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E-Board Holds Meeting at State Fire School

The KFA Executive board held its annual State Fire School meeting Sunday June 5, 2005. As a result of that meeting the KFA is proposing a resolution on the floor of the conference calling for a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for Volunteer Firefighters. The resolve of the resolution is as follows:

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kentucky Firefighters Association support some form of LOSAP program run out state government for the benefit of volunteer firefighters in the Commonwealth.”

Simply put if this resolution finds its way into some form of legislation that passes into law our volunteer firefighters would get some form of paid retirement when they retire. “What would it take to get something like this passed?” you ask? It would take your support and involvement when it comes time to make phone calls and conversations with your legislators. That is what it would take.

At the June meeting the KFA E-Board awarded two scholarships to Kentucky Firefighters. The board approved scholarships for Amanda C. Smith of Hebron KY. and Brandon N. Harvey of Breeding, KY. Amanda will attend Northern Kentucky University at Highland Heights, KY. and Brandon will attend Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, KY.

Congratulations to both of these firefighters on being selected as recipients of KFA scholarships. The entire membership of the Kentucky Firefighters Association wishes them the best of luck and success in their quest for higher education.



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REGIONAL EMBERS



Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association Fred Ross President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky" and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. We hope that this posting finds everyone well and able to endure this summer season with some degree of comfort and sanity.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Woody Will back as the "Once Again" editor of our Smoke Signals II newsletter and webmaster of the KFA web site. Woody, you have been gone way too long. I sincerely urge the membership of the KFA to support Woody and both of these fine publications. It requires a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication to publish the newsletter and get it out "on time every time." Maintaining the web site and keeping it up to date with useful and timely information is almost a daily task. I know for a fact that the effort that Woody puts in to this task is not just for Woody Will, but rather for the Kentucky Fire Service and every firefighter across this great Commonwealth. Up to date and reliable information is power in the hands of the right people. The KFA Executive Board has made the decision to unite Woody Will and the firefighters of Kentucky, once again, in this endeavor. We are the right people and we have the power if we just have the good common sense to use it.

You will probably be reading this publication in Corbin, KY., the site of the 85th Annual KFA Conference. President Billy Robbins and the good folk in the SKFA have worked diligently to provide a great conference for the KFA and the Kentucky Firefighters. Enjoy the conference and the wonderful hospitality that these folks provide. Good luck to President Robbins and all of the men and women of the SKFA and best wishes from the JPFA for a successful conference in 2005.

KFA Second Vice President, Troy Newcomb of the Grand Lakes Fire Department, has announced that the **2007** KFA conference will be conducted at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. The associations in the West region will be hosting this conference. Make a note in your

planner or your palm pilot now as a reminder. You will not want to miss this one!

The JPFA Annual Fire School will be conducted on April 7th, 8th and 9th, **2006** at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Chief Richard Tapp of the Reidland Farley Fire Department is the chairperson for the 2006 annual school. Chief Tapp and the Annual Fire School Committee are already hard at work preparing for this exciting and educational experience. Mark this date on your calendar now and plan on being in attendance at Kentucky Dam Village State Park. Watch the JPFA web site at www.jpfake.com for the latest and updated information on the 2006 Annual Fire School.

The September meeting of the JPFA will be conducted at the Reidland Farley Fire Department on September 6th, 2005. Chief Richard Tapp and his personnel are working feverishly to complete their new station house in time for this meeting. Join the JPFA, Chief Tapp and the Reidland Farley bunch on September 6th, 2005 and enjoy the fellowship with the area firefighters.

**REMEMBER 911 – WAVE THAT AMERICAN FLAG – GOD BLESS AMERICA
REPEAT THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –
PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL**

Paul S. Billings

Northern Ky Firefighters Association
Joe Stanbush President

Hello from Northern Kentucky where our news is not so good, I am saddened to report that we lost two of our long time servants. Retired Chief and former KFA Secretary Don "Lefty" Roberts and Retired Chief and current Treasurer of the Point Pleasant Fire Protection District Bernie Marshall. Chief Roberts was the first career Fire Chief for the Florence Fire Department and was instrumental in making that department a leader in Boone County emergency services. Bernie Marshall was particularly dear to me, I worked closely with him at Point Pleasant Fire Dept and always admired his dedication and commitment to the community and the members of Point Pleasant. Both men were an inspiration to me and were always willing to assist with our association, in fact, both men attended the May meeting of the association not realizing this would

be their last. My respects to their families. I and the members of our association will miss them.

We are extremely happy to have our friend Woody Will doing the Smoke Signals again, we pledge our support and look forward to an excellent publication.

Vice President John Daley and his committee are busying themselves with making plans for the next KFA Conference in Northern Kentucky (2008). Many fund raising events and activities are being planned to help support their efforts.

Our Fire Prevention and Public Education Committee are preparing for the Public Education Workshop which will be held in Northern Kentucky at the Marydale Retreat Center in Erlanger, Kentucky on August 29-30-31. Please contact Adam Fuller at Afuller@fortmitchell.com for more information and to register. The great thing about this seminar is the only expense is getting yourself there, meals and lodging are provided.

Our next NKFA Association meeting will be in August on the 23rd with our friend Chief Paul LaFontaine and the members of the Elsmere Fire Dept as host. All are welcome.

The meeting starts with dinner at 7:30PM and business at 8PM.

Joseph Stambush

President

Pennyrile Firefighters Association

Ed Schmidt President

Area 2 has presented the 2004 Fire Chief of the Year and Training Officer of the Year Awards. This Years Fire Chief of the Year was presented to Ronnie Gray of the East Golden Pond Fire Department, in Trigg County, Kentucky. Ronnie is a great leader, with his vision he has lead East Golden Pond F. D. (all volunteer) to a 80% membership level of being IFSAC FF I & II Certified. This includes all of the Officers on the department including the chief. With his leadership East Golden Pond Is one of the best Fire Department in Trigg County.

Training Officer of the Year goes to Eric Bliedt of the Hopkinsville Fire Department. Within a few years Deputy Chief Bliedt has brought the training and skill levels of the Hopkinsville Fire Department to a level other departments can model. His knowledge and ability to deliver training programs has increased the competency level of his Fire Fighters.



Bluegrass Emergency Services Association

Rick Bobo President

President Rick Bobo would like to invite everyone to the Bluegrass Emergency Services Association Fall Fire School to

be held on October 29-30 at the Shelby Campus of the Jefferson Community and Technical College. The Campus is located on Frankfort Road (US60) just east of Shelbyville. For information contact State Fire/Rescue Training Area 6 at 1-888-306-8064 (richard.jordan@kctcs.edu) or Shelby County Fire/Rescue at 502-633-6648 (bc3301@insightbb.com).

BESA holds it's regular business meetings on the third Tuesday of each quarter at the Shelby County Fire/Rescue Station #1 at 200 Alpine Drive in Shelbyville.

BESA is located in the north central region of the state and represents Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble counties. Our membership is open to all emergency services personnel.

Important Sayings to Remember!

In each issue of the Smoke Signals we will publish important sayings that help us remember who we are and what our founding fathers had in mind when they framed our country. Today the will of the many has become overshadowed by the loud voice of the few. I am not saying that each persons opinion is not important. However, in a democracy the will of the majority should be the direction we travel.

“As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy. Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy.”

- Abraham Lincoln

“A man’s country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is a principle and patriotism is loyalty to that principle.”

- George William Curtis



Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller

Greetings from your Treasurer

The KFA this past year has had six line of duty deaths. This was an unexpected expense to the treasury. It was not something you can anticipate and surly not something we wanted to witness. As your treasurer, I would like to challenge everyone in the fire/ems service to donate \$5.00 to the state association in remembrance of these six individuals as well as all the former members who passed away last year. Remember a memorial service is performed at each conference to remember our fallen brothers/sisters both line of duty and retired. So please send a small donation to the treasury and take my challenge. Send donations to KFA P O Box 16194 Ludlow, Kentucky 41016.

It has been a busy time here in Northern Kentucky. The only thing is it was business we did not want. Northern Kentucky lost two of its long time volunteers in the passing of Don Roberts, past secretary of the state association, and Bernie Marshall, who served on the audit committee for the state association. Northern KY will miss both of these great men.

By the time this article is printed we will be finished with the state conference. I know President Robbins has been working with his area association to make this a good conference. Some of the events scheduled sound like a lot of fun. The treasury is in good condition. We could always use more department membership. The budget was kept close and we should end the year in the black. Next year will be a legislative year where we spend a lot of money to protect the benefits of both the volunteer and paid members. Please ask all the departments in your area to join the KFA. One bake sale could raise the \$75.00 dues payment.

The conference should be a good working relationship for everyone in attendance. The organization has many items of concern, and need your input to go ahead the next year. The executive board needs the input from each member organization to do a good job.

Until the conference, stay healthy and hope to see you soon.

Thank you

Terry Keller

The adventures of the Cross + Roads Fire Department

By Woody Will Jr. and Sr.

(This issue of the Smoke Signals we are trying something new. We are bringing you the first short story of the Cross + Roads Fire Department. These short stories are just for fun with some truth some fiction some laughs some serious. Please let us know what you think.)

A Firefighter's Christmas Eve

It was a cold December 24th evening with no moonlight. A light snow had fallen two hours before. I was up in the sleeping quarters and had just settled down to a good night's rest from a hard day of training. I was still thinking about what the hydraulic rescue tools could do and how much weight the air bags could lift when I heard the tones drop on our encoder at the station.

The radio shrieked, "Attention all Cross+Roads Firefighters. Attention all Cross+Roads Firefighters. You will be responding to 1329 Lakewood Drive to a vehicular accident with possible multiple entrapments."

I hopped out of my rack and as my feet hit the floor, I pulled up my turnouts. I still could feel the coldness of the sweat in my bunker pants from the day's training. As I stumbled to get to my feet, I pulled my suspenders over my shoulders. I raced to the stairs with the three other people in my squad thinking of the many possible problems that might await us at the scene of the accident. As I slid down the pole I could hear the mighty Cummings diesel engine roar to life. This powerful machine had taken me to many places where I was able to help others out of complex situations. I crawled up behind the engineer into the left rear jump seat, which is my usual position. I reached to my side and fastened my seat belt as I slipped my helmet over my head. As always, I had trouble with my chin strap because the Velcro strip would not hold.

"Hold on guys! It is really going to be slick out there especially with the new fallen snow," our captain yelled over the roar of the loud diesel engine.

As we pulled out on the apron, I could feel the back tires slide on the slick snow. I knew this could be a dangerous ride. It did not take long to get out into the road because there was no traffic. We turned right on Main Street, and at the light we took

a right onto Second Avenue. As we speed past the grade school, I thought of the many winter days as a kid we would slide down the hill behind the school on cardboard boxes after a fresh snow just like this one. I thought how simple life was back then.

The radio brought me back to reality as it blurted out, "Squad three to control."

"Control to squad three, go ahead."

"We are at the scene of a multiple vehicular accident, semi-versus-automobile with multiple entrapments. We have one person 10-7 and two other individuals trapped. The semi is resting on the hood of the automobile.

I could feel the tension in the voice of the ambulance driver as she gave out the details of the accident. A 10-7 code meant we already had a fatality. I could also hear our engine RPM speed up as we hurried to the scene.

The trip seemed like hours although the scene of the accident was only two and a half miles from the station.

As we arrived on the scene, our captain announced over the radio, "Engine seven to control, we are on the scene and will be Lakewood Command."

"Engine seven I have you on the scene at 2330 hours and establishing Lakewood Command."

As I climbed down from the back of the cab, I could feel my feet begin to slide in the soft snow. I knew the job would be difficult. I grabbed my jump bag and headed toward the twisted heap of metal that minutes before were two vehicles with precious lives on board.

Sergeant O'Donnell looked over his shoulder at me and said, "John, grab the box light and check out the cab of the truck. I'll check the back seat of the car."

As I grabbed the box light I knew I would be putting today's training to the test. Could I apply all the information that I had just received that very day? Would I be in time to help the people that needed me? I quickly checked the truck to find the driver was okay and out of the cab.

I yelled, "Sarge the driver is okay. How are the people in your vehicle?"

"Not good John, the male driver is 10-7. The female passenger in the front seat is losing a lot of blood. She appears to be impaled on a piece of

metal sticking through the windshield from the truck. The child in the back seat looks shaken but I think she is okay."

"Go get the spreaders and power unit. We need to open the passenger side door."

As I left to get the spreaders, I could hear the crying of a child, and I knew she would probably be okay. The other members of our squad began to place cribbing under the wrecked vehicle to stabilize it. When I returned with the equipment, an EMT was already inside the vehicle holding traction on the neck of the injured lady. I passed a tarp to Firefighter Simmons, who draped it over the woman. The tarp protects the passenger from glass debris when the window is broken. I took a machinist punch from my turnout gear and proceeded to break the window. By now the child in the back seat had been taken to a state police cruiser and was being comforted by a cuddly little teddy bear with a bow.

I knew the moment that I saw the impaled piece of steel this would be a complicated rescue. The principle behind auto extrication is to remove the vehicle from around the patient. That is very complicated with a piece of steel that cannot be removed from the patient.

"Lakewood command to control."

"Go ahead, Lakewood command."

I am advising that we have a female in her late 30s impaled on a piece of steel and am requesting a surgeon and a helicopter."

10-4, Lakewood command. I will advise the hospital of your request and call for the chopper."

I knew things were getting worse because of the amount of blood our patient was losing.

We decided that in order to gain access, we must make a purchase point at the hinge side of the door. As the hydraulic power unit fired up I was trying to decide the best possible point to open the door. The door popped with little effort from the powerful tool. When the doctor arrived, he started an IV and we began the difficult task of cutting the metal. Several times I thought we would lose our patient as we worked through the night. However, God was with us and this very special mother was able to spend Christmas in the hospital with her daughter. It's difficult enough to lose one parent. I was very happy that the young girl did not have to remember Christmas as the holiday that total disaster struck.



The Kentucky Fire Commission

In an effort to make you better acquainted with the people of the Kentucky Fire Commission, in each issue we will be bringing you pictures and information about the people you talk to on the phone and send in information to for various reasons but do not normally get to meet. This issue we will feature Elvia Jean Casey. Jean as she is known, was



born in Washington County Kentucky. She is in charge of State Aid to volunteer fire departments. She is the person that certifies your volunteer department has met KRS requirements before your state aid check can be cut.

Jean has one sister Anna Hammons, two children Earl Thomas Casey and Brian Kelly Casey. She has 5 grandchildren that keep her hopping. Jean has been happily married for 46 years. She likes to go flea market shopping, making flower arrangements, and going camping in her motor home. She has been an employee of the Fire Commission for 16 1/2 years. Her job title is Office Coordinator in charge of State Aid. She is a person with a great sense of humor who loves God and wants to help firefighters and fire departments. She says her bark is worse than her bite. Next time you call her for a state aid question ask her about the time she got her zipper stuck.



Chaplain's Corner

The busy life of a firefighter often dictates the life style of someone with little time to spend on personal devotion. The needs of today's family include work (most often two jobs), yard work, meetings and sports events for the children and a glance at the news or Weather Channel and its time for bed. However, the most refreshing and revitalizing time can be spent with just a few minutes of Bible study and prayer. Just as your physical body needs food to survive your spiritual body needs communion with God in order to survive. Hide his word in your heart daily and your soul will reap the reward.



Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

Congratulations and good to have you back Woody! Thanks to Melanie for her cooperation and enjoyed working with her, I wish her well in all her future endeavors.

Thanks to all those who attended our Risk Watch Train the Trainer Workshop at Kentucky State Fire School this past June, we had a great class and I enjoyed being with these great and hard working Public Educators. Met some awesome folks who have already begun to enhance and expand their already excellent Fire and Life Safety Programs. Welcome Donna Jackson of Temple Hill Volunteer Fire Dept. in Glasgow, Kentucky, Donna is already hard at planning an exciting and informative Health and Safety Fair for her community. On September 10, 2005, the Temple Hill Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their second annual Firefighters Challenge in conjunction with the Health and Safety Fair at the Western Kentucky University Campus in Glasgow, Ky. Please contact Donna Jackson 270-678-3079 or 270-404-1420 for more information.

Frank Ruggiero of Jessamine County Fire District is planning a Public Safety Day September 24th 10a-4p at Jessamine County Fire District Station # 1 1310 South Main Street in Nicholasville, Kentucky. For more information or to participate please contact FF Frank Ruggiero 245@jcfire.net or call 859-885-9221. We are excited about both of these special events.

We want especially invite everyone to the Kentucky Fire Commission, Kentucky Firefighters Assn. & NKFA Public Educators Workshop. This workshop will be held on August 29-30-31 at the Marydale Retreat Center in Erlanger, Kentucky. To register or to obtain more information please contact Adam Fuller at Afuller@fortmitchell.com - 859-331-1267 (FMFD) Fax # 859-331-6102 Fort Mitchell Fire Dept PO Box 17157 2355 Dixie Hwy Ft Mitchell, Ky 41017

The KFA 2005 Conference will be held in Corbin, Ky July 30th thru Aug 2nd please feel free to see Fireman Joe or any member of our KFA Public

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Education Committee for more information about the workshop and of course our Statewide Risk Watch Program which is growing all the time.

NFPA is promoting this years Fire Prevention Month Theme, "Use Candles With Care", Fire Prevention Activities and Program Suggestions can be downloaded free of charge on the NFPA Web Site, www.nfpa.org

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Corbin at the KFA Conference and throughout the Commonwealth, until then. BE SAFE! And may God Bless!

Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stambush, Chairman
KFA Public Education Committee



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

NVFC Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program

The NVFC Heart-Healthy Firefighter program has released another tool to help America's fire and emergency services live a healthier life-style. The new publication, entitled "Face the Facts: NVFC Heart-Healthy Resource Guide," provides lifesaving information on coronary heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, fitness, nutrition, cholesterol, smoking cessation and more. The guide can be downloaded at: <http://www.healthy-firefighter.org/pdf/2005-resource-guide.pdf>. "The on-line guide is an awareness tool the fire service can use to reduce the number of fatalities from heart attacks and other health-related issues," said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. "The NVFC, our corporate partners, and the U.S. Fire Administration have made a commitment to reduce firefighter deaths, now each firefighter must make their own personal commitment to better themselves."

Fire Corps Signs Up First 250 Fire Departments in Program

Fire Corps, a newly-formed program partner of Citizen Corps, announces that it has achieved an important milestone: signing up the first 250 fire departments in its "citizen advocates" program. The purpose of the program is to help fire departments

expand existing programs – or assist in developing new ones – that recruit citizens who donate their time and talents to support the fire service in non-operational roles.

"We're very pleased with the number of fire departments that have signed up for the program to date, especially since our first registrants signed on just this past December," notes Shawn Stokes, Fire Corps' director. "In fact, we're now nearing 300 departments. But our goal is to grow much larger and to involve as many fire departments as we can throughout the country in this very worthwhile endeavor."

Stokes claims that "the benefits are huge" for fire departments that sign up. The Fire Corps has established a web site (www.firecorps.org), where departments may register and be listed as having a Fire Corps program. Citizens use the site to learn about the opportunity to give of their time and talents, and to search for departments in their area that have particular needs for assistance. Matching registered departments with interested citizens brings a wide variety of skills and talents together in support of the fire service.

It is surprising what communities can accomplish when we decided to work together for the benefit of all when you don't care who gets the credit.

COMMEMORATIVE FIRE SERVICE PRINTS

Are you looking for that "Special" gift for that "Special" firefighter in your life?

HAVE I GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!

For just \$99.95 you can own a piece of Kentucky Fire Fighting history. Order your set of four (4) beautiful 18" x 24" color, signed and numbered commemorative fire service prints by Chas Fagan, renowned fire service artist.

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(Or a copy of your tax exempt ID #)

\$3.95 shipping & handling

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Hazard Fire School

You are invited to join us for our 27th annual Mountain Firefighters Association Regional Fire School in Hazard, Kentucky. Our school will be held August the 27th and 28th. Classes will be held on the campus of Hazard Community College. All classes are FREE! We have a FREE cookout on Saturday evening at the Perry County Park for everyone attending our fire school. Check out our brochure for more information or call our office at 888-234-6759 or 606-435-6087. You can also e-mail us at sfrrt12@alltel.net and we can email you one of our brochures.

Below is a partial listing of classes to be offered during our school:

1. Basic Firefighting
2. Bloodborne Pathogens (Saturday only)
3. Rope Rescue (Rappelling)
4. Block of Hard to Get hours (different hours both days)
5. Junior Firefighter (Explorer) Class
6. Firefighter Survival (Saturday only)
7. Firefighter Rescue (Sunday only)
8. EMT and First Responder continuing education
9. Pipeline Emergencies
10. Instructor Update class
11. 4 Hour Meth lab Awareness (both days)
12. 4 Hour Wildland (both days)
13. Leadership 1: Strategies for Company Success (NFA class)
14. Introduction to Unified Command for Multiagency & Catastrophic Incidents (NFA class)
15. Incident Command System for Structural Collapse Incidents (NFA class)
16. Farm Rescue
17. Crime Scene Preservation
18. Pumpers and Hydraulics
19. Landing Zones and Pediatrics
20. Introduction to NFPA 1403
21. NFIRS 5.0
22. Drivers Training
23. National Incident Management System

A few other classes are being discussed and may be added so be sure to check out our brochure. We look forward to seeing all our old FRIENDS again this year and we hope to make even more new ones. Our school is big, fun and our instructors are GREAT! So make your plans to join us August 27th & 28th, 2005.

See You Soon,

Jammy E. Gayheart

Office Coordinator for SFRT Area 12

Other Schools in the Near Future

Jefferson County Fire School Shelby Campus
September 17-18, 2005

Call 888-306-8064 for more information or view the Area 6 web page at <http://www.sfrrtarea6.org>

Pennyrile Fire School Area 2

October 1 & 2, 2005

This year at the Pennyrile Fire School we will be offering these classes on Oct. 1 & 2, 2005. Please note that the state training calendar has the wrong dates.

1. Water Shuttle - Instructor Alan Hood Area 10 SFRT
2. Trench Rescue - Scott Shaw - Area 14 SFRT
3. Basic Ropes - Wayne Hodge - Instructor - Area 6 SFRT, Matt Walker - Co-Instructor - Area 1 SFRT
4. Hard to Get Hours - Jerry Allison - Area 2 SFRT
5. Farm Rescue - Dale Dobson - Instructor
6. Safety & Survival - Scott Lawson - Area 5, James Collier - Area 6 SFRT
7. Fire Behavior - Bill Carver Area 4 Coordinator
8. Officers Round Table - Ronnie Day - Executive Director Fire Commission, Steve Calhoun - Program Director for State Fire Rescue Training
9. Diving Basic/Advance - Ron Pope Area 10 SFRT - a lab fee or certification will charge for this class
10. EMT/PARAMEDIC - Skills and Lecture - Wesley Lynn - Area 2 Industrial Coordinator - a lab may be needed
11. CSX/RR - Railroad Incidents/Haz. Mat. - CSX will provide the Instructor for this class

Southeastern KY Fire School Area 13

October 14-16, 2005

Call 888-234-0100 for more information



Message from your President

Greetings fellow firefighters,

By the time you read this letter our conference will be going strong here in Corbin, Ky. After 20 months my term is coming to a close and Chief Allan Johnson of Campbellsville will be taking over as your new president. The last 20 months have kept me on the road with all the meetings, funerals and happenings at fire departments across the state. It has been an honor to represent the KFA.

There are a lot of people I would like to thank for their help. Thanks to:

- the KFA Executive Board - these fine people have the fire service at heart and want to do what is right for all Kentucky firefighters
- Charlie Shaw for the hard work he and Jamia do for the KFA.
- all the chairmen and board members of the KFA committees for their hard work.
- my chief Reggie Morgan and the members of my home department Baily Switch Fire Department for putting up with me being gone so much.
- to the Southeastern Ky Firefighters Association President Trish Morgan for her work in keeping informed on what was going on.
- to Bruce Roberts, President of the KPFA, for all his help to the KFA
- to Ronnie Day, Executive Director of the Fire Commission, for working with the KFA.
- to my good friend Woody Will for coming back and taking over the Smoke Signals and the web page.
- last but not least, thanks to you, each member of the KFA, for allowing me to serve as your President. As a young boy my greatest dream was to grow up and be a firefighter. This dream has come true. I have done my service as a fire chief for over twenty five years and as a volunteer, but the highlight of my career was being your president. I thank each of you for all your support. I will miss this job most of all.

During my term I have learned a lot from some fine people in the fire service, from past presidents and other officers of our association. These are some great people that have the fire service at heart.

There is one thing I want to leave with you. During the next year I would like to see more departments and their members take a greater interest in

the KFA. I especially encourage you chiefs to attend some of the board meetings and conferences and learn what is being done for your departments by the KFA.

As I close my last president's letter I wish each of you God's best. May you always be safe in your service to your communities. Again, thanks for letting me be a part of this great association and serve as your President.

Thank you and God bless each of you,

Bill Robbins Jr.

President

KENTUCKY PUBLIC EDUCATION WORKSHOP AUGUST 29, 30, AND 31, 2005 MARYDALE RETREAT CENTER

Erlanger, Kentucky

Workshop Agenda

Monday August 29, 2005

11:00 – Check In, Open Registration

12:30 – Lunch

2:00 – Opening Session, The state of Public Education in Kentucky, Workshop

6:00 – Dinner

7:00 - Breakout Session, Networking

Tuesday August 30, 2005

8:00 – Breakfast

9:00 – NFPA Field Representative Linda Stuckey

12:00 – Lunch

1:00 – Available Resources – free

Presented by Bob Douglas – KY Crime Prevention

2:45 – Juvenile Fire setters Presented by Captain

Chuck Enzweiler – Fire Dept Bellevue-Dayton

6:00 – Dinner

Wednesday August 31, 2005

8:00 – Breakfast

9:00 – Media Relations

Presented by Mike Fronimos –Hebron FPD

10:45 – Risk Watch Regionalization & Expansion

Presented by Adam Fuller – Fort Mitchell FD

12:00 – Lunch

1:00 – Injury Statistics for Kentucky

Presented by Ky Injury Prevention Research Center

3:00 – Closing Session



All meals will be served buffet style

Kentucky Firefighters Association Sustaining Members

Please remember these members when you have purchasing needs.

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