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“SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE” REACHED IN REVIEW OF FIRE GRANT APPLICATIONS

WASHINGTON - Three hundred fire service personnel conducting peer evaluations of grant requests for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S Fire Administration (USFA) have completed their work, bringing eligible fire departments a step closer to receiving much-needed assistance. With the peer review stage of the 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program now complete, the reviews will be forwarded to FEMA/USFA staff for final processing and selection of grant recipients.

“There is still work to be done but completion of the peer review is a significant milestone on the road to getting much-needed assistance to first responders,” said R. David Paulison, U.S. Fire Administrator. “The men and women who participated on these evaluation panels made an invaluable contribution to the process.

FEMA/USFA received an appropriation for \$360 million for the grant program this year. The applications for assistance totaled nearly \$2.2 billion with more than 19,500 requests for funds in four general categories:

1. Fire Operations and Firefighter safety: \$882,539,097 and represented 58% of the applications
2. Fire Fighting vehicles – and represented 37% of the applications
3. Emergency Medical Services – \$35,174,783 and represented 2 % of the applications
4. Fire Prevention Programs – and represented 3% of the applications

“With requests outnumbering available funds, the peer review process continues to be the fairest, most effective way of reviewing and ranking these outstanding applications for assistance, said Paulison.”

In accordance with the authorizing legislation, grants will be made to a variety of fire departments with consideration given to paid, volunteer, and combination departments; departments located in communities of varying sizes; and departments located in urban, suburban, and rural communities. Grant awards will begin in June and will continue to be announced through the summer and fall, until all of the appropriated funds are awarded.

All applicants who did not make the peer review level will be notified of the final status of their submissions. All those departments that have applications that were peer reviewed but will not receive funding will be notified later this year.

FEMA/USFA cannot respond to requests for information on the status of specific applications. However, Fire Departments interested in Regular updates on the grant program can visit the FEMA/USFA website at: www.usfa.fema.gov/grants/

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From the President

Bill Carver



Greetings from your president. Work in the Barren River area is at a fevered pitch. We are just 2 1/2 months away from the conference August 3 - 6, 2002 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Have you registered Yet? Have you made that hotel reservation? The University Plaza Hotel is full. The Marriott Courtyard across the street still has rooms booked under KFA conference. The rate is \$62.00 single or double. Be sure to ask for KFA booking or they will tell you the hotel is full. Registration forms and golf scramble forms are in this newsletter. This issue also has the delegate registration and memorial forms. Remember to get them back in as soon as possible. The memorial form is for members who have passed away over the past year. Even if you are not planning to attend the conference please return the deceased members form so your members will be mentioned at the memorial service.

The KFA has a service that some of you may not be aware of. Our Special Events Coordinator Charles Shaw through the local fire training coordinator goes state wide to help with firefighter funerals. I hope you never need this service but if you do please give us a call.

During the conference is our Firefighter Olympics. It is not too late for your department to get together a team for the contest. Rules and forms will soon be available from your local fire training coordinator. You can also contact our Special Events Coordinator Charles Shaw at 270-465-8633.

We had a very interesting year of legislation in Frankfort. We did not get all we were after but didn't lose all we could have lost. It would seem that after all the destruction from the events of 911 our legislators would have been more receptive to our needs. They sure know where to find us when they need our help. One way you can help the legislative process in Frankfort is to get involved in your local elections. Find out how receptive your local candidates are to firefighter issues. Remind them that people put them in office and people can remove them if they do not carry out the will of the people.

Remember YOU are people too. Till August!

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FIRE COMMISSION

Walter J. Lage

Division Director

State Fire Commission

When you receive this edition of Smoke Signals, the State Fire School should be in full swing. If you

are not attending, I urge you to consider it for next year. We have made a few small changes and are always looking for ways to improve this school. Should you have any ideas or suggestions, please submit them in writing to the Fire Commission.

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.

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. 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.

Please remember that training records were due by December 31, 2001. If you have not submitted year 2001 training records it could jeopardize your eligibility for state-aid. The Fire Commission strongly recommends that as a minimum, training records be submitted monthly.

I would like to respond to a Letter to the Editor printed on Page 13 of the April 2002 Smoke Signals. The Fire Commission does not claim to have all the answers. We are always ready to discuss any ideas, opinions or problems a person may have. In fact, we do this while talking with Fire Chiefs almost on a daily basis in the Commission office. I am not going to argue or debate the ideas and opinions the letter writer expressed. And, I will defend his right to do so.

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While we may not always agree or have the answer you want or like best, we do listen and try to explain our point of view. Regardless of the popularity of our ideas, opinions or answers we do not shy away from expressing them and taking credit for them. I only wish the letter writer was able to do the same.

Walter J. Lage, Division Director – Kentucky Fire Commission

April 24, 2002, the Executive Director of the Fire Commission, Mr. Larry J. Collier resigned from his position. Please remember that the Fire Commission has moved to Lexington. Any correspondence should be sent to the Lexington office and not the Fire Marshal's office in Frankfort.

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Just A Note

Editor Woodrow W. Will

The letter to the editor referred to above from last issue was a verbal discussion between myself, Chief Alan Sipes of Flaherty Fire Department, and a member of the Fire Commission. It was held in my office in Elizabethtown. I wanted to use Alan's name but was unable to get in contact with him prior to the paper going to press. Since that time I have been able to ask his permission which he did agree. In the future no letter will be published without a signature.

REGIONAL EMBERS



Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association

Troy Newcomb, President

Greetings from "Far Western Kentucky" and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. Summertime is upon us and so is the time for vacations, family outings, and those special weekend trips that we all enjoy so much. Most of the year we are so busy with work schedules, schools, classes and other fire and EMS related events that often times our families are the ones that suffer. This is not by design nor do we plan it that way but it surely happens. The people that we love and should appreciate the most end up getting the "short end of the stick"

Check your schedule for the summer months that are ahead of us now! Make a pledge to yourself and your family that you will make time for each and everyone of them. Spend some quality time with your significant other, your children, your parents, your close friends; anyone that you truly care about. Cherish the time that you spend with each one of them and file these memories away for future use. Heaven forbid that a tragedy such as 911 should befall your family. But how much greater would the tragedy be if not for your memories. Make those memories with your family now. Do not put it off any longer.

The JPFA bi monthly meeting for May was conducted on Tuesday, May 7, 2002 at the LaCenter Fire Department in Ballard County with 23 members in attendance. Chief Mark Claxton and his personnel got out their grills and served up some mighty tasty hamburgers and all of the trimmings for those in attendance. Those firefighters know how to cook! Second VP Steve Kyle stood in for President Troy Newcomb and moved the meeting along in good fashion. SFRT Area One Coordinator Charlie Lott was in attendance and reported on area one activities along with what is going on with State Fire Rescue Training across the state.

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Steve Kyle, the chairperson for the 2003 JPFA Annual Fire School, gave the group a report on the school committee activities. Steve reported that the tentative class schedule calls for 20 classes. Steve reminded everyone that the next JPFA meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2002 at the North Graves Fire Department. The next Annual Fire School Committee meeting will be June 3, 2002 at Kentucky Dam Village.

The business meeting was relatively short for us, but it gave us a good opportunity to visit with the LaCenter Fire Department personnel and get a good look at their new station house. The new station is actually almost a year old but Chief Claxton says they still have not gotten fully accustomed to it. They really have two new stations. They are just side-by-side. The city fire department occupies one building and the rural fire department occupies the other building. These firefighters not only know how to cook, they know how to build a firehouse. Both of the buildings are 4500 square feet with three double bays in each side. In addition they have a large meeting room/kitchen, an equipment storage room, a laundry, an office and a maintenance area. And all of that is on the ground floor. There is a mezzanine across the back of each building for storage and a future weight and workout room. A lot of work, thought and planning went into this project and it is very evident when you view the results. The LaCenter personnel are understandably proud of their new facility and the JPFA is proud of them. Our thanks to Chief Claxton and all of his personnel for having us as their guest.

WE ARE MOVING!

After much thought and consideration the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association annual fire school committee has made a decision to move our 2003 annual fire school to Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, Kentucky. We are both excited and a little tentative about the possibilities that this move will afford the JPFA and the emergency services personnel in our area and across the state.

For several years the JPFA has discussed options for enlarging our annual fire school and making it better and more enjoyable. We knew that it would be extremely difficult to improve on an already great weekend. The question was, how do you go about improving on a weekend of fun, fellowship and training with a large group of firefighters? It would be tough to find a situation that would be much better than that. Then JPFA President Troy Newcomb came up with the idea of moving our school to Kentucky Dam Village State Park.

The fire school committee visited Kentucky Dam Village State Park and did an assessment of the facilities. (It was a tough assignment but someone had to do it!) I believe that the entire committee came away from this assessment feeling excited about the possibilities but at the same time there was plenty of trepidation to go around. As you well know fire and EMS personnel do not react to change favorably. We are prone to get comfortable with a program, a situation or a procedure and will resist change even when we know that the change would be in our best interest. The annual fire school committee has concluded that this move is in the best interest of the annual fire school and all personnel involved. We are committed to making this change and will face the many opportunities that it will present in a positive manner.

We now know how to improve on an already great weekend with our firefighter family. You move the location to one of the most popular resorts in the State of Kentucky. (And the location is right in our own back yard) If you have never attended a fire school in this type of setting, then you are in for a real treat. This location offers quality lodging in a park setting, a campground with 221 campsites, an air camp where you can camp next to your aircraft, a 4000 ft. paved and lighted air-strip, a spacious dining room, a 900 seat convention center, the largest marina in the Kentucky State Parks system with dockage, rental fishing boats, pontoon boats, ski boats, pedal boats, year round fishing, an 18 hole Village Green golf course, tennis courts and the list goes on and on and on. And this does not include beautiful Kentucky Lake, the Land Between the Lakes and all of the scenic countryside that abounds in this area.

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You cannot afford to miss the **2003 Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association Annual Fire School**. Mark your calendars now for **March 22nd and 23rd, 2003** and plan on joining us at Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Gilbertsville, KY. Kentucky Dam Village State Park is located 21 miles south east of Paducah, Kentucky at exit #27 off of I-24. For additional information regarding Kentucky Dam Village State Park go to the Webb site at www.state.ky.us/agencies/parks/kydam2.htm

"LESS WE FORGET"

REMEMBER 911!

**GOD BLESS AMERICA AND
WAVE THAT AMERICAN FLAG!**

Paul S. Billings



Dixie Firefighters Association

Randy Skinner – President

The Dixie Firefighters Association held it's April meeting in Flaherty Kentucky at the Flaherty Fire Department. Chief Alan Sipes and his personnel had a fish fry that made your mouth water. Several items of business were discussed but most of the discussion centered around information about the guest speaker at the Dixie Fire School Banquet. The letter below is an apology to all those who attended.

Firefighters in Kentucky and across the nation were deceived and taken advantage of at the Dixie Fire School, and several other times over a four-month period after 9/11/2001.

Bill Bresnahan made several speaking engagements in our State, and especially in the Dixie area. He spoke of the events of 9/11 and how he took part in rescues and the activities for the first days after this event. He had collaborated in writing a book called "Terror in America", and had made a promise to donate a portion of the proceeds to the children of the victims of the towers.

Mr. Bresnahan was at ground zero. The stories he told and wrote about, he attained from interviews with the real heroes at ground zero.

To my knowledge Mr. Bresnahan did none of the things he spoke of or wrote about. Not only did he take advantage of our emotions and need for closure from this event, he also raped the soles of 343 firefighters in New York City.

Being a Christian I forgive him for what he has done. As a firefighter and a human being I hope that he is punished fully to the extent of human law. Mr. Bresnahan claimed to be a godly man, that he carried a Bible with him at ground zero and ministered to all that needed it. He may have, I don't know. I do know that he must seek forgiveness from all that he has wronged and with our Saviour.

Michael E. Hulse

As an association we apologize for any embarrassment this might have caused anyone who attended our banquet.

We are in the process of implementing Phase II of our Emergency Service Responders Memorial. We will be out collecting funds for our additional two pillars which will complete our monument. We will be erecting a post for law enforcement and a post for industry. If you have not had the opportunity to do so before stop by 630 College Street Rd and see the beautiful and fitting memorial to our emergency service responders memorial.

CENTRAL KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Chuck Helms - President

January association meeting was hosted by the Lexington Fire Department. The Georgetown Fire Department hosted a symposium featuring Alan Brunacini and Vincent Dunn on January 26th and 27th. Attendance exceeded 250.

February association meeting was hosted by the Winchester Fire Department. Awards were presented to Winchester's Explorer Post #444.

March association meeting was hosted by the Richmond Fire Department.

April association meeting was hosted by the Scott County Fire Department. A tour of the fire training tower was given.

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The Scott County Fire and Rescue Department officially opened their training tower and burn building with a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 5. This is a very nice facility and is open to anyone who wishes to use it. Below is a picture of the tower.



The CKFA annual fire school was held in Richmond on April 27th and 28th. The school was hosted by the Richmond Fire Department at the Richmond Regional Training Center.

Above is a picture of the house used in the live burn class, in its' fully involved state.

May God Bless,

Chuck Helms, President



Jefferson County Fire Service

Coffee and Donuts with "EDITH"

The local media and Jefferson County Fire Chiefs were invited to meet "EDITH" on Tuesday, March 5, 2002. A coffee and donuts reception was held at the Harrods Creek Fire Department, 8905 U.S. Highway 42 in Prospect to introduce "EDITH" -the newest addition to Jefferson County Fire Services' public information efforts. "EDITH" is actually a TARC Bus that carries Jefferson County Fire Services' current community awareness messages. Chuck Bauer, of Jefferson County Fire Services Public Information, Education and Recruitment Committee, explains... "we nicknamed the Bus "EDITH" because one of the many important messages it carries is **Escape Drills In The Home - EDITH**. **EDITH** is the message displayed prominently on the front of the bus. "EDITH" packs a powerful wallop when you see her winding toward you down the street. **She is 36,840 pounds** of impactful information. One hundred and two inches **wide** and one hundred and twenty one inches **tall**, "EDITH" rolls by displaying 40 Foot long side panels that repeat the current year's fire safety campaign "**Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire**"- the simple steps to teach children and families how to strike out fire risks in their homes. As you turn to watch as "EDITH" pulls away from a curbside stop, the entire back of the bus encourages recruitment of volunteer firefighters with the message "**BE A HERO**". "



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Jefferson County Fire Service is extremely pleased to have the mass transit moving billboard out-and-about town", says Chief Paul Barth, Chairman of the Public Information, Education and Recruitment Committee. "The TARC bus campaigns have proved to be some of the most effective community awareness programs that Jefferson County Fire Service uses." "That is why we planned the special event to introduce the new bus to the media and the community." For additional information about "EDITH" and Jefferson County Fire Service Community Education and Awareness Campaigns contact: Lynn Nichols, Jefferson County Fire Service 502/267/9003 or e mail jcfs_pr@yahoo.com.

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

"Flashover Training Simulator Arrives"

The Point Pleasant Fire Department located in Boone County Ky, recently received their new Flashover Training Simulator. In July 2001 Point Pleasant was awarded a FEMA Fire Grant, and designed the specifications for a simulator to meet the needs of the department. Phoenix Fire Training Services, located in Ontario, Canada constructed the simulator and after a short trip to FDIC in Indianapolis, it arrived in Northern Kentucky. The simulator is designed to enable the firefighter to experience their first flashover in a safe, controlled environment. The simulator is constructed of two seaway containers, that has insulated walls and ceiling specially designed to withstand the extreme temperatures typical with a flashover condition. The walls and ceiling are lined with wood burn panels and a burn barrel provides the incipient fire to create the flashover condition. Firefighters view the fire from its incipient stage to the growth stage, before seeing the flashover. This training tool enables firefighters to recognize the signs of flashover and proper suppression techniques that will enable them to get out alive.

This simulator will also be available to surrounding departments in Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties as it was mounted on an over the road type trailer to facilitate convenient training for these departments. The Point Pleasant Fire Department is very pleased with the receipt of this exciting new training tool and appreciates the funds provided by FEMA and the Point Pleasant Fire District.



The Dayton fire department was one of nearly 200 fire service representatives from across the country who gathered at the National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) spring meeting held April 5th. Nearly \$300,000 in fire prevention grants to 31 states was awarded targeting children in rural areas. The Grants were made possible through the federal emergency management agency's (FEMA) assistance to firefighters grant program.

FEMA deputy director Mike Brown, in partnership with NVFC chairman Philip C. Stittleberg, handed out the checks to the worthy recipients. "The \$9,500 Grants to each of the 31 states who applied will reach a high risk population, that is near and dear to the firefighters heart," said NVFC chairman Stittleberg.

The Dayton Fire Department from Dayton, KY will use the fire prevention grant to implement NFPA's risk watch program in their city schools and the "Remembering When" program for our senior citizen community. "We are very excited about receiving the grant." stated fire and life safety educator, Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stambush. "We are making plans to start these programs immediately!"

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Pike County Firefighters Association

Randy Courtney, President

Well hello everyone from the hills of Eastern Kentucky it's been a while since I had time to write and I apologize for that. We have been busy down here in Pike County and Area 11, why we even have a new Regional Training Center. Around the beginning of May Area 11 State Fire Rescue office along with Secretary Cheryl Fannin and coordinator, Bob Barringer moved into one half of the Paintsville / Johnson County Regional Training Center. We have already started having classes in it even before it was completely done. The center will be a great asset to Area 11 and Johnson County. Congratulations to Fire Chief Bob Dixon and Bob Barringer for making this a reality.

Since my last article we have seen 3 departments increase their fleet of emergency vehicles. The Big Creek Volunteer Fire Dept located at Sidney purchased a 1991 E-One Hurricane 5 Man Cab from the Palm Beach FD in Florida. This unit has a 1,000 gal tank and a 1250 GPM pump, deck gun and many added features. This new arrival will increase their fleet to 6 emergency vehicles. Congratulations to Chief Rick Green and the members of the Big Creek VFD.

The Turkey Creek Volunteer Fire Dept made a big change at the beginning of May. They took possession of not one but two 2001 new trucks. They got a 2001 International Tanker with a 8" dump valve which hauls 2,000 gallons of water on an all aluminum body. They also received a 2001 E-One Pumper. It has a 750 gal tank and a 1250 gpm Hale pump. These vehicles were purchased from Fire Pumps & Equipment and will help increase the TCVFD fleet to a total of 5 emergency vehicles. Congratulations to Chief James Stepp and all the members of the Turkey Creek VFD.

The Marrowbone Volunteer Fire Department has added yet another emergency vehicle to there fleet. They have added a 1990 Ford 4x4 F-350 Mini Pumper, which has a 300 gal tank on it, and a 750 GPM Hale pump.

Other extras include a front mounted winch, lots of compartment space, 2 pre-connects and many extras. This vehicle was purchased from Whynn Fire Equipment and will help increase the MVFD fleet to a total of 8 emergency vehicles. Congratulations to Chief Clinard Adkins and all the members of the Marrowbone VFD.

The Pikeville Fire Department took possession of a Scott Thermal Imaging Camera on May 10th. This is the first of many that will be purchased and used in Pike County. This equipment was purchased from First in Rescue Equipment, Inc and will be a great asset to the other equipment at the Pikeville Fire Dept. Congratulation to Chief Tommy Hall and all the members of the Pikeville FD for the added protection this equipment provides.

Well see what I told you we have been very busy down here. The dates for the 13th Annual Pikeville / Pike County Fire & Rescue School will Be July 19, 20, 21, 2002. We will have brochures at several of the vendors booths at State Fire School in Lexington. Listed below are the classes that we plan to teach at our school.

1	Live Burn	16
2	Swift Water Rescue	16
3	EMT & 1st Responder Con Ed	16
4	1st Responder Transition Course	24
5	Flashover Simulation	08 x 2
6	Firefighter Survival	08
7	Firefighter Rescue	08
8	ATV & Farm Rescue	16
9	Auto Extrication & Heavy Vehicle Rescue	16
10	Wildland Firefighting	08 x 2
11	Swift Water Rescue	16
12	Basic 16 For the Beginning FF	16
13	Basic Intro to Arson & Crime Scene Pres	16
14	Volunteer Firefighter Cluster	16
15	Volunteer Fire Officer Cluster	16
16	Tank Truck Emergency Response	16
17	Basic Fire Prevention (New for 02)	16

We think we have a good selection of classes. Please consider this as your personal invitation to

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come on down to Pike County located here in Eastern Kentucky and have some fun and learn a lot. Remember we will have brochures all over the place at state fire school and they will have all the details in them. See you at state fire school .

God Bless

Randy Courtney

President Pike County Firefighters Association

Southeastern Firefighters Association

Billy Robbins - President

Greetings from the Southeastern Firefighters Association!

Our officers for the year 2002 are as follows:

President - Bill Robbins Jr. Chief Pineville FD

1st VP - Jim Tye Chief Barbourville FD

2nd VP - Greg Gray Director Region 13

Secretary - Tony Brown FF London FD

Treasurer - Henry Cox FF Oak grove FD

During the last few months we have lost some long time firefighters that have passed away. Jim Blair who taught for Region 13 for a number of years, John Tye who was a 30 plus member of the Barbourville fire department and brother of Chief Jim Tye, and Charlie Overby who was a member and former chief of the Bell County VFD. These men will be missed not only by the departments but their friends in the fire service as well.

Bell County VFD Chief Larry Browning and their Assistant Chief John Hurd retired from the department this year. The department held an appreciation dinner for them on May 4th at their headquarters. Around 200 friends and fellow firefighters attended.

Our Fall Fire School will be held October 19th and 20th at London Kentucky. If you need more information you can call Greg Gray at 606-862-0318 or Toll Free 888-234-0100.

If anyone needs to contact the Southeastern Firefighters Assn. you can E-mail me at pinefd@bellsouth.net and I will get back to you.

Harlan City FD has just moved into their new station. Our last association meeting was held in Harlan and the new station looks great!

Yours in the service,

Chief *Billy Robbins Jr.* President SEFA

Mountain Firefighters Association

Hazard Fire School August 25&26,2002

The Mountain Firefighters Association held a meeting on 5/8/02. We had 11 different fire departments represented as well as Perry County E911 and KY Emergency Management. Topics for discussion were a Firefighter Hazardous-Materials response team and our regional fire school. We have tentatively set 16 classes for our school. They are:

1. Basic FF
2. Rappelling
3. Child Passenger Safety Educator Class
4. Junior FF
5. Blocks of Hard to get hours
6. Bloodborne Pathogens
7. EMT Recertification
8. FF Survival & Rescue
9. Haz-Mat Operations
10. Farm Rescue
11. Haz-Mat response for EMS personnel
12. Court Room Preparation
13. Officer's class
14. 4 hour Wildland class
15. Live Burn
16. Round-table Discussion with Fire Commission

During this school the Fire Commission will also be offering a Firefighter I & II Test.

It is shaping up to be a great fire school. Make your plans to attend and join us for a great time. Our school is free to all firefighters and we offer a free picnic on Saturday evening in the park for all that attend our school. Dates for our school are August 25&26, 2002 in Hazard KY. For more information feel free to contact the SFRT office at 606-435-6087 or 888-234-6759.

KFA 2002

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KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

AUGUST 3RD-6TH, 2002

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Name:	\$50.00	
Spouse or Guest:	\$50.00	
Additional Banquet Tickets:	\$25.00	
Mailing Address:	Total Amount	
City:	State:	Zip:
Department Representing:		
Phone #:	Email:	Fax #:

When making hotel reservations at the University Plaza Hotel or Courtyard by Marriott, be sure to inform them that you are with the KFA, to receive your special room rate.

ROOM RATES

University Plaza Hotel: \$73.00 normal room rate excluding taxes

Courtyard by Marriott: \$62.00 normal room rate excluding taxes

Return to:

Bill Carver Fire/Rescue Training

1845 Loop Drive

Bowling Green, KY 42101

Make checks payable to: KFA 2002 Conference

**KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION 2002
GOLF SCRAMBLE**

Monday, August 5, 2002, Registration: 1:00 p.m. Tee Off: 2:00 p.m.

Hartland Municipal Golf Course, Adjacent to Holiday Inn University Plaza

PRIZES

1st place team \$100.00 and trophy to each player

2nd place team \$50.00 and trophy to each player

3rd place team \$25.00 and trophy to each player

Send nonrefundable entry fee of \$45 per player to:

William S. Carver Golf Scramble

1845 Loop Drive

Bowling Green, KY 42101

Team Captain: _____

Player #3: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Player #2: _____

Player #4: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Job Opportunity

FARM SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR. Opening date BOB May 20, 2002. Closing date COB May 30, 2002. Responsible for the development and implementation of the Department's Farm and Home Safety Program. Teaches school groups, adult groups, and farm groups about farm and home safety. Travels state-wide to conduct programs and sometimes drives a truck and large trailer carrying various pieces of safety equipment for display. Recommends policies and procedures to facilitate administration of safety programs. Coordinates safety programs with other farm and home safety specialist, Emergency Medical Technicians, and Fire and Rescue personnel. **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** Graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree. Must have five years of experience in the area of safety operations or inspection. Additional administrative or safety operations/inspection will substitute for the required college on a year-for-year basis. Preference given to candidates with knowledge and skills in matters relating to bio security, chemicals, food safety, livestock, and small and large farm equipment. Salary range: \$2,301.98-\$3,064.60/month. Testing requirements: 100 percent testing and evaluation. TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION AND TEST FOR THE POSITION CONTACT: Kentucky Personnel Cabinet, 200 Fair Oaks, 5th Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, telephone (502) 564-8030. An Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This letter regards the "Letter to the Editor" in the last edition of Smoke Signals II, signed "A bewildered Fire Chief".

I can't dispute, or confirm, what was said in that letter, as I did not attend that KFA Conference; but with no signature, the opinion is easier to dismiss. I also don't think we can forget there is a larger budget problem that the legislature hasn't solved yet.

I believe we need open discussions of the problems facing the fire service today; and "Smoke Signals II" could be a great forum for those not able to make Association or Fire Commission meetings. More importantly, the exchange of ideas in written form provides a lasting record of those ideas.

I don't know what the answer to the overall problem is, but we must concentrate on delivery of the best possible training within the confines of whatever budget is provided. A continuation budget means we have not lost funding, only that we have not gained any new program funds. Any fire department request for more services should require efficient use of present funds and proof of the value of increased money for the program.

The program budget will not increase with anger over past statements. It will only change with grass roots efforts at the regional and State Association level. Displeasure (or praise) should be expressed in writing, or voiced and recorded in the minutes of association meetings, and at the regular Fire Commission meetings.

The greatest credence is given to those words that someone feels strongly enough about to sign their name to.

I ask that the publisher and editor of "Smoke Signals II" refrain from publishing any unsigned letters or articles in future editions. I think any issue becomes more clear when truly open discussion is encouraged.

Thank you,
Rusty Todd
Kentucky Firefighter



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

NVFC Recruitment Kit Now Available

The NVFC, in conjunction with the U.S. Fire Administration, has produced an update of the original New Tools Kit for Volunteer Firefighters. The recruitment kit has been designed to assist volunteer fire and emergency services agencies with the challenging task of media relations and the implementation of a media relations program.

The Kit contains the following elements:

1. A New Tools Kit Media Guide.
2. Information on using press releases (including sample press releases.)
3. Information on using letters to the editor (including a sample letter to the editor.)
4. A resource list for you to build your contacts and find information.
5. A fact sheet on the volunteer fire and emergency services.
6. Camera-ready artwork.

The New Tools Kit Media Guide provides basic information about media relations. It also has lists of ideas for media relation's activities in a variety of different subject areas, including recruitment, fundraising, special events and promoting the organization.

The folder contains two documents outlining the use of press releases and letters to the editor as media tools. There are also samples included that you can use as a foundation for your own press releases and letters to the editor.

The folder also contains a resource list for you to develop your list of local media contacts. The resource list also has contact information for a number of national and international organizations who can provide additional information and education on media relations as well as factual information you may need for articles, press releases and other associated media tools. In addition, a special fact sheet on the volunteer fire and emergency services is included in this kit to provide statistical information for your articles and interviews.

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The last section of the folder includes camera-ready artwork you can use for producing ads or public service campaigns in your community. You can use the camera-ready artwork as it is, or you can use it as a foundation for developing your own customized advertisements and public service announcements. The Kit will soon be available on-line at www.nvfc.org

Children's Sleepwear Safety Bill Introduced in Senate

WASHINGTON, DC — On April 18, NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg joined Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY), Rep. Rob Andrews (D-NJ), and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) at the U.S. Capitol to announce the introduction of legislation in the United States Senate that would call on the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to stop the sale of flammable children's sleepwear that contributes to severe burn injuries to children.

The legislation, the Children's Sleepwear Safety Act (S. 2208), would revoke the 1996 amendments that loosened the standards for the flammability of children's sleepwear and return them back to the ones which had kept children safe since 1972.

"I would like to thank Congressman Rob Andrews, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and Senator Clinton for their steadfast leadership and commitment to the issue of safe children's sleepwear," said Stittleburg. "The statistic that shows young children are twice as likely to die as a result of fire than the national average, is one that is all too real for those of us in the fire service who have seen a child burn victim up close. That is why this issue resonates so strongly for us and continues to be a top priority of the National Volunteer Fire Council."

"The current CPSC regulation allows manufacturers and retailers to sell flammable clothing for children provided that it is not marketed as sleepwear. Our bill ensures that all children's clothing that could potentially be worn as sleepwear meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission's flammability standards for sleepwear," said Rep. Andrews.

"The CPSC must prevent manufacturers and retailers from selling flammable sleepwear so that parents are reassured that when they dress their children for bed, they are safe."

"When parents get their children ready for bed at night, they should not have to worry that their pajamas could become a threat to their well being. The legislation I'm introducing today would close the loophole in our current regulations and create a tougher standard for children's sleepwear," Senator Clinton said.

"More than twenty-five years ago, the Consumer Product Safety Commission established fire standards for children's pajamas. Before the standards, an average of sixty children died every year from burning pajamas. After the standard was adopted, the average dropped to fewer than four per year. The standard worked, and it kept our children safe," said Rep. DeLauro. "Unfortunately, in 1996, the Consumer Product Safety Commission changed the standard to exempt all sleepwear for infants nine months or younger and also tight-fitting sleepwear in children's sizes up to 14. The Sleepwear Safety legislation is necessary to reinstate these tougher standards."

Children's Sleepwear was held to a higher flammability standard than other clothing for close to 25 years, until in 1996, the Consumer Product Safety Commission voted 2-1 to relax its landmark 1972 safety standard for flammability of children's sleepwear. The National Fire Protection Agency estimates that without this standard, there would have been ten times as many children's deaths and far more burn injuries. The CPSC's controversial loosening of the standard now allows "tight-fitting" sleepwear to be exempt from fire safety rules, based on the theory that "tight-fitting" pajamas are difficult to ignite. As a result of the CPSC's decision, today there is no fire safety standard for infants up to nine months, and no fire safety standard for 'tight fitting' clothes up to children's size 14.

Infants are completely defenseless in this type of situation. Treated pajamas however, are much more difficult to ignite and give adults a chance to save the child's life because of the slower burn if ignited.

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Unintentional injury is the number one killer of children ages 14 and under. Each year, unintentional injuries kill 7,200 kids and leave an additional 50,000 children disabled. This year approximately 14 million children will require emergency treatment for preventable injury and will cost this country an estimated \$13.8 million.

Proponents of the CPSC's 1996 ruling argue that there has not been an increase in the number of burn injuries and deaths since the standard was changed. Advocates of the Andrews/DeLauro/Clinton bill attribute this finding to the problems of reporting burn injuries directly associated with children's sleepwear, 0-9 months old, and furthermore believe that Congress should not wait for children to be injured or killed before deciding to return to a standard that has worked for decades.

ACTION: Contact your Senators and Representative immediately and ask them to become a cosponsor S. 2208/ H.R. 730, the Children's Sleepwear Safety Act. If you do not know your Member's address or telephone number, visit: <http://www.congress.org/congressorg/dbq/officials> or call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.



Pub Ed Committee

Joe Stanbush, Chairman

SAYS:

On Thursday March 28th we had our KFA Public Education Committee Meeting hosted by Fraternal Order Firefighters at their very nice Hall. Special Thanks to Capt Brenda Travis and Capt Steve Bowers for the excellent lunch and the splendid hospitality. I was extremely disappointed in the attendance at this meeting, we had some very important issues to discuss, the room was very comfortable and the lunch was awesome, if anyone can help me out by telling me what I am doing wrong please do so and I will be happy to listen.

During this meeting we voted and decided we want NFPA's RISK WATCH to be our next state initiative. We of course plan to finish our Learn Not To Burn Projects and will continue to provide materials and assistance with this program. However, we want to go to the next level, I feel this project will help our statewide programs. John Henderson and Dean Joe Eames of KCTCS Jefferson County who represented the State of Ky at a informational seminar in Boston. John Henderson, myself, Greg Schultz, Adam Fuller, Buffy & Steve Kyle, Bonnie Pigg and Chuck Helms are going to the World Summit Meeting in Minnesota at NFPA's Meeting. We hope to have more information on how we can make RISK WATCH Work! We will keep you posted on that. We are planning an exciting Fire School Class this year, instead of the LNTB Train the Trainer Program we are going to have an Old Fashion Informational Public Education Class which should benefit everyone. We are planning, Risk Watch Info, LNTB, Senior Programs (Remembering When), Juvenile Fire Setters, Networking, Resources and how to do basic Pub Ed Presentations. Greg Schultz, Brenda Travis and Karin Riley are planning an exciting class, you won't want to miss it.

Rusty Todd is working on our Public Education Seminar 2002 which will be in Elizabethtown Sept 14th and 15th, we hope to have a brochure and information available at State Fire School. More information will be coming out on this.

For the folks who attended the meeting we all did some networking, talked about what has been going on and what we need for the future. We are planning another meeting in July with my good friends Fire Chief Mike Withrow and Pub Ed Expert Bonnie Pigg as hosts at their new Bourbon County Safety City. I will have information forthcoming on this, if you haven't seen safety city you will want to come for this meeting if for nothing else. The Fire Commission has appointed a special Public Education Committee which will be looking for ways to help our already outstanding Fire and Life Safety programs which have been established by the KFA. Commission Member John Daley and Ronnie Day are heading up this committee with; Ed Schmidt,

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Fireman Joe, Chuck Helms, Tom Haynes and Terry Lewis. We have met twice and are looking at ways to find funding to make Risk Watch Reality. I have spoken with President Bill Carver and our friends from Bowling Green are planning the best KFA Conference ever. If you haven't got your reservation in I recommend you do so soon, you don't want to miss this exciting conference.

Lastly, please know that I am with you all and want to help your Fire and Life Safety Programs as best I can. We have an excellent avenue with the KFA and now the Fire Commission, please support their efforts. Remember, I am always happy to come and speak at your association meeting or special events, till I see you, May God Bless and Keep You Safe!

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



Chaplain's Corner

by Stewart Dawson, Chaplain Lexington FD
Incident command. Have you ever heard that term? Of course you have. We in the fire service have it ingrained into our thinking. We use it every day in some form or fashion. We here in Lexington recently went through some mock training in regards to weapons of mass destruction. Our scenario was an explosion in a courthouse that housed several offices as well as a detention center. As you can imagine this was a pretty big ordeal. Without a good incident command system, it would have been a nightmare. We had so many things going on that could have directed our attention away from the "big picture", in a real life incident many lives could have been lost. We had citizens in panic looking for loved ones. We had victims in panic that were contaminated running wild that had to be controlled. We had numerous victims that needed to be triaged, treated and transported. Corrections people were trying to fulfill their responsibility of taking care of the inmates. The police were there to investigate a crime. We had decontamination to worry about – identification of the chemical that was involved in the explosion. Hazmat was there – EMS was there- Coroners office. On and on we could go. It could have been a disaster following a disaster. But because of training, preplanning and implementation we were able to initiate a good incident command system and things went well. We passed the test without adding to the disaster we responded to. Of course with all the different agencies involved, we had different sectors and different roles of responsibility assigned within that command structure. Working together, good informed decisions were made and order came from the chaos. Without that, there is the danger of us getting tunnel vision in one area and miss the overall picture.

Life is like this. There are so many things that need to be done. There are so many things that need to be attended to. It is like one big balancing act. If we don't have good incident command system things can get out of hand.

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Firefighter Training ON-THE-WEB

In the last issue of Smoke Signals II information was given that the new system would be up and running by June 1st. It now looks as though the platform will not be ready for operation until early Fall. We hope this added time will not cause any inconvenience. Thank you for your interest and continued support for this vital training option. It is the intent of the Fire Commission to continue to support training options that will enhance your department training program.

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The need to provide financially for our family can cause us to miss the part of spending time with wives and family. The need to be the best we can in our profession can lead us to forget about life apart from our jobs. We can get so busy with things we lose focus of people. Too many times it takes a disaster amidst life to make us stop and look at the big picture and re-prioritize things in life. We don't realize how special our family is until one gets ill. We don't realize how important our friends are until a disaster takes them from us. How can we guard against this? A good incident command system. What in the world am I talking about? Well life is the incident. It is sometimes chaos. Our incident command system is God Almighty. He has the big picture and all the information. He sees all and knows all. If we let Him do His job, He will lead us and help us have that balance in life and order can come from the chaos. We must stay in touch with command or we will lose sight and create more chaos in our lives. We must follow the commands that are given even when we don't understand. We must rely on our SOP's (His Word). Are you on the right frequency or are you out there in life free-lancing. I can tell you, we will mess it up bad if we are not in touch with command. He is waiting for you to report in.

May God Bless You,

Chaplain Stewart Dawson

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Firefighter Safety: The Big Picture Russ Sanders, NFPA

The National Fire Protection Association, International (NFPA) recently reported that in 1999 firefighter deaths reached a ten-year peak. According to the report, 112 on-duty firefighter fatalities occurred in 1999, making 1999 the highest annual U.S. firefighter death toll since 1989 (118).

"Stress and overexertion, usually resulting in heart attacks, continue to be the leading cause of fatal injury for on-duty firefighters..."

Over the past several years much has been reported about the need for on-scene accountability, firefighter physical conditioning, and training. In fact, NFPA has developed dozens of standards to address these issues. However, it was the second-leading cause of fatal injuries to on-duty firefighters that caught my eye. In second place was entrapment, which claimed the lives of 24 on-duty firefighters in 1999.

NFPA also reported that, "Although on-line of duty deaths have declined over the past two decades, the rate of deaths per million structure fires has dropped very little... The largest portion of deaths – 50% – occurred on the fireground." The six firefighters who died in a Worcester, Massachusetts warehouse in December 1999, and the three firefighters who died soon after at a structure fire in Iowa, are grim reminders of the dangers firefighters face while fighting structure fires of all types. And then, on September 11, 2001, the world stood still as the World Trade Center buildings collapsed leaving thousands dead and buried in the rubble. (The collapse of the World Trade Center and surrounding buildings, which serve as a horrific example of the correlation between building construction and firefighter/occupant safety, is not discussed in this paper.)

An NFPA paper titled "Fire Ground Fatalities As a Result of Structural Collapse: 1990-1999" reported that 966 firefighters died during the period. Of these 966 fatalities, 441 occurred on the fire ground. "Fifty-three of the 302 deaths at structure fires were the result of structural collapses. This included 38 firefighters caught or trapped in 24 fires and 15 firefighters fatally struck by collapses at 13 fires. The largest number of deaths were the result of floor collapses (20 deaths), followed by roof collapses (16 deaths) and ceiling collapses (2 deaths)"

Over the past years I have seen numerous changes designed to improve firefighter safety. Improved on-scene accountability systems, better firefighter gear and equipment, and improved communications are only a few of the many important

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improvements that have been implemented in fire departments across America. From my personal experience as a firefighter I know that each of these improvements and many others I have not listed in this paper, are important components of effective and safe on-scene operations. However, from the statistics listed above, it is obvious that all of us in the fire protection and life safety businesses need to do more.

One important means of improving firefighter safety that most firefighters continue to overlook is participation in the code and standard development, enforcement, and adoption processes. This is especially true when it comes to building, fire, and life safety codes for the built environment. And, I'm not referring only to the development of codes that regulate new construction. Firefighters should be leading the way in the push for building, fire, and life safety codes and standards that require an "appropriate level of safety" in existing buildings. Aging, improperly maintained buildings create hazardous conditions both for the public and for firefighters. Yet many fire service leaders seem content to sit on the sidelines and let others take the lead when it comes to code issues. In fact, I believe this lack of firefighter participation in the building code development, enforcement, and adoption processes is the most neglected firefighter safety issue of the past 50 years.

First, let's take a look at the importance of code and standard development. In terms of life safety, the goal of building and fire codes *has* historically been to allow occupants to safely exit the building. I've always found it interesting that, to my knowledge, not a single provision has been written in any building code to address firefighter safety issues. The fact is, well after the occupants have exited a burning building, firefighters must remain inside that building to conduct their secondary search and complete extinguishment and salvage operations. For these reasons NFPA will soon publish NFPA 5000®, which will be the first building code in the U.S. developed through an ANSI-accredited process. When NFPA took on this historic project, its Board of Directors included a mandate that the technical committees consider firefighter safety when

developing the code's technical provisions!

There is a clear and direct correlation between building construction features and systems and firefighter safety. An obvious example is truss construction. Many of us in the fire service have personally witnessed the dangers and tragic consequences of fighting fires in buildings with truss-constructed roofs and floors. Numerous case studies have proven what every experienced firefighter knows: Truss construction is extremely dangerous when exposed to fire and heat. Would truss construction be widely used today if firefighters had actively participated in the building code process in past years? My guess is the answer is a *qualified* "yes". Truss construction offers many advantages over stick construction, including the all-important cost factor. However, if firefighters had been actively involved in developing building codes I would expect to see much stricter requirements on the use of truss construction, such as strict automatic sprinkler requirements for unprotected truss systems. However, until firefighters play a more influential role in the development of building codes, we will never know the answer to this and similar questions.

Fire service participation should not be limited to the development of codes and standards. A related and equally important consideration is the state and local code and standard adoption process. The best codes and standards written are of little value if the legislation and/or regulation adopting them dilute their effectiveness. To ensure that codes and standards are adopted in a manner that enhances fire and life safety, fire service professionals must be active participants in the adoption process.

I am not so naive as to suggest that greater firefighter participation in the building code development, enforcement, and adoption processes would eliminate firefighter injuries or deaths. In fact, it's unlikely that firefighter participation in these processes would even prevent all of the firefighter deaths and injuries that occur each year in structure fires due to structural failures. Firefighter safety is a multidimensional problem that must be attacked on all fronts.

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Further, this paper is in no way meant to detract from the good work of building officials and other professionals who have been very active in the code processes. Their hard work and dedication are to be commended. However, I am suggesting that firefighter involvement, participation, and leadership in the code processes are important and, for the most part, overlooked components of the overall equation to prevent firefighter deaths and injuries.

Countless papers, books, and standards have been published on the need to improve firefighter cardiovascular conditioning, on-scene command and control, and training and equipment. This is important work that must be continued. However, attention given to the importance of firefighter participation in the code processes discussed in this paper pale in comparison to the interest and energy that have gone into addressing the many other causes of firefighter deaths and injuries. It is for this reason that I feel that the lack of firefighter participation in the building code development, enforcement, and adoption processes is the most neglected firefighter safety issue of the past 50 years!

Let's not forget that when others are making their way out of a burning building, firefighters are swimming upstream to enter. Clearly, firefighters have a unique interest in building systems, design, and construction. If firefighter concerns in these areas are to be adequately addressed, firefighters must be influential, active participants in the code development, enforcement, and adoption processes. When this happens, we will have addressed another important component in the overall scheme to prevent needless firefighter deaths and injuries. Until this happens, we will continue to fall short of this lofty goal.

APPALACHIAN FOOTHILLS FIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Greg Gray

Nestled in the southeastern corner of Kentucky are the counties of Bell and Knox. A small group of firefighters and interested citizens gathered on August 28, 2001 to establish the organization which is now known as the Appalachian Foothills Fire Historical Society. Firefighters and citizens from

southeastern Kentucky, southwestern Virginia, and northeastern Tennessee are gathering to promote and sustain the society.

The mission of the Appalachian Foothills Fire Historical Society is to preserve, collect, record and exhibit the history of the fire service along the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, as well as teach and promote fire prevention and safety to its citizens..

Plans are being made to build a museum in the near future. It will house many firefighter-related artifacts from area fire departments.

A children's learning center will be included in the museum for the purpose of teaching fire prevention and safety.

The museum will display apparatus, hose and appliances, ladders, historical documents and thousands of photos from years past.

One society director commented: " I have hoped for many years that there would be a museum established where I could donate my fire collection for all my grandchildren and great grandchildren to see whenever they desired". That place is being planned and will be a reality for all to view.

The Appalachian Foothills Fire Historical Society would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to attend a FIRE MUSTER on August 3, 2002 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm at Bailey Switch Fire department. We will be featuring: Antique Motorized Fire Engines Show, Kids Firefighter Contests, Fire Memorabilia & Equipment Vendors, Fire Safety Education Booths, Fire Equipment " Sell-n Swap" Flea Market, Kids Fire Safety House, Fire Memorabilia Displays, Modern Fire Apparatus Display. FREE Admission & Parking. So come and join us for a fun and exciting day at Bailey Switch Volunteer Fire Department at the intersection of U.S. 25E and Ky. 229 just 4 miles north of Barbourville. For additional information you may Contact Hank Melton at (606) 546-3422 after 6:00 pm., or visit our web page at www.geocities.com/affhs

On behalf on the members of Appalachian Foothills Fire Historical Society. We Thank You.
Greg Gray, State Fire/Rescue Training, Area-13 Coordinator, 1695 Shelter Lane, London, KY 40741, 606-862-0318 1-888-234-0100

NEW ARRIVALS

High Tech Rescue

The Pleasure Rigde Park Fire Department has exchanged 5 sets of Holmatro Tools for Genesis Rescue Tools.



Possom Trot - Sharpe Fire Dist. Receives New Pumper

The Possom Trot - Sharpe FPD (Marshall County) has received a new Central States 1250 GPM Pumper-Tanker. The unit is mounted on a Freightliner FL-Series chassis with a Cummins Engine and Allison Transmission.

The Pump is a Hale DSD single stage rated at 1259 GPM. The tank is a UPF Poly Tank with a 1250 gallon capacity. Two direct 2 1/2" tank fills and a dump valve are mounted on the rear of the tank. The unit features "under the T" hard suction house mounting. This allows one person to remove the suction hose without having to climb on top of the truck.

Under the direction of Chief Cledith Collins, the department covers an area surrounding the communities of Possom Trot and Sharpe from two stations. This includes areas near Calvert City and part of I-24.

This is the second Central States unit purchased by the District in two years. The units are similar in construction allowing the first arriving apparatus to become the attack unit and the second becomes a tanker. Both units were sold by Fire Apparatus Div. S.D.C.



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National Firefighters 9-11 Memorial Patch Project

The brotherhood of firefighters across our country and far beyond our borders has been touched by the September 11th tragedy as no other group has. We, as fire departments members understand their sacrifice better than anyone else does, because we live with that risk daily and we accept it in the name of public service.

It is also from within our ranks that we feel a need to not only vent our emotions, but to honor our fellow firefighters and EMS personnel in a united effort. The National Firefighters 9-11 Memorial Patch is that effort. The objective is to have this patch on the arm of every firefighter and fire department member in America as a constant reminder that We Will Never Forget the sacrifice of these brave individuals who represent the best of our profession. The more departments that participate, the great impact we will have on our nation.

The patch should be worn as a shoulder patch opposite your departmental patch. If your department has patches on both sides, it can be worn beneath your department patch on the right side.

The cost of the patch is \$3.00 so that all may participate. Proceeds will be donated to the FDNY Widows and Children's Fund. It is our goal to have all fire departments wearing this patch as soon as possible. Place a patch on each of your uniform shirts and jackets.

It is important to note that this patch will not be available to the general public. This is neither a souvenir, nor just another piece for collectors. This is about us, and should remain between us. You will not see this design on T-shirts or bumper stickers. We want nothing to take away from its meaning.

If you have any questions please call us at:
1-800-388-4911 or 1-661-257-1416

Very Truly Yours,



Brett Hill - Co Founder, Firefighters with South Pasadena Fire Department CA

For more information contact:
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