



Smoke Signals II

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The Kentucky House of Representative Recognizes Chief Shaw

On Monday, February 10th, the Kentucky House of Representatives honored our Kentucky Fire Service Legend Chief Charles W Shaw by honoring him with the closing of the House of Representatives. I can't remember when this was done in honor of a living emergency service person. What an honor



Charlie congratulations! The resolution follows:

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor of Charles W. "Chief" Shaw upon his retirement as the Area 14 Coordinator for Kentucky State Fire-Rescue Training.

WHEREAS, Chief Shaw is a proud 1965 graduate of Larue County High School. While attending Campbellsville College he worked as a 911 dispatcher, and after graduating he began work with the Campbellsville Fire Department. In 1974, he began a career with Kentucky State Fire-Rescue Training, and achieved the title of Area Training Coordinator in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Chief Shaw has served as a board member on many state and national fire service organizations. He has also served as a Campbellsville City Council member, and has taught a generation of young people about emergency services and safety; and

WHEREAS, Chief Shaw ably headed the Campbellsville-Taylor County Rescue for 30 years. His exemplary service included making Taylor County one of the first rural areas in Kentucky to provide Advanced Life Support for their Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, Chief Shaw has served as an instructor at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. His knowledge and diligence to his field of study has made him one of this country's most gifted fire-rescue trainers, and it is because of that knowledge that this honorable body rightfully commends him. For his decades of selfless service to his fellow man as the Area 14 Coordinator for Kentucky State Fire-Rescue Training, and for his well-deserved retirement, this body congratulates Chief Shaw and wishes him the best of luck in all his future endeavors;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The House of Representatives commends Charles W. "Chief" Shaw for his more than three decades as Area 14 Coordinator for Kentucky State Fire-Rescue Training; acknowledges his leadership and dedication to the worthy causes to which he has devoted his professional life; and wishes him sincerest gratitude and well wishes upon his retirement.

Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Charles W. "Chief" Shaw.

Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative John "Bam" Carney for delivery.

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**Notes From The President's Desk
Chris Crawford**

The KFA Executive Board and I have been very busy, we are currently in the middle of the legislative session and we have some big items we are working on even as I write this article. The Bryant Stiles Officer School was a big success this year, and I know the Green River folks are looking forward to the school returning to Owensboro next year. Dixie Fire School had a very good year and good weather as we have had in the last three years. With the winter we have had, I was very concerned that the weather was not going to be good. The State Fire School Committee is working hard on the last minute preparations for state fire school and I think we are going to have a very good state fire school this year. Brochures are out and you should be getting one if you have not already.

As we draw nearer to conference time I would like to remind everyone to pre-file any resolutions that you may have with Secretary Monica Rath.

Chris Crawford



2nd Vice President

Greetings from Northern Kentucky! Hopefully by the time this article is read, warmer weather/spring is upon us and the Reds will be "on a roll". Needless to

say this winter caused havoc for some fire departments. I think in the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area, it was one of the snowiest winters we have had since they have been keeping records. Here at the Alexandria Fire District fire station we have had sprinkler heads freeze and pop, along with a leaky roof caused by the significant ice storm we had. So yes, it can happen to us.

I want to congratulate Chief Jerry Sandfoss of the Central Campbell County Fire District who announced his retirement set for November 1. I do not know the exact number of years Chief Sandfoss has been in the fire service, but I would guess around 40. We wish him well on his retirement and hope he still continues to come to our monthly "Chiefs Lunch" in Campbell County,

where the "knowledge" and war stories of times past are brought to life. Members included Past Presidents Sie Jewell and Mike O'Day along with many retired Chiefs that I had the pleasure to work with over the years. It is a pleasure sitting at the table with these gentlemen and listen to their stories. This is what the fire service is all about! Maybe we can get John Daley to start attending again.....we are running low on stories!!!

I want to congratulate Green River on a very successful fire school. It was very well attended and had many good classes. I am looking forward to traveling back to Owensboro next year for the Bryant Stiles Officer's school. It was also great to see President Dave McCrady! We wish him well!

State Fire School will soon be upon us. I have had the pleasure for the past year to serve on the Fire School committee and I can assure you there are numerous excellent classes this year. Fire school is always a work in progress and your comments assist us in future schools. There are a few curves in the road ahead, but with the good people on the committee, we will not miss a beat in the upcoming years. Hopefully you can attend this year and make it another successful school. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

In the meantime.....stay safe!

Jeffrey H. Pohlman



Vice President At-Large

So far it has been a long hard winter. Everyone has been holed up in their house and they seem to be ready to bust out. Many opportunities to learn are fast approaching. The Bryant Stiles Green River Officer's School starts this weekend. The next weekend after Green River is The Dixie Fire School which is the first fire school to offer outdoor training opportunities this year and a chance to get outdoors. I hope to see everyone at these two great schools.

I had the opportunity to present a plaque from the KFA to retired coordinator Chief Charlie Shaw. Charlie has always been a go getter, and no matter what you thought of him, you have to admit, he was and continues to be a very good influence to the fire service of this State. Charlie

would like to continue, and does a great job, serving the Fire Service in assisting with firefighter funeral services for both line of duty and non-line of duty funerals. While we know that no one wants to take advantage of his services, it is comforting to know he will assist when called upon. Chief, thank you for your years of service, and enjoy your retirement.

Howdy and Gerald are working hard in Frankfort. We all need to stay diligent and ready to respond when they need our assistance to make calls to legislators.

President Crawford and the Dixie Association have been very busy in planning the 2014 Conference in Elizabethtown. As soon as the Dixie School is over the planning sessions will kick into high gear full scale. From what I have seen, everyone that comes should be very happy with the plans and events that occur. From an actual Luau, cooked, and served by Hawaiians, to the business meetings the 2014 committee is not overlooking anything.

Everyone stay safe, well trained, and involved.

Michael E. Hulsey



IMPORTANT!!!!

Your KFA does everything in its power to improve your life as a firefighter. We spent money to help pass legislation that gave volunteer departments "State Aid" and paid departments "Incentive Pay". We helped try to increase that money almost every year since its inception. We spent money this year not only to help try to increase your state aid and incentive but also to keep others from taking it away. We worked and are working to bring back your defined benefit retirement. We help provide you with State Fire School. We provide you with a newsletter and web page to keep you up-to-date on what is happening around the state.

All the above activities take money. Now it is your turn to help us. We need you to become or stay a member by paying your dues if you have not already done so already. KFA membership dues are: Sustaining partners \$150.00 yearly. For that partnership fee you receive: Homeland

Security Conference/State Fire School Registration Discount, a CD listing of all Kentucky Fire Departments, a listing on the KFA Website, a Smoke Signals newsletter and a listing in the Newsletter, listing in the KFA Directory sent to all Kentucky Fire Departments and a Certificate. Our department membership partner's dues are \$85.00 yearly. For that fee you receive voting delegate rights at the KFA Conference, six newsletters per year delivered to an address you submit on your application, free newsletters sent to overseas military personnel that are members of your department, free disability and dismemberment insurance for each member of the department, and a certificate. Personal partner members' dues are \$25.00. Those dues allow you attendance at the KFA Conference (you must still pay a registration fee), a personal newsletter sent to an address you provide, and a certificate.

However, this will be the last newsletter you will receive if you do not pay your dues. Department and personal dues are payable from October through March. We want to keep providing you with up-to-date information but we cannot provide it for free. Send in your application to Duane Suttles, KFA Treasurer, Grayson FD, 316 E Third St, Grayson KY 41143. Thank you in advance for your support!



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director

The NVFC and IAFC led the charge to reverse the position of IRS and ACA on establishing the employment status of volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. I contacted our Kentucky congressmen and had direct feedback from Senators McConnell and Paul. I thank those who used CapWiz or other communications methods to send the legislators their thoughts on this issue. It truly made a difference.

The effort to simplify the transition of military medics to EMT or paramedic status is gaining ground. I have been involved with this project in many ways and feel good about the progress that is being made. The final solution will lie in state legislative and regulatory changes. The NVFC is a member of an advisory panel involved in the

“NVFC” continued

process to develop an Interstate Compact to simplify that transition. You can download a copy of the draft at www.nasemso.org. Look it over and feel free to make any comments or suggestions on the document.

This past week I attended a meeting in Orlando on the drug shortage issue. We met with various people involved in this issue to learn more about why this is happening and what can be done to alleviate this situation. Statistics indicate that we have a serious problem that will not be resolved soon. Over 400 drugs are in short supply and over 80 are critically short. Utah has been leading the effort to find a solution and Florida is beginning a study to evaluate how this issue is affecting patient care. Some of this has come about as a result of FDA and DEA increasing their inspection process to assure quality control. This has resulted in many manufacturers simply ceasing production rather than make the investment required to meet the required standards. I have a lot of information that may help you better understand this problem and am willing to share that with you.

There is a tremendous amount of activity on the development of Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedic (MIH/CP) programs. I chair the NFPA Technical Committee on EMS and they will meet in Las Vegas in April to begin an analysis as to what position the NFPA should take. There are also other organizations that are involved and are now beginning to get together to discuss the progress of these programs. MIH/CP is here and I feel it offers benefits to EMS and the public that deserves your consideration and involvement.

Globe and DuPont have again teamed up with the NVFC to provide up to four sets of PPE to any totally volunteer fire department that can demonstrate the need for such assistance. They will give about 50 sets away in this program. The NVFC website has the necessary information for you to apply for one of these grants.

The DHS Blue Campaign continues to develop material to help emergency responders recognize and properly report abuse. They are doing a good job of trying to help responders when faced with an abuse situation. Information is available

on the dhs.gov website including a video directed at emergency responders.

We've had 9 firefighters commit suicide in 15 days (one of them from Kentucky). The NVFC has been working on a project to assist departments in recognizing the danger signs and how to get the person help. They are now working with other organizations to speed up the development of this material. If you know of anyone working on this issue, let Pat or me know or contact the NVFC.

The Committee on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS) announced recently that they would begin the development of an ambulance design standard.

Naturally this was met with some resistance as the NFPA 1917 Committee has been working on such a standard for over four years. I will be attending a meeting later this month in Washington that will bring organizations, providers, and others together to learn what CAAS's intent is. I serve as an alternate on the 1917 committee and I don't feel that we need two ambulance standards.

Information continues to come down on NG911. You can watch a movie on this subject at www.911.gov/ng911movie.html. This is going to affect your department and deserves your attention.

FEMA has released a guide on citizen preparedness titled "Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness". This is good information to use in a public education program. Information is available on FEMA.gov.

The revised Fire Service Resource Guide is available from the NVFC and contains excellent source material.

There is a new "Fire Service – Based EMS Electronic Tool Kit" available. Type the title into Google and you will find sources for this Kit.

I have tried each year to get applications from Kentucky firefighters for the awards program administered by the NVFC. This year Daniel Newcomb was nominated for a Junior Firefighter Award and I want to thank all of those who participated in putting together the application.

Pat and I appreciate the opportunity to serve our Kentucky firefighters. As KFA representatives we continue to be active in many NVFC projects.



Notes From Fireman Joe The Ol Fire Dog

By the time you read this it will have already happened but I hope everyone remembered to "CHANGE YOUR CLOCK & CHANGE THE BATTERY IN YOUR SMOKE ALARM". With that being said maybe, just maybe, Spring is on the way. I am also hoping the snow and ice events of last Sunday and Monday is Old Man Winter's Last Hurray!!

I have not had the chance to talk with anyone yet but I am sure the Bryant Stiles Officer School went well and hope it was well attended like it usually is. Due to other commitments I had to miss the school this year which was the first time in a long time. I was happy to hear it will be back home in Owensboro next year, even though I did enjoy it while it was in Lexington. I always enjoyed that ride down to Owensboro and I can't wait to see the new convention center. The other thing I missed was the meeting of the Hall Of Fame Committee which I have enjoyed being a part of since it started. I encourage all of you to look around your area and see if there is someone who deserves to be nominated. From my own experiences, and my time working around the KFA I have met and known some exceptional comrades who have made tremendous contributions to the KFA and the Fire Service of Kentucky. My Fellow Hall of Famers can testify, there is NO greater honor than to be recognized by your peers. I am so proud of being a part of the KFA and having had the opportunity to do the awesome things we were able to do and meet the wonderful folks along the way, I Miss It A lot!!

Don't forget with Spring comes the danger of pop up storms that may be strong and come without a lot of warning. "Watches and Warnings," know what they mean and take all the necessary precautions to keep you, your family and communities safe. Think about where you can go, what you are going to do and a great idea is to have that Emergency Kit Ready. May I suggest, a "Several Days" Supply of Water, Nonperishable foods, Batteries, medicines, battery operated AM/FM Radio, Flashlights, Blankets and Clothing, Cell Phone and charger. Each home needs will be different so survey what your family may need

to have on hand in addition to what I mentioned above. Lastly, I suggest visiting www.ready.gov. It is a website from FEMA to help get you ready for an emergency.

Please be sure to support the Kentucky Firefighters Association, if you aren't a member, join today and encourage your neighboring departments to do the same. Today more than ever we need the support of the KFA and all the many things its membership provides.

Till next time, Stay Safe and GOD BLESS!

Fireman Joe Stambush



Reminder to any student interested in scholarship for this or next school year!

All students considering a scholarship or a renewal scholarship for the Fall and Spring 2014 - 2015 school year need to turn in your application by June 1st 2014.

Scholarship information is available on the KFA Web Site at www.kyfa.org. The application and renewal application are new this year and the documents are "Fill In On-line" documents. The documents are word format and will allow you to write as much information as you like without limitation. After completing the form just print it out and mail it to the address on the form. If you have any question contact Allen Johnson at 270-789-1533.

Words of Wisdom

I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living, it's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do, and that enables you to laugh at life's realities.

Dr. Seuss

Theodor Seuss Geisel Born March 2, 1904 Died September 24, 1991

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



CPAT Testing Schedule

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

We have a fixed testing site in Louisville, Kentucky at: 11605 Fairmount Road

Testing Dates

Louisville (open) primary service for areas 5-6.

April 9, 6 PM Orientation (Mandatory)

April 30, 6 PM 1st Practice

May 14, 6 PM 2nd Practice

May 28, 6 PM Final Test

Glasgow for area 4

May 24, 8 PM Orientation (Mandatory)

June 21, 8 PM 1st Practice

June 28, 8 PM 2nd Practice

July 12, 8 PM Final Test



CHANGES AND UPDATES TAKING PLACE WITH IFSAC TESTING IN 2014

In January all Firefighter Certification levels began using new skills sheets and written exams. Every 5 years, the Kentucky Fire Commission must undergo a reaccreditation process of its IFSAC accredited certifications. In addition to this reaccreditation evaluation, an upgrade is necessary to ensure that we are testing and certifying to the most current edition of applicable NFPA professional qualification standards and requisite job knowledge/performance. Our last update was in 2008, meaning it is that time again.

What this means to the firefighters of Kentucky that had taken a written test but did not complete his or her certification by completing the skills portion or vice versa is that all partially completed certifications expired on December 31 requiring the firefighter to retake portions of certification levels already completed.

Certification cannot be achieved using components (written exams and skills evaluations) of 2 different versions of a specific pro-qual standard. Simply put, if a firefighter attempted and passed the written exam for FF1 in June of 2013 under the 2008 edition of NFPA 1001, he or she must

have completed the skills component by December 31, 2013 or the June 2013 written component expired.

If a firefighter has completed both components of a certification level, written and skills, then that certification level is locked in, even if it has not been issued to the candidate. This is common when the candidate has not yet met pre-requisites for the completed certification. An example is the firefighter has completed written and skills for FF1 and FF2 as well as the skills portion of Haz Mat Operations, but has yet to pass the written test for Haz Mat Ops certification. Because Haz Mat Ops is a pre-requisite to FF1, the lack of completion of the Haz Mat Ops written is holding up the issuance of both FF1 and FF2 certifications. Since both levels have both components completed for each, they are locked in and can't be taken away. However, if the firefighter failed to pass the written for Haz Mat Ops in 2013, the skills completed for HMO expired requiring the firefighter to repeat the HMO skills so that both written and skills are under the 2013 edition of the standard.

All questions should be directed to the accredited certification office, Duane Suttles or Christy Rodgers at 606-784-1393 or Duane's cell line, 606-922-7671.

We apologize for any inconvenience. This upgrade and reaccreditation will only strengthen the fire service of Kentucky by ensuring certifications to standards that are current and up to date.

Coming Events At a Glance!

NFA Courtroom Prep & Testimony

NRPC Greenville April 26-27

EKFA Spring Fire School

Lousia May 3-4

Daniel Boone Regional Fire School

Morehead May 18-20

Homeland Security/State Fire School

Lexington June 4-6

Pikeville Fire School

Pikeville September 5-7

SEKFA Fire School

London October 17-19

Green River Fall Fire School

Owensboro October 24-26

2014 Instructors Weekend

London November 21-23

85th Annual Kentucky State Fire School June 5th - 8th 2014 Lexington

Registration will begin at 3 pm on the 4th and continue from 7 AM until 5 PM each day. Preregistration tuition is \$60 until May 28. Registration after May 28 is \$75. Free cookout Friday evening and lunch on Saturday. Classes with an **R** indicates a repeated course (same course offered a second day same class) Classes offered are:

Thursday Only

- 309 Con Ed for Fire Suppression Sys Inspectors
501 Risk Communication

Thursday R Friday

- 401 All Hazards Awareness Workshop
407 KYTF-1: The USAR Initiative, USAR Awareness

Thursday & Friday

- 201 NFA Leadership I (Degree FRS 2073)
301 Arson I Detection (Degree FRS 2074)
305 Fire Inspector
408 Basic Chaplaincy

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

- 105 Basic Firefighting
302 Arson II Fire Science Investigators
303 Arson III Legal Issues for Fire Investigators

Friday Only

- 110 DPH Radiation Class
304 Con Ed for Fire Alarm Inspectors
307 Fire & Life Safety Education
410 Above the Line Below the Line Haz Mat
502 Managing Large Scale Incidents

Friday R Sunday

- 406 Meth Lab Awareness

Friday & Saturday

- 109 Heavy Vehicle Rescue (Do's & Don'ts)

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

- 106 Let's Fight Fire
111 EMT Refresher

Saturday Only

- 306 Fire Inspector II
402 EMS Evaluator/EMS Instructor Orientation
503 "Transition to Chief Officer"

Saturday R Sunday

- 405 Traffic Incident Management

Saturday & Sunday

- 104 Tanker Operations & Water Supply*
112 Junior Firefighter "Mini Academy"
202 NFA Initial Co Ops (FRS 2016)

Sunday Only

- 108 Foam Fire Streams
309 Regulations & Laws Concerning Fireworks
403 Emergency Response to School Bus Incid.
404 EMS support to Law Enforcement Operations/Situational Awareness

Sunday Only AM-PM

- 504 Fusion Center **AM**
505 "House Bill1" **PM**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

- 101 Airport Firefighting*
102 Driver Operator/Pumper*
103 Driver Operator/Aerial*
107 Rapid Intervention Team Training
113 Agriculture & Farm Incidents
114 Public Safety Diving 1 (PSD1)
115 Forestry Firefighting (S130 & S190)
116 High-Rise Firefighting
203 Has Mat Awareness & Operations (Degree FRS 1047 & 2016)
409 Applicants Agent Briefing



Recruitment and Retention
by Jacob Warren

Things are starting to ramp up for the year. Warmer weather means more events across the Commonwealth. The Recruitment and Retention (R&R) program has been on the go since the start of the year meeting with departments and helping work through issues. Several departments have requested to have the history and recruitment trailer come to their events, don't miss your chance.

Often times I get the question how do we get people? One simple answer is go to where the people in your community are, either it is the big box store, the bingo hall or the local coffee stop and talk to people. Getting out in the community and making the issue known that you need people is a good place to start. Most of the time the only interaction the general public has with emergency services is when they call for help. If you can engage the people in the community, tell them that you need their help, you might be surprised how many would say that they didn't know how dire the staffing levels are. A simple flyer in a community gathering spot or a table with a few current staff members to answer questions may yield results.

Since the last issue of Smoke Signals the R&R program has put 1800FIRELINE in service. The 800 number will feed calls from all Kentucky area codes to the Kentucky State Fire Rescue Training - Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment & Retention Program. When someone calls and information is gathered from prospective volunteers including: name, phone, e-mail, location, etc. The information will then be provided to the volunteer service closest to the prospective member. Departments across the Commonwealth are encouraged to display and use 1800FIRELINE as a way for community residents to find out information on where to volunteer. Since the press release went out about the activation of the line several news agencies reported the story resulting in several phone calls.

As always the program is available to come to your events, fire department, chief's meetings, & regional association meetings to help work on some R&R issues.

Thanks

Jacob Warren
270-499-4104

Letter to the Editor

by Charles W Shaw

On Wednesday night February 12th at Campbellsville University, a retirement dinner was held in my honor. I cannot begin to express the surprise and humbling feeling I experienced when over 130 people stood and clapped in my honor as I came through the door. The Area 14 Staff and guests had come from all over the state and some even from outside the Commonwealth. I would like to thank all who attended, the many email, cards, letters and phone calls I have received wishing me a happy and healthy retirement. I feel each one of you should be recognized for your accomplishments instead of me. I wish there had been time to have heard from each one of you and your accomplishments and how the paths of our lives crossed and the part you played in helping shape my career. God has certainly blessed my life and it has been enriched by the crossing of our paths.

I wish to thank those who organized my retirement dinner because it was a grand event.

Special thanks go out to Woody Will, Brent Lile, Grover Warren, Mike Ramsey, Campbellsville University Food Service Director Heith Hall, Kyle Smith, Mayor Tony Young, Rick Games and Jack Trautwein and the kind folks at FAAC for their generosity. The meal was wonderful and from some of the comments everyone had a great time.

I would like you all to know that my email is still fireresq@kyol.net the same as it has always been. My cell number is 270-572-6161. I would like to hear from you from time to time.

Over 40 years for some people is two careers. A person receives credit for things they have not done. They will also receive credit for things they have done. Critics will criticize them and belittle them. For some of us we owe our critics a lot of thanks because through their criticism comes the drive and determination to work that much harder.



Chaplain's Corner

by Woody Will

It's no secret I like to sing. Singing is what I consider to be one of God's greatest gifts. It is a universal language that can put a smile on most everyone's face. One of the earliest and most notable singer, musician, and song writer was none other than David. He was the author of most of the Psalms. I suppose that's one of the reasons God loved David so much was his music. Scripture tells us that David was a man after God's own heart.

I often think about birds. They sing all day long and never tire of it. How wonderful is that? I sing with the "Heart of Kentucky Men's Chorus" located in Elizabethtown. When I was feeling my worst with cancer and could barely move, I still looked forward to our practice nights even if I couldn't sing I still felt better.

What do you use to pick you up when you are down? We all need something. We all get down from time to time. Some resort to drugs I resort to music. As you read this ponder the words of David "1. Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: 2. Sing forth the honour of His name: make His praise glorious. 4. All the earth shall worship thee, and sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name" Psalms 66 1-2, 4. (KJV)



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Preparing for Potential Flooding

By Bill Tricarico

Senior Risk Management Consultant ESIP

This has been a tough winter for much of the country. Heavy snows in much of the nation have wreaked havoc with driving conditions and business as usual, but another fallout from those snows will be coming more noticeable in the weeks to come.....flooding. The week of March 16th to 22nd was designated Flood Awareness Week and preparation is extremely important.

As emergency service providers, that means some difficult times providing first response to people in need who are in danger of losing everything and potentially their lives. Certainly before this spring has ended, we will have seen some daring rescues and so many people alive through the efforts of our emergency service system.

Since many of you are going to be very busy, now is the time to think about your own organization and prepare for the worst.

You should review your department policies for handling flood incidents and be certain that all members are aware of them as well as NIMS. This review should also include developing potential flood areas and preplanning specific hazards which may need to be remedied beforehand. Remember that common street markings could be under water or swept away making familiar territory very strange. Be certain that all equipment including portable equipment such as saws are in working order and fueled. Since a loss of power is possible, alternative communication methods should be developed, cascade bottles and all SCBA bottles should be filled, and manual pumping equipment on fuel tanks if available should be tested.

In addition, you must remember that you have buildings of your own which must be prepared for such emergencies. Check the physical condition of all buildings making certain that sump pumps are working properly and drains are free of all debris. Plans should be developed for the relocation of apparatus and equipment should it become necessary.

Basement storage should be moved to higher ground and all storage should be raised off the floor. Of particular sensitivity are electrical de-

vices, radio equipment, and records storage. Be certain that generators and emergency lighting in the buildings are operable. You should have a complete, up to date inventory of all equipment and furnishings. Take photos before the flooding if possible.

If you find that you must evacuate your station, attempt to turn off utilities at the main switches or valves and disconnect electrical appliances if able to do so before water rises.

Remember preparing for such emergencies can greatly reduce damage and get you back into service as quickly as possible.

Honda Recalls 900,000 Vehicles

Honda will recall 900,000 vehicles after the manufacturer discovered a potential fire risk in its Odyssey minivans, according to a report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Earlier this month, Honda reported to the agency that there was a "potential defect" in the fuel pump of certain Odyssey models from 2005-2010, the report said. The car manufacturer said that the fuel pump strainer cover in the cars is prone to premature deterioration that "can result in cracks in the material."

The cracks could be caused by a number of factors, including acidic chemicals found in fertilizer, dust control and car wash products, or prolonged exposure to a "high temperature environment," Honda said. Possible fuel smells or leaks coming from the cracks could, in turn, increase the risk of fire.

The owners of all 886,815 cars made in Honda's Alabama factory affected by the recall will start to be notified on April 21. Necessary repair parts will not be available until this summer, Honda said, but cars will be fitted with "interim" repairs. The manufacturer is not aware of any fires or injuries that have occurred as a result of the defects.

Honda previously recalled 344,000 Odyssey minivans last November because of computer problems that caused sudden and "unexpected braking," while in September, 318,000 minivans were recalled after reports of airbags inflating unnecessarily.

NEW ARRIVALS



The Big Creek Fire Department (Canada, Kentucky) recently took delivery of a 2014 Pierce Commercial Pumper. This unit features an aluminum body, 1000 gallon poly tank and a 1250 GPM Waterous Pump; All powered by a Peterbilt PX-8 Engine. This unit was sold by George Owens of Finley Fire Equipment Co., Inc. (800.545.3280 * www.finleyfire.com)



The Okolona Fire Department (Louisville, Kentucky) recently took delivery of a 2014 Pierce Quantum Pumper. This unit features an aluminum body, 750 gallon poly tank, 2000 GPM Waterous Pump, and a Husky 12 single agent foam system; All powered by a DDC DD13, 500 HP Engine. This unit was sold by John Baker of Finley Fire Equipment Co., Inc. (800.545.3280 * www.finleyfire.com)



The Jessamine County Fire Department (Nicholasville, Kentucky) recently took delivery of two 2014 Pierce Arrow XT Pumpers – Engines 3 & 4. These units feature an aluminum body, 1000 gallon poly tank, a 1500 GPM Waterous Pump, and a Husky 3 single agent foam system; All powered by a DDC DD13, 500 HP Engine. These unit were sold by John Baker of Finley Fire Equipment Co., Inc. (800.545.3280 * www.finleyfire.com)



The Paducah Fire Department (Paducah, Kentucky) recently took delivery of (2) 2014 Pierce Impel Pumpers. These units feature aluminum bodies, 750 gallon poly tanks and 1500 GPM Waterous Pumps; All powered by Cummins ISL9 450 HP Engines. These units were sold by John Baker of Finley Fire Equipment Co., Inc. (800.545.3280 * www.finleyfire.com)



Shelby County Fire District has taken delivery of a 2014 Hackney Heavy Rescue. This unit is built on a Spartan Metro Star Chassis with an advanced crash protection system. The body features a 35KW PTO generator, dual Genesis rescue pumps, front and rear mounted extrication tools and reels, and utility air supply, and light tower. The unit was sold by High Tech Rescue, Inc.



New Castle Fire Dept.- Manufactured by Southeast Apparatus, LLC (888-996-6277)...A 2007 International 4400 Wetside Tanker with an 1800-Gallon Tank, a swivel dump, Hale HPX200 Electric Start Pump, Fold Down Dump Tank Rack, L.E.D. Lighting, and much more!

Words of Wisdom

Never, never, never give up.
Winston Churchill

“New Arrivals” Continued



Union City Fire Dept.- Manufactured by Southeast Apparatus, LLC (888-996-6277)...A 2013 Chevrolet 3500 Brush Truck with a 9ft. aluminum flat bed, custom aluminum boxes, a Hale HPX200 Electric Start Pump with 18HP Briggs and Stratton Gas Engine, 200-Gallon UPF Polypropylene Water Tank, and much more!



Washington County EMS – Remounted Body manufactured by Southeast Apparatus, LLC (888-996-6277)...A newly built Ambulance Body mounted onto a new 2013 Chevrolet Chassis per customer specifications.



Campbell County Fire District #1 recently took delivery of a 2014 Polaris 6x6, 95 gallon water tank, 5 gallon foam tank, skid stretcher.

Action Training Systems and NVFC Team Up for \$250K Training Giveaway

Volunteer departments can apply for one of 50 training packages



Action Training Systems (ATS) has teamed up with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) to provide 50 online training packages to all-volunteer or mostly-volunteer departments, for a total of nearly \$250,000 worth of training. Through the ATS/NVFC \$250K Training Giveaway, eligible departments can apply for a training package that provides 20 department members with free access to Firefighter I and Firefighter II online training for one year.

“Proper training is critical to firefighters and EMS personnel,” said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. “Unfortunately, many volunteer departments struggle to find the funding to provide their members with the training they need to do their jobs safely and effectively. We commend Action Training Systems for recognizing this need and providing 50 departments with essential training for their firefighters.”

The training giveaway coincides with the 2014 International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week. The theme of this year’s event is “Train Like You Fight,” which emphasizes safety on the training ground and the importance of receiving adequate training to prepare for safe fireground operations. The fifty winning departments in the ATS/NVFC \$250K Training Giveaway will be announced during Safety and Health Week June 15-21.

“At Action Training Systems, we make it a priority to offer fire and EMS organizations with the highest quality training resources,” said George Avila, President/CEO of ATS. “We understand that sufficient funding is not always available to departments to get the training they need. This giveaway program will enable more departments to provide critical training to their volunteers and enhance the safety of their firefighters.”

Each of the 50 winning departments will receive a one-year subscription for 20 learners and one administrator to the Essentials of Firefighting curriculum via the ATS Online Learning Manage-

ment System. This series contains 33 interactive courses, streaming video, and PowerPoints to teach Firefighter I and II skills and prerequisite knowledge. Essentials of Firefighting teaches to the current NFPA 1001 standards and can be used as a training resource to simplify technical knowledge and reinforce training objectives. The department administrator can track the progress of up to 20 students through the program.

To be eligible to apply for the training giveaway, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be from an all-volunteer or mostly-volunteer (over 50%) fire department
- Be from a fire department that serves a population of 25,000 or less
- Be from a department legally organized within one of the 50 U.S. states

Learn more about the ATS/NVFC \$250K Training Giveaway at www.nvfc.org/ats-giveaway, or apply now at <https://nvfc.wufoo.com/forms/atsnvfc-250k-training-giveaway/>. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2014.



NFPA awards Isman Grant to the Shelby Fire Department HazMat Task Force

January 21, 2014 – The National Fire Protection Association’s (NFPA) Fire Safety Educational Memorial Fund Committee has selected the Shelby Fire Department HazMat Task Force from Shelbyville, Ky., as the recipient of the 2014 Warren E. Isman Educational Grant.

“The Shelby Fire Department HazMat Task Force has worked to educate not only first responders but also their communities about hazardous materials, new techniques and safety awareness,” said Ken Isman, chair of the Warren E. Isman Task Force. “We are encouraged by their efforts and pleased to help them achieve further hazmat safety tasks and goals.”

Grant recipients select a conference where they can attend specialized hazardous materials training and education sessions. The selected team has the opportunity to gain knowledge and enhance their ability to excel in this special-

ized field. The 2014 award will allow the Shelby Fire Department HazMat Task Force to attend the IAFC International Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference taking place in Baltimore, Md., in June 2014. The Shelby Fire Department HazMat Task Force was established ten years ago. Their 75 technicians cover a six county response area in central Kentucky, including major cities and highways.

The award is available to any established incident response team from a fire department, police department or other public-funded program. Qualified applicants are evaluated on leadership qualities, communication abilities, and must have been trained in accordance with NFPA 472, Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, and NFPA 473, Standard for Competencies for EMS Personnel Responding to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents.

The Warren E. Isman Educational Grant has been sponsored by the NFPA since 1993. It was established in 1991 by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) following Isman’s untimely death. In addition to serving in fire departments in Long Beach, N.Y. and Rockville, Md., Isman spent several years as a Senior Instructor for the University of Maryland Fire Service Extension Program. Isman became Fire Chief in Fairfax, Va. in 1983. He served as Chair of the NFPA Technical Committee on Hazardous Materials Response Personnel and as Chair of the IAFC Committee on Hazardous Materials, holding a number of offices on the IAFC Board of Directors, including President from 1987 to 1988.

Words of Wisdom

It was once said that the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped.

Hubert H. Humphrey

38th President of the United States

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Legislative Report

As I write this article the 2014 legislative session is 2/3 of the way over and not much has been accomplished. It feels like this legislative session began with and continues with the partisan fighting as usually. Now the fights over the budget begin with the House passing its version of the budget out of the House the second week of March. During the Bryant Stiles Green River Officers School, I informed those in attendance at the Kentucky Fire Commission meeting and at the KFA E-Board meeting that we have a major fight on our hands over the budget.

We will continue our fight to improve the fire service in Kentucky. I try to not be partisan and try not to be involved in social issues because we are working for the fire service; I feel it is important to push our issues to better the fire service. As of March 9, 2014 there are 584 House Bills, 189 House Resolutions, 240 Senate Bills and 217 Senate Resolutions.

Here are the bills that have been introduced to comply with the KFA Convention Resolutions;

- Resolution #2 to increase the compensation for board members of Chapter 75 fire districts.
- HB 365 would allow the board members to receive up to \$100 and is not mandatory. (At the time of this writing, we have had Rep. Floyd submit a committee substitute to keep language as in current law for electing fire fighter reps to the fire district boards. He copied a bill that was from years ago that we did not request. This was filed on Wednesday February 26, 2014.)
- Resolution #3 to allow fire districts submit reports to DLG and hearings in fire houses.
- After discussions with Floor Leader he informed us that no legislation would be heard this year on reporting and hearings this session to give HB1 and SB2 time to take effect for a year.
- Resolution #6 supporting an increase in Incentive Pay and State Aid.
- HB 352 would increase incentive pay to \$4000.00 and State Aid to \$12,000.00.
- Resolution #7 the KPFF has not filed any legislation for us to support.
- Resolution #8 the KPFF has not filed any legislation for us to support.
- Resolution #9 the KPFF has filed three pieces of legislation on the resolution on cancer presumption. HB 23 and HB 153 are not the pieces that are moving. HB 251 is the bill that all fire groups and including KLC and KACO are supporting.
- Resolution #10 after discussion with KBEMS who is not writing any legislation to allow this testing during this legislative year.

Michael J, "Howdy" Kurtsinger