



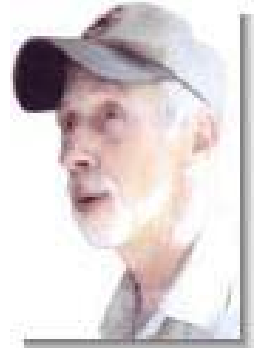
Smoke Signals II

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Two Line Of Duty Deaths in February

The fire service of Kentucky has lain to rest two brothers in one month. Last year we had two LODD for the whole year. Now we have had two in the same month. We can only hope and pray that we won't have another.

On February 17th Don Lamb Jr. 58, a forest ranger with the Kentucky Division of Forestry died from injuries he suffered from a September 7th incident involving a 12 acre wildfire in Livingston County. Lam was clearing a fire break for containment at the base of a bluff when a burning snag on top of the bluff broke loose and rolled off striking him from behind. The impact rendered Lam unconscious and seriously injured. After exhaustive efforts, physicians told Mr. Lam and his family in late January there was nothing more they could do — he would die from his injuries... it was just a matter of time. He was sent home in the care of his wife and hospice waiting until, in his words, "the Lord comes to get me." Lam is survived by his wife Jeanie and his 16 year old Stepdaughter.



On February 24th Fire Chief Chris Stock of the Westport Fire Department died at his home after taking part in a training exercise earlier in the day. He volunteered with the Westport Fire Department



for 20 years and in his tenure as chief oversaw the building of a new fire station, recruited many volunteers and even found time to feed the birds. At Stock's funeral March 4, North Oldham Fire Chief Rick Albers said Stock jumped into action when he found a hummingbird "in dire straits." "He resuscitated this helpless creature, and followed up with the installation of a hummingbird feeder in the rafters of the fire station," Albers said.

He is survived by his wife, Mandy, the department's assistant chief and a paramedic with Louisville Metro EMS, 5-year old twin sons and a 10-month old daughter.



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Notes From The President's Desk Bob Newman

I would like to start by expressing my deepest condolences to the family and friends of three fallen firefighters in line of duty, Captain Warne Hall from the Hitchins Volunteer Fire Department November 14, 2010. Don Lam February 17 2011 from the Kentucky Department of Forestry, Don's death was a result of injuries he suffered when fighting a wild land fire on September 7, 2010. Chief Chris Stock of the Westport Fire Department died on February 24 with a heart attack. It was an honor for me to be able to attend the funerals and present the families with a Bible from the Kentucky Firefighters Association.

The KFA held the Executive Board meeting in February at the Green River Officers School in Lexington. I would like to thank the Green River Association for their hospitality and hard work to pull off another successful year! During the Committee meetings the Committee Chairs gave their activity reports. Executive Board also gave its report. I would like to see more Directors attend this meeting. We need all regions of the state to make a concentrated effort to give a report from their area!

I would like to extend a special thanks to Wanda Isaacs! Wanda's dedication to the Public Education is outstanding! Wanda and her staff will be involved at State Fire School representing Public Education and I'm looking forward to seeing them there this year.

The State Fire School Committee has been working very hard to insure that this year's school is going to be better than ever! I want to give a special thanks to Dave Mattingly, Charlie Shaw, Jamia Skaggs and Ronnie Day for all the hard work they put in to making this school a great success! Their Committee meets every month and has representatives from all across the State. Their goal is to provide a great training experience for all firefighters.

The vendors' that attend the school play a huge role in making the State Fire School possible. I would like to see all firefighters attending the school this year take the time to visit the vendors! Spend some time with each vendor and thank them for being part of the school, we need their support! I know firefighters from my department are always looking forward to purchasing items at school.

The vendors' area gives Chief Officers an opportunity to look at new equipment for their department. Once again! Make time to support our vendors!

Firefighter license plates were a big topic for discussion in February. I contacted the division of Motor Vehicle Licensing covering the \$10,00 donation we applied for in March 2010. I was informed that it went into effect and the money from the plates is doing well! The State will make payments to the KFA at the end of the fiscal year! I've been working on getting motorcycle license plates; there has been a lot of interest this past year! The State requires we have a list of 300 names of those wanting the special firefighters plates. We have to prepay \$25.00 to get the plates made and then the \$25.00 will go toward the purchase of the plates. If getting the special motorcycle license plates is of interest to you, please E-Mail meatbob.newman@aleris.com. I need to know if we have enough interest before I proceed.

Legislative Issues:

I would like to thank the KFA Fireworks committee chair Rusty Todd for his dedication while working on the Fireworks Legislative Issues. I would also like to thank Gerald Stewart, Howdy, Jack Reckner and Fire Marshal Swope. Our sincere gratitude for all your hard work!

2011 KFA Conference:

The 91st Kentucky Firefighters Association's annual conference will be held in Owensboro, Kentucky this July. Make sure you register now! The Conference committee has been working very hard to insure you have a great time at this conference! When we have the Firefighters Olympics this year, the committee is planning on adding a new event. Stay tuned for more information!

We are working on the conference ad book now! Please consider placing an ad from your department, regional association and any support organizations you might belong to! This book helps support your conference. We look forward hearing from you!

Visit our website at www.kfa2011.com for details on Hotel accommodations and registration information. We have something new added in our program this year. We usually have the golf outing and the ladies outing on the same day. We've added Skeet Shoot on that same time frame for those of you who don't golf! We look forward to seeing you this year!

Thank you for what you do to support and protect your communities!



Treasurer's Notes

by Terry Keller

Greetings from the Treasury.
Sounds like a lead in from the I R S.

Hope everyone is getting ready for the spring and summer months. I have had enough snow and rain to last me a long time. OK, down to business. Dues have been coming in a little slow. There are 350 paid departments at this writing. There are 13 personal memberships. There are also, 13 sustaining memberships. Money from the vendors and sustaining membership are beginning to come in. Jamia takes care of this for the K F A, in conjunction with state fire school.

The budget for this year 2010-2011 was based on 400 paid departments and 16 personal memberships, with the income from professional fundraising in the amount of \$30,000.00. The total income will be very close to the budget that was pasted on the floor, at conference for the income this year.

I have met with John Wisemen, chairman of the finance committee, once every quarter to review the finances. The finance committee has met at K C T C S and reviewed the finances and felt there needed to be a few changes, due to fundraising income. One change was to eliminate the 800 fireline phone number. Another, was to curtail as much travel as possible to help balance the budget. These things are being done with out compromising any programs the K F A has.

The auto license plate issue has been resolved. Each firefighter can make a donation to the K F A when they renew their license plate. The K F A will receive \$10.00 for each firefighter license plate that is renewed. This could possibly bring in \$67,900.00 per year. What a shot in the financial balance for the K F A. The K F A has been asked to look into getting the same plate for a motorcycle. This is being followed up by trying to obtain 300 people who will pay a fee upfront so that the plates can be made. Ronnie Day is checking with the motorcycle clubs in the state to get this additional program up and running. Again, this would be a great financial boost to the income.

The Executive Board at the last meeting during the Green River Fire School voted to have all Executive Board members purchase a personal membership, to show their continuous support of the organization. This passed with everyone's support.

John Wiseman and I will be working on a proposed budget to present to his committee and the Executive Board at the upcoming State Fire School. If any committee chairman has an idea of what their committee will need as a part of their line item budget next year, please e-mail it to the treasurer. The Hall of Fame committee has turned in a budget for their request. The contract for the Newsletter and Web Page was approved at Green River and will be placed in the budget process. V F I S has been contacted for an estimate of Insurance cost next year. All this takes place to inform the membership of the best possible budget review for the next fiscal year 2011-2012.

Until I hear from some of the committee chairman or see some of you at fire school, stay safe and enjoy the spring days.

FIRE POLITICS

By Mike Hulsey

As Vice President at Large, I feel compelled to submit this article to Smoke Signals.

The KFA is losing a tireless, hard working individual in Dave Jansing, with the announcement of his retirement effective at the conclusion of this year's conference. Dave has worked hard for the firefighters of this Commonwealth, trying to make sure that the KFA has its focus on what is best for all. While at times the appearance was that whatever he did was to only help the Northern Kentucky Association, because what helped them also helped the State, he kept his aim on the end goal. Dave you definitely will be missed and my prayer is that we all honor you with this hard decision that you have made.

Many have not missed the opportunity to begin working on not only filling his position, but also on filling the other two positions that will be open for a vote this August.

While I currently occupy one of those positions, and have not made up my mind on whether or not I will seek one of the openings as of yet, we must do one thing. We must seek out and elect to these positions with the best person that will fill the post for the betterment of the fire service for the entire Commonwealth.

The only positions on KFA E-Board that belong to anyone area are the President and the three Vice Presidents. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President at Large belong to the entire state fire service.

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My hope and prayer is that we all come together and look at what is best for the KFA and make sure that whomever fills those post, represent the Fire Service of the Commonwealth at large and not any-one individual area.

Vice President at Large

Michael E. Hulsey



**National Volunteer
Fire Council**

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate
The NVFC and Duracell have launched the “Power Those Who Protect Us” Program which is designed to provide public awareness of the needs of volunteer fire departments. The program will also provide over 10 million batteries to volunteer fire departments. Look for the specially marked battery packs. When they are purchased Duracell will make a donation to the local fire department. Check on this program at www.nvfc.org.

Bryant and I recommended two people to serve as members of a peer review panel for the FY 2010 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants. Marc Rudder and Wanda Isaacs were chosen as two who represented the NVFC.

The KFA is given credit in the Introduction of the “Funeral Procedures for Firefighters” manual for their assistance in the revision of the manual. Charlie Shaw worked with the NVFC on this project. It can be downloaded from www.nvfc.org.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation has a program to assist emergency service entities to obtain life saving equipment as well as fire prevention, safety, and disaster preparedness educational tools. The application can be found at <http://firehousesubs.com/Foundation-Overview.aspx>.

I had the honor of representing the NVFC at two different state training schools recently in North Dakota and West Virginia. North Dakota has 4 paid departments and over 300 volunteer departments. The registration for their school was over 900. Kentucky’s school deserves the same level of support. While there I addressed the Chief’s Association on what benefits the NVFC can provide. Many chiefs told me later that they had no idea the NVFC could offer so much help.

You don’t have to be a member to take advantage of the material and guidance the NVFC offers – but we would appreciate your membership to help us continue representing your interests in Washington. Bryant Stiles sits on our Health & Safety Committee and they continue to turn out excellent material.

ALERT!!!!!!!!!!!! On a recent phone call Bob Bass, the Maryland State EMS Executive Director, brought to our attention there was language in a bill that would mandate all emergency agencies to go to the 700 band in just eight (8) years. This is on the heels of the narrow banding we are going through. I immediately called Dave Finger, the NVFC Government Affairs Director. He looked at HR 607 and agreed that this would be very detrimental and expensive to most emergency response agencies. It is very important that you keep your eye on this one.

THE COURAGE TO BE SAFE

www.everyonegoeshome.com

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OK. Let’s take a break from discussing the “Life Safety Initiative’s” this issue and make a real commitment to our own safety and to the safety of our brother/sister firefighters. In this article we address and encourage all Kentucky Fire and/or EMS Departments to take the:

***International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge
Buckle Up! So Everyone Goes Home®.***

The International First Responder Seatbelt Pledge Program was originated to spotlight the heartbreaking loss of **Firefighter Brian Hunton**. Brian fell from the rear door of an Amarillo, Texas Quint as he was attempting to don his gear. He struck his head died two days later from his injuries. Brian was not wearing his seatbelt. Each year we continue to lose firefighters out doors and through windshields because they don’t or won’t simply buckle up. What a waste of a firefighter’s life.

The seatbelt pledge was instituted several years ago in an effort to have firefighters commit to themselves that they will wear their seatbelts in emergency vehicles. The campaign has been a great success in some States...not so much in others. Unfortunately, in Kentucky, only six departments have taken the time to commit to the pledge. It’s a

short list so we might as well recognize them: Frankfort, Hebron, Danville, Florence, Possich and Southgate. What about the other 600+ departments across the state. Well, here is your chance to make the commitment. I challenge the officers within every fire station in this state to get your department listed on the "Seatbelt Pledge" website as having taken the pledge. It's the right thing to do for your firefighters. Does this take a lot of time and effort? Not at all. Just follow these simple steps.

1. Visit the website: [www. EveryoneGoesHome.com/seatbelts](http://www.EveryoneGoesHome.com/seatbelts)
2. Download the pledge.
3. Complete the pledge sheet, including Department name, address, authorizing name and signature, rank and contact email address.
4. Use as many sheets as necessary to collect signatures.
5. Once completed, please fax to 410-721-6213 or scan and send to seatbelts@EveryoneGoesHome.com
6. Once Pledge Sheets are received the website will be updated with the Department's information.
7. Information will be stored in the Program database.
8. The Compliance Certificate will be completed and sent to the State Advocate for distribution to the Department.
9. Contact with the Program staff and State Advocates will be made on a continuing basis for evaluation and recertification.
10. Any questions, contact Theresa Lloyd, Seat Belt Safety Program Manager at tlloyd@firehero.org, or feel free to contact me at the e-mail address above.

Well there you have it. A very easy way to help assure that you and your comrades "Keep Going Home, After Each Run and After Each Shift."



Notes From Fireman Joe The Ol Fire Dog

Well we made it through January and February so Spring should be here shortly and not to soon for the Ole Firedog. Thank you Green River Folks for your hospitality and another great Fire School in Lexington the weekend of February 25-26-27, always good to see my good friends from Green River, you guys are still doing it right!

I was very happy to see and speak with Dr Oneal from the Fire Academy, what a fabulous place that is. I highly encourage all of you, if you haven't been, please go, at least once in your fire service career, no finer learning experience will you ever enjoy.

I plan on helping Kentucky Injury Prevention Research Center with their Webinar Project later this week. I am looking forward to sharing some information about what folks can do to enhance their fire and life safety programs.

I attended the fire school committee meeting in February and they are planning another outstanding fire school for June. Of greater interest to me is the theme for fire school. This year's Theme will be "Fire Prevention and Public Education Across Kentucky". Wanda Isaacs and her committee are busy-ing themselves with making this an exciting learning experience for all attendees. Fireman Joe is planning on having a couple of displays. It should be a lot of fun. Speaking of fire school, there will be a Public Education Class offered on Friday. I hope you will take advantage of that opportunity as well. Again the horrible news hit the headlines with terrible and deadly fire results in Maysville, two small children perished in a house fire. How many times have you heard me say how helpless the small ones and the elderly are in a fire. Two days later we read about four young people drowning from raging waters during strong rain storms in Mayfield. My heart and thoughts go out to the victim's family. Our work in fire and life safety education never ends; we must never stop our message of education and life safety.

I want to thank KFA Secretary, Dave Jansing for his 21 years of service to the Kentucky Firefighters Association, Dave, we are going to miss you. Best of luck in your future endeavors and in case you didn't know Dave is Mayor of Lakeside Park in Northern Kentucky which is and will take up all of is new time, if there is such a thing. Oh, I forgot to mention, in case you didn't know, Dave is retiring from his position as secretary during the Owensboro Conference in August.

I am planning on going up to Indianapolis for the FDIC the week of March 21st so if you are up there look me up, should be a great show and another excellent learning experience.

Well, till next time, Be Safe! And as always GOD BLESS.

Fireman Joe

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2011 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
?Spring	12	Hazard	888-234-6759
4/9-10	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
4/16-17	11	Pikeville	888-302-8935
4/30-5/1	14	Campbellsville	888-234-1780
5/21-22	2	Princeton	888-306-7986
8/20-21	13	London	888-234-0100
9/10-11	1	Calvert City	888-306-7901
? Fall	7	Cold Springs	888-306-8101
9/17-18	15	Richmond	888-234-3961
11/5-6	5	Leitchfield	888-234-7201
11/12-13	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
12/10-11	4	Bowling Green	888-234-5760

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 ECU 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).

Coming Events!

**Shelby County Fire District
16th Annual Crusade for Children
Golf Scramble**

May 23, 2011 Call 502-633-6648

**58th Annual WHAS Crusade For Children
Telethon**

June 4th & 5th 2011

Appalachian Foothills Fire Muster

June 18th 10 AM - 4 PM

Fun for the whole family!

Barbourville City Park

KFA Conference Owensboro

July 29 - August 2nd

Jefferson County Regional Fire School

September 10th & 11th

2011 EKFA Spring Fire School April 30 - May 1

Lawrence County High School Louisa KY
Highway 644

Class 1	Firefighter Survival	Sat Only
Class 2	Firefighter Rescue	Sun Only
Class 3	Fire Arson Detection	Sat & Sun
Class 4	Swift Water Rescue	Sat & Sun
Class 5	Incident Safety Officer	Sat & Sun
Class 6	Confined Space Rescue	Sat & Sun
Class 7	Propane Emergencies	Sat Only
Class 8	Flashover	Sat & Sun
Class 9	Explorers/Jr FF Training	Sat & Sun

Registration Sat from 7:45 to 8:45 AM

Welcome 8:45 to 9 AM

Classes 9 to 12 & 1 to 5 PM

Free Cookout Sat 6:30 to 8:30 PM Louisa FD

Registration on Sunday 8 to 9 AM

Super 8 Motel (606) 638-7888

School is free to EKFA members.

\$10 charge for all others.

Pre-registration on-line at www.sfrt10.com

For more information call 606-326-2431

or 606-326-2459

Northern Kentucky Emergency Services School May 14 - 15

Marriott Hotel

Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport

One Day Class Saturday

- 101 Firefighter Survival (FC-0001)
- 102 Aircraft Crash-Fire-Rescue
- 103 Propane Emergencies
- 104 Vehicle & Heavy Rescue
- 105 Wildland Firefighting (S-190)
- 106 Company Inspector Class
- 107 Fire Commission Update (KY Fire Com)

One Day Class Sunday

- 111 Firefighter Rescue (FC-002)
- 112 Live Burn (Acquired Structure)
- 113 Chief Officers Class
- 114 Company Inspector TtT Class

Two Day Classes Sat & Sun

- 201 Firefighters Basics/Explorers
- 202 Basic Pump Operations
- 203 Haz-Mat Operations Level
- 204 Confined Space Rescue Ops. Level
- 205 Arson Level 2
- 206 (NFA) Initial Company Operations
- 207 (NFA) Leadership 1

- 208 All Haz. Incident Man. Training (AHIMT)
- 209 EMT-B & Paramedic Refresher CEU's
(You can register for just one day)

Special 4 Day Class

- 301 Fire Instructor Level 2 (Class will meet April 30 & May 1 as well as May 14 & 15)

School Schedule

Registration 07:00 to 08:00
Classes 08:00 to 12:00
Lunch & Vendors 12:00 to 13:00
Classes 13:00 to 17:00

Registration Fee

Pre-registration by April 25
Two or More Days \$60.00
One Day Only \$30.00

Late Registration

Two or More Days \$100.00
One Day Only \$50.00

(Lunch is included in registration)

Register on-line at www.nkyess.org

Explorers Competition 5/13/11

Burlington Fire Department
6050 Firehouse Drive
Burlington KY

Check-In at 5PM Competition Begins at 6 PM
\$25.00 entry fee per team

For More Information About the School

Contact Ron Becker
(859) 331-2600 or rbecker@fortwright.com

2011 Homeland Security Conference

&

82 Annual State Fire School

June 8 - 12, 2011

Lexington Covention Center

433 West Vine St. Lexington

R = Class Repeated

Learn by Doing

- 101 Aircraft Firefighting 9-10 R 11-12
- 102 RIT & Mayday Ops 9-10-11-12
- 103 Basic FF "Mini Academy" 9-10-11
- 104 Inter. FF "BB Bootcamp" 10-11-12
- 105 Propane Emer. & Truck Fires 11-12
- 106 EMT Refresher 9-10-11
- 107 Farm Rescue 9-10-11
- 108 "Big Rig Rescue" 10-11
- 109 Confined Space Rescue 10-11-12
- 110 Fire Prot. at Motor Sports Events 10
- 111 Pump Maint. and Testing 11-12
- 112 Tanker Ops. & Water Supply 11

National Fire Academy/Degree Classes

- 201 Incident Safety Officer 11-12
- 202 Leadership I (FRS 2073) 9-10
- 203 MTCO Decision Making (FRS 2062) 11-12
- 204 ICS (100, 200 & Nims 700)(FRS 2072) 9-10

Fire Invest. Inspec. Prevent. & Pub Ed

- 301 NFA Arson Detect. (FRS 2074) 9-10-11
- 302 Fire Scene Investigations 9-10-11
- 303 Legal Issues for Fire Investigations 9-10-11
- 304 Con Ed for Fire Alarm Inspectors 9 R 10
- 305 Fire Alarms for the Firefighter 10 R 11
- 306 Fire Inspector I Course 9-10
- 307 Fire Inspector II Course 11-12
- 308 Basics of Fire & Life Safety Education 10

Seminars

- 401 "Meth" Lab Awareness 10
- 402 Exercise & Evaluation Awareness 9
- 403 EMS Evaluator 10
- 404 EMS Instructor Orientation 11
- 405 FD Response to Weather Emer. 12
- 406 KY Fire Commission Update 9
- 407 "Intelligent FF" Capt Bill Gustin Miami-Dade 11
- 408 Basic Chaplaincy 9-10
- 409 Advanced Chaplain 11
- 410 Scene Preservation & Death Inves. 10
- 411 All Hazard Incident Management 9-10-11
- 412 Public Information Officer (PIO) 11

Senior Management Courses

(These Classes Meet From 1 to 4 PM on Friday)

- 501 Kentucky Juinor Firefighter Program 10
- 502 Intigration of KY Fire Ser. into Fusion Ctr. 10

Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) for 2010

On average 100 firefighters are killed in the line of duty each year in the US. In 2010, 85 died in the line of duty between 1/1/2010 – 12/31/2010. Of that number 55 Volunteer (64.7%), 28 Career (32.9%), 1 Wildland Full-Time (1.17%), 1 Paid-on-Call (1.17%).

The type of Incident they were responding to that took their life is as follows: 41 Not Incident Related (48.2%), 20 Structure Fires (23.5%) 8 Wildland (9.41%), 5 Other (5.88%), 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents (3.52%), 3 Rescue/Extrication (3.52%), 3 Unknown (3.52%), 1 EMS (1.17%), 1 Tech Rescue (1.17%).

Age of Firefighter When the Fatal Injury Was Sustained: **2 - Under 21**, 5 - 21 to 25, 4 - 26 to 30, 12 - 31 to 40, 16 - 41 to 50, 20 - 51 to 60, **25 - 61 and Over**, 1 – Unknown. The percentage of Firefighter Fatalities Under Age 40: 23.5%

In Kentucky last year we had 2 LODD. As of February 24th 2011 we have already had 2 LODD. Guys please be careful! Lets see if we can go the rest of the year without another LODD.

Driving Impaired... It's Just Not Worth It By Dave Dennison

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that in 2009 there were 5,505,000 police reported motor vehicle traffic crashes in the United States. That's right 5 million times in 2009 alone we were reminded just how dangerous driving could be. In those crashes we lost 30,797 people and injured another 1,517,000. That means there were 11.01 deaths and 722 injuries for every 100,000 people in this country. I don't know about you, but those numbers should make you shutter just a little bit every time you get behind the steering wheel of a vehicle.

As emergency responders we increase the odds even more by adding lights, sirens and using specific exemptions as allowed to us by most state laws. We are allowed to exceed the speed limit, pass through controlled intersections and travel against traffic patterns. The downside however is that these exemptions greatly increase our odds of being in a collision. There are over 15,000 emergency vehicle accidents in the US each year and deaths while responding to and returning from alarms continues to be the second leading cause of line of duty deaths.

Studies also show us that in 2009, of the persons who were killed in traffic crashes, a staggering 32% died in alcohol impaired crashes. This number does not even consider the other accidents that involved drivers impaired from drugs, lack of sleep, age or physical impairments. Where would these numbers be if we considered all of those factors as well? The Unsafe Driving Acts study tells us that human factors contributed to 99.2% of motor vehicle accidents, environmental factors contributed in only 5.4% of the crashes and vehicle factors only contributed in .5% of those events. We always tend to blame something else, but the numbers show that 99.2% of the time, we are the ones to blame.

I remember that while at Cornell University my statistics class was at 11am. This was just before lunch and my biggest concern most days was what the sandwich of the day at The Big Red Barn was going to be. I do recall an interesting conversation in one class however about the term *causality*. It was defined as the relationship between an event (the cause) and a second event (the effect), where the second event is understood as a consequence of

the first. I remember how those numbers could get pretty crazy in a hurry and thinking how the heck that information would ever be useful to me in the real world.

As I look at the numbers above I have to wonder if this is what causality was all about. Take a dangerous task (driving) add in a danger factor (emergency operations) and then add a second factor (driving impaired) and watch how these numbers spin out of control. I am sure someone that paid more attention in stats will contact me to dispute my theory here, but I think you can understand the point I am trying to make. The numbers do not look good if we drive an emergency vehicle with any type of impairment.

Before you get behind the wheel of an emergency vehicle with any type of impairment please ask yourself the following questions. What is the risk of driving this vehicle? Can I afford to lose my license or my job? Is this worth risking my life, my partner's life or a member of the general public's life? What happens to the original call if we fail to complete our mission because of my actions? What happens to my reputation and the reputation of my organization when we are involved in a crash because of my impairment? Am I ready to become just another number like all of those above?

So next time that alarm comes in right after you just had that beer with dinner, or took the cold medicine or you haven't slept in 24 hours, stop and think. Is what I am doing or about to do really worth it? We all joined this service because we want to help save lives and protect property. Are you willing to risk it all and possibly take a life or destroy property?

Driving Impaired – It's just not worth it.

McNeil and Company has recently added a new course to our E Learning program on this topic. The course is called Driving Impaired – It's just not worth it. We encourage you to share this important program with your department. Please contact our Loss Control department at 1-800-822-3747 for more information. You can also email me at ddenniston@mcneilandcompany.com with any questions.

www.mcneilandcompany.com

Words of Wisdom

A man is never more truthful than when he acknowledges himself a liar.

[Mark Twain](#)



**2011 Legislative
Session
By Howdy Kurtsinger**



This legislative year was the annual short session, as in the past there was more political debate than working for the good of the Commonwealth. There were many pieces of legislation that affected the fire service. This year there were a total of 168 Senate Bills, 259 Senate Resolutions, 494 House Bills and 229 House resolutions introduced during the legislative session. That totals 1,150 documents to consider. Less than 100 of these pieces of legislation passed and because of the discussion over who is going to be governor many items did not pass or were even seriously considered.

There were 36 of the bills introduced that went on the KFA legislative watch list for the fire service and many issues are issues that we opposed. There were two bills that wanted to change incentive pay and state aid; neither received a hearing. The budget office requested that we wait for another year because of the economy and to see if our funds are more stable. We would like to look in the future at the possibility of increasing the incentive and state aid if funding is available.

Fireworks legislation has been an issue for the past three years and during this year we have been able to bring in all the different groups that are affected to put together legislation that we hope will be better for the protection of our firefighters. There were issues that we required in the legislation. Current Kentucky law is completely ineffective and has little or no enforcement capability. An example is in the Louisville metropolitan area where no police officer has responded to a fireworks complaint in the last ten years! Further, Kentucky is surrounded by three states that aggressively market fireworks, Tennessee, Ohio and Indiana. Local vendors of compliant fireworks do a booming business in “bootleg” fireworks every year (pun intended). Surrounding states fireworks vendors advertise on Kentucky TV stations in the weeks preceding the 4th of July! The reality is the fireworks issue in Kentucky is out of control and getting worse not better. When a legislator stands up on the floor of the Kentucky House and brags about purchasing several thousand dollars’ worth of fireworks every year you get an idea of what we face. House Bill 333 which passed does indeed permit “consumer fireworks” to be sold in Kentucky. However, it also does two

important things. 1. It specifically permits local jurisdictions to pass local ordinances controlling fireworks. In a “mini-max” state where local jurisdictions seldom are permitted to enforce more stringent fire safety ordinances than minimum state law this is a tool for our local authorities to use. 2. It also has direct reporting to the local jurisdictions of quantities and location of fireworks storage. Just knowing who is dealing in fireworks in a local community is going to be helpful. In short, the ball is firmly in the court of the local fire official, something that seldom happens in this state. Some jurisdictions have already begun the process of passing local ordinances; others are adopting a wait and see approach. Regardless, we are seeing activity on this issue like nothing we have seen for many years. If local jurisdictions are successful in controlling the problem we may see some progress at the State level after all. Stranger things have happened! We at the local level have bragged for years that we could do it better. It’s time to put our money where our mouth is! I invite you to check back with me in a couple of years. We’ll either have a classic example of locals showing the State a better way or we’ll be as bad as Tennessee, Ohio and Indiana.

The last issue that I would like to discuss is the pension changes that were proposed in Senate Bill 2. In Senate Bill 2 the defined benefit plan would have been closed and the new members to a fire department would be placed into a defined contribution plan. This would mean that we would have firefighters working side by side who are working under four different pension plans. Not only is this not fair to the current firefighters that have made changes in their pension plans, but it could be the main issue that causes recruitment problems in the future. Also the additional cost associated with the closing of the current funding from new member would be a great burden on all local government for the next 15 years. We also testified that changing the benefits over the past years have not been given a chance to work to see if the effect to the system could have been enough to make the Kentucky Retirement System in better financial shape. During this session many issues affecting the fire service should have been discussed but most of those bills are just put in to make people feel good about an “effort legislators are making” and are never considered as serious pieces of legislation.

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We will be back in a little less than 10 months to start the next session, as you can see the KFA and fire service needs to have people there to protect their interest. That is why I thank Gerald Stewart, Bruce Roberts, Jack Reckner, Chris Bartlet, Craig Wilman, and Mark Blankenship. Together we are able to track and watch the legislation as it happens to protect the members of all the fire services!



Chaplain's Corner

Honoring Service

There comes a time in the life of every person in the emergency services when they can no longer do the things that were their trade mark for many many years. It could be for reasons of health, age, or they just don't have the passion to do the job any longer. Whatever the cause we sometimes are so quick to get things moving again that we leave the person and their feelings behind. That is a sad and disturbing thing. It doesn't take very long nor does it cost much to honor their service. You may not even care much for the person as a person; however, we must still honor their service and commitment. Life is fragile and people's feelings are fragile. It is difficult for someone who may have started a program or department to let go of the reigns but when the time comes you should make that transition as painless on the individual and their feelings as possible. The bottom line is that we will all get to that point at some time in our life if we live long enough. You must treat that person the way you would want to be treated given the same set of circumstances. Every one of us will make the transition to another life in the hereafter. Take the time to care and be gentle with the feelings of others.

We have a Heavenly Father that cared for us so much that He sent His Son to make the death sacrifice for us. We then must care for one another in all ways because when it comes right down to it if we don't care for one another then who will care for YOU?

Words of Wisdom

A child who is allowed to be disrespectful to his parents will not have true respect for anyone.

Billy Graham

FOR SALE



1991 Seagrave

100' Standard Duty Aerial Ladder

The Highview Fire District has designated the above pictured apparatus as surplus. It is a Model #: JR-OTDF Serial #: Y-T5641 Engine Hours: 421.9 Mileage: 11654 Engine: Detroit 6 cylinder Diesel Transmission: Automatic.

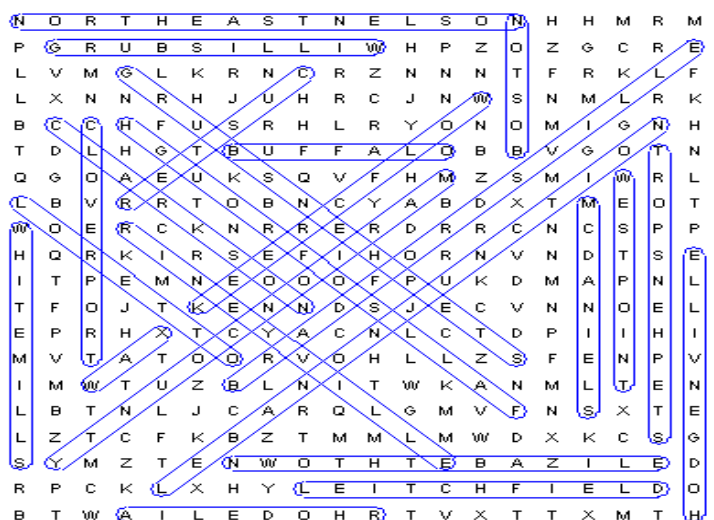
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NEW ARRIVALS



Farm & Home Safety Gets A Shot In The Arm

The Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture's "Farm & Home Safety Program" has taken delivery of a new 2011 John Deere **Gator 825i XUV** off road utility vehicle. For the third consecutive year **JOHN DEERE** and **HARTLAND Equipment**, of Bowling Green, KY have teamed up to provide the '**best Gator yet**' for service with the nation's most comprehensive farm, home and off road rescue training program. This **Gator** delivery coincides with the recent donation by **KIMTEK Corp.** of Westmore, VT, of a new **MedLite EMS / Rescue** bed insert. This **MedLite** insert was delivered and installed by **EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT** of Independence, KY, at the **Dixie Fire School** in Elizabethtown, KY.



2011 John Deere Gator 825i XUV 4X4 off road utility vehicle with MedLite rescue insert.

The new **Gator 825i XUV** includes a **JUNKIN JSA-200B 'Break-Apart'** stretcher from **EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT** and custom cut **TURTLE Tile** matting on the stretcher deck donated by **TURTLE Plastics** of Lorain, Ohio. These donations can only enhance an already great program. Students will work with state-of-the-art off road rescue equipment which can only serve to help them with their own rescue program back at their department.



The MTD-11 **MedLite EMS / Rescue** insert includes an adjustable seat and slide out tray. With the help of responsible corporate partners who made this vehicle possible, this **Gator 'XUV'** will help train hundreds of emergency responders statewide for many years to come. So, please be **SAFE** out there! But, if not, **we'll be there for you!**

For more information on this **Medical Gator** project visit: <http://www.OffRoadRescue.com/>

Virginia's Elite Rescue Task Force 1 Has Arrived in Coastal Japan.

Seventy-four members of Virginia Task Force 1 have been arriving by helicopter into a mountainous region 100 miles north of Sendai, to help rescue victims of the disastrous tsunami that hit Japan March 11.

The VATF-1 team will be conducting rescue operations around the seaport of Ofunato. Battalion Chief Michael Schaff told NBC 4 in a phone interview that rural villages in region's valleys have been swamped by mudslides and high water.

Weather in the mountainous area is cold, and snow has been falling.

The team carries with it a heavy package of rescue equipment, including inflatable boats and rescue canines. Paramedics, structural engineers, and technical rescue specialists are all part of the Virginian unit.

The task force flew into Misawa Air Base on Sunday March 13th. On the way to Japan, the team was joined by a West Coast rescue crew, California Task Force 2. Both American units will be operating under the command of Tokyo Fire Department.

On Monday, Japanese officials reported that over 1,000 bodies had washed ashore along the Miyagi prefecture.

The team will make their base of operations in Ofunato, a fishing hub with a population of 40,000. The town was hit by a tsunami once before in 1960.

Now Accepting Nominations for 2011 KFA “Hall of Fame”

Dear Kentucky Firefighters,

We are pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for potential inductee's to the Kentucky Firefighters Association “Hall of Fame”. Nomination forms will be provided in the April issue of ***Smoke Signals*** or it can be downloaded from the KFA web page at ***www.kyfa.org***. Nomination forms can also be obtained from any committee member.

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

The induction ceremony for the 2009 class of Hall of Famers will be during the KFA banquet at this year's annual conference in July 29 - August 2nd. Inductee's will be notified sometime late June or early July prior to the conference. Nominees may be living or deceased.

Please research your department, regional association, and KFA histories and nominate those deserving of this honor. All nominations must be submitted to the committee no later than **June 1, 2011**.

Mail nominations to: **Duane Suttles, State Fire Rescue Training**
PO Box 248
Morehead, Ky. 40351
or FAX to **(606) 784-1878**.

Sincerely,

John Daley

John Daley, Chairman

KFA Hall of Fame Committee Members:

Bill Hall, Duane Suttles, Ed Schmidt, Mike Wallingford, John Beatsch and Joe Stambush.



The KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, Inc.
HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE



NOMINATION FORM

Nominations MUST be Postmarked or Received by Fax by
JUNE 1st of the Induction Year to be considered

Individual Being Nominated: _____ Living Deceased

⇒ Section for Living Nominees

Nominees Mailing Address _____	Daytime Phone Number _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____	() _____
Current status in Fire Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retired	Department: _____
Spouse or nearest living relative: _____	Relationship: _____
Contact phone number, if other than nominees: () _____	

⇒ Section for Deceased Nominees

Date of Birth: _____	Date of Death: _____	Department: _____
Spouse or nearest living relative: _____	Relationship: _____	
Relatives Mailing Address: _____	Daytime Phone Number _____	
City, State, Zip Code: _____	() _____	

⇒ Complete for all Nominees

Date Joined the Fire Service: _____	Current rank or last known rank: _____
KFA Offices held and dates: _____	
KFA Committees, Chairs, etc. and corresponding dates: _____	
Other pertinent <i>Above and Beyond</i> service to the KFA or Regional Association service: _____	

****To assist the committee in its selection of inductees, please attach a letter of recommendation, describing why this individual is worthy of this most prestigious award to be given by the Kentucky Firefighters Association.**

Submitted by (please print): _____ Date: _____

Department you are representing (must be a KFA member dept) _____

Mailing Address: _____

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