



SmokeSignals II

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Defibrillators Do Double Duty in Northeastern Kentucky

By Duane Suttles, SFRT

Imagine every community having access to a lifesaving AED. That is the goal of a program in the Morehead area where a private group is putting an AED in every fire department in each county served by the local regional hospital.

From the Heart, a nonprofit organization made up of leaders in the medical and business community of the Morehead area, is purchasing Automated External Defibrillators and giving them to the fire departments. Funds are raised locally through projects such as a Heart Walk held every October in Morehead. Sarah Jane Howard, Cardiac Rehab Coordinator for St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead heads up the program. According to Howard, placing the AED's in the fire departments just makes good sense. Most EMS services are centrally located in a county, but nearly every community of any size has a fire department, and the firefighters are always willing to help. All that is required is have a genuine interest, show a need, secure a Medical Director and make a commitment to receive training and maintain that training. The program is limited to the counties of Rowan, Carter, Elliott, Morgan, Menifee, Lewis, Fleming and Bath. This has put an AED in over half the fire departments in SFRT Area 9 and a few in Area 10.



Naturally, the main purpose is to have the device readily available to the community that fire department serves for Cardiac Arrest patients, but it doubles as a lifesaving device for the firefighters that may suffer a cardiac arrest while battling a blaze in the community. Cardiac arrest is the most common cause of firefighter fatalities in the line of duty.

Recently, From the Heart went one step further by providing the Area 9 Instructors of State Fire Rescue Training with two AED Trainer machines to assist the fire departments with their continuing education requirements to keep the devices in the communities. The author feels this could be a statewide program with a little organization. Ms. Howard is willing to work with others to promote the spread of this project. The first step is contacting your local Cardiac Rehab Center or hospital in your area, share the idea and have them contact Sarah Jane for information on getting started. Sarah Jane Howard can be reached by e-mail at sjhoward@st-claire.org

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From your President Randy Lawson

Welcome Spring! We have been experiencing a cold wet extension of winter. It is good to see spring just around the corner. With the changing seasons the fire service is getting ready for fire schools, outside training ventures, hydrant testing, insurance grading, IFSAC testing etc.....

Hopefully as you prepare for spring you are also preparing for the 83rd annual KFA conference, July 26-29. The fire service in Louisville/Jefferson County is working very hard to plan and prepare an enjoyable and productive experience for you. A registration form has been included in this issue of Smoke Signals. Notice the benefit of Early Bird registration. It was our intention to make early registration beneficial to you and a planning tool for us. Our program will vary a little bit from those of the most recent past. We will have a planned activity for Saturday evening after the Olympics. We intend to provide a relaxed opportunity to socialize and enjoy Louisville/Jefferson County with us. Though not necessarily a popular decision, we too have made a change to the Olympic format. We will not be hosting the Junior Olympics this year. Managing the available time to allow for the Saturday evening activity was the primary reason for omitting the Junior Olympics this year. There was another issue or two but at this point it is immaterial. We want folks to join us Saturday not only for the Olympics but also for an evening of enjoyment. We also would like our Olympic participants, judges and officials and spectators to be conference participants as well. The activity will provide such an opportunity for those who are registered for the conference. We have added an Antique Fire Apparatus Static Display and Firematic Flea Market to the weekend. During this event there will be a display of in-service apparatus from the area. A flyer with related information will be included in this edition of Smoke Signals.

As you read in the last issue of Smoke Signals, our friend Woody Will will be hanging up his editing/publishers hat at the end of this year. Woody has been dedicated to this publication and to the fire service. His efforts and his personal touch will not be replaced. It is hoped however they have not been

in vain. The KFA will be beating the bushes to find someone for Woody to break in. Thank you Woody, from us all.

Within the last week or so Smitty and Gerald have sent a couple of urgent requests for us, not me not you, all of us to contact our legislative representatives. He has provided numbers, names of Leaders, Committee Chairpersons, etc.... We are powerful if we are of the same notion and combined effort. Let's be sure we help them help us.

State Fire School will be on us before we know it. As you probably know, the format has changed to fit in a weekend. It is hoped that the change will make classes available to more firefighters, not just those that can get off on Mon-Wed. Unfortunately the first shot at increasing attendance and productivity conflicted with the Crusade for Children. It is an unintentional conflict that due to circumstances could not be avoided.

I would like to spend a few lines in closing to recognize our (KFA) Officers and Committee Chairs. Our organization actually gets a lot of things done. Much of it however either goes off so smoothly or has become so routine that much of it is taken for granted or hardly noticed. The KFA is very active and influential in the affairs of the Kentucky fire service. When you see these folks thank them for their efforts and accomplishments. Please visit the KFA web site for more information. www.kfa.org

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Thanks and be safe.

Randy Lawson, President



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

State Fire School is moving to the weekend.

June 7 and June 8, 2003

Each fire department should be receiving the State Fire School brochure in late March or early April. If your department has not received the brochure by mid-April, please contact the Fire Commission.

Included in this issue of the Smoke Signals is a description of the proposed changes to the Instructor program. This information is also being mailed to each fire department. If you have any questions please contact us.

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

If you are applying for a low interest loan from the Fire Commission, the Loan Committee strongly recommends that you do not commit any funds (down payment) towards any purchase prior to your loan

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

The next Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2003. The meeting will be held at the Hebron Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. Please try to attend.

Any correspondence with the Fire Commission/ State Fire Rescue Training, should be sent to:

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1-800-782-6823

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“The Star-Spangled Banner”

During the war of 1812, the British captured the city of Washington, setting fire to the capitol building and the White House.

In the blaze of cannon fire, Francis Scott Key, a lawyer living in Georgetown, could still see an American flag waving over Fort McHenry. When the bombing suddenly stopped during the night, he had no way of knowing if the flag was still there or if the American stronghold had fallen to the British. But at dawn the American flag became visible over the fort.

Key was inspired to write a poem. His brother in-law took it to a printer and copies were circulated around the city.

“The Starr-Spangled Banner” was adopted as our national anthem on March 3, 1931.

REGIONAL EMBERS



JACKSON PURCHASE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Karen Freeman President

Greetings from “Far Western Kentucky” and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. As this article is being written I can look out the window and see the sun shining brightly, the wind is a tad brisk but the temperature is hovering around 70 degrees. It is a beautiful March day here in “Far Western Kentucky” and a wonderful reprieve from the snow, ice and rain that we have enjoyed the past several months. With a March day like this we can be sure that spring is just around the corner and it will be greatly welcomed.

I know that all Americas have the war in Iraq and Saddam Hussein on their minds these days. Many of us have family members, friends, neighbors and yes even firefighters, EMT’s and Paramedics that have been called up or will be soon called up to protect our land, our citizens and our freedom. We must continue to support all of these personnel, our military leaders and President Bush as they prepare to put an end to this threat. In that vein, I have enclosed the following e-mail that I received from a friend in Arkansas. I believe that this article says it all.

Subject: Convincing those opposed....

Don’t know if you are familiar with the past governor of Georgia, Zell Miller, who is now Georgia’s junior senator in Washington or not. By the way - he is a democrat. I thought this article in the paper was very appropriate. Zell Miller knows how to boil things down to the basics. That’s what Georgia’s junior senator did Thursday when he explained why it’s important that Saddam Hussein be de-fanged. But he’s also a good storyteller. Here’s the text of Mr. Miller’s remarks, made on the Senate floor about the need to help President Bush deal with Iraq. We couldn’t say it any better. “Mr. President, I have signed on as an original cosponsor of the Iraq resolution, and I’d like to tell you a story about why I think it is the right path to take. A few weeks ago, we were doing some work on my back porch back home,

tearing out a section of old stacked rocks, when all of a sudden I uncovered a nest of copperhead snakes. Now, I’m not one to get alarmed at snakes. I know they perform some useful functions, like eating rats. And when I was a young lad, I kept snakes as pets. I had an indigo snake, a bull snake, a corn snake and many others. I must have had a dozen king snakes at one time or another. They make great pets and you only had to feed them a mouse every 30 days. I read all the books by Raymond C. Ditmars, who was the foremost herpetologist of his day. That’s an expert on snakes. For a while, I wanted to be a herpetologist, but the pull of being a big league short-stop outran that childhood dream. I reminisce this way to explain that snakes don’t scare me like they do some people. And I guess the reason is that I know the difference between those that are harmless and those that will kill you. In fact, I bet I may be the only senator in this body who can look at the last three inches of a snake’s tail and tell you whether it’s poisonous or not. I can also tell the sex of a snake, but that’s another story. A copperhead will kill you. It could kill one of my dogs. It could kill one of my grandchildren. It could kill any of my four great grandchildren. They play all the time where I found these killers. And you know, when I discovered these copperheads, I didn’t call my wife Shirley and ask her advice, like I do on most things. I didn’t yell for help from my neighbors or take it to the city council. I just took a hoe and knocked them in the head and killed them. Dead as a doorknob. I guess you could call it a unilateral action. Or preemptive or even bellicose and reactive. I took their poisonous heads off because they were a threat to me. And they were a threat to my home and my family. **They were a threat to all I hold dear.** And isn’t that what this is all about?”

The 2003 Green Rivers Officers School is history and what a production these men and women put on. It just never ceases to amaze me how smooth they make it look. Anyone that has ever put on one of these schools knows that there are glitches at any school. But with all of the pre-planning, preparation and hard work that these people put forth very few would notice the small things that do not go just exactly as planned. Congratulations to all personnel that had a hand in this 2003 production. You have done well and your efforts are appreciated.

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Speaking of productions, there is another one on line for all Kentucky Firefighters to attend and to enjoy. The 83rd Kentucky Firefighters Association Annual Conference is scheduled for July 26th – 29th, 2003 in Jeffersontown, Kentucky. President Randy Lawson and all of his personnel are planning a conference to remember. You will not want to miss this one. The ad information for the conference program book has already gone out. Get your ad together now and send it and your check today. Do not put this important task off! Show your support for the Kentucky Firefighters Association. You are going to send an ad anyway. Why wait until the last minute? I am sure that President Lawson and his finance committee can use the ad money now. **GET IT DONE!**

Make your plans now to attend the **2003 KENTUCKY STATE FIRE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY**, June 7th and 8th, 2003 in Lexington, Kentucky. Firefighters across the state have suggested that this school be moved to the weekend so that more personnel could attend. Your wish has been granted. The same great classes, vendors and displays that you have come to expect will be bigger and better in 2003. And it all happens on the first weekend in June, 2003.

The JPFA second bi monthly meeting for 2003 was conducted at the Concord Fire Department in Paducah, Kentucky on Tuesday, March 4, 2003. A goodly number of the area firefighters representing various departments were present. President Karen Freeman called the meeting to order and moved the agenda along at a good pace. Most of the business at hand had to do with the upcoming JPFA Annual Fire School at Kentucky Dam Village State Park and legislative issues. Shawn Bixler, JPFA Director for the KFA was present and updated the group on several legislative items that had been passed down from Gerald & Smitty in Frankfort.

The JPFA welcomed Red Howton from the Pennyryle Firefighters Association and were glad to have him in attendance. Red just happened to mention that KFA 4th Vice President Troy Newcomb would become President of the KFA in August 2006. Troy and the Pennyryle Firefighters Association will be hosting the KFA Conference in 2007. Red wanted to remind the JPFA that their participation in the conference would be expected and appreciated. Thanks for your visit Red!

The JPFA would like to express our thanks to Chief Gary Roach and all of the personnel at the Concord Fire Department for inviting us to their house and for their hospitality.

The next BI monthly meeting of the JPFA will be hosted by the Fulton Fire Department and conducted at the Pontotoc Building in Fulton on Tuesday, May the 6th, 2003. The JPFA will eat at 6 PM and the meeting will begin at 7 PM. All interested firefighters in the JPFA area are invited and urged to attend.

In the February Smoke Signals, Woody Will announced his intentions to retire as the editor of Smoke Signals II at the end of this year. At the KFA Executive Board meeting at the Green Rivers Officer School in Owensboro, Kentucky in February, Bryant Stiles announced that he did not plan to seek reelection as the treasurer of the KFA. At that same meeting Gerald Stewart mentioned that the next legislative session in Frankfort would probably be the last one for he and Smitty as representatives of the Kentucky Firefighters Association. I guess that I **ASSUMED** that these gentlemen would just be around forever and continue doing what they do best for the KFA and the firefighters of Kentucky. Obviously, I was mistaken. Their reasons for slowing down are varied and we respect the decisions that they have made. We appreciate everything that they have done for this association and look forward to working with them in the future at a little slower pace.

Now we must turn to the task of finding replacements for these gentlemen and the jobs that they perform for the KFA. We may have a problem finding someone that can step in and fill their shoes at their present level of expertise, but everyone has to start somewhere. And I know that all of these gentlemen will lend their assistance in any manner that they can. The KFA is seeking personnel that love the fire service and the Kentucky Firefighters, that are willing to work basically for free, have a strong constitution, are immune to criticism, are not politically motivated and have considerable expertise in the area in which they wish to serve. If you feel that you meet these qualifications or if you know of someone that does please contact the Kentucky Firefighters Association immediately and make your wishes known.

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Remember to pray for America, our leaders and our military personnel in and around Iraq. Remember 911 - Wave That American Flag - God Bless America - Repeat The Pledge Of Allegiance.

Paul S. Billings



Dixie Firefighters Association

Mike Mather – President

The Dixie Firefighters Association held it's annual fire school March 7-8-9th, 2003. Whew! Are we ever glade that the rain and bad weather took a break for the school. We had 700 in attendance and could not have had such a success in the snow and ice. We wish to publicly thank all instructors, regional coordinators, vendors, the Jefferson County EMS Color Guard, Dixie Officers and workers, but most of all we want to thank the students that attended. We are interested in your comments. If you attended the school and have a suggestion for next years school please let us know. If you have a class you would like to see us add or just a comment please drop us an e-mail at dixie@kvnet.org.

The officers for 2003 are as follows:

President - Mike Mather

1st Vice President - Russell Todd

2nd Vice President - Larry Fore

Secretary - LuAnn Mink

Treasurer - Woody Will

Parliamentarian - Phillip Parrott

The association is proud to announce its sponsorship of a class to be held at the Bowen Training Center in Elizabethtown on April 12, 2003. The class is "**Understanding the ISO System**" and begins at 8 AM and will continue 4-5 PM. This class will help the person attending understand what the ISO rating system for fire departments is all about. If you are interested in finding out what it would take to lower the insurance rate of your department and those living in your response area then this class is for you. The Dixie will be providing a free lunch of grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixens for all who attend. If you are interested in attending please contact 270-766-5238. You are all welcome. We are proud to provide the opportunity its your job to come!

Pike County Firefighters Association

Randy Courtney, President

Hello From Eastern Ky

Well I hope this article fines everybody sitting high and dry after all these rains we have had in the last 2 months. We have been busy putting together the 14th Annual Pikeville / Pike County Regional Fire School. There are some things we have not finalized but we are sure we know the dates. They are July 18, 19, 20, 2003. We are sure to have some of the basic Firefighting classes, but we have not completed our list as of now. The host motel will again be the Landmark Inn (606) 432-2545. When you call for reservations make sure you tell them you will be attending the Pikeville/Pike County Fire School in order to get the discount. It is the fire school committees intention to have our brochures ready by the State Fire School in Lexington. It would be a good idea to go ahead and make your plans to attend now. It will be a Regional Fire School you won't want to miss! My congratulations to Mr. Woody Will and The Dixie Fire School Committee on a fine weekend fire school that just completed in Elizabethtown. If you have any suggestions you would be willing to share with us for our school feel free to write me at pikecoffassoc@yahoo.com.

A lot has been happening in this end of the state, I am not sure were to start. The new fire chief for the City of Prestonsburg is Gary Dotson. Levi Coleman is the new fire chief of Coal Run Volunteer FD. The Pike County Firefighters Association wants to congratulate each of these men and their departments and wish them the best for the coming year. Belfry Volunteer FD has purchased a used 75' aerial ladder from Peachtree, GA. We will try to have a picture in the next issue. Until the next edition of Smoke Signals or we'll see you at Lexington Fire School in June. [Take Care and God bless.](#)

Randy Courtney

Words of Wisdom

I accept with humility the honor which the American people have conferred upon me. I accept it with deep resolve to do all that I can for the welfare of this Nation and for the peace of the world.

Harry S. Truman

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Barren River Firefighters Association

Bill Carver President

The Barren River Area Firefighters' Association has been on a hiatus since the KFA Conference, but now we are up and running again. BRAFFA wants to say thank you to all who had a part in the 2002 KFA Conference, workers and attendees. We hope you enjoyed your time in Bowling Green. BRAFFA is looking forward to the 2003 KFA Conference in Jeffersontown. Randy, Good Luck and if you need anything just yell south, we will try to lend a hand where or when needed.

Southeastern Firefighters Association

President Reggie Morgan

Hello from Southeastern Kentucky,

Wow, what an eventful first couple of months. The dates and class schedule for our spring fire school have been set. The school will be held on April 25th through 27th at the Bell County Fire Department Headquarters and Page Elementary Just north of Pineville on Hwy 119. Class schedule for the school is as follows:

Friday Night – Wildland Firefighting Awareness 6:00pm – 10:00pm (Bell County F.D. Headquarters)

Saturday Only – Firefighter Survival, Haz-Mat Awareness.

Sunday Only – Firefighter Rescue

Saturday and Sunday – Basic Firefighting, "Hard to get hours" Cluster, Arson 1, Incident Management System, and Drivers Training.

For more Information please contact Greg Gray, State Fire and Rescue Training Area 13 Coordinator at 606-862-0318 or 1-888-234-0100.

You can also get information concerning the spring fire school at our new web site. Please visit us at www.skfa.org. Speaking of which, our web site is up and running. A big thanks to webmaster Henry Cox for producing a great site.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate the fire departments in our region who received their 2002 Fire Act grants. They are:

Artemus Vol. Fire Dept., \$106,133 for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety.

Hacker Fire/Rescue, \$54,000 for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety.

Harlan Fire Dept., \$86,731 for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety.

Keavy Fire Dept., ,Inc. \$61,667 for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety.

Lily Vol. Fire Dept., \$61,821 for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety.

Manchester Fire Dept./ Rescue, \$27,000 for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety.

Woodbine Fire and Rescue, Inc., \$150,842 for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety.

On February 22nd we traveled to Owensboro to attend the KFA Executive Board meeting where Bill Robbins was sworn in as our 2nd Vice President. Bill has been in the fire service for a long time and is a member of the Bailey Switch Vol. Fire Dept. I am sure Bill will represent us well at the state level. Congratulations Bill.

Our meeting schedule has been finalized for the year and the remaining meetings are:

April 26th at the Spring Fire School at 5:30pm

May 15th at Lynch Fire Dept. 7:00pm

July 17th at Broadhead Fire Dept. 7:00pm

Saturday of Fall Fire School in London 5:30pm

December 4th at Artemus Fire Dept 7:00pm

Again for more information please visit us at www.skfa.org.

Till next time BE SAFE

Reggie Morgan

Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association

Bill Berkle - President

Learning from Previous Incidents

On March 2, 2003, Florence Fire/EMS units responding to a reported structure fire at 7137 Manderlay Dr at 01:40hrs. On arrival, Engine 102 a 75' quint, reported heavy smoke showing from a one-story business/mercantile occupancy and proceeded to make a forward lay of 5" supply line, approximately 250' feet, positioning the apparatus on side one. After a quick size-up of the structure and hearing the radio reports from the Police Department, the captain of Engine 102 made the tactical decision to stretch a 2-1/2" handline to side three of the building to the basement level where fire was visible.

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During the time the engine crew was engaged in their operations, Command Vehicle, Car 130, established Manderlay Command and requested a second alarm assignment, again, based on the initial conditions. Meanwhile, Engine 102 was having a difficult time with an offensive attack, due to the large volume of fire, intense heat, near zero-visibility, and access problems.

Units on-scene was quickly realizing that this would be a difficult and lengthy incident. Approximately 10 minutes into the offensive attack, fire officers knew that the conditions were not improving, the initial handline was not making any progress, and the building's structural integrity was becoming questionable. The order was given to back out and re-direct efforts to a defensive attack. Shortly after withdrawing the crews, the floor failed sending all of the main structural components and contents from the first floor into the basement where crews were once working.

As the incident continued on throughout the night, it escalated to three alarms, involving multiple handlines and elevated master streams, finally being brought under control at daybreak.

As we look back on this incident, we realize that many of the decisions made that night were very proactive and made in a manner that prevented injury and death to any of our own. I would like to reinforce some of the more critical points.

Pre-incident planning

The importance of local knowledge of the buildings in our response district is often underestimated. Many times we conduct inspections or walk-through of businesses not thinking in terms of what would we do if we had a fire here. Most personnel knew the building layout on Manderlay Dr., which aided them with the initial line. What they didn't know is that as businesses change so does their interior make-up. In particular, one occupant removed support columns in the basement to house vehicles for repair and touch-up work. This may have been a critical factor that contributed to the failure of the first floor.

Building construction

As we assess the fire conditions to determine our operational mode, we must not forget about assessing the construction type as well. Fire crews identi-

fied the structure being Type II, noncombustible or limited combustible construction, which tells us that the primary hazard is not the building components themselves, but the contents stored in these buildings. The fuel load contributed to the massive fire generating heat and flames impinging on the main structural components causing them to fail. Steel in itself is very strong. When heated, the properties of steel change causing it to elongate or twist. Type II construction traditional uses steel bar joist trusses with a metal deck roof. Studies and past incidents have shown that steel trusses may fail as early as 10 minutes, the time it takes for crews to be deep in a building conducting suppression activities.

Proper risk assessment

Personnel of Florence Fire/EMS have always been very aggressive in their suppression activities and normally find themselves in the offensive posture. On this night, they would have to take a defensive stance. It is important for us to understand when we have won and when we have lost. The order given to back out told our crews that we have lost and there is nothing to save. The building was meant to burn. We must constantly evaluate the conditions and base our strategy and tactics on the information gathered. The crews made the appropriate decision to risk nothing to save nothing, thus, keeping personnel out of the hazard area.

Continuous scene size-up

As time on the clock changes so do the conditions. Smoke location, density, color, and pressurization are all indicators that need to be recognized and understood. Fire development and spread should also tell us something about how we are doing and where we anticipate the fire will go to next. Command identified early on that the fire would be difficult to suppress due to the location of the fire and the building layout. The plan had now changed to stop the fire at the firewall separating the building in two-sections. Units were placed strategically to help defend this critical point, along with continuous monitoring of the areas for fire extension.

Thermal imaging

Utilizing thermal imaging technology to aid in the investigation of the size and extent of fire from a defensive position, crews evaluated the interior condi-

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tions from outside the structure. They did so by scanning the upper atmosphere with the thermal imaging camera, which produced an image displaying a large accumulation of heated gases and fire in which the human eye only saw dense dark smoke, masking a well-involved fire. The image also identified that the flames were impinging on the steel trusses of the underside of the metal deck roof, which in time would cause failure to these critical support units.

In closing, I must commend the crews and the command staff who worked very diligently that night to mitigate the incident. Crews worked together to accomplish a common goal in a very safe manner.

We must continue to train on the lesson learned from previous incidents and pass this valuable information on to others. As we have learned from the past, we must constantly evaluate our tactics in accordance with the known and the unknown, and it is this thinking that will ultimately save lives.

Green River Firefighters Association

Harvey Henderson, President

Thanks to everyone for your support of the 2003 Officers School. Most, if not all, of the classrooms were full and the evaluation forms indicate that instructors did an excellent job of presenting their material. There are many organizations and individuals which help us fund and operate the Officers School each year. A special thanks to the Kentucky Fire Commission and State Fire Rescue Training for their support.

We appreciate the Kentucky Fire Commission recognizing Mark Luckett during the Commission meeting for his eight years of service as a member of the Commission. We are proud of Mark and the many accomplishments of the Fire Commission during his eight years.

We are making plans for the 2004 Officers School. We received several excellent recommendations for classes from the 2003 student evaluation forms, but you still have time to send us your recommendations. Just make some notes and fax them to our Office at 270-273-5630. The dates for the 2004 Officers School are February 27-28-29.

We are pleased to have a former President of the Green River Firefighters Association selected as a County Judge Executive. Wayne Hunsaker has been elected as the County Judge Executive of

Ohio County. Wayne is a former Chief of the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department in Ohio County.

We send thanks to the Central City Fire Department for hosting our January meeting. Our special guest was Senator Jerry Rhoads.

Retired Captain Lee Ielpi from the New Your Fire Department was with us on February 27th, delivering programs at several of our high schools during the day and a community program at the Riverpark Center in Owensboro in the evening. Ielpi retired from FDNY in 1996 as one of the most decorated firefighters in the department's history. Mr. Ielpi lost his son, Firefighter Jonathan Ielpi, in the World Trade Center collapse. I think all in attendance found the program to be a truly special presentation. Thanks to Owensboro Firefighter David McCrady and OFD for sponsoring and coordinating this program.

Our Spring Fire School is just weeks away, scheduled for April 25-26-27 in Owensboro. Classes to be held include

- Essentials of Firefighting
- Flammable Liquids and Gases (FLAG)
- Tactical Approach to Residential Firefighting
- Vehicle Rescue
- Farm Rescue
- Firefighter Survival and Rescue
- Hazardous Materials Awareness
- Hazardous Materials Operations
- First Responder Transition Course
- Continuing Education For EMTs

If you have not received a Spring Fire School brochure, please contact us at 1-888-306-8015 and we will send on to you.

For those departments involved in emergency medical services, we encourage you to mark your calendars for the 2004 Kentucky EMS Conference, sponsored by the Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association (KAPA) to be held at the Executive Inn Rivermont in Owensboro. The dates are September 16-20. With many fire departments indicating more than 50 percent of their responses are EMS related, the fire service should have a large attendance at the State EMS Conference. As always, we look forward to your visits to the Green River Area.

As this issue of Smoke Signals goes to the printer, we have had several significant events occurring. Masonville Fire Department Assistant Chief Harold Taylor was involved in a traffic accident in Florida and is in critical condition at a trauma center. Sturgis Fire Department suffered heavy fire damage to their station as a result of a fire at the attached City Hall.

As always, we appreciate our many friends throughout Kentucky and look forward to seeing you again soon!



KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM BOOK

Conference Ad Form/Invoice

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

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



Chaplain's Corner

by Stewart Dawson Chaplian
Lexington Division of Fire
Firefighting In Africa

I recently had the opportunity to do some mission work in Botswana Africa. It was a wonderful experience. My primary role was to teach school children about HIV/AIDS. They have a terrible problem over there. The most disturbing statistic I discovered was that if things do not change, 60% of all 15 year olds in Botswana today will die of AIDS. That is frightening. I was able to share with over 1000 school age kids in Botswana. I also had the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those kids and many others. I had a particular pleasure to get to share with the staff of the **Lobatse Fire Department**. I stopped by as I do when I travel, to visit the local brothers. The Chief was thrilled to get a visitor from the US. He called in his entire staff and we visited for about an hour. I was able to share not only about fire fighting in the states but the Gospel of my Lord as well. I left him and his staff each with a copy of God's Word.

My visit to Africa really made me thankful for the US. The visit to the fire department had the same effect. The fire service in Africa is still developing. Chief Mumba showed me their training materials. Every fire fighter here in Lexington has more personal training materials than that whole department of 54 men. . Some of the materials were dated back in the 80's. We here in Lexington have sent them some updated IFSTA manuals. They had pretty decent apparatus but their lack of other equipment was shocking. Their personal protective equipment was almost non-existent. They were using the old plastic helmets that were used here 25 years ago. Some of those helmets were broken and cracked but still in use. They have no standards over there. They use what they can get. It was really shocking. They also have an area to cover that would sometimes take them 42 miles out. I have a dream that somehow we could partner with this department. I don't know if it is possible or what we could do, but I pass on this dream to you. I plan to stay in contact with them and see if there are needs we could meet.

The distance is a great obstacle. We are 8000 miles apart and separated by a big pond. It cost \$100 to send 30lbs of books. But who knows what might be possible if many of us band together. Wouldn't it be great to really make a difference for some of our brothers who are struggling in Africa? If you have any ideas, let me know. 859-255-6489
dawsond@lfd.lfucg.com



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate
**\$750 Million FIRE Grant Program Began
March 10**

Despite Rumors of Program Cuts, Program is Back on Track.

Washington, DC — Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced today that the application period for the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is now open and will conclude at 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time on April 11, 2003.

"Effective firefighters in every community are critical to America's homeland security," said Ridge. "We want to help the fire service to move quickly to develop and acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and equipment to respond to all emergencies, large and small."

Last week, there had been rumors circulating around Washington that the Administration was considering shifting a substantial amount of funding out of the FY 2003 FIRE Grant program funding that was allocated by Congress into other "First Responder" programs for terrorism response.

The fire service groups in Washington, including the NVFC, quickly met with our key allies in Congress, including Reps. Walsh, Pascrell, Edwards, Weldon, Boehlert, Nick Smith, and Sen. McCain to address the issue.

Subsequently, Ridge announced that the full \$750 million amount would be available in the program this year. It appears likely that a proposal to shift funds may have floated, but was rejected because of the opposition of officials at USFA and FEMA, as well as our allies on Capitol Hill.

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"A special thanks must be given to Representative Walsh and all of our other allies on Capitol Hill and within FEMA for working to ensure the program stayed intact this year," said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg. "Based on Secretary Ridge's recent statements, it is clear that the Administration understands the value of this program to America's fire service."

Rep. Walsh, whose leadership as Chairman of the VA, HUD Appropriations Subcommittee was critical in increasing the program funding to \$750 million for FY 2003, had conversations with Mitch Daniels, Director of OMB and other Administration officials regarding the program.

As of March 1, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) became part of the Department of Homeland Security. The U.S. Fire Administration, which administers the grant program, is a component of FEMA's Preparedness Division. The Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program is one of the principal ways FEMA meets its mission to help the nation prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from all emergencies – natural or man-made. The 2003 Program Guidelines are now available for easy download at: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/03prgguide.cfm>

The programs, and associated activities, eligible in this year's grant program are as follows:

Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety Program. Eligible activities under this function are limited to training, wellness and fitness, firefighting equipment, personal protective equipment, and modifications to fire stations and facilities.

Fire Prevention Program. Eligible activities under this function include, but are not limited to, public education and awareness activities, fire codes enforcement activities, fire inspector certifications, purchase and installation of smoke alarms and fire suppression systems, wildland mitigation, and arson prevention and detection activities.

Emergency Medical Services Program. Eligible activities under this function for fire-based EMS units are limited to equipment, training, and wellness and fitness initiatives. Vehicles, such as ambulances, are not eligible in this programmatic area.

Firefighting Vehicles Acquisition Program. Eligible apparatus under this program include, but are

not limited to, pumpers, brush trucks, tankers, rescue, ambulances, quints, aerials, foam units, and fireboats. You may apply for only one vehicle per year. Within a programmatic area, fire departments may develop a comprehensive program to address all of their needs by applying for as many of the eligible activities as needed. For example, if a department determined its needs were in the area of fire operations and firefighter safety, the department could apply for any one of the activities under that program, or any combination of activities, or all of the activities listed within that program. If a department needed a vehicle, it can apply under the vehicle acquisition program.

The 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application is automated and will be available on-line at www.usfa.fema.gov. All applicants will find many built-in "help screens" and "drop-down menus" to assist fire departments throughout the application process. The USFA has established a help desk to assist you with the application process. The help desk number is 866-274-0960 and will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. EST Monday through Saturday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST on Sunday. Once the application period is closed, a peer review process will be started in April, and run through May. The distribution of the funds to successful applicants will begin no later than July 2003.

Paper applications will be accepted, but are discouraged. Paper applications are discouraged because of the inherent delays associated with processing a paper application. If you do not have access to the Internet, contact FEMA directly (866-274-0960) to request a paper copy of the application via U.S. Postal mail services.

Certification of Level I and Level II Fire Protection Instructors

As most of you know, the Fire Commission, through the Education and Eligibility Committee, has approved several changes to the Fire Instructor Certification process. Beginning March 15th these changes will be implemented within the Level I and Level II Instructor courses and delivered by the State Fire/Rescue Training Program. *We have begun the process to change the Administrative Regulation and we will attempt to keep you informed as we move through this process.*

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All previously approved Level I, Level II and Level III instructors will remain certified at their present level. Unless renewed, certification shall expire after a period of (3) years beginning on the instructor's birth month, immediately following the effective date of these regulations.

Level I Fire Instructors

Persons certified as Level I fire protection instructors shall be authorized to deliver training throughout the Commonwealth upon invitation of that agency. The Level I instructor can deliver courses only from prepared lesson plans from a Fire Commission approved source, (IFSTA materials).

Level I instructors cannot prepare their own lesson plans. They may deliver classes, or portions of classes, from the IFSTA Instructor Guides or other curriculum approved by the Fire Commission.

In addition, if the Level I instructor would like to instruct any new courses that have been developed by KCTCS for the Fire Commission, they must successfully complete the Train-the-Trainer course and teach from the approved curriculum instructor guide.

Requirements for Level I Certification (NEW)

An individual shall be certified as a Level I Instructor if written evidence is submitted to the Fire Commission that the individual is qualified by the following:

1. Candidate shall submit a completed application that has been signed by his Fire Chief or authority having jurisdiction for non-fire department personnel.
2. Is a high school graduate or the equivalent, (copy of Diploma or GED required).
3. Has (2) years experience as a Kentucky Certified Fire Fighter. (Must be a Kentucky Certified Fire Fighter for (2) years before applying for instructor Level I certification).
4. Is a current Kentucky Certified Fire Fighter.
5. Submits proof that he/she has successfully completed a (30) hour Instructor Level I, Fire and Emergency Services Instructor class that has been approved by the Fire Commission; **OR**

A. Holds a valid teaching certificate issued by the Kentucky Department of Education and is a certified firefighter; **OR**

B. Is a full-time instructor or faculty member of an institution of higher education in Kentucky, teaching

in a fire science or fire science technology curriculum; **OR**

C. Holds a valid instructor's certificate issued by an out-of-state fire-training agency approved by the Fire Commission.

6. Must submit proof of IFSAC Firefighter Level I and Level II certification. If this proof cannot be produced upon completion of all other requirements, application for certification may be submitted to the Fire Commission and the candidates name shall be placed on a waiting list for a Fire Commission sponsored IFSAC

Certification Testing session.

Certificate Terms:

Unless renewed, certification shall expire after a period of (3) years beginning in the birth month of the instructor, immediately following the effective date of these regulations.

Certification Renewal:

Certification shall be renewed if an applicant has:

1. Taught at least (32) hours prior to the expiration of his certification.
2. Shall attend at least (32) training hours as a student, (8) hours of which must be in methods of instruction approved by the Fire Commission. All of these hours may be used toward the fire fighter recertification hours, not in addition to them.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the individual instructor and his agency to submit a signed application for renewal on a form supplied by the Fire Commission.

Those Level I Instructors certified prior to the effective date of these regulations shall comply with the limits of instruction identified in "Requirements for Certification" and the "Certification Renewal" procedures listed above.

Level II Fire Instructors:

Persons certified by the Fire Commission as a Level II fire instructor shall be authorized to deliver training within the Commonwealth upon invitation by that agency. In addition, persons certified at Level II shall be permitted to develop lesson plans for training with the exception of those programs for which the Fire Commission, through KCTCS, has developed a Train-the-Trainer course for the approved curriculum. The instructor candidate must complete the KCTCS Train-the-Trainer course. The approved curriculum must be used to deliver that topic

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4. Has had (4) years as a Kentucky certified fire fighter and (2) years as a Level I instructor.

5. Has completed a minimum of (30) hour Instructor II, Fire and Emergency Services Instructor course approved by the Fire Commission; **OR**

A. Holds a valid teaching certificate issued by the Kentucky Department of Education and is a certified firefighter; **OR**

B. Is a full-time instructor or faculty member of an institution of higher education in Kentucky, teaching in a fire science technology curriculum; **OR**

C. Holds a valid instructor's certification issued by an out-of-state fire-training agency approved by the Fire Commission.

6. Submits proof of IFSAC Fire Fighter Level I and Level II certification. If this proof cannot be produced upon completion of all other requirements, applications for certification may be submitted to the Fire Commission and the candidate's name shall be placed on a waiting list for a Fire Commission sponsored IFSAC Certification Testing session.

Certificate Terms:

Unless renewed, certification shall expire after a period of (3) years beginning on the instructor's birth month immediately following the effective date of these regulations.

Certification Renewal:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the individual instructor and his agency to submit an application for renewal on a form supplied by the Fire Commission.

2. Shall have taught a minimum of (32) hours during the (3) year certification period.

3. Shall attend at least (32) training hours as a student, (8) hours of which must be in Fire Commission approved educational methodology. All of these hours may be used toward the fire fighter re-certification hours, not in addition to them.

Level II instructors certified prior to the effective date of these regulations shall comply with the limits of instruction identified in the "Requirements for Certification" and the "Certification Renewal" procedures listed above.

Level I and Level II (30) hour Educational Methodology classes will be competency based requiring both a written test, (minimum test score for successful completion is 70%) and a skills evaluation consisting of (5) presentations ranging from 2 minutes to 10 minutes in length.

**KFA Awards Additional Scholarship**

The Kentucky Fire Fighters Association has awarded another scholarship to a Kentucky Firefighter. At the regular Executive Board meeting, during the Green Rivers Officers School at Owensboro, Kentucky on February 22, 2003, the board approved a KFA scholarship for Mark A. Stiles of Grand Rivers, KY. pending the commencement of the Paramedicine degree program, in the Spring of 2003, at Paducah Community College in Paducah, Kentucky.

Mark is a member of the Grand Lakes Fire Department in Grand Rivers, KY. and serves as a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He also serves as a part time EMT with Crittenden and Livingston County EMS. Mark works full time as an Assistant Chief Deputy at the Livingston County E-911 Center. While Mark is resting, he will be attending the Paramedicine degree program at PCC. (hopefully the Spring 2003 Semester) Marks future plans include working as a Paramedic at the Grand Lakes Fire Department, completing his Firefighter 1 & 2 certification and pursuing a degree in the fire science field.

Congratulations to Mark on being selected as a recipient of a KFA scholarship. The entire membership of the Kentucky Firefighters Association wishes him the best of luck and success in this endeavor.

The KFA currently provides three scholarships for Kentucky Firefighters:

Angela Jansing
James A. Downes
John Zimlich Jr.

Fort Mitchell Fire & EMS
Buechel Fire Department
Buechel Fire Department

Support the KFA Scholarship Program by purchasing your set of KFA Commemorative Fire Service prints today. Check out the scholarship link on the KFA Webb site for details.

It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependance upon the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

Abraham Lincoln



Treasurer's Notes

by Bryant Stiles

At the 2003 KFA Conference I will have served as your Treasurer for six years. It is now time for me to go. There have been some exciting accomplishments during this six years and I ask for a few minutes of your time to reflect as I look back.

Working with the Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association (KPFPA) and the Kentucky Fire Commission, we raised sufficient funds, just over \$175,000, to pay for the construction of our Kentucky Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

We raised sufficient funds, \$30,000, for our scholarship program and have been awarding scholarships for the past two years. Paul Billings is doing an excellent work leading this program.

We have had great accomplishments within the Kentucky General Assembly, including state aid and incentive pay increasing four years in a row and the consolidation of the Kentucky Fire Commission with State Fire Rescue Training. These accomplishments are a direct result of your KFA Association having full time representation during the sessions in Frankfort. The Association has invested over \$65,000 during my six years helping with expenses. Gerald Stewart and Sylvan Smith have made given literally months of personal time to be in Frankfort as our representatives and our accomplishments are a direct result of their efforts.

Our Newsletter, Smoke Signals II, has been on time each issue with pages in each issue of valuable information for our fire departments and has grown in size and quality with each issue. KFA invests \$16,000 into the Newsletter each year to be sure you receive timely information on issues affecting your department. Woodrow Will has been an outstanding editor and this is just one of his many contributions to our Association.

I have watch and learned about the many things Charlie Shaw does for us our Special Events Coordinator. What I have learned is he has the best and worst of all positions within KFA. For the best, he coordinates our State Firefighter Olympics, where the fire service has a rare opportunity to perform their skills in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. For the worst, he has had to assist with so many funerals, both duty and non-duty, that I have lost count. I have witnessed the appreciation fire departments,

firefighters and families have for Charlie for all of the many services he provides to KFA.

Another member of the Special Events staff is Jamia Skaggs. There are few individuals within my six years of being on the KFA Board that have given as much time to KFA projects as she has and I hope she will be given some long due recognition in the near future.

There are lives being saved everyday through the fire prevention efforts of KFA over the past six years. Leading this effort are folks like John Henderson, Joe Sambush, Rusty Todd and there are many others that have made significant contributions.

I have been fortunate to work with Ken Knipper on national issues through the National Volunteer Fire Council. The FEMA Fire Grants is just one project benefiting the fire service of Kentucky that is a result of efforts of the National Volunteer Fire Council.

All of these projects and many more that more than time, they take money. That has been my role within the Association. To prepare budgets and to develop ways for us to accomplish much while staying within the budgets adopted by our Association at our Annual Conference. For the confidence you have shown to me each year at the Conference is a great personal reward.

I would never have become or been able to serve as your Treasurer without the support of many people. While I know I will leave out many important people, I want to mention a few. To Charlie Shaw, Woody Will, Mark Luckett and Dave Jansing, thanks for your support as I considered a run for Treasurer and for all your support ever since. To the Green River Firefighters, thanks for being a great campaign crew and supporting me for these six years. Thanks to many friends in the Dixie Firefighters Association. To my fire department staff at McLean County Central District, thank you. To the Area 3 Fire Rescue Training staff, you are the greatest! To my family, thank you. To Robin Long, I could not and would not have done this without you!

The Association is in a sound financial condition, building savings for those years when there may be financial strains. There are future leaders of the Association that will take the Association even farther than any of us could have dreamed of. I hope I have made a positive contribution to this Association and the many firefighters we serve. Thank you for the opportunity of a life time!



Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

My Dear Friends,

What a busy week this has been, a lot is happening and I am delighted to report things are progressing with our Risk Watch Project. HB 398 is going well, last Friday is passed the House of Reps 94-0 and has been sent to the Senate, to date it has not yet been assigned a committee, once this has happened it will be necessary for us to testify to the Senate Committee. Last Wednesday, thanks to the hospitality of Chief Murphy of Madison County Fire Dept our Risk Watch Management Team, our Five Pilot Counties and many of our distinguished colleagues, Peg Carson our field advisor from NFPA conducted a seminar to bring us up to date on our Grant Commitments. I want all of you to start thinking about other counties and departments who are prepared to join the team and make the commitment to Risk Watch. Our goal is to bring this project to all of Kentucky, much is yet to be done.

The Risk Watch Train the Trainer Class will be held at Kentucky State Fire School June 7th and 8th. The class will be located in the University of Kentucky Student Center Small Ballroom Classroom. To sign up just enroll at State Fire School through early registration, at the Holiday Inn or by contacting the Fire Commission Office. Registration information is available via the State Fire School booklet, which also contains more information about this exciting class.

Our Risk Watch Management Team will be going to Cambridge, Mass for a three day seminar under the direction of NFPA. Our Representatives are: FIRE = Fireman Joe, LAW = Bob Douglas, HEALTH = Tom Haynes, EDUCATION = Dean Joe Eames and our State Mentor Bonnie Pigg. This seminar is scheduled for March 20th - 23rd.

I am planning on a KFA Public Education Committee Meeting sometime in April, my friend Chuck Helms from Georgetown Fire Department has agreed to host this meeting. Once I have worked out the dates and times, we will be sending notices to all our members, friends and all those who would like to attend. We especially want to open this meeting to all child safety advocates throughout the state

of Kentucky, teachers, fire prevention and public education personnel.

The risk watch management team "Kentucky" announces a risk watch train the trainer seminar workshop will be held at state fire school this June 7th and 8th in the student center small ballroom classroom. Please sign up just like you would for state fire school, if you have any questions please contact Fireman Joe (stambushj@aol.com) or Greg Schultz at Ft. Thomas fire dept (859-441-8398). For those who are interested and cannot make the workshop at state fire school we will be conducting other workshops to be scheduled once we determine the need and requirements of our comrades and public educators. It truly is "time for risk watch". Finally, I would like to dispel a rumor or misunderstanding about this project. **NO ONE IS EXCLUDED FROM THIS PROJECT!** Our plan is to bring this program to all of Kentucky. The more we accomplish and how many we reach will depend on our resources, departments and personnel. Please join the team! **BE SAFE! GOD BLESS!**

Joseph "Fireman Joe" Stambush,

Chairman

KFA Public Education Committee

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to address the changes proposed for 2003 conference olympics. During a fire association meeting it was brought to our attention that Fire Explorers WILL NOT BE PERMITTED to compete in the Olympics on a state level this year.

Upon finding this out I called the KFA President, Randy Lawson, and discussed this matter in length. President Lawson not only confirmed this information, but also advised me that the change was being made because with the employers competing it took too long to complete the Olympics. He also stated that they didn't have all day to host the Olympics as they have scheduled another activity the day the Olympics are to take place; which is unusual as the Olympics is a planned day for all firefighters and their families to enjoy.

From the Faubush Tri-Co. Volunteer Fire Department standpoint we will heavily protest this event
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(Olympics) this year, as it is an unfair matter to the fire explorers in our area, as well as a let down to us personally, by the KFA President, Randy Lawson, who could only apologize and make excuses for this action when I personally discussed this matter, via phone.

In closing it would be of great appreciation by the Faubush Tri-Co. Volunteer Fire Department - Adult Olympic State Champs, as well as the Faubush Tri-Co. Volunteer Fire Department - Explorer Olympic State Champs if all of you that have competed in the Firefighter Olympics (past and present) would contact the KFA President Randy Lawson at 502-267-7300 and voice your displeasurer with this arbitrary decision. The expolers are the future of our fire department. To tell them you don't have enough time for them to compete is the same as telling them their contribution to the fire department is unimportant. Everyone knows that is not true!

As of this letter the Faubush Tri-Co. VFD is not planning to return to the State Olympics comptition to defend our Olympic Championship titles if thge Explorers are not permitted to compete. We hope that all Olympic competitors will join us in this boycott against what we see as a wrong-doing against all Fire Explorers. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely

Stacy Halcomb, Chief

Faubush Tri-Co. Vol. Fire Dept.

P.S. Please keep in mind that our FIRE EXPLORERS are our future firefighters and leaders.

Now Accepting Nominations for KFA “Hall of Fame”

Dear Kentucky Firefighter,

We are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the first class of inductee's to the Kentucky Firefighters Association “Hall of Fame”. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the KFA web page at WWW.KYFA.org. Nomination forms will also be mailed to each individual fire department throughout the State or can be obtained from any committee member.

The mission of the KFA Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to the formation and continued success of the Kentucky Firefighters Association. Anyone is eligible.

The induction ceremony for this first class of Hall of Famer's will be during the KFA banquet at this year's annual conference in Jeffersontown. Inductee's will be notified sometime in June or early July prior to the conference. Nominees may be living or deceased.

Please research your department, regional association, and KFA histories and nominate those deserving of this honor. All nominations must be submitted to the committee no later than May 15, 2003.

Mail nominations to Duane Suttles, Rowan Technical College, 609 Viking Drive, Morehead, Ky. 40351 or FAX to Duane at KFA Hall of Fame (606) 784-1878.

Hall of Fame Committee

John Daley, Ken Elliott, Bill Hall, Ed Schmidt, Duane Suttles

NEW ARRIVALS

Palma-Briansburg FD Purchases Central States Pumper Tanker



Palma-Briansburg Fire Protection District has taken delivery, of a Central States Fire Apparatus pumper-tanker, mounted on a freightliner chassis. The unit features a Hale 1250 pump with a UPF 1250 gallon tank. Two 2 1/2" direct tank fills on the rear and an air operated dump valve. The truck has a 5" front suction for drsfting.

In recognition of the events of 9/11/01 a large mural was placed on the dump tank compartment. Palma-Brainsburg is located in Marshall Co. where they operate out of two stations.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**APRIL**

Area 9 Responding to Propane Emergencies 6/03
Madison Co. HS 888-301-2946

Area 5 Understanding the ISO System 12/03
Bowen Training Center E-town 888-234-7201

Area 14 Regional Fire School 12-13/03
Somerset Community College 888-234-1780

Area 4 Flashover Class 19/03
Glasgow Fire Department 888-234-5760

Area 13 Regional Fire School 25-26/03
Bell County FD Headquarters 888-234-0100

Area 3 Spring Fire School 26-27/03
Executive Inn Owensboro 888-306-8015

Area 15 Regional Fire School 26-27/03
Rechmond Training Center 888-234-3961

MAY

Area 10 Regional Fire School 3-4/03
Lawrence Co. High School 888-302-2833

Area 5 EMT 1st Responder Transition 9-11/03
Bowen Training Center E-town 888-234-7201

Area 6 HazMat & Rescue Conference 12-18/03
Louisville 888-306-8064

Area 9 Regional Fire School 17-18/03
Morehead State University 888-301-2946

Special Events**Flaherty Fire Department**

Open Horse Show April 12, 2003

All proceeds to the WHAS Crusade for Children
For more information call 270-828-2873

Flaherty Fire Department

5th Annual Golf Scramble May 10, 2003

Lincoln Trail Golf Course

All proceeds to the WHAS Crusade for Children
For more information call 270-828-2873

KFA Antique Fire Apparatus Static Display and Firematic Flea Market

Sunday JULY 27, 2003 9AM - 3PM

Holiday Inn Hurstbourne

1325 South Hurstbourne Parkway

Louisville Kentucky

For more information contact

Deputy Chief Paul McDonald

502-228-1351 or email at

pmcdonald@hcfcd.org

CLASSIFIED ADS**For Sale 1976 American LaFrance**

Apparatus features include:

Detroit Diesel 8V71 318 Peak Horse Power, 1250 GPM Pump with 30 gallon foam unit, 6kw Onan Generator powered by Cummins Diesel.

Various firefighting equipment provided with this truck! Truck being sold because of the merger of two departments. For more information call Chief Denny Lynn at 859-261-0083

**For Sale MINI PUMPER**

1982 Chevrolet 1-ton dual axle 16626 Actual Miles, 4-Speed Manual Transmission, 454 V-8, Four Wheel Drive. This apparatus is being sold by sealed bid. The Bid opening will take place on Tuesday, April 15, 2003 at 2:00PM EST. This apparatus is being sold as is with no warranty implied or intended. **Minimum Bid of \$25,000.** The City of Erlanger reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids should be submitted to the City Clerks Office located in the City Building at 505 Commonwealth Ave., Erlanger, Kentucky 41018. Any questions regarding the bid should be directed to Linda Carter, City Clerk, 859-727-2525. Any questions regarding the apparatus or to view the apparatus please contact Asst. Chief Tim Koenig at Erlanger Fire Station 1. Phone # 859-727-7942.



Kentucky Firefighters Association



83rd Annual Ky Firefighter's Conference Registration Form July 26 –29, 2003

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Nickname (for badge): _____ Title: _____
 Local Association: _____ Fire Dept: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____ work/home
 _____ Fax: _____
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