



Smoke Signals II

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Four LODD in Kentucky in 2014

2014 has been a devastating year for Line of Duty Deaths in Kentucky's Fire Service. Of course one LODD is more than too many but we have experienced four and the year is not over yet.

We began with the death of 53 year old McQuady Firefighter Charles Goff who died on April 27, 2014 from a Heart Attack after responding to a multiple vehicle crash in Breckinridge County.

Our second LODD was Glendale Fire Lt. Johnathan French 25 who was killed on August 6, 2014 when struck by a tractor trailer while responding to a car fire on I-65 near Glendale.

The third LODD was fire Capt. Tony Grider 41 of the Campbellsville Fire Department who died on September 20, 2014 as a result of an electrocution when the elevated platform he was in came into close proximity of a high voltage power line on August 21, 2014. (See page 2 for details)

Our fourth LODD was Major Malcolm Jenkins 60 of the Fern Creek Fire Department. Major Jenkins, Training Officer, suffered a fatal heart attack after his shift on October 30, 2014. (See page 2 for details)

Kentucky has gone several years with one or less LODD but to have four in one year is a devastating event for the Kentucky Fire Service. Please be vigilant and make safety a priority. Our goal for every day is that "Everyone Goes Home and Nobody Gets Hurt". Please be safe and make sure your buddy stays safe also!



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LODD Capt. Tony Grider

Campbellsville Firefighter Capt. Anthony Lynn (Tony) Grider, 41, of Columbia, Kentucky, died Saturday, September 20, 2014 at 11:53 A.M. at University

of Louisville Hospital in Louisville from injuries received on August 21, 2014 in Campbellsville.

Tony was born February 23, 1973, in Adair County, to Orvis and Shirley Morgan Grider. He was a firefighter for Campbellsville Fire Department, attaining the rank of Captain, a firefighter for Columbia-Adair County Volunteer Fire Department and served as Training Officer for Campbellsville-Taylor County and Columbia-Adair County Fire Departments. He was a member of Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Columbia Lodge 96, a member of the Columbia-Adair County Parks and Recreation Board, a member of Adair County Search and Rescue Board of Directors and a former member of the Columbia City Council. He was also a part-time employee of Adair County, Campbellsville-Taylor County and Green County EMS. He was involved in many other community activities too numerous to mention.

Survivors include:

His wife – Gena Dabney Grider of Columbia
His parents – Orvis and Shirley Grider of Columbia

His children – Nicholas (Justyne) Dabney of Seattle, WA, Alexa and Courtney Quiroz, Jacob and Jordan Grider all of Columbia

His sister – Tammy Grider of New Albany, IN

His grandchild – Phoenix Dabney

His nephew – Josh (Heather) Grider of Columbia and his great-niece, Chloe Grider

Honorary Grandmother – Margaret Sparks of Columbia

The Kentucky Firefighters Association requests that you remember the Grider family in the weeks and months to come.

LODD Major Malcom Jenkins

Malcolm W. Jenkins 60, a 31 year veteran of the Fern Creek Fire Department died Thursday, October 30, 2014. Major Jenkins was a firefighter and training officer for Fern Creek Fire Department in Jefferson County. Major

Jenkins was found deceased in his fire department vehicle after performing a mandated annual physical agility test at the fire department's offsite medical provider's facility. A cause of death has yet to be determined. The incident Location was the vicinity of Taylorsville Road and Tucker Station Road. Major Jenkins is survived by his wife, the former Sharon Hirsch; children, Andrea Bailey (Greg), Samantha Jenkins (Russell Patrick) and Danielle Jenkins; grandchildren, Logan and Kaelin Bailey; and mother, Thelma Ruth Jenkins.



Notes From The President's Desk Steve Kyle

It is with deep sadness that yet another department has experienced tragedy. Just this past week Fern Creek Fire Department experienced a LODD death. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Fern Creek Fire Department and the Jenkins family as they try to move forward from their loss.

At the time of this article, the Fall Season and cold weather are officially upon us!! This serves as a reminder of our fire prevention efforts that need to be put into this time of year. Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and there are many hazards associated with these holidays that our citizens need reminding of. Please take time to send out public service announcements about those different hazards to those in your community so that they can have a safe and happy holiday season.

In mentioning Thanksgiving and Christmas, we all have much to be grateful for. Please take

time to spend time with your family. Most of us are very dedicated to the job and hopefully you have a great support network in your own family that allows you to have that dedication. So, in recognition of that, spend some quality time with the family and help remind them that they are as equally important to you!!

As we approach the end of year, we are all starting to think about the things we want to accomplish in this next one. Things normally pick up after January 1 with all kinds of activities like the legislative session, fire schools, budget planning etc. The legislative session is first out of the gate. I would like to let everyone know that we have a new lobbyist that will be with Howdy this year. Steve Rath was recently added to our staff. Steve comes to us from the Ft Thomas Fire Department where he is full-time and the Southgate Fire Department where he is part-time. He is eager to begin the process and see how he can help the fire service. We are excited about the work that Howdy and Steve will be putting in this year to represent us. Be sure and follow Howdy's updates and be prepared to call your representatives if need be. The first fire school will be Green River Officer's School. I would like to congratulate the Green River Firefighters Association on the return of the Officer's School to Owensboro. I've already heard that it is tough to get a room reserved. So if you haven't done that, you need to be making your reservation soon. Everyone will enjoy the return as they have a new hotel and convention center as well as a new riverfront. It should be a great experience as the school makes its return to Owensboro.

We are continuing to plan for the 2015 KFA Conference. Registration is open now. You can visit www.kfa2015.com to register and make your reservations. We are excited to be hosting the conference in Paducah and look forward to seeing you here in August.

Thanks and Be Safe in All You Do!!!

Steve Kyle
President



Notes From 1st Vice President Jeff Pohlman

Greetings from Northern Kentucky! I hope all had a great Thanksgiving and are getting ready for the Christmas season! I can think nothing better as spending time with my family during the holiday season.

As we near the Christmas season, it is important that we educate our citizens we serve the importance on how to take care of live Christmas trees and their need for a daily watering. I enjoy the many Christmas displays with the vibrant lights. I for one place many Christmas lights on display every year at my residence and I am sure my neighbors don't mind because that is less they have to decorate. However, with many lights come the need for having enough "juice" to power the circuits. We need to be extra vigilant for improper displays that we may come across. Let keep the season joyous! We have had our share of fire fatalities in Kentucky this year without adding more.

The Bryant Stile/Green River fire school is returning to Owensboro early next year. The last time I was in Owensboro it looked as though a lot of construction was going on at the riverfront and I am looking forward to spending a few days there during the fire school. Please join us for the KFA Executive Board meeting on Saturday morning of the school.

Again, congratulations to Central Campbell Fire District Chief Jerry Sandfoss and Taylor Mill F.D. Chief Dennis Halpin. Their last day was October 31st. Happy retirement! Congratulations to new Central Campbell Fire Chief Ray Dishman. We wish Ray many years of success!

As I write this on November 3rd, we have learned this past weekend of the LODD of Major Malcolm Jenkins of the Fern Creek Fire District. Our sympathies go out to Major Jenkin's family and the Fern Creek Fire District.

Stay safe!

Jeffrey H. Pohlman
1st Vice President



Mike Hulsey
Vice President At-Large

At this writing we have been informed of another LODD. Chief Kyle has had to attend 3 LODD's funeral services since he took over as President in August. May God be with this family and the Fern Creek Fire Department as they cope with this loss.

The Dixie Association is hard at work putting together the logistics for the March Dixie Fire School. We have included new classes and are working to make sure that a quality school is given. Hope to see you there.

The KFA needs help. Your help in involving this younger generation of emergency service workers in State and Local associations. As I am nearing my retirement, 8 months 28 days as of this writing, it is showing more and more that the people supporting these local associations are getting grayer and older. It is vital that we involve younger firefighters. The gains that the KFA, KPFA, KY Chiefs, Fire Commission have made cannot be lost, these organizations are an important cog in the mechanism of the fire service in this great Commonwealth. However, there are organizations that would love to get their hands on the money allocated to the fire service. If future generations do not learn the process of safeguarding our funding it will all be lost. We must stay vigilant!

The challenges that are going to come up in the near future are just as important as the challenges that faced us many years ago. Where we have gained many ways to better the firefighters and their departments, we have only made one step. It is time that this next generation steps up and begins the learning process to take over and further these gains. Everyone needs to remember that it was not raining when Noah built the Arc.

Michael E. Hulsey
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Dixie FF Assn. Director
Chris Crawford

Things in the Dixie Region are going well. We are now well underway with planning the Dixie Fire School for March 2015. You can look for registration to open up online at <http://dixiefirefighters.com> in January. We will be hosting some very good classes this year in both hands on and class room instruction. The beef and pork producers will be providing lunch again this year, and as usual we will have lots of vendors around Saturday and Sunday to keep your interest during lunch and breaks.

The annual Dixie Firefighters Memorial and Awards Banquet was just concluded a few weeks ago, again this year we honored some very important people and awarded some of our brightest and upcoming personnel.

The Dixie Firefighters Association along with Green River Firefighters Association are getting ready to hold our joint meeting in Leitchfield on November 20th. Our two associations have held a joint meeting in November for the last four years and they have proved to be very beneficial as we work together to better the fire service of Kentucky.

Director

Chris Crawford



Southgate VFD Initiates
Operation Fire Safe Southgate

Early in 2014 State Fire Marshal William Swope held a meeting in Frankfort for firefighters from across the commonwealth to discuss the alarming rate of fire deaths in Kentucky. It was pointed out that Kentucky ranks seventh nationally in fire deaths per million of population. Among the talking points at the meeting was the importance of having working smoke detectors in the home.

Members of the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department, who were in attendance, brought the Fire Marshal's message back to Southgate. Chief John Beatsch and the Southgate Fire Prevention Bureau initiated "Operation Fire Safe Southgate." The department applied for and received a grant,

from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, to purchase 1000 Kidde Ionization/Photoelectric Smoke Alarms to be distributed to every household in Southgate. Firefighters are going door to door to passing out the free detectors. Installation teams from the fire department are installing detectors for homeowners who are unable to install them on their own. In addition to the detectors the firefighters are distributing fire safety flyers and discussing the importance of smoke alarms, their proper placement in the home and the difference in the types of detectors available.

The goal of Operation Fire Safe Southgate is to prevent any resident of Southgate from becoming a victim of fire. The secondary benefit has been a huge public relations boost for the department. As of November 1, about half of Southgate's residents had been visited and had received their free smoke alarm.

If your department is located near a Firehouse Subs Restaurant, you should go to their web site (firehousesubs.com) and visit their Public Safety Foundation to learn about applying for one of their public safety grants. Grants are awarded quarterly to public safety organizations.

Submitted by Chief

John Beatsch

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Notes From Fireman Joe The Ol Fire Dog

If you attended the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service in Frankfort on Wednesday October 8th you experienced a beautiful Day and an excellent tribute to our fallen firefighters. Each of the speakers spoke eloquently and it was so nice to see the event so well attended. A special thank you to all who made that possible, WELL DONE!

If you are like me you are sick of all the political hoopla and TV Ads and Newspaper Messages about this one and that one. I do hope everyone exercised their duty and VOTED on November 4th.

Many important issues face us as we prepare for 2015, I often wonder what will become of our Kentucky Fire Service and our Emergency Responders but know the KFA will do whatever it can

to protect and defend our benefits and privileges.

Even though I am semi-retired I still spent one of the busiest fire prevention months in recent memory. I guess the Ole Fire Dog's messages on Public Fire Education are still in demand. As long as GOD will let me I plan on continuing to preach the cause of Life Safety Education. I spent a lot of time in the Elementary Schools doing classroom programs, doing Fire Station Tours or attending an Open House or special safety program. I trust that all Fire Dept. Fire Prevention and Public Education Personnel were promoting the message of safety and prevention to our communities during this special Fire Prevention Month.

Old man winter is right around the corner and it is time to prepare now for those cold snowy days of winter by checking our heating systems, chimneys and fire places. Make that call to a professional and encourage all of your communities to do the same. I think it is also very important to look out for one another this winter as well. If you are going out to check on your neighbors, especially elderly or those shut-ins who can't get out maybe you can give them a ride or pick up something they may need.

Fireman Joe has so much to be thankful for this year and I trust as you celebrated with your families and friends you remembered those who are not with us this holiday season and thank our GOD for HIS many blessings we have received this year. It is so easy to take things for granted so always be grateful but I pray the Holiday Season is Joyous, the New Year Prosperous and you and your families will always BE SAFE! GOD BLESS!

Fireman Joe

Words of Wisdom

Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.

Colin Powell

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



CPAT Testing Schedule

If you are interested in testing please contact Rick Larkins, CPAT Director email rick.larkin@kyfa.org.

We have two fixed testing sites one in Louisville, KY at 11605 Fairmount Road and the other in Winchester KY at 525 BLT Way.

Testing Dates

Henderson (open at KCTCS Campus)

December 6th-8 AM 2nd Practice

December 13th-8 AM Final Test

Coming Events At A Glance!

Bryant Stiles GR Officers School
Owensboro, February 21 - 22, 2015

Dixie Fire School
March 13 - 15, 2015



2015 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
3/7-8/15	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760
3/28-29/15	3	Owenboro	888-306-8015

Written testing information is available on the Ky IFSAC testing web site at <http://www.kyffcert.com>. Tests are given at the system office usually on the third Monday of the month. Each time you take the written test, you must pay a \$15.00 charge. Contact Duane Suttles for more information about written test location and dates at 888-301-2946. REMINDER: Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and be a member of a Kentucky FD or a full-time student of Fire Science at EKU or KCTCS to be eligible for firefighter testing. Candidates must bring state issued drivers license or ID card to a 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 (IFSAAC).

Pikeville Gets New Station 3

by Robert Courtney



The City of Pikeville and the Pikeville Fire Dept. had a dedication and open house of their new station 3. This station was built to replace the old station 3 which was toren down in order to make room for the new Pikeville Commons Area which is a state of the art apartment complex

and mercantile stores.



Fellow Firefighters



The AFG Workshops were recently attended across the state during the past week.

With that said, I would like to point out a few things I garnered from my attendance:

1. Application period began Monday November 3. Grant application period closes Friday December 5 at 5 pm EST!

2. Get started on your application early. Waiting until the last minute to begin will leave you hurried and probably not allow you to dedicate the necessary time needed to produce a winning grant. There are many sections to this application so try to work on it often during the month.

3. Decide early on what you are applying for. Make sure all necessary approvals have been given by your governing body in regards to allowing application to approval of necessary

funding for local cost share.

4. Read all of the documents on the above listed website. Print them out for quick reference and review. There is an overabundance of valuable information found in these documents.

5. Apply for those items that are considered a HIGH PRIORITY or maybe a medium priority. Those items listed in the low priority area will not be given much consideration. Review the FOA document and all other documents listed at <https://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>.

6. Apply for those items that you NEED and justify the need as to why you are seeking federal assistance. Don't apply for things you want, apply for what you need! The statistics, demographics, narratives, etc. should support your requested needs.

7. Make sure the application is 100% complete prior to hitting the SUBMIT button. Don't fill in boxes with dummy information to get ahead to the next box. A lot of applicants forget to go back and review and correct those dummy boxes before submitting.

8. Thoroughly review the power point presentation for the above listed website for helpful hints, etc. with the application process. The information presented by Kevin Piatt throughout Kentucky is in this presentation and is extremely helpful.

Lastly, if you need assistance from FEMA AFG you can contact the help desk at the number provided on the above listed website or contact Kevin Piatt direct at:

202-786-9822

kevin.piatt@fema.dhs.gov

Kevin will gladly assist you in any way possible and is very helpful (so don't be afraid to use and abuse him!!).

Good luck and be safe,

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Chaplain's Corner

Dear Firefighters,

We have been together on those runs, haven't we? A time when nothing can be done to save a life. The life we responded to save is over. All that remains is to get back on the truck report to radio "in service" and leave. Yet, our minds still roll over a bit. "What if's" linger a little longer don't they? This is especially true when what we are leaving is a suicide, particularly of a young person that still had their whole life before them, yet, they chose to end it all at such an innocent age. What was it that drove them to this extreme? Could anything have been done to avoid the most drastic action imaginable? Our "balanced" minds say "yes". I just recently had the mother of teenager who committed suicide say it so well, "This is not the answer, this not acceptable". That is so right mom! But how? How do we get that message inside the minds and hearts of those standing at the very edge of taking such permanent action? Is there any answer that can keep us from ever having to respond to another one of these losses? Most importantly is there any way the families won't have to endure the haunting shadows of this experience for the rest of their lives? What a loss. What a waste of life. I guess human history speaks the reality that this is one thing we can never fully stop, another one of those things we can never completely understand. If wishing could do away with suicide we would stand unanimous in making it go away.

One of the blessings that accompanies the experiences of life is that it helps us gain a perspective about living. That perspective is the realization that there are indeed "bad" times for each and every one of us. NO ONE IS EXEMPT! Sometimes the bad comes and stays what seems like forever. There have been hundreds of human spirits that have sighed so deep with, "How long, how long must I endure"? Sometimes there are multiple events that bombard us without mercy. The age old adage, "When it rains it pours". Then to add to the smothering weight we are already feeling we of course try to find some relief perhaps with behaviors that end up adding to our burden rather than bringing relief we so desper-

ately sought in the first place. Our despair can lead to panic and those episodes play havoc with our minds, our will, our energy, our emotions, our relationships, our appetites, our sleep. In short life loses its attractiveness and all sorts of distortions start settling in. We may even think that to live means only more misery and we are already maxed out. We can even start thinking our loved ones would be better off without us. Someone going through one of these bad seasons once said, "There is no help for me". Another person put it this way, "I am too tired to try anymore". Sometimes with the distortion of depression we can only see but a short distance into life. In times of great despair it is best not to trust ourselves alone. In fact we were never created to be totally alone. Please forgive me for putting it so painfully plain but isolation leads to strangulation (one form or another). Reality, when we are left just to our own resources, can become so twisted, confused and burdensome that we think anything has to be better than this. As strange as it is, death then starts looking like a welcome friend. It represents relief, our only hope, the way out. These thoughts are not restricted to the young in age or to the so called "down and out" of life (The recent suicide of Robin Williams attests to that). Strange isn't it? Particularly to those of us still "balanced" in our life. Lest we become too judgmental on those who have chosen this for their final earthly act I ask for mercy. Like the mother said, "This is not the answer, this is not acceptable" but friends may we be intuitive enough to remember on the grand continuum of life perhaps only time and experiences separate them from us.

When despair rains on us too then what? Suppose we can't "leave the scene" because we are living in it? I don't want to come across simplistic. There is nothing easy or simplistic around suicide. But when/if we are ever standing on that ledge and contemplating (I hope you never there) what to do with as much passion as I can put into words use that cell phone and call one of us in your fire-fighting family or put this number in your contacts 1-800-273-8255 (Suicide Help Line).

In life there is more good out there than we are currently capable of seeing. When we lose faith we lose hope and when we lose hope, well, truly are

days are numbered. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

God when our faith runs dry and we cannot see hope for tomorrow; when we are too tired to hold on to life for ourselves. Please Lord, hold on to us until we can see that the darkness we may now be experiencing is only but a passing season in this human encounter. You alone own life and you watch over it as "mother watches her children". Thank you Lord for caring so much!

Chaplain,

Wayne Bishop

Jefferson County Fire/Rescue
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National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director
Pat Thompson Alt. Director

The NVFC and Columbia Southern University are offering two scholarships to help firefighters and departments achieve their educational goals. The application period is now open and the necessary information is on the NVFC.org site. I do know of one Kentucky firefighter who has applied for a scholarship.

The National Fire Academy has announced the "Managing Officer" training program designed to improve the skills of fire and EMS first responders. Information on the training program is available on the NFA site.

NVFC's Virtual Classroom continues to offer many excellent webinars. Go to the NVFC site to check out the courses being offered.

This is a repeat of information from a previous Smoke Signals but, in light of other behavioral health developments, I thought it was worth a reminder. The NVFC's "Share the Load" program offers insight into many behavioral health problems. The program is receiving great responses. The NVFC has developed a fantastic guide to assist family members of volunteer firefighters titled "What to Expect". It is available from the NVFC. NVFC members can get up to 25 copies at no cost.

If you are looking for ideas on how to secure grants I recommend that you go to FireGrant-

sHelp.com. They offer sources of funding and grants and suggestions on how to write a proper request and what to avoid in your application. For example, Alternative Support Apparatus LLC has announced its participation in a program designed to link emergency response and public safety departments with grant funding opportunities. There is also an EMSGrantsHelp.com site that bears looking into.

The NFPA committee working on the 1917 standard met recently and will have a new draft shortly. There is also a draft of the CAAS document on ambulance design available for review and comment. The NFPA EMS committee recently met to begin the process of revising the 450 document. At the request of fire service organizations material will be added on MIH/CP.

The NVFC continues their prime function of working on Federal legislative issues. If you have any questions, let Pat or I know.

Woody Will contacted me and asked if I would put together some data on the Ebola issue. As I write this report I have spent untold hours downloading and reading material, making calls, sitting in on webinars and conference calls, and contacting others regarding this issue. The bottom line is that at this time I have not found anything out there that is aimed specifically at the pre-hospital provider that offers guidance on how to properly assess the patient, protect the provider, and treat the patient. There is material from CDC, HHR, state health departments, and others that we can glean some guidance from. The CDC has added Ebola guidance for 9-1-1, Fire, EMS, and law service responders to their website. This is interim guidance that is intended to help medical responders and others to effectively respond to someone with potential Ebola symptoms. Keeping in mind the fact that you can travel to anywhere in the world in 26 hours, this information could be very helpful. In a meeting some fire service representatives had with FEMA and USFA it was made clear by them that the fire and EMS services should take an aggressive approach. It was suggested that proper equipment and training should be acquired and responding units should be properly stocked. However, no financial or training help was offered.

What I do know at this point is that many re-

sponse agencies are asking their PSAPS to question callers for illness symptoms, travel history, exposure, and other information that may indicate caution is warranted on the call. Many fire/EMS responders are working with their hazmat units, health departments, and hospitals to develop response protocols.

Since it seems that few have a true grasp on the Ebola issue you should not take it lightly. Just today I was informed that there is now concern that we do not have a true picture of the potential of an Ebola outbreak.

The NFPA committee working on the 1917 standard met last week and will have a new draft shortly. I was in touch with the CAAS office this week and they will also have a draft of their ambulance design document shortly.

The NVFC continues their prime function of working on Federal legislative issues. If you have any questions, let Pat or I know we stand ready to help Kentucky's firefighters in any way that we can.

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Bigger Trucks Mean Bigger Problems for Kentucky Responders

We in Kentucky could soon face the reality of longer and heavier trucks on our roads and bridges if some in Washington have their way. This past session, Congress considered several types of truck size and weight limits, including allowing triple-trailer trucks, long double-trailer trucks, and increased weight limits for single-trailer trucks to 97,000 pounds—an increase of 8.5 tons. No bigger-truck language passed this year, although proponents attempted to add increases in truck weight and length increases to a variety of bills, these provisions will likely be considered again next session.

We know that bigger trucks would add new dangers to our roads. While trucks play a vital role for our U.S. economy and transportation system, they are inherently dangerous vehicles. In Ken-

tucky, there were more than 2,544 large-truck collisions in 2012, and 82 people lost their lives. Allowing heavier or longer trucks would threaten the safety of motorists as well as law enforcement officers and first responders because heavier and longer trucks would be more difficult to control, take longer to stop, and increase crash severity. In fact, a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) found that trucks with multiple trailers have an 11-percent higher fatal crash rate. Heavier trucks are also more dangerous according to USDOT's November 2013 release, stating that gross vehicle weight would appear to be associated with higher crash rates.

Not only do these trucks endanger our traveling public, but they also put our law enforcement officers and first responders at risk. In fact, a Marshall University-led study found that over 95 percent of law enforcement officers believe that adding more weight makes a truck more dangerous. The same study found that 90 percent of truck drivers say more weight negatively impacts braking. That is why national organizations such as the National Troopers Coalition, the National Sheriffs' Association, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians and AAA all oppose bigger trucks on our highways.

The decision in Congress boils down to this: Do we experiment with the lives of motorists and truck drivers, and do we roll the dice on whether our bridges will stand or fall under the weight of heavier trucks? Bigger-truck proponents talk about "modernizing" our transportation policy, but there is nothing modern about endangering motorists while wasting taxpayer dollars.

Join with us in halting the tide of bigger and heavier trucks. CABT, a national nonprofit, grassroots organization is leading the public campaign against truck size and weight increases.

Contact Rick at (214) 491-7454 or rcowan@cabt.org to learn how you can voice your opposition to bigger trucks. You can also connect with CABT by visiting cabt.org "liking" CABT on Facebook at [facebook.com/nobiggertrucks](https://www.facebook.com/nobiggertrucks), or following CABT on Twitter at twitter.com/nobiggertrucks.

Complacency Is Nobody's Friend!

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Complacency in emergency services, injures and kills. Not only that, it spreads like a disease from one person to another. You can't afford to let complacency take over your organization. You don't want to allow the mentality of "If he or she can do it, why can't I?"

You are content at work, you are comfortable with your colleagues, and your supervisor, and the organization. If you truly enjoy what you do, why would you even consider pushing yourself out of your comfort zone?

The risk is that being too complacent can derail you in life.

Complacency causes many problems, but the greatest or worst is that it can lead to your mind not being on task. In any career, you want to make yourself as highly valuable as possible. With constant changes in emergency services, the importance of continuing education and training is crucial for entry level personnel to management and to supervisory levels.

Continuing education can help you stay current with the latest developments, skills, and new technologies required to complete your mission. Most importantly, training and continuing education keeps you focused and can ensure your safety and the safety of those around you.

I recently read that occupational developments, techniques, technologies, and knowledge evolve to the point that every 10 -15 years, a person is only half competent to do his or her job. How would that impact you? What do you do to maintain or regain competence?

Continual training is essential to ensure knowledge and skills are up-to-date with the latest trends affecting a person's career field. The benefit for a person continuing their education in this manner is their employer is more likely to view them as a valuable asset during downsizing or layoffs. Do you want to be that person at work that has the feeling of being satisfied with how things are and not wanting to try to make them better on any level?

Continuing education or life-long learning as some people call it, is necessary as many professions require continuing education to comply with

laws, remain licensed or certified, or maintain membership in an association or licensing body.

A strong commitment to training and awareness will help create a safety culture that can target and wipe out complacency, replacing it with critical thinking skills. A culture of learning will help to enhance quality of life, and can assist you in serving an ever-changing, multicultural society.

Ask yourself these two simple questions:

Is your mind on task? Are you professionally fit?

Ebola... The Basics

By Dave Denniston

Director of Risk Management

Emergency Services Insurance Program

By now we have all heard of, and received both information and probably misinformation about Ebola. The introduction of the virus into the United States has many people anxious about what this means to both emergency responders and the public in general. Recent events involving people that may have been infected and then used modes of public transportation such as airlines and cruise ships adds to the fear that people have. It is important to understand that this is an evolving situation and there is a need to stay informed about the disease and the current recommendations. Also keep in mind that everything reported on the news, read on the internet or even shared by your friends may or may not be the correct information.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to monitor the situation and update their information. The most current information is available at www.cdc.gov. We encourage anyone who may come in contact with the disease to take immediate steps to educate and protect themselves from exposure. The first step is to know the current signs and symptoms of Ebola. These include fever, severe headache, muscle pain, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain and unexplained hemorrhage. Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2 to 21 days after exposure with the average being 8 to 10 days.

Ebola is transmitted through direct contact broken skin or mucous membranes such as eyes, nose or mouth. At this point Ebola is not believed to be spread through air, water or food. There is no FDA-approved vaccine available at this time.

Prevention is the best method to avoid the disease. As with most illness there are basic measures that humans should take. Practice careful hygiene including hand washing with lots of soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Always avoid contact with blood and body fluids. Do not handle items that may have come in contact with an infected person's blood or body fluids such as clothes, bedding, needles and medical equipment.

You may not know if a person is infected or has any other illness for that matter, so always use general precautions and practice good hygiene. This becomes increasingly important during the cold and flu season. You should stay alert for updates to the current situation and changes in recommendations. The greater the level of contact you have with people in an EMS or healthcare setting, the more informed you should become. Ebola has been around since 1976. The risk to the average US citizen appears to be low at this point but people are encouraged to stay informed and alert to their surroundings.

McNeil and Company has released a course entitled Ebola Preparedness that is now available on their E learning platform. Registered users may log in at <https://training.mcneilandcompany.com>.

Recall

A new recall has been issued by the maker of the fire apparatus chassis involved in that June crash that killed a Montana Fire Chief and a family of five. The recall of the double Cardan front drive shaft comes from

Navistar which manufactures the International 4800 apparatus involved in the crash in June.

The recall by Navistar is for International 4800 trucks built between 1999 and 2002 that are equipped with Fabco TC-200 transfer cases. The recall notice says the driveshaft may separate and cause axle lockup if a joint in the driveshaft seizes.

The recall was issued after the Montana Highway Patrol released their accident report. The recall is slightly different from previous recalls in that this one requires the part to be removed and replaced.

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Navistar's communications director, Steve Schrier tells media that Navistar has not received their report, but issued the recall after conducting their own investigation. He says an investigation is often launched after consumer concerns about a possible defect. During their investigations they look at things such as warranty claims and gather data from field reports. If a defect is found, Navistar then issues a recall and notifies their customers to correct the defect.

In this particular case, Schrier said their investigation found 5 other incidents since 2008 which prompted them to issue the voluntary recall. Navistar has notified all customers and are in the process of implementing the voluntary recall.

Sustaining Members Wishing to Advertise in Smoke Signals II

At the KFA Executive Board Meeting in Paducah on Saturday October 18th decisions were made concerning advertising in Smoke Signals. Those decisions were as follows:

1. All changes will take place January 1st 2015.
2. We will continue to allow Sustaining Members to advertise on the two pages of "Sustaining Members" pages 14 & 15 at no additional charge. You will continue to receive 5 lines within the boxes on the two pages.
3. The newsletter is currently 16 pages in length. If there is space available we will allow 1 full page ad at the price of \$300.00 on a rotating basis so no one company can purchase pages in advance. You can however, choose on a first come first serve basis, the issue you want you ad to appear in.
4. We are also offering to add 1 double sided 11" X 17" page which gives us 4-8 ½" X 11" pages of advertising space if they can be sold 1 year or 6 editions at a time. That would mean that 4 different Sustaining Member companies would need to pay \$300.00 X 6 = \$1,800.00 times 4 or a total of \$7,200.00 for the year in advance.

If you would be interested in funding one of the pages for the year and we have 3 other businesses that are interested please contact me at 270-766-9946.

Woody

NEW ARRIVALS

Plano Fire Department Receives New Brush Truck



Manufactured by Southeast Apparatus, LLC (888-996-6277)...A 2015 Ford F450 Brush Truck with a custom front bumper, 12000# Warn Winch, custom front console, 9' aluminum flatbed, custom compartments, Darley 2BE Pump, 300-gallon poly tank, Darley Foam Flurry System with Integrated Foam Cell, Whelen emergency lighting, and much more!



The City of Danville Fire Dept. has taken delivery of a 2014 Toyne Rescue Pumper. This unit is built on a Spartan Gladiator Chassis with advanced crash protection system. It features and aluminum body, 1500 gpm Waterous Pump, 10KW Harrison Hydraulic Gen Set, 500 gallon tank, and an Akron Class A foam system with 30 gallons of on board foam.

Words of Wisdom

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Volunteer Fire Departments and State Aid

By Woody Will

Volunteer Fire Departments rely heavily on State Aid Money to purchase needed equipment for the survival of the department. However, having said that, the Fire Commission publishes a list of departments each November that have not met the 50% training for their personnel requirement in order to qualify for their State Aid. Departments have until December 31st to meet the requirement but some will not and will forfeit their \$8,250.00. It is not like those departments do not need the money what they do is fail to train, fail to take advantage of the training provided by State Fire Rescue Training or can't or don't manage to get to one of the more than 20 area fire schools. The list breaks down like this:

There is a total of 291 Volunteer Fire Departments that will not be getting State Aid if they don't finish their training soon. The complete list is posted on the news page on the KFA website www.kyfa.org. On the list of departments the range of training goes from 0% to 49% complete. It would be a shame if any department loses out on such a large amount of money for a simple lack of training.