



# Smoke Signals II

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## Legislative Meeting December 17, 2009

The Meeting was held in Versailles at the KCTCS/Fire Commission office to discuss the upcoming legislative session. The groups represented in the meeting were as follows:

Kentucky Professional Firefighters Association, Ky Assoc. Fire Chiefs, Erlanger FD, Alexander FD, Ky Office of Homeland Security, State Fire Rescue Training, Fire Commission, Ky Firefighters Association, State Fire Marshal, Ky Board of Emergency Medical Services.

The meeting was opened by thanking everyone for attendance. Discussion was held about how over the years we have improved the condition of the fire service through cooperation. In the past we have worked together on issues of agreement but on areas where we have disagreed we have just agreed to disagree. I then had all attendees introduce themselves and the fire service agency that they represent. We began by discussing the legislative agenda of the KFA and Fire Commission which include:

### FIRE COMMISSION – KFA Legislation

1. The fire commission legislation has two parts;
  - a. Meeting requirements
  - b. Moving money to fund State Fire Rescue Training and staff.
2. The KFA conference supported motorcycle helmet safety.
  - a. Discussion that we are not introducing legislation.
  - b. And to discuss with leadership how far we are going to push this issue.
3. The KFA conference supported the legislation for supporting PSAP Centers as it relates to income from land lines on cell phones.
4. Support the KFA Fire Works Committee in legislation efforts.

### KPFF – Legislation

1. Statewide Collective bargaining
2. Three Type of Presumptions legislation
  - a. Parkinson Disease
  - b. Heart Disease
  - c. Lung Disease

### State Fire Marshall – Legislation

The State Fire marshal will be introducing the same fee schedule legislation that was presented during the last session and supported by all fire groups.

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### Notes From The President's Desk Bobby Cowhard

Happy New Year from the Executive Board and myself! I trust that everyone had a safe and healthy holiday season. Let me express our sincerest hopes for a safe and progressive 2010.

It's now time to get back to work and with the 2010 Kentucky General Assembly convening in January, KFA Legislative Lobbyist Mike "Howdy" Kurtsinger and Gerald Stewart will be busy trying to keep up with fire service related issues and to make sure our voices are heard in Frankfort. Occasionally they need the help from the firefighters throughout the State, so I encourage you to step up if we are asked to attend and fill a room for a hearing or asked to contact your legislators. Your support and effort is crucial to show our legislators that the fire service is strong in Kentucky.

On December 17, Mike "Howdy" Kurtsinger organized a meeting of representatives from various state-wide fire service organizations at the Fire Commission office. At this meeting we identified specific legislative priorities and discussed common ground on these issues. It is through working together, as one, that the fire service will be successful in Frankfort.

Another important issue for the KFA is membership. During these times of budget cutbacks we encourage all departments to consider joining the KFA. Your dues help in efforts and programs like having two full-time lobbyists in Frankfort during legislative sessions, promoting Public Education throughout the Commonwealth, Funerals and Special Events, and providing accidental Life Insurance to all members of a dues-paying department.

We truly appreciate all those who have paid their dues up to this point. I received an email from Treasurer Terry Keller advising that as of December the KFA had 12 new departments join that were not members last year. If you do not know if your department is a member please check with your Chief.

With all of the fire departments in Kentucky as members, we will be a stronger organization.

There is a link on the KFA website where you can download a department and personal membership application, as well as a new application for sustaining membership. Kentucky has a little over

800 departments in the Commonwealth and usually only half are members of the KFA.

Membership dues are now being accepted. Department membership is \$75.00 and personal membership is \$25.00.

If you have any question about membership in the KFA please contact the Executive Board member or Director in your area. This information can also be found on the KFA website [www.kyfa.org](http://www.kyfa.org).

Become a member today. Encourage your neighboring departments to join the KFA. Help shape the future of the Kentucky Fire Service and help us help you. For more information, check out the website at [www.kyfa.org](http://www.kyfa.org)

On February 20, the Kentucky Firefighters Association Executive Board and Committee Chairs will meet in Lexington in conjunction with the Green River Officer's School. This has become an annual event that we always look forward to. I want to thank the leadership of our Green River FF Association for their continued support and hospitality. Our meeting will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday and continue throughout the day. If you get a chance on a break from class, stop by and see us. The Executive Board and I are here to serve you and we value your input and support.

In November, at the VCOS Symposium in the Sun, Worthington Fire-Rescue from Jefferson County was awarded the 2009 VCOS-VFIS Recruitment and Retention Award for the results they have had in their approach to recruitment and retention. VCOS is the Volunteer & Combination Officers Section (VCOS) of the IAFC. Congratulations to Chief Gary Yurt and his department for this award.

Chairperson Wanda Isaacs organized her first meeting on December 8 with the Public Education committee. They met at Fort Mitchell F.D. I was not able to attend this meeting but I would like to thank the Fort Mitchell F.D. for hosting this meeting and for providing lunch. The committee covered a lot of ground in their meeting and I look forward to seeing what they have planned for the state public education/fire prevention.

Mark your calendar to attend the annual Kentucky State Fire School and Homeland Security Conference, June 9-13 in Lexington. The Fire School committee has been meeting regularly to provide "top of the line" training opportunities for "Kentucky's Finest". The school's success depends on the atten

dance of firefighters across the Commonwealth. Please take advantage of this great opportunity, as well as the regional Fire Schools this coming year.

In closing, I want to remind you of this year's 90<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Firefighter Association annual conference to be held in Louisville Kentucky, July 31-August 3. Visit our website at [www.kfa2010.com](http://www.kfa2010.com) for details and hotel and registration information. Register now!

We are currently in the process of compiling our ad book. Be watching the mail for your copy of the ad form to place your departments or business ad.

Thank you for your service and dedication to the fire and emergency services of Kentucky.

Always looking forward to seeing you at one of these functions and remember:

**Be safe out there!**

Sincerely,

*Bobby Cowherd*



## Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller

Hope everyone had a merry Christmas and is having a good new year. I know at this writing there is a lot of white fluffy stuff outside. Just hope everyone takes extra precaution during this winter weather.

The K F A Executive Board has been very busy since our last Ex-Board meeting. As many of you know our fundraising company Civic Development Company went out of business on December 3, 2009. This was a financial nightmare for the association. Your Executive Board has been working very hard to obtain another company to do fundraising. It has been recommended to the Executive Board to engage with two new companies for telephone fundraising. The companies will be Xentel, a corporation organized and in good standing with the State of Delaware, and registered with the State of Kentucky and a company called Outreach Calling, a corporation organized and in good standing with the State of Nevada and registered with the State of Ky. The contracts are for one year and renewable each year. This is along with the department dues the main funding for the K F A.

Telephone fundraising produces 44% of the operating capital for the K F A, while membership dues contributes another 29% of our income. This is based on a membership of 400 departments, which your Executive Board is working very hard to increase. K F A needs the backing of more departments throughout the state. There are some 812 departments in Kentucky and only 400 pay dues. Each and every department in the state is represented by the K F A. All paid, combination or volunteer departments are being considered when our representatives in Frankfort look at legislation affecting the fire service or E M S. K F A needs for all chiefs and presidents of departments to consider joining the association.

This session of the legislature is the long one of 90 days. It will cost the K F A somewhere around \$27,000.00 to keep two lobbyists in Frankfort. They will be there to protect all the benefits you as a firefighter enjoy. The free training from K C T C S, state aid to your department, workers compensation, health benefits, pension and many other small programs that is funded by the state.

K F A needs the support from all departments to keep these programs up and running. Please have your chief or the president of your department encourage the membership to the K F A. If you have any questions about the K F A go to the web site and find the name of an Executive Board member and call him. Anyone of us would be more than happy to explain what the association is involved in and doing for the firefighters of this great Commonwealth.

Until I see some of you at the Green River Officer School in February, stay safe and warm. Remember all our brothers and sisters that are fighting so that we may do the things that we want to do.

## Oxymorons

1. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
2. Why do we say something is "out of Whack"? What is a "Whack"?
3. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
4. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
5. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
6. Why do we sing "take me out to the Ball Game" when we are already there?

## THE COURAGE TO BE SAFE

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There is no glory in the death of a firefighter, when that death could have been prevented. On average, each year over half of all firefighter deaths are related to health issues. Of the 1006 firefighter fatalities between 1995 and 2004, 440 or 43.7% fell into the category of Sudden Cardiac Death. While this number has continued to fall since the late 1970's, there are still way too many of us dying from a condition that is usually detectable, may be treatable and thus may prevent an unnecessary death. The 6<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Life Safety Initiative relates to preventing firefighter injuries and death from the aspect of our own personal health.

**Initiative #6-"DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NATIONAL MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL FITNESS STANDARDS THAT ARE EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO ALL FIREFIGHTERS, BASED ON THE DUTIES THEY ARE EXPECTED TO PERFORM."**

In the past, one of the most overlooked requirements for becoming a firefighter was the fact that firefighters need to be healthy and they need to be very good physical condition. We need strength and endurance to handle most of the emergency tasks we face. For most of us, as young firefighters, there seemed to be little cause for alarm as we were young and strong but, as our time in the fire service has progressed; our bodies seem to have regressed. All too often we accept the extra pounds gained as just a matter of getting older and the higher blood pressure as a result of added responsibilities but I ask you this: Will the citizen trapped by fire accept the fact that we do not have the endurance to assist them in their time of need? Will our fellow firefighters accept the fact that we can't hump hose up two stories without being completely exhausted and moreover: Will our loved ones accept that we did not keep ourselves in good physical condition when they are called to the hospital to see us after we have collapsed after a fire? Neither John Q. Citizen, nor our

fellow firefighters nor our family should accept our lack of physical fitness. As firefighters, staying physical fit is crucial. It is part of our job.

There are two basic elements to Initiative #6. The first deals with being "Fit for Duty". The push here is in setting national fitness standards to even become a firefighter and in some cases standards to maintain that position. In Kentucky, the 2008 Legislature directed the Kentucky Fire Commission to adopt a baseline physical fitness standard for all **new** career firefighters effective January 1, 2012. After that date anyone wishing to become a career firefighter in Kentucky will need to test for and meet these standards. While currently confined to the career ranks at, it is only practical for our volunteer staff members to be held to the same standards of fitness. The second element deals with our health. It has been noted that yearly physical exams would greatly assist in determining conditions such as high blood pressure, cardio-vascular disease and other health issues. These exams would allow your physician to determine if you are physically fit to be a firefighter and if not, what can be done to get you back in the game. Yes, there is a physical point when each of us needs to consider our roll as an active firefighter.

To expound a bit on physical fitness, it is great to see more and more departments getting involved in adding physical fitness equipment to their stations. The Fire Commission has also pitched in, the last three years, with their "Physical Fitness Equipment" grant but, are we using this equipment? It sure does look nice. It is important to encourage your members to get involved in their own fitness. Time needs to be set aside each day for exercise. If your department does not have exercise equipment, get out and run, jog or walk. Get your heart rate up to match what you might experience on the fire ground. In addition, it goes without saying that being overweight and/or smoking puts you in a very high risk category for cardio-vascular and other healthy issues.

Health checks and physical fitness are expensive but not nearly as costly as an injured or killed firefighter. There are many local and national grants available to assist you in purchasing equipment and funding member physicals. It goes without saying that by keeping ourselves physically fit to do our jobs and by receiving periodical medical check ups, we can assure that each of us "Keeps Going Home, After Each Run and After Each Shift."



## Wanda Isaacs Public Fire Educators Committee

Good morning all! I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our meeting this month. And thank Ft.

Mitchell Fire Department for hosting our meeting and providing lunch for us. I have attached the minutes from the meeting. If you see any mistakes or see anything that might have been missed; please feel free to let me know so proper changes can be made.

Just a reminder, we are looking for people to be apart of the sub-committee that was created (Grants & Funding Sub-Committee). Adam Fuller is the lead on the committee. If you are interested please contact Adam through email (AFuller@fortmitchell.com).

There will be some follow-up emails going out to keep everyone up to date with the committees projects and accomplishments. And as soon as we decide on a community work page for the committee we will let everyone know so we can work as a unit and keep everyone informed.

Again, thank you for your hard work and commitment to this committee. I look forward to working with all of you in 2010.

Have a safe and happy new year!

### **Printed below is a copy of the minutes of the December Pub Ed Committee Meeting.**

The KFA Public Education Committee met at 1300 hours on the above referenced date at the Fort Mitchell Fire Department. Committee Chair Wanda Isaacs called the meeting to order.

**Directory:** Chair Isaacs updated the committee of her desire to create a public educators directory. This directory will create a master contact list and will be able to provide an overview of what programs are being offered throughout the Commonwealth. To date 50 responses have been received online and 25 copies of the survey have been sent out in mail form. The goal is create a hardcopy, which can be distributed to all departments. KFA Treasurer Keller stated 812 fire departments exist in the Commonwealth and only about 400 to 450 are KFA members. The directory will also be able to assist the KFA in their reaching non-member departments.

**Seminar:** Based upon the previous attempts to offer a public education seminar, Chair Isaacs has proposed to host 5 regional seminars in conjunction

with the regional fire schools. Rusty Todd provided an overview of the hurdles, which the previous concept of one statewide seminar encountered. Some discussion followed on the ability of the KFA to front money and have it reimbursed by KCTCS. Discussion followed on the creation of a public education curriculum to be presented in modules with the goal of said program being incorporated into the KCTCS curriculum. Brendan Bradley of Walton FD suggested expanding the program once created into an instructor package. Terry Campbell of NFPA suggested NFPA 1035 be used as a model. Rusty Todd suggested 5 seminars be held as follows:

- Northern KY
- Southeastern KY
- Jackson Purchase
- Central KY Area
- Jefferson County Fire School

**NFPA:** Terry Campbell the NFPA Field Representative for KY reviewed some funding opportunities, which may be available from NFPA for various programs including the possibility of funding for the previously mentioned seminars.

**Funding:** Rusty Todd suggested a sub committee of the Public Education Committee be formed to research Grant funding sources. Rusty suggested Adam Fuller chair this sub committee and find additional members who are willing to serve on the committee. Adam stated he would be willing to serve as chair of said committee and will begin work on locating additional members.

**Fireworks:** Rusty Todd gave an update to everyone in regards to the ongoing attempts at Fireworks legislation for KY. Rusty stated there has been a general lack of input from the fire service on this issue. Currently the committee is looking at consumer fireworks changes vs. changes in the retail and wholesale issue.

**Regional Directors:** A proposal was presented by Chair Isaacs and Adam Fuller to implement regional directors. The goal of the regional directors would be serve as a contact for Chair Isaacs and be a resource for each region to contact. Discussion followed on the topic and it was determined to base the regions on the preexisting KCTCS established regions.

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KY Safe Aging Coalition: Chair Isaacs has attended 2 meetings of the Coalition. One of the goals of the coalition is to establish a standardized home checklist for care givers and have local fire department's assist with the inspections. The coalition is also very interested in making Remembering When a statewide program.

Community Page: Discussion was held on the concept of creating a facebook or similar social networking page to assist in the spread of public education information to target areas. Currently most programs are focused on under 14 and over 65. The creation of a social networking page would allow the opportunity for the committee to reach a "missed age group".

Additional discussion followed on the creation of a separate page to allow for public educators to interact. Several options were discussed including Yahoo, LINKEDIN and SharePoint.

Smoke Detector Programs: The State Fire Marshall office has 9,000 smoke detectors available. Call their office for additional information.

2011 State Fire School: Discussion was held on submitting a proposal for the theme of the 2011 State Fire School to be "Honoring our Public Educators".

Meeting was ended at 1600 hours.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Important Dates to Remember

Area 14 Spring Fire School (Somerset) 4/9-11  
 Jackson Purchase Fire School 4/30-5/2  
 Northern Ky Fire School 5/15-16  
 State Fire School/HSConference 6/10-13  
 Mountain FS (Hazard) 8/28-29

### Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) Class Schedule

02/8-9 1- Pastoral Crisis Intervention I  
 02/10-11 2 - Individual Crisis Interven. & Peer Spt  
 03/17-18 3 - Individual Crisis Interven. & Peer Spt

Classes 1 & 2 will be held at Mayfield KY at the PADD Office. Class 3 will be hosted by Pennroyal Behavioral Health in Hopkinsville KY.

One of these classes is required to become a certified Fire Chaplain in Kentucky.

All classes have registration deadlines and fees. For more information go to the KCCRB website at <http://www.kccrb.ky.gov/> or click on the link at [kyfa.org](http://kyfa.org).

### Kentucky Officers School

Hosted by the Green River FF Assn.

Lexington KY 2/19-21/2010

Classes 8 AM - 4 PM

1. Keeping Badges Off The Wall Sat or Sun
2. Improving Fire Apparatus Response & Roadway Scene Safety Sat or Sun
3. Pratical Legal Briefing for the Fire Officer Sat or Sun
4. Offensive Tactical Operations Sat or Sun
5. Thermal Imagers, a Resource With Many Options Sat or Sun
6. Leading with Attitude Sat Only
7. Structural Tactics With Limited Manpower Sun Only
8. Big City Strategies & Tactics for Small Town Depts. Sat or Sun
9. Tactical Approach for Residential Firefighting Sat or Sun
10. May Day for Mental Health Sat Only
11. KY Fire Commission 2010 & Beyond Sun Only
12. A Car Can Kill You at 0 MPH Sat Only
13. Response to Large Truck & Bus Incidents Sun Only
14. Case Histories Sat or Sun
15. Structural Collapse Response - Keeping Yourself Out of Trouble Sat Only
16. "Today's World" Response to Emergencies in Fixed Industrial Sites Sun Only
17. Becoming a Better Company Officer ... A Street Smart Approach Sat Only
18. Special Operations for the Fire Service Sun Only
19. Media Operations In Good Times & Bad Sat Only
20. Managing the Farm Related Emergency Sat Only
21. Meth Labs A Firefighters Nightmare Sat or Sun
22. Investigating Arson Fires Sat or Sun
23. Leadership I: Strategies for Company Success Two Day Class
24. Leadership II: Strategies for Person Success Two day Class
25. Incident Safety Officer Two Day Class
26. Courtroom Preperation & Testimony for First Responders Two Day Class
27. Managing in a Changing Environment Two Day Class
28. Marketing Fire Prevention in Your Community Two Day Class

Classes are \$50 before Feb 16th and \$60 on Feb 17th. Go to <http://www.sfrtarea3.org/2010GROS/application.pdf> to download an application. Classes usually fill up fast so get your registration in TODAY!!

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|-------------|----|---------------|--------------|
| 9/18-19/10  | 13 | London        | 888-234-0100 |
| 9/18-19/10  | 15 | TBA           | 888-234-3961 |
| 10/16-17/10 | 5  | Elizabethtown | 888-234-7201 |
| Fall TBA    | 15 | TBA           | 888-234-3961 |
| Fall TBA    | 6  | TBA           | 888-306-8064 |
| Fall TBA    | 7  | TBA           | 888-306-8101 |
| 12/11-12/10 | 4  | Bowling Green | 888-234-5760 |

**In depth description of class #10 Kentucky portion listed above**

**SUPPORTING RESILIENCE**

Through Peer Support, Stress Management & Psychological First Aid

The Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board (KCCRB) is the state legislated agency which provides free and confidential peer support, stress management and psychological first aid in the aftermath of critical incidents, large-scale disasters or catastrophic events across the Commonwealth. In the past 12 years, volunteer team members have provided services to over 40,000 Kentuckians. The fire service has traditionally been the biggest customer.

KCCRB trains and credentials first responders, professionals and paraprofessionals (from several disciplines) to provide confidential intervention services. The team is peer-driven. When a Fire Department requests a team, it is a team of firefighters who respond, along with an emergency services chaplain and a behavioral health professional who is experienced in working with the fire service.

This training will provide: An overview of agency services, service impact on the Fire Departments, the importance of supporting resilience, best practices in the industry, and an intervention demonstration. Attendees will hear testimonies from departments who have utilized the services, and from fire service team members.

Written testing information is available on the Ky IFSAC testing web site at <http://www.kyffcert.com>. Tests are given at the system office usually on the third Monday of the month. Each time you take the written test you must pay a \$15.00 charge. Contact Duane Suttles for more information about written test location and dates at 888-301-2946. REMINDER: Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and be a member of a Kentucky FD or a full-time student of Fire Science at EKU or KCTCS to be eligible for firefighter testing. Candidates must bring state issued drivers license or ID card to skills testing site for positive identification and verification of age eligibility. Candidates under 18, may complete any of the written exams, and may certify to Haz Mat Awareness only. All Certifications are based on the Professional Qualification standards set forth by the NFPA for Firefighters, except Haz Mat, which is a Job Performance standard. Our accreditation is through the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC).

**2009 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE**

| Date       | Area | Location         | Phone        |
|------------|------|------------------|--------------|
| 3/6-7/10   | 11   | Pikeville        | 888-302-8935 |
| 3/13-14/10 | 9    | Morehead         | 888-301-2946 |
| 3/20-21/10 | 10   | Cannonsburg      | 888-302-2833 |
| 3/27-28/10 | 3    | Owensboro        | 888-306-8015 |
| 3/27-28/10 | 12   | Hazard           | 888-234-6759 |
| 4/10-11/10 | 6    | Middletown       | 888-306-8064 |
| 4/10-11/10 | 14   | Somerset         | 888-234-1780 |
| 4/24-25/10 | 15   | TBA              | 888-234-3961 |
| 5/1-2/10   | 7    | Highland Heights | 888-306-8101 |
| 5/22-23/10 | 2    | Princeton        | 888-306-7986 |
| 9/11-12/10 | 1    | Calvert City     | 888-306-7901 |



**Chaplain's Corner**

**Why wait for a catastrophe?**

I find it interesting that when things happen that are difficult to understand and cope with we turn to God. During WWII then President Roosevelt called on our nation to pray. On 9/11/01 President Bush called on our nation to pray. Whenever we have personal difficulties such as cancer or other health issues people are ask to pray. I guess the question is WHY WAIT? To have a personal relationship with the creator He must first get to know us. How can He get to know us if we don't spend any time talking to him in prayer or take the time to read his instruction book the Bible? Do yourself a big favor. Get to know Him in a personal way. Read the instruction book so you will know Him better. It is the most important thing you will ever do in this life!



## Fire in the United States Now Available from USFA

USFA Press Office: (301) 447-1853  
WASHINGTON – United States Fire Administrator Kelvin J. Cochran announced today the availability of the fifteenth edition of *Fire in the United States*. This edition of *Fire in the United States* covers the 5-year period from 2003 to 2007, with a primary focus on 2007. The purpose of the report is to aid the fire service, local leadership, and the general public with fire loss information which may be used to set priorities, establish and evaluate specific fire programs, and serve as a guide for fire data analyses at state and local levels of government.

“Since the inception of the United States Fire Administration in 1974, we have endeavored to provide the fire and emergency services the data it needs to combat the fire problem which still exists in the country. This fifteenth edition of the *Fire in the United States* will emphasize the areas which still need improvement so we may continue to reduce the nation’s fire losses, especially deaths and injuries.”

U.S. Fire Administrator, Kelvin J. Cochran

The report focuses on the national fire problem and provides an overview of fires and losses in buildings, vehicles and other mobile properties, and other properties. The report also examines fire and fire loss trends, fire casualties by population characteristics, and fire cause profiles by property type. Detailed analyses of the residential and nonresidential building fire problems will be published as stand-alone reports.

*Fire in the United States* is a statistical overview of fires in the United States, focusing on the latest year in which data were available at the time of preparation. The primary source of data is the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), along with data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), State Fire Marshals’ offices, U.S. Census Bureau, and the Consumer Price Index.

*Fire in the United States* may be downloaded from the [Statistics section](#) of the USFA’s Web site. Printed copies are expected to be available at a later date.



## National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

The NVFC worked hard again in 2009 on behalf of firefighters with a strong legislative effort and strong program and material development. In addition, your interests were heard by most federal agencies and organizations like the NFPA and others who need to know your concerns and goals. Bryant and I either participate in these efforts or monitor them to assure Kentucky’s firefighters are heard.

**Legislative** advocacy continues to be a major focus of the NVFC.

- In 2009 we began the process of seeking reauthorization for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the SAFER Grant Program. More than just the annual efforts to seek more funding, the reauthorization is the critical legislation needed for these programs to continue. The reauthorization bill has moved through the House and we will continue in 2010 working toward passage of this legislation. NVFC worked through negotiations to obtain the best language possible for the volunteer fire service.
- The AFG Program alone has brought to Kentucky just over \$1 billion dollars in grants for Kentucky Fire Departments.
- Bryant continues to be involved in the criteria development process. In December each of the nine national fire service organizations were allowed to send two representatives to the latest criteria development meeting. Bryant was one of the two representatives of the NVFC.
- Legislation was passed to clarify that the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act (VRIPA) benefits were not subject to Medicare and Social Security taxes or other withholding requirements.
- The notification provision regarding communicable diseases to emergency responders was put back into the Ryan White Act through a concerted fire organization effort.
- There was considerable activity regarding changes to the PSOB program that resulted in all fire organizations working together with The Advocates for EMS to add non-profit EMS personnel as a beneficiary of the program. This means that many volunteer EMS personnel can now get the benefit of this program. I was reelected as an AEMS board member.



➤ The USFA Reauthorization Act reauthorized funding for USFA activities through 2012.

**EMS** activity continues to increase with the NVFC.

➤ During the year the NVFC became liaison members of the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) and the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE). As the NVFC EMS committee chairman I was able to attend both organizations' meetings to bring fire/EMS issues to their attention. Both organizations are now hard at work on implementation of the new EMS Education Standards. Go to [www.ems.gov](http://www.ems.gov) to get the full picture of upcoming changes in EMS education.

➤ A major effort is underway to develop an EMS section within the NVFC. This would allow non-fire affiliated volunteer EMS organizations to become active in the NVFC.

**Health and Safety** issues continue to be a priority of the NVFC.

➤ With grants from the USFA they have developed and revised new and up-dated materials that are proving of value to all fire departments.

➤ The Heart Healthy Firefighter Program continues to get acclaim from all fire organizations as heart related incidents continue to take too many of our firefighters. New items related to smoking cessation have been developed for use in department health programs. These programs have even received international interest.

➤ The NVFC has formed a Health and Safety Committee and Bryant is one of the members of this committee. This committee has developed a set of Volunteer Health and Safety Priorities. These priorities are set forth in a series of B.E.S.T. Practices, which are divided into four focus areas of Behavior, Equipment, Standards, and Training. To view the complete list of B.E.S.T. Practices, please visit the NVFC web site at [www.nvfc.org/health\\_safety](http://www.nvfc.org/health_safety). These Practices are being highlighted in a series of articles in Firehouse Magazine.

**Other important activities** we are involved with.

➤ NIMS – There are several NIMS working groups assisting DHS/FEMA. Bryant represents the NVFC on the Fire and HazMat Working Groups. They are working to resolve issues with resource typing and credentialing for the fire service operating through EMAC when moving apparatus and personnel from state to state during disasters.

➤ NAFTD – The NVFC and the North American Fire Training Directors Association are developing a working relationship. Bryant, representing Kentucky both in NVFC and NAFTD is working behind the scenes to help build this relationship.

**Other programs** also continue to prove very valuable to our fire departments.

If you are not looking hard at using the **National Junior Firefighter Program** and the **Fire Corps Program** you are missing some great opportunities to increase membership, member interest, and public interest in your department. Ten young firefighters and their departments received large financial awards and scholarships this year for these programs – none of them Kentucky departments. Take a look at the NVFC web site to get information on these valuable programs.

**The NVFC's Lifetime Achievement Award**, sponsored by Scott Health and Safety annually honors those individuals whose remarkable achievements in the fire service and community exemplifies outstanding performance. To be considered for the award;

Nominees must have been a member of a volunteer fire department for at least 20 years

Have made a major contribution or achieved significant accomplishments in the volunteer fire service on a local, state, and/or national level

Have demonstrated superior dedication to the volunteer fire service

Have been active in their state organization

And demonstrated community impact through the fire service or other volunteer organizations. *Applications are due by February 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have someone you want to nominate and need help in preparing the application, contact the NVFC office or give Bryant or me a call.*

Information and materials on the above are available by order or on line at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org). If you need help on any NVFC program contact me or Bryant.

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## Words of Wisdom

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

**Dwight D. Eisenhower**



### Notes From an Old Fire Dog!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Well 2010 is off and running and I hope it will be a good year for all of us.

So many things need to be addressed this year and there are many concerns. I, like everyone else will be keeping our eyes on Frankfort this Legislative Session to see what will happen and hopefully none of our funding elements will lose out. I have mixed emotions and from what I have seen in the past our lobbyist have their work cut out for them. I am confident; Gerald and Howdy will take care of our Fire Departments for Kentucky.

Old man winter is definitely here, as I went outside for lunch today the temp was 13 degrees, snowing and an outlook for more snow by the end of the week. I want to ask all our Fire and Life Safety Educators to be ready to alert their communities and citizens to the dangers of heat sources in their homes. Encourage home inspection to ensure all furnaces, fireplaces, woodstoves and alternative heating sources are working to their maximum capacities and SAFELY! Our comrades in Ohio have started out their winters not so good, I have already read about four serious fires and three fatalities. See why I preach Fire and Life Safety Education so adamantly? We have got to give our folks a chance by educating them and making every effort to bring about awareness of these hazards.

Congrats to Wanda Isaacs and the Pub Ed Committee who are off and running. Good Meeting back in December and look forward to more information and contacts in the future. You can contact Wanda at [pcwanda@fuse.net](mailto:pcwanda@fuse.net) for questions or suggestions but know ole Fireman Joe is still around and always willing to help out if you need me.

Looking forward to coming down to Lexington for the Green River Officers School, be sure to stop me and say hello. I know our friends from Green River are planning another excellent school and get together.

Again, be sure to continue to support the KFA and our President Bobby Cowherd, become a member today if you haven't done so. The KFA working with KPF - Fire Commission and Fire Chief's Assoc need our support, be ready to make a call or e-mail when the word goes out.

I think I am going to go put another log on the fire the ole bones are aching and cold. Enjoy the winter but be safe! GOD BLESS!

### Fireman Joe



### The Time to Act is Now!

Last year (2009) we had 20 fire deaths in Metro Louisville, which was one of the worst years in decades. Based on my 43 years of fire service experience – nearly 29 in the Louisville Fire Department and more than 14 at the National Fire Protection Association – I know that each death was a terrible tragedy and each death was preventable.

The most recent National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) statistics show that each year nearly 3,000 people die in home fires, 13,600 people are injured and there is \$7.4 billion in direct property loss. Eighty-four percent of all civilian fire deaths occur in the home – the place that most people feel safest. Sadly, when it comes to fire deaths, Kentucky ranks among the bottom eight nationally.

Home fire sprinklers are a proven way to save lives and property. These life-saving systems respond quickly and effectively to the presence of a nearby fire. Sprinkler systems provide additional benefits on top of those already provided by smoke alarms. In fact, if you have a fire in your home, the risk of dying is cut by approximately 80 percent when sprinklers are present.

Recent studies published by NFPA clearly show that sprinklers are affordable, with the average cost of installation in new homes being \$1.61 per sprinklered square foot, and sprinklers do not stifle development in terms of new home starts. These are only two of the many NFPA studies that debunk the various myths that abound regarding home fire sprinklers. To view a full range of NFPA resources on this topic go to [www.firesprinklerinitiative.org](http://www.firesprinklerinitiative.org).

All of the national, model codes now require that new one- and two-family dwellings be equipped with home fire sprinklers. By the time this article is published California, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire will have passed regulations mandating sprinkler systems in all new one- and two-family homes, and hundreds of communities throughout the United States have adopted similar local ordinances.

I have been involved in fire protection my entire adult life. I have responded to hundreds of tragic fires and needless deaths. Based on my personal experience and national research, I can say without hesitation that home fire sprinklers save lives – both civilians and fire fighters – and should be required in the new construction of one- and two-family homes.

National model codes are meaningless unless they are adopted into law. Let's move Kentucky from the bottom eight to number one in fire safety. Let's work together to adopt statewide regulations ensuring that all new homes built in Kentucky are constructed with fire sprinklers. The time to act is now!

*Russell E. Sanders*

National Fire Protection Association  
Louisville Fire Chief (Retired)



### **Note from the Chairman**

Happy New Year from your Kentucky Fire Commission! Yes that's right, it's *your* commission.

We are here to serve you and help you through this crazy business called the fire service.

If all we had to do were fight fires, we could handle that fairly easily, but we all know that is only a small part of the things that are expected of us.

The fire commission is trying to open the door a little wider to give you better access to our resources.

In the near future, we are going to finally have control of our web site, and we will be able to update the site weekly and keep it up to date. We were as frustrated as I'm sure you were with the website being constantly out of date.

I want to open my door a little wider as well, I am now on Facebook. I welcome you to request access as a friend and if you have any question I want to hear from you, no matter if you are the Chief or a Junior Firefighter. Remember, the only dumb question is the one you didn't ask.

We are to help, but please understand that I frequently get calls over things that reach far beyond our jurisdiction and mission. If I tell you that we don't have a dog in your fight, I'm not trying to be a smart butt, there are just some things we have no control over.

Please feel free to contact me or any member of

the fire commission if we can ever help you.

My contact info:

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***'Legislative Meeting' continued from front page .***

## **Kentucky Fire Chiefs Association**

### **Legislation**

At this time they did not have any legislation that was being introduced but they are watching for legislation that could be opposed by the various groups

1. Insurance lobby might be introducing (as of this meeting none had been filed) legislation that would prohibit fire departments from cost recovery. All of our groups would oppose this legislation
2. State Hazmat teams. No legislation just discussion stage.
3. Chapter #75 fee bill. Discussion only no legislation at this time.

### **Homeland Security**

Homeland Security would like the fire service to support Homeland and oppose any legislation that would attempt to move Homeland Security under any other agency. All groups agreed that they will support Homeland Security staying where they are.

### **KBEMS**

Legislation will be filed for EMT and Paramedics to come under the same line-of-duty benefits as the fire service.

### **Fire Fighter day at the State Capital will be February 11, 2010**

- Come to Frankfort attend the committee meetings and talk to your legislator about our important firefighter issues!
- Firefighter Chili DINNER at the Frankfort Plant board
- Invite your legislator to the CHILI DINNER- Upon adjournment

### **Fire Fighter day at the State Capital will be February 11, 2010**

## Instant Technology

By David Denniston

### Client Training & Education Manager Emergency Services Insurance Program

Technology and social networking has become an amazing tool for emergency services. Events and information that used to take days, weeks and even months to reach us, is now almost instant. A friend of mine has said we now live in a “Burger King” society. We expect everything our way, right away and we don’t even want to get out of the car to get it. Our friends like Billy G and Gordon Graham keep us up to date with items such as *The Secret List* that email us when events are unfolding. I remember joking once that we knew some firefighters had been hurt 3,000 miles away before the ambulance even got to the hospital. Next *Firehouse.com* can post suggested training ideas before the firefighters have even seen a doctor, all in an effort to keep our brothers and sisters safe. Wow, technology is amazing and as shown in this example, can be used to make sure we do everything possible to ensure that others don’t get hurt the same way. Technology is in fact our friend.

This type of instant information transfer can only be good for us, right? WRONG! The difference between what *The Secret List* and other responsible websites try to do, and what is starting to happen on the local scene is very different. These services have highly trained and respected individuals screening the information and thinking about the consequences of what they are sending out. All too often now Joe or Jill firefighter or EMT is texting, twittering, face booking, my spacing, you tubing or blogging information about a call or a situation in our organization without thinking about what they are sending out. Even more importantly we are not thinking about where that message is going after we hit the send button. Technology is now moving faster than our brain, and that my friends, is very dangerous.

Let me share the following example of how a simple use of technology could end up going very bad. A fellow chief and I were returning on Wednesday from an out of town trip. We received a text message from one of our firefighters that a neighboring department had been called for a fully

involved structure fire and it was likely that our department would be providing mutual aid very soon. We realized that we were only a few blocks from the scene and swung by to see if we could lend a hand. By the time we arrived our department had in fact been dispatched. If it had not been for the text we would have driven way past the scene only to have turned back around when we got the call. Score one for technology! As we were gearing up my colleague shot a quick picture with his phone of the impressive, fully blown structure fire and sent it to a member at the station. Seeing the picture, they manned another truck ready to respond and knew exactly what they might be headed for. Score another one for technology. In these cases technology saved a ton of time and effort.

Here is where things can start going bad however. Command realized it was purely a defensive operation at this point and decided to hold with the units already on scene. We now have a bored firefighter back at the station with a picture of a really cool fire. What if he decided to innocently forward the picture to another friend to show them the excitement? That friend now sends it to six more friends because this is really cool stuff, right? One of them posts it on facebook with a stupid comment like “ABC Fire Department loses yet another one”. What if a relative of the homeowner sees the picture with the stupid caption on facebook and thinks the fire department somehow did not do enough to save the structure? What if there was someone hanging out an upstairs window that we hadn’t seen in the first picture on the cell phone screen? At this point technology is moving way faster than the brain, or the facts for that matter, and we have a public relations train wreck. All this could have started from a simple innocent picture sent as a text message. Think about how easy it would be these days for a person to realize a relative of theirs had been killed by finding a picture of a car wreck that someone posted. Worse yet, a prosecuting attorney finds a picture of their now injured patient that was not properly strapped to the stretcher as it was being loaded in the ambulance.

Organizations must accept that this is becoming a serious issue and take steps to prevent it. Policies should be put in place that clearly state the department’s stance on release of information by electronic means, because this is exactly what

posting or forwarding this information is. Consider a policy where nothing department related may be posted or forwarded without an officer's permission. Training must be held that show your emergency responders just how easy it now is for what seems like the harmless release of information to become a major issue for the parties involved and the organization. Responders must also train on how text messages and instant messages are the start of many sexual harassment claims. What starts as simple flirting or joking can get misunderstood or out of hand in a hurry. Careers are being ruined because people do not understand just how serious this is. Take the time to talk about, understand and train on this topic.

The problem of confidentiality and release of private information is nothing new to emergency services. We have struggled with it for years. The fact that it has now moved from verbal, which was always "he said – she said", to an electronic release that is most likely stored somewhere forever should be of great concern to all involved.

Yes, in fact technology is now moving information faster than our brain and often times faster than the facts will allow. The truly scary part is the only thing that may move faster is the devastating public relations nightmare and possible lawsuits that it may create. We have every right to be proud of what we do and share it with others. Take the time to understand what you are sharing, what your organizations policy is on sharing it and what it might mean to others before you hit the send button!

If you are looking for a sample policy or would like to discuss instant technology further, please contact me at [ddenniston@mcneilandcompany.com](mailto:ddenniston@mcneilandcompany.com).

**NEW ARRIVALS**



Neon Fire Dept.- Has taken delivery of a 2008 Wynn International Tanker with a 2000-Gallon Polypropylene Tank, a 14" Rear Mega Dump Valve, Portable Pump, and Swing Doors.

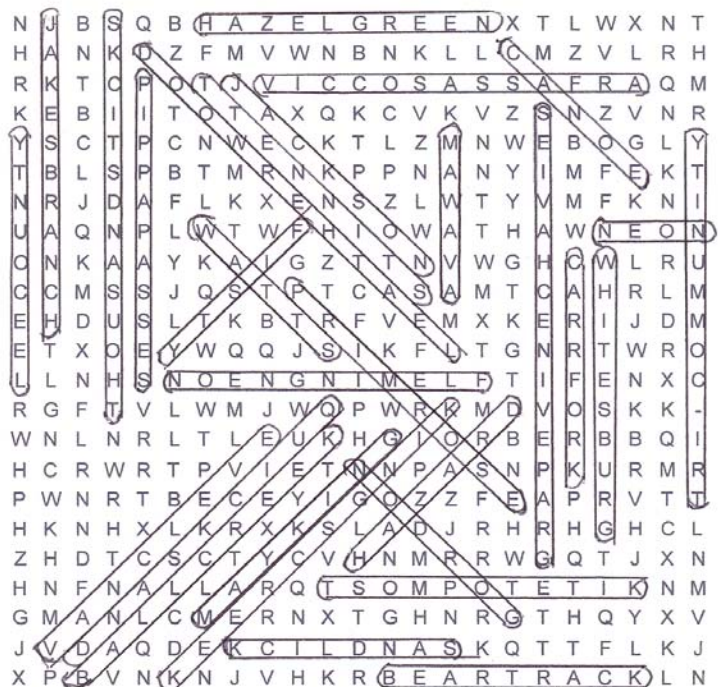


Grahn Fire Dept.- Has taken delivery of a 2009 Dodge Wynn 200 Series Rescue, with a 9' Aluminum Body, a 9500# Winch, a Rear Slide Tray with a 60-Gallon Stored Energy CAFS Unit, and Hydraulic Rescue Tools.



In November the City of Campbellsville placed a Velocity 95' Midmount Platform into service. It has 6 person seating capacity, a 2,000 GPM pump and a 10kw hydraulic generator. The truck was purchased with a Fire Act Grant from Pierce through Bluegrass Fire/Finley Fire Equipment Co., Inc., our local representative is John Baker.

**Answers to last issues Word Search Puzzle**



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- ADAIRCOUNTY
- ALBANY
- BREEDING
- BRONSTONQUINTON
- CAMPBELLSVILLE
- CLEMENTSVILLE
- DABNEY
- DUNNVILLE
- EAGLESAWYER
- EASTCASEYCOUNTY
- FAUBUSH
- FERGUSON
- GRAB
- GREENCOUNTY
- HAYNESKNOB
- JAMESTOWN
- KNIFLEY
- LIBERTY
- MARROWBONE
- MCCREARYCOUNTY
- NANCY
- PARKERSMILL
- POPULARSPRINGS
- RUSSELLSPRINGS
- SCIENCEHILL
- SHOPVILLESTAB
- TATEVILLE
- TAYLORCOUNTY
- WHITELILY
- WOODSTOCK