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Danville City Firefighter Shane Todd King, 29, of Junction City, passed

away Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, in Hustonville, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident while returning home from an EMT class. Born Saturday, March 19, 1977, in Boyle County, Ky., he was a son of Dorse and Barbara Harris King of Parksville. Shane was a firefighter for the Danville City Fire Department and a member of Hustonville Baptist Church. Shane was a 1995 graduate of Boyle County High School, a brown belt in martial arts, an avid NASCAR fan, and an avid football fan, especially of the Cincinnati Bengals. At age 16, he began working at the Boyle County Fire Department. In 2005, he was awarded Danville's part-time Firefighter of the Year award (he is pictured above recieving his award) and on Jan. 4, 2007, he was hired full-time for the Danville City Fire Department. Survivors include his dear wife, Debbie Maples King; his parents, Dorse and Barbara Harris King of Parksville; a stepson, Gregory Miller of Moreland; a stepdaughter, Kristy (Donnie) Daugherty of Hustonville; brothers, Roger (Karen) King of Gastonia, N.C., Jeffrey King of Danville, and Barry King of Parksville; and three step-grandchildren; Victoria Miller, Tyler Williams and Levi Daugherty. Please keep Shane's family in your prayers for the weeks and months to come. Source: *The Advocate-Messenger, Danville Kentucky http://www.amnews.com/*

Steven Vanderpool 1978 - 2007

Our condolences to the Vanderpool family and the White Oak Fire Department of West Liberty, Kentucky. FireFighter Steven Vanderpool, 28, a volunteer firefighter with several local fire departments, died Saturday February 24, 2007. On February 11, 2007, Steven was responding in his personal vehicle to an accident on Jones Creek Branch in Morgan County when he was broadsided while negotiating an intersection. He was ejected from the vehicle and then transported to Morgan County ARH Hospital. He was then flown to U.K. Medical Center in Lexington where he remained in a coma until he passed away from his injuries two weeks later.

In addition to being a member of the White Oak Fire Department, Steven was also a member of the West Liberty Fire Department, the Caney Valley Fire Department, and the Morgan County Rescue Squad.

Our brother Steven leaves behind his wife Misty Ann. A visitation will be held for Steven on Tuesday February 27, 2007 6PM at Herald & Stewart & Halsey Chapel in West Liberty. A funeral will be held for Steven on February 28, 2007 2PM at the funeral home followed by a burial at the Coffee Cemetery in Liberty.

Source: www.firefightinglinks.com/svanderpool.html

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Notes From The President's Desk Troy Newcomb

Greetings to all! It has been a busy winter but now that Spring is here, we can get over the winter-time blues and start focusing on outside activities. I have been very busy attending several different functions for the Kentucky Firefighters Association.

A special thanks goes out to the Green River Firefighters Association for hosting the Officer's School. The Executive Board met in session during this school on February 24. Several items of business were discussed. To view a complete version of the meeting minutes, go to the Kentucky Firefighters Association web page at www.kyfa.org. It was reported to the Executive Board from our KFA Legislative Agents that the only legislation to be passed this year for the Fire Service is the Fire-Safe cigarette. We are grateful for this legislation to be heard in light of the recent tragic fire in Bardstown. The Fire-Safe cigarette legislation will save lives. A special thanks goes out to our Public Fire Education Committee members, which is chaired by Joe Stambush, for work in promoting fire safety. This committee has worked extremely hard with the State Fire Marshals office in promoting public education to those affected by the Bardstown fire.

A special thanks goes out to the Kentucky Fire-fighters Association Memorial Committee, Kentucky State Fire Commission, Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association, and Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs for developing and purchasing a memorial for firefighters that gave their life while serving in the military. This memorial will also pay tribute to Sylvan "Smitty" Smith former president of the Kentucky Firefighters Association. It was Smitty's goal to provide this memorial for our fallen soldiers who also served as firefighters. This memorial will be dedicated in October at the annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service at Frankfort.

It is with great sadness and our condolences which go out to the Steven Vanderpool family and the Shane Todd King family for the loss of their loved ones in the line of duty. Steven was a member of the White Oak, West Liberty, and Caney Valley Fire Departments as well as the Morgan

County Rescue Squad. Shane was a firefighter for the city of Danville and Boyle County fire departments.

I have just returned from Frankfort where I attended a legislative session and met with several Senators and Representatives. A special thanks goes out to all those who lobby for the fire service and work diligently in getting legislation passed for all firefighters of the Commonwealth. I am looking forward to attending the congressional Fire Services Institute dinner in Washington, D.C. and meeting with our congressional representatives. I will have more to report on this meeting in our next newsletter.

I would like to remind you of the Kentucky Homeland Security State Fire School which will be held June 6-10 in Lexington, Kentucky at the Hyatt and Radisson Hotels with the vendors program at the Lexington Convention Center. Also, registration is now being accepted for the 87th annual Kentucky Firefighters Conference which will be conducted July 28–31, 2007 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Registration forms can be obtained by going to the www.kfa2007.com web site.

Until next time, stay safe and God bless the emergency services.

Troy Newcomb, President

Treasurer's Notes by Terry Keller

It will not be long until Spring is here. The years seem to go by faster and

faster. Here it is already March, Green River Fire School has just ended and we are in full swing for the upcoming conference. Make sure your department dues are paid before you go to the conference. I understand this is to be a great conference. Look forward to seeing everyone.

As of this printing, there are 358 departments that have paid their dues from August 1, 2006 to the present. K F A has 12 personal memberships, which you can join for a mere \$25.00 to help support the organization. There are 14 Sustaining members who have renewed their membership. Charlie Shaw normally has around 46 of these

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memberships. Charlie does a good job of encouraging these memberships during fire school. Speaking of fire school, there are 9 vendors at this time, again Charlie has many vendors sign up for booths at our State Fire School. By the June Fire School, Charlie will have some of the best fire equipment and supplies you or your department could ever need, represented. Please support the vendors at State Fire School. These vendors pay good money to the KFA and support us in every thing we do. If it were not for the vendors and sustaining memberships the KFA would have to cut programs.

For the good of the organization, we must increase our membership. K F A budgets for 400 department memberships each year. As you read in the previous paragraph only 358 departments have paid dues thus far. Please ask your chief or treasurer if your department dues are paid. I know it is hard for some departments to pay the 75.00 dues. I also know if you had a bake sale, car wash, golf tournament or some type of fund raiser your department could come up with the dues money.

Next E-Board meeting will be at Fire School in June. Saturday the 9th of June will be the meeting. Until then stay safe and pray for our firefighters and E M S people.

Your Treasurer

Terry Keller

REGIONAL EMBERS



Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Richard Tapp, President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky" and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. I believe that old man winter has tucked his tail and ran. The good folk in "Far Western Kentucky" are pleased, grateful and anticipating the glorious spring season. Our winter has been extremely mild and we thank our creator for that. We urge everyone to get out, get busy and enjoy all of the activities that abound during this time of year.

The 2007 legislative session will be history as of this printing. Regardless of the outcome of the

session the Kentucky Firefighters were well represented in Frankfort and the legislators know that we still exist. Gerald Stewart and David Jackson made sure of that on almost a daily basis. There were many others from our group that were in attendance and offered their support. The firefighters of Kentucky are extremely indebted to all of these people. To all of the firefighters across the state that made calls, wrote letters and sent emails to their legislators, give yourself a good pat on the back. It takes a real team effort to accomplish anything worth while.

The 87TH Annual Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference will be conducted July 28TH – 31ST, 2007 at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. KFA President Troy Newcomb and the KFA West Region are making preparations for your arrival and your stay in "Far Western Kentucky". We invite you to make your plans now to attend this conference and enjoy our hospitality to the fullest on the banks of beautiful Kentucky Lake. You will not be disappointed.

Visit the KFA 2007 web site at www.KFA2007.com for all of the details and updates as they become available. Registration forms for the conference can be downloaded from the site. The KFA 2007 conference committee urges you to complete your registration now and get it in the mail. The ad forms for the KFA 2007 conference program guide book can also be downloaded. Please complete this form, attach your camera ready ad slick and check and mail them to the address indicated.

Should you need assistance or have questions concerning the KFA 2007 conference go to the CONTACT page on the site and give us a call or send us an email. We will reply ASAP. The KFA 2007 conference flyer will be in the mail during the month of March. Watch for this information in your station houses.

The Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association Annual Fire School will be just completed as you are reading this article. President Richard Tapp of the Reidland Farley Fire Department and School Chairperson David Jackson of the Cuba Fire Department and our very own KFA Legislative agent in Frankfort anticipate another great year of fire

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fighter training and fellowship at Kentucky Dam Village State Park. You should have been there!

The Kentucky State Fire School is scheduled for June 7TH - 10TH in Lexington, Kentucky. State Fire School brochures will be in your departments soon. Watch for them and make your reservations early. Information regarding the school will also be available on the KFA web site at www.kyfa.org

The applications for the 2007 KFA Hall of Fame nominations are now available. Go to the KFA web site at www.kyfa.org to download an application and submit your entry. The KFA Hall of Fame Committee does an outstanding job with this very worthwhile and important program. However they must have input from across the Commonwealth to continue to honor the "best of the best" of the KFA. If you have someone in your area that you feel deserves this prestigious recognition submit this information to the KFA HOF committee immediately. Do not put off this important task. You will be glad you did.

And last but certainly not least I would ask that you continue to remember and pray for all of our service personnel where ever they may be. We must never forget them and all of the sacrifices that they make so that we can live safely in these United States of America. May God Bless and Protect Our Troops.

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

Paul S. Billings



DIXIE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION LuAnn Mink President "The President wears Pink"

Greeting and Salutations!

I am very pleased to report the passing of yet another "outstanding" Dixie Fire School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Past-President Heath Ryan for his leadership and planning, State Fire Rescue Training Area 5 Coordinator Casey Hall for his commitment to quality instruction, and the Executive Board and 2007 Dixie FireSchool committee for all their hard work and dedication.

The Association teamed up with Bernie Davenport, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Webmaster, to embarked on "unforeseen" grounds this year with the on-line registration process. Kim Galloway, Association Treasurer and SFRT Area 5 Officer Coordinator spent countless hours working with Mr. Davenport on developing this system to ensure the needs of the Association would be met, in addition to providing those attending the school with a means of convenient registration while providing the latest up to date information on class availability and events. With 24 classes offered in the training areas of fire, EMS, industry, and rescue; it is no surprise that 813 students choose to pre-register!

In keeping with tradition, the school kicked off on Friday night with the Farm Safety Symposium presented by Dale Dobson and "crew" with support from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. The program emphasized how to protect yourself and those around you when working on the farm and using farm equipment. Dale has added a new member to his team, a blue heeler affectionately known as "Willie B", who made his first début throughout the weekend.

The Association presented its newest addition as well, The Pump Operations and Maintenance Mobile Training Unit, better know as the "Pump Trailer". A dedication ceremony was held to recognized all those involved in its construction and funding. On hand to cut the ribbon, Ronnie Day, Executive Director of the Kentucky Fire Commission; Rodney Raby, Kentucky Stare Fire Marshal; Troy Newcomb, KFA President; Rusty Todd, Association Past-President-Elizabethtown Fire Department; Woody Will Association Past-Treasurer-Retired SFRT Area 5 Coordinator; Casey Hall, SFRT Area 5 Coordinator; and the Members of the Executive Board.

While most schools beginning to wind down on Saturday evening, the Dixie School is just getting "fired up" with the running of the Firefighter Team Challenge. This year's challenge was comprised of 16 teams both career and volunteer. It was truly an honor to have Ronnie Day, Executive Directorof the Kentucky Fire Commission and Rodney Raby, Kentucky State Fire Marshal presenting trophies to the First Place Team-Glasgow Fire Department, the Second Place Team-Fort Knox Fire Department, and the teams who tied for Third Place-Bardstown Fire Department and LaRue County Fire Department. Congratulations to all those who

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participated. Your sportsmanship like conduct and professionalism is a direct reflection of the quality of today's fire service.

As President, I am pleased to welcome back to the Executive Board Past-President Steve Sheets and Past-President Heath Ryan. Steve will be serving as the Association's Second Vice President and Heath has accepted the office of Secretary.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that I am YOUR President, together WE are the Dixie, this is OUR REGIONAL Association. I invite, encourage, and welcome you to please take part.

Please forward YOUR comments and concerns as they relate to:

2007 Dixie Fire School Classes / casey.hall@kctcs.edu and luannmink@yahoo.com On-line Registration / kimberly.todd@kctcs.edu and luannmink@yahoo.com Membership And Meeting Locations / heathryan@windstream.net and luannmink@yahoo.com

How Reliable Is YOUR PASS Device???

Recent test by federal and independent testing labs have proven that some PASS alarms can fail to perform as intended if they get too hot or wet — a serious problem for people who rush into burning buildings with water hoses. Federal investigative reports reviewed by MSNBC.com show that 15 firefighters have died since 1998 in fires where a PASS, or Personal Alert Safety System, either didn't sound or was so quiet that rescuers weren't given a chance to find the firefighter quickly. Tests have quickly demonstrated that temperatures commonly encountered by firefighters could hurt the performance of at least some PASS alarms. In addition, some PASS devices made by at least three manufacturers have had problems over the past decade with water leaking into the electronics or battery compartments, causing them to either beep continually or stop working altogether, according to interviews and documents reviewed by MSNBC.com. NFPA is working on a tighter testing standard for PASS devices however that will take some time before it will help our line firefighters in Kentucky. In the mean time contact your PASS manufacturer for their recommendation for a safer device.

Source of this information MSNBC.com for more information go to http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/16890732/from/ET/

Education is Power By Woody Will

If your goal is to improve your department, if you really want you people to be a safer operating unit, then you need to make plans NOW to attend some of the greatest training operations in the state. I was fortunate enough to help out with the Kentucky Officers School (AKA Green River Officers School) and the Dixie Fire School. Both were examples of where YOU need to have your people. There is really no excuse for not being there. You can even use a portion of your state aid money to send people to these training events.

We have advertised in the Smoke Signals and on the web page the National Fire Academy's on campus programs where the academy pays your transportation and the KY Fire Commission will pay for your food and still you don't go. I find it hard to understand why?

Many of the accidents that have occurred to firefighters within the state have been attributed to a lack of education and still you don't attend. Kentucky has been sited by many authorities as having one of if not the best training delivery systems across the nation. You have at your access a mobile fleet second to none yet each year of the 800 + fire departments there are still around 100 departments that miss out on state aid because of training. Another astounding statistic is that only about 300 KY departments apply for the Federal Fire Act Grant Program. The only conclusion that can be drawn is that we have the wealthiest departments in the nation because we refuse money from government. Go figure?

Aside from the money issues, I am most concerned about your people. They need quality training. Kentucky has that training available to you at next to no expense to the department so what are you waiting for? Get your people to these events. Start planning now to send your people to the best training in the nation. State Fire School / Homeland Security Conference is June 6th through the 10th, 2007. The Owensboro Kentucky Officers school will be held on Feb 22-24, 2008. Plan NOW to get your people hooked up with these extraordinary training events. Keep your folks safe by keeping them on top of the latest training trends. Don't miss out on state aid and other financial opportunities because you didn't take the time to train.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor and Fire Service Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my firefighter and EMS friends througtout the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the E-Mails and Cards sent to me on the passing of my mother, Alice Keller. It is very touching to know, that I have met this many fine people in the fire service. Thank each of you for this support.

Yours in the fire service.

Jerry Keller



Kentucky Instructor 1 Accredited Certification Challenge

Effective 1-1-07, Approved by Kentucky Fire Commission E&E committee.

The following certification process applies to current Kentucky certified fire instructors of all levels that were certified under the system based upon completion of the NFA Instructional Techniques for Company Officers, as a means for these instructors to challenge IFSAC accredited certification to NFPA Standards and achieve NFPA qualified Instructor 1 status.

Minimum requirements to challenge accredited certification:

- 1. Be a currently certified Kentucky Fire Instructor level 1, 2 or 3 and meet the minimum requirements outlined in NFPA standard 1041.
- 2. Not be under any probation or suspension of instructor status by the fire commission.
- 3. Hold current Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 IFSAC accredited credentials.
- 4. Be a regular, active member of a recognized Kentucky fire department.

Specific requirements and steps to achieve accredited certification:

- 1. Candidate shall apply to the Fire Commission for accredited certification, and
- 2. Candidate shall show proof of meeting the minimum requirements as outlined above, and
- 3. Candidate shall successfully pass a current version of the Instructor 1 written certification examination, and

- 4. While delivering a 15 min, assigned topic presentation, candidate shall receive skills evaluation from 2 fire commission recognized Instructor trainers that is authorized to teach the current curriculum of Level 1 Kentucky Fire Instructor and receive an averaged favorable passing score, and
- 5. Candidate shall cause to be forwarded to the Kentucky IFSAC Accreditation office in Morehead, documentation attesting to successful passage of cognitive knowledge through written examination and teaching skills, and
- 6. Candidate shall forward the appropriate certificate fee to the fire commission through the accreditation office in Morehead, certificate fee to be waived if candidate pays the \$15 written exam fee after March 1, 2007.

Testing process:

- 1. Candidate applies to Fire Commission for certification as accredited Instructor Level 1.
- 2. Candidate shall complete the Kentucky Fire Instructor 1 written exam at an available location and time.
- 3. Candidate shall be evaluated at an available Instructor 1 skills examination location. Six (6) skills test sessions will be held each year exclusive to Instructor 1, to be determined by the state accredited certification coordinator.
- 4. Once candidate has met all requirements, successfully passed both the written and skills portions of examination, and has paid the appropriate fee, certification may be issued.

The KFA Urges Everyone to Check Smoke Detectors

FORT THOMAS, KY., February 9, 2007. The tragic events this week in Bardstown, KY remind us of the need to review our home escape plans and ensure working smoke detectors. According to the United States Fire Administration there were 3675 fire deaths in the US in 2005. That year there were nearly 18,000 fire related injuries. Although 90% of all residences have smoke alarms today, 74% of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Working Smoke Alarms do save lives but are just tools in the escape process. We must all create and practice home escape plans. Know how you and your children will react before a fire.

Richard Peddicord, Assistant Director of the Kentucky State Fire Marshall's Office states "99% of

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all structure fire deaths in Kentucky occur in private residences. The very place we feel the safest." According to Mr. Peddicord there were 77 structure fire deaths in Kentucky in 2006. The National Fire Protection Association ranks Kentucky ninth in the nation in fire related deaths. The Bardstown fire deaths represent the largest Kentucky loss of life in a single fire since the 1977 Beverly Hills Fire.

In some areas the local Red Cross or Fire Department can make smoke detectors available at no or reduced costs. Contact your local agency for more information. Installation, maintenance and testing tips (source NFPA)

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, making sure that there is an alarm outside every separate sleeping area.
- If you sleep with bedroom doors closed, have a qualified electrician install interconnected smoke alarms in each room

so that when one alarm sounds, they all sound.

• Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises).

Ceiling mounted alarms should be installed at least four inches away from the nearest wall; wallmounted alarms should be installed four to 12 inches away from the ceiling.

- Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.
- Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, stickers, or other decorations could keep the alarms from working.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace the batteries in your smoke alarm once a year, or as soon as the alarm "chirps" warning that the battery is low. Hint: schedule battery replacements for the same day you change your clocks from daylight savings time to standard time in the fall.
- Never "borrow" a battery from a smoke alarm. Smoke alarms can't warn you of fire if their batteries are missing or have been disconnected.
- Don't disable smoke alarms even temporarily.
 If your smoke alarm is sounding "nuisance alarms," try relocating it farther from kitchens or bathrooms, where cooking fumes and steam can cause the alarm to sound.

- Regularly vacuuming or dusting your smoke alarms, following the manufacturer's instructions, can keep them working properly.
- Smoke alarms don't last forever. Replace yours once every 10 years. If you can't remember how old the alarm is, then it's probably time for a new one.
- Consider installing smoke alarms with "long-life" (10-year) batteries.
- Plan regular fire drills to ensure that everyone knows exactly what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Hold a drill at night to make sure that sleeping family members awaken at the sound of the alarm.

NFPA national study finds some improvement yet ongoing needs persist in America's fire departments

March 14, 2007 - The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), today announced the results of a second comprehensive study examining the needs and response capabilities of the nation's fire service and accompanying reports on each state in the country. The studies, completed for the United States Fire Administration (USFA), also compared the needs reported from the first assessment, conducted in 2001, with the resources requested under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program and looked to see if the needs identified in the first survey had been substantially reduced as a result of the special funding.

"NFPA was pleased to conduct these follow-up studies as a way to illustrate not only the challenges facing today's fire service, but what steps can be implemented for safer and more effective responses," said NFPA President James M. Shannon. "The reports show only slight improvement over the last four years and that is simply not good enough. The Fire Act grants have been well targeted, as the studies show, but they are dwarfed by the size of the needs. It is essential we provide the nation's fire service with the tools to protect themselves and all of us in both traditional and extraordinary situations." For more information go to http://www.nfpa.org/needsassessment

Words of Wisdom

The noblest service comes from nameless hands. And the best servant does his work unseen.

Oliver Wendell Holmes



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

The NVFC is making progress in increasing its outreach and participation with other EMS organizations. Great interest has been shown in the new NVFC EMS and Fire Membership and Recruitment Packets, including the Fire and EMS Cost Savings Calculators, which have been developed by the NVFC.

They are participating in the EMS Workforce for the 21st Century Project at NHTSA. Work is also underway with NHTSA, NEMA, CDC, and others on a project to develop a plan to guide PSAPs and health responders in the event of a pandemic.

The NFPA's EMS 450 document has entered its revision cycle. The NFPA EMS committee met in Kansas City recently to work on the revision. This committee has determined a separate document is needed on time measurement.

The NREMT has initiated Computer Based Testing (CBT). I have followed the development of and the commitment of the NREMT to CBT. This development offers improved performance evaluation of EMS personnel to provide professional and effective patient treatment.

Just recently a request was made for the NVFC to work with NHTSA on the development of a guide on how to use NHTSA's materials and data.

The NVFC is also involved with DHS on a project to develop the guidelines that federal agencies will use in the event of an "Incident of National Consequence". We assisted with the development of the "Identification, Background, and Verification" element and the "Facility Entrance" phase of the main project.

The NVFC continues to do outstanding work with the projects involving Fire Corps, the Healthy Heart Program, and other projects that are being used not only by volunteer services but combination and paid departments also. The NVFC has received high praise from the USFA for the quality of the publications and programs they are producing.

To my knowledge, four departments in Kentucky have received SAFER Grants. One of them received over \$300,000.00. The NVFC has fought hard for continued funding for the program. The response has not been as high as expected but is increasing. I encourage departments that are facing the hiring of firefighters to look into this program.

As you can see from this report The KFA is represented on many projects with the NVFC in Washington... We fight hard to keep things simple and affordable for Kentucky's fire departments. **Check out the NVFC at www.nvfc.org.**

Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

Back in the office after a great weekend in Owensboro at the Green River

Officer School, always enjoy seeing and being with our good friends from Area 3, thanks to all who make that great school possible. The only bad part of the trip was it seems like I pull in on Friday Afternoon and before I know it I'm on my way back Sunday Night. I particularly enjoy seeing my comrades, friends and fellow fire & life safety educators during the weekend. As I grow older, this becomes more and more important to this ole fireman. I pray I never get tired of saying how important all of you are to me and to those you serve, THANK YOU!!

It was my pleasure to report to the Fire Commission and the KFA Executive Board on our Fire and Life Safety Programs. We were so happy to be able to provide the Juvenile Firesetter Class during the Green River School. Special thanks to KFA for funding that project, Greg Schultz for putting it together and Barbara Spurlin for coming down to instruct this special class. It is our intention to continue to provide the very best information, training and support to our people across Kentucky.

January 10th thru 13th Richard Peddicord and myself were sent to Washington DC to attend the Home Safety Council Conference and it was awesome. Without a doubt the very best I have attended We have been assured Home Safety

Council will support, assist and provide materials, programs and assistance to Public Education Programs throughout the United States. I want all of you to remember this website and sign up today, you will not regret it; www.homesafetycouncil.org and become a member of their expert network. It is exciting to see over three hundred fire and life safety advocates in a room at the same time. You cannnot believe the networking and information that is passed along. The next conference that Home Safety Council puts on we hope to send more of our people up to gain this vital knowledge.

I hope everyone has a sucessful Grant Application Process and take advantage of this funding opportunity. You never know what will happen unless you apply. Congratulations to all who are successful and have received awards. Carter Northcutt of the Frankfort Fire Dept has been working on Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Coalition. I have asked him to contribute an article for this issue of the Smoke Signals so check it out. We have needed direction and guidance on this issue for many years so we are looking for good things from that. Again Richard Peddicord of SFM Office is assisting with this project so I hope we can get involved with this project as well.

NFPA is accepting applications online for the 2007 Safe Community Program. Just go on www.nfpa.org/safecommunities to register. Your contact at NFPA on this is Amy Labeau alebeau@nfpa.org for more information. This is an opportunity to receive materials, information and assistance from NFPA. Of course our Risk Watchinitiative is stronger and growing more than ever. We want you to be a part of that so please contact Fireman Joe for information on Risk Watch or for any Public Education Issue.

Finally, the beginning of 2007 has seen an increase in fire deaths across the United States and has hit our own Kentucky extremely hard. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected, we want to reaffirm our commitment and conviction on fire and life safety issues across Kentucky. Please spread the word to all corners of our communities, Smoke Detectors, Evacuation Planning and Home Fire Prevention is more important than ever. Do whatever you can to promote these topics and help us keep Kentucky Fire Safe. Also we are asking

you to support the Fire Safe Cigarette Act! When I think of the amount of good this will do it blows my mind! We have got to give our people a chance, Promote Fire and Life Safety Education whenever and where ever you can! Till next time, BE SAFE! AND MAY GOD BLESS!

Fireman Joe

Nominations for KFA "Hall of Fame"

Dear Kentucky Firefighters,

We are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for potential inductee's to the Kentucky Firefighters Association "Hall of Fame". Nomination forms are provided in this issue of Smoke Signals or can be downloaded from the KFA web page at www.kyfa.org. Nomination forms can also be obtained from any committee member. The mission of the KFA Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to the formation and continued success of the Kentucky Firefighters Association. The induction ceremony for the 2007 class of Hall of Famers will be during the KFA banquet at this year's annual conference at Kentucky Dam Village. Inductee's will be notified sometime late June or early July prior to the conference. Nominees may be living or deceased. Please research your department, regional association, and KFA histories and nominate those deserving of this honor. Nomination can be accepted year round but to be considered for this year's conference all nominations must be submitted to the committee no later than June 1, 2007.

Mail nominations to:

Duane Suttles, State Fire Rescue Training, PO Box 248, Morehead, Ky. 40351 or FAX to Duane at (606) 784-1878.

Sincerely, The KFA Hall of Fame Committee:

John Daley, Duane Suttles, Ken Elliott, Bill Hall, Ed Schmidt, Mike Wallingford and Joe Stambush.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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JUNE 6th-10th, 2007

To be held at: LEXINGTON CONVENTION CENTER, RADISSON PLAZA HOTEL, & HYATT REGENCY LEXINGTON, KY

The 2007 Conference will begin with on-site registration, Wednesday June 6th, 2007 from 3 to 7 pm. The main Conference will kick off with an informative opening session on Thursday morning at 8:30 am in the Lexington Convention Center Bluegrass Ballroom. Classes will be offered in one, two, or four day formats and will begin at 10 am on Thursday and continue through Sunday, June 10th. Full Conference information will be posted soon on the web at www.kctcs.edu/ kyfirecommission (Fire Commission) and www.kyfa.org (KFA). Emergency responders from fire/rescue, EMS, law enforcement, and emergency management agencies as well as industrial/private sector responders will find courses of interest at this year's conference. The courses offered are a mixture of hands-on and classroom style delivery. The exhibit program on Friday and Saturday of the Conference will be better than ever with indoor exhibits, a cookout and door prizes! The final brochure is scheduled to be mailed out during April.

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Radisson Plaza Hotel 369 West Vine St. 1-800-333-3333 1-859-231-9000

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Hyatt Regency-Lexington 401 West High St. 1-800-233-1235

The rates at both hotels are \$84 per night for single or double.

2007 Course List

Homeland Security & Emer. Management

101 Crime Scene Management for Emergency Responders (NEW COURSE)

102 Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings-Awareness & Prevention and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents (REVISED COURSE)

103 ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (NEW COURSE)

104 Overview of Hurricane Katrina Response (NEW COURSE)

Fire Suppression

201 Aircraft Firefighting

202 High Rise Firefighting

203 Rapid Intervention (RIT)

204 IFSAC-FF1 and FF2 Prep course

205 Pump Maintenance and Testing

206 IFSAC Aerial Operator

<u>EMS</u>

301 ITLS (Formerly BTLS)

302 EMS Evaluator

303 EMS Instructor

304 EMT Refresher

Special Operations

401 F.A.R.M. Rescue Course

402 Structural Collapse (NEW COURSE)

403 Vehicle Extrication

404 Hazardous Materials Continuing Education (NEW COURSE)

405 Wellness Course (NEW COURSE)

406 Fire Dept. Planning & Response to Weather-Related Emergencies (NEW COURSE)

Officer Training

501 Incident Safety Officer

502 Leadership I

503 Managing Company Tactical Operations – Decision making

504 Chief Officer's Seminar

Arson, Prevention & Education

601 Arson I

602 Arson II

603 Arson III

604 Fire Alarm Systems (NEW COURSE)

605 Firefighter Maintenance – (formerly "Where's Your Chaplain" (NEW COURSE)

606 Advanced Fire Prevention Officer

607 Sprinkler System Inspections (NEW COURSE)

Industrial Training

701 Industrial Fire Brigade (NEW COURSE) 702 Confined Space Rescue (NEW COURSE)

Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) Class Schedule

4/17-18/07	Assisting Individuals in Crisis
5/14-15/07	Pastoral Crisis Intervention I
5/23-24/07Gr	oup Crisis Intervention Bowling Green
6/21-22/07	Strategic Response to Crisis
July 07	School-Centered Crisis Response
8/16-17/07	Pastoral Crisis Intervention II
9/13-14/07	Assisting Individuals in Crisis
10/11-12/07	Group Crisis Intervention
11/8-9/07	Strategic Response to Crisis

All classes held at Middletown Fire Station 2 at 10217 Shelbyville Rd Louisville KY unless otherwise noted. All classes have registration deadlines and fees. For more information go to the KCCRB website at http://www.kccrb.ky.gov/ or click on the link at kyfa.org.

2007 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE Date Area Location Phone 4/14-15/07 14 Somerset 888-234-1780 4/28-29/07 15 Richmond 888-234-3961 5/5-6/07 Princeton 888-306-7986 2 6/2-3/07 11 Pikeville 888-302-8935

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

As of March 1, 2007 the test fee schedule has changed. Each time you take the test you must pay a \$15.00 charge. Contact Duane Suttles for more injformation at 888-301-2946.

SFRT Area 5 Report



Greetings from Area 5! We're gearing up for Dixie Fire School, which will be held March 9-11, 2007 in Elizabethtown. At last count, 803 students had pre-registered for the school and 19 of the 24

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classes were completely full. We sincerely appreciate the overwhelming response to Dixie Fire School this year. We're planning on increasing both the overall capacity and number of classes offered for the 2008 school to better accommodate the needs of the fire service.

We're pleased to announce that the Pump Operation and Maintenance Mobile Training Unit is now operational. The trailer was on display in the vendor hall at Officer's School and will be on display at Dixie Fire School and State Fire School. We appreciate all of the positive feedback we received on the trailer at Officer's School and would like to extend a big thank you to those that supported the Dixie Association by purchasing patches and decals.

We're also excited to announce our Fall 2008 degree program classes. In addition to the EMT-Basic, FRS 103, FRS 104, and FRS 105 degree program classes, we are going to offer: FRT 108, FRT 114, FRT 138, FRT 141, FRT 144, and FRT 146. These are some of the fractional credit classes needed to obtain the AAS in Fire/Rescue Science Technology from IFSAC Accredited Firefighter I and II certification. So, if you have Firefighter I and II certification and have a few blank spaces on your degree program form, these classes are for you. This is the first time we have tried this approach and if we have a good response, we will continue to do this in the future. For more information, email casey.hall@kctcs.edu or everette.roberts@kctcs.edu

For details on other upcoming training opportunities in Area 5, go to www.sfrtarea5.org and click on the Area 5 Training Calendar link. You can also see the fall college schedule at the KFA website at www.kyfa.org.

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In and around our office you will notice some new faces!



This is Tim Benham. Tim joined us February 2007 as our full time sales representative traveling through out the state. Contact Tim at 502-220-0341 or timbenham@insightbb.com



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Following close behind is Tim Banks. Tim is unable to be pictured here due to his full time employement. However along with Joey, Tim is also part of our Dedicated Service Department.

Our sales staff also includes Rickey Cooksey and Lewis Sexton. Give us a call today and we will hook you up with the person who can guide you and your department to the next level of fire service equipment.















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By Carter Northcutt

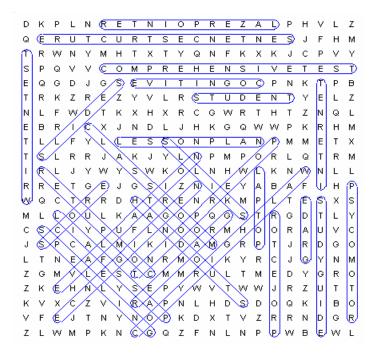
ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The Coalition was begun so we, as a state, can have continuity in our individual programs. Also, the Coalition will act as a clearinghouse where agencies can find out where to get training for their programs, get copies of any necessary forms and share information. The Coalition is not iust about the fire service however. We are developing a network of other agencies who will be working with us to help keep our youth from firesetting practices. The other agencies include but are not limited to: juvenile justice, mental health, law enforcement, education, and county attorneys to name a few. And of course we need you, the ones in the fire service. In the future we plan to hold statewide conferences and invite nationally recognized speakers covering topics of interest to our Coaltion.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You can join the Coalition. You can get your department involved. The Coalition is also looking for responsible individuals to act as Regional Directors. We have modeled our regions after the regional setup by the Fire Commission. This is a growing organization and this is your chance to be a part of something that is a first in our part of the country. Go to www.kyfa.org to join.

Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle





The New Haven Fire Department has taken delivery of a 2007 International 4400 Series chassis, Waterous 1250 GPM pump, with stainless steel rescue style body, 1000 gallon stainless steel tank, built by Bluegrass Fire Apparatus, Elizabethtown KY, delivered in December 2006. All items on this truck are accessible from ground level.



"I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you." I Chronicles 29:17 We come into this world a wrinkled screaming mess. We go out of this world some times the same way. What is said about us after we are gone is all about the integrity we had while we were here. As a firefighter we must be extremely cautious of how we deal with the truth, things we say, how we act, and how we follow through on promises we make. Many people measure a person's success by the amount of wealth one amasses while on this earth. However, the true measure of success is what is said and how people felt about that person after they are gone. "Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, according to my integrity, O Most High." Psalm 7:8

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