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LODD Captain Michael C. Webb



Line of Duty Death of Fire Captain Michael C. Webb. He was a firefighter, school teacher, coach, a wonderful father and beloved resident of Letcher County.

On April 27, 2011 Michael (Mike) Webb responded to an ATV accident and had returned to his Goose Creek home just hours before when he suffered a fatal heart attack. Mike was 46 years old at the time of his death. He was a member of the Fleming-Neon Volunteer Fire Department for 27 years, and had risen to the rank of captain.

Mike joined the department in high school and was active when home while in college. Over time he returned home, got a job teaching and began coaching. He was a coach for 14 years. He was also a bus driver. His dad had been a teacher and principal. Mike just enjoyed teaching. The kid's just loved "Mr. Webb". Over time Mike married his high school sweetheart Debbie Short. They have two daughters Brooke a freshman at Pikeville College and Brittany a senior at Jenkins High School. One son, Cameron age 3.

He was a great firefighter but neighbors say he was more than that. He was an excellent teacher, a friend to his co-workers and a neighbor. Sid Tolen a friend of Webb's said "a fire destroyed everything my family owned and Mike donated money to help get me back on my feet. He was a good man and friend who never asked to get a cent back he gave me." Friends say Webb touched many lives, and the pain of grieving is deep, but his memory will live on in the lives of those he taught both in the department, in the school or on the basketball court.

Mike has been a member of the Neon Volunteer Fire Department Inc. since 1984. He has served as Captain for fire ground operations for the last three years and was one of those firefighters you could depend on. For the last 5 years Mike and several firefighters from Neon VFD and around the region had been on the fire safety team at the Bristol Motor Speedway for Nascar races.

Webb was laid to rest at Wright-Collier Cemetery in Goose Creek near his home. He is survived by his wife Debbie Webb two daughters Brooke and Britney Webb, and his son Cameron. Please remember these family members in the weeks and months to come. (For more information and video footage contact www.wymtnews.com.)

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Notes From The President's Desk Bob Newman

April 19 was a sad day for our friends in Southgate Volunteer Fire De-

partment for their loss of former Chief, KFA President and a recent K.F.A. Hall of Fame Member Ray Muench. The funeral was a heartfelt representation of his love and dedication he had for his family, friends and community who attended the celebration of his life and in his death how he will be truly missed!

Southgate did a wonderful job in honoring their former comrade and much praise and thanks goes to Ray's wife Joan and their family who have dedicated so much of their own lives to the fire service! We enjoyed his laughter and music he shared with us throughout the years. A wonderful humanitarian has touched our hearts.

We're sorry to inform you that we had to attend another funeral April 30 for Captain Michael Webb of the Fleming Neon Fire Department in a line of duty death. Mike died at the age of 46 after working an ATV accident and he suffered an apparent heart attack after making the run. There were a large number of people who attended the service. He not only was a volunteer firefighter he taught the 2nd grade and was a high school coach.

The turn out was in honor of a dedicated man who served his community well! It was our honor to attend the funeral of this very loved and devoted man and our thoughts and prayers are with his family!

The KFA will have our Executive Board meeting in Lexington at State Fire School Saturday June 11. The Vice Presidents will present their activity reports during the meeting. The Hall of Fame will have a committee meeting preparing for this years Conference. The State Fire School committee continues to work on making this years school to rank to be one of the best ever! The committee meets every month and has representatives from all across the State. Our goal is to provide a great training experience for all firefighters! All firefighters need to make a special time to visit all of the Vendors, they have the latest technology advancements and this will better enhance your knowledge in fire service!

I've been working on getting motorcycle license plates; there has been a lot of interest this past year! The State requires we have a list of 300 names of those wanting the special firefighters plates. We have to pre-pay \$25.00 to get the plates made and then the \$25.00 will go toward the purchase of the plates. If getting the special motorcycle license plates is of interest to you, please E-Mail me at bob.newman@aleris.com. I need to know if we have enough interest before I proceed. I have only heard from (5) firefighters since the last Smoke Signals. I need a better response if I plan to continue with the motorcycle plates. I look forward hearing from you!

The 91st Kentucky Firefighters Association's annual conference will be held in Owensboro, Kentucky this July. Make sure you register now! All Conference registration material has been sent to your department! We are working on the Conference ad book now! Please consider placing an ad from your department, Regional Association and support organizations! We look forward hearing from you!

Visit our website at www.kfa2011.com for details on Hotel accommodations and registration information. The Conference committee has been working very hard to insure you have a great time at this Conference!

I look forward to seeing everyone at State Fire School.

Until then Be Safe!

Bob Newman



Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller

Hello, from the Northern part of the state where all the flooding starts. Hope by now your area of the state is beginning to dry out from the record

setting rain fall. Someone said if April showers bring May flowers, the Commonwealth of Kentucky will not have enough space for the flowers this year.

Let us get down to business. Dues are coming in slow. To date the K F A has 379 paid departments. Remember your department's dues must be current if you are coming to the conference. Woody has placed on the web page the most current paid list as of May 5, 2011, the date of this writing. I know Secretary Jansing will be sending out the delegate

forms in June. Please check with your Chief to see if the department dues are paid.

Fire School appears to be gearing up for another fun filled event. The committee has worked very hard, as normal, to provide the firefighters and EMS personnel the best possible school. Funds for this are beginning to come in. Please get your registration in.

Finance Committee Chairman John Wiseman and I have met to prepare a proposed budget to the Executive Board during the Fire School meeting. The K F A is in better financial shape this year over the past two years. The new income from the license plates has been settled and the funds should be released sometime in July. This will have an impact on the budget presented to the Executive Board and to the membership at conference.

Remember that the dues for the next fiscal year will also increase another \$10.00 as voted on at last year's conference. Dues for the fiscal year 2011 - 2012 will be \$95.00.

I would like to take this time to remind everyone that the Treasurer position is up for election at this year's conference. I have been your Treasurer for the past six years, and would like to continue. I am running for the position again at this year's conference.

Until I can see some of you at Fire School or somewhere else, stay safe and remember all our Brothers and Sisters in the Emergency Services. Remember those serving in our Armed Forces.

Terry Keller

KFA By Laws Regarding Resolutions

Section 8 (Excerpt) Pre-filled Resolutions from an individual KFA dues paying department shall be presented first through the Area Association in which that department is a member. With approval of the area association, the resolution shall then be presented to the KFA Secretary within the time frame as stated in Article 6, Section 4.

Article 6 Section 4 any department submitting resolution (s) for the annual conference must do so 45 (days) prior to the first day of the conference opening with the secretary. Any resolution, submitted at the conference must be accepted by 2/3 vote of the delegates assembled.

SECTION 5: The secretary shall forward prefiled resolutions to the resolutions chairman 30 days prior to the start of the conference

2011 KFA Conference Agenda

Friday – July 29

Set up for registration - Comfort Suites -Executive Board Meeting

Saturday – July 30

Registration 10:00am-3:00pm – Comfort Suites – Firefighter's Olympics 9:00am–3:00pm Horse Fork Creek Park Field #2 Pork Producers Cookout 6:30 & Music Fairfield Inn tent site - Hospitality Rooms 7:00pm–12:00am

Sunday - July 31

Registration 9:00am–1:00pm - Comfort Suites Religious Services - Fire Commission meeting 1:00pm-2:00pm - Comfort Suites - Memorial Service 4:00pm - Pig Roast 7:00pm–10:00pm - Fairfield Inn tent site - Music - Fairfield Inn tent site - Hospitality Rooms 7:00pm–12:00am

Monday August 1

Registration 7:30–10:00am Comfort Suites -Business Meeting 8:00am–11:00am Hines Center -Ladies Outing 11:30am-4:00pm River Park Center -Golf Outing 11:30 am–5:00pm -Sport Shooting 11:30am-5:00pm -Cook Out- 6:00pm–9:30pm Hines Center -Music - Fairfield Inn tent site -Hospitality Rooms 7:00pm–12:00am

Tuesday August 2

Vendors - Hines Center -Business Meeting 8:00am—12:00pm — Hines Center -Lunch Break 12:00pm—1:30pm—Business Meeting 1:30pm—4:00pm — Hines Center -Cash Bar 6:00pm -Banquet 7:00pm—10:00pm — Hines Center -Music - Fairfield Inn tent site -Hospitality Room after Banquet until 12:00am.



2011 Kentucky Firefighters Association Annual Conference July 29 - August 2, 2011

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National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate Bryant and I attended the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Spring Meeting in Washington, DC. The legislative priorities remain basically the same as last year.

The NVFC formalized the creation of the EMS/Rescue Section of the NVFC. This development was the result of the expanded involvement of the EMS Committee in many EMS projects. You can join the section by going to www.nvfc.org. A **very important** bit of information regarding PSOB benefits was discussed. Departments must have members sign annual beneficiary forms. You can go on line to the PSOB website to get the form.

Many Kentucky fire fighters have been affected by recent storms. If anyone is having trouble with claims they can get help from Glen A. Gains, acting United States Fire Administration Administrator, though the NVFC. Contact them at www.nvfc.org. Keep in mind that the NVFC offers a \$250.00 stipend to volunteer firefighters in a state/federally declared disaster through our Volunteer Firefighter Support Fund. If you need help with this contact Ken Knipper at knip613@zoomtown.com.

AFG Funding to Increase by \$15 Million

On April 15, President Obama signed appropriations legislation funding the federal government through the rest of fiscal year (FY) 2011. The bill provides \$405 million each for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs, consistent with a request made by the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) jointly with other major national fire service organizations earlier this year. This represents a \$15 million increase for AFG, which directs funding to fire departments on a competitive basis to purchase equipment, apparatus, and training.

The bill also provides \$45,588,000 for the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), flat funding from FY 2010 and approximately \$300,000 less than what the President proposed more than a year ago in the FY 2011 Budget Request. USFA provides training and education for emergency services personnel and the public.

In theory, the deadline for passing appropriations legislation is October 1, when the fiscal year begins. If Congress fails to appropriate funding before the fiscal year starts it generally passes a "continuing resolution" (CR) to fund the government temporarily until a year-long funding bill is approved.

Using short-term CRs to extend the deadline by a month or two happens almost every year, but this is the latest in a fiscal year that Congress has passed a year-long spending bill in recent memory. The 111th Congress adjourned at the end of last year without approving any FY 2011 appropriations and the 112th Congress had to pass a series of short-term CRs beginning in March before finally reaching an agreement on a year-long spending bill just hours before the federal government was set to shut down.

"It is reassuring to finally have an FY 2011 appropriation in place," said NVFC First Vice Chairman Jeff Cash. "I am also extremely pleased that in a difficult budget year that saw \$40 billion in cuts across the federal government that we were successful in working with our allies on Capitol Hill to prevent cuts to important fire service programs and were even able to secure a small increase for AFG. With the FY 2012 appropriations process already underway, the NVFC will continue to advocate on behalf of the volunteer emergency services."

Notes From Fireman Joe The OI Fire Dog

As of this writing, I am sitting at my desk listening to the rain falling on my already swampy yard in Northern Kentucky wondering if the Sun will ever shine for more than a couple of hours and for a few days. I can't remember ever getting this much rain in April so I am hoping for a sunny May and I wish we could save some of this rain for August. Don't you just love Mother Nature?

The Northern Kentucky Fire Service as well as the entire State Of Kentucky has lost a true warrior and a very special friend in the passing of Raymond Muench, Sr April 19th. What a marvelous friend and brother in the fire service Ray was. I am so blessed to have known, worked with, was supported by and consoled many times by this exceptional gentleman. I salute and thank the many who attended Ray's Visitation and Funeral, a remarkable demonstration of thanks and respect.

Ronnie Day has been great about letting us know about the passing of our past fire service members, which unfortunately, here lately have been many. I join with all in Kentucky Fire Service sending our deepest regards for comfort and peace with a very special offer of thanks for their committment and service to Kentucky. With that being said, I remember how blessed I have been to have known and worked with so many wonderful emergency service professionals over my fire service career. I

can tell you I am a better, man & Fire and Life Safety Educator because of THEM. How very special it is to be a part of the Kentucky Emergency Services.

I hope everyone is making plans to attend the Homeland Security and State Fire School in Lexington coming up in June. We must never stop or take lightly our responsibilities to train and make ourselves the very best we can be. Please take advantage of this and all the great Regional Schools we have in our Commonwealth. In all my travels, I have never seen a State so committed to training and securing the educational opportunities we have in Kentucky.

Right around the corner is our Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference to be held in Owensboro July 29th thru August 2nd; be sure to check out the KFA website for more information. KFA President Bob Newman is promising a conference we will all enjoy. Frankly I am looking forward to returning to Owensboro and enjoying some of that wonderful hospitality of my friends from Green River.

Until I see all of you, GOD BLESS and Stay Safe!

THE COURAGE TO BE SAFE

www.everyonegoeshome.com Chief Marc A. Muench, EGH State Advocate marc.muench@florence-ky.gov Cell 859 991-0721

In this issue of "Smoke Signals" we address the "Everyone Goes Home", **Life Safety Initiative #12** which states:

"National Protocols for Response to Violent Incidents Should Be Developed and Championed."

On Tuesday February 10, 2004, Firefighter Brenda Cowan, a 12 year veteran of the Lexington Division of Fire & Emergency Services received a long awaited promotion to Lieutenant. Three days later her engine first responded to the report of a "person down" on the lawn in front of a residence. As she approached the inured individual, shots rang out. Lt Cowan had walked into the middle of a deadly domestic dispute between the victim and her husband. One of Brenda's firefighters took a bullet but survived. Brenda was not so lucky. She would have been 41 on her next birthday.

On March 31, 2011, Government Camp, Oregon firefighters responded to a call for help at about 11:30 p.m. and were set upon by a group of youths as an apartment in the complex where they partied was going on went up in flames. One woman was reportedly

trapped on a second floor as the flames spread, jumped into a snow bank to escape the fire. When a firefighter went to help her, he was reportedly attacked by party goers who threw beer cans, water bottles, hard-packed snowballs - and a fire extinguisher.

Who would ever have believed that firefighters and EMT's, who are committed to saving the lives of those we serve would actually be the victims of violent crime yet, each year we see more and more physical attacks upon first responders. In parts of England it has gotten so bad that there are proposals to arm firefighters.

As you are well aware, today's firefighters need to be prepared for every situation from rescue to haz-mat, fire to EMS, so it's time to add self defense to that list. While there are no hard and set national guidelines to protect us in these situations, there are some common sense practices that need to be adhered to:

- You must avoid, at all costs, putting yourself and/ or your personnel in situations where they may be subject to physical attacked. While we cannot determine every situation, we know that domestic dispute calls, calls to reported fights and calls to assist mentally disturbed individuals all have the potential to become violent.
- 2) Make sure you always have the dispatch information 100% correct. If you need more information, are not sure that you understood the dispatch information or if the information you received sounds suspicious, clarify it. Do not commit to a scene until you have all of the information and are sure that scene is secure.
- 3) Engines carry lots of water. Ambulances carry lots bandages. Police cars carry lots of bullets. If you are dispatched to a violent situation or suspect there may be a problem, make sure the police get there first. They have the training and they have the tools to attempt to defuse these situations and more over, to keep you and your crew safe.

It's a wild world out there, one in which emergency service personnel are now not only at risk from the usual hazards of their jobs but from the increasingly violent nature of our society. We need to avoid placing ourselves and our people in these situations so the each of us, "Keeps Going Home, After Each Run and After Each Shift."

Words of Wisdom

The President of the United States should strive to be always mindful of the fact that he serves his party best who serves his country best. Rutherford B. Hayes

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2011 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
8/20-21	13	London	888-234-0100
9/10-11	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
? Fall	7	Cold Springs	888-306-8101
9/17-18	15	Richmond	888-234-3961
11/5-6	5	Leitchfield	888-234-7201
11/12-13	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
12/10-11	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

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 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).

Upgrades to the Kentucky Fire Commission
IFSAC Accredited Certification

Program coming July 1st for Driver Operator By: Duane Suttles, Coordinator for Kentucky IFSAC Accreditation Certifications

In order to meet accreditation requirements, a few of the IFSAC Accredited programs of the Kentucky Fire Commission are due to be upgraded to be in compliance with the latest NFPA standards. NFPA 1002, Professional Qualifications for Fire Apparatus Driver Operator ©, has been updated to the 2009 edition, therefore the certification testing program must begin compliance to the new addition. IFSAC requires all accredited entities to comply with the most current edition of standards within 3 years of the release of an updated edition of standards that the entity certifies to. This upgrade will affect the firefighter Driver Operator certifications of Pumper, Mobile Water Supply and Aerial. The accredited certification office of the fire commission is currently upgrading exams and skill sheets

to reflect changes in *NFPA 1002*, and the new materials will be available from the IFSAC Accreditation website, www.kyffcert.com or from any one of the 14 State Fire Rescue Training area offices by late spring. The conversion date is set for July 1, which means all testing will be based on the 2009 edition of *NFPA 1002* beginning July 1. The fire commission will continue to test to the 2003 edition until June 30th.

What does this mean to the fire service of Kentucky and how will these changes affect firefighters? Accredited certification to any level requires successful completion of 2 components, a written exam and skills competency. Each of these components must be tested from the same edition of the standard in order to issue a certification to that standard. In other words by example, if a firefighter was tested and completed all skills for Driver Operator Pumper in October of 2010, but does not successfully pass the written exam for pumper prior to July 1, 2011, the skills completed will expire June 30 and must be tested to skills meeting the new edition of the standard. Therefore, it is strongly urged that anyone needing skills tested or a written test for the 2003 edition of Pumper, Mobile Water Supply or Aerial arrange for that testing by contacting their nearest State Fire Rescue Training office as soon as possible. Any questions concerning the status of a firefighter in the accredited certification program or for better explanation of this upgrade, you may contact Christy Rodgers in the accredited certification office at 888-301-2946 or Duane Suttles at 606-922-7671. Questions that require simple short answers may be directed to our emails at either christy.rodgers@kctcs.edu or duane.suttles @kctcs.edu. Thank you in advance for your patience and understand concerning IFSAC certification.

Words of Wisdom

I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them but to inform their discretion.

Thomas Jefferson

2011 Homeland Security Conference

82 Annual State Fire School June 8 - 12, 2011

Lexington Covention Center 433 West Vine St. Lexington

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Learn by Doing

- 101 Aircraft Firefighting 9-10 R 11-12 102 RIT & Mayday Ops 9-10-11-12
- 103 Basic FF "Mini Academy" 9-10-11
- 104 Inter. FF "BB Bootcamp" 10-11-12
- 105 Propane Emer. & Truck Fires11-12
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- 107 Farm Rescue 9-10-11
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- Leadership I (FRS 2073) 9-10 202
- 203 MTCO Decision Making (FRS 2062) 11-12
- 204 ICS (100, 200 & Nims 700)(FRS 2072) 9-10

Fire Invest. Inspec. Prevent. & Pub Ed

- 301 NFA Arson Detect. (FRS 2074) 9-10-11
- 302 Fire Scene Investigations 9-10-11
- Legal Issues for Fire Investigations 9-10-11 303
- 304 Con Ed for Fire Alarm Inspectors 9 R 10
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- 306 Fire Inspector I Course 9-10
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Seminars

- 401 "Meth" Lab Awareness 10
- Exercise & Evaluation Awareness 9 402
- 403 EMS Evaluator 10
- 404 **EMS Instructor Orientation 11**
- 405 FD Response to Weather Emer. 12
- 406 KY Fire Commission Update 9
- 407 "Intelligent FF" Capt Bill Gustin Miami-Dade 11
- 408 Basic Chaplaincy 9-10
- Advanced Chaplain 11 409
- 410 Scene Preservation & Death Inves. 10
- All Hazard Incident Management 9-10-11 411
- 412 Public Information Officer (PIO) 11

Senior Management Courses

(These Classes Meet From 1 to 4 PM on Friday)

- Kentucky Juinor Firefighter Program 10 501
- 502 Intigration of KY Fire Ser. into Fusion Ctr. 10



Shelby County Emergency Services Association Summer Jam

June 25 & 26 Starting at 08:00

Registration Fee \$1.00 Cash payable at the door.

1. Survival % Rescue Shelbyville Station 2

2. Hard to Get Hrs. Shelbyville Station 1

3. EMT Con. Ed. Shelby Co. EMA

4. 16 Hrs Pump Ops Shelby Co. Station 1 5. Flashover/RIT Ops. **Training Grounds**

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sfd500@insightbb.com or call 502-633-7101

Coming Events!

KFA Conference Owensboro

July 29 - August 2nd

Firefighter Combat Challenge

August 12 - 13 Lexington

Mountain FF Assn Fire School

August 27 - 28 Hazard

Jefferson County Regional Fire School

September 10 - 11 Louisville

Warren County Fire School

September 23 - 25 Bowling Green

Buffalo Trace Regional Fire School

October 21 - 22 Maysville

Make a Difference...Be Safe By Bill Tricarico Director, Loss Control Services, Emergency Services Insurance **Program**

According to the National Safety Council, June is National Safety Month and this may be a great time to prepare your organization to get involved and participate. Each week carries a different theme that brings attention to critical safety issues. In addition, June 19 – 25 has been designated Fire/ EMS Safety Week by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

As I write this, 31 firefighters have died in the line of duty thus far in 2011 according to the United States Fire Administration. If this trend continues about 95 will die before the end of the year, a tragic and unacceptable number. In addition, an untold number of Firefighters and EMS providers have been injured while making a difference in their community.

Sometimes, we all need to look at things from a different perspective. I think this may be an opportune

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The Dixie Firefighters Association leadership is pleased to report that our 2011

Dixie Fire School held in March was a wonderful success. In spite of some last moment issues, the responses we have received from our students, staff and instructors have been highly positive. With the move to bring the entire school to one central location at the Elizabethtown Community College campus, our future seems bright and one of growth. Thanks must be sent out to the wonderful staff from the Fire Rescue Training office, the assistance from the College staff, Air Evac Team, Air Methods crew and the wonderful volunteer helpers that pull off this great event. Special thanks to our immediate past President Dale Dobson for his tireless efforts to insure the school ran smoothly. Our goal for 2012 is to improve our school and make it the best learning weekend in Kentucky. Please let us know your ideas.

Besides the school, the Dixie association is continuing to work on several different projects to improve life safety in our region. The SOK (Save Our Kids) Fire Truck project is progressing on schedule. This is a project where an out of service fire engine cab is being placed on a trailer that will allow children and adults as well to be taught fire safety and other current topics through an interactive computer program. To our knowledge, this is the first project of its kind in the Kentucky Fire Service. Our goal is to have this training aid ready for use at the Kentucky State Fair.

We are also excited about participating in the upcoming KFA convention in Owensboro. Planning is underway to have a strong presence at this convention to insure that Dixie Firefighters are well represented at this import function. Please come by our meet and greet activities we are planning for the conference. Signs will be posted. Stop by and say hello.

As part of the long term plan to continue to keep Dixie a vital part of the Kentucky Fire Service, the officers of the association are contacting departments and agencies that have not been active with Dixie for what ever reason. Our goal is to create an organization that can be a resource for the departments-districts on a day to day basis. The issues each department or district faces are seldom unique,

and by creating a strong networking system, solutions may already exist to many of our day to day issues if we only knew who to contact. Do we really have to reinvent the wheel each and every time, or can we work smarter and not harder on important issues? Providing solutions and options to your issues is a valuable skill set that can be shared and fostered by a strong association. By actively participating in the Dixie Association, we build a strong unified voice that makes it easier to be heard in such places a Frankfort, the KFA, and even Washington DC.

The May meeting for Dixie will be May 26th, 2011 at the Elizabethtown Fire Department station one. Please come out and join us that night. If you cannot make the May Meeting, we have plans to be in Leitchfield in July and Magnolia in September. Dates will be sent out a little later. Please come out and help us help you. As president, I look forward to seeing and working with you. If I or any of the Dixie officers can be of assistance just let us know.

Sincerely,

Chief Larry Naser, President
Dixie Firefighters Association and
Meade County Fire District
Brandenburg, Kentucky

Legislative News

Howdy Kurtsinger

The KFA Conference is coming up at the end of July and will be held in Owensboro. We will be discussing many issues at this year's conference. Over the years that I have been involved we have attempted to make several changes in legislative issues. A few of the changes are as follows:

- CPAT, the physical fitness program developed by the IAFF/IAFC will provide firefighters that are physically fit and in good health. CPAT will be mandatory for all career firefighters hired in 2013.
- ID cards for certified firefighters. The Commission has been issuing cards this past year with great success. Check the Fire Commission website for future dates, they will be offering them at this year's conference.
- Incentive Pay language changes to correct the overtime requirement in the law.

- Legislation that changed the amount of funding to State Fire Rescue Training so to allow for additional training to fire departments. This training will be an additional amount only at the request of the department not required. The additional amount could be up to 10 additional hours of training. The legislation was passed and the Commission is in the process of putting into place the information for departments to make this request.
- Pension changes, over the past years we have made changes to the pension for firefighters. We did this to help shore up the problems and hopefully we will not have to make any additional changes until we see what effect that they will have on the system.
- Fireworks legislation was passed this year after three years of battle's with the fireworks industry and legislators who support them.

I just want to point out that during this year's conference we will discuss legislation that is brought before the committee. If you feel that you would like to discuss changes to legislation please send them to me at my office in Versailles, KCTCS/ Fire Commission. My email address is mkurtsinger0001@kctcs.edu or fax number is 859-256-3125. I will see that it is discussed before the committee and have you attend if available to discuss these legislative issues.

On another note we will be seeing an election of new officers and one that I would like to say a special thank you to David Jansing who is not seeking re-election. As long as I have been around Dave has been part of the KFA. He has been there working for every one of you to try to make it better for the fire service. I would also like to thank Dave for his service and say that he will be missed by the fire service. Everybody should wish Dave luck in the future as mayor and say thanks for all he has done.

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time to do just that. Consider National Safety Month and Fire/EMS Safety Week as a time to make a difference to yourself, all of your loved ones and everyone who depends on you, by changing some habits.

The National Safety Council has divided the month into separately themed weeks which is an excellent idea. I'm certain that if you thought long and hard, you could come up with four areas which could make you safer in what you do. For instance, in week one, what if you buckled that seat belt every time you responded to an incident...hey, if you could do that, I'll bet you could do it every time you got into a

vehicle from now on. After you've done it for a week you may see that it's no big deal... it's easy...it didn't interfere with your mission, and now that you're in the habit, you'll keep right on doing it.

The second week is a great time to begin taking better care of you. How about some fruit instead of that ice cream and taking a walk instead of watching that TV show. When is the last time you had a physical? How about picking up the phone and making an appointment? It's tragic that every year, the leading cause of line of duty death is heart attacks. Adding further to that tragedy is that in the majority of these cases, a simple physical would have uncovered the issue which could have been corrected before such a terrible event occurred.

Chaplain's Corner

Gaining Strength Through Adversity

As a firefighter from time to time we run into situations that make us wonder how on earth did we get through it alive. But sometimes it is the simple mundane events in life that can create the largest emotional problems for us. We know through experience that no call is routine. Every time the alarm drops the possibilities for problems, near death experiences are the same. Chances are the same on each call but they are far from routine. We could fight an enormous structure fire in the morning only to be hit by a car when crossing the street that afternoon. How can we keep all of this in balance?

As a Christian I find a great strength in the Word of God and prayer. I guess to some that sounds a little old fashioned and corny. However, it is true. Prayer and Bible study are powerful tools that can be used against the evil one.

It is not uncommon for someone who does not have a personal relationship with Christ to question why bad things happen to good people. I am not sure I fully understand all there is to know. But I do know that when I look back at situations I did not think I could get through I have always found that those events have made me much stronger. I gained the strength by drawing closer to the Lord. It is in those times of trouble where we have tried everything we could do to solve a situation and find that by turning the problem over to Him a solution pops out of no where and things are better.

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Safety is Not Always "Cool" By Dave Denniston Training and Education Manager Emergency Services Insurance Program

A couple of years ago while attending the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis; Cathy Hedrick from the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF) gave me a black wristband with the NFFF logo and the words "Everyone Goes Home" on it. It was kind of cool and it seemed appropriate at the moment to put it on. After all I was with some of the top safety people and educators in the world and maybe it would help me fit into the group assembled for the conference. It is always easy to do something when it is the norm and well accepted by the "group". Little did I know at the time just how much I would learn about safety from a simple black band. I will share a few of the lessons I continue to learn and have been driven home by the basic wristband.

Safety does not have to cost much. I own several articles of clothing which bear the "Everyone Goes Home" logo. There are the job shirts, several golf shirts, T-shirts, the dress shirts, and countless other items stuffed in my drawers at home. My wife often guips I do not own many articles of clothing without some sort of fire or EMS logo. I paid good money for some of those items (please do not tell her how much). But, the one item which reminds me daily of safety, the black wristband, did not cost me a dime. Safety is exactly the same way. We buy a ton of expensive items to make our jobs safer, but often times it is the simple basic safety items that make the most difference. Remember, a safety "attitude" does not cost us anything.

Safety is not always "cool". The first wrist bands I remember are the Lance Armstrong "LIVESTRONG" yellow bands supporting the foundation to help cancer patients. I cannot think of anyone who frowned upon wearing those bands when they first came out. Since, however, colored wristbands are everywhere. I know people now look at me and wonder if the band I am wearing supports anything of value, or is just something I bought from the local junior high volleyball team to support their Disney World trip. I accept the fact most people will never know what my wristband logo says, just like most people will never accept why I do many of the things I do on the emergency scene. For example, walking into a crowded grocery store in my full turnouts when the alarm has gone off and

everyone else just looks at me funny. Bottom line, I really do not care if it is cool or not, I know it is the right thing to do.

Safety does not always have to look good. | had a friend once say, "dude you wear a designer watch, fancy titanium bracelet, a gold past chiefs ring, a diamond chip wedding band, and that fifty cent rubber wristband." A past chief of mine used to always say, "Half the job is looking good." What we really need to understand is safety does not always look good. Sure, our big red truck with its thousands of dollars of lights and three sirens "looks impressive" while blowing the intersection of a red light, but it is not always looking good that counts the most. I now understand the chief did not really mean we just "looked good". What he really meant, we take pride and ownership in what we do. Do not let appearances alone dictate what safety items you do and do not decide to follow.

Safety does not always feel good. I cannot tell you how many times my arm hairs have gotten twisted between my NFFF band and the other metal bracelet I wear. A few times I have ripped the band off when it happened and thought it was crazy to wear when it caused such discomfort. After I calm down I always realize the message, just like safety, it is far more important than the slight inconvenience it sometimes causes.

Safety is not always easy. Often I have walked out of the house only to realize I left my band upstairs on the nightstand. My immediate thought, "it is not worth going back to get it, I will just remember it next time." Safety is much the same way. How easy is it to say, "I do not need the seatbelt on this trip, I will just wear it next time." Do you know when you will have the accident and where the seatbelt will save your life? Safety cannot be a choice. We need it all the time, every day.

Safety that is broken must be replaced. Twice now I have broken my black wristband. Each time it has taken effort on my part to get it replaced as soon as possible. Safety items are the same way. It would be easy to just say, "has it really mattered?" or "do we really need it anyway?" The answer has to be a resounding "yes". When a safety item breaks or is outdated do not just let it go by the way side, replace or fix it as soon as possible.

I am sure there are many more lessons I will learn from my NFFF Everyone Goes Home wristband. It is a daily reminder to me of the importance and need of our mission to teach firefighter safety, and to "live" what we teach. Safety may not have to

be expensive, be cool, look good, feel good, or be easy to be important. Safety does however need to be fixed when it is broken, and evaluated on a regular basis to be sure it is working. Safety can be very simple, put it on, and wear it proudly every day. I would rather put a simple black band on my wrist every day and live for what it stands, than put a black band around my badge and mourn another loss for which we must suffer.

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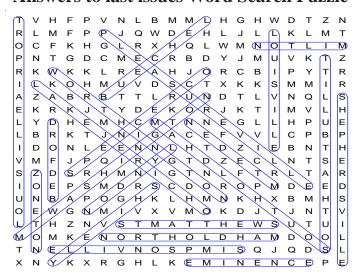
I'm not saying that if you become a Christian life gets any easier. Life is hard and you have to be tough to get through. What I am saying is that as a Christian you have a whole different tool box with a completely different set of tools to help you through the bad times. Do I have bumpy roads and pitfalls in my life? I sure do but I also know the Master Mechanic who knows me better than I know myself and he can fix anything! Right about now you are thinking "Yea but you don't know how messed up my life is" Yes you're right I don't know how messed up your life is. But I know someone who does and He is able to keep that which He has promised in His Word that You even You can be saved. He is all powerful, all knowing and can forgive you your sins. If you have issues you want to talk about drop me an email at woodrow.will@kyfa.org we will talk.

Words of Wisdom

"A government big enough to give you everything you want, is big enough to take away everything you have".

Thomas Jefferson

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NEW ARIVALS



Brodhead Fire Department: Has taken delivery of a 2011 Wynn Ford F-550 300 Series Rescue, with a 12,000 # Warn Winch, a Chrome Brush Guard, Slide Trays, Scene Lighting, L.E.D. Emergency Lighting, and much more!

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The Highview Fire District has designated the above pictured apparatus as surplus. It is a Model #: JR-OTDF Serial #: Y-T5641 Engine Hours: 421.9 Mileage: 11654 Engine: Detroit 6 cylinder Diesel Transmission: Automatic.

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Contact Chief Dave Goldsmith at (502) 239-3561 or Email dgoldsmith@highviewfire.com

Proposed Changes to Life Safety Code



Chapter 11 of NFPA 101 includes a package of provisions for high-rise buildings, but the code currently allows the specific occupancy chapters to decide which aspects should

be implemented at particular facilities. "We found that there were inconsistencies—that some occupancies adhered to the entire package, others adhered to some of it, and some didn't adhere to any of it," says Ron Coté, NFPA staff liaison for the Code. "The proposed change says that, for the first time, this package will apply to all new highrise buildings, regardless of whether it's an office building, factory, or hospital."

The high-rise provisions require a sprinkler system per NFPA 13, Installation of Sprinkler Systems, standpipes for use by the fire service, emergency lighting and standby power requirements, an alarm system with voice communication capability, an emergency plan developed by staff that is adequately trained, and an emergency command center. Its location approved by the fire department, the command center would have fire alarm system panels and controls, fire department telephones and communication service panels, fire detection and fire alarm system panels, elevator floor locators and recall switch, elevator emergency power selector switches, sprinkler valve and annunciators, indicators for the emergency generators and fire pumps, and controls for any automatic stairway door unlocking system provided. For the full article and more information about NFPA Codes visit www.nfpa.org.

NFPA and Chevrolet launch virtual electric vehicle training for firefighters and first responders







April 27, 2011 — The National Fire Protection Associa-SAFETY TRAINING tion (NFPA), Chevrolet and OnStar today announced the launch of its virtual electric vehicle safety training for first responders. The online training —

which is hosted by NFPA and can be accessed at http://www.evsafetytraining.org/training – features an inside look at the newest technology and safety systems on the all-new 2011 Chevrolet Volt, an electric vehicle with extended-range capabilities that hit the roads last fall.

The collaboration with Chevrolet and OnStar stems from NFPA's electric vehicle safety training initiative, a result of a \$4.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, which supports the growing number of electric vehicles in the United States.

NFPA and Chevrolet/OnStar began collaboration last fall with a national tour that included a series of live training sessions featuring the Chevrolet Volt. The launch of the virtual training is a result of months of research and development between Chevrolet and OnStar training specialists, engineers, firefighters and subject matter experts associated with NFPA. Firefighters and first responders who use the online training will have access to an interactive training session including videos, virtual trainers and a variety of downloadable resources about the technology and inner workings of the Chevrolet Volt.

"We are excited to launch this invaluable training resource with Chevrolet and OnStar," said Andrew Klock, NFPA's senior project manager for the program. "With electric vehicles hitting the road across the country, this interactive training gives firefighters and first responders easy access to resources and materials necessary when it comes to the new Chevrolet Volt. This virtual training is an important part of our overall electric vehicle education program, which provides training to firefighters and first responders in a variety of formats to ensure that it's accessible to all."

"The launch of this training and our partnership with the NFPA is an important part in reaching firefighters and first responders with information about the Chevrolet Volt," said Gay Kent, GM director of vehicle safety for Chevrolet. "Our objective with the training is for firefighters and first responders to be as comfortable working around electric vehicles, like the Chevrolet Volt, as they are today with conventional vehicles."

NFPA is currently conducting its own live pilot training courses in a handful of locations across the country and trainings for all firefighters and first responders will be available nationwide this summer.

For more information and resources about NFPA's Electric Vehicle Safety Training, visit the website at www.nfpa.org

Words of Wisdom

An educated man is thoroughly inoculated against humbug, thinks for himself and tries to give his thoughts, in speech or on paper, some style.

Alan K. Simpson

A Code Moment...

The 2011 legislative session resulted in changes to the fireworks laws in Kentucky. This season will see the beginning of open, legal sales of items that fit the definition of "Consumer" fireworks – a.k.a. "the good stuff." People may still try to sell, buy and use the "big stuff" but those items are restricted to people licensed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Private companies and fire departments who wish to conduct displays of those items must follow BATF rules in addition to NFPA 1123 – "Code for Fireworks Display."

It's important that we properly apply the codes that regulate storage and retail sales of "Consumer" fireworks. The *International Building Code* (2006 – with KY Amendments) is the document that specifies requirements for the use of any building in KY, except one and two family dwellings. All buildings to be constructed, or remodeled, are to be reviewed by either local or state government building code officials to ensure they comply with this code. This includes temporary stands and other short-term use of buildings. After the building is approved for use, a fire inspection is performed in accordance with the provisions of NFPA 1124 (2006) – "Code for the Manufacture, Transportation, Storage, and Retail Sales of Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles."

Any local jurisdiction can prohibit, or restrict the sales of Consumer fireworks under the new law, but that must be done under lawful passage of a local ordinance. The following examples of how to apply the building and fire codes may help as you decide what impact this law may have on your department and local government.

Example 1: Fireworks company "A" wants to place a sales rack of consumer fireworks in a general merchandise store for several weeks around July 4th or January 1st. They must mail that notice to the State Fire Marshal and the local fire chief to arrive at least 15 days in advance, specifying the location, amount and type of fireworks to be stored awaiting sales or use. This will allow review of the location to ensure it meets all building and fire code requirements. Key items from NFPA 1124 read:

- The total area cannot exceed 600 sq. ft. or 25% of the total sales floor area, whichever is less.
- The fireworks shall be under visual supervision of store employee.
- Only packaged fireworks may be sold in a general store.
- Displays shall limit the travel distance of ejected pyrotechnics if ignition occurs.

 Aerial devices and audible ground devices (mines, artillery shells, bottle rockets, firecrackers, etc.) shall be only displayed in an area of the store separated from the public with at least 2 means of egress and a travel distance of no more than 35 ft.

Example 2: Fireworks company "B" wants to place a tent in a parking lot. Again, they need to be approved by local or state Building Code Enforcement, and meet the notification and registration requirements of both the State Fire Marshal and local fire chief. If they have any amount larger than the "Maximum Allowable Quantity" of 150 lbs. of pyrotechnic composition, the building will have to meet the criteria for a "High-Hazard Group H-3". Stores, tents, etc. that meet the H-3 criteria are required to have a minimum of 3 exits and travel distance of no greater than 75 feet to an exit. Minimum aisle width must also be at least 48 inches wide. There are other code requirements for distances to fuel pumps and propane tanks, for fire extinguishers, and placement of no smoking and other signs, but these are some of the keys for ensuring adequate egress.

Example 3: A permanent structure (fireworks store) will have to meet all the criteria of the building code and appropriate fire codes and will still be limited to no more than 2000 pounds of Division 1.4G material (Consumer fireworks) in approved packaging. Any more than that will require detached storage. A store that exists primarily to sell fireworks is limited by the code to detached structures that meet all code requirements or that have a 2-hour fire separation barrier, or 1-hour in a sprinklered building.

In summary, the quantity is restricted for mercantile stores and is limited to "Consumer" fireworks; any more than those quantities enact more restrictive building requirements. Any other built location must follow the same criteria including: otherwise vacant buildings, mini-storage and general storage warehouses, businesses, etc. Consumer fireworks storage is prohibited in Assembly and Educational occupancies. Trailers and metal shipping containers are not considered buildings under the code and must comply with DOT regulations and other provisions of NFPA 1124.

Understanding the law and the building and fire code requirements on fireworks is not easy. Kentucky firefighters can get help by calling the KY State Fire Marshal's office at 502-573-0382 or by calling me at 270-268-0475 (cell phone). We'll both do what we can to give information support as we go into this new season. Stay alert for a KYSFM sponsored training coming to your regional association in the near future.

Rusty Todd, Elizabethtown Fire Department

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