



# SmokeSignalsII

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## Kenneth Taylor, Madisonville FD Captain Dies in the Line of Duty

On Wednesday October 9th, the Madisonville Fire Department responded to a structure fire. 49 year old Captain Kenneth Wayne Taylor, a 26 year veteran had walked up an exterior stairway at the scene, and while walking back down, he collapsed and was not breathing. He was revived at the scene and they were successful in getting a pulse. He was taken to the hospital where he passed away two days later. The KFA extends to the Taylor family as well as the Madisonville Fire Department family our deepest and heart felt sympathy.

A recent United States Fire Administration (USFA) study states the leading cause of "Line-of-Duty" death in the fire service is heart attack. Although the physical condition of the firefighter is a significant risk factor as well as smoking and other health risks, the risk of heart attack seems to be tied directly to the age of the firefighter.

The number of line-of-duty deaths each year is steady at about 100. Forty four (44%) percent of those deaths are caused by heart attack. That is approximately 44 deaths per year.

It is imperative that we work as a group to reduce our risks and limit our exposure to the throws of our number 1 killer HEART ATTACK! It is also important that we work this next legislative session to get our legislators help by passing legislation that will put Kentucky in line with most of the US by declaring Heart Attack a presumption of work related injury for firefighters. The risk of heart attack in the fire service is significantly higher than any other work group. We must start now and reduce our risks by living healthier lives so that at the end of a run everyone goes home!

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is over, fall has fallen and 2002 is drawing close to its end. The elections are finally over! Hopefully your summer was productive and accident/injury free.

There has been a lot of activity in all of our fire service lives as I'm sure there has been in your personal lives. As your President I'd like to apologize to Chief Larry Atwell Newport Fire Department re: the 911 Remembrance service and the Dixie Firefighters Association re: their Awards Banquet most recent service, as they had asked me to visit or participate in their programs, only to find me physically unavailable. It was with regret that I missed both programs. There is little doubt I would have benefited from Chaplain Dawson's (Lexington Fire Department) presentation on "faith" and "commitment" at the DFFA program.

The KFA will be holding an E-Board meeting Nov. 16, 2002. We will attempt to catch up and fill any gaps developing since the conference in Bowling Green. We will, among other things, be preparing for the next Legislative Session. Gerald Stewart has attended several hearings and meetings of the state and local government committees that are dealing with pension insurance reform. He will deliver a report at that meeting. Fireman Joe (Stambush – Chairperson of the KFA Public Education Committee) has been working very hard pursuing the Risk Watch program for the state of Kentucky. I have been made aware of several firefighter funerals that, by request, have been assisted by KFA (Charlie Shaw – Special Events Coordinator). Several other committees have been very busy of late. It pleases me to hear that our injured brother and sister firefighters from Fulton (Debbie and Chief Jim Hartz) are on the mend. It appears that several Kentucky fire departments (in addition to those listed in the last Smoke Signals) have received Fire Act Grants. Congratulations! Your need was evidently recognized and conveyed in an acceptable format. Our new Funding Research Committee will continue to keep an eye out and an ear open for funding opportunities.

I want to take the opportunity to welcome and congratulate Chief Harshbarger (Hebron Fire Department) your new 1<sup>st</sup> VP. The Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association, as always, never missed a beat and newly elected Bill Robbins of the Southeast Firefighters Association who takes the place of Earnest Clark as second Vice President.

Please get to know your Regional Director and your Area Vice President. The Kentucky Firefighters Association is commissioned to promoting the best interests of the firefighters and the fire service in Kentucky. Communication and participation are our keys to success. Dues are payable October 1 through Dec 1. Duplicate forms are available on the KFA web site. Go to the Membership tab.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Randy Lawson, President

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## KFA Executive Board Changes

A short time after the Conference in August, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mike Giordano found it necessary to resign as vice president citing personal reasons. We are very pleased to announce that Chief Dale Harshbarger of the Hebron Fire Protection District located in Boone County has stepped up to the plate for us. He was voted in at a specially called Northern KY meeting on Tuesday evening, October 22, 2002.

The Southeastern Firefighters Association has replaced its vice president. Chief Bill Robbins of the Pineville FD was elected to fill the office of KFA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, that would have been filled by Chief Ernest Clark of London.

Chief Harshberger and Chief Robbins were sworn in as vice presidents at the KFA Executive Board meeting held in Jeffersontown on November 16, 2002. Please take the time to make these new arrivals to the KFA leadership team feel at home. Addresses and phone numbers are on the KFA Web Page at [www.kyfa.org](http://www.kyfa.org) or you can e-mail them at:

Dale Harshberger - [chief375@hebronfire.org](mailto:chief375@hebronfire.org)

Bill Robbins - [ltbill2001@yahoo.com](mailto:ltbill2001@yahoo.com)

The KFA Says **WELCOME ABOARD**



## FIRE COMMISSION

Walter J. Lage  
Director  
State Fire Commission

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**State Fire School is moving to the weekend.  
June 7 and June 8, 2003  
Watch for more details in the  
February Smoke Signals**

Please welcome a new member to the Fire Commission. Mr. Gregory Lowe has been appointed to the Fire Commission and will represent Chiefs of Volunteer Departments. Mr. Lowe is a member of Kentucky 86 Fire and Rescue Department in Hardin County. He replaces Mr. Mike O'Day.

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

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

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding the month of the Fire Commission meeting. Fire Commission meetings are normally held in even numbered months.

Any correspondence should be sent to:

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## REGIONAL EMBERS



### JACKSON PURCHASE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Karen Freeman President

Greetings from the JPFA and "Far Western Kentucky". Fall is in the air with cooler weather, the changing of the leaves, (and they seem more beautiful this year than in years past) and a lot of rainy days here in Western Kentucky. And we thank the good Lord for the change and for this wondrous fall season. Would that mere man could paint a picture on canvas as near perfect as this landscape we see before us. It just doesn't get any better than this.

As often happens during the fall of the year, the citizens in Kentucky and the rest of the United States are facing an election that will effect our everyday lives and our lively hood for years to come. One local columnist wrote that she had viewed 3,205,487,304 political ads on TV during the week and that she had seen some of them 375,692 times. I know the feeling. And who do you believe?

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According to the ads, if your view is from the left, then there is no one on the right that is qualified. If your view is shaded to the right, then there is no one on the left that is qualified. And if you take the middle of the road, there is no one qualified to run our country. Past performances by most of our politicians would indicate that they pass the middle of the road test. (No one qualified) I have heard it said many times that a prudent person, preparing to vote, would consider the voting record of the politician in question and vote accordingly. The voting record of most of our politicians changes with the wind. Often times their votes seem to be self-serving and totally opposite the views and wishes of their constituents. What then is a concerned and conscientious voter to do? I have no earthly idea! I would assume that a reasonable person would make the best guess that he/she could make concerning a candidate. Then if that candidate did not perform as promised, he/she would not get another vote in the next election. The Bible says that it is a sin to lie. I believe that there will be many politicians in hell. They will have much company.

The election, of course, will be over by the time you are reading this copy. I hope that everyone that you voted for is a winner. More importantly, I hope that every firefighter in the Commonwealth voted on Election Day and encouraged someone else to do the same. If you did not vote, regardless of your excuse, shame on you. Make a vow now with yourself that you will never let another election pass with out your participation. Remember, if you do not cast your ballot, you have no right to complain about anything that happens. And firefighters do like to complain!

The **Water Valley Volunteer Fire Department** in Water Valley, Kentucky has received confirmation that they will receive a \$74,797.00 Federal Fire Act Grant for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety. The grant was awarded in the sixth round of the grant process. Water Valley, Kentucky is a small town located on Highway 45 in the extreme South West corner of Graves County in "Far Western Kentucky". The annual Fire Department budget is approximately \$21,500 depending heavily on the success of their fund-raisers. Fire Chief Jerrial McKenzie and Assistant Chief Dale Webb wrote the grant and submitted it on behalf of their department. It appears that their efforts have been rewarded.

However, Chief McKenzie says that he has not received a dime at this point. He will reserve his excitement for the day the grant money is in the fire department account. But, he adds, the fire department has a wish list ready and waiting. Chief McKenzie says that much of the equipment, which is on their list, is equipment that the department sorely needed, simply could not afford and never expected to be able to purchase. A portion of the wish list reads as follows; turn out gear for all firefighters (to include helmet, nomex hood, coat, pants, boots and gloves) an SCBA air compressor, spare SCBA cylinders, three (3) inch hose, a multitude of small appliances, a thermal imaging camera, a positive pressure ventilation fan, a K-12 saw, a chain saw, a ricipo saw and the list goes on and on. It appears that it will be a very merry Christmas at the Water Valley Fire Department this season.

Congratulations to Chief McKenzie and all of the men and women of the Water Valley Fire Department. More importantly congratulations to all of the citizens of Water Valley and the surrounding area that this small, hard working rural department protects. You have done well and your hard work and dedication is appreciated and admired by your fellow firefighters.

**Update on Firefighter Deb Hartz Injury:** As reported in the October 2002 issue of Smoke Signals II Firefighter/EMT Deb Hartz of the Fulton Fire Department and Twin City Ambulance Service in Fulton, Kentucky suffered an injury while fighting a structure fire on August 30, 2002. Deb fell 43 feet from the tip of the departments ladder truck to the concrete driveway below. Deb suffered multiple injuries including a fractured pelvis. I am very happy and thankful to report that Deb is back up and running. (Well, she walks fast) Although she is still not 100% she is back at work and was well enough to take a seven (7) day cruise while on vacation. The pelvis has healed but she is still experiencing some problems with her left leg. We wish Deb the best of luck with the remainder of her recuperation. I am also happy to report that Deb's husband, Assistant Chief Jim Hartz, is recuperating well. If you will remember, Jim was in command at the incident and observed Deb as she fell from the ladder tip.

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**KFA Commemorative Fire Service Prints:** I hope that you have noticed, elsewhere in this issue, the ad for the KFA prints. These beautiful 18" X 24" full color fire service prints are available and would make an excellent Christmas gift for that special firefighter on your list. And remember that all proceeds from the sale of these prints go directly into the KFA scholarship fund to assist Kentucky Firefighters with their quest for higher education. Order your prints **TODAY** for Christmas delivery.

Chas Fagan, the artist, is a portraitist, sculptor and a landscape painter. He is probably best known as the artist who painted the complete gallery of presidential portraits for C-Span's Peabody Award-winning American Presidents. Mr. Fagan's portrait of President Ronald Reagan is on permanent exhibition at the Union League Club of New York. He is truly a renowned fire service artist and has signed and numbered our KFA prints.

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

The **JPFA Bi Monthly Meeting and Election of Officers** was conducted on Wednesday, November 6, 2002 at the Grand Lakes Fire Department Station # 3 in Tilene, Kentucky. A great big "thank you" to Chief Troy Newcomb and the men and women of the Grand Lakes Fire Department for providing a wonderful meal and for inviting the JPFA to their house. I was privileged to be in attendance on April 30, 2000 when this new station house was dedicated. And it looks as good today as it did on that dedication day. Congratulations to Chief Newcomb and the

men and women at station #3 in Tilene.

The JPFA officers for the New Year are as follows:

Pres. Karen Freeman Symsonia FD

1<sup>st</sup> VP Steve Kyle Paducah FD

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Lynn Howell Symsonia FD

Sec. Deb Hartz Fulton FD

Tres. Beverly Frown Symsonia FD

Sgt. At Arms Luther Ray Synsonia FD

PIO Jim Hartz Fulton FD

Congratulations to all of these personnel that have stepped forward to give of their time and their talents to assist the firefighters in our area through the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association. These new officers will work hard, they receive no monetary rewards and they will catch all of the flak when things do not go just exactly right. What do they get out of all of this? The self-satisfaction that they have done the best that they can for the benefit of all Fire/EMS personnel in "Far Western Kentucky". And for these dedicated people, that will be sufficient. Support our new slate of JPFA officers and the Jackson Purchase Firefighters Association.

Charlie Lott, SFRT coordinator Area # 1, Paducah, Kentucky was in attendance and gave the group the report from State Fire Rescue Training. We always appreciate Charlie attending these meetings and keeping us abreast of the happenings in Area #1 and across the state. Charlie and SFRT are an integral and most valuable asset to the JPFA and the firefighters and EMT's in Area #1.

Charlie's wife Debbie accompanied him to the JPFA meeting. We are pleased that Debbie was in attendance and would like to take this opportunity to welcome her to Paducah, the JPFA and "Far Western Kentucky". We are glad to have her as a member of our family.

**The 2003 JPFA Dues Notices** will be mailed out the second week in January. The dues are \$35.00 per year per department and keep your department in good standing from January 1, 2003 until December 31, 2003. Please pay your dues promptly upon receipt of this notice.

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Do not put this important task off. We need your help and support during 2003.

And last, but certainly not least the members of the JPFA would like to take this opportunity to wish our entire fire fighting family the best during this holiday season. We hope that each of you had a bountiful Thanksgiving and that you remembered to give thanks for all of our many blessings. Even with all of the turmoil and unrest in this great nation of ours, we still have so much to be thankful for. Not the least of which is the fact that we are **"ONE NATION, UNDER GOD"** and that **GOD WILL BLESS AMERICA**. As Christmas and the New Year approach our thoughts will turn to our friends and our families. And this is as it should be. We would encourage each of you to also remember those that are less fortunate during this holiday season. Often times it only takes a dollar or two, or a kind act or deed to provide a needy child or family with the best holiday of their lives. For those of us that have so much and are so blessed, it would be a pittance. We wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Help keep Christ in Christmas and remember what this season represents.

**Remember: 911 - Wave That American Flag - God Bless America - Repeat The Pledge of Allegiance**

**Paul S. Billings**



**Dixie Firefighters Association**

Randy Skinner – President

On October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> the Meade County Firefighters Association held its annual fire school. All classes were well attended and excellent training was received by all who attended. The school is held each Fall to help local departments gain the required training before the December 31 deadline for State Aid.

On October 24, 2002 the Dixie Firefighters Association celebrated a milestone in the days before its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Phase II of the Emergency Workers Memorial was dedicated. The Emergency Workers Memorial is unique in that it is the only memorial of its kind at a training center on KCTCS property. The celebration got under way at 6:30 pm

with the dedication of the last two stone posts to be placed at the memorial, the Law Enforcement and Industrial posts. We then had the reading of the names of those who have passed on before. After a brief intermission to get inside the Bowen Training Center a wonderful steak meal was enjoyed by all. The guest speaker for the evening was Stewart Dawson, Chaplain for the Lexington Division of Fire. Stewart spoke on the importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in order for the rest of your life to be in order. At the conclusion of Stewart's program, certificates were awarded to those association members whom have become certified at various levels within the last year. The purpose of the event is to say Thank You to those whom have served their community in the past and to welcome those who will be serving their communities in the future. The approximately 200 in attendance had a wonderful evening; it was a huge success.

On November 2 & 3 Grayson County Firefighters held its second annual Grayson County Fire School. One hundred emergency service personnel took part in this excellent training opportunity. It is one of the last fire schools of the year and it took place at a time when the fall colors were at their peak in Grayson County. It was a wonderful event.

As winter approaches we must be aware that one of the biggest dangers to Kentucky Firefighters are woods and wildland fires. Each year as the woods and grasslands begin to dry out the dangers increase of the likelihood of rural departments having a fatality based on this type response. Make sure your people are up to date on their training to this type emergency. The Kentucky Fire Commission has put in place a required course for all new firefighters "Wildland Awareness Course". It is available through State Fire Rescue Training and will help keep your personnel better equipped to face the dragon.

Mark your calendars NOW! The Dixie Fire School will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003. We are in the planning process in what should be the best ever Dixie Fire School. New classes have been planned with a better than ever roster of instructors. We want to see you there.

*Randy Skinner*

## **Pike County Firefighters Association**

Randy Courtney, President

We have been real busy up here on the eastern end of the state, I don't think I've been able to write to everyone since we had our 13<sup>th</sup> annual fire school in July. Well then let's start by saying we had a good school; on Saturday we had 324 and Sunday 295. We were very pleased with our attendance. We had been considering the idea of moving our school to cooler weather as in late September or October but decided to leave it in July. For now the Pike County Regional Fire & Rescue School will be July 18, 19, 20 2003. Mark those calendars now so you won't want to miss this great educational opportunity!!!!!!

Well I guess by now everyone received there package from the Fire Commission office. Some members at our last association meeting were wondering what's up with the checks coming out next year (2003). It seems as though the Fire Commission missed a year unless there going to give us 2 checks in 2003. What's up with that? Can someone explain it to us?

I lost a very dear friend and the fire service lost a veteran firefighter and instructor. Mr. Robert Justice was a 23-year veteran and a founding member of the Kimper Fire & Rescue Department. He was also a founding board member of this association. Robert was an EMT and a part time instructor with State Fire/Rescue Area 11. In 2001 the Firefighters Association voted him firefighter of the year for Pike County. Robert loved the fire service, and medical field. It didn't matter to him what the task as long as he could help someone in need. It could have been giving a 110 % at a fire scene or instructing the junior firefighters on the proper way to do things. One of his latest ideas in a long line of accomplishments during his career was the fact that he loved to train and train often. For two or more years when we were setting up classes for our fire school Robert would bring up this one particular class each year and we would all throw it around and then say no way, it won't fly Robert it's crazy. So about two years ago we decided to go with this class and try it out. It was such a Huge success that I believe that every regional fire school across the state is doing at least one of these classes, now they have sometimes been called different names but they all have the same results, the

class I am speaking about is the HARD TO GET HOURS, or CLUSTER CLASS. It's those little 2 hour classes that every firefighter at some point and time in there career will need to get in order to be certified. We had never seen it offered till we did it at one of our regional school. We are giving Robert all the credit for that one. Robert had battled with old man cancer and on Tuesday October 8 2002 it finally got the best of him. He was just so weak he had to give in. Robert will be sadly missed by this department, the Kimper Community, myself and this Association.

Our second loss during October was another fine firefighter. On October 24th 2002 Mr. Pitch Green with the Lookout Volunteer Fire Department passed away. He was also one of the founding members for this department. Pitch had 25 + years with this department and had held many different positions throughout his many years of dedicated service. Pitch was still active in the fire service at the time of his passing away, he has 4 sons and 3 of them are in the fire service today and serving this community well. Mr. Green is going to be sadly missed by this department and the Lookout Community.

Well I guess I rattled on long enough this time, I want to say I hope everyone reading this article has a safe holiday season and remember the real reason for the season. May God bless each of you and if you ever need anything I'm an e-mail or phone call away. Lets stay safe and have happy holidays the rest of the year.

Thank you,

*Randy Courtney*

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## **Words of Wisdom**

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few; and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to appellation.  
(George Washington)

I have no expectation of making a hit every time I come to bat. What I seek is the highest possible batting average.  
(Franklin D. Roosevelt)



## Fireman Joe Says Joseph Stambush

Hope everyone had a successful Fire Prevention Month full of activities, events and lots of outstanding fire and life safety information for their communities. As I look back we had a great time with Teaming Up For Fire Safety. Plenty of classroom presentations, firehouse tours, open houses, safety seminars and fairs, demonstrations, safety shows, puppet safety shows, safety house demonstrations and much more.

I am delighted to announce we have received the blessings and a commitment from Kentucky Fire Commission to apply for the statewide RISK WATCH Grant Application. This was made possible by a lot of people and we still have lots to do, but special thanks to Woody Will, Bruce Roberts and the Kentucky Professional Firefighters, President Randy Lawson of Kentucky Firefighters Association, Walter Lage and of course our outstanding Public Education Committee. It is our plan to make Risk Watch more powerful and available to all our fire departments throughout the Commonwealth. Stay tuned for more information and updates, or check KFA and Fire Commission Web Sites.

Congratulations to Point Pleasant - Bellevue-Dayton - Union & Hebron Fire Departments for receiving Honorable Mention as outstanding firehouses in Gold Star Chili Firehouse Recognition Program in the Greater Cincinnati Area Contest.

Thanks to Steve Myers and the Southeastern Firefighters for the warm hospitality and an excellent parade, muster and banquet at their annual Hall of Fame Celebration 2002 held in London, Ky on November 2nd, I was delighted to be a part of this fabulous event.

Also thanks to Chief Halloran and the Women & Men of their Fire Prevention Bureau Lexington Fire Dept for being a part of their Fire Prevention Week Parade and celebration at Cheapside Park in Lexington, Ky. If you have never seen the Lexington Fire Dept Parade it is outstanding, mark your calendar for next year.

I have been spending most of my time working with the Risk Watch Project, calling and promoting when and whoever I can. I want so much for this to be a part of our Fire and Life Safety Programs. We

can't afford to let this opportunity to go by, our people, especially our children need RISK WATCH!

I can hardly believe another year has passed, I like to feel we are accomplishing much, I want to wish each of you a Blessed and Happy Holiday Season, may our God bless each of you and keep you all safe!

*Fireman Joe*

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## TO ALL KFA MEMBERS

As you may be aware, per unanimous action of the delegates at this past KFA annual conference in Bowling Green, a Kentucky Firefighters Association "Hall of Fame" was established. It is my privilege to serve as chairman of this important committee charged with the duty to honor those individual members who have performed in a distinguished, and exemplary manner towards the goals and success of our state association since its establishment in 1919.

While committee planning is currently underway to specific details involved in establishing our complete process of selection and induction, we realize that your input will be vital to the committee's success.

The first members into our "Hall of Fame" will be inducted at the 2003 annual KFA conference in Jeffersontown. We request that anyone who wishes to make a nomination, do so by May 1, 2003. Nomination forms will be provided through various means in the early months of 2003.

Any person who has aided in the success of the KFA is eligible. Inductee's may be living or deceased.

The committee realizes that with starting a "Hall of Fame" so far along in our history, a backlog of deserving honorees will occur. We will make every effort to recognize those deserving members, now and into the future.

Please start considering individuals you may wish to nominate. Any information you can provide us as to time served, positions held, and accomplishments involving the KFA will assist us greatly in the selection process.

If you have any questions please call me at 859-261-0083 or e-mail at:

[daley@fdbd.org](mailto:daley@fdbd.org). Thank you for your support.

*John Daley*



## National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Nipper, Director      Bryant Stiles, Alternate

### HHS Announces Rural AED Grantees

WASHINGTON, DC — On October 30, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tommy Thompson announced \$11.9 million in Federal grants to states to buy automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) and train emergency personnel in rural areas in their proper use. The grants are part of the Rural Access to Emergency Devices Grant program that the NVFC strongly advocated.

AEDs are lightweight, portable devices that provide an electrical shock capable of restoring the normal heart rhythm of cardiac arrest victims, greatly improving chances of survival until they reach a hospital. According to the American Heart Association, every minute that passes after a cardiac arrest, a person's chance of surviving decreases by 10%. Cardiac arrest takes a tremendous toll on the American public; each year, it kills over 220,000 people. Few communities, however, have programs to make emergency defibrillation widely accessible to cardiac arrest victims. Those that do have achieved average survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest as high as 50 percent.

The grants are administered by the Office of Rural Health Policy in the HHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). (On the web at: <http://www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov>)

**ACTION:** Below is a link to the list of the state agencies who received funding under this program. The NVFC encourages rural fire departments and rescue squads to contact the grantee agency in their state to determine how the funding will be distributed and if they will be eligible recipients.

[http://www.nvfc.org/news/hn\\_hhs\\_grantees.html](http://www.nvfc.org/news/hn_hhs_grantees.html)

### FEMA Announces Grants to States for Homeland Security Activities

WASHINGTON, DC — On October 17, the Office of National Preparedness (ONP), part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), announced the availability of fiscal year 2002 supplemental funds to states for State and local all-hazards emergency operational planning (\$100 million),

Citizen Corps activities (\$25 million), and development or improvement of Emergency Operations Centers (\$56 million). The funding comes from the second FY 2002 supplemental appropriations bill (P.L. 107-206) that was passed in response to the 9-11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

States are eligible to apply for the assistance described in this notice. The term "State" as used in this notice means any State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Local governments may receive assistance as subgrantees of the States in which they are located.

### Activities To Be Funded

#### State and Local All Hazards Emergency Operational Planning

The FY 2002 supplemental funding will provide comprehensive planning assistance to State and local governments to conduct Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) updating for all hazards with special emphasis on incidents of terrorism including use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). The funds for planning grants will be allocated among the States on the basis of population and will require no cost share. Each State grantee of these planning funds will be required to pass through at least 75 percent of the amount received to local governments.

States will receive supplemental 2002 funding to modify and enhance their EOPs, as needed, so that they address all hazards, to include terrorism using WMD or conventional means. Funds should also be used for the following emergency planning objectives:

Incorporate interstate and intrastate mutual aid agreements, Facilitate communication and interoperability protocols, Establish a common incident command system, \* Address critical infrastructure protection, Conduct State and local assessments to determine emergency management planning priorities, Address State and local continuity of operations and continuity of government, and Provide for coordination and effective use of volunteers in response and preparedness activities.

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### **Citizen Corps**

Grants under the Citizen Corps initiative will be available to establish Citizen Corps Councils, to support the oversight and outreach responsibilities of the councils, and to expand CERT training. Of the \$25 million appropriated for Citizen Corps, \$4 million will be used for grants related to Citizen Corps Councils, \$17 million will be used for grants related to CERT training, and \$4 million will be used by FEMA for activities essential for developing the Citizen Corps initiative.

Citizen Corps funds will be allocated to States using the percentages prescribed in Section 1014 of the USA Patriot Act, Pub. L. 107-56. Each State will be allocated a base amount of not less than 0.75 percent of the total amount available. The remaining Citizen Corps grant funds will be allocated on the basis of population and added to the base amounts. Citizen Corps grants and subgrants described in this notice will carry no cost-share requirement.

Grantees will be expected to develop and implement a jurisdiction-wide strategic plan for Citizen Corps, including forming local Citizen Corps Councils, CERT training, public education and outreach, and volunteer opportunities that promote community and family safety. Local governments receiving grants may use the funding for Citizen Corps Council organizing activities; for outreach and public education campaigns to promote Citizen Corps and community and family safety measures, to include printing, marketing, advertising, and special events; for organizing, training, equipping, and maintaining CERTs; and for defraying the added expense of liability coverage for CERT participants.

Each grantee of Citizen Corps funds will be required to subgrant at least 75 percent of those funds to local governments with no cost share. Grantees are expected to give priority to local governments that have demonstrated a commitment to community and family safety or to local governments that have a high-risk profile based on crime, disaster vulnerabilities, and public health issues. A commitment to community and family safety is shown by such activities as having established or planned a Citizen Corps Council, having programs to promote

community and family safety, having conducted community-based events that promote safety, having established mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions, and having demonstrated a commitment to citizen participation in crime prevention and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

### **Heart Attack Leading Cause of Death for Firefighters**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States Fire Administration (USFA) released a comprehensive study which examines the causes of deaths for “on-duty” firefighters. The USFA Firefighter Fatality Retrospective Study: 1990-2000 is an in-depth analysis as to the causes for more than 1,000 on-duty deaths which have occurred in the United States during the last decade of the 20th century. The goal of the study is to identify trends in firefighter mortality, and use the information to help reduce firefighter deaths by 25% in 5 (five) years.

#### **The key findings of the study include:**

- The leading cause of death for firefighters is heart attack (44 percent). Death from trauma, including internal and head injuries, is the second leading cause of death (27 percent). Asphyxia and burns account for 20 percent of firefighter fatalities.

- Each year in the United States, approximately 100 firefighters are killed while on duty and tens of thousands are injured. Although the number of firefighter fatalities has steadily decreased over the past 20 years, the incidence of firefighter fatalities per 100,000 incidents has actually risen over the last 5 years, with 1999 having the highest rate of firefighter fatalities per 100,000 incidents since 1978.

- Firefighters under the age of 35 are more likely to be killed by traumatic injuries than they are to die from medical causes (e.g., heart attack, stroke). After age 35, the proportion of deaths due to traumatic injuries decreases, and the proportion of deaths due to medical causes rises steadily.

- Since 1984, motor vehicle collisions (MVCs) have accounted for between 20 and 25 percent of all firefighter fatalities, annually. One quarter of the firefighters who died in MVCs were killed in private/personally owned vehicles (POVs). Following POVs, the apparatus most often involved in fatal collisions

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were water tankers, engines/pumpers, and airplanes. More firefighters are killed in tanker collisions than in engines and ladders combined.

- About 27 percent of fatalities killed in MVCs were ejected from the vehicle at the time of the collision. Only 21 percent of firefighters were reportedly wearing their seatbelts prior to the collision.

- Approximately 60 percent of all firefighter fatalities were individuals over the age of 40, and one-third were over the age of 50. Nationwide, firefighters over the age of 40 make up 46 percent of the fire service, with those over 50 accounting for only 16 percent of firefighters. About 40 percent of volunteer firefighters are over the age of 50, compared to 25 percent of career firefighters.

- The majority of firefighter fatalities (57 percent) were members of local or municipal volunteer fire agencies (including combination departments, which are comprised of both career and volunteer personnel). Full-time career firefighters account for 33 percent of firefighter fatalities. Numerically more volunteer firefighters are killed than career personnel, yet career personnel lose their lives at a rate disproportionate to their representation in the fire service.

- In many fire departments, EMS calls account for between 50 and 80 percent of their emergency call volume. These EMS incidents result in only 3 percent of firefighter fatalities. Trauma (internal/head) accounts for the deaths of 50 percent of firefighters who were involved in EMS operations at the time of their fatal injury. Another 38 percent involved in EMS operations died from heart attack.

For the past 25 years, the United States Fire Administration (USFA) has tracked the number of firefighter fatalities and conducted an annual analysis. Through the collection of this information on the causes of firefighter deaths, the USFA is able to focus on specific problems and direct national efforts to finding solutions for the reduction of firefighter fatalities in the future. The information in this study is also used to measure the effectiveness of current programs directed toward firefighter health and safety. One of the USFA main program goals is a 25 percent reduction in firefighter fatalities in 5 years and a 50 percent reduction within 10 years.

The complete report may be viewed and downloaded from the USFA web site at: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/fa-220.cfm>

**Report finds America's First Responders Still Unprepared, Under funded for Mass Emergencies**

Over a year since the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, America is still not adequately prepared for the next terrorist attack, according to a recent report released by an independent task force headed by Gary Hart and Warren Rudman and sponsored by the Council of Foreign Relations.

The report noted that the lack of support for first responders, including the lack of communications interoperability, is one of the glaring weaknesses of America's homeland security. It called for greater funding and coordination with the first responder communities as one of the most important steps in helping to prepare America for the next mass emergency.

To read the report in full go to: [http://www.cfr.org/pdf/Homeland\\_Security\\_TF.pdf](http://www.cfr.org/pdf/Homeland_Security_TF.pdf)

**Applications Being Accepted for the Safety Education Hero Award**

The Safety Education Hero Award, presented by Home Safety Council (HSC) through partnership with Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) seeks to acknowledge lifesaving educators in the fire services. HSC wishes to highlight the best practices of an individual who has saved a life through implementing an NFPA educational program.

Individuals in the fire services are invited to participate in the Safety Education Hero Award. Entrants will be judged on leadership in promoting and supporting fire/emergency service and life safety issues; the impact on the general public in terms of saving lives, preventing tragedies and increasing knowledge about fire safety; ability to accurately communicate safety messages or lessons; and the breadth and reach of the program. Ultimately, this individual or organization should exemplify the values, ethics and spirit of a hero in the fire services community. This year's award recipient will be announced in April 2003 at CFSI's annual Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, D.C. The winner will be honored at the banquet and receive the Safety Education Hero Award from Home Safety Council, plus up to \$2,000 in NFPA educational materials. Entries must be received no later than Monday, December 2, 2002. For more information and to submit an entry go to:

[http://homesafetycouncil.org/hero\\_intro.asp](http://homesafetycouncil.org/hero_intro.asp)



## Chaplain's Corner

### The Unsuccessful Rescue

Many of us have been on those calls where we did everything we could do yet we were unsuccessful in saving a life from the incidents we have responded to. There has been those fire runs where we had a great response time. We made quick attack, a good search, and quick knock down only to find a victim during overhaul. There have been those EMS runs where everything went by the book only to find that the victim did not survive. We have all been there or at least heard of these runs, but have you ever been on run or even heard of one where you had the great response time. You get there and force the door in and fight your way to the back of the structure to find a victim crouched in a closet. The fire is still raging and beginning to be untenable. You reach out your hand to the victim only to hear them say, "Oh that's OK, I'm just going to sit right here and take my chances. It's not too bad here. I see all the evidence around me but I'm not going to burn. I'm really a good person." That would be unheard of wouldn't it? Yet it happens every day in another realm.

You see this world is much like a structure fire. It is being ravaged by selfishness, hate, greed and all manner of sin. "It is going to hell in a hand basket," you might say. And every one of us humans is inside this structure. Almighty God, the Great Fire Chief in the Sky (no disrespect intended at all for he is so much greater than to ever be compared to a human) looks down and see's us in our state - about to be consumed by the flame. Our lives are a wreck. Our families are hurting and life sometimes just doesn't seem all that grand. No matter how hard we try, we just can't seem to get it right. We are about to give up all hope. Then That Great Chief sends his Great Rescuer – His Son Jesus. Jesus puts on His turn out gear (human flesh) and responds to this earth. He breaks into this world through that miraculous virgin birth we celebrate at Christmas. He fights His way through this life for 33 years without begin consumed by the sin of this world. He is without sin. And just as the flames are about to consume you, He throws himself over you by dying on that Old Rugged Cross. He takes your punishment. The flames

burn Him to the point of Death. Yet he conquers that death and reaches His hand out to you, as an offer to rescue you from the flames of this world and the next. And so many today say, "Oh that's OK. I'm just going to sit right here and take my chances. It's not too bad here. I see all the evidence of evil around me but I'm OK. I know there is a God but I'm really a good person". And you turn away your would be rescuer. That is even more tragic than the other denial. Scripture tells us that, we have all sinned. *We are all in the fire.* There is only one way to be forgiven of our sins. *There is only one way out.* "Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father but by Him." *He is the only rescuer coming and the only way out.* Your goodness won't save you from sin any more than it would from a house fire. Won't you take Him by the hand by confessing your sin to Him and giving Him control of your life? Walk with Him the rest of your days and see what great things He has in store for you.

If you would like to know more, seek out a local pastor or Christian Firefighter to help you. Give me a call if I can help you. God loves you and wants to bless you. He wants to be a part of your life and help you in all your struggles. Reach out and take His hand today.

*Stewart Dawson*

Lexington Division of Fire

## **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **The Next Step Heavy Rescue**

2003 The Next Step Heavy Rescue Class is set for October 11th and 12th. Thanks to everyone who participated in the training. We had 46 participants from Kentucky and we hope to at least double that number or even fill the class next year with all Kentucky firefighters and EMS personnel. So don't delay in requesting information we have it ready and registration list for 2003 has already started.

For more information you can go to our website at [Hightechrescue.com](http://Hightechrescue.com). There you will find information about next year's school as well as pictures of this year's school.

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**The World Trade Center “Rescue to Recovery to Removal” The FDNY Perspective on this Tragic Event**

This two day seminar will be held at the Georgetown College Conference & Training Center 100 Stadium Drive Georgetown. The sessions will focus on the events of September 11, the response of the FDNY to this catastrophic day, and what all firefighters need to know to prepare for potential future incidents. Additionally, standard fire ground operations will be discussed. This seminar is designed for all ranks, from Chiefs to responding firefighters.

**Facilitators:** Chief John Norman, FDNY, Chief in Charge Firefighter John O Connell, FDNY, Rescue 3 Dan Noonan, FDNY, (Retired)

**Topics to be discussed:** Incident Command, Evacuation, Post Catastrophe Regrouping, Long Term Operations, WTC Task Force, SAR Techniques, “Force Protection”, Interagency Operations, Use of Federal Assets Coordination with Specialists, Collapse and Shoring Methods,

**Saturday - January 18**, Truck and Fire Ground Operations

**Sunday - January 19**, WTC Rescue to Recovery to Removal

Classes will begin at 8:00am with a continental breakfast, lunch will be provided, Hospitality Room Friday and Saturday night at the Hampton Inn, classes end at 5:00pm each day.

Individual Registration (before January 2003)..... **\$ 110.00**

Registration after January 6 and at the door..... **\$ 135.00**

(Registration fee includes: Continental breakfast, lunch, notebook, hospitality room and certificate of completion)

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For more information including registration please contact: Georgetown Fire and Rescue, 101 Airport Road, Georgetown, KY 40324 1-(502)-863-7833

**THREE ADDITIONAL NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY COURSES ARE INTRODUCED TO THE NATION’S FIRE SERVICE**

EMMITSBURG, MD: - As the start of the second semester enrollment period has begin, officials of

the National Fire Academy (NFA) announce three additional new course offerings to the NFA list of available areas of educational focus. These three new course offerings are:

**1. Advanced Safety Operations and Management (VIP)**

A 6-day course focused on applying the risk management model to health and safety aspects of emergency services operations and incident safety. Content areas include firefighter and emergency services fatality and injury problem; the risk management process; safety responsibilities of department members; regulations, standards, and policies affecting emergency services safety; and appropriate documentation and record keeping pertaining to firefighter and emergency services health and safety.

**2. Leading Community Risk Reduction**

This course is a brand-new offering (required course) within the Executive Fire Officer Program (EFOP). This 2-week curriculum provides senior fire executives with strategic perspectives on comprehensive risk management with an emphasis on fire prevention.

**3. Evaluating Performance-Based Designs**

This 6-day course is designed to provide the fundamental knowledge, skills, and abilities to assess performance-based fire safe building designs employing sophisticated computer modeling techniques. Students will be introduced to concepts and technologies that shift building design from traditional prescriptive-based building and fire regulations to strategies where engineers, architects, and designers employ a variety of options to meet specific performance goals.

The second semester begins April 1, 2003 and ends September 30, 2003. The enrollment and application period for the second semester officially opened November 1 and ends December 31, 2002. Applications received that are postmarked before November 1, 2002 or after December 31, 2002 cannot be accepted.

To find out more about the National Fire Academy and to obtain a General Admission’s application for second semester residential training courses and programs, please visit: [www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/fire-service/nfa.cfm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/fire-service/nfa.cfm)

## NEW ARRIVALS



### City of Salyersville purchases Central States Pumper

The City of Salyersville has placed in service a 1250 GPM Central States Pumper. The unit is mounted on a GMC 7500 chassis with two-door cab. Powered by a 300HP Caterpillar Engine the unit also has an Allison automatic transmission. The pump is a Darley PSM and includes a "Lifetime" pump warranty. Pressure regulation is accomplished by the Darley relief valve system. The booster tank is a UPF Poly-Tank with a 1000-gallon capacity. Due to the hilly terrain, of their response area, a 300 HP engine was selected in addition to On-Spot automatic tire chains.

The FireLine body features high side compartments on the driver's side and low side compartments on the passenger side. The ladders are mounted above the low side compartments. The flat back body design allows hose deployment without the interruption of traditional beavertail body design. Weldon Lighting manufactures all lighting, including FMVSS and NFPA warning light packages. This allows a minimum of inventory for replacement parts plus a single source for repairs.

Under the direction of Chief Paul Howard, shown in the photo, the Salyersville Department protects the City and surrounding areas of Magoffin County. In addition to fire protection the Department is challenged with a variety of rescue situations including swift water and high angle rescue.

Fire Apparatus Div. S.D.C sold the Central States pumper.

### Deliveries by Wynn Fire Equipment



South Barren FD recieved a 1993 Wynn GMC Topkick Tanker. The Tanker includes a 2000 gallon tank & 400 GPM PTO Pump. It was custom built by Wynn's for them.



Allegan Township in Michigan has just picked up their new tanker. They had seen our standard tanker and knew with a few of their own preferences, our tankers were built like they wanted. It has a 2000 gallon stainless steel tank built on a 1998 GMC Topkick cab & chassis. The tanker has an automatic side dump on each side that operates from inside the cab. It also is equipped with our standard options, such as a 400 GPM PTO Pump, 2100 gallon dump tank rack, rear dump valve, stainless steel wheelcovers, and more. Chief Bruce Hoyer and members of the Allegan Township Fire Dept. came to get their new truck on Nov. 12th.

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Estill Co Fire Dept. in Kentucky took delivery of a Wynn International Tanker.

Mt Vernon FD took delivery of a 1985 Young Pumper. This truck came from Bellmore FD in New York. According to a member of Bellmore FD it was used during the 9/11 incident. The truck has a 1250 GPM Hale Top mounted Pump, 750 Gallon Tank, 5 Man Custom Cab, and more.



Sunbury North Carolina Fire Dept had a new body built and mounted on a used cab & chassis.



3-Point Fire Dept. took delivery of a 1986 GMC Pierce Rescue/Pumper



Swiss Colony Fire Dept in London Kentucky took delivery of a 1983 Pierce Custom Cab Pumper.

Woodbine FD received a \$150,000.00 grant from FEMA. With the grant they will purchase 25 full sets of turnout gear, including SCBA's, a wide variety of equipment including, ladders, hose, nozzles, fans, etc... Congratulations Chief Fore and all the members of Woodbine Fire & Rescue!

Round Mountain Fire Dept in Fayetteville Arkansas took delivery of a Wynn International Tanker. This Tanker is our standard model Tanker. It comes with a 1960 gallon tank and 400 GPM PTO Pump.

Eagle Sawyer FD received a grant for \$34,000.00 that will get them 30 sets of turnout gear. Grapevine FD in Western Kentucky received a full set of TNT Rescue Tools.

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