices. Please take the time to return them quickly along with your check. All the good wishes in the world won't pay the bills or show the legislature that we are a united fire service. That takes memberships like yours.

Your Executive Board has worked very hard over the last twelve months to stay on top of issues that impact the fire service. It is however, difficult to know how important some of these issues are to you. When we are at conference like we will be shortly, you can come and voice your concerns. The rest of the year you have directors, a president and vice-presidents, and a long list of committee members and chairs you can contact. They are all listed on the KFA web page at [www.kyfa.org](http://www.kyfa.org). Take the time to get to know this valuable resource.

So until I see you at conference stay safe.  
*Terry Keller*



## Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

It's conference time and we are so happy to be hosting the 2008 KFA Conference and so looking forward to having all our friends up in Northern Kentucky. I have had the privilege of serving on the Conference Committee and I must tell you, many people have been working very hard to make this a great conference so enjoy yourself.

I had the honor of representing Kentucky at NFPA's Public Education Network Conference in Las Vegas in early June. Spoke with many folks from around the US and cleared up many issues we had with NFPA of which I feel a lot better about. While I am at it, the Fire Prevention Month theme was announced, "PREVENT HOME FIRES". Simple enough but pack's a powerful message. I encourage all our public educators to promote and work with. You will get lots of help. NFPA has some neat ideas, materials, games on line which can be downloaded for free. The usual FPW Materials will be available and can help promote your programs and activities, I recommend the FPW in a Box.

No sooner than I got home from Vegas and it is off to KY State Fire School and I am happy to report our class was a huge success. We had two exceptional groups who impressed me with their participation and questions. My congratulations to the Fire School Committee for another great fire school and the move is looking better every year.

Our Pub Ed Comm meeting was poorly attended but I know I was asking a lot for our folks to make that but needed to get some things discussed we have to make some decisions on very soon. I want to have a Pub Ed Seminar at one of our State Parks and have asked my friend Rusty Todd to investigate that possibility and he is working on that. We want to get some Risk Watch materials out to our folks before the next school session starts and I am working on that. We want to continue to offer our Train the Trainer Workshops, continue to have quality classes at regional schools and looking into bringing some excellent well known fire and life safety educators to Kentucky. Executive Director Ronnie Day has pledged

to support these projects and we are grateful to the Fire Commission for it.

KFA has assured me they will do all in their power to work with us on our projects and plans for 2008-2009. I am also confident Fire Marshal Bill Swope will do all in his power to work with and help us achieve our goals. Of course I am elated for his appointment and enjoyed knowing Bill and have admired his contributions and commitment to Lexington Fire Dept and Kentucky Fire Service. I wanted to also mention, after fire school I attended the Safe Schools and Communities Conference held at the Drawbridge Inn in NK with our Law Enforcement partners and my good friend Bob Douglas of KCPC. I had a booth at the "Day With the Vendors" and displayed our Risk Watch Project to the attendees and made many new contacts.

So many things I want to do for our Fire Depts and specifically our Fire and Life Safety Educators of Kentucky. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need my help or the help of your Pub Ed Committee. Be sure to stop me if you come to the conference and let me know what we can do for you. See you in Northern Kentucky! Be Safe! God Bless!

*Fireman Joe*



Fireman Joe at Safe School Conference

### KFA Still Selling Prints for Scholarship Funds

The KFA is still selling the 4 beautiful Chas Fagan prints to fund scholarships for firefighters. The prints depict 4 stages in the growth of Kentucky's fire service. You can view copies of the prints on the KFA web page at [www.kyfa.org](http://www.kyfa.org). You can purchase all four for \$110.00 or just one \$35.00. The prints are signed and numbered. For more information contact Chief Allen Johnson at 270-465-4131 or email Allen at [allen.johnson@kyfa.org](mailto:allen.johnson@kyfa.org). The prints would make a lovely addition to any fire house or county court house.

## REGIONAL EMBERS



### Dixie Firefighters Association Chris Crawford, President

Construction projects are in full swing in the Dixie Region, Leitchfield Fire Department has recently moved into their new headquarters the "Ronald Hudson Station", Meade County Fire District recently broke ground on their new 12,000 Square Feet headquarters, with completion coming around the early part of 2009. The city of Radcliff is closing in on completion of their training station, which will compliment their department as they continue to grow with leaps and bounds.

Dixie Scholarships have been awarded at the July meeting of the Dixie with the following persons receiving scholarships:

Charlie Naser, Meade County Fire District \$500  
Ben Hart, Hart Farms \$400  
Theresa Day, Meade County Fire District \$400  
Steve Sheets Central Hardin Fire Department \$300  
Justus Hibbs, Boston Fire Department \$200  
Nicole Weber Kentucky 86 Fire and Rescue \$200

The annual Meade County Fire School is coming up on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Brandenburg, KY. Classes this year will consist of EMT continuing education, Basic Firefighting, Chief Officers Class, Firefighter Safety and Survival, Driver Simulator, and Explosives. For more information call 270-945-4527.

*Chris Crawford*, President  
Dixie Firefighters Association



### Jefferson Co. FF Association

Jake Barker, Secretary/Treasurer

Hello all.

The assorted Jefferson County Fire Explorer Posts are preparing for the second annual "Explorer Inferno", a weekend of fire trainings and competitions held at the Kentucky Regional Fire Training Academy.

The weekend, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, is organized like a drill school and will include many exciting hands-on training evolutions, such as ladder and hose drills, in addition to search and rescue competitions and other classes.

If your department has an interested explorers post, or if you are a vendor interested in donating, feel free to contact Sgt Barker with the Buechel Fire Protection District for details.

[jbarker@buechelfire.com](mailto:jbarker@buechelfire.com)

Thank you.

*Jake Barker*

### Green River Firefighters Association

We thank everyone for your concern about the future of the Officers School with the closing of the Executive Inn Rivermont. At the time we are writing this article, July 10<sup>th</sup>, it appears we will not have the Executive Inn for the 2009 Officers School. Also adding to the concern, even if we still had the Executive Inn, is the fact that for the past two years we have used all of the space available in the Executive Inn for the Officers School, leaving no room to grow.

The Officers School will continue with the same format students and organizations have grown to love and support. We will have detailed plans by early August and will forward these plans to our support organizations and students.

As always, the Officers School is successful due to the support of organizations and students and your support is always critical and appreciated.

In less stressful news, we had a great turnout for the May Association meeting at our Training Center in Calhoun. Chief Administrative Operations at Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Chuck Geveden, new State Fire Marshal Bill Swope and Fire Commission Division Director Bruce Roberts attended and addressed the Association.

At the May meeting our Association dedicated the Administrative Building at the Training Center to Robin Long. Robin, who has served at the Training Center since we opened in 1999, is the Area 3 Office Coordinator for State Fire Rescue Training. The building is now known as the Robin Long Administrative Building.

Thanks to everyone who made State Fire School a great success. Area 3 was very active in State Fire School including handling all student registration functions.

**Mountain Firefighters Association**

Roger Friley Persident

The Mountain Firefighter’s Association has been busy working on the upcoming Hazard Fire School. The Mountain Firefighters Association Regional Fire School will take place on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Hazard Community College. This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hazard School in which all classes and the picnic still will remain free to the all firefighters. The school will offer 19 classes in several different areas for firefighters to choose from. The free picnic will be on Saturday evening at 6 PM sponsored by Lifenet Air Medical Services. Everyone is invited to attend. See page 7 for a list of classes.

Several area departments are also starting up ATV rescue team to help with the new adventure tourism initiative started by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. These teams will be available for ATV accidents as well as lost or missing person searches in our area. Training was recently held in Knott County with several agencies participating.



**Chaplain’s Corner**

July 4<sup>th</sup> our country celebrated its 222 birthday. Independence Day always reminds me of the freedoms we enjoy and the fact that they were bought with a heavy price. I did an internet search not long ago to find out how many Americans have lost their lives following our flag into battle. The figure astounded me it may you also. Over 1,200,000 have died so you and I can sit back and read this newsletter while we enjoy our morning beverage. I hope this last 4<sup>th</sup> of July you took time to thank a veteran for what we take for granted. Paul Billings has retired from the fire service but he always ended his Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association articles with a saying we could all stand behind. “Remember 911 – Wave that American Flag – God Bless America, Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance – Pray for our service personnel”

**Words of Wisdom**

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.

**Robert Frost**



**KFA Vice President at Large**

Michael E. Hulsey

First I want to thank everyone for a fantastic year, I have had the pleasure of serving the firefighters of Kentucky, through the KFA at many different types of functions. We are a strong and needed service to the Commonwealth.

Recently I had a Chief of a volunteer department ask me - How much do you get paid for serving on the KFA Executive Boards? When I responded I receive no pay, but do get reimbursed for some expenses. He asked Why Do You Do IT? My response was twofold. First I asked him how much was he paid for serving on the volunteer department, when he responded he receives no-pay I advised him we both serve these organizations for the same reason. He stated he fills an obligation to serve his community, and that he enjoys it. To which I stated exactly.

I am serving all the firefighters in the Commonwealth to give them a better chance to serve their communities. I am very fortunate to be associated with an E-Board that feels strongly the same way. We are a very important connection to the Fire Commission, The Fire Marshall’s Office, and the Legislators.

He stated I don’t understand the amount of time that you put into it, to which I responded. **SOME-ONE HAS TO DO IT.**



**National Fire Academy**

The National Fire Academy is pleased to report that there are 2 more courses now available through NFA Online:

Q464 - ICS 300, Intermediate All Hazard NIMS ICS Review for Expanding Incidents

Q466 - ICS 400, Fundamentals Review for Command and General Staff.

Both of these courses are located under the Incident Management Subject Area in the Course Catalog. Please note that while these courses do not meet the requirements for ICS 300 and ICS 400, they can be used as pre-course modules or refresher training for the classroom based ICS 300 and ICS 400 level courses.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) Class Schedule

8/6-7	Assisting Individuals in Crisis(1)
8/7-8	Assisting Individuals in Crisis(2)
9/23-24	Pastorial Crisis Intervention II
10/28-29	Group Crisis Intervention
11/TBA	Assisting Individuals in Crisis

All classes held at Middletown Fire Station 2 at 10217 Shelbyville Rd Louisville KY except those with numbers in parentheses and their locations are as follows:

- (1) Erlanger FD 515 Graves Ave Erlanger
- (2) Richmond FD 255 Four Mile Ave Richmond

All classes have registration deadlines and fees. For more information go to the KCCRB website at <http://www.kccrb.ky.gov/> or click on the link at [kyfa.org](http://kyfa.org).



### Changes to IFSAC Testing Methods

IFSAC requires that its accredited entities certify to the current NFPA Standard. This year we must undergo a reaccreditation visit. That means we will be required to bring our testing methods up to current NFPA standards. Therefore, Kentucky will continue to test firefighters to the current accredited standards until September 1st, 2008. September 1st will be the transition date, and we will begin to test firefighters to the new standard in effect at that time. What this means is all written and skills testing will utilize updated skill sheets and test banks after September 1st, 2008. These updated skill sheets will not be available for publishing until after July 1st, 2008. They will be published on the Area 9 and KFA websites as soon as they are available. For more information call 888-301-2946

### 2007-08 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
8/9-10/08	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
8/16-17/08	13	London	888-234-0100
8/30-31/08	10	Ashland	888-302-2833
9/6-7/08	7	Highland Heights	888-306-8101
9/27-28/08	11	Pikeville	888-302-8935
10/11-12/08	15	Lexington	888-234-3961
10/18-19/08	14	Somerset	888-234-1780

Date	Area	Location	Phone
10/25 - 26/08	5	Elizabethtown	888-234-7201
12/13-14/08	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

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

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

## Upcoming Educational Opportunities

### KFA Conference

Erlanger 8/2-6, 2008

### Mountain Fire School

Hazard 8/23-24, 2008 Call 888-234-6759

### Area 2 Fire School

9/13 - 14, 2008

Lake Barkley State Park call 888-306-7986

### Jefferson County Fire School

9/26 - 28, 2008 Call 888-306-8064

University of Louisville Shelby Campus

### Meade County Fire School

10/4-5, 2008 Brandenburg Call 888-234-7201

### Buffalo Trace Region 9 Fire School

10/17 - 19, 2008 Maysville Call 888-301-2946

### BESA Fire School

10/18-19, 2008 Call 888-306-8064

### 2009 Kentucky Officers School

Location TBA Feb. 27 - March 1, 2009

Call 888-306-8015

## Words of Wisdom

Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country.

**Calvin Coolidge**

**MOUNTAIN FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FIRE SCHOOL**

HAZARD, KY

AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

CLASS 1: BASIC FIREFIGHTING

CLASS 2: JR FIREFIGHTING CLASS (EXPLORER)

CLASS 3: BLOCKS OF HARD TO GET HOURS

CLASS 4: FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL

CLASS 5: FIREFIGHTER RESCUE

CLASS 6: WHERE IS A CHAPLAIN WHEN YOU NEED ONE?

CLASS 7: HOW TO SURVIVE A KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION AUDIT

CLASS 8: ROPE RESCUE (RAPPELLING)

CLASS 9: EMT FR AND EMT CONTINUING EDUCATION

CLASS 10: BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

CLASS 11: ATV SAFETY DRIVING COURSE with RESCUE

CLASS 12: DRIVERS TRAINING

CLASS 13: AUTO EXTRICATION CLASS

CLASS 14: METH LAB

CLASS 15: LEADERSHIP 1: STRATEGIES FOR CO. SUCCESS (NFA)

CLASS 16: THERMAL IMAGING

CLASS 17: OFFICE OF THE CHIEF-JOURNEY OR DESTINATION

CLASS 18: ARSON III

CLASS 19: AIRCRAFT CRASH/RESCUE

Classes will be held on the campus of Hazard Community College.

*NEW ARRIVALS*



In January of 2008, Campbell County Fire District # 1 placed this new custom built Sutphen Pumper into service. The pumper is equipped with 1500 GPM Hale Pump, 30 Gallon Class A Foam, 750 Gallon Water Tank, 8 KW Smart Power Generator, 8 Man Cab air-conditioned, Hydraulic Ladder Rack, 425 HP Cummins Engine, Allison Automatic Transmission, Full Disc Brakes.

An identical Sutphen Pumper is on order and should be delivered during the 2008 KFA Conference. This unit includes Compressed Air Foam System. View these units at the KFA Conference.



Hazard Fire Department recently took delivery of a 2008 KME pumper built on an International 4400 chassis with a 1000 GPM pump.



Gott VFD in Warren County Kentucky has taken delivery of a Bluegrass Fire Apparatus 1,000 gallon 4 door pumper. The truck has 5 man seating w/SCBA seats, 300 hp engine, Allison 5 speed auto, 1,500 Watrus pum, SS body.



**Jefferson County Fire School**

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

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



### American Income Life

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

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



### National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director      Bryant Stiles, Alternate

#### RESOURCE TYPING AND CREDENTIALING

Department of Homeland Security continues to work toward a nationally recognized resource typing and responder credentialing system. Nine new workgroups have been formed to attempt to bring closure on this initiative. One of the workgroups is Fire / Hazardous Materials. Bryant Stiles is representing the National Volunteer Fire Council on this group. Also on this workgroup is Tom Arnold from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. The most recent meeting of this group was held on June 23-25 and a draft document was finalized which will be shared with stakeholders not involved in the workgroup for their comment. An ambitious goal of end of summer of 2008 for completion of the project has been set.

**ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM** Each year nine organizations are invited to the National Fire Academy to meet with USFA / FEMA Grant personnel to review and make

recommendations for the criteria for grants for the next year. The nine organizations are the organizations which successfully developed and lobbied for the passage of the original grant program. One of the nine organizations is the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC). Each organization provides three representatives for this meeting. Bryant Stiles was one of the three National Volunteer Fire Council representatives to the criteria development meeting for the second year. The meeting was held at the National Fire Academy on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

One of the major issues for the program is the number of departments which have never received a grant. This issue is critical to Kentucky, as we have many departments which have yet to receive a grant. A second issue is the question on the application about the level of training of the applicant department's firefighters.

An issue for us in Kentucky is the number of departments which do not submit an application. Some believe departments not submitting applications choose not to submit due to having all the equipment needed. I believe there must be other reasons.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?** If your department has submitted applications but has not been approved for a grant, please send me notes on what you applied for, the amount applied for and the year(s) you have applied. If your department has chosen not to apply, please send me notes on why you did not apply. These notes may be sent to my email address, [bryant.stiles@kctcs.edu](mailto:bryant.stiles@kctcs.edu).

We will not be able to automatically solve your problem, but if we can find some problems which are common among a large number of departments, we may be able to address those.

Please remember, you cannot receive a grant unless you applied. The odds are not bad. One in four applications are funded.

As always, I appreciate the President and Board of the Kentucky Firefighters Association to allow me to be one of your two representatives to the National Volunteer Fire Council.

### Words of Wisdom

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

**Abraham Lincoln**





Bill Swope Jr.  
State Fire Marshal

Richard Peddicord, Deputy Kentucky State Fire Marshal, of Lexington has been honored by a national organization.

Richard was named Person of the Year by the Automatic Fire Alarm Association (AFAA). The award was presented recently at the AFAA's national conference.

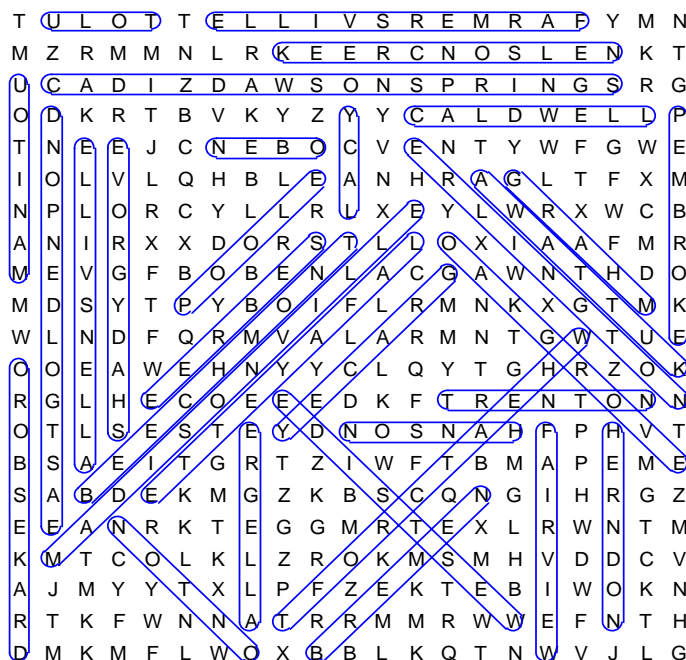
Richard was singled out for helping establish the association in Kentucky, according to its executive director, Tom Hammerberg. He also improved the working relationship between fire alarm contractors and the State Fire Marshal's Office. The AFAA comprises about 1,000 members throughout the country.

"Richard is well deserving of this recognition," said Richard Moloney, commissioner of the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction, which includes the fire marshal's staff. "He has been an outstanding asset to the State Fire Marshal's Office."

Richard joined the Fire Marshal's Office in November 2004. Previously, he spent more than 20 years in the electrical industry and 10 years in fire protection. He is a licensed electrical inspector and holds advanced certification in fire protection.

Congratulations Richard on a Job-Well-Done!

Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle



RECALLS

Honda lawn mowers recalled



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission on July 9, 2008, announced the recall of about 20,500 Honda lawn mowers due to a laceration hazard.

The rear shield on the affected mowers can break off, possibly allowing debris to be thrown toward the person mowing.

As of the recall date, no injuries have been reported.

The mowers, made in the United States by American Honda Motor Corp. of Torrance, California, have the model number HRX217(K)2HXA or HRX217(K)2HMA with a serial number MAGA-1500001 through MAGA-1520532. You'll find the model and serial numbers on a label on the upper rear of the mower deck. The mowers, \$900, were sold at Honda dealers and Home Depot stores nationwide from October 2007 to June 2008.

If you own a recalled mower, stop using it immediately and call your local Honda dealer to arrange for a free repair. For more information, call Honda (800-426-7701, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday) or go to Honda's recalls page.

Freightliner Argosy and Sterling Trucks fitted with TufTrac Suspension.

Supplier Name: Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd Product Make: Mercedes-Benz

Product Model: Freightliner and Sterling Trucks

Target Number: 28 Model Years From: 2006-

2007 Product Info: Freightliner Argosy and Sterling LT7500/LT9500 trucks fitted with TufTrac suspension. Affected trucks were built between 20 November 2006 and 2 February 2007. Defect Details:

Certain vehicles may have been manufactured during the above production range with centre rear suspension brackets cast out of square which could lead to the development of cracks in service. Should a casting bracket fracture completely the drive axle may not be held in its correct position and could adversely affect vehicle control. Consumer action:

Make arrangements with any Freightliner or Sterling Dealership to have the work carried out as soon as possible. If you have sold the vehicle, please contact us on telephone: 03 9566 9380, fax: 03 9566 6223, or via e-mail: campaigns@daimlerchrysler.com

## Kentucky Firefighters Association Sustaining Members

*Please remember these members when you have purchasing needs.*

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