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State Fire Rescue Training

The tip of the Fire Service Training Sword!

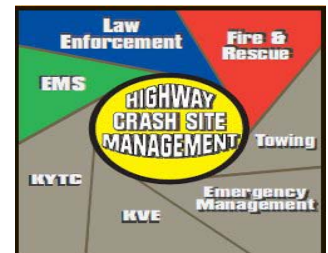
The State of Kentucky is talked about across the nation as being a backwoods group of Hillbillies that don't have a clue. But



when it comes to fire training for rural departments Kentucky State Fire/Rescue Training is unequalled! Few other states offer 20+ hours of free training to it's most vulnerable areas of response. Many hours for little pay are spent developing programs to keep the Commonwealth's most valuable assets safe.

This year in the fall lineup are several new and improved courses to help you do your job better. SFRT is a wonderful asset you need to make sure you take full advantage of. This years new line up of classes include:

1. EMERGENCY TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR RESPONDERS –This 4-hour class details how temporary traffic control can be established and maintained by emergency responders on-the scene. The Highway Crash Site Management course focuses on inter-agency response to vehicle accidents and offers practical solutions to issues that may arise on-scene.
2. HIGHWAY CRASH SITE MANAGEMENT – This 4-hour course is designed for those departments with Interstate response responsibilities. It features not only the issues related to vehicles moving around where responders are working but also takes into consideration the high speeds of interstate drivers and the proper placement of barrier devices.
3. EMERGENCY SERVICES' TRAILER OPERATIONS & SAFETY PROGRAM – This 8-hour block of instruction is a VFIS program, which was developed to teach emergency vehicle operators the proper techniques & proper procedures for towing a trailer behind an emergency vehicle.



These new courses are available for departments to schedule during this round of class scheduling.

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Notes From The President's Desk Van Taylor

As we begin a new year I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your 93rd president. I have served on the Executive Board for the past three years and I can tell you from the experience it has been a real adventure. We are still faced with many financial issues but thanks to your help through the Fire Fighter License Plate income we can breathe a little easier.

The first order of business for the new year is membership. Much of what we do as an association is made possible through your \$85.00 membership dues. Our membership drive is on going but the dues notices have gone out and we ask each department to pay your dues and bring a neighboring department with you. I know of some departments that are even paying the dues of a neighboring department that simply don't have the funds to join. I guess when you get right down to it that is the text book definition of a neighbor to give help when help is needed.

Our website has been updated and is kept up-to-date nearly daily. The new site has a news section right on the front page to keep you abreast of what is important throughout the Commonwealth. If you are a dues paying department and you have a function you would like announced on our web page just email it to woodrow.will@kyfa.org.

We are about to go into a legislative session. During that session Howdy Kurtsinger and Gerald Stewart will again this year be or legislative agents. However, they can only do so much. When a legislative issue comes up that needs some help from a specific legislator we will post that information on the news section of the webpage and we may also give you a call. Please take the time to contact your legislator and ask him/her to support or not support a specific issue. It takes that personal contact to make a difference and believe me when it comes to votes they do listen to people in their districts.

It is once again fall fire season. Annually we lose at least one firefighter nation wide to Wildland Fires. They are arguably one of the most dangerous fires we fight. We lost a Kentucky Division of Forestry firefighter last to a Wildland Fire. Make sure your people are trained in Wildland tactics before they respond to a dangerous Wildland Fires. If your department has not had the training make

sure you contact your local Fire Rescue Training Coordinator to request this specialized training.

The KFA is divided into regions. Each region has a KFA Regional Director. Please get in contact with me, a vice president, or a regional director if you need assistance with an issue that we may be able to help with.

Until next time please be safe and make sure all your people go home at the end of each run.

Van Taylor, President KFA



Treasurer's Notes by Duane Suttles

Greetings from the Treasurers Office. Let me first offer my thanks to those delegates at the conference who chose to select me as the new treasurer of this great and storied association. Several men have walked the path of financial responsibility to keep the KFA above board and above water when times have gotten hard, and kept the association moving forward and financially sound, as did our immediate past-treasurer Terry Keller. Thanks Terry for a job well done. I pledge to all members to continue to watch your funds with vigilance and see to it that the association's financial condition remains strong and solvent throughout my term of office.

Most in the fire service know me as "the state IF SAC guy or as the area coordinator for State Fire Rescue Training", as those titles go along with my "day job" as the Area 9 Training Coordinator for SFRT within the Fire Commission serving north-east Kentucky from my Morehead office. However, there is more to Duane Suttles than that. I joined the Grayson Fire Department in Carter County in 1977 as a junior firefighter. Back in the day, I have ridden my share of tailboard calls, been on the nozzle of the first-in line and worked my way through the ranks during the last 34 years. I was certified as a firefighter at age 17 and was certified a fire instructor in 1986. I started teaching for SFRT Region 10 under Jack Trautwein in 1993 as an EMT Instructor and became the area coordinator in Region 9 in 1995. During this same time frame, I served as chief of the Grayson Fire Department. Today, I remain active as the Assistant Chief of Training at Grayson and I have served on city council since 2005.

Now that you have read all that “nice to know” stuff about me, what makes me qualified to serve as your treasurer? I have served as the secretary-treasurer of IAFF Local #3882 since 1998, served as the secretary-treasurer of the Eastern Kentucky Firefighters Association since 2003 and I serve as the Banker for a national FEMA group, Region IV Training Resources and Data Exchange (TRADE). This group is made up of 8 states in the southeastern US and includes all state training agencies or academies and every metropolitan fire department within those states. Not only am I proud to serve each of those organizations, but I’m honored to have the opportunity to serve each of you as your treasurer, at least for the next 2 years.

Several departments have already paid their 2012 dues even though notices typically don’t go out till September each year as membership terms run October 1-September 30 each year. As of this printing, notices have been distributed to all fire departments in Kentucky asking for your support by joining the KFA. Dues for 2012 remain the same as 2011, set at \$85. A previously approved increase to \$95 was overturned by the delegation at this year’s conference in Owensboro, realizing that hard times are upon everyone and to increase dues any further would cause a great hardship on many departments. If you receive a dues request after your payment has been remitted, please disregard and accept my thanks for your continued support on behalf of the KFA. To those that faithfully maintain membership year in and year out, you are the backbone of our organization. If your department does not presently have membership, please give it great consideration as the KFA represents ALL departments at the state level whether you pay dues or not. Not only does the KFA fight for the betterment of the state fire service, but works hard to keep all benefits we now enjoy through legislation. Each year, our delegation in Frankfort spends many hours fighting to improve the fire service, whether it be increasing state aid or incentive or gaining access to better training for our firefighters. But in these lean financial times of the state budget, just keeping what we have now intact requires a little push and shove, and be assured, that’s what the KFA does.

If I can be of any assistance or you have an issue for the office of the treasurer, give me a call at 606-922-7671. I look forward to seeing you out there on the front lines. Be safe.

Duane

Michael E. Hulsey
Vice President at Large

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the KFA members, and especially the delegates that were at the Conference for their support.

The voting process at the conference could not have been organized and ran any better than it was. Our process was followed with every I dotted and every t crossed. To this we owe Mr. Ronnie Day and his committee a special pat on the back for a job well done.

I pledge my support to all of the firefighters of this great commonwealth, and will work diligently for them and the betterment of our service.

Bob Newman and the Green River Association did a fantastic job of catering to and providing every service they possibly could to all of the KFA members. Thank you for a very good conference

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Scott Stoulig

**1451 Hwy 190 East Apt. 30
Hammond LA 70401**

One of my co-workers husband is a firefighter with the City of Amite, Louisiana Fire Department. Along with being a brave and courageous man who puts his life on the line every day, he is also an avid collector of firefighting items. He is in the midst of starting a patch collection that he is putting in shadow boxes of patches from other fire departments around the country. I was wondering if your organization would have any extra patches from other fire houses that you would be able to send to me and I will pass them on to him. Or maybe you could send word out to other fire departments in your state and see if they have any patches they would want to send. Please let me know what you can find out regarding this. Thanks for your help in this matter. Thanks for what your organization does for America’s Bravest.

Words of Wisdom

A young man who does not have what it takes to perform military service is not likely to have what it takes to make a living. Today’s military rejects include tomorrow’s hard-core unemployed.

[John F. Kennedy](#)



Dixie FF Association

Members of the Dixie Firefighters association are hard at work preparing for our spring 2012 Fire School. Our meeting to begin the preparation was held on Wednesday September 7th at the KCTCS office in Elizabethtown. As part of this group meeting several ideas were discussed including ways to improve on our program, redesign classes and improve food service and comfort. With lots of hard work, our goal is to provide the best school ever for our region and guests. Class listings will be put together soon and brochures will be forth coming. If you want to help with the school, please contact me at lnaser@mcfpd.com. All help is appreciated...

I hope you had an opportunity to stop by the Dixie Hostility room at this years KFA conference in Owensboro. Over the four nights we entertained approximately 700 guests. I hope you enjoyed our talks and refreshments. Several friends from the Jefferson County Fire Service and the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association were stopping by and saying hello. One of the benefits of attending the KFA conference is reconnecting to old friends and acquaintances. It is important to hear what is going on across the state. Many of the same issues faced in the Dixie Region are also present across the Commonwealth. Some interesting ideas were discussed concerning recruiting, retention, EMS, budgets and the future of the fire service in Kentucky. Many interesting conversations and a solution or two were found as well. Next years conference is in Lexington and I strongly encourage you to participate in not only your regional association but in the KFA as well.

The next Dixie Fire Meeting will be at Magnolia Fire Department in Larue County on September 29th, 2011 starting at 7 PM. According to Chief Sean Bowen, this is the first time the Dixie has met in Magnolia in fifteen or so years. The process of reconnecting with departments that we have lost contact with is very important to me as President as well as the other officers. The meal for that night has not been set as of this news article, but I can assure you it will be good. Please come out and support your association and the Magnolia Fire Department.

Finally, as I set and work on this article, I can not help but look at the calendar and see that September 11th is here Sunday. I ask that you please remember the lives lost ten years ago in New York, Alexandria and Shanksville. I also ask you please

remember our service men and women who continue to fight the battle that started on a clear blue September Morning. Freedom is not free and sometimes requires a supreme sacrifice by a few to protect the lives of the many. Please thank a firefighter, police officer, EMS provider, a Marine, a Sailor, an Air force member or a Coast Guardsmen or women for there service and commitment. We are all in this war together.

Sincerely

Chief Larry Naser, President
Dixie Firefighters Association

Paramedic Program Information

Bill Young

Bill Young KBEMS Director of EMS Education Licensure recently attended a meeting with personnel from the Committee on Accreditation of EMS Programs (CoAEMSP). Based on information arising out of that meeting there was a confirmation of our understanding that TEIs who begin a paramedic program prior to January 1, 2013, must be accredited by that date or else students would not be able to sit for the NREMT paramedic examination after the 2013 date.

This is incorrect. The NREMT policy governing testing of paramedics reads as follows:

“Paramedic applicants who are enrolled in non-CAAHEP accredited programs that began prior to January 1, 2013 are eligible for NREMTs National EMS Certification at the Paramedic level, provided all other requirements for NREMT certification are met.”

https://www.nremt.org/nremt/about/para_accred_implementation_policy.asp

“This is good news”, stated Young. “This will give our programs a little more breathing space in order to increase the numbers of medics that their services may need”, he continued. The KBEMS office stands ready to assist any TEI who would like to begin a paramedic program prior to this deadline. For more information email Young at bill.young@kctcs.edu or call 859-256-3577.

Words of Wisdom

If patience is worth anything, it must endure to the end of time. And a living faith will last in the midst of the blackest storm.

[Mohandas Gandhi](#)



Charles Sparks Reflection Park

You are cordially invited to the Dedication of the Charles Sparks Reflection Park, in honor of Charles who passed away Friday, July 8th from an apparent heart attack he suffered on June 30th while fighting a house fire in Adair County.

Date: **October 6, 2011**
 Time: **11:00 am Eastern Time**
 Location: **Area 14 State Fire Rescue Training Center**
385 Old Greensburg Road
Campbellsville, Kentucky

The program will last approximately 45 minutes and will be in conjunction with the Kentucky Fire Commission Meeting. The program will include unveiling of statue, unveiling of marker and planting of tree by Charles's family.

Preferred Dress is Dress Uniform.

For information contact Jamia or Charlie at 270-465-8633 or fireresq@kyol.net



National Volunteer Fire Council

Ken Knipper, Director Bryant Stiles, Alternate

The NVFC is busy administering programs for which we have received a grant. These programs are reviewed on a regular basis by a federal official and must continue to meet specified objectives. These grants have allowed us to develop some great material.

The NVFC manages the Fire Corps program and has much material on their website regarding this outstanding program. One of the major benefits fire departments are experiencing when they use this program is better community outreach. This program gives the community an opportunity to provide non-fire support to their department.

Many Kentucky departments are beginning to develop Junior Firefighter programs. The NVFC administers this program nationally. By using materials and information from the NVFC you can enhance your local program. In addition there are awards associated with the national program that compensate the individual members and the department. Last year some members received

\$10,000.00 awards. Take a look at www.nvfc.org to get the latest information on this outstanding program.

With the emphasis on firefighter health you will want to check the NVFC site as they administer the Heart Healthy Program. This program has proven to allow departments to assist members who want to improve their physical fitness.

There continues to be a lot of activity in the EMS arena. In addition to the implementation of the new education standards and accrediting of paramedic training programs there are two other major projects.

The NVFC sits on the Steering Committee of the "Culture of Safety" project. This project is being managed by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and is developing guidelines on how to reduce injuries to our responders. We are simply losing too many of our EMS responders through injuries, accidents, and other traumatic events. The intent of this project is to provide guidance on developing a culture of safety in your department.

The NVFC also sits on the Steering Committee of a project being managed by the National EMS Managers Association (NEMSMA). This project is developing guidance for EMS planning for a Mass Gathering. While there is much material available response to Mass Disasters there is little to assist EMS providers in planning for a Mass Gatherings. Examples are a visit from the President or any other event that attracts a large number of attendees.

If you have any question regarding the NVFC or its benefits, let Bryant Stiles or me know.

Ken Knipper



Fern Creek FD Motorcycle Run 10/8/2011 10:30AM to 12:00Noon

Proceeds to benefit Crusade for Children

Location: **BEEF 'O' BRADY'S**
 5628 BARDSTOWN RD.
 LOUISVILLE, KY 40291
 COST: \$20.00 RIDER
 \$5.00 PASSENGER

For more information call:
 Eric Brown, Crusade Chairman
 502-671-9814

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

2011 IFSAC SKILLS TESTING SCHEDULE

Date	Area	Location	Phone
10/1-2	6	Middletown	888-306-8064
11/5-6	5	Leitchfield	888-234-7201
12/3-4	7	Cold Springs	888-306-8101
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!

FD Muster/Competition/Parade

Cynthiana FD Hosting

Info call Cindy Franklin at 1-859-264-4881

Mass Casualty Incident Response

October 29th PRP Training Center

For more info www.sftr6.com

HIV/AIDS Class - Legalized Street Drugs

Saturday Nov 12

Piner-Fiskburg FD Morning View KY

For more info call 859-356-6916

Instructor Training Weekend

November 18 - 20 London

Call 888-234-0100

Words of Wisdom

The word 'romance,' according to the dictionary, means excitement, adventure, and something extremely real. Romance should last a lifetime.

[Billy Graham](#)

Meade County Fire School

October 1st & 2nd 2011

Meade County High School

\$25 Registration Fee

270-945-4527 Chris Crawford

1. EMS Con Ed
2. Basic Search and Rescue
3. Fire Control (bring turnout gear)
4. Safety and Survival
5. Vehicle Extrication
 - a. Classroom Hybrid Rescues (Saturday)
 - b. Hands-On Extrication (Sunday bring turnout gear)
6. Hard to Get Hours
7. Basic Rope Rescue

Eastern Kentucky Technical Rescue School

October 8 & 9, 2011

Carter Caves State Park

Class 1: Basic Trench Rescue

Class 2: Advanced Trench Rescue

Class 3: Basic High Angle Rescue

Class 4: Advanced High Angle Rescue

Class 5: Basic Confined Space Rescue

Class 6: Heavy Lifting, Rigging, and Moving

For more information call Jeremy Rodgers

606-255-0004 or 859-608-7575

SE KY FF Assn Fall Fire School

October 14-16, 2011

London KY Call 888-234-0100 for Info

Friday Only

010 - KY Weather Emergencies

020 - KY Wildland Awareness

030 - KY Fire Commission Junior FF Program

Friday - Saturday - Sunday

310 - EMT Continuing Education

Saturday or Sunday

110/115 - Driver Simulator (One day repeated)

Saturday and Sunday

120 - Basic Firefighter I

125 - Basic Firefighter II

130 - Hard To Get Hours I

135 - Hard To Get Hours II

140 - Firefighter Survival

145 - Firefighter Rescue

150 - Foam

155 - Rural Water Supply

160 - Intro. to Wildland Fire Behavior S-190

165 - Arson/Crime Scene Investigation

170 - Hazardous Materials Awareness

- 175 - Emer. Traffic Control for Responders
- 210 - PICO Preparation for Initial Company Op.
- 220 - Fire Scene Incident Command
- 230 - Auto Extrication
- 240 - Pumper Operations
- 250 - Structural Firefighting Techniques

Green River Fall Fire School

October 21 - 23, 2011

Owensboro KY Call 888-306-8015

Friday - Saturday - Sunday

Essentials / Basic 20

Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program

Saturday Only

Firefighter Survival

Vehicle Extrication - Light

Large Building Fires

Fighting Wildland Fires

NFPA 1403 Live Fire Instructor Training

Sunday Only

Firefighter Rescue

Vehicle Extrication - Heavy

Mobile Water Supply

Live Fire (House Burn)

Saturday and Sunday

EMT Continuing Education

Fire Instructor Methodology I

Drivers Training (Apparatus & Trailers)

Basic Rope Rescue

2011 Buffalo Trace Regional Fire School

October 21-23, 2011 Maysville

For more info call 888-301-2946

Classes offered:

1. 24 hrs of EMT Con Ed
2. Direction/Rules on the Junior Firefighter Program
3. A 4 hr KY Wildland Awareness
4. Initial Fire Attack
5. Basic Thermal Imaging
6. Writing Fire Service Grants
7. When your scene becomes a Meth Lab
8. Auto Extrication
9. A 16 hours class of "Hard to Get Hours"
10. Basic Firefighting
11. Basic Water Rescue
12. KY Firefighter Survival and Rescue
13. Propane Tank Emergencies
14. Flashover Recognition/Survival
15. Preparing to Test for Firefighter 1 and 2 Skills
16. Pump Ops and Testing
17. Arson 1



TRI-State EMS Weekend

October 21 - 22 - 23

Ashland Plaza Hotel

For more info call 888-302-2833

Classes

Track 1 Continuing Education - This track is suited to all levels of responders; EMT, Paramedic, Nurse and first responder. It offers 18 hours of continuing education credit that will meet the educational refresher requirements of all levels of providers.

Track 2 EMT Refresher - This track will not be your normal EMT Refresher and will incorporate both lecture & practical. Participants will attend some of the guest lectures from track 1 but will also be meeting separately for the remainder of the track. CPR recertification is also included. Participants will leave on Sunday with all 24 hour requirement met.

Track 3 PHTLS - This track will consist of The National Assn. of EMT's PHTLS course on Saturday & Sunday allowing participants to attend the Continuing Education in Track 1 on Friday and meet all the requirements for PHTLS Certification, all in one weekend.

After Hours

The experience doesn't end after the classes end, so stick around for the evening dances and social opportunities with our DJ. Then after the dances are over, were still not finished! Move upstairs to the Hospitality Room for more fun & conversation. Don't forget to get some rest because it's a three day marathon!

Marion County Fire School

October 29 - 30 - Lebanon

All classes 8 - 5 both days

For more info call 270-402-5787

Classes

101	Fire Behavior/Fire Control	No Jr. FF
102	Hard To Get Hours	Yes Jr. FF
103	FF Survival & Rescue	Yes Jr. FF
104	Farm Rescue	No Jr. FF
105	EMS Con Ed	No Jr. FF
106	Advanced Vehicle Rescue	No Jr. FF
107	Arson/Crime Scene Inves.	No Jr. FF
108	Honor Guard/LODD	Yes Jr. FF
109	Drivers Training	No Jr. FF
110	Rope Rescue Ops	No Jr. FF



Kentucky Fire Commission

Greg Lowe Chairman

At the 31 July Fire Commission meeting I assumed the helm of the Kentucky Fire Commission as the Chairman, upon the resignation of James Riddle. I am both honored and humbled to assume a leadership role in this great organization. James did a great job for the firefighters of the Commonwealth and it is my goal to continue in that same manner.

The Kentucky Fire Commission is dedicated to providing all firefighters in Kentucky with resources, training, and guidance with which they can serve the citizens of their respective cities, towns, and rural communities. Our standards will not be diminished, to do so would be a disservice to every first responder and citizen who depends on us on a daily basis. We want to keep you trained, competent in what you do, and above all we want you to return home safely after every run you make. Our mission is great as is our responsibility. We take both very seriously. Sometimes our efforts are not understood, so if there is anything that we direct you to do or otherwise require from you and you do not understand, please ask any member of the commission. We will be happy to answer any question that you may have.

Those of you serving on the front lines and answering the calls are my heroes. There are no guarantees that we will return from every run. We hope and pray that we will but just like that infantry soldier that goes out on patrol tonight may be his last.

Every firefighter is important, every life is precious. The Commonwealth could not survive without its volunteer departments nor could the cities without their paid departments. Be careful in all that you do whether it is on the training field or at a fire scene.

Every member of the Commission is at your service. Call upon us if there is something that you want or need us to do for you. Fiscal constraints may not allow us to do everything that is asked of us but I can promise that we will listen to you whether you are the newest rookie on the department or the most seasoned chief in the State. We will be there for you.

Greg Lowe

Chairman, Kentucky Fire Commission



FIREFIGHTER INSPIRA- TIONAL PRINT

The Kentucky Firefighters Association has partnered with www.firefighterprint.com to offer you this very special inspirational print titled

"WHO AM I"

\$10.00 OF EVERY \$20 PRINT SOLD

goes directly into the scholarship fund to help deserving individuals realize their dreams of becoming firefighters. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 and you can help by buying this one of a kind inspirational print that touches the heart of everyone that reads it.

PLEASE GO TO:
WWW.FIREFIGHTERPRINT.COM TO PUR-
CHASE
"WHO AM I"

(Below is the inscription on the bottom of the print)

My profession is somewhat unique in comparison to that of the average person. At any one fixed moment in time when duty calls upon me, I am prepared to sacrifice my own life to save the lives of others I may not even know. I am willing to do this because I understand that we all make choices in life. As for myself, this is the choice and path of service I have chosen to follow. Though my job is often rewarding, it can also be unsettling. I often reflect upon the simplicity of one question, "Who am I?" At times, I cannot provide this answer, not even for myself. So, "Who am I" to choose a profession in life that regularly shows no mercy for the preciousness of life? "Who am I" to willingly, without hesitation, invite myself into some of the most uninviting situations known to mankind? "Who am I", so that when duty calls, may never again lay eyes on the loved ones I could leave behind? The assumed simplicity of this question is not so simple after all. Understanding "Who am I" may be difficult to answer at times. However, all I need to do is pause, think about, and remember those lives I have positively influenced and maybe even saved. All I need to do is look back on the years of service I have given to my community and realize that I have helped make the world a safer place in which to live. In my heart, I know I made a difference. "Who am I?" I am a Firefighter!

From Now On...Be a Genius

August 2011

**By Bill Tricarico Loss Control Director,
Emergency Services Insurance Program**

A few months ago while I was attending a class at an emergency services conference, the speaker put up a slide which caught my attention. So much so that I made it into a sign that hangs in my office. It simply says, "Smart people solve problems...Geniuses prevent them." Now, I'm not a genius, and smart is sometimes questionable as well, but I thought this was a great motto.

Shortly after the conference, I saw a story on the internet about a fire department treasurer who had stolen over \$100,000 from the department over a number of years. I clicked on the accompanying video to see a very nervous fire chief meeting with the press. He was obviously uncomfortable and attempting to answer the questions put to him. He said that they had implemented new rules to conduct oversight into the department's finances. He said, "From now on, we will require 2 signatures on all checks." And, "From now on, we will conduct audits on a quarterly basis." As well as "From now on, Financial reports must be made at every meeting, no excuses!" Smart Chief, but he could have been a genius. I'm certain he had the knowledge about all of those preventative measures to have implemented before the funds were stolen but for one reason or another, he didn't.

Then I thought about catastrophic events far beyond the simple loss of property. I thought of Chiefs having to nervously say things such as, "From now on, everyone will wear seatbelts." Or "From now on all members will be subject to an annual physical." And "From now on there will be a spotter in place before backing the vehicle." In these cases the difference between smart and genius could also be the difference between life and death; tragedy and just another call; or everyone going home or not.

The information and statistics are available to all of us. The answers are also there. They can be found in the NFPA Standards, OSHA Standards, websites, your insurance company's recommendations, all of the fire service and EMS magazines (free on the Internet), and so many other places which could have even a questionably smart guy like me operating like a genius.

A great source of information is the NIOSH Fire Fighter Investigation and Prevention Program which can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/fire/>. You can sort through reports by state, year, cause of death, type of duty, and many other areas. The reports not only contain information about the incident but also provide recommendations to prevent future occurrences which make a great checklist for your policies and procedures. And if you think what you read there could not happen to you...think again.

There is no need to develop rules. The information is all around us and for the most part available at no cost.

Make your "From now on..." really from "now on" and not "from after the next tragic event on." Hey, if I can be a genius, anybody can.



Chaplain's Corner

On September 11, 2011 we remembered the chain of events that led up to a new normal in America. We saw more change in our freedoms in the last ten years than we had seen in at least fifty years before. We paused to listen to the reading of names of individuals that on 9-10-01 were just going about their lives, loving family, going to sporting events and living normal lives. Then specific individuals who hate America and all it stands for decided, for whatever religious reasons, to kill hundreds of innocent people, people with family, friends, loved ones and a future.

So you see remembering those who passed away on that fateful day is both fitting and our responsibility. It is said if we do not study events of the past and learn from them we are bound to repeat those events. To all those lost loved ones we ask God to protect their families.

On that date in 2001 our president called upon the people of our nation to pray. It is always surprising to me that when our back is to the wall we ask God to help us out. We have asked him to stay out of our schools, and keep his commandments to himself and then we wonder why our nation is in the pitiful moral condition it is in. It is important to remember. Remember that we need to talk to God through his Son Jesus Christ daily and He will know when we need help because we have a relationship with him. He wants to hear from you regularly not just when your in a pinch.

K F A Membership Application Invoice

Oct. 1, 2011 - Sept. 30, 2012

Organization/Individuals Name _____

Regional Assoc. # (1-16) _____

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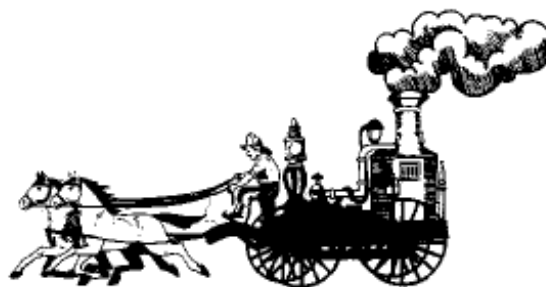
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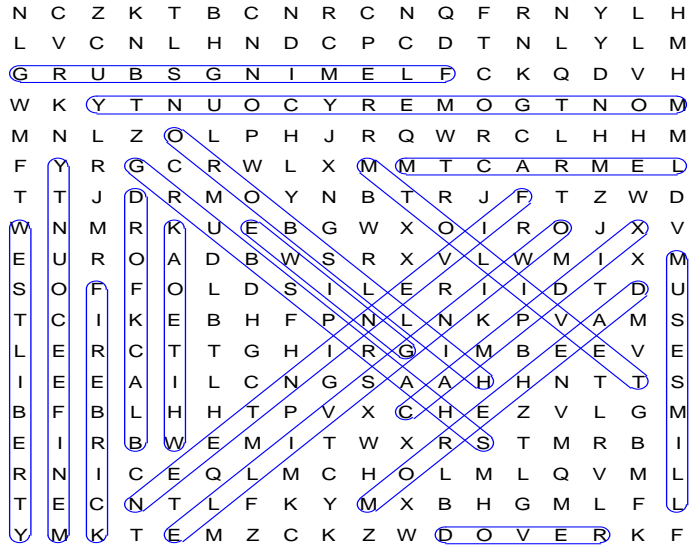
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In this issue of "Smoke Signals" we address the "Everyone Goes Home", **Life Safety Initiative #14** which states:

"Public Education Must Receive More Resources and Be Championed as a Critical Fire and Life Safety Program"

Civilian fire deaths have dropped dramatically over the last 25 years. In the late 1970's fire deaths totaled over 5000 annually while the 2009 number was just at 3000. We can look at these figures and appreciate that we have done a good job in lowering the number of civilian fire deaths however; we still have a lot of ground to cover. Eight times a day someone in this country loses their life in a residential fire. Plain and simple, this number remains much too high. In fact, the United States continues to have the highest occurrence of civilian fire deaths of any industrialized nation in the world. Per capita, our death rate is 2 ½ times higher than that of all other developed countries. So the question needs to be, "How can we continue to drop these tragic numbers?" While there are several factors that will assist us including code enforcement and the continued push for domestic sprinkler systems, Public Fire Education will remain the fastest and most effective method to get our fire safety message out. Pub-Ed is not very glamorous and many of our young firefighters tend not to want to get involved however, if we are true firefighters and our true concern is saving lives, we need to put as much effort into Public Fire Education as we do to training. We have a much better chance of saving a life if we can teach people not to start fires in the first place. The vast majority of firefighters will never have the opportunity to heroically drag someone down a ladder to safety but, we all have the opportunity and the obligation to teach fire safety and we will absolutely save lives by doing so.

So let's talk about how we can make a difference.

How many times must it be repeated that, **"Smoke Detectors are our biggest allies in preventing fire deaths"**, yet 74% of all fire deaths are in homes with no working smoke detectors. We need to beg, borrow and possibly steal to assure that each and every resident within our jurisdiction has a working smoke detector. **PERIOD.** Now here is a very interesting fact: There are just two causes that make up 90% of deadly fires in the home. These are 1) smoking (68%) and 2) heating equipment (21%). Thus, if we concentrate our Public Fire Education on just these two causes alone, we address nearly 90% of all fatal fires in homes.

With short staffing and the continued "luke-warm" attitudes toward Public Fire Education, many departments are missing their best opportunity to keep their constituents safe and alive. By using Pub-Ed to lower the occurrence of fires, we automatically lower the occurrence of fire deaths. It's as simple as that and the kicker is...the lower the occurrence of fires results in a lower occurrence of putting our firefighters in harm's way which will help to assure that that each of us, "Keeps Going Home, After Each Run and After Each Shift."

Must we keep repeating past tragedies?

By Woody Will

On July 1st 1988 5 firefighters were killed at a Hackensack NJ Ford dealership when a bowstring truss roof with an estimated 90 ton of overhead storage collapsed and killed them. As always after the fire was out there was a lot of finger pointing as to who was to blame. Comments from union officials said that the problems from a fire department stance were "A command failure, a radio communication failure and an accountability failure and a failure to preplan the structure." As a result of that fire chief lost his job (the mayor said it was an early retirement) and many departmental changes were made. The IAFF made a complete study of the incident and I remember Richard Duffy of the IAFF saying "We are never going to let this happen again".

If you have access to some of the old American Heat Videos it is worth your time to review that one.

At about that same time the National Fire Academy began to produce programs aimed at safety. NFPA issued the Safety Officer Standard and many additional safety programs were instituted to reduce firefighter deaths and injuries.

On December 22, 2010 2 Chicago firefighters died and 19 were injured when a bowstring truss roof of an 84 year old **abandoned** structure collapsed. The NIOSH report stated:

“Investigators also said that while it was understandable to conduct an interior search for civilians due to frequenting of vagrants to the structure, the number of firefighters inside the structure “clearly exceeded the number needed to suppress the amount of fire present and to search the vacant structure while being exposed to the risk of structural collapse.”

A lack of radios also factored into the incident, as only five of the 13 firefighters inside the structure at the time of the collapse had radios, and only one reported radioing a Mayday, the report said.

The report also called for fire departments to develop and use a detailed Mayday doctrine to ensure firefighters can effectively call a Mayday, citing the lack of a national standard for firefighters.”

It is absolutely appalling to me that we are still losing firefighters to **abandoned** structures. The dangers of “Bow String Truss Roofs” have been well documented. Department preplans of both of the above structures would or possibly could have prevented those deaths.

Why must we repeat the tragedies of the past? I guess what is more important is “How About You”? Does your department have any bow string truss roofs? Have you preplanned the target structures in your area? ***If not why not?***



Notes From Fireman Joe The Ol Fire Dog

I hope everyone enjoyed the KFA Conference as much as I did. A special thanks goes out to Bob and Debbie Newman as well as the entire Green River Gang for a Job Well Done. It was a terrific conference that I really enjoyed. It was very good to return to Owensboro and see that beautiful City again, I have missed it so. I must admit, a tear came to my eye when I drove down by the River and seen the vacant lot that was once the Executive Inn. It was very hard to see that. Many memories of days gone by are there. I haven't been to Owensboro for three years. It was nice to see some of the old hang outs but I was very impressed with the amount of growth there seems to be going on in Owensboro.

When you receive this issue of Smoke Signals it will be Fire Prevention Month and this year's theme, “Protect Your Family From Fire” encourages our Fire and Life Safety Educators to concentrate on helping to keep our Homes and Families safe. I also encourage all fire departments to contact their schools to provide a special fire prevention month program. Your department may want to have an Open House and invite all the community in to see the firehouse and talk fire and life safety. You could conduct some station tours and tell the schools to bring the kids out to the firehouse. Also, think about having a birthday party for ole Sparky the Fire Dog to celebrate his 60th Birthday. I wish you much success with your programs and activities. Be sure to check out www.nfpa.org/fpw for more ideas, suggestions and helpful hints to make your fire prevention month better success than ever.

This will be my last Fire Prevention Month at the Edgewood FIRE/EMS Headquarters, I will be retiring from Edgewood effective December 31, 2011 and I do so with a very heavy heart. I have enjoyed being with the children, singing songs, reading to them, showing them the firehouse or fire trucks. How lucky I have been to be so privileged to spread the word of fire and life safety. I have decided there is just no way I can completely retire, so I will continue to work one day at Fire Dept Bellevue-Dayton and one day for my friend and Chief John Daley at Campbell County Fire District # One to protect him from the plots of my buddy Billy Robbins. I must be honest with you, I do miss travelling around this marvelous Commonwealth of ours and seeing all our friends, Fire Depts, their schools, community groups and be a part of this great Fire Service.

I have received eight requests to sing, pray or preach at various 9-11 ceremonies around Northern KY. I will be able to do four but I pray all of you take some time to remember what we lost on that fateful day. Always stay on guard and never forget! Until I see you all again, GOD BLESS and BE SAFE!

Fireman Joe

Words of Wisdom

A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned - this is the sum of good government.

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