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FEMA AND USFA ANNOUNCE WEBPOSTING OF 2003 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C.-The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) have begun, with a web restructure, the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. USFA Administrator R. David Paulison has directed USFA staff to begin work on providing to local fire departments, grant writing technical assistance for the 2003 Assistance to Firefighter grants. The USFA will place at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants>, the web structure needed to start the delivery of 2003 Assistance to Firefighters grant program. The application period is not open at this time. All current information will be available soon. This is only a web structure addition to allow for the posting of information.

"We have begun the planning process for the 2003 program. We do not know funding levels at this time, but we are beginning the workshop programs in anticipation of an application, review and announcement timeline similar to the 2002 program." USFA Administrator R. David Paulison said.

Since November, USFA Grant Program personnel have been working to develop and produce the materials needed by the fire service to understand and apply for 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program awards. While the funding levels are not known at this time, starting the workshop delivery at this time is critical to achieving the 2003 program schedule goals in coming months. In the near future, USFA will post a schedule of grant writing workshops, and other technical grant writing information. Please be advised, workshops may begin as early as the week of January 20, 2003.

"I ask the members of the fire service to be patient. Staff needs to begin scheduling, and start the delivery of the workshops throughout the United States. There will be more information in coming weeks, for the fire service regarding the 2003 program," said Chief Paulison.

The Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. For a list of all 2001 and 2002 award recipients, as well as the most current information FEMA and the USFA about the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, visit the USFA web site at www.usfa.fema.gov/grants. There have not yet been funds appropriated to the program for FY03, but the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) USFA has begun to construct an implementation framework for a 2003 Assistance to Firefighters grant program. **The application period is NOT open at this time. See PAGE 16 for details of 2 FEMA Grant Writing Seminars to be held in Kentucky!!**

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From your President Randy Lawson

The Executive Board and myself trust that your holidays were pleasant. It is hard to believe that we have jumped into 2003. If you are like most of us you find yourself closing the books on 2002 and trying to adjust and get a good start in the New Year. It seems that like insurance costs, alarm numbers are up. Not funny, I know. No doubt you are busy with planning meetings, budget preparation, personnel issues, etc.... but we still find time to fit the increasing run volume in our days and nights somewhere. Don't fret; you do it because that is what we do.

As you know the off year Legislative Session is underway. I am not sure how much will be accomplished, but there appears to be a lot of paper and fur flying. Please keep your ears to the ground and your lines of communication open and active so that we can catch potential issues and relate our concerns to our legislators on issues that are beneficial to us and most certainly those that stand to harm us. We have legislative agents (Gerald Stewart and Sylvan Smith) hard at work "watch dogging" such issues. No one however can be everywhere, hear and see everything? Be cognizant to the needs of all Kentucky firefighters and not only those that affect you directly. It may become necessary to initiate a telephone or email campaign to these legislators re: a specific issue. Gerald and Smitty will keep us informed. Our presence in numbers might even be needed on a particular issue. The KFA web site has a link to the Legislative Home page for a review of action.

It seems that the "countdown to conference" is getting ever so close. Our planning committees are in full swing. Though not yet in a comfort zone, it appears that things are coming together. We are hitting the streets with our program ad sales campaign. Any of you that have been involved in a previous conference (planning & presentation) know that a successful ad sales effort is very important to the successful conference. We have included an ad form in this issue of the Smoke Signals to solicit your interest, your support and of course a few dollars to fund the delivery of the conference. Feel free to copy and distribute the forms as needed. We

have found in our sponsorship and miscellaneous fund raising efforts that times are not the best for many. Your monetary support, through ad sales and event sponsorships are important to us, but not nearly as important as your active membership in your regional associations and ultimately the Kentucky Firefighters Association. I guess it is a little like church, it is easier to put money in the plate than it is to commit your time and talents. Get involved, plan on coming to the conference with ideas as well as questions. We think your visit to Jeffersontown will be advantageous and enjoyable.

Thanks and Be Safe

Randy Lawson, President



FIRE COMMISSION

Walter J. Lage
Director
State Fire Commission

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

State Fire School is moving to the weekend.

June 7 and June 8, 2003

Please welcome a new member to the Fire Commission. Chief Buddy Steele of the Richlandville Fire Department has been appointed to the Fire Commission and will represent Chiefs of Volunteer Departments. He replaces Chief Mark Luckett. I would like to thank Chief Luckett for the years of service he provided to the Fire Commission and the fire service in Kentucky.

The Fire Commission offices have been relocated. **Our telephone numbers, mailing address and e-mail addresses have remained the same.** Our new physical location is 805 -B Newtown Circle, Lexington, Kentucky. Please feel free to stop in and say hello.

All fire departments will be receiving a print out of their year 2002 training hours. Please remember that to qualify for state aid, a minimum of 50% of a department's members must be certified and receive 20 hours of training annually and this requirement must be completed annually by December 31.

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For those that participate in the incentive program, please remember that in order to receive your incentive funds in a timely manner, your request should be in the Fire Commission office by the 5th of each month. ***Should you fail to submit your request on time, payment for that period may be delayed for several months.***

If you are applying for a low interest loan from the Fire Commission, the Loan Committee strongly recommends that you do not commit any funds (down payment) towards any purchase prior to your loan being reviewed and approved by the Loan Committee. A decision on your part to commit funds to a project prior to loan approval will not impact the decision of the Loan Committee. The loan application is being updated and additional information will be required to allow the Loan Committee to better evaluate the applications. Additionally, should a department pay off an existing Fire Commission loan, that department will not be considered for another loan for a period of 6 months. All loan application information must be received in the Fire Commission office by the 10th day of the month preceding the month of the Fire Commission meeting. Fire Commission meetings are normally held in even numbered months.

The next Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2003. The meeting will be held at the Executive Inn Rivermont at 2:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Green River Officers School. Please try to attend.

Any correspondence should be sent to:

2750 Research Park Drive- Barn Annex
P.O. Box 14092
Lexington, Kentucky 40512-4092

Our telephone numbers are:

1-800-782-6823
Fax – 859-246-3484

Web page address – www.kctcs.net/kfirecommission

To enter training hours via the internet – <http://kyfiretraining.kctcs.net>

REGIONAL EMBERS



JACKSON PURCHASE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Karen Freeman President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky" and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. The holidays are behind us and we have spring and all of the exciting firefighting events across the Commonwealth to look forward too. As usual, our calendars will be full (translated to mean crammed, over booked, overloaded & way too much to do) and there will not be enough hours in the day nor days in the week to accomplish all of our goals and attend all of the functions that we would like to attend. That is even more reason to get that planner out **NOW** and start making those plans **NOW** so that we do not waste a single minute or day this spring. Life is way too short and precious to make that mistake.

The 2003 session of the Kentucky General Assembly began on Tuesday, January 7. By the time you are reading this copy the initial portion of this "odd year", short, 30-day session will have been recessed. The individual committee meetings will be taking place from February 4th to March 10th and the House and the Senate will be voting on the various bills that have been presented. The session will reconvene March 24th and 25th to consider any veto measures. It appears that it will be politics as usual in Frankfort during the session. Never the less Gerald and Smitty will be in the thick of the melee representing the Kentucky Firefighters. We may not get any legislation passed that would benefit the firefighters in Kentucky. And we might not be able to stop bad legislation that would hurt the Kentucky Firefighters. But they will know that the Kentucky Firefighters were represented during the session. I can guarantee that. Gerald and Smitty deserve our help and our support. Help yourself, your department and all Kentucky Firefighters by staying abreast of the happenings during the session. A good way to do that is to stay tuned to the KFA Webb Site at www.kyfa.org. And remember, do not hoard this information. Pass it along to every firefighter (and anyone else that will listen) in your area.

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Round twelve (and maybe round thirteen if needed) of the Federal Fire Act Grant Program should have been completed during January 2003 and all grants issued for the 2002 funding cycle. Indications are that the program for 2003 will follow the same format as was used during the previous year with applications being accepted during March and April of 2003. Although congress has not yet appropriated the funding for the 2003 Fire Act Program, it could come at any time. If your department has not received a grant do not despair and certainly do not give up. Keep writing those grants, learn from your mistakes and resubmit them with vigor and a positive attitude. I am certain that the departments that have already received grants did not have an iron clad guarantee that a grant was forthcoming. Submit the grants and keep the faith.

Congratulations to the following departments in "Far Western Kentucky" that have benefited from the Fire Act Grant Program as of December 23, 2002.

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| Calvert City Fire Dept | \$ 21, 357.00 |
| Water Valley Fire Dept. | \$ 74, 797.00 |
| Wingo Rural Fire Dept. | \$108,900.00 |
| Cuba Community Fire Dept. | \$ 31,500.00 |
| LaCenter Rural Fire Dept. | \$ 31,995.00 |
| Fairdealing/Olive Fire Dept. | \$ 36,270.00 |
| City of Murray Fire Dept. | \$ 30,946.00 |
| North Graves Fire Dept. | \$ 44,473.00 |

The 2003 BI monthly meeting schedule for the JPFA has been posted as follows. All meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of every other month beginning in January. We eat at 6 PM and meet at 7 PM. Please mark your calendars now and plan on being in attendance to enjoy the food and the fellowship with the firefighters in the JPFA.

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| January 7 | Bardwell Fire Department |
| March 4 | Concord Fire Department |
| May 6 | Fulton Fire Department |
| July 1 | Smithland Fire Department |
| September 2 | Wingo Fire Department |
| November 4 | Symsonia Fire Department |

The Jackson Purchase Fire Fighters Association Annual Fire School is scheduled for March 22nd and 23rd, 2003 at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Ky. Dam Village is

located just 21 miles Southeast of Paducah, Kentucky off of I-24. Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park is one of the most popular resorts in Kentucky. With the largest marina in the park system, on the largest lake in the state, Kentucky Lake, Kentucky Dam Village is the perfect getaway for you and your family. And that makes Kentucky Dam Village the perfect location for a regional fire school. If you have never attended a fire school in this type setting, you are in for a real treat. Bring the family and join us on March 22nd and 23rd, 2003 at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. Mark your calendar now! School brochures are in the mail!

CLASS SCHEDULE

Advanced Techniques Interior FF
Arson I
Basic Firefighter Hours
Driver Training & Traffic Control
EMT Refresher Hours
Firefighter Rescue
Firefighter Survival
Fireground EMS
Hard To Get Hours
Intermediate Rope Rescue
ISO Rating Schedule
Meth Labs
Propane Emergencies
Pumper Operations, Maint. & Testing
Search and Rescue (Basic)
Tanker Water Shuttle
The Occult
Thermal Imaging
Wildland Fire Fighting

The JPFA dues notices have been mailed and each department should have received their notice. The dues are \$35.00 per year per department and keep your department in good standing from January 1, 2003 until December 31, 2003. Please pay your dues promptly upon receipt of this notice. Should you have questions or if your department has not received your dues notice please contact Missy Newcomb, 752 Morris Drive, Grand Rivers, Kentucky 42045. You can email Missy at glfire2@aol.com. Please do not put off this important task. The JPFA needs your help and support during 2003.

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The first JPFA Bi monthly meeting of 2003 was conducted at the Bardwell Fire Department in Bardwell, Kentucky on Tuesday, January 7 with a good attendance from the local fire departments. President Karen Freeman, of the Symsonia Fire Department, called the meeting to order after a delicious meal of southern fried chicken and all of the trimmings. Many thanks to Chief Phillip King of the Bardwell Fire Department, Chief Charles Fisher of the Carlisle County Fire/Rescue Squad and all of their personnel for inviting us to their house and sharing their hospitality. And more importantly, a great big "thank you" to everyone that assisted in planning and preparing the meal and especially the desserts!!! The food was fantastic and the camaraderie with our fellow firefighters was even better.

Look forward and plan ahead for all of the great Fire & EMS activities across the Commonwealth this spring with great anticipation. You will not be disappointed.

New Administrative Assistant SFRT Area #1 - Paducah, Kentucky

The JPFA would like to take this opportunity to welcome Kelly Harris to Paducah and SFRT Area # 1. Kelly started her new job on November 27th, 2002 and has been going full speed ahead since that date. She indicated that she is just beginning to recognize names now and needs to start seeing faces so that she can put them together. She will soon be attending some functions in the area with Charlie Lott. So when you see her, introduce yourself and make her feel welcome. She is a member of our family now.

Kelly is originally from Cadiz, Kentucky and comes to us from Emergency Management (Area #2) in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Kelly worked for EM for two years.

Kelly recently married Randy Harris from Paducah, Kentucky and they reside in Paducah. Randy works for Mercy Regional Ambulance Service and is a volunteer firefighter for the Hendron Fire Department. He is currently enrolled in Paramedic class.

Kelly and Randy have three children, two sons and a daughter. Logan is 6 years old, Ashley is 10 years old and Landon is 11 years old. Kelly says that Logan will be the next firefighter in the family.

Kelly's dad and her brother are currently enrolled in EMT class at Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Her brother is a volunteer firefighter with the East Golden Pond Fire Department in Cadiz.

And Remember 911 - Wave That American Flag God Bless America – Repeat The Pledge of Allegiance

Paul S. Billings

Dixie Firefighters Association

Randy Skinner – President

As we begin a new year it is always a good idea to take a quick look back at where we have been so we can better understand where we are going. Here at the Dixie we have completed our second phase of our memorial it was a long hard uphill battle but at last the memorial is completed. We had our largest fire school ever and worked very hard to improve fire safety within our region. We helped the KFA host a "Risk Watch" seminar with the help of Dixie Second Vice President Rusty Todd. I hope we in some small way helped the "Risk Watch" effort in Kentucky. We lost a good friend, advocate, and a person who helped with many of our legislative efforts when Lawrence Singer passed away. He served at different times on White Mills, Vine Grove and helped start Rineyville FD in Hardin County. He will be missed. We were able to help many members and family members with our scholarship to the tune of about \$5,000.00. We have provided refreshments for state wide meetings held at the Bowen Training Center in Elizabethtown. I guess looking back it has been an outstanding year.

This year we have our goal set on an even larger fire school March 7-9, 2003. Classes scheduled are listed in this issue under educational opportunities.

We have a new KFA Director, Mike Hulsey. Mike has taken over when director Woody Will stepped aside. We want to thank Woody for the hard work he did over the last 12 years. Woody was the first Regional Director for the Dixie. We want to wish Mike all the best in his new position. He has already made several of the county fire association meetings to help improve the KFA membership. Until next issue may God Bless Those Who Serve.

Randy Skinner

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Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

Bill Birkle, President

Officers of the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Assn. were sworn in at the January 28, 2003 meeting at the Burlington Fire Department.

President

Bill Birkle, Petersburg FD, Belleview-McVilleville FD

Vice-President

Joe Stambush, Edgewood FD, Fire Dept. of Bellevue-Dayton, Pt. Pleasant FD

Secretary

John Daley, Fire Dept. of Bellevue-Dayton

Treasurer

Val "Bud" Lederer, Alexandria Fire Dept.

Trustees

Ed Webster, Erlanger Fire/EMS

Randy Steinhauer, Campbell Co. FD #1

John Horton, No. Ky./ Cincinnati International Airport Fire Dept.

Campbell County Firefighters Educational Association

Officers of the Campbell County Firefighters' Educational Association for the year 2003 are as follows:

President

Jim Profitt, Wilder

Vice-President

Jerry Sandfoss, Central Campbell

Treasurer

Mark Schroder, Central Campbell

Secretary

Steve Oldendick, Southern Campbell

Outgoing President

Ken Schaub of Campbell County Fire District 5 (Alexandria) moves to "Immediate Past President".

Southeastern Firefighter Association

By Reginald Morgan

Hello from Southeastern Kentucky. The Southeastern Kentucky Firefighters Association met on December 12th and elected new officers. Officers for 2003 are as follows:

President

Reggie Morgan, Bailey Switch Fire Department

1st Vice President

Greg Gray, State Fire and Rescue Coordinator

2nd Vice President

Bill Goode, Chief, Lynch Fire Department

Treasurer

Henry Cox, Oak Grove Fire Department

Secretary

Hank Melton, Barbourville Fire Department.

The new officers and I are looking forward to an eventful year and we are already making plans for our Spring Fire School, which will be held in Pineville on the weekend of April 26th and 27th.

We still have a couple of months open for any department wishing to host a SKFA meeting. Please let us know if your department is interested.

Pike County Firefighters Association

Randy Courtney, President

We were just starting our 24 hour shift here at Pikeville Fire Department, in Pikeville, Ky. It was December 20th. Our secretary took a call and transferred it to me (Randy Courtney, Communications Officer). The phone call was from a gentleman that was associated with Wayland FD which is located in Floyd County. He began telling me the reason for his call. His wife was Ms Carol Combs a veterinarian whom had responded to a dog rescue. It seems a small beagle pup had fallen into a Mine break back upon a hillside the pup had fallen in on a Monday Jan. 16th while hunting with it's owner Don Hall of Wheelwright, Ky. Carol was calling to see if we could

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do anything to help. She had heard that we did confined space, & cave rescues. I took the information down and told her that I would speak to the Fire Chief Tommy Hall and see what he thought and if it was possible to help. After speaking with Chief Hall he called Duane Hamilton with US Filter which is a utility service group for the City Of Pikeville. They have a Big Snake camera that is used to go down in pipes with a light on the end of it to allow you to see in otherwise un accessible places.

Chief Hall asked Duane if he would like to assist them with getting this dog out of this hole. They loaded up there camera and generator, the FD loaded up their ropes and other rescue equipment. We got meeting directions and off we went to perform this difficult rescue. The drive from Pikeville to where the dog was located took about 1 hour. After getting there and getting set up they started probing the ground to see if the dog was still there and still alive. Under the direction of Rescue Battalion Chief Ronald Conn, they were finally able to see the dog walking around on a little edge of rock.

After about 1 1/2 hours waiting and trying to coax the dog into the rope it finally happened and they pulled the dog to the top. It turns out the dog was about 50 feet under ground, and its owner had never left the opening where the dog entered . He was outside every day trying to coax it out. The owner Mr Hall said this was the best Christmas present he could ever have received to get his dog back home with him. Now this may seem a little much for a pet but if you think about it this situation could be a human and some of the same procedure would apply. Great job guys also assisting them at the scene was Paul "Flash" Layne with US Filter Co.

Words of Wisdom

"The world will not change until we do."

Jim Wallis

"Your success is determined by the problems you solve for others."

"You cannot be what you aren't, but you can become what you aren't."

"Above all, do not appear to others what you are not." Robert E. Lee



Chaplain's Corner

by Stewart Dawson

Hollywood Fire Fighting

Don't you just love those Hollywood fires. Wouldn't you love it if the fires in your area were like those in the movies. They are not near as smoky or hot as those I have been in. Don't you just love it how, in those old westerns they are able to run up a stair well in their full protective cowboy shirts and boots as the stair well is burning and falling behind them. They are able to see perfectly to rescue the damsel in distress. It is also amazing how tough those guys lungs are. They never get overcome by smoke. I don't know about in your area but the fires I have fought the visibility is not near as good as in all those movies. I remember a fire one night where I was on the nozzle. We made entry and started searching as we looked for the seat of the fire. We finally entered an area that really looked like a stair well. I took off leading the crew and as I started up what I thought was a set of steps, I found myself halted by a solid wall. I started feeling for a handle to open the door only to discover we were in a closet. Of course the guy behind me thought we were at the base of some stairs. He's thinking, "what's the hold up Dawson, get up those steps, so he starts gently (NOT) pushing (SHOVING) me and the hose line forward. Everytime, I would turn to try and let him know we were in a closet, he was hollering, "go on Dawson, get up those steps". We had this exchange for what seemed like an eternity until finally I was able to let him know we were in a closet. Now if we were in a Hollywood fire, we could have all seen what was going on. Hollywood doesn't do fires justice do they. Of course it is hard to film in complete darkness. A black screen just would not convey what they want to convey. But we have to continue to work in that darkness. You can't see your hand in front of your face, so we stumble along and use our skills to do our job effectively.

Life is a lot like a good structure fire. We enter into something we have never done before. We stumble along and try to find our way. In so doing we

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miss so much and lose our way so easily. We make mistakes that – no way we would have made if we could “see” or understand all we are experiencing. There is a light to help us in life. It is truly a “smoke cutter”. There is no way to measure its candle our illuminating power. Jesus says, in John 8:12, “I am the light of the World. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” We may never be able to have Hollywood fires where we can see more clearly, but we can live life with better light. We can see so much clearer if we get “the Light” When we give our lives to the Lord and seek his way, all of life is so much clearer. You never charge into a structure without your light, no matter how little it is going to help you. Why do we charge through life without the light that will truly help us see more clearly? This light truly works. Check Him out. You won't be sorry. You can't get this light at Galls and you can't buy it. You can pick it up free, not by mail order but by prayer order. Get the light today.



Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I am looking to 2003 with great expectations and hopes our fire and life safety programs will succeed and be better than ever. National Fire Protection Association Public Education Division has provided us with a great start. I am elated to announce we have been successful in being awarded a State Grant for the Risk Watch Project. What this basically means is during the first year five our Fire Department Communities will begin the project and receive training and materials at no cost. The following year it will go to ten and then twenty with funding coming from NFPA the first year and our Fire Commission guaranteeing the funding for the next two years. This has long been a project I have wanted for Kentucky and with the success of Learn Not to Burn I have no reason this project can be equally as successful. Our Fire and Life Safety Educators

are equal to the task and very excited to begin this project.

Peg Carson, our advisor and consultant from NFPA has advised me she will need to meet with our Champion Management Team sometime between Jan 15th and March 9th in preparation for the Team Training in Cambridge, Mass (March 20th-22nd). As I receive information from NFPA I will pass this information along via Smoke Signals, KFA and Fire Commission Web Sites and of course by E-Mail.

I have a very special request for all the Fire and Life Safety Educators in Kentucky. I desperately need to update my E-Mail and Communication Hotline for our people. Please send me an E-mail so I can correctly add your address and name to keep you all informed to our Public Education Activities and information hotline. My E-Mail address is Stambushj@aol.com or Stambush@fdbd.org. Of course if anyone needs to contact me my cell phone # is 859-760-2819.

On a sad note two things sadden me this day; A good friend and comrade passed away last month, Capt Gordon Johnson of Taylor Mill FD, I was privileged to know and work with Gordon, a dedicated and unselfish man who loved his dept, city and the fire service, I will miss him, dearly. Secondly, my comrades in Newport began the year with a tragic fire death of a eleven year old young man. I have been told I take fire deaths too personally but after forty years in the fire service it is so hard when you know these things can be prevented. Will people ever learn how important fire and life safety education is? Now more than ever we need to increase our efforts, that is also why Risk Watch is so important to me. We have to give our people this LIFE SAVING INFORMATION!

I am looking at the possibility of having a Public Education Committee Meeting at the Green River Officers School, I will send the word out on that as soon as I have confirmed train the trainer dates with NFPA and okay with Area 3 on a meeting room site. Till I see and hear from each of you, GOD BLESS and BE SAFE!

Fireman Joe



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

NVFC Gears Up For 108th Congress

WASHINGTON, DC — The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg is urging the membership of the NVFC to redouble their efforts to get active in the legislative process in the upcoming 108th Congress.

“There are important challenges and great opportunities for us in the upcoming Congress,” he said. “The only way that we can move the volunteer fire service’s agenda in Washington is if our membership is proactive in engaging their U.S. Representative and Senators on the issues that impact their departments.”

Members of the fire service can get active in a variety of ways. They include writing letters, placing phone calls, visiting their legislator’s offices (at home or in Washington), inviting their legislator to department meetings, and developing a working relationship with their key staff. For more information on getting active visit the NVFC Volunteer Fire Service Advocacy Center online at: <http://www.nvfc.org/leg/workshop.html>

Below are just a few of the issues that the NVFC will be focusing on during the 108th Congress, which convenes on January 7, 2003.

FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

- The NVFC is currently working to ensure that this program, which gives direct grants to fire departments, is funded at the fully authorized \$900 million level in FY 2003 and kept separate from the large state-based block grant that has been proposed (First Responder Initiative). During this appropriations cycle the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved \$900 million for the program, while the House Appropriations Committee has only approved \$450 million. After approved by both the full House and Senate, the spending bill will go to conference to work out differences in the two bills. Last year the program was funded at \$360 million.

Volunteer Advocacy The NVFC will continue to promote laws and regulations that preserve the right of all people, including career firefighters, to serve their communities as volunteer firefighters or EMTs. The NVFC will also be working in the 108th Congress to pass legislation aimed at increasing the retention and recruitment of volunteer firefighters.

Hometown Heroes Survivor Benefit Act - This legislation, introduced last Congress by Rep. Bob Etheridge (D-NC), Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD), and Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA) in the House and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Sen. James Jeffords (I-VT) and Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) in the Senate, would extend the current Public Safety Officer Benefits Program to firefighters, law enforcement officers, and EMS personnel who die of heart attacks or strokes in the line of duty.

This Legislation unanimously passed the House on November 14, 2002. The fire service and our supporters in Congress were unable to get the bill to the Senate floor before the 107th Congress adjourned.

The Rural Fire Department Equipment Priority Act

- This legislation, introduced last Congress by Rep. Mike Ross (D-AR), would help provide firefighters with the equipment they need by giving rural fire departments and their cooperators (State Foresters) higher priority when Department of Defense excess property is screened.

Children’s Sleepwear Safety Act - This legislation, introduced last Congress by Rep. Robert Andrews (D-NJ) and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY), would amend the Flammable Fabrics Act standards to ensure that children’s sleepwear is manufactured in accordance with stricter flammability standards.

On the Lighter Side

Q: Why do Truckie’s cut holes in roofs?

A: So they can see what real firefighters do!

Q: How do you get down from an aerial ladder?

A: You don’t get down from an aerial ladder. You get down from a duck.

Q: What kind of ears do pumpers have?

A: They have engineers.



KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK

Conference Ad Form/Invoice

Randy Lawson, President of the Kentucky Firefighters Association, and the Jefferson County Fire Service look forward to hosting the annual conference in Jeffersontown, Kentucky, July 26-29, 2003. The program, produced for the conference each year, includes Association membership (active & sustaining) including the Executive Board, Regional Directors and Committees. The program also serves as a directory for fire departments, fire related state agencies. The information mentioned along with the advertisements serve as a telephone ready reference for purchases and other phone and address needs. Every conference attendee is given a program and it is also made available to every fire department and/or related agency in Kentucky. The conference program provides information to the fire service and advertisement opportunity for the patrons year round.

Advertising Rates

| Color | Amount | Black & White | Amount |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Full Page (limited number) | \$675.00 | Full Page * | \$400.00 |
| Half Page (limited number) | \$350.00 | Half Page * | \$200.00 |
| ¼ Page (limited number) | \$200.00 | ¼ Page * | \$100.00 |
| | | Business Cards | \$30.00 |

*50% discount for emergency service agencies (fire departments, rescue squads, etc.)

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We look forward to seeing you in Jeffersontown at the 83rd annual Kentucky Firefighters Association Conference July 26-29, 2003 Please feel free to make copies and distribute this form!

CLASSIFIED ADS

**Jeffersontown
Fire Protection District
Surplus Equipment**

The Jeffersontown Fire Protection District has declared the following item surplus. The item is being sold by sealed bid, "AS IS" with no warranty. Persons interested in bidding may do so by following these instructions: In a sealed envelope, enclose a note that includes your name, phone number, address and your bid price. On the outside of the envelope include your name and write "sealed bid for surplus item".

The bid opening will be at the trustees meeting at 1900 hrs on Tuesday February 11, 2003. Bids may be mailed or dropped off prior to this meeting at the Jeffersontown Fire Department, 10540 Watterson Trail, Jeffersontown, KY 40299. The vehicle can be viewed at the same location. If you have any questions you may contact Major Dennis Perkins at (502)267-7300

Brush or Field Unit

1981 GMC 2500, 5.7 liter V8
59,070 miles

Four wheel drive

Dual fuel tanks

Three speed manual transmission w/low range
8,000 lb. Hydraulic winch on an extended bumper
200 gallon Brush Queen skid unit w/11 hp Briggs & Stratton engine 100' of 3/4" booster line.

Known Problems:

Possible repair needed to the rear differential or axle.

Small leak in the radiator.

The skid unit pump has a small leak.

Body has some rust.

One of the fuel tank switches is bad.

Clutch showing signs of wear.

Red lights and siren are included if bid is awarded to a fire department. If bought by an individual, the red lights will be removed prior to pick up.

Minimum bid is \$1,250.00

Annual Fire Memorabilia Auction

March 7-Cincinnati, Ohio. 7:00 p.m. at the Mad Max Bingo Hall 1820 Central Parkway just north of Downtown. Annual fire memorabilia auction held in conjunction with the Miles Greenwood Society's fire flea market (Saturday the 8th).

Auctioneer Howard Kuhnell is currently accepting consignments of fire department related items, weather it be a single piece or a collection of 200 items! This auction has a general range of memorabilia that should please all collectors. Items such as helmets, lanterns, Ahrens-Fox memorabilia, badges, apparatus items, Cincinnati area items, extinguishers, fire related advertising, you get the idea! Reasonable commission rates. Items should be consigned early to allow for ample time to advertise the pieces.

Once photos of consigned items are available, they will be posted on the Youngstown Fire Message Board. To view the message board go here: <http://www.youngstownfire.com/yabbse/index.php#3>

Information: Howard Kuhnell 605 Garfield Milford OH 45150 (513) 831-6398 or howdi@fuse.net
March 8-Cincinnati, Ohio. 12th annual fire flea market sponsored the Miles Greenwood Society (the Southwest Ohio Chapter of SPAAMFAA). Held at the Mad Max Bingo Hall 1820 Central Parkway. Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (3 1/2 hours of frenzied buying) Dealer set up on Friday the 7th from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. Tables are \$10.00 each. Admission is \$2.00 per person. A nice event with a good variety of antique and vintage fire memorabilia available. Information: Steve Hagy at stemel@fuse.net

For Sale

1972 Midwest 65' Aerial Platform, 1000 GPM pump, Runs good, Did not pass Ladder test in 2000, Has passed pumper service test, Maintenance records available. Will consider any reasonable offer. Contact Chief Mike Hulsey Elizabethtown Fire Department at efd@kvnet.org or phone 270-765-2122.



Kentucky Chapter of the IAAI

Can Your Fire Department Unknowingly Hide An Arsonist?

This question is quite a jolt; some people, in our classes, think we're crazy, some get nervous, and some get mad after thinking about this. You know your department and it's members better than any outside organization, and many of you deny this could happen in your "family." Yet, we often see stories noted by the news services and on websites, such as FIREHOUSE.COM, that read where one or two local firefighters were arrested after fires in their area. In one case several years ago in South Carolina, EIGHT firefighters and fire officers were arrested after a string of fires in abandoned buildings. During questioning, one of the officers stated that they set the fires for training!

There is one common trait for many firefighters and fire-setters: *they both like fire!!* How many times have you heard someone say, "I don't want anyone to get hurt or lose their home, but we sure could use a good, working fire for morale." Any aggressive, service based group suffers during periods of inactivity. Rosters shrink, efficiency slips, and equipment may fall into disrepair because these people want to feel *needed* by the community.

Most people would never set an illegal fire, but some people cannot separate right from wrong and a few of these will gravitate toward your department; after all, this is where people talk about fire and firefighting all the time!

There are several steps you can take to keep your department out of a problem:

1) Be honest with all of your firefighters. Senior firefighters and officers should make it very plain, to all existing and recruit firefighters, that firesetting *of any kind* will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted. Some firesetters will try to use the lack of value of the property as justification for the act as "it didn't really hurt anything important."

2) Learn what fire investigation resources serve your area and invite those investigators to attend a regional association or department meeting to speak to the members about the arson problem. They need to know who your people are and you need to know who you can call.

3) Contact a law enforcement agency to conduct criminal background checks on prospective members. Many departments feel they could lose too many prospective members to continue, but you need to consider the public trust. It is possible you could be held accountable as the Fire Chief (or Board President) if you fail to adequately screen applicants and identify a record that could predict future problems. The legal terms are NEGLIGENCE and VICARIOUS LIABILITY.

4) Let the public know that you routinely report any possible intentional fires to law enforcement and will assist in those investigations.

5) Include a prohibitive statement in writing in the organizational bylaws or Standard Operating Guidelines and make sure each firefighter is trained on these and signs a verification form that they understand them.

6) We suggest that you talk to any prospective recruits during the application interview or recruit firefighters about this on the first day of their probationary period. Let them know that whatever they have done before must be part of their past. Playing with fire as a child is common, but letting them know you will not permit it may save a young firefighter recruit from a criminal act and you may save lives and property.

Kentucky has seen firefighters sacrifice their lives responding to, or at, arson fires and there is no doubt a few of them have been set by firefighters seeking a thrill, a little overtime or "run" money, or by a desire to use their training on a real event. It is our responsibility to weed those people out and to participate in the investigation and prosecution of any intentional fires that occur in our jurisdictions. The lives you save may be your own, good luck!

The Kentucky Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators is still working to deliver quality education to its members and other agencies at the Kentucky State Fire School and regional fire schools. In addition, we are intending to provide a school for advanced investigative skills in the next year.

Please contact us at ret241@hotmail.com for membership information or to schedule us for a regional fire school in your area. Also, check out the International Association of Arson Investigation website at www.firearson.com.

Russell Todd,

2002-2003 President, Kentucky Chapter IAAI

KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**KENTUCKY FIRE COMMISSION****RISK WATCH COALITION TEAM****“TEAM KENTUCKY”**

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For more information about the Risk Watch Program visit the NFPA website at <http://www.nfpa.org/riskwatch>. KFA is a proud partner in this effort to improve the safety of the Commonwealth’s children.

**US Fire Administration**

102 US Firefighter
 die in LODD 2002

EMMITSBURG, MD - The United States Fire Administration (USFA) announced today that 102 firefighters died while on-duty in the United States, in 2002. The loss of a firefighter’s life was felt directly in more than 86 communities, in 35 states across the nation.

“The United States fire service and this nation have suffered another staggering loss of firefighters, in 2002. When the citizens of this nation need emergency services, they have come to rely on this nation’s firefighters to be able to respond. The United States Fire Administration is committed to helping improve firefighter safety to prevent these tragedies from occurring in the future,” United States Fire Administrator R. David Paulson said.

The severe wildfire season of 2002 led to a number of wildland firefighter deaths. In 2002, 20 firefighters died in wildland fire fighting incidents. Most of the firefighter fatalities related to wildland fires occurred in California and Colorado, where the fire season was especially severe. During the months of June, July, and August, 17 firefighters died in 8 wildland fire incidents. Six of these deaths were the result of 3 wildland fire fighting aircraft crashes. Five firefighters were killed as they traveled from Oregon to Colorado to fight a wildland fire when their van was involved in a crash and 3 California firefighters were killed when their fire truck left the roadway and rolled down an 800-foot hill.

Twenty-five firefighters died in 9 incidents where more than one firefighter was killed. Four wildland incidents (2 aircraft crashes and 2 vehicle crashes) described above took the lives of a total of 13 firefighters.

Two Central New York firefighters were killed when they became trapped in the basement of a burning house; 2 St. Louis firefighters died when they were trapped in the interior of a burning business; 3 New Jersey firefighters were killed when a burning residential structure collapsed as they searched the building for victims; and 3 Oregon firefighters were

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killed when they became trapped in the interior of a burning business after a structural collapse. Two Florida firefighters were killed during a training exercise in July. There were 77 single firefighter fatality incidents.

Career firefighters, those who are employed full-time as firefighters, comprised 37 deaths (36%) in 2002. Volunteer, seasonal, and part-time firefighters accounted for 65 deaths. Ten of the 65 were seasonal or part-time wildland firefighters.

The vast majority of firefighter fatalities in 2002 occurred in relation to a fire or medical emergency incident. Seventy percent of the firefighters who died while on-duty in 2002 suffered fatal injuries or illnesses in emergency situations.

Fifteen firefighters died as they responded to an emergency or returned from one, many of these deaths involve vehicle collisions. Twelve deaths occurred during training.

Six firefighters died in separate incidents when they were struck by passing vehicles while working near roadways. Three of these firefighters were killed as they assisted on the scene of motor vehicle crashes, 1 on the scene of a vehicle fire, 1 on the scene of a wildland fire, and 1 during training.

Fifteen firefighters engaged in other fire department duties at the time of their death occurred in 2002. The 5 Oregon firefighters killed in a van crash in Colorado as they traveled there to assist in fire fighting efforts are included in this category.

Half of the firefighters that died on-duty in 2002 died of traumatic injuries. Eleven firefighters died of asphyxiation; 2 died of burns; 3 firefighters were crushed; 1 firefighter died of heat exhaustion; 1 firefighter drowned; and 36 died of traumatic injuries such those incurred in a vehicle crash. A fire chief in New Mexico was killed when he was shot while on the scene of a structure fire.

Heart attacks continue to be a leading cause of firefighter deaths, killing 31 firefighters in 2002. The 31 deaths represent almost one third of the 2002 total.

The largest loss of firefighter lives in a single incident occurred in Colorado. A group of firefighters were traveling from Oregon in a van that was involved in a single vehicle collision. The highest number of

deaths occurred in July with 15 firefighter fatalities, October brought the fewest deaths with 3.

These fatality statistics for 2002 are provisional and subject to change as the USFA contacts State Fire Marshals at the beginning of each year to verify the names of firefighters reported to have died on-duty during the previous year and expects to have the annual fatality report completed by early June.

For additional information on firefighter fatalities including the annual fatality reports from 1986 through 2001 and the Firefighter Fatality Retrospective Study 1990-2000 please visit the USFA website: http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/ff_fat.cfm.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Kentucky Officers School

Hosted by Green River Firefighters Association
Owensboro Kentucky February 21 - 23, 2003

School Schedule

FRIDAY 21st

2:00PM FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
4:00-8:00 PM EARLY REGISTRATION
7:00 PM REGIONAL ASSOC. MEETING

SATURDAY 22nd

7:00-8:00 AM ON SITE REGISTRATION
8:00-4:00 PM CLASSES
4:00 -9:00 PM EVENING WITH THE VENDORS

SUNDAY 23rd

7:00-8:00 AM ON SITE REGISTRATION
8:00-4:00 PM CLASSES

ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

All activities of the Officers School are held inside the Executive Inn Rivermont in Owensboro. The web site for the Executive Inn Rivermont is located at www.executiveinnrivermont.com.

RESERVATIONS: You may contact the EXECUTIVE INN RIVERMONT by calling 1-800-626-1936. When making your reservations please inform the Reservations Staff that you are attending the GREEN RIVER FIREFIGHTERS OFFICERS SCHOOL. Single or double rooms are \$64.00 flat rate.

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1. Managing Major Fires**ONE DAY CLASS REPEATED SAT & SUN.****Instructor: JOHN "SKIP" COLEMAN,
DEPUTY CHIEF, TOLEDO, OHIO****2. Tactical Approach to Residential Firefighting****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY ONLY****Instructor: SEE CLASS 3****3. Recruiting, Training and Maintaining Vol. FF****ONE DAY CLASS SUNDAY ONLY****Instructor: JOHN BUCKMAN,
PAST PRESIDENT, IAFC.****4. A Car Can Kill You At Zero Miles Per Hour and
What's Junk in the Junkyard****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY ONLY****Instructor: SEE CLASS 5****5. Resp. to Large Truck and Bus Incidents****ONE DAY CLASS SUNDAY ONLY****Instructor: DWIGHT CLARK, DEPUTY
FIRE CHIEF, FORSYTH COUNTY, GA****6. Cargo Tank Emer. Response Workshop****TWO DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****Instructors: DAVE WOLFE AND MICHAEL
MOORE, S. T. T. S.****7. An Important Member of Your Team...Your
Pump****TWO DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****INSTRUCTOR: RICK TULL, HALE PUMPS****8. Courtroom Prep. & Testimony for 1st Resp.****TWO DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****Instructor: KARL E. MERCER, JR., VIRGINIA
FIRE MARSHAL ACADEMY****9. Leadership 1: Strategies for Co. Success****TWO DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****Instructor: MARVIN KEN FARMER, NORTH
CAROLINA FIRE TRAINING****10. Training Operations In Small Departments****TWO DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****Instructor: JOSEPH MICHAEL BRACKIN,
MISSISSIPPI STATE FIRE ACADEMY****11. Resp. to Aircraft Incidents in Kentucky****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****Instructor: SCOTT LANTER, CHIEF, LEXING-
TON BLUE GRASS AIRPORT****12. Clandestine Drug Operations****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY ONLY****Instructor: TO BE ANNOUNCED****13. Haz Mat Incidents Involving Pesticides****ONE DAY CLASS SUNDAY ONLY****Instructor: TO BE ANNOUNCED****14. Managing The "MAYDAY" Call For Help + A
Report From Ground Zero****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****Instructors: SCOTT SHAW and TROY
WEBSTER****15. Managing The Farm Related Emergency****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****Instructor: LOUIS CROSIER and DALE DOB-
SON****16. Ky Fire Commission – Operational Update****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY ONLY****Instructor: WALTER LAGE, EXECUTIVE DI-
RECTOR, KY FIRE COMMISSION****17. Your Organization's Colorguard****ONE DAY CLASS SUNDAY ONLY****Instructor: CHARLES W. SHAW, COORDINA-
TOR, FIRE RESCUE TRAINING****18. Building Construction and Its Effects on
Response to Structural Fires****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY ONLY****Instructor: RON HOPKINS, EASTERN KY
UNIVERSITY, FIRE SAFETY ENG. TECHNOLOGY****19. Understanding The ISO Grading System****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY ONLY****Instructor: MIKE RUNDELL, ISO Ky FIELD
REP. & BOB GLUNT, ISO PENN. FIRE REP.****20. Where is a Fire Chaplain When You Need 1****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****Instructor: DAN ENNIS, KY Fed. of Fire Chap.****21. Fire Investigation Case Studies****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****Instructor: LT. RUSSELL E. TODD, ETOWN FD
AND PRESIDENT KY CHAPTER, IAIAI****22. Response To Industrial Emergencies****ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY****Lead Inst.: ROBERT (BOB) MAHANNA***Ky Officers School continued on next page*

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23. Initial Ops, Strat. & Tactics for Co. Officers

ONE DAY CLASS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Instructor: OTTO MOCK, ASST. CHIEF, CAMP TAYLOR FPD

Deadline for Pre-registration is Mon. Feb 17TH

Registrations after this date may be made at the Officers School on Friday evening from 4:00 – 8:00 pm and on Saturday and Sunday mornings between 7:00 – 8:00 am for any classes that are not filled.

Registration **FEES** on or **BEFORE** Feb 17th **\$40.00** **AFTER** Feb 17th **\$50.00.**

CONFIRMATIONS for students who pre-register will be mailed, e-mailed or faxed.

ALL STUDENTS - Please check in at the Registration Desk in the Florida Room to receive your materials, class room assignments and any last minute information.

UPDATES – You may check our web page at www.sfrtarea3.org for updated information on the 2003 Ky Officers School.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION If you need assistance or additional information please contact us at:

Area 3 / GRFFA office 888-306-8015

Area 3 / Direct Number 270-273-3187

Area 3 / GRFFA Fax Number 270-273-5630

Dixie Fire School

KCTCS Complex in Elizabethtown March 7 - 9, 2003
Classes Scheduled include:

1. **EMT 1st Responder Transition**
3-day class Fri. 6 - 10 Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM
There is an extra charge of \$20.00 for this class.
2. **PEPP (Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals)** **Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM**
3. **EMT Continuing Education**
Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM
4. **Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator**
Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM
5. **Rural & Urban Agriculture Response (Farm Rescue)** **Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM**
6. **To Truss or Not to Truss (Building Construction 101)** **Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM**
7. **"Hard to Get" Hours**
Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM

8. **Firefighter Survival & Rescue**
Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM
9. **NFA Leadership I: Strategies for Co. Success** **Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM**
10. **Fire Control 1**
Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM
11. **Chaplain Class**
Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM
12. **When Tragedy Strikes (an introduction to Critical Incident Stress Management not a certification class)**
1 day class repeated Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM
13. **Weapons of Mass Destruction**
Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM
14. **Special Responses (Met amphetamine Labs/Carbon Monoxide - Electricity & the Firefighter)** **Sun ONLY 8 AM - 5 PM**
15. **"Basic 16 Hour Boot Camp"**
Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM
16. **Incident Command System**
Sat & Sun 8 AM - 5 PM
17. **Responding to Propane Emergencies**
Saturday ONLY 8 AM - 5 PM

Registration is \$25.00 for Dixie Members and \$30.00 for Non members. After February 23 ALL registration including registration at the door \$30.00. There will be an extra \$20.00 fee for the EMT 1st Responder Transition Class. For more information call 270-766-5238 or visit our website at www.sfrtarea5.org.

2 FEMA Grant Writing Seminars Coming to Ky

The Kentucky Fire Commission in cooperation with Vickey Murphy a consultant for the National Fire Program Division of FEMA will be presenting 2 Grant Writing Seminars in Kentucky. They will be held as follows:

1. **February 24** in Elizabethtown at the Bowen Training Center 630 College Street Rd at **1:30 PM.**
2. **February 25** in Lexington at the Lexington Training Center 1375 Old Frankfort Pike at **1:30 PM.**



Through a Fathers Eyes...9-11 and Beyond

A presentation by Captain Lee Ieppli, FDNY retired February 27 at 6:30 PM Central at the Riverpark Center. This event is free and open to the public. Some content is graphic and may not be suitable for small children. Adult supervision is encouraged. For further information, contact the Owensboro Fire Department at 270-687-8408.

K-9 CADAVER SCHOOL

March 8 & 9, 2003

Northcoast K-9 Services will conduct a 20 hour K-9 Cadaver School the weekend of March 8 & 9, 2003, in Georgetown, KY at the Georgetown, Scott County Emergency Management Agency.

The focus of the school is to familiarize rescue and K-9 teams with the recognition of cadaver scent and teach the K-9's proper search and alert techniques. There will be work for beginning, intermediate and advanced K-9 teams.

The course will include classroom work regarding the use of cadaver dogs, scent theory, working crime scenes, disaster scenes and drownings. Students will also be tutored in the types of areas subject matter can be found - shallow burials, hangings, partial subjects (traffic/train accidents); as well as crime scene preservation.

Search scenarios will include building search, burials, above ground searches, and water work. Weather permitting, there will be use of a boat where K-9's and handlers will learn to identify the area where a body has lodged or sunk, how to recognize and alert on those scents, and how to make the search/recovery area smaller for dive teams.

For more information on the class, contact Bluegrass Search and Rescue president Carrie Bowling at 859-230-4394 (cahowe00@hotmail.com) or instructor Jeanette Smith at (440) 988-3530 or email at northcoastk9s@centurytel.net. Registrations must be received by Friday, February 21, 2003. Tuition is \$150 for K-9 and handler, \$100 for student without K-9.

Each student and K-9 will receive a certificate of completion for the class. Please note that this does not certify the dog as a cadaver dog.

NEW ARRIVALS



City of Clay Purchases Central States Pumper

Clay City, located in Webster County, has placed in service a Central States 1250 GPM Pumper. It features a Hale DSD and a 1000 gal. UPF Poly Tank with a 2 1/2' direct tank fill on rear. Three (3) 12 volt scene lights are mounted on the body to provide additional lighting in the operating area. All lighting, including warning and FMVSS, are manufactured by Weldon Lighting.

Mounted on a Freightliner FL-70 chassis, powered by a Caterpillar 3126-E 300 HP engine. The transmission is an Allison MD-3060 5-speed automatic. Features include airconditioning, airbrakes, with gold lettering outlined in white with blue sapphire shading.

The top mounted pump and side panels are covered with black thermo plastic coating to reduce glare. All 2 1/2" discharges are provided with 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" reducer caps. A top mounted monitor discharge is within easy reach of the pump operator. Compartments feature mounting rails for tool boards and brackets. All compartments are provided with ROM roll-up doors. Clay City Fire Chief is Robert Tudor. The department furnishes fire protection for Clay City and mutual aid for the County. Unit sold by Fire Apparatus Div. of S.D.C.

Kentucky Firefighters Association Sustaining Members

Please remember these members when you have purchasing needs.

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The more things change the more they stay the same.

by Woody Will

This newsletter begins my 8th year as the editor of your State Firefighters Newsletter. I am proud of what together we have accomplished over the last 8 years. However, as I begin to reflect on what I have gleaned from my 18 years of attending meetings (I must have attended hundreds), conferences (18), Fire Schools (75+), and what seems like thousands of hours on the phone, I realized that the same issues we were working on in 1984 we are still working on today.

State Fire/Rescue Training was severely under funded and something MUST be done to fix that problem. 18 years later State Fire/Rescue Training is severely under funded and something MUST be done to fix the problem.

We have made some very positive change. 18 years ago State Aid was about \$400.00/per year. It is now \$8,500.00 that is a 2,125% increase. State Fire Commission and State Fire Rescue Training have joined forces. We have a degree program to give college credit for firefighters.

The work is not finished. There are still issues we must fix. Fixing them will require all state fire groups to work together. I remember 18 years ago Fire Coordinator Charlie Shaw saying at one of my first staff meetings I attended, "Our State Seal says it all, United We Stand Devided We Fall". He was right then and he is right NOW. We cannot get meaningful legislation passed if we don't stick together. Don't spend important legislative time on items like the firefighter license plate. Lets get together and pass legislation like a heart and lung bill which will help injured firefighters where they need to be helped, In The Wallet!

This is not only the beginning of my 7th year as your editor it is also the beginning of my last . I have enjoyed working for you and will do my best to make you proud of your newsletter for the rest of this year. I would ask that you please get involved with your state association. It needs your help and guidance. The legislative agenda needs your input at the beginning of the process and your support during the process.

Thank you for letting me help serve you.

Woody

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